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All possible help in relief, rehabilitation: PM Modi

Everyone's prayers were with the survivors of the landslides.

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WAYANAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday assured the Centre will provide all possible help in the relief and rehabilitation efforts in the landslides-hit areas of Wayanad district.

Modi said everyone's prayers were with the survivors of the landslides, which he said had 'shattered' the dreams of several families.

The Centre will stand together with the Kerala government on helping those who lost everything in the disaster, he said. The landslides have claimed the lives of 226 people so far, while over 130 are missing.

The PM was speaking during a meeting held at the District Collectorate



PM Modi interacts with a child affected by the recent landslide. | Photo: PTI

HIGHLIGHT

● Landslides claimed the lives of 226 people so far.

here to review the situation on the ground and

Nature displaying its 'furious form'.

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister
work out a plan for the rehabilitation of the land-

slide victims.

Ever since the tragedy unfolded, he has been in "touch here" and receiving constant updates.

He said he heard from the survivors what they witnessed and experi-

enced and termed the landslides as nature displaying its "furious form."

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Union Minister Suresh Gopi, ministers of a cabinet sub-committee camping near the disaster site, senior bureaucrats and officials of the local administration were present in the meeting.

Earlier in the day, Modi arrived in Wayanad by helicopter from Kannur airport where he landed around 11 am on Air India One.

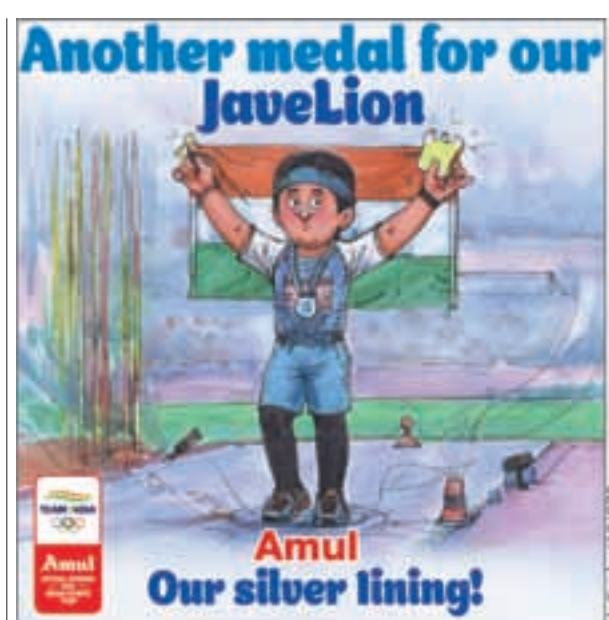
On the way to Wayanad, he carried out an aerial survey of the landslide-ravaged areas of Chooralmala, Mundakkai, and Punchirimmattam hamlets aboard an Indian Air Force helicopter.

350 detained during statehood protest

NAGPUR: The police detained 350 people during a protest march here demanding statehood for the Vidarbha region on Saturday, an official said.

Activists of the Vidarbha Rajya Andolan Samiti (VRAS), led by former MLA Wamanrao Chatap, gathered at Yashwant Stadium and proceeded towards the Vidhan Bhavan. A senior police official said 350 protesters were detained and taken to the police headquarters and were released in the evening. The police blocked the route at Zero Mile Square. This caused a ruckus, and some protesters were detained, he said. Security was beefed up at Sitabuldi, Zero Mile, and around the Vidhan Bhavan to manage the large turnout and potential disruptions.

The VRAS has long advocated for Vidarbha's statehood, citing economic and administrative neglect. Protesters demanded immediate action on electricity rates and farmer debt relief.



Two soldiers killed in encounter with terrorists

SRINAGAR: Two Army personnel were killed and three others injured in a fierce gunfight with terrorists at a forest in a remote area in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district on Saturday, officials said. The incident occurred at Ahlan Gagarmandu forest in the Kokernag area of the south Kashmir district during a cordon and search operation that was launched fol-

lowing information about the presence of terrorists there, they said. The terrorists hiding in the forest opened indiscriminate fire upon noticing the search parties, leading to an intense gun battle, officials said. Five army personnel were injured in the firing by the terrorists, they said, adding the injured were immediately taken to a hospital, where two of them died.

Ricky Kej's 'Largest Singing Lesson' of national anthem breaks world record

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Kej has elevated the celebration by organising a record-breaking event with around 14,000 tribal students from KISS.



PM Modi all praise for Kej's composition.

FASTFACTS

● The video features 14,000 children forming a map of India and the word 'Bharat' in Hindi and English.

Kej has elevated the celebration by organising a record-breaking event with around 14,000 tribal students from KISS. At a joint press conference with Dr. Achyuta Samanta, founder of KIIT and KISS, Kej announced that the recording would be released at

5pm on August 14 across all streaming platforms, YouTube, and his social media accounts. The recording includes performances by notable musicians such as Bansuri maestros Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia and Rakesh Chaurasia, Santoor exponent Rahul Sharma, Sarod wizards Amana and Ayaan, Nadaswaram maestros Sheik Mahaboob Subhani and Kaleeshabi Mahaboob, Veena maestro Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh, and Carnatic percussionist Giridhar Udupa.

Tusker kills four in Jashpur

JASHPUR: Four persons, including three members of a family, were killed in an attack by a wild elephant at a village in Jashpur district in the wee hours of Saturday, officials said.

With this, so far nine persons have been killed in separate incidents of elephant attacks in the district in the last one month, they said. The latest incident took place around 1 am in Gamhriya area of Bagicha Nagar Panchayat when the victims were sleeping in their houses, a forest official here said. Those killed were identified as Ramkeshwar Soni (35), his daughter Ravita (9) and his brother Ajay (25) and their neighbour Ashwin Kujur (28), he said.

As per the preliminary information, the tusker strayed into the village and damaged a wall of Soni's house and trampled the trio to death.

UP cop demands potatoes as 'bribe'

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KANNAUJ: A sub-inspector has been suspended in Uttar Pradesh's Kannauj after an audio of him demanding potatoes to allegedly settle a case went viral on social media, a senior police officer said on Saturday.



Additional Superintendent of Police Ajay Kumar said it appeared from the audio that Sub-inspector Ramkripal, in-charge of Ramkripal, demanded potatoes to allegedly settle a case went viral on social media, a senior police officer said on Saturday. The man was then heard saying he would not be able to meet the SI's demand due to poor income from his business.

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One should not take short-cuts to success, as there is no alternative to hard work.

Vijay Sharma
Dy CM Chhattisgarh.



The 9th Round of the State Level Stakeholders' Consultation on the Protection of Children with Disabilities was successfully organized.

'Ensure dignified life for disabled children'

State-level Stakeholders' consultation on the Protection of Children with Disabilities was successfully organized by the HCJJC.

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BILASPUR: The 9th Round of the State-level Stakeholders' Consultation on the Protection of Children with Disabilities was successfully organized by the High Court Juvenile Justice Committee (HCJJC) in collaboration with Chhattisgarh State Judicial Academy (CSJA) and Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority (CSLSA) on August 10, at the auditorium of the High Court of Chhattisgarh on Saturday. The Inaugural session commenced with

the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Esteemed Chief Guest, Justice Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice, High Court of Chhattisgarh. In his inaugural address, the Chief Justice highlighted the challenges faced by children with disabilities in accessing education, healthcare, and societal integration.

He emphasized the need for concerted efforts in legislative enforcement, inclusive education practices, healthcare improvements, and societal sensitization to ensure a more equitable

HIGHLIGHT

● **CJ highlighted the challenges faced by children with disabilities in accessing education, healthcare, and societal integration.**

future for all children. The Chief Justice also stressed the significance of social safeguards for child victims in the form of Victim Compensation Schemes. Citing Mahatma Gandhi's quote that, "The true measure of

any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members," Hon'ble the Chief Justice called for collaboration among stakeholders and inter-departmental cooperation to enhance policy effectiveness, securing a dignified life for every child with disabilities as a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution. The Chief Justice quoted words of Justice P.N. Bhagwati, "The human rights of persons with disabilities are as sacred and inviolable as those of any other person.

Accused in cheating case of Rs 2.92 cr arrested

RAIPUR: The accused involved in cheating in the name of share trading has been arrested. Prof. Dr D. Sunil MS, MCH (Ortho-UK) S/o ML Dewangan (48), R/o Ashoka Ratna Pandri Raipur had filed a complaint that in the name of profit in share trading he has been cheated of huge amount worth Rs 2.92 cr and complaint in this regard was filed in Pandri thana. A crime under section 420 and 34 of IPC was filed. Seeing the seriousness of the case, the case was handed over to Range Cyber Thana, Range Raipur. IG Amresh Mishra directed the Cyber Range to collect technical information in this regard and likewise the police collected information about bank accounts and mobile numbers used by the accused. It was learnt that one Ankit Singh by frequently changing his address and forming fake companies got bank accounts opened in different banks and with help of another colleague got the amount from the victim deposited. In these bank accounts in different states, there is complaint filed in more than 50 police stations and cyber cell.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

TOUR

CM on tour to Rajnandgaon today, to take part in various programmes

RAIPUR: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai will be on tour to Rajnandgaon on Aug 11 and will take part in various programmes there. CM will leave by Helicopter from the Police Parade Ground at 12:30 pm and reach Rajnandgaon at 12:55 pm. He will garland the statue of Mini Mata's statue at the new Bus Stand and take part in the 'Triranga Yatra' programme. In the afternoon CM Sai will take part in the 'Mini Mata Nirvan Diwas' programme and district level oath ceremony programme to be organized in Late Govindram Nirmalkar's auditorium at 2:20 pm. He will return to Raipur from Rajnandgaon at 3:30 pm and reaching here at 3:55 pm he will go to Kushabhau Thakre premises in Boriyakala. From here he will return to capital city at CM's official residence at 5:25 pm.

QUIZ

Quiz competition organised under Aviation Security Culture week



BILASPUR: The Aviation Security Culture Week, is being observed from Aug 5 to 11 as per instructions from the B.C.A.S. at Bilasa Devi Kevat Airport Bilaspur. On Saturday, a quiz competition was held. In this the teams from Airport Security Unit, Airport Authority of India, Airport Electrical Department, Airlines team took part. This competition was held under the chairmanship of the Airport Director N Biren Singh and it was attended by CSO, COCO and other officers of the Airport. On completion of the competition, certificates were given to all the teams who participated.

Ullas Navbharat Saksharta Program

Govt aims to make the illiterate population literate through Ullas Literacy Centers



RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh government has launched a novel initiative to educate the illiterate population in the state. Under the National Education Policy 2020, everyday objects like vegetables, grains, fruits, sand, gravel, wood, and agricultural tools will be used to teach alphabet and number skills. The initiative, called "Ullas Navbharat Saksharta Program," aims to make the illiterate population literate through Ullas Literacy Centers. These centers will not only provide alphabet and number skills but also life skills education. The classes will be

made engaging and enjoyable through games, songs, and other activities. A two-day workshop was organized to implement this program across the state, where representatives from 33 districts and subject experts participated. The workshop discussed strategies for using the "Ullas Praveshika" workbook, innovative teaching methods, and digital platforms like the Diksha portal and NCERT's YouTube channel. The use of the Ullas app in teaching was also discussed. The program aims to make every individual a teacher and educate the illiterate population.

Husband nabbed

BILASPUR: The city police have arrested the accused husband who has been absconding after killing his wife. The accused was a habitual drunkard and used to have a regular tussle with his wife. The wife had gone to her maternal house. The accused husband went there and started quarreling. Later on, Prakash Maitri killed his wife Rinki by hitting her with a stick in village Kuli. He also made several attacks on the face and neck also with a sharp aged axe. As a result his wife died on the spot. A case was registered in Sipat police station for further investigation.

Youth arrested

RAIPUR: The city police of Mandir Hasaud police station arrested accused Mithlesh Yadav, resident of Raipur, who was causing threats to the common people with a sharp knife, near Nageshwari temple of Mandir Hasaud. The police also seized a sharp knife from the accused, for which the accused did not have any legal license.

MEDIA TALKS

Congress has links with Naxalites, alleges Brijmohan

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Raipur LS MP Brijmohan Agrawal shared his views on several important issues, including train delays, airport expansion, Naxalite problems, and Bastar tribal university.



LS MP Brijmohan Agrawal speaking to media persons.

RAIPUR: Congress has links with Naxalites, and evidence is coming to light from time-to-time, BJP MP from Raipur Lok Sabha constituency Brijmohan Agrawal has said. Talking to the reporters here today Agrawal, who came to Raipur after attending parliament session, also shared his views on several important issues, including train delays, airport expansion, Naxalite problems, and Bastar tribal university. On the issue of

FACTFILE

● **Brijmohan informed that he raised the issue of making Raipur airport an international airport in the House.**

Naxalism, he said 'Our policy is clear. Congress did not kill as many Naxalites in five years as we have killed in six months'. 'We

have been saying from the beginning that Congress is hand in glove with Naxalites. Now arrests are also being made, and evidence is also coming to light'.

He mentioned that he raised the issue of making Raipur airport an international airport in the House. Apart from this, the issue of railway problems and expansion was also raised, he said, adding that an

assurance has been given that the problem of train cancellations and delays will be resolved soon. According to him the problem is arising due to ongoing work of laying the third track in the state. Earlier, the work that took four days is now being done in three days with the use of technology, he said. He informed that around 22 railway projects are underway, and the development of railway stations is being done. The Center has given 7 thousand crores for the development of Chhattisgarh, he said. According to him during the Congress regime, only 300 crores were received in five years. He said that the demand to include Chhattisgarhi language in the 8th schedule should be raised. 'We will raise this demand and demand its inclusion', he said.

The Day's NUMBERS

NATIONAL PARKS WITH AREA IN SQ. KMS.

Uttarakhand	4915.02
MP	4349.14
Rajasthan	3947.07
Ladakh	3350.00
Karnataka	2794.05

Source :Agencies

DEMAND

CCCI demands exemption in market fee & farmer welfare fee

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries State President Amar Parwani, General Secretary Ajay Bhasin and other office-bearers today met the Agriculture Minister Ramvihar Netam and urged him to provide exemption in market fee and farmer welfare fee on grocery, pulses, grains and to provide relief to agricultural produce like paddy based food processing poha industries. The Agriculture Minister gave an assurance to consider their demands positively and take appropriate decision very soon. Chamber State President Amar Parwani told the Minister through a letter that due to the discrepancy in the market fee and farmer welfare fee, competition from the Mandi is no longer there. As a result, farmers and traders are facing losses. Parwani said that for the past several years, exemption in Mandi fee and Krishak Kalyan fee has been provided on grocery, pulses and grains, as a result traders of the state are able to do their business at competitive rates with the neighboring states. Exemption was provided in this last year also. Parwani urged the Minister to provide relief to agricultural produce and food processing Poha industries.

HOSTEL DAY

There is no short-cut to success: Dy. CM Sharma



RAIPUR: Dy. CM Vijay Sharma said that there is no short-cut to success in life. One should not make efforts to achieve success taking short-cuts, as one cannot change his destiny, he added. In order to achieve any goal, one should work hard and with honesty pursue it with single mind. It is only with hard work that one can move ahead in one's life and attain success and there is no other alternative to hard work. Speaking further Dy. CM Sharma said that sitting just after attaining any goal itself is not sufficient, rather one should have indepth knowledge and excellence in that field and should continue to move ahead in order to achieve the final goal. Dy. CM Vijay Sharma was speaking at the Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad Hostel day programme held at Pt. Ravishankar Shukla auditorium here on Saturday. It is notable here that Dy. CM Vijay Sharma has studied residing in this hostel.

SHIVMAHAPURAN KATHA

Shivmahanpura Katha by Pt. Mishra from today

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RAIPUR: Shivmahanpura Katha will be organized in Gram Ganoud- Kharkhadih in Nava Raipur from Aug 11 to 16 and to ensure smooth movement of traffic, the Traffic police has formulated a traffic plan for the devotees. Along with this the movement of heavy goods and transport vehicle has been prohibited near the discourse venue and its approach road. The Shri Shivmahanpura Katha programme is proposed



to be organised on Aug 11 and in this the well-known Shiv Katha orator and religious preacher Pt. Pradeep Mishra will recite the 'Katha'. In this programme, devotees in large numbers are expected to take part and seeing which proper

parking places, movement of vehicles and diversion has been planned by the traffic department.

Traffic police finalises route chart:

The devotees taking part in this 'Katha' from Raipur city can go from Pachped-

Route chart for movement of traffic to the 'Katha' venue from all four sides of capital city has been finalized.

SP Traffic (City)

hinaka to Dhamtari road-Mana Basti and reach Naya Raipur-Muktangan Uparwara Chowk ahead of CAA

Nimora and pass through Sector-29-30 to IDTR turning and reach Garm Tendua and park their vehicle near the Pond in Gram Pouta and walk on foot upto the 'Katha' venue. Similarly the devotees going from Telibandha should go via Serikhedhi bridge to Naya Raipur road and reach Airport turning- Chicha Chowk to Gram Kayabandha- Kotarabandha Chwk and park their vehicle in Gram Tandul ahead of Police Headquarters and walk upto the venue.



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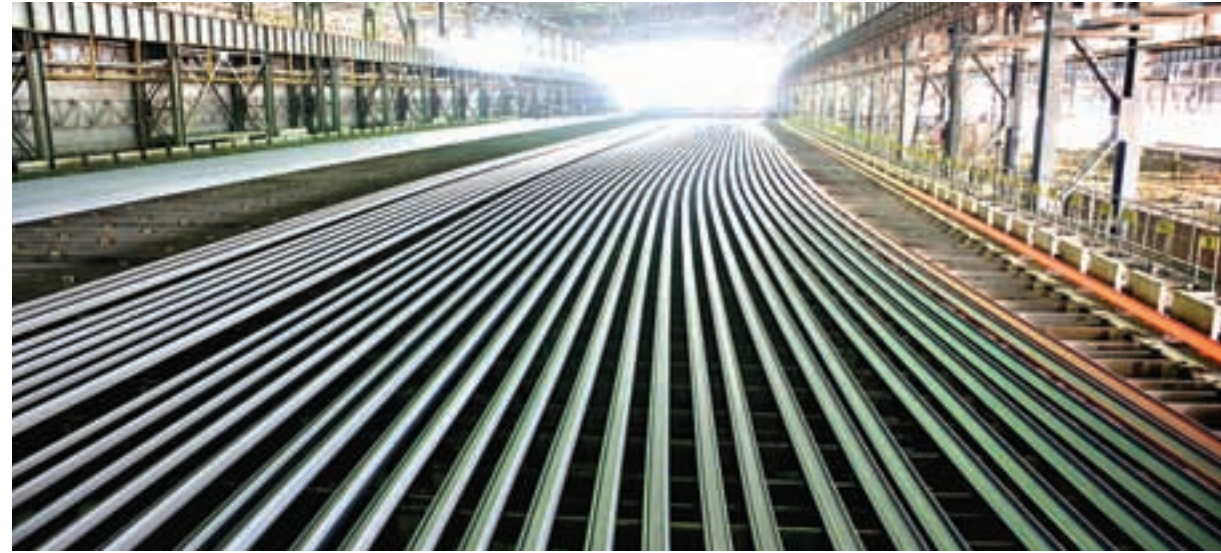


"96 Police officers and Head Constables transferred to address administrative needs."

Jitendra Shukla
SP, Durg

BSP creates new record in steel production

Record Saleable Steel & Finished Steel production for April to July period.



Long rails at Universal Rail Mill.

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FASTFACTS

- 1.73 Million Tonnes saleable steel produced
- 1.56 Million Tonne finished steel produced

BHILAI: Bhilai Steel Plant has created new records in production in the first four months of the current financial year from April to July 24. The Plant recorded its best ever Saleable Steel production of 1.73 million tonnes (MT) as against previous best of 1.68 MT recorded in corresponding period of last fiscal year 2023-24.

Best ever Finished Steel production of 1.56 MT was recorded in the April to July period, as

against previous best of 1.48 MT recorded in corresponding period of last fiscal year 2023-24.

Loading of Saleable Steel by the Plant at 1.71 MT and loading for Direct Despatches to customers by the Plant at 9.14 lakh tonnes have also been the best ever for any April to July

Best performance in other areas

Best ever performances for any April to July period have been recorded in several other areas of production as well. Rail & Structural Mill recorded best ever long rail production, Plant recorded best ever loading, Production of 4.29 lakh tonnes finished plates and BRM recorded best ever production of 3.25 lakh tonnes. SMS 3 has recorded the highest production of 7.80 lakh tonnes of cast billets.

period since inception, as against previous best of 1.68 MT and 8.56 lakh tonnes, respectively, recorded in corresponding period of last fiscal year 2023-24.

Production of long

rails at 3.24 lakh tonnes has been the best ever. Universal Rail Mill that rolls out world's longest rail recorded its highest long rail production of 2.62 lakh tonnes.

Theft at locked house

BHILAI: Theft occurred at a locked house in Hari Nagar, Durg. The victim Maya Sachdev complained that they had gone to Jalgaon, Maharashtra to attend a family function. On August 01, her neighbour Sagar informed her on mobile phone that the door lock was broken. On returning back, she discovered that the main door and almirah locks were broken. Unknown thieves had escaped with a pair of gold earrings, gold locket, gold nose rings, gold earring, silver anklets, silver coins, one mobile and Rs 10000 cash. Police lodged an FIR under section 305(a), 331(4) of BNS.

Bike stolen from Subhash Nagar

BHILAI: A bike parked outside a house was stolen by unknown thieves at Subhash Nagar in Durg. The victim Ashish Kumar Singh is a LLB student. He had parked his Honda Dream Yuga (CG07AU0127) bike outside his rented house near Tower Chowk in Subhash Nagar Durg. Next day he found that the motorcycle was missing. Police lodged an FIR against unknown thieves under section 303(2) of BNS.

Cycle rally for Har Ghar Tiranga

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BHILAI: A cycle rally was organised to create awareness about Har Ghar Tiranga in Bhilai Municipal Corporation area. The rally covered zone 01, 02, in which hundreds of people participated.

The rally was flagged off from Nehru Nagar Zone Office by BJP President and Councillor Mahesh Verma, Zone Commissioner Yesha Lahare, Sushil Chaudhary, Anil Kumar Daga of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Jitendra Singh. Students, players, social workers, officers and employees walked with

great pride carrying tricolor in their hands. Patriotic slogans reverberated in the area.

The rally started from there and after covering KPS Chowk, Nehru Nagar, concluded at Shaheed Park situated at Nehru Nagar Chowk. There, MIC member Sandeep Nirankari and public representatives administered the tricolor oath to all the members who had joined the rally. Nirankari distributed copies, pens and eraser to all the students who had joined the rally. The rally ended with the national anthem.

Kesharwani Samaj women visit famous temples

BHILAI: On the occasion of Hareli Amavasya, the women of Kesharwani Samaj visited the famous temples of Raipur and Charoda. The women gathered at Apna Keshri Lodge in Power House where Kesharwani Vaishya Sabha Treasurer Sunil Keshri welcomed all the members. The women first visited the Hatkeshwar Mahadev Mandir located on the banks of Kharun River in Raipur and performed Jalabhishek. Thereafter, they moved to Shri Ram Temple at VIP Road in Raipur. Then they moved to the ancient Shiva Temple



in Deobaloda Charoda. They performed Jalabhishek of Lord Shiva and offered prayers. They also participated in the aarti of Bharat Mata organised by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. Kesharwani Vaishya Sabha President Ranjan Gupta, Vice President Anil Gupta, Treasurer Sunil Keshri, Vice President Sanjiv Gupta and others were present.

MGM School Sector 6 hosts Cereal Rangoli Competition



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Students created Rangoli designs of renowned Indian monuments using a variety of grains.

BHILAI: MGM Senior Secondary School, Sector 6 held an engaging Cereal Rangoli competition for Class 8 students on Saturday, showcasing their creativity and artistic skills. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Rev Fr Shaji M Baby as the Chief Guest, with KC Mathew serving as the Guest of Honor, alongside other distinguished mem-

bers of the school's managing committee.

The competition featured students creating intricate Rangoli designs of renowned Indian monuments using a variety of grains. This innovative approach highlighted their creativity, colour harmony, and attention to detail. Participating students crafted Rangoli representations of iconic landmarks, including the Taj Mahal, Red Fort, Jantar Mantar, Konark Temple, Golden Temple, Lotus Temple, India Gate, Mysore Palace, Hawa Mahal, and Charminar, reflecting their deep appreciation for India's rich cultural heritage.

Fetus found in garbage

BHILAI: An unidentified newborn baby fetus of about 03 months was found lying dead in the garbage near Ganesh Temple behind District Hospital. On receiving information, a police team reached the spot and the fetus was taken to the mortuary, where autopsy was performed. After investigation, it was discovered that the dead fetus was secretly disposed of by some unknown accused to conceal the birth.

Transformer parts stolen

BHILAI: Some parts of a transformer were stolen from a factory. Ranjir Kumar Baid, Manager of Royal Fasteners Pvt Ltd, Village Kandarka, Kumhari complained that a new transformer of 950 KVA was installed in the company, which was started on August 04. An unknown thief stole some parts of the transformer.

Large Group Interaction on Safety Awareness organised

| SAFETY FROM HOME AND BACK |

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To promote safety awareness in the Plant.

BHILAI: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Safety Engineering Department (SED) organised a Large Group Interaction Session the other day, at the HRD Centre, to promote safety awareness in the Plant.

Rakesh Joshi, CGM (EMD) was the Chief Guest on this occasion, while Sanjay Kumar Agrawal, GM I/c (SED) was present as a Special Guest at the programme. A total of 69 Officers participated in the programme. At the outset, Ajay Tallu, Sr Mgr (SED), administered an oath of safety.

Rakesh Joshi, CGM (EMD) in his address highlighted the importance of safety in our daily lives



FASTFACTS

- A total of 69 Officers participated in the programme
- Emphasis laid on proper implementation of all safety norms, Toolbox Talk and safety standards

while articulating the slogan "Safety from Home and Back", and emphasized on proper implementation of all safety

norms, Toolbox Talk and safety standards to encourage everyone including contractual workers towards strict adherence of Safety Protocols.

Sanjay Kumar Agrawal, GM I/c (SED) addressed the group on the safety protocols of BSP and thanked the participants for their enthusiasm in attending the LGI programme and underlined the need for cooperation of every employee to

achieve the goal of Zero Accidents.

Keynote speakers of the LGI Session J Thulasi Dasan, GM (SED), and Abhishek Singh, AGM (SED) shared valuable insights on Road Safety, Tool Box Talk, Near Miss Incidents, Permit to Work and Consequence Management. All the concerned departments were thanked for contributing to organizing the programme successfully.

| EDUCATION |

First ever theme based Parent-Teacher Meet at SSV

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BHILAI: A Parent-Teachers Meeting was conducted on Saturday at Sri Sankara Vidyalaya Sector-10. The main objective of the meeting was to create a common platform, where teacher and parents come together to discuss student's performance and devise ways to enrich their learning experience. The teachers briefed the parents about their ward's performance during first periodic test. Together

they identified the areas of strength and weakness of the child and sorted out ways to boost the child's performance.

This time School has encouraged students to dress up as whatever they aspire to be in the future and with a theme of Munna Kya Banoge? Whether it's a Doctor, Artist, Astronaut, Scientist or anything else they came dressing like same as their future aspirations like Teacher, Footballer, lawyer, Scientist, Crick-



eter, Dancer, Actress, Pilot, Business Man, Judge, Advocate, Air-hostess and many more. Every Student must start work-

ing towards it. Bipin Deshmukh, Principal, emphasized the significance of parental

involvement in a student's educational journey. He said, "We firmly believe that collaboration between parents and teachers is essential for student's overall development. S Swaminathan, Secretary, in his address applauded the most innovative and exemplary PTM ever which school has organized. Moreover, this PTM had provided inspiration for the teaching fraternity as well the parents for the great academic performance.

81 villagers avail free health services

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BHILAI: SAIL- The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the Plant organized a one-day free Health Camp, at Village Store Para Piparchhedi recently. A total of 81 villagers from Piparchhedi, including 36 men, 26 women, and 19 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 from the CSR Department, comprising, Dr M Saraswati, Medical Consultant, Rekha Dev, Nursing Staff, Susan Jacob, for Blood-Sugar, HB, and BP examination, and Pharmacist, and Shambhu Dayal, for registration, volunteered their services for the Medical Camp at Piparchhedi village. Ashutrosh Soni, from the CSR department, was also present during the Health Camp. It is noteworthy that con-

NEWSLINE

ARREST

Two held for selling fake sim cards



BHILAI: Police arrested two ruffians on charges of selling fake sim cards, which were used in a robbery. Two juveniles had used these sim cards for placing orders for iPhones on flipkart. When the delivery boy reached to deliver the iPhones, the juveniles called him to another place and robbed three iPhones from him. Police had earlier arrested the juveniles. During further investigation, police came to know about two persons who had provided sim cards with forged documents to the accused. Police arrested Shahil Wasnik (21) son of Vishal Wasnik a resident of Shankar Nagar Durg and Avinash Kaser (32) son of Sharda Prasad a resident of Shankar Nagar Durg.

ENGAGEMENT

Division level interaction today

BHILAI: Under Amrit Kaal Chhattisgarh Vision @ 2047, a division level interaction program has been organized in the auditorium of BIT College Durg on August 11 at 11:00 am. Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma will be the chief guest of this program organized by the district administration. Food Minister Dayaldas Baghel will preside over. MPs Vijay Baghel and Santosh Pandey and MLAs Doman Lal Korsewada, Lalit Chandrakar, Gajendra Yadav and Rikesh Sen will attend the program as special guests.

MONSOON

484.0 mm average rainfall recorded

BHILAI: An average rainfall of 484.0 mm has been recorded in the district from June 01 to August 10. According to the information, the highest rainfall of 814.6 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 Tehsil Bori, 427.6 mm in Tehsil Bhilai 3 and 527.7 mm in Tehsil Ahiwara.

OBITUARY

Chittaranjan Panda

BHILAI: Sector 4 resident Chittaranjan Panda left for heavenly abode at the age of 57 years on Saturday. Funeral procession was taken out from his residence situated at Quarter No 10-A, Street 34, Sector-4 and last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He is survived by wife - Sumati Panda and children Nayan and Naman Panda. He was the brother of Gajendra Panda, former General Secretary of Sri Jagannath Temple, Sector-6.



Raipur News

Naxalites' levy collection money trail exposed

The arrested accused have been found to have collected over Rs 1 crore as levy.



IG Deepak Jha presented the arrested accused before the media in a press conference and also exposed their activities.

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FASTFACTS

MOHLA-MANPUR: The Mohla-Manpur police have exposed the money trail of Naxalites' levy collection by arresting 5 Naxalite associates. The arrested accused have been found to have collected over Rs 1 crore as levy and sent it to the Naxalites. The accused were also supplying goods to the Naxalites.

IG Deepak Jha revealed the activities of the arrested accused during a press conference. The arrested accused include Vivek Singh from Manpur and four other Naxalite

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During the investigation of the case of Suraj Ram Tekam, a Naxalite associate arrested under

One of arrested persons was advisor to Bhupesh's father: Pandey

Close on the heels of arrest of five persons including 4 Naxalites by Mohla-Manpur police BJP MP Santosh Pandey alleged that one of the arrested persons Vivek Singh was an advisor to late Nandkumar Baghel, father of former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. Pandey has raised questions, asking Bhupesh Baghel to clarify the said relationship. Talking to the media, Pandey said Pandey said that Vivek Singh, who was arrested along with four Naxalites, was the advisor to late Nandkumar Baghel.

Madanwada police station, it was found that Tekam was constantly traveling to urban areas to promote the ideology of the Maoist organization and expand its urban network. On March 23,

2024, the Maoist organization had planned a program against Operation Kagar, corporatization, and militarization, in which Tekam had gone to Delhi on March 22 by flight.

BJP to organise Cultural Programs

RAIPUR: The Chhattisgarh unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is set to launch its 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign tomorrow, which will run from August 11 to 14. The campaign aims to hoist the national flag at every household and booth across the state.

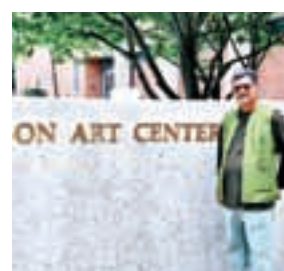
According to Sanjay Shrivastav, General Secretary of the Chhattisgarh BJP, the campaign has generated immense enthusiasm among the public. He said that people are eagerly waiting to participate in the campaign, which will include cultural programs, Tiranga yatras, and flag-hoisting ceremonies at every booth.

The campaign will be launched in the presence of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao and other ministers. BJP MPs, state office bearers, and workers from the district to booth level will participate in the campaign.

Shrivastav said that Tiranga yatras will be held in all 90 assembly constituencies, and special programs will be organized on August 14 to commemorate the Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. He added that the campaign has received overwhelming support from the public, and the party workers are geared up to make it a grand success.

US VISIT

Mahant holds talks on improvement of education level



RAIPUR: Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Dr Charandas Mahant during his United States of America (USA) tour, visited the renowned educational institute Phillips Academy.

During his visit, he held talks with Principal and Directors of the Institute of International repute to understand the education system of America. He also held discussion with them on the possibilities of improvement of level of education in Chhattisgarh.



NIA charge sheets 5 men for providing logistics, support to CPI (Maoist)

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RAIPUR: The National Investigation Agency has charge sheeted five men for their active involvement in providing logistics and other support to the banned CPI (Maoist) in Chhattisgarh, an official statement issued on Friday said. The charge sheet, filed before the NIA

special court in Jagdalpur on Thursday, has named Vikesh alias Vicky Goyal, Balram Tamo, Sumit Dixit alias Chhotu, Rajesham Pogula and Mallesh, it said. All five, hailing from Chhattisgarh, have been charged under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Cancer awareness workshop held at CSEB

RAIPUR: A cancer awareness workshop was organized at the headquarters of Chhattisgarh State Power Companies, Raipur, where oncologist Dr. Bhawna Sirohi emphasized the importance of awareness and a healthy lifestyle in preventing cancer. She stated that while 5% of cancer cases are due to genetic factors, 95% are caused by envi-

ronmental factors. Dr. Sirohi advised avoiding tobacco, smoking, alcohol, processed foods, and unhealthy habits to reduce the risk of cancer.

She recommended incorporating local and fresh foods into one's diet, including fruits and raw vegetables, and practicing yoga for at least 30 minutes daily.

BADMINTON

Shanvi, Arushi and Apala into semis



RAIPUR: Shanvi Gupta defeated Nikita Chawla with the score of 21-5, 21-6 to enter into semi-final of the Under 15 category for Girls in the Raipur District Sub Junior Badminton tournament being organised at Sapre School Badminton Hall here on Saturday.

Congress slams BJP for insulting tribals on World Tribal Day

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Baij said that the BJP government had earlier celebrated World Tribal Day with enthusiasm, but this year, they cancelled all events and programmes.

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Congress has strongly condemned the BJP government for insulting tribals by boycotting World Tribal Day events. Addressing a press conference, Pradesh Congress president Deepak Baij alleged that the BJP government was acting under pressure from the RSS, which has been opposing the celebration of World Tribal Day.

Baij said that the BJP government had earlier celebrated World Tribal

Day with enthusiasm, but this year, they cancelled all events and programmes. He added that the RSS' statement calling World Tribal Day an international conspiracy was an insult to tribal culture and traditions.

The Congress leader alleged that the BJP government was playing a puppet at the hands RSS, controlled from Nagpur, and that they did not respect tribal culture and traditions. He said that the BJP had used tribals for votes and now was insulting them.

Baij also raised questions about the pressure on Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai from Nagpur and asked why Minister Ramvihar Netam succumbed to pressure and boycotted the tribal event. He asked if tribal organizations would oppose BJP

BJP slams Congress for anti-Tribal stance

RAIPUR: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Devalal Thakur has accused the Congress party of being anti-tribal, citing their opposition to a tribal woman becoming President of India. Thakur questioned why Congress opposed the candidacy of Droupadi Murmu, a tribal woman, for the President's post.

Thakur also highlighted the BJP's efforts in empowering tribals, including the creation of Chhattisgarh as a separate state, making a tribal woman the President, and launching the Prime Minister's Janjati Unnati Gram Yojana for tribal development.

Thakur criticized Congress for exploiting tribals during their rule, denying them positions of power, and humiliating those who were given positions.

Kalinga University welcomes MBA, CS and IT students

INDUCTION PROGRAM

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The new students were warmly welcomed at the entrance of the Kalinga University with beats of traditional Punjabi Dhol.

RAIPUR: The event "First Step 2024 Induction program" for newly enrolled students of Master of

Business Administration (MBA) and Computer Science, BCA, BCS, MCA and MCS first semester was held at the Kalinga University campus on Tuesday, 06th August 2024 and on Wednesday, 07th August 2024 respectively.

The new students were warmly welcomed at the entrance of the Kalinga University with

beats of traditional Punjabi Dhol. Tilak ceremony was performed and students were given Kalinga University wristbands as a gesture.

Brief information was shared with the students through a video presentation about Kalinga University.

The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp along

with Saraswati Vandana. Dr. Sandeep Gandhi, Registrar of Kalinga University, welcomed CS/IT students by giving a welcome speech and shared valuable insights on the University through an engaging PowerPoint Presentation (PPT), acquainting the newcomers with the institution's ethos and offerings.

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Dr Mishra invited to Int'l workshop

RAIPUR: Dr Dinesh Mishra, senior ophthalmologist and president of the Andha Shraddha Nirmoolan Samiti, has been invited to represent India at an international workshop organized by Lancaster University, United Kingdom. The workshop, focusing on the issue of witchcraft and human rights, will feature Dr Mishra delivering a lecture on witch persecution and human rights. Superstition and the suspicion of witchcraft are significant causes of women's persecution and human rights violations, which continue in several

countries, including those in Asia and Africa. The workshop will be held at Lancaster University on September 19 and 20, with participation from human rights commission chairs, university representatives, social activists, and United Nations Human Rights Council officials from Europe, Africa, Australia, and the UK. Dr Dinesh Mishra previously participated in an international workshop on witch persecution and human rights organized by the United Nations in Geneva in 2016, where he also delivered a lecture.

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Chhattisgarh

Assly Speaker flagged off Tricolor Bike Rally

The convoy of the bike rally passed through the men road of town with the message that this pride of the tricolor should reach every home.

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RAJNANDGAON: Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh flagged off the Tricolor Bike Rally from PTS Ground Rajnandgaon under the Har Ghar Tiranga program. On this occasion, public representatives, Collector Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Superintendent of Police Mr. Mohit Garg and other officers participated in the Tiranga Bike Rally wearing helmets. With the spirit of patriotism and the tricolor flag in hands, the tricolor bike rally passed through various squares and intersections of the city with enthusiasm and joy. The tricolor is our pride and glory. With the message that this pride and honor of the tricolor should reach every home, this convoy of bike rally started from PTS ground Rajnandgaon and ended at PTS ground via Gurudwara Chowk, Manav Mandir Chowk, Ganj Chowk, Nandai Chowk, Mahamaya Chowk, Kamala College, RK Nagar. The echo of slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai, Vande Mataram, Jai



Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh flagged off the Tricolor Bike Rally

FACTFILE

● **Dr Raman Singh said, Everyone should play their part in respecting the sacrifice and sacrifice of the freedom fighters who gave their all for the independence of the country.**

Jawan-Jai Kisan, Tiranga Yatra Zindabad was heard far and wide.

Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh said that the tricolor is the symbol of our nation. Indian citizens are being encour-

aged to hoist the national flag in their homes, so that respect for the national flag increases. He said that today the Tiranga Yatra has been started through this Tiranga Bike Rally, under which we will visit various areas of the city with the message of the spirit of nationalism. Various events will be organized in the district under the Har Ghar Tiranga program organized from 9 August to 15 August 2024 under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Collector Shri Sanjay Aggarwal said that under the Har

Ghar Tiranga program, bike rallies, padyatras, concerts, various competitions related to the tricolor will be organized in schools and colleges till August 15. It will be tried that the citizens will be aware of the national flag and the tricolor should fly in every house. The freedom fighters have sacrificed everything for the independence of the country. This is a feeling of respect for their sacrifice and sacrifice. Everyone will contribute in accordance with various programs of the Govt of India.

| AMRIT MAHOTSAV |

Independence week: Har ghar Tiranga Prog being held

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Collector held a meeting and gave instructions to the officers for the successful implementation of various activities during Independence Week.

GAURELA: Har Ghar Tiranga programme is being organized during Independence Week from 9 August to 15 August 2024 under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. For the successful implementation of various activities to be organized during this period, Collector held a meeting of the officers and gave necessary instructions. Under the Har Ghar Tiranga program, nodal officers have been appointed for the implementation of



Collector held a meeting for Har Ghar Tiranga programme.

various activities at the district, block and urban body level - Tiranga Yatras, Tiranga Rallies, Tiranga Race and Marathon, Tricolor Concerts, Tricolor Canvas, Tricolor Pledge, Tricolor Selfie, Tiranga Samman and Tiranga Mela.

The Collector said that the Indian flag Tricolor is a symbol of the nation. Har Ghar Tiranga program is to be organized from 9 August to 15 August 2024 under Azadi

Ka Amrit Mahotsav. During this campaign the citizens are being motivated to hoist the national flag at their homes, so that patriotism can be inculcated among the common people and respect for the national flag increases. In the meeting, the framework for the implementation of the activities to be organized daily during the Independence Week was discussed. The Collector asked to ensure active participation of all

Minister distributes motorized tricycles

KORBA: The Social Welfare Dept today provided motorized tricycles and electronic wheel chairs to 12 differently able people of the district. In the program organized in the Collectorate premises, Labour Minister Lakhan Lal Dewangan distributed motorized tricycles to all the disabled people with his own hands. On this occasion, he said that the government is running many schemes for the welfare of the disabled.

Gayatri Parivar's seminar today

DONGARGAON: Gayatri Parivar's district level worker's seminar has been organized on Sunday, 11th August at the local Gayatri Mandir from 10.30 am. In the said seminar, special discussions will be held on the implementation of the action plans of the birth centenary vision 2026 of revered Mata Bhagwati Devi Sharma. Gayatri Parivar's district coordinator Jaiprakash Sinha said that apart from this, the seminar will also discuss opening of Sanskar Shala, tree plantation, reorganization of Yuva Mandal, Mahila Mandal and other issues.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

CAMP

Sickle cell testing camp organized in Government Digvijay College

RAJNANDGAON: As per the instructions of Collector Shri Sanjay Aggarwal, a sickle cell testing camp was organized by the Health Department in Government Digvijay Mahavidyalaya Rajnandgaon. Sickle cell tests were conducted on 900 students in the camp, in which 41 students were found to be sickle cell positive. Those who were provided necessary medical consultation and medicines. Also, the work of making Ayushman cards is being done in the college. Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Netram Navratna said that sickle cell anemia is a genetic disease, so unless the blood test is done, information about this disease is not available. He said free consultation and treatment facilities are available in the health center for sickle cell patients. He has appealed to the citizens to get sickle cell tests done in maximum numbers. In the sickle cell testing camp, Principal of Digvijay Mahavidyalaya and others were present.

DISCOURSE

Large number of devotees assemble to listen to Shiv Mahapuran



KHARORA: In the story of Shiv Mahapuran being held in village Kumhari, the listeners enjoyed the story with great joy. The narrator Pandit Upendra Sharma narrated the story of Shiv Parvati. In the story, Pandit Shri said that Uma Maheshwar himself is the father of the world and the mother of the world. Neither any god or goddess of the universe nor any man or woman of the world can match their qualities and forms. To give worldly happiness, the father of the world, being Nirgun Niranjan, showed the vision of Sagun form through marriage.

Tribal dance presented

World Tribal Day celebrated in Real Life Public School Kharora with fervour

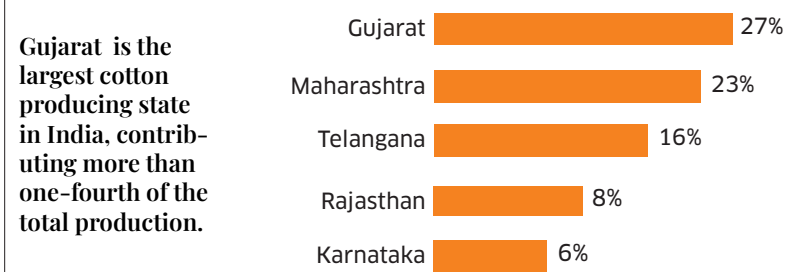


KHARORA: World Tribal Day was celebrated in the school even after the Chhattisgarh government declared a holiday. Regarding this, Tribal Day was celebrated in a traditional manner in Real Life Public School Kharora. During this, the students presented tribal dance. The guests of the event were Real Life Public School director Raghavendra Goswami, school principal Vaishali Goswami and all the teachers of the school Mamta Bhardwaj, Pinky Patel, Deepa Dewangan,

Ritu Burman, Lalita, Ritesh Srivastava, Kharora's senior journalist Rohit Verma etc. were present. The program was conducted by Raghavendra Goswami and Vaishali Goswami. School director Raghavendra Goswami said that this is an innovative initiative of the school department. The tribals used their knowledge not only for themselves but for the entire nation. Remembering their contribution in the freedom movement will complete the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence.

The Day's NUMBERS

FIVE COTTON PRODUCING STATES WITH MAXIMUM SHARE IN INDIA



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VISIT

Collector Inspects Jhumka Dam and Anganwadi Center

KORBA: Collector Mrs. Chandan Tripathi today visited in the rain to know the ground reality of various construction works, water filling in the dam, operating institutions. Collector Mrs. Tripathi reached Jhumka Dam and got information about the status of water filling and irrigated area. Reached Gauge Nursery located at Cherwapara and also got information about various types of fruit plants and plants planted in the nursery.

Collector Mrs. Tripathi reached Pandopara of the district and inspected the Anganwadi Center. Received information regarding hot food, nutritional diet given to pregnant women, lactating mothers, children.

The Collector inspected the kitchen room, store room of Anganwadi and also obtained information from the Anganwadi worker regarding the food being given as per the menu chart, vaccination of pregnant mothers and children.

DEMAND

Local farmers put forth demand before CM to allow mining



KHARORA: Dozens of farmers from villages irrigated by the Pendrawan reservoir, including the villages of Mura, Mohrega, and Math, presented a written memorandum to the Chief Minister at the Jan Darshan program on Friday. They requested that while keeping the reservoir in its current state, permission be granted to UltraT-ech Cement to start mining operations. They also proposed that the water from the mine be discharged into the Pendrawan reservoir so that the villages irrigated by the reservoir can have access to water even during the summer.

| GIVES INSTRUCTION FOR CLEANLINESS |

Collector makes surprise inspection of hospital

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KOREA: District Collector Mrs. Chandan Tripathi made a surprise visit to the district hospital and inspected the basic facilities in different wards.

Collector Mrs. Tripathi warned the responsible doctors and hospital administration to maintain cleanliness in the hospital. She said that it is your responsibility to provide proper medicine



and care to the patients, any kind of negligence will not be tolerated. She said that the government

is providing every facility, it is your responsibility to ensure that the patients and the common people

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Proper cleanliness has to be maintained in the hospital. Every patients has to be provided adequate treatment and to be given proper medicine. Any kind of negligence will not be tolerated at all.

Mrs. Chandan Tripathi
District Collector

get the benefit of it, but due to your negligence and indifference, the system of the hospital is collapsing.

Collector did a detailed inspection of every ward. He expressed displeasure over the absence of dustbins in the wards. He reprimanded Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. R.S. Sengar for the lack of cleanliness in the premises and wards, poor disorder in the hospital.

'Everyone has the right to get justice'

TLSC is running schemes regarding the rights and protection of the tribals and eligible persons can get the benefits and information of the schemes through TLSC.

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KHAIRAGRH: As per the instructions of President Sushma Sawant District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Rajnandgaon and under the guidance of President Chandra Kumar Kashyap Taluk Legal Services Committee (TLSC) Khairagarh and Secretary Hemant Kumar Ratre, a special legal awareness camp was organized on the occasion of International Tribal Day/Indigenous Day in Naxal-affected forest area villages Itar and Changurda on 9 August.

In the program, Chandra Kumar Kashyap, District and Additional Sessions Judge Khairagarh, joined through virtual video calling and congratulated the tribal women, men and youth present on the occasion of World Tribal Day. Addressing the congregation, Kashyap said that the Taluk Legal Services Committee is running schemes regarding the rights and protection of the tribals and eligible persons can get the benefits and information of the schemes through Taluk Legal Services Committee. He also informed that the Authority provides free legal aid and advice and victims can avail



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FASTFACTS

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- D.J. Kashyap said that this day also acknowledges the achievements and contributions that tribal people make to improve world issues like environmental protection.

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'Information provided on cyber crime, rights of women etc'

In the said camp, paralegal volunteer Golu Das Sahu provided information on cyber crime, Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005, rights of women in workplace, Juvenile Justice Act, welfare schemes run by Labor and Social Welfare Department, right to maintenance for women, Tonhi Harassment Prevention Act, Senior Parents and Old Persons Maintenance Scheme 2007, Child Marriage Prohibition Act, child labor, justice at your doorstep, National Lok Adalat, mediation and public welfare schemes of state governments and various schemes being run by SALSA and NALSA.

Further, D.J. Kashyap said that this day also acknowledges the achievements and contributions that tribal people make to improve world issues like environmental

protection. He also talked on major Constitutional Provisions Article 15- Prohibits discrimination only on the basis of religion, descent, caste, sex or place of birth.

'Har Ghar Tiranga' awareness campaign starts

KORBA: An awareness rally under the program "Har Ghar Tiranga" during the Independence Week from 9 August to 15 August 2024 was taken out under the guidance of Janpad Panchayat Podi Uporada. The officials through the rally, appealed to hoist the tricolor in every house. Program Nodal Mr. Rupesh Kahra BPM, Mr. Anil ABP, Mr. Jeevan SBMG, Superintendent of Kasturba Gandhi Girls Residential School, children and officers / employees of Podi Uporada and Piramal team were present. Similarly, a program was also organized in Kasturba Gandhi Girls Residential School Korba under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Community toilet not cleaned

KHAIRAGRH: Non-regular cleaning of community toilet located in ward no. 03 Ganjipara of the city has irked the public and they have demanded regular cleaning of the toilet. Ward councillor Sumit Tandiya said that the community toilet of Ganjipara is not being cleaned for the past several months, which has been complained to the municipal administration by the ward residents, but the said toilet is not being cleaned yet.

Demand for widening Supela- Bhakharra by-pass road raised



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ANWARI: The pressure of plying of heavy movers and vehicles on Supela to Bhakharra bypass road has increased the capacity of the road, which is single lane and was constructed by the administration with the objective of facilitating the farmers in their agricultural work and to provide access to the fields and to connect Bhakharra Nagar Panchayat and the main road.

The single lane and small road is becoming the cause of accidents and demanding the pressure of heavy vehi-

HIGHLIGHT

- The single lane and small road from Supela to Bhakharra is becoming the cause of accidents.

cles and road widening, villager of Supela, Krishnadayal Sahu said that due to the non-widening of the road from Supela to Bhakharra, people are facing a lot of problems in commuting and due to the narrow width of the road, two-wheelers often get into accidents while trying to give way to four-wheelers. Especially when four-wheelers come from both sides simultaneously, one of them has to stand on the road's pie and give way, he said.

Tricolour rally under 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan'

ANWARI: On the occasion of Independence Day, the Government of India has launched an ambitious and patriotic initiative called 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan', from August 9 and under the series, here in the region too, the campaign will run from today 9 August to 15 August 2024 along with the Independence Day celebrations. Under this campaign, Nagar Panchayat Bhakhara Bhathe-

liA tricolor rally was taken out in the city by the employees of the Nagar Panchayat Bhakhara. On this occasion, Engineer Jyoti Sahu of Nagar Panchayat Bhakhara, Panchayat employees Bindu Sharma, Chandraprakash Sahu, Nandini Chourey, Manju Chourey, Chova Ram Dhidhi, Shobharam Sahu, Bhoj Ram Sahu, Surendra Sahu, Karan Sahu and all the employees were present.

NEWSLINE

Naag Panchami

Naag Panchami celebrated with devotion



KHARORA: Naag Panchami was celebrated with devotion in the region and narrating the festival, couple Kishore Verma and Dharendra Kumar Verma of Kharora jointly told that the festival of Naag Panchami is celebrated every year in the month of Sawan and on this day, mainly the snake or the serpent god is worshipped.

On the occasion of Naag Panchami, people keep fast throughout the day and worship snakes and feed them milk and the worship of Mahadev and the serpent god has special significance on this day. It is beneficial to recite Shri Sarp Sukta on Naag Panchami and by reciting this; one gets rid of Kaal Sarp Dosh.

FESTIVAL

Hareli Teej Festival celebrated



KHARORA: Sawan Hareli Teej was celebrated with great joy in ward number 14 of Nagar Panchayat, in which women participated with great enthusiasm. Various types of games like chair race, Poshampa, Matkafod - Dole were organized, and all the women included jewelry along with green colored saree in this festival. In the program, Durga Verma was chosen as Mrs Green, and the program was organized by Jyoti Sharma and Neha Sharma.

MEMORANDUM

Congressmen submit memorandum to SDM



DONGARGAON: Congressmen have submitted a memorandum to the SDM regarding the problems prevailing in the city. City Congress Dongargaon Zone President Akhilesh Nakhat, former NP Vice President Virendra Borbar and other Congressmen reached the SDM office to inform the problems of the common people and gave a memorandum to the Dongargaon SDM for quick resolution.

In this memorandum, the main demands raised are posting of doctors in the city's community health centre, drinking water in the hospital, renovation of the city roads, starting of water augmentation scheme, posting of teachers in CBSE English medium school, starting of B.Ed. course in BTI, and completion of main road widening soon.

Truck carrying illegal junk seized

Central Chronicle News

A large amount of junk material was found in the form of bicycles, drums, iron rods, oil tins and other items in the truck carrying illegal junk and it was seized.



around 1 lakh 50 thousand rupees.

KHAIRAGRH: A truck carrying illegal junk was seized in the region by the police. As per information, the police team stopped the 10 wheel heavy vehicle truck no. CG 04 DA 6992 near BBC Petrol Pump located at Amlipara on Durg State Highway and searched the truck and during the checking of the truck, a large amount of junk material was found in the form of bicycles, drums, iron rods, oil tins and other items.

After which the truck driver Jaiprakash Singh was questioned regarding the transportation of junk and reportedly the junk is of 160 kg, the value of which is estimated to be

Dr. H Harit becomes District president of MWC

RAJIM: In the meeting of Chhattisgarh Electro Homeopathic Doctors Association under the banner of Chhattisgarh Jan Medical Welfare Committee, the election of the district officials of the committee was held in the city's rest house.

Grand event of I-Day at PTS Ground

RAJNANDGAON: On the occasion of Independence Day, a grand main function will be organized at PTS Ground on 15 August 2024. The venue has been changed due to mud in the State High School ground due to heavy rains. Collector Sanjay Agarwal has given necessary guidelines to all district level officers for organizing the main function.

Tribals are being uplifted in the state: Dewangan

Central Chronicle News

On occasion of World Day for the Indigenous People, a programme was organised at the Tribal Shaktipeeth site in Budhwari.

KORBA: On the occasion of World Tribal Day, a 'Mool Nivasi Mahotsav' program was organized at the Tribal Shaktipeeth site in Budhwari. In the program, Commerce Industry and Labor Minister Lakhana Lal Dewangan was present as Chief Guest and in his address he said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, not only the tribal society but all the societies in the state are being uplifted by making schemes for their welfare.

The Minister also said that the Chief Minister is working for the welfare of the poor and both the



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- Labour Minister said that the tribal society is a simple and straightforward society that worships nature and inspired the tribal society to stay connected with education.

Chief Minister of the state and the President of the

country is also from the tribal society and this gives a feeling of great pride. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants to take the country forward on the path of development and has set the goal of developed India by the year 2047. Dewangan said that since I was the Mayor, I have been respected by the

society and continuous work has been done for development at the Tribal Shaktipeeth site. It is a great pleasure that now the youth and students of the tribal society are getting benefited from the Shaktipeeth site and by staying here and getting education, they are moving forward towards becoming a good citizen.

DE-ADDICTION DRIVE

De-addiction awareness prog concludes in Sirri High School

Central Chronicle News

ANWARI: A seminar was organized under the de-addiction awareness program in Government Higher Secondary School Sirri. By records, Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan is being run under the joint aegis of Social Welfare Department Dhamtari, Shanti Maitri Gramin Vikas Sansthan, De-addiction Center Dhamtari, and Police Department.

The program was organized in the presence of



Dr. Manoj Kumar Sahu, President, Uday Kumar Secretary, Khemchand Janjir, Manisha Netam Superintendent Divyang Residential School Sirri, Priyanka Nagvanshi, Shesh Narayan Pandey

from Police Station Birejhar, Bhagwani Sahu, Principal of the school Saroj Kumar Sahu and other teachers.

The experts present presented examples of crimes and immoral

things happening in and around our society through questions related to drug addiction and appealed the students to stay away from drug

addiction. The questions by the students were resolved by Dr. Manoj Kumar Sahu.

In this program, Rohit Kumar Sahu, Neelmani Lakra, Rekha Sahu, Rukmani Sahu, Umend Chandel, Jitendra Kumar Devangan, Sangeeta Sahu, Lalita Devangan, Bhejendra Kumar Kashyap, Asha Netam, Doneshwari Sahu and all the employees were present from Government Higher Secondary School Sirri.

Humanitarian aid to family of ex employees

Central Chronicle News

KASDOL: Chhattisgarh Pradesh Joint Teachers' Union (CPJTU) runs a scheme called as "Joint Condolence Scheme" for timely help to immediate family members of employees of the department. Under this scheme, Chhattisgarh Pradesh Joint Teachers' Union unit Kasdol gives financial assistance of Rs 1,51,0000 (one lakh fifty one thousand rupees) to the bereaved family in case of sudden

death of any member teacher and keeping up with the gesture, a support amount was provided to two teacher families by the district organization by forming different teams.

Family of late Sarju Kumar Chaudhary, who was posted in Primary School Badgaon and the second Suresh Kumar Sahu who was posted in Primary School Khaira were given financial assistance of Rs.151000 by the Joint Teachers' Union as support to the bereaved family.



"Influx from B'desh
cause for concern."

N Biren Singh
Manipur CM

Hemant Soren celebrates his birthday



Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren cuts cake during his birthday celebrations with party leaders and workers, in Ranchi.

'Will resolve Mizoram-Assam border dispute'

Led by state Border Protection and Development Minister Atul Bora, the Assam delegation paid a courtesy call on Lalduhoma at his official residence in Aizawl on Saturday.

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AIZAWL: Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Saturday said his government was committed to resolve the state's border dispute with neighbouring Assam and ensure peace along the boundary. During a brief meeting with an Assam delegation, leaders of both states must work together with a heartfelt desire for peace and to resolve the border dispute between the two northeastern states, an official statement said.

"desirous of resolving the inter-state boundary dispute during the current term", Lalduhoma said in the statement. Led by state Border Protection and Development Minister Atul Bora, the Assam delegation paid a courtesy call on Lalduhoma at his official residence in Aizawl on Saturday.

Lalduhoma said that several meetings were held between the two states in the past and the "decisions were mainly adhering to status quo, which was not the right step towards establishing lasting peace but delay-

HIGHLIGHT

● Both leaders also agreed to maintain peace along the inter-state border till the dispute is resolved.

● Next round of ministerial-level meeting is scheduled in Guwahati before 31 March 2025.

ing the peace process and resolving the border dispute amicably". "Official-level talks may continue between the two states. But what is important most is that leaders of

both states should make collective efforts with the intention of finding peace to resolve the border dispute," Lalduhoma was quoted as telling the Assam delegation in the statement.

According to it, Bora, on his part, said the Assam government was desirous of holding further talks to amicably resolve the border dispute and establish lasting peace between the two states. Both leaders also agreed to maintain peace along the inter-state border till the dispute is resolved, the official statement said. Mizoram

shares a 164.6 km-long border with Assam. Delegations of both states held the fourth round of talks since August 2021 in Aizawl on Friday and agreed to continue maintaining peace along the border.

Both sides also agreed to collaborate in curbing the smuggling of areca nuts from neighbouring countries and to organise joint sports and cultural events in border districts from next year. They also decided to hold the next round of ministerial-level meeting in Guwahati before 31 March 2025.

Somanathan appointed Cabinet Secretary

NEW DELHI: Senior IAS officer T V Somanathan was on Saturday appointed Cabinet Secretary, succeeding Rajiv Gauba. A 1987-batch IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, Somanathan is currently serving as Union Finance Secretary and Secretary, Expenditure. "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Shri T V Somanathan, IAS, as Cabinet Secretary with a tenure of two years from 30.08.2024. "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has also approved the appointment of Shri T V Somanathan, IAS as Officer on Special Duty in the Cabinet Secretariat from the date he joins the assignment till he takes over as Cabinet Secretary," an official order said.

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He warned officials that any negligence in this regard would not be tolerated.

GORAKHPUR (UP): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during 'Janta Darshan' at the Gorakhnath temple here met several people and listened to their grievances, directing officials for their prompt resolution. The CM emphasised that there should be no delay in assisting those in need and ensuring that eligible individuals benefit from the government's welfare schemes. He warned officials that any negligence in this regard would not be tolerated.



UP CM Yogi Adityanath listens to the grievances of the people in the 'Janta Darshan' at Gorakhnath Temple.

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● CM instructed officials to expedite the process of obtaining the hospital estimates and submit them to the govt.

"If any issues arise at any level, they should be identified and resolved. If a case is deliberately kept

pending, accountability should be established, and appropriate actions should be taken against those responsible," he said. The CM heard the grievances of around 400 people and gave necessary instructions to officials for their resolution. When some individuals complained about land encroachment, the chief

minister directed officials to take strict action against the land mafia and those involved in such illegal activities, according to a statement. Several people attended the 'Janata Darshan' seeking financial assistance for medical treatment. In response, the CM instructed officials to expedite the process of obtaining the hospital estimates and submit them to the government.

He assured them that adequate help would be provided from the Chief Minister's Discretionary Fund for treatment, according to the statement. Earlier, Adityanath visited the Gorakhnath Temple complex, including the temple's cowshed (Gaushala).

| MUSIC RULES HEART |

Music helps to bring people together: Ricky Kej

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BENGALURU: There was a time when Bengaluru brought to mind Carnatic music and the beats of Dolly and Kamsale, the folk music tradition of Karnataka, but now every sound that there is, feels right at home in Bengaluru, three-time Grammy Award winning musician Ricky Kej said.

Kej launched his new rendition of the National Anthem featuring celebrated classical musicians of India in Bengaluru on August 9.

The new anthem, which the public can access from August 14 onwards, has also set a Guinness World Record because it featured nearly 14,000 students from the Kalinga Institute of



"All of us are similar despite being seemingly different."

Ricky Kej
Grammy Award winner

Social Sciences. In Bengaluru, Kej was hosted by The Leela Palaces,

Hotels and Resorts for the launch. According to Anuraag Bhatnagar, chief operating officer of The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts, they had collaborated with Kej to celebrate a recent milestone achieved by the hotel by reinforcing its position among the top three World's Best Hotel Brands for 2024 by the readers of Travel + Leisure USA.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

UNION ELECTION

IFFCO Employees' Union conducts election for the tenure 2024-27

PARADIP: Election of IFFCO Employees' Union has been conducted among their employees working in different areas for the period from 2024-2027. The election is being held in democratic way in every three years as per the bye-law of Union. On this tenure Prasant Kumar Swain elected as President, Trupti Ranjan Puhana, General Secretary, Surendra Baitha, Working President, Smruti Ranjan Jena, Vice President, Kali Charan Padhy, Jt. Secretary, Prabir Kumar Pradhan, Organising Secretary, Pradipta Kumar Swain, Publicity Secretary, Brahmananda Das, Treasurer and other elected executive members are namely, Ratan Kumar Maity, Umesh Chandra Sethi, Sukanta Swain, Deepak Kumar Boity, Asit Kumar Biswal, Narender Singh, Karuna Kar Sahoo, Dhiren Kumar Sahoo, Shrish Chandra Misra, Raj Kumar Prasad & Sudhansu Pattanayak.

PAWAR ADDRESSES POLL RALLY

Women's welfare, deve & poverty alleviation NCP's agenda, says Ajit Pawar

SHIRDI: Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Saturday said women's welfare, development and poverty alleviation were the planks of his Nationalist Congress Party and asserted he was getting good response from people. alking to reporters after offering prayers at the revered Sai Baba temple here on the third day of his party's 'Jan Sanman Yatra', he sidestepped questions on ally BJP's 'bhakti aatma' and 'ringleader of corruption' comments on opposition stalwart Sharad Pawar and said his aim was to highlight welfare schemes announced in the budget tabled by him in the assembly last month. "Women's welfare, development and poverty alleviation are the major planks of the NCP. I am getting good response from people," he said.



Announcement

Sisodia calls upon people to fight against 'dictatorship' in country

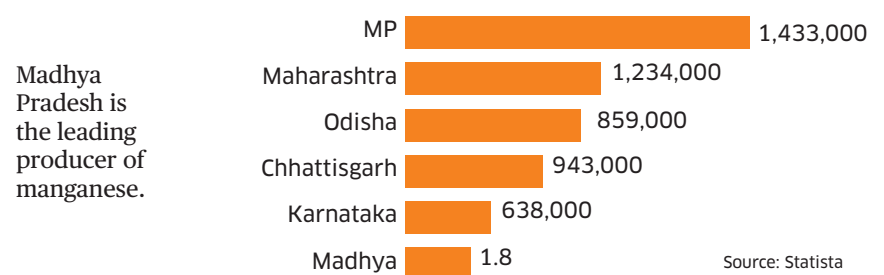


NEW DELHI: AAP leader Manish Sisodia on Saturday called upon party workers and people to fight against "tyranny" in the country and said if all opposition parties stand united against "dictatorship", Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will come out of prison within 24 hours. Addressing AAP workers at the party headquarters here a day after his release from Tihar jail on bail, he said party workers need to start working hard immediately to ensure the BJP loses the Assembly polls in Haryana, Delhi and elsewhere. The former Delhi deputy chief minister urged the new allies of the BJP-led NDA as well as the opposition INDIA bloc parties to unite against "dictatorship", not just to save

their leaders from being imprisoned but most importantly in the interest of the country. The Aam Aadmi Party is part of the INDIA bloc. In the recently concluded Lok Sabha polls, the AAP and another INDIA bloc constituent Congress fought the elections together. "If the whole opposition gives a call (against dictatorship) with full force, Arvind Kejriwal will come out of jail within 24 hours," Sisodia said. The Delhi chief minister is in Tihar Jail in connection with an excise policy scam case. He is the "symbol of honesty" in the country, Sisodia said and termed the entire case against the chief minister a "web of conspiracies" spun by the ED and CBI to "tarnish" his image.

The Day's NUMBERS

STATE-WISE MANGANESE PRODUCTION IN INDIA (IN METRIC TONNES)



CSR INITIATIVE

AM/NS India organises awareness session on World Breastfeeding Week



PARADEEP: As part of World Breastfeeding Week, ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India), organized an awareness and training session in Musadia village, Nuagarh Gram Panchayat in Paradeep on August 07, 2024. The awareness sessions focused on the importance of breastfeeding for mothers and infants. Dr. Niranjan Dwivedi from the CSR wing of AM/NS India, led the session, discussing the benefits of mother's milk for infants. He highlighted that mother's milk is essential for an infant's growth and development, offering a rich source of vital vitamins, minerals, and antibodies.

AWARENESS MISSION

Guj celebrates World Lion Day with programmes on conservation

GIR SOMNATH: Gujarat marked World Lion Day on Saturday with programmes to spread awareness about the conservation and protection of the big cats. The state forest department marked the day by spreading awareness through SMSes and emails to citizens, and school students participated in rallies, drawing competitions, etc., in 11 districts with a lion population. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel addressed a gathering at Sasan Gir in Gir Somnath district, an abode of the Asiatic lions. "Along with development, we should conserve nature. It is our collective responsibility to conserve our heritage," he said. The true celebration of World Lion Day is the celebration of efforts to make Gujarat's pride (Asiatic lions) thrive, he said. "We gather once a year for such an event, but the forest department keeps working for the protection and conservation of lions, and the government is offering all technical help.

'Cong mum on SC's verdict on creamy layer among SCs, STs'

Reservation which has been rendered "ineffective", should be made "effective".

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LUCKNOW: BSP chief Mayawati on Saturday questioned the "silence of the Congress" on the August 1 judgment of the Supreme Court directing the states to evolve a policy for identifying the creamy layer among the SCs and STs.



BSP chief Mayawati addresses a press meet at party office, in Lucknow.

She also said the reservation which has been rendered "ineffective", should be made "effective" and for this, a session of Parliament should be convened soon.

Speaking to reporters in Lucknow, the BSP chief said the BJP government and the rest of the parties should clear their

stand on this issue. On August 1, four out of the six Supreme Court judges who agreed that

states are empowered to make sub-classifications wrote in their separate judgments that those in

the creamy layer must be excluded from enjoying the benefits of reservation. Justice B R Gavai had said the states must evolve a policy for identifying the creamy layer even among the SCs and STs, and deny them the benefit of reservation.

"Why is the Congress silent till now over the August 1 judgment of the Supreme Court on SC-ST reservation? Why is the Congress not making its stand clear in the states, where it has its government? In other words, why is this party (Congress) sitting silent even there? Or should this be said that the Congress party accepts this deci-

sion, and implements this?" Mayawati said.

She also asked the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which has governments in Delhi and Punjab, to clear its stand on the issue. Urging the people of the SC and ST communities to be cautious about the hidden agenda of these parties, Mayawati said, "Those (parties), which in the name of saving the Constitution and reservation, garnered the votes of these communities in the 18th Lok Sabha elections, and gained most of the seats, and damaged the only party (BSP), which is their (SCs and STs) well-wisher.

PM to release 109 varieties of seeds developed by ICAR

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The country's scientists have done research and found a variety of paddy which gives higher production and requires 20 per cent less water.

each farmer from laboratory to land," he asserted.

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FASTFACTS

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BHOPAL: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Sunday release 109 varieties of seeds that have been developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for different climatic zones and are area specific, Union Minister for Agriculture Shrivraj Singh Chouhan said here.

The PM will release the 109 seed varieties in an event in the national capital.

They comprise 23 seed varieties of cereals, nine of rice, two of wheat, one of barley, six of maize, one of sorghum, one of millet, one of ragi, one of chheena, one of samba, two of arhar, two of gram, three of lentil, one of peas, two of green gram, seven of oilseeds as well as seven each of fodder and sugarcane, five of cotton, one of jute and 40 varieties of horticulture, Chouhan said.

"The country's scientists have done research and found a variety of paddy which gives higher production and requires 20 per cent less water.

Efforts have also been made to reduce pest infestation. Science should reach directly to

ing allied sectors. A subsidy of Rs 1.95 lakh crore was provided on fertilizers during last year. This year there is a provision of a subsidy of Rs 1.70 lakh crore, which will rise if consumption increases," Chouhan informed.

This year, a special package of Rs 2,625 crore has been given as ships carrying fertilizers have to take a longer and time-consuming route due to international conditions, he said.

The special package has been announced to ensure the burden does not fall on the farmer, the former MP chief minister said.

Agriculture comprises some 17 per cent of the economy, while it gives employment to nearly 50 per cent of the population, he said, adding the farmer is not only the biggest producer but also the biggest consumer.

NEWSLINE

HARIDWAR

Hindu seer condemns atrocities against Hindus in B'desh

Prominent Hindu seer Avdheshanand Giri on Saturday condemned the atrocities against Hindus in Bangladesh and asked the UN, human rights organisations and the interim government in the neighbouring country to come to their rescue.

"Hindus are being identified and attacked in Bangladesh, their temples and houses are being vandalised and set on fire. Hindu girls are being subjected to inhuman treatment. It has angered Hindus all over the world," Joonia Akhadia's Acharya Mahanandaleswar Swami Avdheshanand Giri said. The Hindu society everywhere talks about the welfare of all and always extends a helping hand to everyone, he said.

RAJKOT

'Efforts to make AIIMS Rajkot best in country'

All efforts are being taken, including hiring the best faculty and doctors, to make the AIIMS in Gujarat's Rajkot among the best in the country, Union Health Minister JP Nadda said on Saturday. He also inaugurated the Virus Research and Diagnostic (VRD) Lab at AIIMS Rajkot, which aims to end the state's dependency on NIV in Pune in Maharashtra.

Ayurvedic treatment for fever during the rainy season

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NEW DELHI: India is currently experiencing the peak of the rainy season, leading to overflowing rivers and streams, along with a significant rise in the mosquito, fly, and insect population due to constant moisture in the environment.

Despite taking precautions, we continue to see a widespread prevalence of diseases such as malaria, dengue, and chikungunya, with patients being found in many homes.

These diseases can be managed effectively with timely and proper treatment. In Ayurveda, the use of Baidyanath Mahasudarshan Kadha and Baidyanath Mahasudarshan Ghan Bati has been proven to be highly beneficial for patients. Additionally, taking Baidyanath Sanshamani Bati in case of weakness and using Baidyanath Ashwagandhamrita twice a day after recovering from fever helps strengthen the body and enhances the ability to combat illnesses.



Stagnant water leads to an increase in mosquitoes, which spread diseases like malaria, dengue, and chikungunya. These diseases can cause symptoms such as fever, shivering with chills, headache, pain in hands and legs, swelling, decreased platelet count, joint pain, and loss of appetite. It's important to prevent mosquito bites, ensure there is no stagnant water around your house, and maintain cleanliness at all times.

Delhi gets rain 4th day on trot, traffic snarls

NATURAL CALAMITY

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Rainfall was witnessed in east Delhi, south, and western parts of the city.



Visitors use umbrellas to shield themselves during rains at India Gate.

NEW DELHI: Rain lashed parts of the national capital on Saturday, sending the morning traffic out of gear and led to collection of water in many places.

The Public Works Department said it received 20 complaints of waterlogging during the day, while the Municipal Corporation of Delhi received five complaints of similar nature as well as uprooting of trees

Delhi's maximum temperature on Saturday settled at 32.8 degree Celsius, one notch below the season's average. The minimum temperature settled at 25.8 degree Celsius in the morning, 1.2 notch below normal,

according to the India Meteorological Department. Rainfall was witnessed in east Delhi, south, and western parts of the city. The Ridge observatory recorded 22.8 mm of rain from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm.

Advertisement for GURU GHASIDAS VISHWAVIDYALAYA, Bilaspur, featuring details about a walk-in-interview for a teaching position.

Advertisement for Bank of Baroda, featuring an e-auction notice for a vehicle and details about EMD submission.

Advertisement for State Bank of India, featuring an e-auction notice for immovable property.

Legal notice from the Office of the Recovery Officer - I/II Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur, regarding a debt recovery case against UCO Bank.

Legal notice from the Office of the Recovery Officer - I/III Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur, regarding a debt recovery case against Vinod Gupta.

Legal notices regarding name changes for Vyash Patel and Prakash Manohar Rajimwale.

Advertisement for Godawari Power and Ispat Limited, Raipur, featuring a notice regarding shareholder dividends.



QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE
"Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear."
 [George Addair]

Comment

Resurrection of Andhra Pradesh capital Amaravati on the cards

| OUR VIEW |

Amidst drought and glory: India's Paris Olympic saga

The Paris Olympics has been a bittersweet journey for India, marked by moments of triumph and periods of introspection. While the medal count may not have been as abundant as anticipated, the victories that did come our way are emblematic of the nation's resilience and determination. The drought of medals, which lingered like the elusive monsoon rains in the northern plains, was finally broken by the men's hockey team securing a bronze. This achievement, reminiscent of India's golden era in hockey over five decades ago, brings not just a medal, but a sense of pride and continuity in our sporting legacy. PR Sreejesh, a stalwart at the goalposts, has once again proven his mettle, guiding the team to a podium finish. His impending retirement marks the end of an era, yet it also heralds the beginning of a new chapter for Indian hockey, with the promise that the future holds even greater heights. Neeraj Chopra's performance in javelin continues to be a beacon of hope and inspiration. Despite battling an injury, Chopra's silver medal is a testament to his unyielding spirit. In a nation where cricket often overshadows other sports, Chopra has carved out a space where his name stands alongside the legends, reminding us that true champions rise above circumstances. His encounter with Arshad Nadeem, a formidable competitor from Pakistan, only adds to the narrative of a rivalry that pushes athletes to their limits, fostering excellence. Aman Sehrawat, the young wrestling prodigy, has further cemented India's place on the Olympic stage with his bronze medal performance. At just 21, he embodies the future of Indian wrestling, carrying the hopes and aspirations of a nation eager to see its athletes thrive. As the Paris Olympics draw to a close, India's journey reflects both the struggles and the potential of its athletes. These moments, though few, are rich with promise and the anticipation of a brighter future in sports.

| GUEST VIEW |

Neeraj Chopra: Silver lining for India's sporting glory

Neeraj Chopra has once again brought immense pride to India by securing a silver medal at the Olympics, reaffirming his status as one of the nation's premier athletes. The javelin final was a highly competitive event, with every contender determined to make their mark. Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem delivered a remarkable 92.97-meter throw, which set a daunting challenge for Neeraj. In his effort to outdo Arshad, Neeraj managed only one clean throw, perhaps restraining his natural instincts in the process. Despite this, Neeraj's performance remains exceptional. Achieving back-to-back Olympic medals is a feat accomplished by only a select few Indians, placing him alongside the likes of Sushil Kumar and PV Sindhu in the pantheon of Indian sports legends. Although recent injuries may have slightly hampered his performance, Neeraj's determination and skill are beyond question. Even when not at his absolute best, he has proven that he is still among the world's elite athletes. This silver medal is more than just a piece of hardware; it symbolizes Neeraj's immense potential and the likelihood of future successes. His journey is an ongoing source of inspiration for a nation that eagerly anticipates his next victory.



Ganapathi Bhat

Ab ki baar Andhra Bihar was the imaginative header used by a national channel as the union budget was presented in parliament. Someone went a step further and said that the daughter-in-law of Andhra Pradesh, Nirmala Sitharaman, is paying special attention to her in-laws' state. Both comments confirm some special attention, if not special category status, to Andhra Pradesh after a ten-year hiatus. Although both the BJP and the Modi government conceded that the residuary state of Andhra Pradesh was wronged through the unscientific, irrational, politically motivated division Act, no matching compassion was shown by the Centre in helping the state reach a level playing field during the last ten years. There is no denying that the state of Andhra Pradesh suffered immensely in the absence of a helping hand from Delhi. The political game then-Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu played post-2018 and the lack of vision, administrative experience, and the vendetta politics of Jagannathan Reddy, who came to power in 2019, are other causes for the suffering of Andhra. Both the CMs failed

to get what was due to the state because of their personalized priorities.

The verdict of 2024 changed all that, as the people of Andhra Pradesh realized their mistake in giving a chance to Jagan and trusted, for one last time, the experienced Chandrababu Naidu. Voters of Andhra Pradesh gave a resounding no to the foolish three capitals plan proposed by the thoughtless administration of Y.S. Jagannathan Reddy. The lack of clarity on the state capital city left the entrepreneurial and investing communities of Andhra clueless about prospective investments, causing their investments to remain in Hyderabad, the common capital until recently. Consequently, Andhra Pradesh suffered huge financial losses. However, the lessened electoral fortunes of the BJP across the country, which made the Modi government depend on the support of TDP headed by Chandrababu Naidu, boosted the prospect of developing Andhra's capital, Amaravati.

In the latest central budget, the finance minister announced special assistance of 15,000 crores for Amaravati's development. Until now, only 2,500 crores had

been given for the new capital. Another demand of Chandrababu Naidu for new rail connectivity to Amaravati was also accepted by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav on a priority basis. The greenfield Amaravati-Bangalore road link, planned by Chandrababu Naidu earlier but kept in cold storage by Jagan, got revived. The six-lane road connectivity from Amaravati to Hyderabad highway also received a green signal. It is apparent that the Modi administration is ready to accept Chandrababu's wish list in return for his support in the Lok Sabha. This is advantageous for Andhra Pradesh and its capital, Amaravati.

Jagan's five-year rule turned out to be a curse to Amaravati city. Nothing was done to the city as he had a different vision, one of destruction and neglecting every initiative of Chandrababu Naidu, forgetting that whatever was being spent was public money, not the personal funds of either Naidu or Reddy. Barring the buildings of the secretariat, legislative assembly, and high court, which were completed before the 2019 elections, not a single brick was added to Amaravati by Jagan during his five-year regime. On the contrary, Jagan permit-

ted the destruction of already developed infrastructure in Amaravati.

Amaravati got a second lease on life post the 2024 verdict, with hectic activity clearing the debris and muck, and experts from IITs inspecting the five-year rot of the building foundations meant for different purposes. One hopes the London-based Foster+Partners, the original designers of Amaravati's plan to develop the most sustainable city in the world, will see their vision realized. The planned city has the potential to be a well-designed landscape with modern transport facilities, including waterways, utilizing the 34,000 acres of land acquired through a unique land pooling scheme where agricultural land givers are partners in the city's development. With the assured unchanged earlier design of Amaravati and the changed attitude of the Narendra Modi government, the new CM Chandrababu Naidu has the chance to cement his legacy on the development of the new city. How far he succeeds is what the people of Andhra Pradesh are waiting to see. One hopes the next five years belong to the developed Andhra Pradesh, which has huge potential for growth.



Dr. Duggaraju Srinivasa Rao

Indian stock market: Strong and resilient amid panic

Despite global market turmoil on August 5, 2024, India's stock market showcased resilience, driven by robust domestic investment and strong economic fundamentals. by Satish Singh



Panoramic view of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) building in Mumbai.

On August 5, 2024, fears of a recession in the U.S. caused global stock markets to panic. Japan's Nikkei saw a significant decline of 12.40 percent, and Korea's Kospi dropped by 8.77 percent. The U.S. Nasdaq fell by 4.95 percent, while Germany's Dax in Europe recorded a 2.34 percent decline. In India, the Sensex closed at 78,759, down 2,222 points or 2.74 percent, and the Nifty fell by 662 points or 2.68 percent to close at 24,055.

In the Indian stock market, metal, government bank stocks, particularly State Bank of India, and media stocks fell by over 4 percent. Auto, IT, and oil and gas stocks declined by more than 3 percent, with significant losses for investors in Tata Motors, Adani Port, Tata Steel, and Power Grid stocks.

The primary cause of the market panic is the fear of a U.S. recession. Additionally, geopolitical tensions such as the potential war between Iran and Israel, and the prolonged Russia-Ukraine conflict, have created uncertainty in global markets. Many countries, still grappling with inflation and

recession fears since the COVID-19 pandemic, saw major investors selling off stocks, leading to market declines worldwide.

Unlike many developed countries, India has managed to avoid severe inflation and recession. However, the significant decline in Japan's Nikkei is attributed to the Bank of Japan's decision to raise interest rates from 0.1 percent to 0.25 percent, the highest level in 15 years. In India, the high valuation of shares in the mid and small-cap segment indicates an

ongoing correction phase. Additionally, the rupee remains weak.

This is the second major decline in the Indian stock market in 2024. Earlier, on June 4, the Sensex dropped by 5.74 percent. The market sell-off has resulted in a loss of Rs.16.00 lakh crore for investors, bringing the total market cap of companies listed on the Sensex down to Rs.441 lakh crore on August 5. Despite these global economic concerns, the Indian stock market remains strong, bolstered

by domestic investors. In 2024, domestic investors have invested over Rs.2.28 lakh crore in the stock market, playing a crucial role in driving the Sensex from 75,000 to 80,000. Companies like Reliance, Mahindra & Mahindra, ICICI Bank, Bharti Airtel, State Bank of India, and HDFC Bank have significantly contributed to this growth.

Sectors such as banking, BSE Power, BSE Realty, Auto, and Telecom have maintained the market boom. The Nifty 50 also

shows a consistent upward trend, with projections to reach 26,000 to 27,000 in the coming days and potentially close at 30,000 by the end of the year.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's return suggests continuity in the government's economic policies, which have previously strengthened the Indian economy and accelerated development. India's GDP growth rate for the fourth quarter of 2023-2024 was 7.8 percent, with an annual growth rate of 8.2 percent, surpassing RBI estimates. Strong performance in manufacturing and mining sectors has contributed to this growth.

Retail inflation rose slightly in June to 5.08 percent, but the central bank remains focused on balancing inflation and growth. Despite high lending interest rates, loan disbursement is increasing, reflecting the banking sector's strength and supporting development. While short-term market fluctuations may occur, the Indian stock market is expected to remain resilient and bullish, driven by strong domestic investment.

YOUR LETTERS

T20 hangover haunts

After their recent T20 World Cup triumph, Team India embarked on a tour of Sri Lanka for a bilateral T20 and ODI series. While they dominated the T20 matches, sweeping the series, their performance in the ODIs was disappointing. Star batsmen like Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, and KL Rahul struggled, appearing to be still in T20 mode, forgetting the distinct demands of ODI cricket. However, a positive takeaway was the rise of Riyan Parag as a promising all-rounder in both formats.

MK Nair, Raipur

Climate change hits rice production

Recent research at the 32nd International Congress of Agricultural Economists highlights climate change as a significant threat to India's rice production. States like Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu face severe risks, potentially reducing yields. A study by Nishi Yadav from IIT Guwahati reveals a direct negative impact of climate risks on rice productivity, threatening national food security and global rice exports. Additionally, inefficiencies in water use, particularly in Punjab, further exacerbate the challenges, calling for urgent policy interventions.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

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Business



The bank is undergoing a period of 'adjustment'. The adjustment will take a little bit of time before we can sort of break out as we have done in the past.

Sashidhar Jagdishan
Managing Director

BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

STYLE UNLEASHED

Titan's 'Find Your Joy' campaign celebrates personal style, expression

BENGALURU: Titan, India's leading watchmaker, announces the launch of Find Your Joy. This vibrant, new campaign straddles the world of fashion and self-expression, celebrating 'You' in style. In a world where the quest to conform to trends overshadows the spirit of once own personality, the campaign focuses on helping you Discover Your Style, uncovering a Titan Watch that perfectly complements who you are and Finding Joy in the essence of your personality. This season's Find Your Joy campaign covers a spectrum of four in-vogue fashion themes, each representing a distinct style that resonates with diverse facets of personal expression and lifestyle. The Sporty aesthetic to cater to an active lifestyle with a penchant for adventure and spontaneity. Minimalism appeals to those who find beauty in simplicity, revel in the idea of 'less is more'. Bold for those who thrive in making a statement infusing standout pieces into their aesthetic.

NET DEBT

Signature Global cuts net debt by 16pc in June quarter to Rs 980 cr

NEW DELHI: Realty firm Signature Global's net debt has come down by 16 per cent in June quarter to Rs 980 crore on better cash flows amid strong sales in its housing projects. In its latest investor presentation for the June quarter, the company informed that its net debt stood at Rs 980 crore as on June 30, 2024, as against Rs 1,160 crore at the end of the last financial year. "The company aims to keep net debt below 0.5 times of the projected operating surplus for the ongoing financial year, as a long term discipline," the presentation said. Earlier this week, Signature Global reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 6.76 crore for the quarter ended June on higher income. The company had posted a net loss of Rs 7.22 crore in the year-ago period. Total income rose to Rs 427.98 crore in April-June of 2024-25 fiscal from Rs 178.90 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Tourism's Job Potential

Tourism sector could resolve 50 pc of India's employment challenges: Lemon Tree CMD

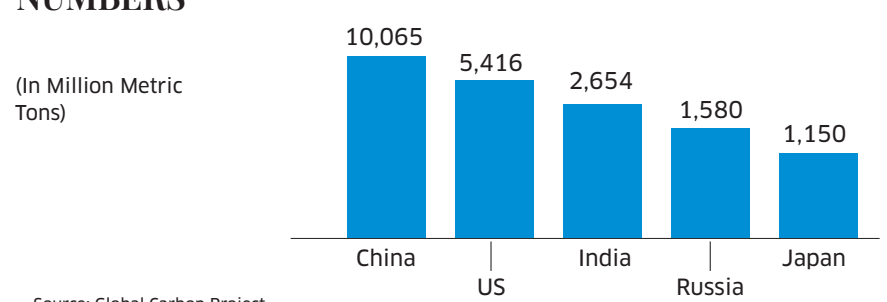


KOLKATA: The tourism sector has the potential to resolve 50 per cent of the country's employment challenges with the right government support, Lemon Tree Hotels Chairman and Managing Director Patanjali Govind Keshwani said on Saturday. Delivering his address at the first National Conclave on India 2047, organised by IIM Calcutta, he said India's tourism sector is on the verge of hitting the inflexion point. Keshwani pointed out that several countries have seen that the tourism sector contributes as much as 15-20 per cent to their GDP and account for 25 per

cent of employment. Expressing disappointment over the government's approach towards the tourism sector, he said, "In India, tourism contributes only 6.5 per cent to GDP and a similar share in employment. This sector holds enormous potential for creating jobs." "If the government can leverage this opportunity effectively, it could address up to 50 per cent of our employment challenges," he said. Discussing India's current economic landscape, Keshwani remarked that the country is at a critical juncture, similar to where China was during its rapid growth phase.

The Day's NUMBERS

ANNUAL CO2 EMISSIONS BY COUNTRY IN 2022



SOLAR PROJECT

North India's largest floating solar project commissioned in MP

BHOPAL: The largest floating solar project in central and north India generating 90 MW energy has been commissioned at Omkareshwar in Madhya Pradesh, a state minister has said. The Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project, costing Rs 646-crore, was commissioned on August 8, state Renewable Energy Minister Rakesh Shukla said in a statement. This project was developed under the Union Ministry of Renewable Energy and it is the biggest solar park in India and largest floating solar project in central and north India, he said. The project is executed by SJVN Green Energy Limited (SGEL), a wholly owned subsidiary of SJVN, the minister said, adding that on the commissioning of the project, the total installed capacity of SJVN has increased to 2466.50 MW. The project is likely to generate 196.5 million units of electricity in the first year and 4,629.3 million units in the 25 years, he said.

DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT

BSNL to roll out 4G, 5G-ready over-the-air, universal SIM platform

NEW DELHI: State-run telecom firm Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd will roll out 4G and 5G compatible over-the-air (OTA) and Universal SIM (USIM) platform which will enable subscribers to choose their mobile numbers as well as replace SIMs without geographical restrictions. BSNL said that the platform, developed in collaboration with Pyro Holdings, was inaugurated in Chandigarh, with a disaster recovery site in Trichy. "The new 4G and 5G compatible platform is designed to serve all BSNL customers across the country, offering unparalleled connectivity and service quality," BSNL said on Friday.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das during the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India in the customary post-budget meeting.

Banks should focus on their core business: FM

FM Nirmala Sitharaman urges banks to focus on core business, innovate to attract deposits as household savings shift to alternatives, Emphasizes small savers' importance.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday exhorted banks to focus on their core business and explore new ways to attract deposits, as household savings are increasingly shifting towards alternate investment products. "Both RBI and the government have been asking banks to focus on their business activity... they

should be aggressive in deposit mobilisation and then lend. That is the core activity of banks," she said. Interacting with the media after her customary post Budget address to the central board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), she said there is mismatch between credit and deposit growth presently. Stressing that banks should give emphasis on collecting deposits, she said, "RBI has given them

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• Small deposit mobilization is crucial for banks despite its monotonous nature, says Sitharaman.

• RBI Governor highlights 300-400 basis points gap between credit and deposit growth.

some liberty in managing the interest rates. Using that liberty, they should make deposits attractive... bring innovative products and mobilise deposits." She also urged bankers to shun lazy banking and focus on small savers rather than big or bulk deposits. "Trickles (small savings) are going to be your bread and butter, money to bank on... that trickle which was the empha-

sis long back, which kept nothing for the other side (big deposits). Now we've (banks) gone to the other side completely. Now they are chasing bulk deposits to meet their targets," she said. Echoing a similar view, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said "we have been witnessing about 300 to 400 basis points gap between deposits and credit growth, deposits are lower.

HORTICULTURE REVOLUTION

Cabinet approves clean plant prog to boost horticulture

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The Union Cabinet approved the Rs 1,766 crore Clean Plant Programme to enhance horticulture.

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Friday approved the Clean Plant Programme (CPP) with an outlay of Rs 1,766 crore to revolutionize India's horticulture sector.

The programme, proposed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, aims to enhance the quality and productivity of fruit crops across the nation. It was earlier announced in the Budget speech by finance minister in February 2023.

Briefing the media after the meeting, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the CPP will



Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

FACTFILE

• Nine world-class Clean Plant Centres will address virus infections in fruit crops.

• Programme to provide virus-free, high-quality planting material for increased yields and exports.

address virus infections in horticultural crops,

affecting both productivity and quality.

Key components of the programme include: establishment of nine world-class Clean Plant Centres (CPCs) across India, equipped with advanced diagnostic therapeutics and tissue culture labs; and implementation of a robust certification system under the Seeds Act 1966.

It also includes infrastructure support to

large-scale nurseries for efficient multiplication of clean planting material.

The CPP is expected to benefit farmers, nurseries, consumers, and boost exports. It will provide farmers access to virus-free, high-quality planting material, leading to increased crop yields and improved income opportunities. The programme will prioritise affordable access to clean plant material for all farmers, regardless of their landholding size or socioeconomic status.

It will also actively engage women farmers in its planning and implementation.

Vaishnaw noted that horticultural exports have increased to over Rs 50,000 crore in the last ten years. The CPP is expected to further strengthen India's position as a leading global exporter of fruits.

FOOD INDUSTRY SURGE

India's food market set for significant growth

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CHENNAI: The domestic food market is expected to grow by over 47 per cent to reach USD 1,274 billion by 2027, a report released by the Confederation of Indian Industry and supported by Danfoss India said.

India's food processing industry sees innovative startups emerging with cutting-edge technology,

the report titled 'Food Processing Sector in India - Potential for Southern States' and released by CII, CII FACE (Confederation of Indian Industry -- Food and Agriculture Centre of Excellence) and Danfoss India, said.

Danfoss India is a leader in heating, ventilation and air-conditioning and is the subsidiary of Denmark-headquartered engineering major Dan-



foss. Some of the key highlights of the report, which was released at the

CII-FoodPro 2024 include the potential that southern states hold for food processing industry.

"Tamil Nadu leads India's export of processing fruits, juices and nuts, with a 33 per cent share by quantity and 27 per cent by value, exporting 2,08,370 metric tonnes worth USD 220.81 million in 2023-24," the report said. The food processing industry in India sees innovative startups emerging with cutting-edge technology, the report said.

I had done 'Khamoshi' 28 years ago and I was not his first choice for the role.

Manisha Koirala
Actress



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CELEB TALK

Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha: Romantic drama that falls flat



Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha movie review: Neeraj Pandey lets down the screen presence of Ajay Devgn and Tabu, who have long been the redeeming factors in many bad movies.



Ajay Devgn and Tabu in a still from 'Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha'

Neeraj Pandey's Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha is a notable disappointment, marking a significant deviation from his usual gripping spy dramas. This romantic narrative, featuring Ajay Devgn and Tabu, misses the mark and often drags on. The film starts with promise, showcasing a young, passionate love between Krishna (Devgn) and Vasudha (Tabu) with Shantanu Maheshwari and Saiee Majrekar playing their younger selves. However, the story quickly unravels into a tedious exploration of their troubled relationship. The non-linear narrative, rather than creating suspense, turns into an endless loop of déjà

HIGHLIGHT

● 'Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha' starring Ajay Devgn & Tabu has released to a mixed response. The romantic thriller film written and directed by Neeraj Pandey also stars Jimmy Sheirgill, Shantanu Maheshwari

vu. Krishna's 25-year prison sentence for double murder serves as a key plot element but is handled in a way that feels both dull and predictable. The film's slow pace and lack of emotional depth make it a grueling 144-minute experience. The romance is unin-

spiring, the humor falls flat, and the drama fails to engage. The repetitive scenes and clichéd sidekick trope further diminish the film's impact.

Despite these issues, Devgn and Tabu manage to bring some depth to their underdeveloped characters. Their chemistry, especially in a poignant wordless reunion scene, adds a fleeting spark to an otherwise lackluster film. Supporting roles, like Jimmy Sheirgill's, promise excitement but ultimately disappoint. In summary, Auron Mein Kahan Dum Tha is a frustrating watch. While Devgn and Tabu's performances offer brief moments of relief, they cannot save the film from its overall mediocrity and predictable plot.

| HOLLYWOOD |

Sadie Sink teases Max's Fate in action-packed final season of stranger things



Max is expected to recover in the final season of the series.

HIGHLIGHT

● Sadie Sink shared vague details about her character, Max, in the upcoming season of Stranger Things. The shooting for the final season is currently taking place in Atlanta.



able to hit these very subtle, nuanced notes. That's pretty rare." Ross Duffer, another producer, teased Max's significant role in the final season but kept specifics under wraps. "She's going to play a part in the season," Ross mentioned, "But we don't want to reveal how that's possible."

As the final season picks up where the last left off, the residents of Hawkins will face new challenges, including a renewed fight against Vecna. Sink expressed her gratitude for playing Max, acknowledging that her experiences have made her more grounded. With the series captivating audiences since its debut, the final season promises to deliver a thrilling conclusion. Stranger Things Season 5 is expected to premiere on Netflix in 2025, concluding the supernatural saga that has fascinated viewers with its mix of mystery and nostalgia.

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WHAT TO WATCH AT HOME



Turbo

Starring: Mammooty, Anjana Jayaprakash, Raj B Shetty, Sunil

Where to watch: Streaming on SonyLIV starting August 9, Turbo is an action-packed film featuring Mammooty in the role of Jose, a character caught in a web of conflicts and challenges. The film, which earned 70 crore worldwide during its theatrical run, also gained attention for its Arabic-dubbed version released on August 2, making it the first Indian film to be dubbed in Arabic. The movie includes a strong supporting cast, including Anjana Jayaprakash, Raj B Shetty, and Sunil.



One Fast Move

Starring: KJ Apa, Maia Reficco, Eric Dane

Where to watch: Streaming on Amazon Prime Video, One Fast Move follows a young man who reaches out to his long-lost father for support as he pursues a career in motorcycle racing. As he races towards his dreams, he also works to break down the emotional

barriers erected by his father's absence. The film, set to release on August 9, features a compelling blend of action and drama, showcasing the personal journey of reconnection and self-discovery.



Paradise

Starring: Roshan Mathew, Darshana Rajendran
Where to watch: Released on Amazon Prime Video on July 26, Paradise follows an Indian couple, played by Roshan Mathew and Darshana Rajendran, as they navigate their relationship during a trip to

Sri Lanka. Set against the backdrop of the country's political and economic turmoil, the film explores themes of love, conflict, and self-discovery. As the couple faces personal and external challenges, their journey becomes a poignant reflection on their relationship and the broader socio-political landscape.



Ghudchadi

Starring: Sanjay Dutt, Raveena Tandon, Parth Samthaan, Khushalii Kumar

Where to watch: Streaming on JioCinema, Ghudchadi is a romantic comedy about two ex-lovers who reunite and decide to rekindle their relationship. Their plans take an amusing turn when

their children unexpectedly fall in love with each other, adding a hilarious twist to their story. With a stellar cast including Sanjay Dutt, Raveena Tandon, Parth Samthaan, and Khushalii Kumar, the film promises a blend of romance and comedy, offering a fresh take on love and family dynamics.



Life Hill Gayi

Starring: Divyendu Sharma, Kusha Kapila, Mukti Mohan, Vinay Pathak, Atul Srivastava

Where to watch: Premiering on Disney+ Hotstar this Friday, Life Hill Gayi is a comedy

series that follows two siblings who take on their grandfather's ambitious challenge to transform his dilapidated property into a thriving hotel. The show combines humor with family drama, featuring a stellar cast including Divyendu Sharma, Kusha Kapila, Mukti Mohan, Vinay Pathak, and Atul Srivastava. With its witty script and heartwarming moments, the series promises a delightful watch that explores themes of family bonds and perseverance.

I am thankful to the teaching methodology and faculty for the MBA course.

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Scholar

CAMPUS CALLING

Pharmaceutical Biotechnology's impact on healthcare applications

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An outer view of NIT Raipur.

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THE FIRST LECTURE

Pharmaceutical biotechnology is a new and growing research field in which the principles of biotechnology are applied to the development of various pharmaceutical products i.e., drugs. The field is gaining momentum where there is a huge opportunity for interdisciplinary research by joining hands among engineers, scientists, and clinicians. Together more inclusive focus can be developed for industries, clinics, and patient care so that the concept could be integrated and co-related with the patient's healthcare regarding the disease, diagnosis, medications, and life-

style modifications. All hospitals in the country have an on-site ensuring policy that patients can receive the right medicine at the right time.

Therefore, an efficient and economical pharmaceutical system is needed especially for countries like India having large populations and poverty. Pharma biotechnology has a wider responsibility in ensuring that they apply their expertise and tools (genomics, proteomics, transcriptomics, metabolomics, etc) to discover and develop potent drugs to maximize drug efficacy and minimize drug toxicity. Pharma biotechnology has to pay much attention to brid-



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ing between patients and clinics by providing innovative and appropriate diagnostic as well as treatment stuff that could be needed to ensure the long-term sustainability of people in society and prevent a reemergence of disease.

During the process of drug development, people in pharma biotech can comprehensively contribute to the discovery of new emerging drug classes such as monoclonal antibodies, protein drugs, small drug molecules, cytokines, therapeutic hormones and enzymes, and antisense drugs. These products are more significant in the treatment of infec-

tious diseases, metabolic disorders, cancer, neurological disorders, etc and they are biotechnologically derived from genetically modified organisms.

Quality of attention in health care and the development of effective biopharmaceutical products have given priority to reducing the disease burden of our society and prevent the resurgence of disease in the future. Strengthening research capacity in pharma biotech should be prioritized to fill knowledge gaps and provide promising solutions to control the health hazards of our communities with different diseases.

IEEE Kalinga University students hosts IoT training



Raipur: The IEEE Kalinga University Student Branch, renowned as the most vibrant branch under the IEEE Madhya Pradesh Section, organized an intensive hands-on IoT training program titled "Exposing Rural Students to Opportunities in STEM." This program, sponsored by the IEEE STEM Grant, was held at the Kalinga University Campus from 5th to 9th August 2024.

Dr. Vijayalaxmi Biradar, an expert in IoT and the resource person for this program, led engaging sessions

that introduced students to the fundamental concepts of the Internet of Things (IoT) and guided them through the development of IoT-related projects. Dr. Anita Verma, Mr. Pratham, Mr. Ashwan Sahu, Mr. Hemant Sahu and IEEE student Volunteers actively involved in handling practical sessions. The program was designed to provide practical exposure to rural students, equipping them with skills that could open doors to future opportunities in STEM fields.

COLLEGE GOSSIP: HNLU Student Bar Association: Voice of student rep

Central Chronicle News

The Student Bar Association at Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur (HNLU) is the representative body of the students. The Association comprises fourteen students who are the conveners of the twelve committees of the University. A president and a vice-president are elected from amongst these fourteen members. The members and officers of the Association hold office for a year. The Association makes all decisions affecting the students and makes recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor. The Association coordinates and supervises the activi-

ties of all the committees at the University.[19] The HNLU Students Bar Association consists of fourteen committees: Moot Court Co-ordination Committee, Academic Support Committee, Finance Committee, Legal Service Society, Literary and Debate Society, Library Committee, I.T. Committee, Public Relations Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Mess Committee, Halls of Residence Committee, Cultural Committee, Students Editorial Board and Sports Committee. Each has a convener and co-convenor, and at least two faculty advisers. The President and Vice President of the Student Bar Council are elected by popular vote.

| COLUMNIST'S VIEW |

'Music must be a core component of School Education for holistic development'

By | Vijay Garg- Retired Principal Educational Columnist malout

To ensure holistic development and equal opportunities for all children, music must become an integral part of the school curriculum.

Driven on one side by developments in technology and on the other by changes to the global social order, we face tectonic shifts in the future of the workforce and challenges such as climate change and conflict. With this as a backdrop in mind, there is an urgent need to ensure that we can equip today's youth with the skills and mindsets to thrive in this



dynamic environment. Education for the last 200 years has largely been based on imparting knowledge. With increasing levels of specialization through the Industrial Revolution, knowledge became more valuable; however, today, soft skills, also known as Life Skills, have become much more needed. Without

these skills, it is difficult to survive and succeed. More importantly, character building becomes imperative if we are to be prepared to tackle the global challenges facing us. We must define leadership not by position but as "Strength of Character" and "Sense of Community." There is plenty of research and evidence



HIGHLIGHT
Learning music requires practice and self-discipline to improve.

showing that skills such as collaboration and communication, critical and creative thinking, and character traits such as self-confidence, grit,

and resilience, as well as having a growth mindset, can be effectively developed through experiential learning that uses mediums such as team sports, the arts, and free play. Music is one of the most powerful art forms that supports the development of these skills in multiple, effective ways. Learning music requires practice and self-discipline to improve. It requires the student to set goals, like mastering a piece of music or preparing for a performance, and then implement a plan to achieve these goals.

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THE WORLD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

UPGRADATION

160 ITIs of State to be upgraded as Model ITIs

RAIPUR: It was as per initiative by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, in order to link the youth of Chhattisgarh with employment, 160 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) will be upgraded into model ITIs. For this the Employment and Training Department has granted sanction of Rs 484.22 cr. After upgradation of Model ITI is and youths undergoing training in it will be able to get training as per demands of local industries. Minister for Industry and Commerce Tank Ram Verma has held the upgradation of ITIs in the state has big opportunity for the youths. He informed that in the first leg of the scheme, an amount of Rs 484.22 cr has been granted for upgradation of 160 ITIs.

COUNSELLING

Counselling for B.Tech., M.Tech, MBA till Aug 12

RAIPUR: The counseling for admission into technical colleges has been started for different courses. The registration for counseling for B.Tech., M.Tech and MBA can be done till Aug 12. In the same way the first allotment list of the first round of counseling will be released on Aug 14 and the admission into the above courses will start from Aug 16. On the other hand, the counseling for Polytechnic and MCA will start from Aug 12. The registration in these courses for first round of counseling will be done till Aug 17 and the first allotment list for it will be released on Aug 21.

EVENT OF THE WEEK

Tribal Day celebration held at Allons Public School



APS (New Sainik School) celebrated Tribal Day with great enthusiasm and reverence.

BEMETARA: Allons Public School (APS) (New Sainik School) celebrated Tribal Day with great enthusiasm and reverence. The event was honored by the presence of the esteemed Chairman, Kamaljeet Arora; Director, Pushkal Arora; and Sunil Sharma. In their addresses, all the dignitaries extended heartfelt congratulations to the students and staff for their dedication and efforts in organizing such a meaningful celebration. Neetu Singh, Principal of Allons Public School, addressed the gathering, lauding the success

of the program and the outstanding performances by the students. She praised the collective efforts of both students and teachers in showcasing the rich tribal heritage, making the day a truly memorable occasion for everyone. The cultural program, presented by students from classes IX to XII, included captivating skits, dances, and other performances that vividly depicted tribal traditions. The chief guests admired and praised the students' talent and the program's execution.

Shortake: Real Life Public School

Students perform variety of tribal dance on Tribal Day

KHARORA: On occasion of World Day for Indigenous People, the Tribal Day was observed at Real Life Public School, Kharora on Friday. During this the students performed variety of tribal folk dances. The chief guest of the programme was Director Real Life Public School Raghendra Goswami, Principal Vaishali Goswami and all the teachers viz. Mamta Bharadwaj, Pinki Patel, Deepa Dewangan, Ritu Burman, Lalita, Ritesh Shrivastava adn senior journalist of Kharora Rohit Verma. The programme was conducted by Raghendra Goswami and Vaishali Goswami.



SchoolBuzz

Bicycle distributed to girl students under SCY

BERLA: Under the Saraswati Cycle Yojana (SCY) of the state government, the girl students of Class 9th of Government HS School, Anandgaon were distributed bi-cycles. First the President of Shala Vikas Samiti and its members along with staff of the School held meeting for development of School.



Sankul-level PTM held in Govt HS School Barounda

RAJIM: As per instructions of state government, Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) was held at Sankul Kendra Barounda here on Friday. The guests were welcomed with 'akshat', 'roli' and 'kumkum' with folded hands at the main gate. Students of High School presented Saraswati Vandana and welcome song.



Wrestling competition held on occasion of 'Nag Panchami'

Kharora: On occasion of 'Nag Panchami', wrestling competition was organised at Bharat Dewangan Govt. Excellent Hindi/English Medium School, (BEGEHMS), Kharora. This competition was organised under able leadership of Sports teacher Yogendra Tripathi.





We have received all the support, and all our requirements were fulfilled. I really want to thank all.

Harmanpreet Singh
India captain

Indian hockey heroes return home amid much fanfare

Indian men's hockey team returns home to a grand welcome after securing a historic bronze medal at the Paris Olympics, marking a significant achievement in Indian sports.

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Not all bronze-winning team members returned; key players stayed in Paris here on Saturday morning.

NEW DELHI: The Olympic bronze medal winning Indian men's hockey team including captain Harmanpreet Singh arrived from Paris here on Saturday morning.

The Indian team extended its record medal haul to 13 with a 2-1 victory over Spain in the third place match in Paris on Thursday. However, not all members of the bronze medal winning team made their way back home as a few vital cogs remained in the French capital for the closing ceremony of the Games. India's 'Wall', goalkeeper PR Sreejesh was named as the joint flag bearer for the closing ceremony along with Paris Games' double medallist Manu Bhaker and remained in Paris. Along with Sreejesh, Amit Rohidas, Raj Kumar Pal, Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh and Sanjay are slated to return after the closing ceremony.

Harmanpreet and team members were greeted with garlands and celebratory dhol as they made their way out of the arrivals at the Indira Gan-



Indian Hockey players being welcomed on their arrival at the Indira Gandhi International Airport. | Photo: PTI

HIGHLIGHT

● **Team captain Harmanpreet Singh and players greeted with garlands and celebratory dhol at airport.**

● **Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, others stay back in Paris for the Olympic closing ceremony.**

dhi Airport in the morning. "We have received all the support, and all our requirements were fulfilled. I really want to thank... We are very happy and proud," Harmanpreet told the media on his arrival. "It is a big achievement for hockey. The love that is being showered upon hockey doubles our responsibil-

ity. We will also try that whenever we enter the field, we comeback with a medal," he added. The bronze medal win on Wednesday was India's overall 13th medal in men's hockey along with eight gold medals and one silver. It is also for the first time since 1972 that India clinched a second consecutive medal in the Olym-

pics. India had beaten Spain 2-1 in the bronze medal match at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium - 1 in the French capital, following goals from skipper Harmanpreet (30, 33). With his twin strikes Harmanpreet took his goals tally to 10 and finished as the tournament's highest goal-scorer in the men's category.

| PARIS OLYMPICS |

Aman Sehrawat's intense weight-cutting for bronze

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Aman Sehrawat shed 4.6 kg in 10 hours to qualify for Olympic bronze.

PARIS: Aman Sehrawat faced an intense challenge before his bronze medal match at the Paris Olympics. After his semi-final loss to Japan's Rei Higuchi, Aman needed to shed 4.6 kg in just 10 hours to qualify for the 57 kg bout. The young grappler, along with his coaches, Jagminder Singh and Virender Dahiya, embarked on a grueling regimen to achieve this weight cut. The process began with a one-and-a-half-hour mat session of standing wrestling, followed by a one-



hour hot bath. Aman then hit the gym for a continuous one-hour run on the treadmill to further induce sweating. After a short break, he underwent five sessions

of 5-minute sauna baths, but even after all this, he still had 900 grams left to lose. The coaches then gave him a massage and put him through light jogging and five 15-minute

FACTFILE

● **Sehrawat used sparring, treadmill, and sauna sessions to rapidly lose 4.6 kg.**

● **Coaches and Sehrawat stayed vigilant, monitoring weight closely.**

running sessions. By 4:30 a.m., Aman finally reached 56.9 kg, just 100 grams below the critical limit. Throughout the night, Aman stayed awake, drinking luke-warm water with lemon, honey, and a bit of coffee. The relentless effort paid off when Aman won the bronze medal, defeating Puerto Rico's Darian Cruz, becoming India's youngest Olympic medallist.

Maharaj shines in rain-hit Test

PORT OF SPAIN: West Indies still trails South Africa by 212 runs after Keshav Maharaj's three wickets helped frustrate the hosts on a rain-affected Day 3 of the first test at the Queen's Park Oval. Maharaj bowled a marathon spell of 28 overs unchanged although he was given rest by rain interruptions that halted play for about 90 minutes Friday. West Indies struggled to compile runs when play resumed as the hosts reached 145-4. West Indies went from 114-1 to 124-4, with Maharaj taking the wickets of Keacy Carty and Alick Athanaze in quick succession. Jason Holder (13) and Kavem Hodge (11) then saw out the session until stumps. Carty was his team's top scorer with 42 runs. Earlier Friday, West Indies quickly ended South Africa's first innings at 357 all out after the visitors had resumed on 344-8.

| VICTORY AMID ADVERSITY |

Imane Khelif triumphs amidst gender scrutiny

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PARIS: Algerian boxer Imane Khelif captured a gold medal at the Paris Olympics, overcoming intense scrutiny and online abuse over misconceptions about her gender. In the women's welterweight final, Khelif defeated China's Yang Liu 5-0, sealing the best performance of her career at Roland Gar-

"For eight years, this has been my dream, and I'm now the Olympic champion and gold medalist."

Imane Khelif
Boxer

ros. The victory was celebrated by cheering crowds waving Algerian flags. After



her win, Khelif expressed pride in her achievement, noting that the scrutiny added a "special taste" to her success.

Khelif faced considerable challenges due to false claims about her eligibility, stemming from the International Boxing Association's disqualification of her and another boxer, Li Yu-ting, from last year's world champi-

onships. The IOC, which has permanently banned the IBA from the Olympics, defended Khelif's right to compete, with President Thomas Bach condemning the criticism as "hate speech." Khelif emphasized her legitimacy, stating, "I'm a woman like any other woman," and celebrated her dream of becoming an Olympic champion.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

PARIS GAMES

Brazil beats Canada in tense three-set women's beach volleyball gold

PARIS: Not even a tense tête-à-tête in the gold medal game could spoil the vibe at Paris' biggest beach party. Canada's Brandie Wilkerson and Brazil's Ana Patricia got into a finger-pointing shouting match across the net in the tiebreaking third set of the beach volleyball final of the Paris Olympics on Friday night. The referee tried to keep the peace, but it was the Eiffel Tower Stadium DJ who cooled tempers on the sand by playing John Lennon's "Imagine" over the PA system. The players laughed and clapped. The crowd applauded and sang along. Wilkerson was shown a yellow card. The top-ranked Brazilians left with the gold medal. "Were competitors and we are fighting for the same thing: There's only one gold medal," Wilkerson said during a post-match news conference in which the two laughed and jokingly put up their fists as if they were going to brawl it out. **PTI**

OLYMPICS

Japan's b-girl Ami wins Olympic breaking's first gold medal



PARIS: Japan's b-girl Ami won gold at the Olympics' first breaking event by spinning, flipping and toprocking past a field of 16 dancers Friday in a high-energy competition that may not return for future Games. Ami, legally named Ami Yuasa, won all three rounds in a battle against b-girl Nicka (Dominika Banevic) from Lithuania to clinch the gold, wrapping up a long day of flow, rhythm and skill at Place de la Concorde stadium. B-girls stunned the crowd with power moves like headspins, windmills and backflips. **PTI**

Dutch Victory Sealed

Netherlands defends Olympic women's hockey title by beating China



COLOMBES: The Netherlands defended its title in Olympic women's field hockey, rallying from an early deficit to beat China 2-1 in a shootout in the final at the Paris Games on Friday night. The victory followed the Dutch men's team taking gold a day earlier. The Netherlands became the first country to sweep the field hockey medals at the Games since the women's tournament was added in 1980. Much like the men, the women did so surrounded by a sea of orange, with Dutch fans filling Yves-du-Manoir Stadium and making for a festive atmosphere. Also like the men, it did not happen easily. The Netherlands fell behind 5:54 in when a

defensive lapse in front allowed Chen Yi to redirect Dan Wen's setup past goalkeeper Anne Veenendaal. After trailing for just six minutes all tournament until the final, the Dutch generated plenty of quality chances through three quarters, including Frederique Malta ringing one penalty corner shot off the left post and missing wide right on another. Yibbi Jansen tied it with 9:11 left in regulation by scoring on a penalty corner, setting off cheering, flag-waving and jumping in the stands. Pien Sanders, Maria Verschoor and Marijn Veen scored in the shootout to spark what could be an all-night party for the Dutch players and their fans. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP 5 MOST MEDALS IN WRESTLING

Aleksandr Karelin	12
Bruce Baumgartner	7
Kaori Icho	7
Mijaín López	5
Saori Yoshida	5

Source: Olympic.org

TENNIS

Coco Gauff tumbles out of National Bank Open, falling 6-4, 6-1 to Diana

TORONTO: Top-seeded Coco Gauff tumbled out of the National Bank Open on Friday, falling 6-4, 6-1 to 14th-seeded Diana Shnaider in windy conditions at Sobey's Stadium. Preparing for her U.S. Open title defense, Gauff was broken trailing 5-4 in the first set. The 20-year-old American double-faulted down 2-1 in the second and Shnaider held serve to go up 4-1. "I just wasn't finding my timing well," said Gauff, the No. 2-ranked player in the world. "I had a lot of unforced errors and a lot of double faults. She played steady and she didn't give me any free points. She was playing her first hard-court event since April. "I question whether I should have played (in Toronto) or not, but I wanted to test myself," Gauff said. "I didn't have high expectations, but I wish I could have competed better today, even if it resulted in a loss. I don't think I competed well." **PTI**

OLYMPICS HURDLES

American Rai beats Karsten for gold in 400-meter hurdles



SAINT-DENIS: American sprinter Rai Benjamin convincingly beat world-record-holder Karsten Warholm and Brazil's Alison dos Santos in the 400-meter hurdles final at the Paris Olympics on Friday. Benjamin clocked 46.46 seconds to win gold, finishing several strides ahead of Warholm (47.06) and Dos Santos (47.26). Benjamin was able to win despite landing awkwardly coming over the eighth hurdle in a race between the three fastest men in history. Benjamin won silver behind Warholm when the Norwegian set the world record at the Tokyo Games three years ago. **PTI**



Never forget Vinesh Phogat's legacy: Neeraj Chopra

Neeraj Chopra hopes Vinesh Phogat's legacy endures, despite uncertain medal outcome at Paris Olympics, appeals for support nationwide.



Indian Olympics Association (IOA) President PT Usha and Reliance Foundation Chairperson and Indian Olympic Committee member Nita Ambani with Paris Olympics Silver medalist Neeraj Chopra during a felicitation ceremony, in Paris.

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Neeraj Chopra urges the nation to remember Vinesh Phogat's contributions, regardless of her medal fate.

PARIS: Star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra is keeping his fingers crossed for wrestler Vinesh Phogat as she awaits a verdict on her appeal against disqualification from the

Games but at the same time, he is also hoping that "people don't forget what she did for the country" if the decision is not in her favour.

Vinesh was found 100gm overweight before her 50kg category final on Wednesday and she has appealed against her disqualification in the ad-hoc division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport here. A decision on the appeal is expected to be delivered by 9.30pm IST.

Chopra, who claimed his second successive

HIGHLIGHT

● **Chopra emphasizes the importance of recognizing Vinesh's achievements beyond her Olympic medal outcome.**

● **Phogat's appeal against disqualification remains uncertain, with a decision expected soon from the Court of Arbitration.**

Olympic medal -- a silver to follow up on the gold in Tokyo --, said he wants the

medal around Vinesh's neck for one simple reason -- "people shouldn't forget her."

"If she gets the medal, it would be very good. If things had not panned out the way they did, she would have had the medal. I hope she gets it because if you don't have it around your neck, that thing stays in your heart," the 26-year-old Chopra told reporters at 'India House' after a felicitation by IOC member and Reliance Foundation chairperson Nita Ambani.

"Today people might say that she is our champion but they will forget after a few days. Agar aisa na hota, a medal wouldn't have mattered.

So, I hope she gets the medal. I just hope whether she gets the medal or not, people don't forget what she did for the country," he said.

Chopra is the first track-and-field athlete from the country to win two Olympic medals. His gold in Tokyo continues to be an unmatched achievement for Indian athletics.

Reetika Hooda shows promise in defeat

Reetika Hooda shows resilience in a close quarterfinal loss against top seed Aiperi Medet Kyzy.



India's Reetika (in blue) and Kyrgyzstan's Aiperi Medet Kyzy (in red) compete in the women's freestyle wrestling 76kg quarterfinal match.

PARIS: Indian wrestler Reetika Hooda put up a stout defence against top seed Aiperi Medet Kyzy before losing the women's 76kg quarterfinal bout, which turned into an intense power struggle at the Paris Olympics here on Saturday.

Up against the Asian Games champion and World Championship silver medallist, Reetika managed to restrict her formidable rival to standing wrestling but eventually lost the bout on criteria after it ended 1-1.

If the two wrestlers end with the same score, the one who scores the last point is declared winner.

The 21-year old Reetika had become India's female U23 world champion last year. A little more experience of battling quality senior wrestlers would have helped her get an upset win.

"You can't win bouts by just defence," India coach Virender Dahiya fumed.

"Yes, she fought well but what's the point if your strong defence does not get you win. Reetika did not let her attack but she herself did not attack. You lose by one point, or 10 points, you lose. Reetika could have won this bout," he said.

HIGHLIGHT

● **Reetika's strong defense limited her opponent but lacked the necessary offensive moves for victory.**

● **Coach Dahiya emphasizes the need for balanced offense and defense in high-stakes wrestling matches**

takedown.

Reetika got the first point on Aiperi's passivity in the first period but she was also put on the clock in the second period and lost the lead for lack of attacking move.

The Kyrgyz wrestler got hold of Reetika's right leg but the Indian again did well and wriggled out of her rival's grip. After getting the equaliser, Aiperi just needed to defend and she did that by using all her experience, keeping Reetika in a head-lock position.

Reetika's fate would now depend on Aiperi's result in the next bout. If she reaches the final, Reetika will get the repechage round to get into bronze play-off.

| HOCKEY |

Upton, Horn's boot camp toughened us: Harmanpreet

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Harmanpreet Singh credits mental conditioning coach Paddy Upton and Mike Horn's boot camp for Olympic success.

NEW DELHI: Indian men's hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh attributes their mental toughness and unity during the Paris Olympics to mental conditioning coach Paddy Upton and a rigorous three-day boot camp with Swiss adventurer Mike Horn. After returning from the Games, where India secured a second consecutive bronze medal, Harmanpreet highlighted how the team's mentality evolved from conceding goals under pressure to becoming



HIGHLIGHT

● **Indian hockey's back-to-back bronze medals highlight the team's growth and resilience under pressure.**

resilient competitors. The boot camp in Switzerland, which included challenging activities like

glacier walks, cycling, and rappelling, was designed to build trust and strengthen team bonds. This mental conditioning proved crucial during high-pressure moments, such as the quarterfinal against Britain, where India played with 10 men for over 40 minutes yet prevailed in a tense shootout.

Ethiopian runner Tamirat Tola wins men's marathon

PARIS: Ethiopian runner Tamirat Tola won the men's marathon at the Paris Olympics to end Kenya's dominance of the race.

Tola finished in an Olympic record time of 2 hours, 6 minutes, 26 seconds, with Belgium's Bashir Abdi finishing 21 seconds behind and Benson Kipruto taking bronze for Kenya, 34 seconds back.

Tola looked back as he neared the line and had time to soak up the applause.

Two-time defending champion Eliud Kipchoge struggled throughout was more than eight minutes behind Tola.

The last non-Kenyan to win was Ugandan Stephen Kiprotich at the London Games in 2012.

| OLYMPICS HOCKEY |

We aimed to play in finals but happy with bronze: Manpreet

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Manpreet Singh reflects on India's Olympic journey, praising the team's resilience and spirit.

NEW DELHI: Senior India hockey player Manpreet Singh on Saturday said it was disappointing not to win a gold in the Olympics but a second consecutive bronze medal is not too bad either.

Eight-time Olympic champions India clinched a second consecutive bronze medal at Paris, beating Spain 2-1 in the play-off match. The last of India's Olympic hockey golds came in 1980.

"Feeling really good, last time we won the bronze and we won



Indian Hockey player Manpreet Singh with his family on his arrival. | Photo: PTI

bronze this time as well, the mindset of the team was to play in the finals but that slipped out of our grasp, but we won

the bronze and feel really good receiving all this love," the halfback told PTI Videos.

The 32-year-old also

HIGHLIGHT

● **Manpreet acknowledges the disappointment of missing gold but celebrates back-to-back bronze medals.**

● **He praises Sreejesh's leadership and the team's strong defensive performance in critical moments.**

lauded the mental fortitude of the side as it defended with 10 players for close to 42 minutes against Britain in the quarterfinal after Amit Rohidas was shown a contentious red card.

The team won in a tense penalty shootout before going down to Germany in the semifinals.

| SHARED OLYMPIC HEARTBREAK |

Higuchi consoles Vinesh after Olympic disqualification

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PARIS: All too familiar with the pain of being disqualified over a few extra grams, Japanese Olympic champion Rei Higuchi offered his support to Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat, who was barred from her final in the Paris Games for being 100gm above the prescribed limit.

Higuchi, the gold-medallist in men's 57kg freestyle event, was eliminated from the qualifiers

of the Tokyo Olympics three years ago for being overweight by just 50gm. He eventually even lost a playoff bout and could not compete in his home Olympics despite being highly rated even at that time.

"I understand your pain the best. Same 50g. Don't worry about the things around you. Life goes on. Rising from setbacks is the most beautiful thing. Take a good rest," Higuchi, who defeated India's Aman



Sehrawat in the 57kg freestyle category semifinals en route his gold, wrote on X while commenting

on Vinesh's retirement announcement.

Before his gold in Paris, Higuchi had won

a silver in the 2016 Rio Games.

"I have passed through a setback and despair, but I managed to succeed by believing myself. Still, I don't think I could've won the gold medal with my efforts alone," Higuchi was quoted as saying by 'Japan News' as he looked back at the Tokyo debacle for which he blamed his fondness for junk food at that time. The 29-year-old Vinesh has filed an appeal with the ad-hoc division of the Court of Arbitration

for Sport (CAS) against her disqualification, and the decision is awaited later this evening after the completion of the hearing on Friday.

She was disqualified after being 100gm overweight during the weigh-in ahead of her gold medal bout against American Sara Ann Hildebrandt.

Vinesh was replaced by Cuban wrestler Yusneylis Guzman Lopez, who lost to her in the semifinals on Tuesday.

Chopra and Nadeem inspire javelin revolution

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PARIS: With their "healthy competition" on the field and "strong friendship" off it, javelin superstars Neeraj Chopra and Arshad Nadeem have set out to fulfil their common mission of inspiring youngsters of India and Pakistan and getting them hooked on the sport.

Nadeem won the men's javelin gold in the ongoing Paris Olympics with a stunning 92.97m throw -- which was also an Olympic record -- while Chopra,

who was defending his title, took the silver with a season's best effort of 89.45m.

"It's already grown a lot. We're already seeing more talented javelin throwers in India. The same is happening in Pakistan," Chopra said when asked whether their success will lead to a boom in athletics in both India and Pakistan. "When we went to the Asian Games and Arshad couldn't compete due to a knee injury, his replacement, Yasir Sultan, threw very well.



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