

# Central Chronicle

## Shri Vinod Babu Maheshwari leaves for heavenly abode

Sorrowful farewell to a stalwart of Hindi Journalism and Literature

**NAGPUR:** Mr. Vinod Babu Maheshwari, the esteemed Editor-in-Chief of the Navbharat-Navrastra family, has ascended to his heavenly abode. His passing has cast a deep shadow of grief over the Navbharat-Navrastra, Central Chronicle family, and the entire Maheshwari community. He had been unwell for some time and breathed his last at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai. On Monday afternoon, his body was brought from Mumbai to his residence, Navbharat Nikunj, in Civil Line, Nagpur. His last rites were performed at Mokshadham at 5 PM. He is survived by his wife, Smt. Shrirangadevi Maheshwari, son Shri Nimish Maheshwari, daughter-in-law Smt. Anupama Maheshwari, grandson Shri Vaibhav Maheshwari, granddaughter-in-law Smt. Shruti Maheshwari, Shri Raghav Maheshwari, and an extended family. Dignitaries from the political, social, cultural, industry, and business spheres have expressed their deep condolences on his passing.



Wave of grief in the Navbharat-Navrastra-Central Chronicle family and the Maheshwari community

**CM Eknath Shinde and Governor express condolences**

Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde expressed their condolences on the demise of Navbharat-Navrastra and Central Chronicle's Editor-in-Chief, Vinod Babu. The state's Deputy Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnis, visited his mortal remains at the Mumbai hospital, remarking that the news of Vinod Babu's demise was profoundly saddening. He praised Vinod Babu for his commitment to development-oriented journalism.

**Six decades of journalism**

For over six decades, Mr. Maheshwari was an active and influential figure in journalism. His work was guided by the principle of "by the readers, for the readers, of the readers." His journalism not only highlighted public services and facilities but also addressed the everyday concerns of his readers. His development-oriented ideas and suggestions significantly contributed to both rural and urban development, with a focus on accessible transportation, railways, and aviation services. His vision was always to ease the lives of common citizens. He advocated for political integrity and non-discriminatory social values through his journalism, inspiring every member of the Navbharat-Navrastra-Central Chronicle family to uphold these values. He was a pioneer of modern journalistic techniques and traveled extensively, including a trip to Japan in the 1970s to learn advanced printing technology.

**Lifelong service to Hindi literature**

Under the guidance of the respected Shri Ramgopalji Maheshwari, the founder of Navbharat, Mr. Vinod Babu Maheshwari made significant contributions to the activities of the Vidarbha Hindi Sahitya Sammelan throughout his life. After the passing of Bade Babuji 25 years ago, he took on the role of Pardan Mantri of VHSAS. He oversaw the construction of over half a dozen auditoriums at the Vidarbha Hindi Sahitya Sammelan (VHSAS) Mor Bhavan, making them available at minimal fees for literary, cultural, and social activities. He initiated the 'Sahityiki' program to encourage writers and poets from small towns and villages across Maharashtra, including Vidarbha. He promoted the Guru Purnima Utsav, Holi Utsav, and Sharad Purnima Mahotsav. He also developed plans for the preservation and promotion of all regional languages, including Hindi. This year, the Vishwa Sindhi Sahitya Sammelan was organized at VHSAS under his leadership. Every year, individuals who have made significant contributions to Hindi journalism and literature are honoured at the annual convention.

| NIRF 2024 |

## IIT Madras tops rankings for sixth straight year

Press Trust Of India

9th edition of the rankings was announced by Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday.

**NEW DELHI:** The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras remained on the top spot in the National Institute Ranking Framework, 2024 for the sixth consecutive year, while the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru was ranked as the best university for the ninth year in a row, according to the Ministry of Education.

The ninth edition of the rankings was announced by Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday. IISc Bengaluru has bagged the second spot in the "overall" category followed by IIT Bombay while IIT Delhi, which was at the third spot last year in the cat-



Education Minister presents certificates during the India Rankings 2024.

**HIGHLIGHT**

• Among universities, IISc Bengaluru is followed by JNU and Jamia Millia Islamia.

egory, has slipped to the fourth position. Eight IITs have figured in the top ten besides All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

Among universities, IISc Bengaluru is followed by JNU and Jamia Millia Islamia. Nine IITs are in the top ten list for

also figured in the top ten list for management courses. In pharmacy, Jamia Hamdard rose to the top spot from its second position last year while the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Hyderabad slipped to the second rank. BITS Pilani has retained its third position in the category.

Delhi University's Hindu College and Miranda House have switched positions in the colleges category with the former bagging the top spot. St Stephen's College is in the third position among colleges.

Similarly for law, the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru followed by the National Law University, Delhi and NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad have retained first, second and third spots respectively. For Architecture and Planning, IIT Roorkee has been announced as the best, followed by IIT Kharagpur and NIT Calicut.

## Two advocates appointed Chh'garh HC judges

**NEW DELHI:** Two advocates were on Monday appointed as additional judges of the Chhattisgarh High Court.

The names of Bibhu Datta Guru and Amitendra Kishore Prasad were recommended by the Supreme

Court Collegium on July 30. A notification issued by the law ministry said Guru and Prasad have been appointed

as additional judges of the Chhattisgarh High Court "in that order of seniority" for a period of two years.

| REPORT |

## Sex ratio to improve by 2036: Govt Study

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Sex ratio in India is expected to improve to 952 women per 1000 men by 2036 from 943 in 2011, according to a report 'Women and Men in India 2023' released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Monday.

The report highlights that India's population in 2036 is expected to be more feminine compared to the 2011 population, as reflected in the sex ratio which is projected to increase from 943 in



2011 to 952 by 2036, highlighting a positive trend in gender equality. By 2036, the population of India is expected to reach 152.2 crore, with a slightly improved female percentage of 48.8 per cent compared to 48.5 per cent in 2011, the report stated. The proportion of individuals under 15 years is projected to decrease from 2011 to 2036, likely

**NUMBER**

**952**

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due to declining fertility, it stated. Conversely, the proportion of the population aged 60 years and above is anticipated to substantially increase during this period.

It is evident that from 2016 to 2020, Age Specific Fertility Rate (ASFR) in the age group of 20-24 and

25-29 has reduced from 135.4 and 166.0 to 113.6 and 139.6 respectively. The ASFR for the age 35-39 for the above period has increased from 32.7 to 35.6 which shows that after settling in the life, women are thinking of expansion of family. Adolescent Fertility Rate was 33.9 for the illiterate population whereas 11.0 for the literate in 2020. This rate is considerably lower for even those who are literate but without any formal education (20.0) compared to illiterate women reemphasizing the importance of imparting education to women.

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यद्यदाचरति श्रेष्ठस्ततदेवेतरो जनः।  
स यत्प्रमाणं कुरुते लोकस्तदनुवर्तते ॥  
(गीता 3-21)

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वे जिस बात को प्रमाण मानते हैं,  
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# Raipur



District administration should launch such novel campaigns, so that actual problems of general public are known.

**Tankram Verma**  
Minister for Revenue, C.G.



Newly constructed auditorium 'Dandakaranya' inaugurated in Nava Raipur by CM Vishnu Deo Sai, along with Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav.

## 'E-Auction system to enhance transparency'

This move is anticipated to boost the state government's revenue.

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**RAIPUR:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, along with Union Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupendra Yadav, inaugurated the electronic auction system in Chhattisgarh at a ceremony held at Aranya Bhawan, Nava Raipur, on Monday. The event also marked the inauguration of the newly constructed state-of-the-art auditorium 'Dandakaranya,' built by the Forest Department at a cost of Rs 2 crore.

The introduction of the e-auction system is expected to bring increased competition and transparency to the auction process for wood in various timber depots managed by the Forest Department. The system, facilitated by MSTC through an Expression of Interest (EOI), will streamline the auction process, ensuring quicker and more transparent transactions for both the government and bidders. This move is anticipated to boost the state gov-

### HIGHLIGHT

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ernment's revenue. In Chhattisgarh, the Forest Department currently conducts auctions for building wood, beams, commercial bamboo, and firewood across 27 sales depots. Previously, the auction process involved extensive paperwork

and record-keeping, particularly for additional payments. The launch of the e-auction system is set to reduce this paperwork burden, offering a more efficient and reliable process. The 'Dandakaranya' auditorium, newly constructed by the Forest Department, features a seating capacity of 140 and is equipped with modern amenities such as interior decoration, advanced lighting, a sound system, air conditioning, a stage, and an LED screen.

## Sahu community praised for its significant progress

**RAIPUR:** Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao attended the Chhattisgarh State Sahu Officer-Employee Conference and Honor Ceremony as the chief guest, held at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium in Raipur. The event recognized the achievements of officers and employees from the Sahu community who have excelled in their respective fields.

In his address, Deputy Chief Minister Sao praised the Sahu community for its significant progress across various sectors. He highlighted the community's growing influence and stressed the importance of unity and collective advancement. Sao described the conference as a historic and dignified event, marking the first of its kind, and extended his congratulations to the organizers. Sao called for the Sahu community to become more organized and to pursue leadership that drives positive change.

He emphasized the need for innovation and enthusiasm, urging the formation of women and youth cells within the community to foster development.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### LOAN SETTLEMENTS

#### BoI to host 'Samjhauta Day - Azadi Rin Se' for NPA Loan settlements

**RAIPUR:** In honor of Independence Day, Bank of India is organizing "Samjhauta Day - Azadi Rin Se" on August 16th and 17th, 2024. This special initiative is designed to assist borrowers with Non-Performing Assets (NPA) in settling their loan accounts under a One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme. The event will be held at all Bank of India branches, zones, and Field General Manager's Offices (FGMOs) across the country. "Samjhauta Day" is tailored for borrowers who have been unable to repay their loans on time due to business challenges, medical issues, or other genuine reasons. The bank is offering special OTS schemes with attractive discounts to help settle small and mid-size NPA accounts, providing a unique opportunity for borrowers to clear their dues. Bank of India encourages all NPA borrowers to take advantage of this golden opportunity by settling their loan accounts on Samjhauta Day, August 16th and 17th, 2024.

### JHOOM TARANA MAHOTSAV

#### Jhoom Tarana Mahotsav Season 3 unfolds with grandeur on August 11



**RAIPUR:** The much awaited and anticipated Jhoom Tarana Mahotsav Season 3, a premier national-level competition unfolded with grandeur at the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Auditorium, Raipur on Aug 11. This year's event featured an array of competitions in sixteen art forms consisting of Drawing & Painting, Music, and Dance, defined for different age groups namely Sub Junior (up to 10 years), Junior (11 to 15 years), Senior (16 to 20 years), and Open (21 years onwards). The grand and glorious event Jhoom Tarana Mahotsav was organized by the able guidance of Mr. Murari Kabra Secretary Bharat Vikas Parishad, Dr. Rakesh Mishra Director Little Genius Academic Council, Dr. Archana Mishra Principal Krishna Public School Sarona Raipur.

Across the Globe form colourful display of Int'l Cultures

#### International students meet 2024-25 organised at Shri Rawatpura Sarkar University



**RAIPUR:** Shri Rawatpura Sarkar University hosted its much anticipated International Students Meet 2024-25, a vibrant event celebrated the rich cultural diversity within its students. The University welcomed students from across the globe, with participants representing over different countries. The event was a colourful display of International cultures, featuring traditional attire, music, dance and a variety of global cuisines. In his welcome speech, the Registrar of the University Dr. Saubh K Sharma, asserted that the man-

agement will always be promote your career and self-equipped the best possible training and exposure, In the process of involving this University we have strong commitments towards the creation and up-gradation of the academic infrastructure and provide the environment that promote creativity, and out of the box thinking. Prof. S.K.Singh, the Vice-Chancellor, SRU, starts with congratulates the entire organising team for conceiving this meet which is based on the theme Excellence and global Excellence.

## Modi Govt committed to boost agri production: Sai

**RAIPUR:** In a significant move towards enhancing agricultural productivity and farmer welfare, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released 109 new varieties of high production potential, climate-friendly, and biofortified crops at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR) in New Delhi. The release includes 34 field crops and 27 horticultural crops, designed to increase yields while addressing environmental concerns.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai of Chhattisgarh extended his congratulations and expressed deep gratitude to Prime Minister Modi, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan, and the team of agricultural scientists responsible for this breakthrough. In a statement shared on the social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Sai emphasized the transformative potential of these crop varieties.

## CREDAI Property Expo 2024 from August 23 to 25

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Expo promises to be a one-stop destination for all property needs.

**RAIPUR:** The much-awaited CREDAI Property Expo is set to return from August 23rd to 25th, 2024, offering a golden opportunity for prospective homebuyers to find their perfect property. The event, which will take place at the Indoor Stadium Budhapara, Raipur, promises to be a one-stop destination for all property needs, with 40 developers showcasing around 200 projects, ranging from flats, bungalows, houses, villas, and plots to commercial spaces.

The theme of this year's expo, "Ghar Ki Baat," highlights the importance of making informed and secure decisions when



CREDAI Chhattisgarh President Sanjay Raheja, Program Chairman Rishabh Jain and others addressing the scribes here.

### FACTFILE

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it comes to property investments. Whether you're a first-time buyer or looking to expand your property portfolio, the expo has something for everyone, regardless of budget. CREDAI Chhattisgarh President Sanjay Raheja, Program Chairman Rishabh Jain, Co-Chairman Navneet

Agarwal, and Secretary Pankaj Lahoti shared these insights during a press conference, emphasizing that the event is tailored to meet the diverse needs of the public.

The expo is strategically timed ahead of the festive season, with Diwali in October and Ganeshotsav in early September, making it an ideal moment for property purchases. Attendees can expect to find the best locations, quality constructions, and attractive deals, all under one roof. One of the standout features of the CREDAI Property Expo 2024 is the availability of

easy financing options. With multiple banks setting up stalls at the event, potential buyers can get detailed information on home loans, EMIs, and required documentation, ensuring a smooth buying process. Additionally, developers will offer special discounts, and CREDAI will provide on-the-spot booking incentives, including the chance to win exciting gifts through daily draws, with the final day featuring a grand buffer draw. For those concerned about the legalities and transparency of their investment, a RERA stall will be available at the expo.

WORLD ORGAN DONATION DAY |

## MMI Narayana Hospital marks Organ Donation Day

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**RAIPUR:** MMI Narayana Hospital proudly celebrated World Organ Donation Day yesterday with the participation of over 50 individuals, including hospital staff, nursing students, and members of the community. The event aimed to spread awareness about the importance of organ donation and encourage more people to pledge their organs to save lives. The day was filled with activities designed to



educate and inspire. Under the guidance of Dr. Sunil Dharmani, the nursing staff and students worked together to create impactful posters that highlighted

the significance of organ donation. These visual representations served as a powerful tool to convey the message that "There is no bigger donation than

If we donate our organs, we give someone a chance to live.

**Dr. Sunil Dharmani**  
MMI Narayana Hospital

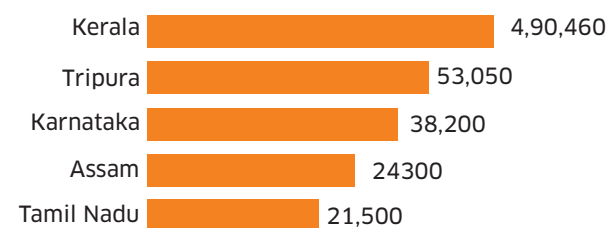
donating your organs. Donating an organ can bring happiness and smiles to others. By just donating an organ, you can continue to live forever." The event also featured plays

and educational programs organized by the hospital staff, which emphasized the life-saving potential of organ donation. A competition among the hospital staff was held to creatively present the message that every person should consider donating their organs to save someone in need. During the event Dr. Sunil Dharmani said that, there are so many people who lose their lives due to organ failure, despite their relentless efforts to survive.

### The Day's NUMBERS

India's rubber production in 2022-23 climbed from 7.75 lakh MT in 2021-22 to 8.39 lakh MT in 2022-23.

### TOP FIVE STATES WITH HIGHEST PRODUCTION OF NATURAL RUBBER (IN TONNES)



Source : Agency

### BLOOD DONATION CAMP

#### 5th Massive Blood donation camp by RMMA on Aug 15 at Marine Drive

**RAIPUR:** Raipur Motor Merchant Association (RMMA) is going to organized its 5th massive Blood Donation Camp at Marine Drive, Telibandha on Aug 14. The members RMMA have urged all healthy persons to come forward and donate blood and take part in this camp in large number and motivate others also to participate. Every single unit of blood donation by a person can save somebody's life.

In this massive blood donation camp, the associate partners are Badhte Kadam, Dashmesh Sewa Samiti, Marwari Yuwa Manch (Raipur Central) and Shri Shyam Mahila Mandal. In this camp the Blood Bank of Dr Ambedkar Hospital, Raipur and Bilasa Blood Bank are also going to extend all possible assistance.

RMMA members informed that this camp will be organized from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and there will be facility for food for all associate volunteers on the camp in Telibandha Gurudwara and the Association will keep all other facilities for the blood donors like juice and others ready near the venue itself.

### BRANCH RELOCATION

#### Bank of India Rajendra Nagar branch relocates to Nehru Chowk



**BILASPUR:** On August 9, 2024, the Bank of India Rajendra Nagar branch in Bilaspur officially relocated to its newly constructed premises at Nehru Chowk. The inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of Ms. Gayatri Kampa, Regional Manager of Bank of India, who served as the Chief Guest. Also in attendance were Deputy Manager Nagendra Prasad Chaurasia and Senior Branch Manager Rajan. During the event, the General Manager provided an in-depth discussion on the bank's various deposit and loan schemes, highlighting the excellent offerings and efficient working system of the bank. The relocation to the new building marks a significant milestone for the branch, aiming to enhance customer service and banking operations.



## 45,000 cases resolved in redressal fortnight

Major issues addressed include housing, water supply & others.



Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao at a camp during public grievance redressal fortnight.

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### FASTFACTS

**RAIPUR:** The recently concluded Public Grievance Redressal Fortnight in Chhattisgarh received an overwhelming response from the public, with over 1.12 lakh applications being received across the state. Out of these, around 45,000 applications were resolved on the spot.

The fortnight-long initiative, which began on July 27 and ended on August 10, was organized in all 184 urban bodies of the state. Deputy Chief Minister

- Camps saw a significant number of applications related to social security pension
- 2. Out of 4,500 applications related to water supply, 700 were resolved on the spot.

and Urban Administration Minister Arun Sao had instructed all municipal commissioners and chief municipal officers to resolve as many applications as possible on the spot. The camps received

### Sao reviews arrangements by visiting redressal camps

Deputy Chief Minister and Urban Administration and Development Minister, Arun Sao, had instructed all municipal commissioners, chief municipal officers of municipalities and nagar panchayats, and regional joint directors to resolve as many applications as possible on the spot during the Public Grievance Redressal Fortnight. He himself inspected several camps and reviewed the arrangements.

a large number of applications related to various issues, including housing, water supply, sanitation, pension, road construction, and property tax. Out of the total applications

received, around 15,700 were related to housing, with 1,200 being resolved on the spot. Similarly, out of 4,500 applications related to water supply, 700 were resolved on the spot.

## Comm's surprise inspection continues

**RAIPUR:** Divisional Commissioner Mahadev Kaware conducted a surprise inspection of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) office and Tehsil office in Raipur on Monday. After arriving at the SDM office in the morning he inquired about revenue cases from the officials present at the office and instructed them to expedite the resolution of revenue-related disputes and non-disputes to reduce the number of pending cases and provide convenience to the public. During inspection, Kaware found several irregularities, including incomplete records and unattended files. He issued a show-cause notice to SDM Nandkumar Choubey for delaying orders without valid reasons. Additionally, he instructed officials to display nameplates with their designations and names, maintain proper records, and verify stocks. At the Tehsil office, Kaware inspected various branches, including law, finance, nazir, and record room. He found several cases without online registration and issued a show-cause notice to the Tehsildar. Kaware instructed officials to resolve cases within the stipulated timeframe, including name verification, boundary disputes, and map verification.

## Govt working to ensure safety of Hindus in B'desh: Raja

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### HIGHLIGHT

● "The Modi government has taken initiatives to protect Hindus in Bangladesh. We are working to awaken Hindutva in every state."

**RAIPUR:** Telangana BJP MLA T Raja, who arrived in Chhattisgarh to participate in the Kanwar Yatra, stated that the government is taking steps to ensure the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh. He criticized the opposition for not speaking out against the violence faced by Hindus in Bangladesh.

Raja said, "The Modi government has taken initiatives to protect Hindus in Bangladesh. We are working to awaken Hindutva in every state." He added that the government is taking strong action against "love jihadis" and emphasized the need to strengthen the government to weaken anti-Hindu forces in Chhattisgarh. Regarding the Waqf Board, Raja alleged that

the Congress party had grabbed land from the poor and temples during their tenure. He demanded an inquiry into the matter.

Raja also warned that the violence faced by Hindus in Bangladesh could happen in India if not addressed. He stated that he has been prevented from getting a passport due to cases filed against him by the Congress party, but if he gets one, he will enter Bangladesh and Pakistan to raise his voice against atrocities on Hindus.

## Food Department conducts surprise inspection of Dal mill

**RAIPUR:** Following the instructions of Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh, a team from the Food Department conducted a surprise inspection of a dal mill in Sadguru Industry, Daundekala Gram Panchayat. The inspection revealed a significant discrepancy in the online stock entry. The team found 1408.30 quintals

of dal in the mill, whereas the online entry on the Government of India's portal showed only 220.76 quintals. This discrepancy is a violation of the Food and Civil Supplies Department's order (number 3245/ Food/2024 dated July 2, 2024), which is punishable under Section 3/7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

## Amity invites young stars to 'Little Patriots Fancy Dress Show'

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Little Patriots Fancy Dress Show is a wonderful opportunity for young children aged 2.5 to 6 years to express their creativity and pride in Indian heritage.



freedom fighters, Indian Superheroes and symbols of India's heritage, bringing our rich culture to life.

**RAIPUR:** In commemoration of Independence Day, Amity International School, Raipur, is delighted to announce the Little Patriots Fancy Dress Show, set to take place on August 15, 2024. This exciting event will be held at the school's premises.

The Little Patriots Fancy Dress Show is a wonderful opportunity for young children aged 2.5 to 6 years to express their creativity and pride in Indian heritage. Participants will have the chance to dress up in traditional attire, iconic figures like

The event is divided into three age groups: 2.5 to 3.5 years, 3.5 to 4 years, and 4 to 6 years. Each age group will have three winners, awarded with attractive cash prizes.

Renowned actors Abhinav Chaturvedi, Jayshree Arora along with Dr. Vandana Vaadera, a prominent television personality, TEDx speaker, and communication and life coach, will serve as the distinguished jury, adding their expertise to the event.

The show aims to foster patriotism and community engagement.

## Cop caught taking bribe through PhonePe

**RAIPUR:** In a shocking incident, a Raipur police officer was caught accepting a bribe through PhonePe, a digital payment platform. The officer, whose identity has not been disclosed, was found guilty of accepting the bribe from his wife's PhonePe account. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Raipur has taken strict action against the officer, awarding him a major penalty for his misconduct. The SSP has also ordered an investigation into the matter to ensure that such incidents do not occur in the future. This incident highlights the need for greater transparency and accountability within the police force. The SSP's prompt action in this matter demonstrates the department's commitment to upholding the highest standards of integrity and honesty.

## National Librarian's Day celebrated at MATS University

| NATIONAL LIBRARIAN'S DAY |

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National Librarian Day was successfully organized by MATS School of Library Science, MATS University.



**RAIPUR:** National Librarian Day was successfully organized by MATS School of Library Science, MATS University. Like every year, this year also speech, poetry and poster art were organized for the students in which the students participated with great enthusiasm and displayed their talent. Librarian Day is celebrated every year on 12th August on the birth anniversary of the first Indian University Librarian, Prof. Dr. SR Ranganathan. On the occasion of 132nd birth anniversary of

### FASTFACTS

- Students presented statements about selected aspects of Dr. Ranganathan's life in library science.
- Teachers from various departments donated self-written books to the library, which was appreciated by all.

the father of library science, Padma Shri Dr. SR Ranganathan, the MATS School of Library

Students participated with great enthusiasm in the National Librarian Day. Science celebrated the birthday with great enthusiasm this year as well, in which professors along with students of the university were present.

The program was presided over by Dr. Kalpana Chandrakar, Head of Department, MATS School of Library Science. As special guests, Director General of MATS University, Mr. Priyesh Pagaraya, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. K.P. Yadav

were present. In the speech and poetry presentation, students presented statements about selected aspects of Dr. Ranganathan's life in library science as well as about books, library and knowledge.

In the program, teachers from various departments donated self-written books to the library, which was appreciated by all.

### NEWSLINE

#### crime

Interstate ganja traffickers arrested in Raipur



**RAIPUR:** In a major crackdown on drug trafficking, the Raipur Police have arrested two interstate ganja traffickers from Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. The accused, Ritesh Ghotre and Kamal Rajput, were caught with 6.72 kg of ganja worth approximately Rs 1,19,000. The arrest was made possible due to the tireless efforts of the Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit team, led by Senior Superintendent of Police Dr Santosh Kumar Singh, under the "Nijat Abhiyan" campaign against drugs. The team received a tip-off about the accused hiding ganja in a bag at the New Bus Stand in Bhatagaon, Tikrapara area. A joint team of Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit and Tikrapara Police Station personnel was formed to apprehend the accused. During interrogation, the accused revealed their names and addresses as Ritesh Ghotre from Panvel, Maharashtra, and Kamal Rajput from Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh.

### NEW POSTS

Govt approves 10 posts for 5 new municipalities, 14 nagar panchayats

**RAIPUR:** The Urban Administration and Development Department of the State Government has approved 10 posts for placement in five new municipalities and 14 Nagor Panchayats. After the approval of Deputy Chief Minister and Urban Administration Minister Mr. Arun Saw, the department has issued orders from the ministry in this regard. The State Government has approved 10 posts for the newly formed Amleshwar, Mandir Hasaud, Lormi, Pandar iya, and Banki Mongra Municipalities, as well as the Dhadhi, Sarasiva, Berla, Pagarh, Bhimbori, Rohansi, Kopra, Janakpur, Pawani, Marwahi, Nariyara, Jarahagaon, Lal Bahadur Nagar, and Patna Nagar Panchayats. These include five posts for sanitation workers, and one post each for computer operators, pump attendants, vehicle drivers, peons, and laborers.

### DE-ADDICTION |

## 'Students take oath to make society addiction-free'

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**RAIPUR:** As part of the nationwide de-addiction campaign, students of JR Dani School were administered an oath to stay away from addiction. Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar virtually joined the event and administered the oath, urging students to unite against addiction and work towards making the country addiction-free. Collector Dr. Gaurav Kumar Singh



appealed to the girls to take a leading role in making the entire soci-

ety addiction-free. He emphasized the importance of scoring well in

studies and serving the country with passion. The event was attended

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Dr. Gaurav Kumar Singh  
Collector

by State Minister Ramdas Athawale, Departmental Secretary Amit Yadav, and other dignitaries. The Collector explained

that addiction affects not only individual health but also the prosperity of families and society. He encouraged students to stay away from addiction and lead a healthy life. The event featured a musical performance by blind school students and a street play by Sangi Mitra Seva Sansthan. This initiative has increased awareness among schoolgirls about de-addiction, and they have taken a firm pledge to stay away from addiction.

**पत्रकारिता के क्षेत्र में बनाए अपना भविष्य**

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# Bhilai



'Gram Panchayats organising patriotic events ahead of the Independence Day'

Ashwini Dewangan  
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## Shortage of teachers at PM Shri Primary School

Collector conducted Jandarshan and tried to redress public problems.



Collector interacting with common people at Jandarshan.

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### FASTFACTS

● 149 applications received in Collector Jandarshan

● Concerned departments asked to take immediate action

**BHILAI:** Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary met the common people and listened to their problems at Jandarshan on Monday. She directed the concerned departments to take immediate action for proper resolution of cases. 149 applications were received in Jandarshan.

The Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Vinayakpur said that there is a shortage of teachers at PM Shri Government Primary School. The number of students is high at this school

being operated under an important scheme. Studies are getting affected due to shortage of teachers. The Collector asked the District Education Officer to take action. Residents of village Nagpura sought repair of the dilapidated road from Rasmada underbridge to

### Wheelchairs, Braille kits, etc distributed

Social Welfare Department provided a musical instrument Octopad to visually impaired Hrishik Thakur; Rs 25000 monetary aid was given to divyang student Tanvi Gupta; wheelchairs were provided to Syed Furkan Alam, Suman Sahu and Kalpana Jaiswal; and a Braille kit was provided to visually impaired student Garima Lahare for studies.

Anjora. Potholes in the under bridge road near Rasmada railway crossing are causing frequent accidents. PWD was asked to inspect and take necessary action. A resident of Diparpara sought documents of the house allotment under More Makaan

More Aas Yojana. Due to lack of documents, she is unable to get a power connection. Applications related to PMAY, financial assistance, compassionate appointment, road repair, ration card, illegal occupation, etc were received.

### Farmers listen to PM at KVK

**BHILAI:** 109 climate-friendly varieties developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi were dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday. Dr Vijay Jain, scientist of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Pahanda informed that 69 food crops including cereals, pulses, oilseeds, fodder crops and others as well as 40 varieties of horticulture including fruits, vegetables, spices and other crops were dedicated to the nation. The program was broadcast live at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pahanda. Farmers and women of the district participated in the programme.

### Woman's handbag stolen

**BHILAI:** Hand bag of a woman with Rs 11000 cash was stolen from A-Market of Sector 6. The victim, Premraj Kumari, is an employee of the Health Department. She had gone to the cobbler's shop on her scooty. She took out money from her handbag to give it to the cobbler. Meanwhile, her handbag was stolen by unknown thieves. Police lodged an FIR under section 303(2) of BNS.

### 'Pay attention to cleanliness of garden'

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**BHILAI:** Risali Mayor Shashi Sinha reviewed the works of Public Health and Public Works Department on Monday. She reviewed about 100 construction works going on in Risali Corporation area, and directed that the engineers should inspect the works and deal strictly with the contractors who do not complete the work on time. She added if needed serve them notice. Apart from this, she asked to pay attention to the quality of construction work underway in Risali. She stressed on the need for cleanliness in gardens. The Mayor said that special attention should be paid to the

cleanliness of public places. She asked to first explain why cleanliness is necessary

### HIGHLIGHT

● Inspect construction sites and deal strictly with contractors

to those who leave the gardens dirty or throw garbage. Despite caution, if they continue to do so, then action should be taken as per rules. The Mayor said to put in special efforts for the tendering of cleaning work. MIC Anup Day, Councillor Vilas Borkar, Sanju Netam, Executive Engineer Sunil Dubey and other officials were present in the meeting.

### SI Intn'l Conference and Awards with IIT Bhilai

**BHILAI:** Sustainable India, an initiative of Sri Aurobindo Foundation, in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai, has announced the upcoming International Conference and Awards on Sustainable Technology, Innovation, and Asian Challenges to Sustainability.

The conference, scheduled to take place on August 24-25, 2024, aims to bring together researchers, practitioners, and seekers of sustainability to share

knowledge and showcase innovative solutions. The conference will have Esteemed guests from Singapore and other states of India. The conference will delve into the latest advancements in sustainability research and technology. Registrations will close on August 15, 2024, and interested participants are encouraged to register now. Sustainable India is collaborating with IIT Bhilai for Research, Innovation and technology in the field of Sustainability.

### NEWSLINE

**PLEDGE**  
*Students pledge against drug abuse*



**BHILAI:** On Monday, an awareness programme against drug abuse was organised at JRD Government HSS under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan. MLA Gajendra Yadav administered the de-addiction oath to the school students. The program was organized on the theme "Developed India free from drugs". Gajendra Yadav urged the students to stay away from drugs and motivate their parents and others for de-addiction. Additional District Magistrate Arvind Ekka, Additional Superintendent of Police Abhishek Jha, Deputy Director (Social Welfare Department) Amit Parihar and Principal Saraswati Deshmukh and J Manoharan, Vivek Sharma and departmental employees were present.

### SURPRISE VISIT

*Rathore inspects SDM and Tehsil Office*

**BHILAI:** Durg Divisional Commissioner Satyanarayan Rathore inspected the Sub-Divisional Officer's Revenue Office and Tehsil Office in Durg. He interacted with the concerned officers regarding the resolution of pending cases in SDM Court and Tehsil Court and gave necessary instructions. Divisional Commissioner Rathore directed all Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars to ensure resolution of revenue cases keeping in mind the guidelines and rules of the government.

### COMPENSATION

*Rs 12 lakh monetary aid granted*

**BHILAI:** Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary has approved financial assistance of Rs 12 lakh to the families of four persons killed in mishaps categorised under natural calamities. According to information, Mithlesh Soni alias Shivam, a resident of village Anda (Tehsil Durg), died on July 14, 2023 due to drowning in the river. Bhuneshwari Bai, a resident of village Pauwara (Tehsil Durg), died on September 29, 2023 due to lightning strike. Chumshan Thakur, a resident of village Anda (Tehsil Durg), died on July 13, 2023 due to drowning in water.

## Thousands of devotees participate in Kanwar Yatra



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Devendra carries water from Sheonath to Deobaloda.

**BHILAI:** Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav led a grand Kanwar yatra on Monday for the welfare, happiness, peace and prosperity of all. Thousands of devotees chanting Jai-Jai Mahakaal, Har Har Mahadev and other slogans participated in the yatra.

Early morning on Monday, MLA Yadav reached the banks of Sheonath river, took bath in the holy river and performed Mahaabhishek of

Lord Shiva. Thereafter, they took a pledge and embarked on the journey to the ancient temple of Bholebaba situated in Deobaloda. More than 1000 women, men and youth participated in the Kanwar Yatra.

The Yatra was given a grand welcome at every traffic junction and other places across the city. People showered flower petals on the Kanwar yatra. Fruit juice, fruits etc were distributed. Devotees marched while dancing to the tunes of devotional songs. Former MLA Arun Vora, Mayor Dhiraj Bakliwal and other leaders also joined the yatra.

### Three gamblers nabbed

**BHILAI:** Jeora Sirsa Chowki raided a gambling den at village Karanja and rounded up three persons red handed while gambling on playing cards. The accused were identified as Parmeshwar Sahu (20), Prakash Sahu (34) and Kishan Nirmalkar (30), all residents of village Karanja Bhilai. Rs 1530 cash and playing cards were seized from them. They were booked under the provisions of Gambling Act.

### Final rehearsal today

**BHILAI:** The final rehearsal on the parade, cultural programs and other activities included in the Independence Day celebration organized on August 15 at the District Headquarters Police Parade Ground will be held at the venue on August 13 at 9 am. All the officers related to the program have been asked to ensure their presence in the final rehearsal along with the participants.

## Five day 'Gunvatta-2024' competition inaugurated

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Five day workplace management Project Competition is being organised by Business Excellence department.

**BHILAI:** The five day workplace management Project Competition 'Gunvatta-2024' being organised by Business Excellence department at Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) was inaugurated by Tapas Dasgupta, CGM I/c (Iron) on Monday. Manoj Kumar, GM (BE) presided over. All respective CGMs along with HoDs of the participating teams were present.

A total of 53 teams of QC, LQC, and 5-S" from across the plant are participating in this annual



The Gunvatta-2024 at HRDC.

### FASTFACTS

● A total of 53 teams of QC, LQC, and 5-S" from across the plant are participating

● Workplace Management Project Competition promotes innovation and creativity of BSP Employees.

in-house competition, which is being held this year in five different streams - three for Plant

employee engagement and perfection. Blast Furnaces Department deserves commendation for showing the highest departmental participation, while SMS-II had the highest participation in last year's competition 'Gunvatta-2023', he added.

Manoj Kumar, GM (BE) welcomed the participants and spoke on the journey and significance of Gunvatta-Workplace Management Project Competition, and highlighted how it has promoted innovation and creativity of BSP Employees. Ravi Kumar, Sr Mgr (BE) commended the inaugural programme and proposed the Vote of Thanks. PK Sahu, DGM (BE), along with BE department staff also contributed in organizing the programme successfully.

### WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES |

## Gopi Krishna photo exhb on tribal culture organised

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**BHILAI:** The Public Relations Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant organised a three-day solo exhibition of Photographs clicked by Gopi Krishna Soni on tribal culture, at Nehru Art Gallery, Indira Place (Civic Center). The exhibition themed on 'The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples' was inaugurated by Pawan Kumar, ED (HR-BSP) on August 08, 2024.



Chief Guest took a keen interest in the photographs, featured in the exhibition. He penned his views in the visitor's book stating "The exhibition shows that Shri Gopi

Krishna greatly understands the tribal culture and his photographs allow others to become aware of our rich tribal heritage". The family members of the photog-

"Shri Gopi Krishna greatly understands the tribal culture and his photographs allow others to become aware of our rich tribal heritage."

Pawan Kumar  
ED (HR-BSP)

rapher welcomed Chief Guest by offering him

a traditional Peacock quilled Tribal Turban. Tribal Artists from the Baiga Community staged a traditional folk dance. Head of the Baiga Dance Troupe, Dayaram Rathulia, who is also famous as the adopted son of the Indian President Her Excellency Draupadi Murmu stated that he belongs to Dindori District of Madhya Pradesh. The dance presented is known as Baiga Karma, which is performed in the month of Sawan.

## 101 villagers of Pauwara avail free health services

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**BHILAI:** The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of SAIL-BSP organized a one-day free Health Camp, at Village Pauwara on August 07, 2024. A total of 101 villagers from Pauwara, including 54 men, 42 women, and 05 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 Rahul Singrol, Medical Consultant, Rekha Dev, Nursing Staff, Ashraf for blood sugar, HB, and BP examination, Susan Jacob, Pharmacist, and Shambhu Dayal, for registration, volunteered their services for the Medical Camp at Pauwara village.

### I-DAY

*Forest Minister to hoist tricolour*

**BHILAI:** On Independence Day, Parliamentary Affairs, Forest and Climate Change, Water Resources, Skill Development and Cooperation Minister of the state - Kedar Kashyap will hoist the national flag at the main function of Durg District. He will read out the message of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai to the public. The main function of Independence Day has been organised at the Police Parade Ground located at the district headquarters.



Whole world can learn world brotherhood, climate protection and harmony from the tribal society.

**Kedar Kashyap**  
Cabinet Minister



# Chhattisgarh

## Adani Foundation honors tribal heroes

Adani Foundation celebrated World Tribal Day by honoring tribal individuals for their contributions to community development.

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**UDAIPUR:** The Adani Foundation recently organized a felicitation ceremony in celebration of World Tribal Day, recognizing the significant contributions of tribal individuals from Udaipur and Surguja districts. The event took place on the eve of Tribal Day at village Salhi in Udaipur and at Gram Panchayat Bhawan in Janardanpur, a remote tribal area in Surguja. A total of 20 people, including tribal children, women, and elderly villagers, were honored for their dedicated service towards community development. Among those recognized were Sarpanch Vijay Korram of Salhi village, Deputy Sarpanch Munshi Prasad, Cheetu Ram Development Block District Panchayat member Mrs. Ramunia Korram, Sarpanch Ajay Urre of Janardanpur, and other village representatives. The honorees were presented with shawls and quinces as tokens of appreciation.



Adani Foundation honors tribal heroes for their contributions, celebrating cultural heritage on World Tribal Day.

**FACTFILE**

● Adani Foundation honored 20 tribal individuals for their dedicated service towards community development in Udaipur.

● Tribal girl students from Adani Vidya Mandir showcased traditional Chhattisgarhi dance during the World Tribal Day event.

sha Porte, Jyoti Kusro, Tara Rani Markam, and Sameela Porte, along with three boys—Sachin Das,

Manjeet Das, and Manjeet Sarathi—were honored for passing their class 10th exams with first-division marks during the 2023-24 academic year. These students were recognized for their hard work and determination, serving as role models within their communities. Cultural performances added vibrancy to the event, with tribal girl students from Adani Vidya Mandir showcasing a traditional Chhattisgarhi dance, highlighting the rich cultural heritage of the tribal communities.

Prominent figures from Adani Enterprises, including Cluster HR Head Ram Dwivedi and Corporate

Communication Department Head Atul Kumar Gupta, attended the ceremony. The entire CSR team, along with a large number of local community members, made the event a success.

In his address, Cluster HR Head Ram Dwivedi emphasized the Foundation's ongoing efforts to integrate tribal communities into mainstream development and promote their sustainable growth and upliftment. The ceremony not only recognized individual achievements but also reinforced the Foundation's commitment to empowering tribal communities.

### Makhanpur school celebrates 'Har Ghar Tiranga'



**KORBA:** As part of the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan, various activities are being organized across the district from August 9 to August 15. At the Pali Government Higher Secondary School in Makhanpur, Korba district, the Independence Day celebrations began with the national anthem, followed by an oath to hoist the tricolor in every household. Sarpanch of Makhanpur, Manoj Pal Porte, addressed the schoolchildren, emphasizing the importance of respecting the national flag. He urged that the tricolor should never be disrespected and encouraged everyone to participate actively in the initiative. In his speech, Mr. Porte also called upon the school principal, teachers, and village residents to plant a tree in honor of their mothers, promoting both patriotism and environmental responsibility. He further encouraged the villagers to celebrate this significant festival with enthusiasm, particularly in the act of hoisting the national flag. The event was attended by Panchayat workers, teachers, Mitani Panch, Deputy Sarpanch Ajay and many others.

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**SHIFTED**

**Sub-divisional office NSO shifted to new composite building**

**AMBIKAPUR:** The Sub Regional Office Ambikapur of the National Statistical Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India, shifted to the new Composite Building (Annexe) located in the District Office Complex of Ambikapur on Aug 9 at the hands of Altaf Hussain Haji, Deputy Director General of the National Statistical office (NSO), Raipur was chief guest of the inaugural ceremony. Earlier this office was being operated near Shiva Temple, behind the Multipurpose School. Speaking on this occasion Altaf Hussain Haji said that the National Statistical Office (Field operations division) collects data for the purpose of planning and policy making in the country. There is a need for better coordination between the central and state government offices.

**TREE PLANTATION**

**Bastar IG leads tree plantation honoring martyrs' mothers**



**JAGDALPUR:** 3031 trees were planted across Bastar division to honor the mothers of police, security forces, and citizens who sacrificed their lives for the region's peace and development. The initiative, led by Bastar IG Sundarraj P, was part of the "Podla Urskna" campaign, held at public places, including educational institutions and police complexes.

*Tribal Welfare Commitment*

**Kedar Kashyap: BJP committed to tribal welfare with Niyad Nellanar and advanced village scheme**



**JAGDALPUR:** In a program organized by Sarva Adivasi Samaj at Bodhghat, district headquarters, Cabinet Minister in Chhattisgarh Government, Kedar Kashyap said that World Tribal Day is celebrated on August 9 all over the world to protect the tribals and promote their rights. The government of our former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee created a ministry for the welfare of tribals. In Chhattisgarh, the government led by Vishnu Dev Sai is making every possible effort to save the ancient heritage and culture of the tribals and bring them into the mainstream of development. Our gov-

ernment has implemented innovative schemes like Niyad Nellanar. This has given impetus to the development of the tribal area. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has launched the Tribal Advanced Village Scheme in the Union Budget 2024-25, these schemes show the BJP's commitment towards tribal development. He said that today the whole world can learn world brotherhood, climate protection and harmony from the tribal society. In our country, tribal society has been the center of national consciousness, there is evidence of superiority of tribal society since the Vedic period.

### Entries open for Ramesh Paswan Journalism Award

**KORBA:** The Dainik Lok Sadan newspaper has announced the 2024 Ramesh Paswan Smriti Samman, a national-level journalism award established in memory of the late journalist Ramesh Paswan, who passed away in 2022. Renowned for his dedication to advocating for the underprivileged and laborers in Korba, Paswan's legacy continues through this award. Journalists of any age group are invited to submit their best public interest reporting by August 14, 2024. The award includes a cash prize of 10,000 and an honor certificate. Submissions can be sent by journalists or nominated by others, along with the journalist's introduction and consent, to Honor Coordinator Suresh Chandra Rohra via WhatsApp at 7747920885 or email at gandhishwar.rohra@gmail.com.

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**MKU and IIT Bhilai collaborate to address rural challenges in Bastar through data-driven solutions.**

**JAGDALPUR:** Shaheed Mahendra Karma University (MKU) and IIT Bhilai have joined forces to address the challenges faced by rural areas in the Bastar region. This marks the first time that these two educational institutions are collaborating to create a comprehensive database aimed at solving the problems of Bastar's tribal communities. The initiative is designed to scientifically assess the needs of these communities and develop models that can effectively meet them.

The Vice Chancellor of MKU, Professor



Manoj Kumar Srivastava, and the Director of IIT Bhilai, Professor Rajiv Prakash, have discussed various aspects of this collaboration, focusing on education, health, and development. The initial phase of the project involves collecting detailed information on education, health, and livelihood from households in selected villages. This data will be used to provide targeted services, such as educational support and healthcare,

through the optimal use of resources with the help of government and district administration. For example, IIT professors will provide specialized education to schoolchildren in these villages, either online or in person, helping them develop skills that are crucial for their future. Similarly, healthcare initiatives will be implemented, including the deployment of mobile hospital units to treat specific diseases prevalent

**FACTFILE**

● MKU and IIT Bhilai will develop a database to support Bastar's rural development initiatives.

● The collaboration focuses on improving education, health, and development in Bastar's tribal communities.

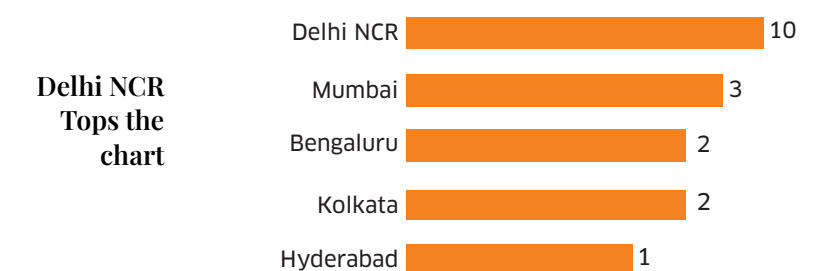
in the area.

The success of this pilot project in selected villages will determine its expansion across the entire Bastar division. An MoU between MKU and IIT Bhilai will formalize the partnership, aiming to improve the quality of life for the tribal population in Bastar by addressing their needs in education, health, and development.

## BASTAR'S DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE | MKU, IIT Bhilai to tackle Bastar area challenges

### The Day's NUMBERS

**NUMBER OF METRO LINES IN CITIES**



Source-Central Railway

**LICENSE GRANTED**

**AERB license granted for accelerator operation for research**

**BILASPUR:** The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), Mumbai, has granted a three-year license to operate the 3 MV Pelletron Accelerator Machine at Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya's Department of Pure and Applied Physics. The university, under the capable leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal, has earned an A++ grade from NAAC, and this new achievement is set to significantly boost its research capabilities. The accelerator, the only one in India with a 50 microampere high current, is expected to enhance research in material science and improve the quality of industrial products. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakrawal expressed his happiness on receiving the license and emphasized that this facility will be a boon for academic research, offering opportunities to universities, colleges, and scientific institutions in the central region. The center, operating under an agreement with the Inter-University Accelerator Center (IUAC), New Delhi, will serve as a cornerstone for interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and material science research, as well as patent development.

**CAMPAIGN**

**CNDA launched the Tricolor Campaign in every house**



**KORBA:** Chhattisgarh Newspaper Distributors Association (CNDA) in TP Nagar Korba with the dignitaries of the city, Lines PS Chandel newspaper distributors groups, on the call of the Prime Minister, to make the Tricolor Campaign in every house successful, all the distributors went door to door at the time of paper distribution in the morning and hoisted the Tricolor on every house and Chhattisgarh Newspaper Distributors Association is making its commendable contribution in making the Independence Day Samman Samaroh successful. On this occasion, Chhattisgarh Newspaper Distributors Association State President Vinod Sinha said that the Honorable Prime Minister has called upon all the citizens of the country to hoist the Tricolor on every house.

**VOICES OF BASTAR |**

## Voice of oppression and struggle of tribals in Bastar

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**SUKMA:** Tribal Day serves as a poignant reminder of the struggles, rights, and existence of the indigenous people of Bastar, who have long fought to protect their land, water, and forests. Bastar, rich in natural beauty and resources, has become a battleground where tribals face ongoing oppression and violence, often under the guise of



anti-Maoist or anti-Naxalite efforts. However, this conflict is more than a fight against extremism;

**We must protect the rights and existence of Bastar's tribals and their culture.**

Peoples Sukma

it's an organized attempt to displace tribals from their ancestral lands, coveted for their mineral wealth by the government and corporate

interests. This struggle transcends land; it's about preserving tribal culture, identity, and existence. The violence and exploitation faced by Bastar's tribals reflect deeper cultural and social oppression. Tribal Day compels us to recognize these injustices and stand united in support of their rights. Protecting the tribals of Bastar is not just their fight—it's our collective responsibility as a society.



"It is quite encouraging that in Kurud the youngsters would not be having an open gym and a modern library together. This will help them both physically and mentally."

Ajay Chandrakar  
BJP MLA, Kurud



# Chhattisgarh

## Open gym inaugurated in Kurud for citizens

Kurud MLA Ajay Chandrakar gave the credit of this open gym and library to the young members of the Foundation



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### FACTFILE

● Chandrakar said that the tradition of celebrating Tulsidas Jayanti has been going on continuously in Kurud for the last 30 years.

Kurud MLA Ajay Chandrakar gave the credit of this successful event to the youth officials and members of Ajay Foundation and said that many more facilities will be added in this social service workplace in the future, which will be run by the society itself. On the presence of books of All India level examinations and books of spiritual religion in this library, he said that efforts should be made to create such an environment that it is estab-

lished as an ideal centre of study. He said that the tradition of celebrating Tulsidas Jayanti has been going on in Kurud city for the last 30 years. Where political life ends, the role of social life begins from there. He said that people who read and know history, who know Hindi literature, know how India was struggling with foreign invaders from the 16th to the 19th century and how much our religion and culture was in danger, which the great revolutionary Mahakavi Tulsidas ji, the father of Bhakti era, played a very important role in re-establishing the Sanatan Dharma, culture and glory of India by starting the Bhakti era. He further said that after Goswami Tulsidas

ji, mentioning saints like Surdas, Nanak, Meera Bai, Raidas, he said that Goswami Tulsidas played a leading role in protecting Sanatan in the Bhakti era. Through Tulsidas ji's Ramcharit Manas, culture is developed, this book is a divine form for any human being. Atul Krishna ji Maharaj said that it is Tulsidas ji's birth anniversary and we all are his descendants, we are sharing his tradition and distributing prasad. In the huge event of Tulsidi Vyakhyan Mala, Atul Krishna ji said that Ramcharit Manas shows the path of God and love and said that in this campus you will get strength, intelligence and knowledge, all three of which are very important for human society.

## Devotees join Bhandara by Kanwaria Sangh

**RAJIM** : Hundreds of Bolbam Kanwaria groups who set out to visit Lord Shiva in the month of Sawan are being served at various places. In village Shyamnagar, a group of youths arranged bhandaar and food prasadi for the Bol Bam Kanwarias this year as well, continuing the service work that has been going on for the last ten years, like every year. There was a crowd of devotees in the bhandaar organised by the Bol Bam Kanwarias of Shyamnagar, which is being run with the support of the traders' association and the youth.

## Cattle attacked with sharp-edged axe

**PANDARIA** : A case of cruelty has come to light from village Dalamuha situated in Vannachal of Pandaria block. The coordinator of Bezubaan Seva Samiti of the town, Sumit Tiwari, has told that the information was received from the associate of the committee that a Nandi has been stabbed in the stomach with a spear. On receiving the information, we reached the spot and saw that some ruthless person had stabbed Nandi with an axe.

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### PROGRAMME

## 51 feet high tricolor To be hoisted in Khairagarh today

**KHAIRAGARH**: In coordination with the Civil Unity Forum, a 51 feet high tricolor will be hoisted again in the music city Khairagarh. Under the Hamar Khairagarh Hamar Tiranga Abhiyan, a 51 feet high tricolor will be hoisted ceremonially at 8:30 am on Tuesday, August 13, at Ambedkar Chowk, the only pride place of the city. First of all, retired book keeper and social worker of Indira Kala Sangeet University, Gaindlal Yadu will hoist the flag after saluting the tricolor. On this occasion, newspaper distributors who deliver news of the country and abroad to every reader in the area will also be honored. It is worth noting that the tradition of hoisting the 51 feet tricolor, which started from 26 January 2021, is continuing uninterrupted by the patriotic youth of the Civil Unity Forum and for the 8th time.

### PLANTATION

## Thaleshwar Sahu plants sapling on his birthday



**KHARORA**: In village panchayat Jaroda, Vice President Thaleshwar Sahu of Tehsil Sahu Sangh Youth Cell Dharsiwan, on the occasion of his birthday, along with the workers, planted fruit-bearing shady trees of mango and neem in village panchayat Jaroda and pledged to protect them. On this occasion, Youth Vice President Thaleshwar Sahu said that today on the occasion of my birthday, the workers and the youth of the tehsil have given me an unforgettable gift by planting trees. For this, he expressed his gratitude to the Youth President Anil Sahu and his workers.

### Cultural Dance Performed

## World Tribal Day celebrated in Bharat Devangan Govt English Medium School



**KHARORA**: World Tribal Day was celebrated in Bharat Devangan Government Excellent English Medium School Kharora in which 11th Science student Purvi told the people about the importance of World Tribal Day through a speech that the real protectors and owners of water, forest and land are these people and without them, imagining the existence of forest is futile, she shed light on their culture and heritage, along with this, Neeta Nishad, Saima Parveen,

Shreya Devangan tried to revive the tribal culture through tribal traditional jewellery like armlets, lachcha, rings, thugs, putri etc. Varshita Sahu, Dhanushka Ratre, Himani Devangan, Zara Ali of class VI made people aware of the art and culture of the tribals through dance through the song 'Dara Lor Ge He Re' and Bhavana Deshmukh, Chanchal Sahu, Alisha Sahu, Urvashi Sharma and Dimple Sahu through the song 'Adivasi Jungle Ke Rakhwala'.

## Health dept tracing Malaria patients

**KHAIRAGARH**: Despite the bad roads filled with mud, the health department of the district is doing commendable work in the remote forest area. According to the information, the health department of the district has successfully completed the work of malaria screening by visiting about 8 villages of the Naxal-affected forest area in the last few days, whereas this area is very bad and full of challenges regarding transportation and while going on this route, the employees of the health department faced very bad roads and mud and even the vehicle of the department got stuck in the mud, but with the help of the villagers, somehow the vehicle was pulled out of the mud and the health staff reached all the villages and provided the villagers the facilities given by the government administration.

### | PATRIOTISM |

## School students joint Tiranga Yatra in Pandaria

Central Chronicle News

**PANDARIA**: All the government schools of the block took out a tricolor rally on Saturday and patriotism was awakened among the people under the tricolor week. Tricolor rally was taken out in rural areas along with the schools of the city. Tricolor rally was taken out in all the schools of rural areas including village Kumhi, Pauni, Domsara, Padhi, Rauha, Kapadah, Dullapur, Mahka, Piparkhanti, Belmuda, Kharhatta. Tricolor rally was organized in the government primary school Keshligodaan under the Har Ghar Tiranga program. The main objective of this program was to encourage the spirit of patriotism and pay tribute to the great heroes of the freedom struggle.



### FACTFILE

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the students took out a rally on the main roads of the village. During the rally, the entire atmosphere resonated with loud slogans like "Bharat Mata Ki Jai", "Vande Mataram", "Har Ghar Tiranga, Har Ghar Tiranga". Addressing the students, Shivkumar Banjare, Principal of the school and teacher said that the tricolor is not

only a symbol of our freedom but it is also a symbol of our national pride and unity. He urged all the students to hoist the tricolor at their homes and be a part of this campaign. Teachers Satyendra Nath Pratap Singh, Lata Chandse made the students aware about the importance of the tricolor and its respect.

### | CAMPAIGN |

## Tiranga Yatra taken out in Kurud

Central Chronicle News

**KURUD**: Under the nationwide campaign of "Tricolor in every home, tricolor in every home", a huge procession of tricolor flag was taken out in Kurud city of former assembly constituency today at 11:00 am from the MLA residence located in ward number 5 Bajrang Chowk, which passed through Gandhi Chowk, Guru Ghansi Das Chowk, from Maa Chandi



temple to Hawker Thana Chowk to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Chowk. In which Kurud MLA Ajay Chandrakar along with all the officials of Bharatiya Janata Party, workers and leaders of Mahila Morcha

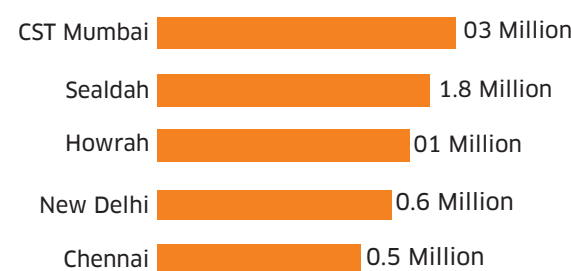
made the whole city resonate by shouting slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai, Tricolor flag ki Jai, Jai Hind - Jai Bharat. \*The Tiranga Yatra, which will run from 11 August to 14 August in the BJP Kurud Assembly con-

stituency, was inaugurated from Kurud city Kurud Assembly in-charge Bharu Chandrakar said that on

the countrywide call of BJP, the Central Government and the State Government started the Tiranga Har Ghar Tiranga campaign from 11 August to 14 August in Kurud city of Kurud Assembly from the squares of great men, till the Tricolor is delivered to every house in every Gram Panchayat of Kurud Assembly, a public awareness campaign will be run through padayatra and motorcycle rally by Yuva Morcha!

### The Day's NUMBERS

### RAILWAY STATION WITH MAXIMUM PASSENGERS EVERYDAY IN INDIA



Source - Statista

### COMMITTEE

## School Disaster Management Committee constituted in Kharora

**KHARORA**: In the Government Pre-Secondary School and Primary School Bardih, on the second Saturday of August, the children were told about the process of formation of School Disaster Management Committee and Hazard Hunt. The committee will consist of about 12-13 members including two members of School Management Committee, two members of Bal Sansad, three members of Meena Manch, Head Teacher of the school and other boys and girls of the school. They will protect the school from any kind of disaster - rain, flood or fire incidents and will keep the environment around the school building clean. A group of 4-6 children will be formed from among the children who will identify the Hazard Hunt i.e. the risk and present their report to the teacher and head teacher of their school. School is the safest place for children. These members will sit in the school and make a plan for school disaster management. This information was given by the head of the institution Manharan Verma. Also, teachers Vishesh Verma, Manish Verma, Mahilash Sir, Hemkumari Sahu and Meenakshi Sirmour participated in the program.

### WORKSHOP

## Workshop organized in School under Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao Abhiyan



**KHAIRAGARH**: Under the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao Abhiyan, the Women and Child Development Department is organizing a Women's Legal Week program in Chhuikhadan development block under the guidance of Project Officer Sunil Banjare. Under the program, a workshop was organized in the high school of village Jhuranadi where Advocate Rajju Mahobia and Advocate Ghazala Nisha informed the adolescent girls aged 14 to 18 years about POCSO Act, Good Touch Bad Touch, Domestic Violence Act and other important legal acts so that the girls can become familiar and aware of their legal rights. Women and Child Development Department Supervisor Khemin Dhruv and Ritu Gupta gave information about the schemes being run by the department for women and girls and encouraged them to take advantage of it.



# 'Guru Ghasidas Baba's message still relevant'

CM Sai administered an oath to all attendees to respect the national flag as part of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" program.

Central Chronicle News

**RAJNANDGAON:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai attended the "Mamtamaye' Minimata Nirvan Diwas" and the district-level oath-taking ceremony at the Padma Shri Govindram Nirmalkar Auditorium in Rajnandgaon on August 11. At the event, CM Sai announced that the Government New College in Thelkadhih would be renamed after Sant Guru Ghasidas Baba.

He also announced the allocation of Rs. 10 lakh each for the construction of Satnam Bhawans in Sonesar village (Rajnandgaon block), Sakardahra village (Dongargaon block), and Motipur village (Rajnandgaon block), as well as for the construction of a stage at Satnam Bhawan in Rajnandgaon.

Additionally, he also provided Rs. 5 lakh for installing a statue of 'Mamtamaye' Minimata at the Government Polytechnic College in Rajnandgaon.

The Satnami community honoured the Chief Minister by adorning him with a traditional turban. During the ceremony, CM Sai administered an oath to all attendees to respect



CM Sai participated in the "Mamtamaye' Minimata Nirvan Diwas" program.

## FASTFACTS

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the national flag as part of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" program. CM Vishnu Deo Sai paid tribute to 'Mamtamaye' Minimata, acknowledging her legacy

## 'Minimata increased women's participation in society'

Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh emphasised the significant contributions of 'Mamtamaye' Minimata in increasing women's participation in society, pioneering their development, and boosting their confidence. As the first female MP in 1952, she advocated for laws against untouchability and actively opposed social injustice. She played a leading role in both Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Dr. Singh expressed pride in facilitating the construction of the Jaitkham in Giraudpuri and praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's various initiatives for the nation's overall development.

as the first female MP after India's independence. He congratulated the newly elected officials of the Rajnandgaon Satnami Seva Samiti and urged them to focus on uplifting the Satnami community through education and

development, following the path laid out by Sant Guru Ghasidas Baba.

The Chief Minister highlighted Minimata's tireless efforts in undivided Madhya Pradesh to empower women and eradicate untouchability.

## Eye check-ups at health camp

**PANDARIYA:** A health camp was organized in Sunrise Public School of Pandaria Nagar on Saturday, in which Exclusive and Child Grid eye tests were conducted. Dr. Sahdev Chandravanshi of Kalpani Eye Care of Kawardha and his team organized a health camp in Sunrise Public School in which eye tests of about 200 children and 40 employees were conducted. Some children were given instructions to wear glasses and health related instructions. He advised them to eat green vegetables.

## Sub-divisional officer chairs TB forum

**SUKMA:** A block level TB Forum meeting was held on Wednesday in the presence of Sub Divisional Officer Sukma in which the current status of TB at the state, district and block levels, departmental cooperation, public awareness on TB was discussed. Along with this, the SDM gave instructions to create awareness on TB at the public level, village level, to show videos related to TB awareness during the film in theatres. He said that the Panchayat has to be made a TB free Panchayat as well as TB has to be eradicated in the entire district.

## Youth's body recovered after drowning

Central Chronicle News

At around 5:30 in the morning, the SDRF personnel took out the body from the river.

**KHAIRAGARH:** On Saturday, the body of the youth who drowned in the depths of Amner river in Kukrapat was found early in the morning after a whole night of hard work. After a lot of efforts, at around 5:30 in the morning, the SDRF personnel took out the body of the youth from the river. It is known that on Saturday afternoon, Piyush Arya, 20 years old, son of Ajay Arya, resident of Khairagarh Civil Line and nephew of social worker Vikas Arya, died after drowning in the river passing through the Kukrapat tourist spot. It is known that Piyush, who was very simple and

easy-going and talented, had gone to Kukrapat for a picnic with his four other friends Abhay, Anshuman, Shreyash and Sujal and during this time he drowned while bathing in the river.

After getting information about the incident, the SDRF team along with Gatapar forest police reached the spot late in the evening and started searching for Piyush's body but his body could not be found the whole night. Before dawn, the divers got success and Piyush's body was taken out of the river. After this, after police formalities and Panchnama, the post-mortem of the body was done and on Sunday afternoon, in a very sad atmosphere, Piyush was cremated in the presence of family members, tribal people and friends.

## Manas Shakti Kendra celebrates Tulsidas jayanti

**MUNGELI:** Anwari: Tulsidas Jayanti was celebrated in Supela under the aegis of Manas Shakti Kendra Bhakhara. The program was started after the ritualistic worship of Lord Ramchandra and Tulsidas, the author of Ramcharitmanas. The chief guest of the Manas Sammelan was District President of Manas Shakti Kendra Dhamtari, Arjunpuri Goswami, Publicity Minister Falesh Sahu, Vice President Yogeshwar Upadhyay, Manas

Shakti Kendra Bhakhara President Pratibha Sahu, Secretary Gajendra Narayan Sahu, Treasurer Bhanu Ram Sarva and villagers Dayalu Ram Sahu, Krishnadayal Sahu, Hitendra Sahu, Bireन्द्र Sahu, Mulchand Sahu, Buddhadev Sahu.

The program was concluded in the hospitality of Sangam Manas Mandali Supela, Jai Maa Saraswati Balika Manas Mandali Silatra, Janak Nandini Manas Mandali Singdehi, Ved

## Sahir receives Munshi Premchand Smriti Dhara Samman 2024



Central Chronicle News

Mitan Dhara Foundation honoured 16 personalities with Munshi Premchand Smriti Dhara Samman 2024 in the new building smart class room BCS GPGC, Dhamtari.

**RAJIM:** Mitan Dhara Foundation honoured 16 personalities with Munshi Premchand Smriti Dhara Samman 2024 in the new building smart class room BCS of Government Post Graduate College Dhamtari. Among them, Rajim's young poet Jitendra Sukumar Sahir was honored

with Munshi Premchand Smriti Dhara Samman. As soon as he was honoured, the entire hall echoed with thunderous applause.

It must be told that for more than two decades, Mr. Sahir is continuously writing Ghazals, apart from Urdu, Hindi, he is continuously writing in Chhattisgarhi language, his Ghazals are continuously being published in newspapers and magazines of the country and abroad. It must be told that Mr. Sahir is continuously guiding school students regarding poetry writing by establishing a group 'Aao Kavita Likhein' in his school.

## Saplings planted in Shishu Mandir

**ARANG:** Khairagarh: Environment Festival was celebrated in Saraswati Shishu Mandir on Saturday with great pomp. On this occasion, the students of the school planted saplings on a large scale in the school premises and pledged to protect and take care of them.

## Dignitaries to honour RD Rathore

**PENDRA MARWAHI:** On 13th August, Tuesday, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Rashtraveer Durgadas Rathore, Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai, Union Minister of State for Urban Development Tokhan Sahu, and the Minister in charge of the district and Cabinet Minister in the Government of Chhattisgarh, Shyam Bihari Jaiswal are arriving in Gaurela Pendra Marwahi.

## 'RIs under pressure to complete map partition'

Central Chronicle News

Expressing displeasure over the pending of more than 1.30 lakh cases of map partition in the district, she asked the Revenue Inspectors to complete the work soon.

**PENDRA-MARWAHI:** Collector Leena Kamlesh Mandavi on Monday conducted a detailed tehsil-wise review of the work of the Revenue Department in the Arpa Sabha Room of the Collectorate. Expressing displeasure over the pending of more than 1 lakh 30 thousand cases of map partition in the district, she asked the Revenue Inspectors to complete the work by giving a target of 100 map partitions per day per Patwari Halka. She asked the Revenue Inspectors (RIs) to review the map



Collector reviewed tehsil-wise work of the Revenue Department.

partition daily and submit the report to the Land Records Branch.

The Collector said that not even a single case of income, caste, residence certificate should be pending as per the e-district portal. She

asked the Tehsildars to organize camps for making certificates of school children in coordination with the block education officers and issue caste certificates under the simplification process. She instructed the block

## FASTFACTS

● Action will be taken against the concerned reader if the cases of issuing income, caste, residence certificate are pending.

● Collector directed the Tehsildars to correct the wrong entry in any other land record related paper prepared under Section 114

education officers (BEOs) present in the meeting to complete the documents as per the checklist in the cases where objections were raised and re-enter them in the portal. She said that not a single case of caste certificate should be returned and along with school children, personal certificates should also be issued within the time limit.

## NQAS CERTIFICATE |

## Pandatarai PHC achieves NQAS certification

Central Chronicle News

**PANDARIYA:** The Primary Health Centre (PHC) Pandatarai located in Pandaria- Vikas Khand has recently been awarded the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) certification.

This honour recognizes the centre's commitment to providing high quality healthcare services in rural areas and its successful implementation. This certification not only enhances the centre's rep-



utation but also strengthens the trust in healthcare services in the local community.

Pandatarai PHC scored 89.55% marks in the NQAS assessment, establishing it as an excellent health-

care facility. The centre was assessed in a total of 6 departments, out of which it successfully fulfilled 5 criteria. Behind this significant achievement is the leadership of the centre in-charge Ravindra Kau-

This certification is an important step towards improving health services, which will become a source of inspiration for other health centers in the district.

Janmejaya Mahobe  
District Collector.

shik and the tireless hard work of his colleagues. Mr

## Kosamra celebrates 'Har Ghar Tiranga' rally

Central Chronicle News

**ANWARI:** The main objective of starting the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to encourage the display of the national flag tricolor in every house of the country so that national unity and pride can be increased among the citizens of the country. By participating in this campaign, all the citizens of the country can express their respect for

the national flag by giving their own participation.

In this series, Har Ghar Tiranga Yatra was organized by Gram Panchayat Kosamra under the chief hospitality of Harkh Jain.

The program concluded at Atal Chowk after visiting the village street square. On this occasion, the chief guest said that the main objective of this program is to seriously establish the feeling of nationalism among the citizens.

## NEWSLINE

### TRAINING

Intensive one-day musical worship training completed



**RAJIM:** Saraswati Shishu Mandir Higher Secondary School run by Kuleshwarnath Bal Kalyan Samiti conducted a one-day musical worship training. In the secondary school, 73 people including 7 brothers and 66 sisters from three districts Gariaband, Mahasamund, Dhamtari, under Rajim division, participated.

As a guest in the program, Social Harmony Chief of Rajim division Rupendra Sahu told that every word is a mantra, a special invocation; when spoken with pure mind and correct feeling, it becomes a mantra.

### COMPETITION

Debate competition on National Education Policy

**KHARORA:** On World Tribal Day and Nagpanchami, children of ABC Public School, Saragaon learnt about the importance of traditional lifestyle and culture of tribals of Chhattisgarh. The principal said that today we may be destroying forests for selfish reasons due to material pleasures, but the same forest was once a storehouse of herbs.

Chhattisgarh has an invaluable heritage area of tribals which is famous all over the world for its natural beauty, resources and minerals. The handicrafts of the tribals here have a distinct identity in the world. Due to all these features, Chhattisgarh has received the status of an industrial state today.

After the discussion on World Tribal Day, a debate competition was organized in the school on National Education Policy in which children demonstrated their intellectual abilities on the positive and negative aspects of the education policy.

### ROLLER SKATING

District skaters selected for state level competition



**KHAIRAGARH:** In the division level roller skating competition in Durg, students of Khairagarh, Nirved Jain, Yograj Janghel, Meenal Sinha and Samyak participated in the division level roller skating competition, out of which three students have been selected for Chhattisgarh state level competition.

This is a matter of pride for the district but anyone will be shocked to see the poor condition of the playground for the practice of the players who waved the flag of Khairagarh at the division level. As soon as there is slight rain, the entire ground turns into mud, yet these children are moving ahead by performing well by making continuous efforts.



"CBI probe if police fail to crack case by Sunday."

Mamata Banerjee  
West Bengal CM

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### VERDICT

#### No changing date of birth after retirement: Karnataka High Court

**BENGALURU:** The Karnataka High Court has ruled that an employee cannot change the recorded date of birth after retirement. The case involved a man who worked at a pulp drawing processor manufacturing unit from 1983 until he retired in 2006. When he was hired, he verbally gave his date of birth as March 30, 1952, but didn't provide any proof. The employer, however, recorded his date of birth as March 10, 1948, based on his provident fund details and a school certificate. This meant he retired at 58 in 2006. After retirement, the man obtained a birth certificate showing March 30, 1952, as his date of birth. He then asked to be reinstated or be eligible to receive benefits up to 2010, arguing he should have retired four years later. The employer rejected his request, saying the recorded date was correct and that he had already accepted his retirement benefits without raising any issues.

### ALLEGATION

#### MVA win will see end of Ladki Bahin scheme, says BJP's Bawankule

**MUMBAI:** Maharashtra BJP president Chandrashekar Bawankule on Monday said a vote for the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi will result in the end of the women-centric Mukhyamantri Ladki Bahin Yojana and stoppage of free power to farmers. Addressing a news conference, Bawankule said the Maha Vikas Aghadi's opposition to the scheme stems from the fear of defeat in the assembly polls likely to be held in October this year. The Congress approached the High Court to stop the Ladki Bahin Yojana but did not get any relief, he added. "A vote for MVA will end the Mukhyamantri Ladki Bahin Yojana, stop free power to farmers, and stop the Centre's food security scheme," the Maharashtra BJP chief claimed.



### Last rites

#### Mortal remains of Natwar Singh consigned to flames; several leaders pay tribute

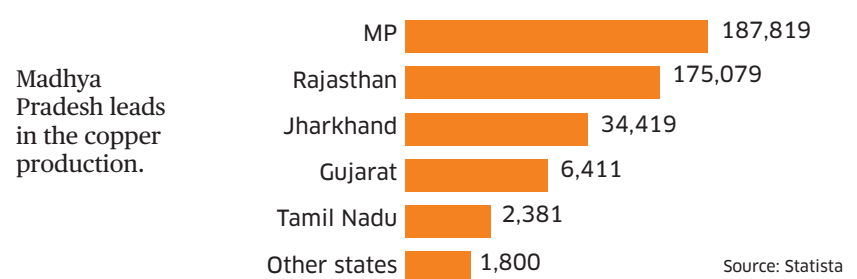


**NEW DELHI:** The mortal remains of former foreign minister K Natwar Singh were consigned to flames here on Monday as several political leaders, including External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, joined in paying tribute to him. Natwar Singh passed away on Saturday night after a prolonged illness, according to his family members. He was 93. His funeral was held in the afternoon at the Lodhi Crematorium amid rains in Delhi. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, National Con-

ference leader Omar Abdullah, Congress leader and former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, and several other leaders, besides many family members, friends and admirers of Natwar Singh gathered at the crematorium to pay tribute. Jaishankar offered a piece of wood to the funeral pyre before Singh's mortal remains were consigned to flames. "Many political leaders came to pay tribute to Natwar sahab," said a family friend who attended the funeral. The former Union minister breathed his last at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### STATE-WISE COPPER PRODUCTION (IN TONNES)



### REVIEW

#### Goa Chief Minister Sawant reviews performance of central schemes

**PANAJI:** Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Monday held a meeting with senior government officials to review the performance of various departments in implementing central schemes in the state. During the two-hour-long meeting, Sawant instructed the secretaries to instil discipline among government staff and strengthen their field offices to ensure the public receives government services without delays or inconvenience, a senior official from the Chief Minister's Office said in a statement. Sawant held the meeting at the secretariat with various secretaries, and IAS and IPS officers attached to the Goa government, he said. "He also reviewed the performance of various departments in implementing the central government schemes, including the flagship programs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," the official said. The CM asked the officials to implement the latest innovative practices.

### INAUGURATION

#### TN CM inaugurates Rs 769 crore worth municipal projects

**CHENNAI:** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Monday inaugurated as many as 103 projects of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, worth about Rs 769.97 crore. The projects include drinking water improvement scheme in Nagercoil Corporation, combined drinking water scheme in two villages (including Mamandur) under Poondi block in Tiruvallur district and a similar scheme in Theni district. At the Secretariat here, the CM, through video conference, also laid foundation stones for 30 new projects worth Rs 1,192.45 crore under the Municipal MAWS Department. It includes bridges, road improvement schemes and a pedestrian suspension bridge at Adyar here (to link phase 1 and 2 of Tholkappia Poonga).



# 'More Indians should actively practice Yoga'

Kovind said "Yoga is a precious and valuable gift India has given to humanity, the entire world. And we must embrace that."

Kovind at Techno India University convocation.

### HIGHLIGHT

● Kovind wondered why the citizens of the country are loath to enjoy the "fruits of our cultural heritage" like yoga.

● Over 3,000 students received degrees at the convocation.

and evening walk part of the activity. Remember a healthy body and healthy mind will always give you energy to face any challenge" regardless of religion or other identity, he said. Kovind recalled

during a visit to Suriname on International Yoga Day on June 21, 2019, when he was the President, he and his Surinamese counterpart practised yoga.

"The next day, when I was visiting Cuba during a luncheon meeting I had reminded the Cuban President that we had celebrated yoga the previous day. His Excellency in Cuba then replied enthusiastically that they perform yoga, they practise yoga. He also demonstrated how they did it. Incidentally, then foreign minister late Sushma Swaraj was accompany-

ing me. I requested her if a trained yoga instructor can be sent to Cuba by our government and in a fortnight I got the message that the yoga instructor was sent and the Cuban government was happy," Kovind recalled.

Turning to the issue of skill development of students, Kovind said the world is changing rapidly and "we are in the middle of the fourth industrial revolution. New opportunities are becoming available and to fully embrace change, one has to cultivate skills, develop the practice of critical thinking."

### | PATRIOTISM |

# 'Har Ghar Tiranga campaign now a people's movement'

Press Trust Of India

May our beloved and victorious Tricolor fly high in the world," the Lt Governor said.

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday flagged off the Tiranga Yatra here as he joined thousands of people, including public representatives and officials, in the walkathon. "Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in J-K has grown to be a people's movement. May our beloved and victorious Tricolor fly high in the world," the Lt Governor said.

Sinha urged the citizens to take home the National Flag and hoist it with pride and honour



People wave the national flags at Mubarak Mandi palace ahead of I-Day, in Jammu.

### FACTFILE

● Sinha released a Monograph dedicated to the martyrs and bravehearts of J&K

● 'Har Ghar Tiranga campaign now a people's movement'

and be a part of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. He said the campaign is

an embodiment of the collective commitment to nation-building and creates personal connection with the Tiranga. The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the citizens for playing a critical role in making the yatra a grand success. In the last two years, people across the union territory belonging to different segments of society have embraced

the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and infused it with their warmth and support, he said. The Lt Governor called upon the people to participate several programmes like Tiranga rallies, Tiranga concerts, Tiranga pledge. On the occasion, Sinha released a Monograph dedicated to the martyrs and bravehearts of Jammu and Kashmir.



"Not worried about the launch phase because everything was computer controlled."

**Rakesh Sharma**  
India's first astronaut  
reentry was more thrilling because I thought I

wouldn't make it... That's when the parachute opens, and there's a lot of sound inside for which we were unprepared," he said, recounting the experience of the return journey. Sharma was selected for the Soviet Interkosmos mission in January 1982 and he flew aboard the Soyuz T-11 spacecraft from the Baikonur Cosmodrome on April 3, 1984.



### 'YOUTH SABHA 2047'

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** India's first astronaut Rakesh Sharma on Monday said returning to Earth aboard the Soyuz spacecraft was the most thrilling experience of his space travel and for a moment he thought he would not make it back safely. Sharma shared his experiences as an astronaut at an event 'Youth

Sabha 2047: Shaping India's Future,' organised by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water, and the United Nations Foundation. In an interaction with Awais Ahmed, the co-founder and CEO of Pixxel Space, Sharma said he was not worried about the launch phase of his space journey because everything was controlled by a computer. "The









## QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."

[Confucius]

## Comment

## Lessons after Independence: A journey of triumphs and trials

## OUR VIEW |

## Hindenburg's allegations put SEBI's credibility at risk

The latest salvo fired by Hindenburg Research against Madhabi Buch, the chairperson of SEBI, and her husband has once again brought the integrity of India's financial regulatory framework under scrutiny. The US-based short-seller, known for its controversial report against the Adani Group, now alleges a conflict of interest involving the Buchs, suggesting their connections to offshore funds implicated in financial misconduct. This allegation, though vehemently denied by both the couple and the Adani conglomerate, raises uncomfortable questions about the independence of SEBI, the very body entrusted with safeguarding investor interests. The Supreme Court's recent endorsement of SEBI's ongoing investigation into the Adani case was seen as a vote of confidence in the regulator. However, the establishment of a separate expert panel to probe regulatory lapses, following Hindenburg's initial report, hints at underlying concerns. If SEBI had indeed been above reproach, why would the apex court feel the need for additional oversight? This dichotomy fuels doubts about the thoroughness and impartiality of SEBI's actions. The political ramifications are equally significant. The Congress party's renewed call for a joint parliamentary committee to investigate the entire episode reflects the deepening mistrust in the regulatory process. Accusations that the government is overly protective of powerful corporate interests have been rife, and dismissing these concerns with counter-accusations against the opposition and Hindenburg does little to restore confidence. Transparency is paramount in this situation. SEBI must act decisively to complete its investigation and present its findings with unequivocal clarity. The perception that the regulator is dragging its feet or is compromised in any way must be addressed head-on. Hindenburg's claims, regardless of the motives behind them, cannot be ignored; they must be met with solid evidence that reinforces SEBI's commitment to fair and transparent market regulation. The stakes are high, and the government's credibility on its pro-investor agenda hinges on the outcome.

## GUEST VIEW |

## Urgent action needed to protect Bangladesh's minorities

The ongoing violence against minorities in Bangladesh, particularly Hindus, is alarming and must be addressed immediately. The situation has escalated, with fundamentalists targeting Hindu homes, temples, and businesses, leading to widespread fear and insecurity. The government's inability to control the violence has resulted in atrocities that have shocked the world. Statues of Hindu deities have been desecrated, and innocent families are pleading for their lives as radical elements continue their assaults. The Indian government, while vigilant, must take further steps to support the Hindu minority in Bangladesh. International human rights organizations must also break their silence and condemn these attacks. This is not just a matter of religion; it is a profound human rights crisis that demands global attention and intervention. The violence in Bangladesh is a stark reminder of the fragility of peace and the urgent need for international cooperation to protect vulnerable communities. Immediate global action and sustained pressure on the Bangladeshi government are crucial for ensuring justice and lasting peace in the region.



Yash Pal Ralhan

India, one of the world's largest democracies, has undergone a remarkable transformation since its independence. From the agony of Partition to becoming a formidable global power, India's journey has been marked by both triumphs and trials. Over the decades, the country has steadily risen in the international arena, with its influence extending beyond Asia and contributing to a shift in global economic power.

Despite its growing global stature, India grapples with ideological challenges that create a gap between its potential and reality. While the country has made significant strides toward becoming a superpower, domestic issues and socio-political crises have hampered this progress. The diversity within India, reflected in its myriad languages and cultures, has often posed challenges to unity, as seen in resistance to the imposition of a Uniform Civil Code and the contentious debates over language policies.

India's history is replete with bold decisions that have shaped its destiny. The Green

Revolution of the 1960s, which dramatically increased food grain production, and the 1991 economic reforms, which averted a balance of payments crisis, stand out as pivotal moments. However, not all decisions have been without controversy. The 1976 mass sterilization campaign and the 1990 caste-based job reservations sparked widespread unrest, highlighting the complexities of governance in a diverse nation.

Recent decades have seen India assert itself on the global stage with significant actions like the 1998 nuclear tests and the 2016 demonetization move. These decisions, while controversial, underscore India's willingness to chart its own course. The abrogation of Article 370, aimed at fully integrating Jammu and Kashmir, further exemplifies this assertiveness.

However, India's path to progress is not without obstacles. The misuse of laws like Section 124A of the IPC and the debate over the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act highlight the ongoing tension between security and civil liberties. Additionally, the

country faces the challenge of transitioning from an accusatory to an inquisitorial justice system, as recommended by Justice V.S. Malimath, to address inadequacies in police investigations.

India's journey toward modernization is also evident in its cautious approach to adopting genetically modified crops and implementing labor reforms. These issues, along with the need for a modern agricultural policy framework, are crucial for the country's food security and economic stability.

For India to fully realize its potential, it must focus on five key areas: agriculture, education, health security, information technology, and self-reliance in critical technology. These interconnected sectors are vital for the country's economic and national security. Moreover, combating corruption and promoting gender equality are essential for creating a just and prosperous society.

In recent years, India's approach to international relations has also evolved, reflecting its aspirations on the global stage. The country has actively

participated in global forums advocating for climate action, sustainable development, and fair trade practices. India's leadership in initiatives such as the International Solar Alliance demonstrates its commitment to addressing global challenges while positioning itself as a leader in renewable energy. Furthermore, India's space exploration achievements, including the successful Mars Orbiter Mission and Chandrayaan missions, have placed the nation among the elite space-faring countries. These accomplishments not only showcase India's scientific prowess but also serve as a source of national pride and inspiration for future generations. In conclusion, India's evolution is a testament to its resilience and ability to navigate complex challenges. By fostering inclusiveness and embracing reform, the nation can continue to rise on the global stage while ensuring that progress benefits all its citizens. As India continues to address its internal challenges and capitalize on its strengths, it stands poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the world.



Dr. Satyavan Saurabh

Poet, freelance journalist and columnist, All India Radio and TV panelist.

Views are personal.

## Social factors impacting lifespan: Study

A comprehensive study reveals how gender, marital status, education, and race collectively impact lifespan, emphasizing the critical role of social conditions in shaping health outcomes. by PTI



A diverse group of people in various social settings.

A combination of four social factors—gender, marital status, education, and race—could impact the risk of early death by up to 18 years, according to a groundbreaking study that analyzed U.S. citizens' data to devise a lifespan scoring system. While individual risks and genetic predispositions partly explain differences in health and death, researchers increasingly point to how social conditions, in which people are born, grow, live, and work, shape one's health.

The researchers at the University of Southern Denmark found that while none of the four factors was more influential than the others, the more of these factors a person has, the higher their risk of an earlier death. The authors devised a "simple scoring system" based on the four factors to identify those most at risk. According to the scoring system, one's lifespan score could range from a lowest of -10 to a highest of eight.

For the study, published in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) Open, the researchers took data on registered deaths and population numbers from national statistics and census for the period 2015-19. Overall, 54 different social groups and 12 specific causes of death, representing 11 leading ones in the U.S., such as lung, breast, and other cancers, were included in the

analysis. The team compared the partial life expectancies between ages 30 and 90 years of the 54 social groups, which included three types of marital statuses, education, and race each.

Partial life expectancy, one of the most commonly used measures of public health, estimates the expected number of years lived between specific ages. In this study, it measures the expected years lived between ages 30 and 90, for a maximum of 60 years of life, the authors explained. Their analysis revealed "very large" differences in the lifespans between the social groups studied.

For example, the authors found that white never-mar-

ried men with a high school diploma or less had the shortest partial life expectancy of 37 years, while white married women with a university degree had the longest one of 55 years. "There is an 18-year difference between the minimum and maximum partial life expectancies between age 30 and 90 years across the (social groups)," they wrote.

The team also found that the advantage of the social groups having longer lifespans was not obvious once multiple factors were considered. For example, even though being a woman was related to a higher lifespan than being a man, specific social groups with men were found to have longer lifespans

than those involving women. "White married men with a university degree have a partial life expectancy of 53.2 years, which is higher than 81 percent of all the women (social groups)," the authors wrote.

Further, the authors found that a social factor curtailing lifespan could be offset by another extending it, and vice versa. For example, having a high school education or lower shortens partial life expectancy by nearly 4 years, but being a married woman increased it by almost 5 years, the researchers said.

The study underscores the importance of considering social determinants of health in public health policies and

interventions. The scoring system developed by the researchers provides a useful tool for identifying individuals at higher risk and could inform targeted strategies to address health disparities. Understanding the interplay between these social factors can help develop more effective health policies aimed at reducing early mortality and promoting a healthier population overall.

In addition, the study highlights the complexity of health determinants and the need for a multi-faceted approach in addressing health inequalities. Policies that focus solely on individual behaviors without considering the broader social context may fail to achieve significant improvements in public health. Therefore, interventions must be designed to address the root social causes of health disparities, ensuring equitable access to education, healthcare, and social support.

Moreover, the findings of this study suggest that public health initiatives should prioritize vulnerable social groups identified through the lifespan scoring system. By targeting resources and interventions towards these high-risk groups, policymakers can make more efficient use of limited resources and achieve better health outcomes for the population.

## YOUR LETTERS

## Bangladesh's troubling past revisited

Sheikh Hasina's resignation amidst growing protests evokes memories of Bangladesh's turbulent history, particularly the 1971 Liberation War and the 1975 coup. However, the protesters, united only by their opposition, lack a clear vision for the country's future. With Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus now leading, there is renewed hope for the protection of minority communities from violence. Yet, the road ahead remains uncertain, as the echoes of the past continue to haunt the present, threatening the stability and progress of Bangladesh.

Rajkumar Kailasam, Kannur

## India must engage wisely

With the formation of a new interim government in Bangladesh following Sheikh Hasina's ousting, India needs to recalibrate its strategy. Despite previously supporting the Awami League, even amid US concerns over election credibility, New Delhi must now focus on engaging with the new regime. Diplomatic and economic support should be extended to maintain strong bilateral ties and ensure regional stability. India's approach will be crucial in safeguarding its interests and fostering stability in the region during this transition period.

Rakesh Gupta, Korba

Send your articles (600-650 words) and letters (70-80 words) for this page on: editorcentralchronicle@gmail.com. The letters can be edited or rewritten for clarity.





Panasonic Energy India profit grows to Rs 4 cr in April-June.

**Akinori Isomura,**  
Chairman and Managing Director,  
PECIN,

## Asia Jewels show inauguration in Bengaluru



Bengaluru: Models display antique jewellery after the inauguration of the Asia Jewels Show 2024, in Bengaluru.

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

### Q1 RESULTS

#### Hindustan Copper Q1 net profit rises two-fold to Rs 113.40 crore

**NEW DELHI:** State-owned Hindustan Copper Ltd on Monday reported a two-fold rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 113.40 crore for the quarter ended June 30, 2024. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 47.28 crore in the year-ago period, Hindustan Copper said in a filing to BSE. The consolidated income of the company during the April-June period rose to Rs 500.44 crore over Rs 384.73 crore in the year-ago period, the filing said. Hindustan Copper Ltd had earlier said that it is likely to exceed its capex target of Rs 350 crore for the ongoing fiscal year. The company is continuously investing in its ongoing mine expansion plan. Hindustan Copper Ltd (HCL) is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Mines. The company has facilities for the production and marketing of copper concentrate, copper cathodes, continuous-cast copper rods, and byproducts.

### INDICATORS

#### Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	79,648.92	-0.07
Nifty	24,347.00	-0.08
Nifty, MidCap	57,330.60	+0.27
Nifty SmallCap	18,444.30	+0.19
Nifty Bank	50,577.95	+0.19

Closing rates as on August 12, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

#### Forex RATES

##### Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.94 (-)
Euro	91.70 (-)
Chinese Yuan	11.69 (-)
UAE Dirham	22.85 (-)
Pakistan Rupee	0.30 (+)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (-)

On August 12, 2024

#### World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,424.26	-0.19%
FTSE 100 Index	8,198.93	+0.38%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	35,025.00	+0.56%
CSI 300 (CHN)300:	3,325.86	-0.17%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, August 12, 2024)

# IIP growth slows to 5-month low of 4.2 pc in Jun: Govt data

India's industrial production growth was 5.2 per cent against 4.7 per cent in the same period of the preceding financial year.

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** India's industrial production slowed to a five-month low of 4.2 per cent in June 2024, mainly due to poor performance of the manufacturing sector, though power and mining sectors continue to perform well, as per official data released on Monday. The factory output growth, measured in terms of the Index of Industrial

Production (IIP), was 6.2 per cent in May, 5 per cent in April, 5.5 per cent in March, 5.6 per cent in February and 4.2 per cent in January 2024. During the April-June period this fiscal, the IIP growth was 5.2 per cent against 4.7 per cent in the same period of the preceding financial year. India's Index of Industrial Production grew by 4 per cent in June 2023, according to a statement by the

### NUMBER

## 5.5pc

● Mining output growth accelerated to 10.3 per cent in June.

● Manufacturing sector's growth decelerated to 2.6 per cent in June

Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. As per the data,

the mining output growth accelerated to 10.3 per cent in June against a 7.6 per cent expansion in the year-ago month. The manufacturing sector's growth decelerated to 2.6 per cent in June compared to 3.5 per cent a year ago. The power generation increased by 8.6 per cent in June against a growth of 4.2 per cent in the same month of the last year. As per use-base classification, the capital

goods segment growth fell to 2.4 per cent in June 2024 from 2.9 per cent in the year-ago period. In June this year, consumer durables output expanded 8.6 per cent compared to a 6.8 per cent contraction in June 2023. Consumer non-durable goods production contracted 1.4 per cent during the reporting month against a growth of 0.5 per cent in May 2023.

How the markets behave today?

### Sensex, Nifty settle marginally lower in volatile trade amid Hindenburg-SEBI-Adani row



**MUMBAI:** Stock markets closed marginally lower in a highly volatile trade on Monday as investors turned cautious about the potential disruptions from the US short-seller Hindenburg Research report on SEBI chairperson and her husband's undisclosed investments in obscure offshore funds in Bermuda and Mauritius. Recovering from early lows, the 30-share Sen-

sex closed lower by 56.99 points or 0.07 per cent to settle at 79,648.92. The index had declined by 479.78 points or 0.60 per cent to a low of 79,226.13 in morning trade. The benchmark later staged a sharp recovery climbing 400.27 points or 0.50 per cent to 80,106.18.

But at the fag-end, the BSE benchmark slipped into the negative territory to close lower. The NSE Nifty dipped 20.50 points or 0.08 per cent to 24,347. Intra-day, it hit a low of 24,212.10 and a high of 24,472.80.

### DOMESTIC MARKET

# Improvement expected in domestic market: Balaji

Press Trust Of India

Earlier this month, the Mumbai-based automaker reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 5,566 crore

**NEW DELHI:** Tata Motors expects demand to remain sluggish in overseas markets this fiscal while pinning hopes on a gradual bounce back in the domestic market on the back of new launches and the upcoming festive season. Earlier this month, the Mumbai-based automaker reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 5,566 crore and total income of Rs 1,09,623 crore for June quarter. "Overall, from a demand perspective, we do anticipate that as far as the global demand is concerned, it is likely to remain muted. It has been that way. It's likely to

remain muted. No immediate changes there," Tata Motors Global CFO PB Balaji said in an analyst call. In the domestic market, the company expects a gradual improvement in demand during the rest of the year aided by government plans to invest on infrastructure, healthy monsoons, favourable overall economic macros, new launches and upcoming festive period, he

### FACTFILE

● Automaker is confident of sustaining the performance in the coming quarters

noted. "So there is a need for absolute reason why there is an optimism as far as the domestic demand buildup is concerned, how gradual it's going to be, we will have to wait and see," Balaji said. He noted that



Tata Motors Global CFO PB Balaji.

commodities are also likely to remain range bound and therefore, in this situation, the automaker is confident of sustaining the performance in the coming quarters, and delivering a strong year. "So financials wise, this business is on a strong wicket and is likely to remain that way in the coming quarters and the full year as well," Balaji said. Passenger vehicle industry retail sales witnessed decline for two consecutive months - May and June, this fiscal. Tata

Motors Passenger Vehicles MD Shailesh Chandra cited high channel inventory as a notable challenge. "We have an all-time high channel inventory with further buildup which happened in Q1, did add stress on the wholesales. Also, there has been moderation in the EV fleet segment demand due to the expiry of FAME II in March 2024," he stated. Outlining the company's strategy, Chandra said: "As far as we are concerned, in terms of actions, we focus on retail acceleration backed by effective marketing campaigns, micro market focus, targeted product interventions, which are going to come in the coming months. "There are new upcoming launches primarily to drive customer excitement and of course, it is also going to help the company improve footfalls in the showroom," he added.

### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

## Retail inflation slips to 5-yr low of 3.54 pc in July

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Retail inflation declined to a five-year low of 3.54 per cent in July mainly on account of subdued prices of food items, and base effect, according to official data released on Monday. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation was 5.08 per cent in June 2024 and 7.44 per cent in



July 2023. Retail inflation slipped below the median target of 4 per cent of the Reserve Bank for the first

time since September 2019 when it was at 3.99 per cent. The government has tasked the RBI to ensure

inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side. Inflation has remained below 6 per cent since September 2023. According to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the annual inflation in 'milk and milk products' was 2.99 per cent, 'oils and fats' (-) 1.17, fruits 3.84 per cent, and spices (-) 1.43 per cent.

**FORM NO. IV**  
(See sub-rule 2(a) of Rule 5)  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**

Shantikunj, H.No. 797-II, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur (M.P.)  
(Areas of Jurisdiction: Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh)

Summons under Sub-Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule 2 A of Rule 5 of Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rule, 1993.

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 543/2024**

**PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK: APPLICANT**

**VERSUS**

**AJAY SINGH & ORS : DEFENDANTS**

To,  
1. Ajay Singh  
S/o Shankar Dayal R/o Village: Jalaki, Tehsil & District: Mahasamund (C.G.)  
2. Shaileendra Kumar  
S/o Shankar Dayal R/o Village: Jalaki, Tehsil & District: Mahasamund (C.G.)

WHEREAS, O.A no. 543/2024 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 08.05.2024. Whereas, the Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act. (O.A) filed against you recovery of debts of Rs. 30,50,105.69 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred Five AND Paise Sixty Nine Only) plus interest at contractual rates and expenses application alongwith copies of documents etc. annexed) in accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the Defendants are directed as under:-

- To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
- To disclose particulars of the properties or assets other than those specified in the application for attachment of properties.
- You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under Serial No. 3A of the Original Application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
- You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest created in / or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under Serial No. 3A of the Original Application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.
- You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institution holding security interest over such assets.
- You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the Applicant and to appear before undersigned on 27/12/2024 at 11:00 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal this 23rd day of July, 2024.

REGISTRAR  
DRT, JABALPUR

**FORM NO. IV**  
(See sub-rule (2A) of rule 5)  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT JABALPUR**

797-II, Shantikunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur (M.P.) 482001

**O. A. No 294 of 2020**

**PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, APPLICANT(s)**

**VERSUS**

**SHRI GAURAV BHARADWAJ DEFENDANT(s)**

- Shri Gaurav Bharadwaj  
S/o Shri Mochan Bharadwaj R/o Village Gaurkheda, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla Ward, Circle Mahasamund District Mahasamund (C.G.)
- Shri Mochan Kumar Bharadwaj  
S/o Shri Pushkar Lal Bharadwaj R/o Village Gaurkheda, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla Ward, Circle Mahasamund District Mahasamund (C.G.)
- Shri Sunil Kumar Bharadwaj  
S/o Shri Pushkar Lal Bharadwaj R/o Village Gaurkheda, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla Ward, Circle Mahasamund District Mahasamund (C.G.)
- Shri Phanshawari Bharadwaj  
S/o Shri Pushkar Lal Bharadwaj R/o Village Gaurkheda, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla Ward, Circle Mahasamund District Mahasamund (C.G.)

Whereas O.A No 294/2020 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 03.07.2020

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said application under Section 19(4) of the Act (O.A.) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 45,30,283.52/- (Application alongwith copies of documents etc. annexed) in accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

- To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
- To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3-A of the Original Application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
- You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and for other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3-A of the Original Application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.
- You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institution holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before DRT, Jabalpur on 30.08.2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 25th day of June, 2024.

REGISTRAR  
DRT, JABALPUR

**Indian Bank** Branch: Mandir Hasaud (Chhattisgarh)

**POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)**  
(Under Rules-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas:-  
The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 26/04/2024 calling upon the borrower Mr. Lucky Wadhvani, Mr. Gurukripa Automobiles with our Mandir Hasaud Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.30,95,524.77 (in words Rupees Thirty Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four and Seventy Seven Paise Only) as on 26.04.2024 and interest and further cost thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules, on this 06<sup>th</sup> day of August of the year 2024.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of Rs.30,95,524.77 (in words Rupees Thirty Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four and Seventy Seven Paise Only) as on 26.04.2024 and interest thereon.

"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with their rights of redemption over the securities".

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

All the Part & Parcel of the property situated at Kharsa No. 750/1, Ph. No. 16, Mouza - Baktra, P. Circle - Mandir Hasaud, Tehsil - Aning, Dist. Raipur (C.G.), Area 0.140 Hect. in the name of Late Lucky Wadhvani. Bounded: On the North by: Road, On the South by: Property of Narayan and Bahnu, On the East by: Property of Ghansiya, On the West by: Government Land of Kharsa No. 743

Date: 06.08.2024, Place: Mandir Hasaud Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,**  
**CIRCLE NO-1 RAIPUR (C.G.)**

**Tender Notice**

Contractors, Registered in appropriate class in Unified Registration System [e-Registration] invited Online tenders for the following works:-

NIT No./ System Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract
39/157291	SR, MOW and Ordinary Maintenance of CG Niwas Dwarka Sector 13, New Delhi. (2nd Call)	Rs. 100.00 Lakh
41/157290	SR, MOW and Ordinary Maintenance of Tribal Youth Hostel, Dwarka New Delhi. (2nd Call)	Rs. 50.00 Lakh
137/157228	White Washing/ Colour Washing/ Distemper/ Painting/Cow Dung Painting work on Science Collage, Khel Parisar Kota Stadium Raipur Under Sub Division No. 3 Nava Raipur (1st Call)	Rs. 25.00 Lakh

NIT No.39 System Tender No.157291 & NIT No.41 System Tender No.157290, Last date of tender Download Date up to 23.08.2024 Time 17:30 PM & NIT No.137 System Tender No.157228 Last date of tender Download Date up to 28.08.2024 Time 17:30 PM

Note :- All eligible/interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on the e-Procurement portal (<https://eprcc.cgstate.gov.in>) in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

**Superintending Engineer**  
P.W.D. Raipur Circle No-1  
Raipur (C.G.)

G-242501757/2



“So I think Bhagat Singh is somebody who inspires me, in life also, and I think just to portray his life on screen something which is not being seen before would be very exciting I feel.”

**Rajkumar Rao**  
Actor



# & Glitters

CLOSE UP

## From ‘Khamoshi’ to ‘Heeramandi’: Manisha Koirala’s journey

The 53-year-old said she was “chilling, gardening and in a different world altogether” in her hometown Kathmandu when she got the call for “Heeramandi.”

Central Chronicle News

Sanjay Leela Bhansali’s *Khamoshi* took Manisha Koirala’s career to a new level, but did you know she was never the first choice for the role.

Manisha Koirala recently reminisced about her iconic role in Sanjay Leela Bhansali’s 1996 debut film, “*Khamoshi: The Musical*”, as the film marks its 28th anniversary this Friday. Koirala shared that she wasn’t Bhansali’s initial choice for the part. He had envisioned Madhuri Dixit or Kajol in the lead role. Koirala and Bhansali, who were friends before this collaboration, had discussed the script when Bhansali confided his preference for other actresses. “I remember him saying, ‘Manisha, I have written this script, just go through it. You are not acting in it, Kajol and Madhuri are my choices,’” Koirala recounted with a chuckle. Despite this, Koirala was impressed by the script and expressed her enthusiasm. “It was a brilliant script for any actress. I told him, ‘If both aren’t available, then I’m here, okay?’” Fortunately for her, this earnest appeal worked in her favor.



I was not first choice for ‘Khamoshi’: Manisha Koirala on friend Bhansali’s film



### Reunited in cinematic triumph

In “*Khamoshi*”, Koirala portrayed Annie Braganza, a woman torn between her passion for music and caring for her deaf and mute parents, played by Nana Patekar and Seema Biswas. Though they planned to work together on subsequent films like “*Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam*” and “*Devdas*”, the projects

didn’t materialize. Years later, Koirala reconnected with Bhansali for “*Heeramandi*”, a drama set in Lahore’s red light district during the freedom struggle. Playing Mallikajaan, the courtesan leader, Koirala was thrilled to return to work with Bhansali after so many years, as “*Heeramandi*” enjoyed considerable success and has been renewed for a second season.



| BOLLYWOOD |

## Sanaya Irani exposes harsh realities of Bollywood auditions

Central Chronicle News

Actor Sanaya Irani, known for her impactful roles on television, recently opened up about her difficult experiences in Bollywood and the South film industry. In an interview with *Hautterfly*, Sanaya shared a troubling incident where she was asked to wear a bikini for a film project simply because it involved big stars. Despite her discomfort, she was pressured to conform to expectations she found inappropriate. Sanaya, renowned for her roles in shows like “*Miley Jab Hum Tum*” and “*Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon*,” also recounted an unsettling encounter from the

South film industry. She was summoned by a filmmaker despite her initial reluctance to pursue films. After the meeting, she was told she needed to be “fuller” to fit the role, which left her feeling

### HIGHLIGHT

● Actor Sanaya Irani has revealed that people in the film industry meet new girls only to figure out if they are ready to compromise or not.

that such meetings were often about more than just casting—hinting at a deeper, uncomfortable scrutiny.

In Bollywood, she faced



Sanaya Irani is known for her roles in shows such as *Miley Jab Hum Tum* and *Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon*.

another disheartening situation when asked to call a director. Misunderstandings arose as she was led to believe she was auditioning for a music video, only to discover it was for a film. During the call, the director’s attitude and his demand for her to wear a bikini for a role she hadn’t been informed about left her feeling disrespected. Sanaya firmly ended the call, unwilling to tolerate the unprofessionalism. Sanaya began her acting career with a cameo in “*Fanaa*” in 2006 and has since become a prominent television star, marrying actor Mohit Sehgal in 2016. They were finalists on “*Nach Baliye 8*” in 2017.

## CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Web Series

### Bigg Boss 18: Abdu Rozik to host special segments

Bigg Boss 16’s Abdu Rozik, known for his vibrant personality, is confirmed to return for Bigg Boss 18 but not as a contestant. This time, the Tajikistani singer will host several special segments on Salman Khan’s show. Abdu, who made a memorable impact in Season 16 and appeared on Bigg Boss OTT 2, is excited to bring his charisma back in a new role. He’s honing his language and vocal skills to deliver standout performances. There’s even speculation about him co-hosting with Salman Khan.

Music

### McCreary returns with fresh music for LOTR season 2



Emmy Award-winner Bear McCreary is back composing for “*The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power*” Season 2. The new soundtrack, releasing worldwide on August 23, features unique elements including Bulgarian women’s choir, Hardanger fiddle, and new themes for characters and settings. Renowned artists Rufus Wainwright and Jens Kidman contribute with original tracks like “*Old Tom Bombadil*” and “*The Last Ballad of Damrod*”. McCreary is excited to continue bringing J.R.R. Tolkien’s world to life. The series, debuting on Prime Video on August 29, also features vocal contributions from Sophia Nomvete and others.



Fashion

### Kiara Advani channels doll vibes in pink midi dress

Kiara Advani wowed at a recent event in a breathtaking pink off-shoulder midi dress by Rebecca Vallance. The ‘*Odette*’ dress featured ruffled floral embellishments and a corseted silhouette, highlighting her toned frame and exuding major Barbie vibes. Complementing her look, Kiara wore satin crystal-embellished stiletto heels and kept her accessories minimal with a shimmering diamond ring. Her hairstyle a sleek high ponytail paired beautifully with her glamorous makeup.

## Trending on Insta

@priyankachoprajonas

### Priyanka Chopra wraps Up ‘The Bluff’

Indian actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas has wrapped up filming for “*The Bluff*,” marking her last day on set. Sharing the moment on Instagram, Priyanka posted clips and photos from the wrap-up party, highlighting her excitement.



## OTT Watch



### “Moana 2” excites fans at Disney D23

Disney’s D23 convention unveiled a sneak peek of “*Moana 2*,” with Dwayne Johnson and Auli’i Cravalho returning. The film, set for release on November 27, features Moana’s new adventures and a fresh song performance by the stars.



### Marvel’s “Ironheart” series previewed

Marvel’s “*Ironheart*,” showcased at Disney’s D23, will follow Riri Williams in her superhero journey. The series, starring Dominique Thorne, introduces exciting new elements from the Marvel universe and is set to stream soon on Disney+.



### “Avatar” season 3 renamed to “Fire and Ash”

James Cameron introduced “*Avatar: Fire and Ash*” at Disney’s D23, showcasing new concept art and teasing the film’s unique direction. The third installment in the *Avatar* series promises fresh explorations of Pandora, with a release date yet to be announced.



### Ayush Shrivastava on “Shamshaan Champa”

Ayush Shrivastava, starring as Vikram in the supernatural show ‘*Shamshaan Champa*,’ describes his character as a modern thinker grounded in science and logic. He’s excited to explore Vikram’s thrilling journey.



### Kamal Haasan exits Bigg Boss Tamil hosting

Actor Kamal Haasan has announced he will not host the upcoming season of “*Bigg Boss Tamil*” due to prior professional commitments. He shared his decision through a note on Tuesday.



“Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer.”

Sanjay Dutt  
Actor



# Excursion

HOW CRUISE TRAVEL HAS CHANGED

## The Transformation of cruise ships from classic to modern



Cruise travel has evolved dramatically from its early days of grand ocean liners like the Titanic, known for their opulence and elegance. In the 1960s, cruising began to open up to a broader audience, with lines such as Carnival making sea voyages more accessible and transforming them into relaxing and enjoyable vacations for everyone. The 1980s and 1990s marked a golden era for cruising, as ships grew larger and more extravagant. These floating resorts



Cruise ships have changed from luxury liners to modern floating cities with new tech and green features.



featured everything from swimming pools to theaters, creating a new standard in onboard entertainment and luxury. Today, cruise ships are akin to floating cities, boasting cutting-edge technology like smartphone-controlled rooms and virtual balconies that tailor the experience to individual preferences. In recent years, there has been a significant shift towards sustainability within the cruise industry. Modern ships now utilize cleaner technologies, including LNG-powered engines

**HIGHLIGHT**

● Modern cruise ships provide a mix of advanced technology and unique activities, making sea travel more comfortable and tailored to individual interests.

and advanced waste management systems, reflecting a growing commitment to environmental stewardship. Furthermore, the rise of themed and experiential cruises means there's a voy-

age for every interest. From gourmet food tours to wellness retreats, today's cruises offer specialized experiences that cater to a diverse range of passions. As we look to the future, the industry promises even more innovations, with concepts like space cruises and underwater hotels on the horizon. Cruising has transformed from a mode of luxury transport to a versatile and eco-conscious way to explore the world, offering unique experiences for every type of traveler.



If you're looking for a low-stress way to enjoy your vacation, a cruise is an amazing option

| COLONIAL CHARM UNVEILED |

## Puducherry: Where Tamil flavors, French charm, and coastal breezes meet

Central Chronicle News

Puducherry, a captivating coastal town in southern India, offers a delightful fusion of Tamil culture, French colonial charm, and refreshing Bay of Bengal breezes. This vibrant destination seamlessly blends the spicy and aromatic flavors of Tamil cuisine with the sophisticated elegance of French architecture, creating a unique cultural tapestry. Begin your journey with Puducherry's Tamil food, a feast for the senses. Savor crispy dosas, aromatic sambar, and tangy rasam, all prepared using locally sourced ingredients and time-honored techniques. The region is renowned for its Chettinad cuisine, famous for its bold spices and intricate flavors. From bustling local eateries to lively street food stalls, every bite offers a glimpse into the rich culinary heritage of the



You will find bright yellow walls at various places in Puducherry.

**HIGHLIGHT**

● Puducherry or Pondicherry, the melting pot of French and Tamil culture, with a speck of Dutch here and Portuguese there, makes for the perfect long-weekend getaway.



area. A stroll through the French Quarter reveals the town's colonial past. The area's charming streets are adorned with pastel-colored buildings, elegant cafes, and boutique shops that echo French architectural influences. This quarter provides a serene contrast to the vibrant Tamil heart of the town, with its tranquil ambiance and picturesque settings. For a breath of fresh air, head to Promenade Beach, where the gentle Bay of Bengal breezes offer a relaxing escape. The scenic beach, lined with historic landmarks and lively cafes, is perfect for unwinding after a day of exploration. In Puducherry, the blend of Tamil traditions, French sophistication, and seaside serenity creates a unique and enriching experience, making it a destination where history, culture, and natural beauty harmoniously converge.

### WindowView

Jaisalmer: The golden city's must-visit destinations



**Jaisalmer Fort**

**The golden fortress**  
Jaisalmer Fort also known as Sonar Quila, stands as a majestic golden fortress in the heart of the Thar Desert. Built in 1156

AD, it is one of the largest forts in the world, with its yellow sandstone walls mirroring the desert's golden hues. The fort houses palaces, temples, and intricately carved havelis, offering a glimpse into the royal history of Rajasthan. Exploring its narrow lanes, visitors can experience the rich cultural heritage and vibrant local life within the fort's walls.



**Sam Sand Dunes**

**Desert adventure**  
Located 40 kilometers from Jaisalmer, Sam Sand Dunes offers an authentic desert

experience with rolling sand dunes stretching as far as the eye can see. Visitors can enjoy camel rides, jeep safaris, and witness the mesmerizing sunset over the dunes. The area comes alive with cultural performances, traditional music, and dance during the evening, providing a unique glimpse into the nomadic lifestyle of Rajasthan. Sam Sand Dunes is a must-visit for those seeking adventure and a taste of the desert's serene beauty.



**Patwon Ki Haveli**

**Architectural marvel**  
Patwon Ki Haveli, a stunning collection of five havelis, is one of the most significant architectural landmarks in Jaisalmer. Built

in the early 19th century, these havelis are known for their intricate carvings, detailed balconies, and beautiful frescoes. The haveli complex, originally constructed by a wealthy trader, offers a fascinating insight into the opulent lifestyle of the past. Visitors can explore the museum housed within, which showcases antique artifacts, paintings, and furniture, making it a cultural treasure in the heart of Jaisalmer.



**Gadisar Lake**

**Tranquil oasis**  
Gadisar Lake, an artificial water reservoir built in the 14th century, is a serene oasis amidst the arid landscape of Jaisalmer. Surrounded by temples, ghats, and cenotaphs, the lake offers

a peaceful retreat for visitors. Boating on the calm waters, especially during sunrise or sunset, provides stunning views of the fort and the city. The lake is also a popular spot for birdwatching, with various migratory birds flocking to its waters, making it a perfect destination for nature lovers.



**Bada Bagh**

**Royal cenotaphs**  
Bada Bagh, meaning "Big Garden," is a historical site located 6 kilometers from Jaisalmer. It is home to a series of cenotaphs (chhatris) dedicated to

the royal family of Jaisalmer. These intricately carved sandstone structures, set against the backdrop of the barren desert, create a striking visual contrast. The site offers a serene and reflective atmosphere, with each cenotaph bearing inscriptions that tell the tales of the kings who once ruled this land. Bada Bagh is a place of historical significance and a tranquil escape from the bustling city.



# Sports



This one meant a lot to me," Griner said after the U.S. held off France 67-66 to win an unprecedented eighth straight gold medal in women's basketball Sunday.

**Brittney Griner**  
US Basketball Player

## New Zealand pick 5 spin options for Tests vs Afghan

New Zealand Names Strong Squad for Tests Against Afghanistan in India and Sri Lanka, Featuring Five Spin Options and Experienced Players for Subcontinental Challenges

Press Trust Of India

New Zealand named a strong squad for the upcoming Test series against Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, focusing on spin options.

**AUCKLAND:** New Zealand on Monday named a strong squad, which includes five spin bowling options, for next month's one-off Test against Afghanistan and the ensuing two-match rubber against Sri Lanka.

While the one-off Test against Afghanistan will be played in Greater Noida, India, from September 9-13, the Black Caps will fly to Sri Lanka for the two ICC World Test Championship matches, starting September 18 and 26, respectively.

Veteran pacer Tim Southee will lead the side which includes the likes of Kane Williamson, Devon Conway, Glenn Phillips and Rachin Ravindra, while Tom Latham continues to be the vice-captain.

However, head coach Gary Stead hinted that if conditions call for a different balance, the skipper too may have to sit out for a game or two.

"Test tours to the subcontinent can ask some really tough questions of pace bowlers due to the



New Zealand's Tim Southee to lead a spin-heavy squad in upcoming Test series against Afghanistan and Sri Lanka. | Photo: PTI

### HIGHLIGHT

● Veteran pacer Tim Southee leads the side, with Kane Williamson and Devon Conway key players.

● Michael Bracewell returns after injury, joining four other spinners for subcontinental conditions.

nature of the pitches and the heat and humidity," Stead said.

"While we're going over with an open mind around conditions, there is an understanding that all our bowling options may be needed across the different Tests.

"Tim and I have discussed this, and the need during these over-

seas tours to balance the work-loads of the pace bowlers, including himself, to ensure the team is best served," he added.

Spin bowling all-rounder Michael Bracewell returned to the squad for the first time in 18 months after an Achilles injury, which was followed by a broken finger in February, had

kept him out of action. Bracewell will shoulder the spin duties alongside left-armers Mitchell Santner, Ajaz Patel and part-timers Glenn Phillips and Ravindra. "Michael had to show plenty of resilience to rehabilitate from his injuries and force his way back into the BLACK-CAPS across all three formats," Stead said.

| WEATHER DISRUPTS VICTORY |

## SA and West Indies settle for a draw in rain-hit 1st test

### Durand Cup: Punjab FC beat Mumbai City 3-0

**KOLKATA:** Punjab FC cruised to a 3-0 victory over reigning ISL Cup winners Mumbai City FC during their Durand Cup match here on Sunday. Mushaga Bakenga of Norway struck twice, while Croatia's Filip Mrzljak scored an injury-time goal as Punjab FC remained unbeaten in the group stage. PFC are placed second in Group C behind Kerala Blasters, who have already advanced to the next round. The Punjab outfit too have a bright chance of making it to the quarter-finals. Punjab put the young Mumbai side under pressure early, repeatedly testing their goalkeeper. However, the MFC defence held on to end the opening half goalless. PFC were awarded a penalty at the start of the second half but Luka Majcen shot it over the bar.

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South Africa and West Indies settled for a draw in the rain-affected first Test.

**PORT OF SPAIN:** South Africa and West Indies had to settle for a draw in the rain-affected first Test at Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain. The match was heavily disrupted by rain, which played a significant role in preventing either side from securing a victory.

On the fifth and final day, South Africa declared their second innings at 173-3 after resuming at 30-0, setting West Indies a target of 298 runs. Tristan Stubbs top-scored for South Africa with a brisk 68



Jason Holder of West Indies and Lungi Ngidi of South Africa shake hands after the match ended in a draw. | Photo: PTI

before being dismissed by Kumar Roach.

In response, West Indies' Alick Athanaze led the chase with an impressive 92, but his efforts were thwarted by

South Africa's left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj, who claimed 4-88 in 26.2 overs.

Despite Athanaze's resistance, West Indies ended their second

### FACTFILE

● Alick Athanaze's 92 led West Indies' chase, but rain hindered both teams' chances.

● Keshav Maharaj's 4-88 helped South Africa hold off West Indies' final-day push.

innings at 201-5, still 106 runs short of the target, with only a few overs remaining. Jason Holder, who finished unbeaten on 31, managed to hit a six before the teams agreed to a draw. Rain had affected each day of the match, with only 15 overs bowled on the first day, making it difficult for either side to build momentum.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### TENNIS

#### Amanda Anisimova beats Emma Navarro in National Bank Open

**TORONTO:** Amanda Anisimova beat eighth-seeded Emma Navarro 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 in an all-American semifinal in the windy National Bank Open. "Huge accomplishment," said Anisimova, ranked 132nd in the world. "Something I've been working really hard toward." She will face third-seeded defending champion Jessica Pegula in the final in another all-American match. Pegula beat No. 14 Diana Shnaider of Russia 6-4, 6-3. Anisimova took a mental-health break from tennis last year. The 22-year-old player has two WTA Tour titles – in 2019 in Bogota and 2022 in Melbourne. "I didn't want to finish my career on that note," she said. "I had sacrificed so much and given so much to the sport." She has beaten four top-20 players to reach the final – No. 3 Aryna Sabalenka, No. 12 Daria Kasatkina, No. 15 Navarro and No. 17 Anna Kalinskaya. **PTI**

### GOLF

#### Stephen Ames defends Boeing Classic title with thrilling victory



**WASHINGTON:** Stephen Ames successfully defended his Boeing Classic title, birdieing the par-5 18th for a 5-under 67 and one-stroke victory over Ernie Els, Steven Alker and Robert Karlsson. The 60-year-old Ames, a naturalized Canadian from Trinidad and Tobago, won his third PGA Tour Champions title of the season and ninth overall. He won four times on the PGA Tour. "This stage right now, this is all icing on my cake, so I'm just enjoying this and I'm going to take it as long as it goes," Ames said. **PTI**

### Stokes Injury Worries

#### Ben Stokes helped off field with possible hamstring injury ahead of Sri Lanka series



**MANCHESTER:** England captain Ben Stokes had to be helped off the field after suffering an injury while playing for Northern Superchargers in The Hundred domestic cricket competition, raising concerns he could miss the upcoming Test series against Sri Lanka. The 33-year-old Stokes pulled up while running between the wickets as the Superchargers chased a victory target of 153 against Manchester Originals at Old Trafford. Stokes appeared to clutch his left hamstring as he was completing a quick single from the non-striker's end. Stokes, who had bowled 15 overs in the match, retired hurt on two runs

with England teammate Harry Brook coming out to replace him. Asked about Stokes, Brook told Sky Sports: "It doesn't look great unfortunately but I think he'll be getting a scan tomorrow (Monday) and see how he is." Stokes led England to a 3-0 series sweep against West Indies last month. England opens its Test series against Sri Lanka on Aug. 21 at Old Trafford, with the third and final Test at the Oval from September 6. Stokes was alongside his teammates on the bench Sunday to watch the climax as the Superchargers won by seven wickets. He was on crutches as he shook hands with the opposition. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### HIGHEST BATTING AVERAGE IN TEST CRICKET

Player	Average
Don Bradman	99.94
Steve Smith	59.80
Marnus Labuschagne	58.63
Ken Barrington	58.67
Herbert Sutcliffe	60.73

Source: Olympic.org

### TENNIS

#### Rublev beats Matteo Arnaldi 6-4, 6-2 to reach National Bank Open final

**MONTREAL:** Fifth-seeded Andrey Rublev beat Matteo Arnaldi 6-4, 6-2 in the National Bank Open semifinals after waiting out a rain delay early in the second set. Rublev, the 26-year-old Russian with victories this year in Madrid and Hong Kong, will face Alexei Popyrin of Australia in the final. Popyrin beat American Sebastian Korda 7-6 (0), 6-3. "The wait has been worth it," Rublev said about the delay of 1 hour, 40 minutes at 1-1 in the second set. "I'm happy to be in my first Canadian final. I just want to recover, rest well and be ready for tomorrow." On Saturday, he beat top-seeded Jannik Sinner. Arnaldi, from Italy, reached his first Masters 1000-level semifinal. Earlier on Sunday in the quarterfinals, Popyrin topped fourth-seeded Hubert Hurkacz 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5, and Korda – the winner last week in Washington – beat second-seeded Alexander Zverev 7-6 (5), 1-6, 6-4. **PTI**

### SOCCER

#### Chelsea signs Portugal international Pedro Neto from Wolves



**LONDON:** Chelsea has signed Pedro Neto from Wolverhampton on a seven-year contract for a reported transfer fee of 54 million pounds (\$69 million). The Portugal international joins Enzo Maresca's team ahead of Chelsea's Premier League opener against Manchester City next weekend. Neto spent five seasons at Molineux, scoring two goals and providing nine assists in 20 appearances last season. He told Chelsea's official website: "I feel really grateful to have joined this club. I have worked really hard in my career to be here and I'm looking forward to getting on the pitch with this shirt." **PTI**

### UNJUST CRITICISM CONDEMNED

## Usha condemns unjust criticism of IOA

Press Trust Of India

**The hate directed at the IOA medical team, especially Dr. Pardiwala, is unacceptable and worthy of condemnation.**

PT Usha  
IOA Chief

coach. Vinesh, 29, was disqualified from her



gold-medal bout in the freestyle 50kg category after being 100gm overweight during the morning weigh-in, which dashed her Olympic hopes and led to her announcing her retirement.

The incident sparked a blame game, with some accusing IOA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala and his team of negligence. For-

mer IOA chief Narendra Batra even suggested that Vinesh's diet might have contributed to her disqualification. Usha condemned the attacks on Dr. Pardiwala, calling them "unacceptable and worthy of condemnation." She urged those criticizing the IOA medical team to consider all the facts before drawing conclusions.



## Sports News

## Bye from 'City of Love', over to 'vibrant LA'

Paris Olympics closing ceremony is a spectacular fusion of tradition, innovation, and Hollywood glamour, celebrating diversity, peace, and unity with stunning performances, iconic symbols, and a memorable handover to Los Angeles amidst global applause.

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Paris hosted an unforgettable Olympics closing ceremony, celebrating unity, diversity, and artistic brilliance.

**PARIS:** The Stade de France transformed into a grand celebration venue as the Paris Olympics concluded with a breathtaking closing ceremony. Athletes from around the world marched into the stadium to thunderous applause, marking the end of a fortnight of sporting excellence. The event, witnessed by nearly 75,000 spectators, was a spectacular follow-up to the innovative opening ceremony over the River Seine, which highlighted the city's architectural splendors and rich cultural heritage.

Directed by Thomas Jolly, the two-hour show began with a musical tribute to Paris. French singer Zaho de Sagazan performed the iconic "Sous le ciel de Paris," while a torchbearer, starting from the Louvre, carried the Olympic Flame to the Stade de France. The ceremony celebrated the Olympics' themes of diversity, solidarity, and peace, embodying the spirit of human achievement and unity. IOC President Thomas Bach praised the Games, describing them as "sensational" and a testament to human greatness. He emphasized the



India's flag-bearers shooter Manu Bhaker and men's hockey team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and others during the closing ceremony of the 2024 Summer Olympics. | Photo: PTI

## FASTFACTS

- Athletes paraded with iconic symbols, as Paris showcased its cultural heritage and architectural marvels.
- Hollywood star Tom Cruise and LA's vibrant culture took center stage during the flag handover.

Olympics' role in fostering a culture of peace, even if it cannot directly create it. Hollywood star Tom Cruise made a dramatic entrance, descending from the stadium's top to the "Mission Impossible" theme. He greeted athletes, took the Olympic flag from Simone Biles, and delivered it to Los Angeles, the next host city, in a thrilling sequence involving a bike ride and a cargo plane.

The ceremony also highlighted the commitment to inclusivity and gender parity, with the women's marathon concluding the event and medals being awarded during the closing ceremony. Volunteers who contributed to the success of the Games were honored alongside the athletes.

A mesmerizing display of light, sound, and choreography, including a performance by the French band Phoenix, brought the event to a close. The Olympic flag was handed over to Los Angeles, setting the stage for the next Games in 2028.



Teams assemble in the stadium during the closing ceremony of the 2024 Summer Olympics. | Photo: PTI

## A spectacle of Art, Culture, and Global Unity

The Paris Olympics concluded with a mesmerizing closing ceremony that captivated the world. One of the most stunning moments was Alain Roche's levitation sequence, where he performed "The Hymn to Apollo" on a piano suspended vertically in mid-air, blending illusion with musical history. This hymn, an ancient Greek composition, was first performed in 1894 at the International Congress in Paris, symbolizing the revival of the Olympic Games.



The ceremony then transitioned into a grand celebration with the iconic French band Phoenix leading a lively party atmosphere, joined by athletes from around the world. The Olympic flag was ceremoniously lowered and handed over from Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo to IOC President Thomas Bach, who then passed it to Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, marking the transition to the next host city. India's campaign concluded with six medals, led by standout performances from PR Sreejesh and Manu Bhaker.

| PARIS OLYMPICS |

## India awaits verdict on Vinesh's appeal against disqualification

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India awaits CAS verdict on Vinesh Phogat's disqualification appeal after Paris Olympics weigh-in controversy.

**PARIS:** India's sports fraternity waited with bated breath as the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), having heard arguments of all parties, got ready to deliver its verdict on wrestler Vinesh Phogat's appeal against her disqualification at the Paris Olympics, on Tuesday.

Vinesh, who stormed into the final of the women's 50kg freestyle event with three convincing wins, including against wrestling royalty Yui Susaki of Japan last Tuesday, was debarred from



the gold medal bout against eventual winner Sarah Hildebrandt of the United States as she was found 100gm above the prescribed limit in the customary morning weigh-in.

Shocked by the dramatic turn of events, the crestfallen grappler last Wednesday appealed against the decision at the CAS and demanded that she be given a joint silver with Cuban wrestler Yusneylis Guzman Lopez,

who had lost to Vinesh but was later promoted to the final following the Indian's disqualification.

A day after her heart-breaking disqualification, Vinesh announced her retirement from the sport, saying she doesn't have the strength to continue, as sporting icons from across the world threw their weight behind the 29-year-old wrestler who was appearing in her third Olympic Games.

## World No 22 Sreeja Akula ruled out of UTT

**CHENNAI:** Indian table tennis star Sreeja Akula has been ruled out of the upcoming season of the Ultimate Table Tennis due to a stress fracture.

Sreeja, who along with world No. 25 Manika Batra created history by becoming the first Indian players to enter the round of 16 in individual events at the Paris Olympics, is currently the highest ranked player in the country at the 22nd position. The two-time national champion Sreeja was slated to play for Jaipur Patriots but in a statement released on Monday, the 26-year-old informed that she will need a recuperating period of six weeks. "I am sorry to share that I have been diagnosed with a stress fracture and on my doctor's advice, I will need to rest for six weeks, which unfortunately means (that) I will not be able to participate in the UTT," she said.

| OLYMPICS |

## Abhinav Bindra praises Indian shooters' Olympic success

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Abhinav Bindra reflects on Indian shooters' performance at Paris Olympics, praising their resilience and growth.

**MUMBAI:** Olympic-gold medalist Abhinav Bindra believes there was a scope of "more conversions" for Indian shooters at the Paris Games but overall it was a campaign which they should be proud of.

India clinched six medals overall with three in shooting as Manu Bhaker became the first ever athlete from the country post Independence to earn two podium finishes in a single edition of Olympics.



Alongside winning a bronze medal in women's 10m air pistol, Manu grabbed another bronze in mixed 10m air pistol shooting with Sarabjot Singh as her teammate.

India got another bronze when Swapnil Kusale finished third

in the final of the 50m rifle 3 positions event in Paris.

"There have been misses, but everyone has fought well," Bindra told Jio Cinema.

"Outcomes are important, but more than that, it's about seeing how you've

## HIGHLIGHT

• Manu Bhaker makes history with two bronze medals, showcasing resilience and determination.

• Swapnil Kusale's strategic preparation and focus lead to a bronze in 50m rifle 3 positions.

improved as a nation in terms of performance. If you look at those elements, we've performed better than before. We'd like to see more conversions to medals, but we have a lot to be proud of," he said.

Bindra praised Manu for patching up with coach Jaspal Rana and for working in tandem for her success.

| SPRINTING TO GREATNESS |

## Harbhajan predicts Rohit's two years, Virat's five in cricket

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Former India great Harbhajan Singh believes that Virat Kohli with his supreme fitness can easily survive the rigours of international cricket for another five years while Test and ODI captain Rohit Sharma will last at least another couple of years.

"Rohit can easily play for two more years. You never know with Virat Kohli's fitness, you can see him competing for

five years. He is probably the fittest guy in the team," Harbhajan told PTI Videos in an exclusive interview.

"You ask any 19-year-old competing with Virat (on fitness). Virat will beat him. He is that fit. I believe Virat and Rohit have a lot of cricket left in them and it is entirely up to them. If they are fit enough, they are performing and the team is winning, they should continue to play. As simple as that," the man with



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Harbhajan Singh  
Former Cricketer

700 plus international wickets said.

Harbhajan believes that Test cricket is one format where you need both of them.

"Red ball cricket, you really need these two guys to play a little bit more than what people are asking. You need experience in all formats whether its limited overs cricket and Test cricket. You need experienced cricketers to nurture the talent that is coming up.

## Neeraj Chopra's homecoming delayed

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has left for Germany after winning a silver medal in the Paris Games to take medical advice regarding a possible surgery and to decide whether to feature in the upcoming Diamond League meetings, according to sources. A family source told PTI that he has left for Germany and is unlikely to return to India for at least one month. In Paris, Indian Olympic

Association sources also confirmed that Chopra has left for Germany. "Chopra has left for Germany and he will not return to India for another month and a half," a family source told PTI. "I am not aware of the much of the details, but for sure he will consult a doctor there (Germany)," he added. After winning at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland in June, Chopra had said that he would consult doctors after the Paris Olympics to deal with his injury.



# World



Ukraine's incursion into Kursk is an attempt to stop Moscow's eastern offensive.

Vladimir Putin  
Russian President



People stage a protest over the violence against minorities in Bangladesh, in Houston, USA, Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024. | Photo: PTI

## Save Hindus in B'desh : 100 join Indian Americans vigil

The air was thick with emotion as attendees united for a cause on Sunday morning that resonated deeply with their identities and beliefs.

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**HOUSTON:** In a powerful yet peaceful display of solidarity, over 300 Indian-Americans and Bangladeshi-origin Hindus gathered at Sugar Land City Hall in Houston to protest the horrific acts committed by Islamist extremists targeting Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh.

with their identities and beliefs. Organisers passionately called on the Biden Administration to take immediate and decisive action to prevent further atrocities and to protect vulnerable minority communities in Bangladesh.

The recent surge in violence against Hindu communities poses an urgent and alarming threat to peace and stability in the region, and the time to act is now. The organisers passionately called for immediate protection and safety for all religious minorities in Bangladesh, urging the US government to refuse to remain a silent bystander as these heinous crimes against humanity unfold.

### HIGHLIGHT

• The recent surge in violence against Hindu communities poses an urgent and alarming threat to peace and stability in the region, and the time to act is now.

They encouraged Bangladeshi Hindus to stay vigilant and unite in monitoring the ongoing situation, taking necessary initiatives collectively in any emergency.

The vigil, titled "Save Hindus in Bangladesh," was organised by the Global Voice for Bangladesh Minorities, an umbrella organisation representing major Houston Hindu groups, including Maitri in Houston, Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America, HinduAction, HinduPact, Houston Dur-

gabri Society, Global Kashmiri Pandit Diaspora, and many more. Participants raised their placards high, bearing passionate messages demanding an end to the violence and atrocities against Hindus in Bangladesh. The crowd erupted with fervour as slogans like "Stop Hindu Genocide," "Stand Up and Speak Out Now," "Hindu Lives Matter," and "We Won't Run, We Won't Hide, Stop Hindu Genocide" rang out, echoing their urgent plea for justice.

## Faiz Hameed taken into military custody: Army

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan's former ISI chief Lt Gen (retd.) Faiz Hameed has been arrested by the military ahead of his court martial in connection with a housing scheme scandal, the army said on Monday.

"Complying with the orders of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, a detailed court of inquiry, was undertaken by Pakistan Army, to ascertain correctness of complaints in Top City Case made against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd)," the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) - the media wing of the army said in a statement. "Consequently, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd), under provisions of the Pakistan Army Act," it added.

## Chinese dancer performs 'Arangetram' in China

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A 13-year-old Chinese girl scripted history when she performed Bharatanatyam "Arangetram" in China, a landmark in the journey of the ancient Indian dance form that is gaining popularity in the neighbouring country.



Shurti Rawat, wife of Indian Ambassador to China Pradeep, with Lei Muzi, Chinese dancer who performed her Arangetram, in Beijing, China, Sunday.

**BEIJING:** Lei Muzi made her solo dance debut here on Sunday in front of the celebrated Bharatanatyam dancer Leela Samson, Indian diplomats and a large audience of Chinese fans.

For ardent Chinese fans of Indian classical art and dance forms who devoted their lives to learning and performing

### FASTFACTS

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them for decades, her debut was a moment of history and a milestone as it was the first-ever "Arangetram" - Bharatanatyam's graduation ceremony - in China.

For the performers of the ancient dance from South India, Arangetram, as it is called in Tamil, is their debut performance on stage in front of teachers and experts besides

the audience. Only after Arangetram are the students allowed to perform on their own or train aspiring dancers.

"This is the first-ever Arangetram by a student fully trained in China and performed in China," said T S Vivekanand, the First Secretary of the Indian Embassy in charge of culture who attended the event. It was a properly done Arangetram in a very traditional way, he told PTI here.

"Lei's Arangetram is the first time that Chinese students trained by a Chinese teacher have completed in China, which is a landmark in the history of Bharatanatyam inheritance," noted Chinese Bharatanatyam dancer Jin Shan Shan, who trained Lei, said.

## Democrats launch first paid ad campaign

**WASHINGTON:** With a solidified presidential ticket stumping across the country and a massive amount of money to spend, the Democratic Party is targeting seven critical battleground states with paid advertising for Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz.



## Briefs

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### ETHIOPIA CURRENCY REFORMS

#### Ethiopia reels from foreign exchange rate reforms

**ADDIS ABABA:** The prices on the menu have been erased at a small hotel in a suburb of Ethiopia's capital. That was no mistake, the waiters said, as businesses in Addis Ababa struggle to keep up with spiralling inflation since the government implemented a flexible exchange rate policy late last month.

Since then, the Ethiopian birr has lost 60 per cent of its value against the dollar as of Monday, sparking anxiety as customers are forced to pay more for basic commodities and some businesspeople are hoarding. The menus at the Samra Hotel in Bole, a leafy suburb of Addis Ababa, captured the instability: There's a new price for every meal at any moment. "Previously, prices would be updated bimonthly but nowadays it's on a daily basis, if not by the hour, to reflect the changing landscape of the market," said Rahel Teshome, who works at the hotel. **PTI**

### INDONESIA

#### Indonesian leader holds first cabinet meeting



**JAKARTA:** Indonesian President Joko Widodo held his first cabinet meeting in the future capital of Nusantara, amid miles of construction sites and doubts about the sustainability of the ambitious mega project.

Widodo began working from the city two weeks ago, using an office inside the construction site of the massive new palace in the form of the mythical eagle-shaped Garuda, the symbol of the country. **PTI**

### FROM AROUND THE WORLD

#### Major wildfire rages out of control on fringes of Greek capital; hundreds of firefighters deployed



**ATHENS:** A major forest fire was raging out of control on the northern fringes of the Greek capital Monday, triggering numerous evacuation orders for Athens suburbs and outlying areas as strong winds hampered the efforts of hundreds of firefighters and dozens of water-dropping planes.

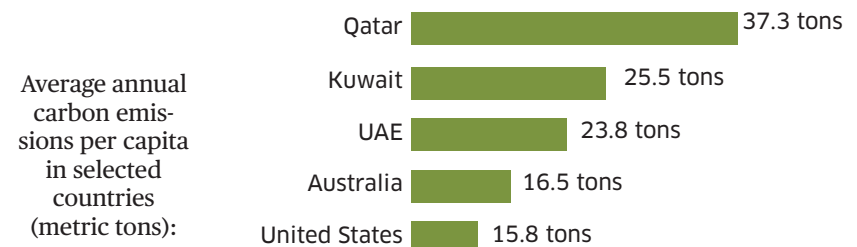
The blaze that began Sunday afternoon was racing through pine forests left tinder-dry by repeated heat waves this summer. June and July of this year were the hottest months ever recorded in Greece, which also recorded its warmest winter ever. Authorities were faced

with "an exceptionally dangerous fire, which we have been fighting for more than 20 hours under dramatic circumstances," Climate Crisis and Civil Protection Minister Vassilis Kikilias said mid-morning Monday.

The fire was burning mainly on two separate fronts, with some parts in particularly difficult to reach areas on a mountain northeast of Athens, Kikilias said. The fire department said 685 firefighters, backed by 27 teams specially trained to tackle wildfires and including more than 80 armed forces personnel, were battling the flames. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### CARBON EMISSIONS PER CAPITA (2023)



Source: World Bank, Global Carbon Project

### NEWEST JUDGE OF THE SHOW

## Kamala Harris gains ground in key battleground

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**WASHINGTON:** Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris has voiced confidence in winning the November 5 general elections against her Republican rival Donald Trump, as she gained ground nationally and in several key battleground states.



and African origin, continues to be on a fundraising spree, taking her campaign coffers to an unprecedented level. The 59-year-old Democratic leader has also been attracting a record crowd in her rallies. "We will win this election," Harris told a fundraiser in San Francisco on Sunday in which she amassed USD 12 million more for her presidential bid. The

fundraiser was attended by around 700 donors, including several prominent Indian-Americans.

In less than a month of her being on top of the Democratic Party ticket, after incumbent President Joe Biden decided to withdraw from the race, Harris has nearly wiped out the national lead of her Republican rival and former president Trump.

### BANGLADESH

#### New Bangladesh Chief Justice warns of stern action against 'misdeeds' by judiciary

**DHAKA:** Bangladesh's newly appointed Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed on Monday warned of stern action if anybody from the judiciary was found to be involved in any "misdeeds". Speaking at a reception hosted by

the Attorney General's Office and the Supreme Court Bar in the Appellate Division, Ahmed commemorated those killed in the student protests that resulted in the toppling of the government led by Sheikh Hasina last week. **PTI**

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