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Doctor murder-rape case: HC shifts probe to CBI

Widespread agitation by junior doctors has crippled state healthcare services.

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KOLKATA: The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday ordered the transfer of probe into the alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital from the Kolkata Police to the CBI.

A widespread agitation by junior doctors has crippled state healthcare services for the fifth day, with the functioning of even emergency and out-door departments coming to a halt in most state-run hospitals.

The high court directed the city police to hand over the case diary to the central probe agency by this evening, and all other documents by 10 am on Wednesday.

The direction was passed in the wake of a petition moved by the victim's parents praying for a court-monitored probe and multiple other PILs seeking probe transfer



Activists of various organisations participate in a march to condemn the sexual assault.

HIGHLIGHT

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to the CBI. The interim order came five days after the gruesome incident had come to light and five days ahead of the probe deadline of Sunday issued

Call off cease-work and return to work
T S Sivagnanam
CJI Calcutta HC

to the police by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, beyond which she had vowed to hand over

investigations to the central agency. The body of the postgraduate trainee with severe injury marks all over was found inside the seminar hall of the state-run hospital's chest department on Friday morning. The preliminary autopsy report suggested she was subjected to violent sexual assault. Despite the Kolkata Police

arresting one of its own, a civic volunteer named Sanjay Roy, in this connection on Saturday, the move failed to silence the clamour of allegations of a botched up investigation and evidence tampering which have now snowballed into an outrage of junior doctors spreading across medical campuses of the state and beyond.

Odisha doctor arrested for 'raping' two patients

CUTTACK: A doctor has been arrested for allegedly raping two women patients at the SCB Medical College and Hospital in Odisha's Cuttack, police said on Tuesday.

The alleged incident took place on Sunday when the women had come to the cardiology department of the premier government hospital for an echocardiogram test. Cuttack DCP Prakash R told PTI that the resident doctor was arrested on the

charge of rape based on the complaint by the two women patients. "The Mangalabag police station has received a written complaint from the two patients on Monday and a case was registered," Cuttack Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (ADCP) Anil Mishra said.

The Health and Family Welfare Department has set up a three-member inquiry committee to probe into the allegations against the resident doctor.

5 Naxalites arrested

SUKMA: Five Naxalites, one of them carrying a reward of Rs 5 lakh on his head, were arrested in Sukma district, police said on Tuesday. The cadres, including a woman, were apprehended from a forested hill near Chikometta village under Jagargunda village when a joint team of the DRG, the CRPF's 165th battalion and local police was out on an operation.

'Marathas should unite'

NASHIK: Activist Manoj Jarang on Tuesday said the goal of his agitation was to get reservation for the Maratha community in the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category, and the Marathas should unite for this purpose. The coming Maharashtra assembly elections were a "unique opportunity", he said at the conclusion of the Maratha Janjaguti peace rally here. "Our aim is to get reservation in the OBC category. Only reservation will help us grow big.

NEWSLINE

SRINAGAR

IAS officer tenders apology in court

An IAS officer facing contempt of court proceedings before the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh tendered a written apology in the chief judicial magistrate's court in Ganderbal on Tuesday. Ganderbal Deputy Commissioner Shyambir Singh submitted an affidavit in the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Fayaz Ahmad Qureshi, tendering his sincere apology. Singh appeared before the court and verbally reaffirmed the apology.

NEW DELHI

Rijiju launches 'Jiyo Parsi' scheme



Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday launched the Jiyo Parsi scheme portal that would enable Parsis to apply, check the status of their application and to receive financial assistance online through direct benefit transfer mode. The Jiyo Parsi scheme is a unique central sector scheme implemented by the Ministry with the objective to reverse the declining trend.

HEALING TOUCH

Bangladesh govt Chief Adviser Yunus reaches out to Hindus

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Govt promises to punish those responsible for attacks on minorities.

DHAKA: Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus on Tuesday reached out to the distressed Hindu community as he visited a centuries-old temple, where he urged them to "exercise patience" and assured them that his government would punish those who attacked the minority members. The 84-year-old economist, who took charge as the Chief Advisor of the interim government on August 8 amid ongoing violence and vandalism, visited the Dhakeshwari temple - one of the prominent Shakti peethas - in Dhaka and said each one's rights should be ensured and blamed "institutional



Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus with Hindu community members.

FACTFILE

● Minority community faced attacks and threats in 278 locations across 48 districts.

decay" for the predicament that his country has fallen into. His visit comes on a day when the Bangladesh National Hindu Grand Alliance said that the minority community faced attacks and threats in 278 locations across 48 districts since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led

government on August 5 and termed it as an "assault on the Hindu religion." "Rights are equal for everyone. We are all one people with one right. Do not make any distinctions among us. Please, assist us. Exercise patience, and later judge - what we were able to do and not. If we fail, then criticise us," Yunus was quoted as saying by The Daily Star newspaper. "In our democratic aspirations, we should not be seen as Muslims, Hindus, or Buddhists, but as human beings. Our rights should

be ensured. The root of all problems lies in the decay of institutional arrangements. That is why such issues arise. Institutional arrangements need to be fixed," said Yunus, who was accompanied by Law Adviser Asif Nazrul and Religious Affairs Adviser AFM Khalid Hossain.

On Monday, Hossain's ministry set up a hotline asking people to provide information about attacks on temples, churches or any other religious institutions. "If a temple, church, pagoda or any other religious institution is attacked or attacked by miscreants, it is requested to report its information by calling this mobile number 01766-843809 or by sending a small message," Bengali language daily Prothom Alo reported, citing a notification issued by the ministry on Monday.

Krishnanand Upreti and his fight for India's freedom

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Upreti's grandson Rajesh Mohan Upreti said though he dedicated his life to fighting for the country's freedom, he died before he could see his dream become a reality.

PITHORAGARH: Late freedom fighter Krishnanand Upreti opened the first office of the Congress here and played a crucial role in eradicating the exploitative British-era practice of 'Coolie-Begar' which forced locals to carry the luggage of British officials without payment.

These and many more contributions of Upreti, who was born in Hudeti village near Pithoragarh in 1895 and was greatly influenced by Mahatma Gandhi, to India's freedom struggle are part of his biography released



HIGHLIGHT

● Upreti joined the Cong in 1920 and opened the party's first office in his house in Hudeti in 1921.

● Upreti opposed the atrocities committed by landlords on the common people.

by the Centre. His biography is among a series of biographies of freedom fighters released by the government ahead of the 78th Independence Day.

Expressing happiness over the inclusion of his

grandfather's life story in the series, Upreti's grandson Rajesh Mohan Upreti said though he dedicated his life to fighting for the country's freedom, he died before he could see his dream become a reality.

"He opened the first office of the Congress in this remote area and played an important role in ending the exploitative British-era practice of Coolie-Begar," Rajesh Mohan said about his grandfather.

Upreti joined the Congress in 1920 and opened the party's first office in his house in Hudeti in 1921, said Rajesh Mohan, a teacher at a government school here.

He said after the Congress office opened in the village, freedom fighters of the area held a conference there and began to unite under his grandfather's leadership.

NEW DELHI

India's Haj quota for 2025

India's quota for 2025 Haj remained the same as 2024 at 1,75,025 as Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju opened the process for applying for the pilgrimage through the Haj Committee of India on Tuesday. For the first time, the applications have been invited on the Haj Suvaidha App in addition to the website of Haj Committee of India, an official statement said. A helpline of the Haj Committee of India along with dedicated channels on the social media are being operationalised to help the pilgrims.



Wellness

Beyond the rainbow: Why women perceive colors than men

Have you ever noticed that women seem to see more colors in a sunset or a painting than men do? It's not just a matter of personal taste—it's actually science! Research shows that women might see a wider range of colors than men, and it's all thanks to some interesting details about our eyes and brains.

COURT ORDER

'Sperm or egg donor not child's biological parent'

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MUMBAI: A sperm or egg donor has no legal right on the child and cannot claim to be its biological parent, the Bombay High Court held on Tuesday while allowing a 42-year-old woman visitation rights to her five-year-old twin daughters. The woman, in her plea, said her daughters, born via

surrogacy, were living with her husband and younger sister, who was the egg donor.

The petitioner's husband had claimed since his sister-in-law was the egg donor, she had a legitimate right to be called a biological parent of the twins and that his wife had no right over them.

A single bench of Justice Milind Jadhav,



however, refused to accept this contention, citing that though the petitioner's younger sister was the egg donor, she has no legitimate right to claim that she is a biolog-

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● Bombay HC allowed a 42-year-old woman visitation rights to her five-year-old twin daughters.

ical parent of the twins. The court said the role of the younger sister is that

of an egg donor, rather, a voluntary donor, and at the most, she may qualify to be a genetic mother and nothing more.

An advocate appointed to assist the court in the matter informed it that since the estranged couple's surrogacy agreement took place in 2018 when the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act 2021 had not come into force.

Cash, explosives seized from Naxalite hideouts

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GARIABAND: Explosives and Rs 38 lakh in cash have been seized from two Naxalite hideouts along the border of Gariaband and Dhamtari districts, police said on Tuesday. A search operation was launched on August 10 after police received information that Naxalites had col-

lected so-called levy from local business owners and stored the cash in two separate places, an official said. A joint squad of police from the two districts and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) unearthed 'dumps' of materials used by Naxalites in the forests of Chhote Gobra and Pendra villages on Monday, he said.

Raipur



Everyone should join the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and pay respect to the brave martyrs.
Lakhn Lal Dewangan,
State Industry Minister.



MoU signed in the presence of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Industry Minister Lakhn Lal Dewangan.

Govt signs MoU to promote biz activities

MoUs were signed in a ceremony held at the CM's residence office in Raipur.

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RAIPUR: In a major move to enhance economic growth and promote business activities in Chhattisgarh, the state government has signed MoUs to establish two national-level centers focused on export facilitation and entrepreneurship development. The MoUs were signed in a ceremony held at the Chief Minister's residence office in Raipur, attended by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and

Industry Minister Lakhn Lal Dewangan.

The first center, the Export Facilitation Center of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) Kolkata, will provide critical guidance and support to local businesses in Chhattisgarh, helping them navigate the complexities of international trade. This initiative is expected to significantly boost export activities from the state, allowing Chhattisgarh's entrepreneurs to establish a stronger presence in global

HIGHLIGHT

● Export Facilitation Center of the IIFT, Kolkata, will provide critical guidance to local businesses.

markets. In addition to this, the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship Development Ahmedabad will set up a Training Center dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship among the youth of Chhattisgarh. This center will offer comprehen-

sive training programs designed to equip young entrepreneurs with the essential skills and knowledge needed to successfully launch and manage their own businesses.

The establishment of these two centers marks a significant milestone in Chhattisgarh's economic development. By enhancing the state's business ecosystem and empowering its youth, these initiatives are poised to accelerate Chhattisgarh's journey towards becoming a hub for trade and

CM Sai condoles Shri Vinod Babu Maheshwari

RAIPUR: The Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has expressed condolences on sad demise of Editor-in-Chief of Navbharat, Navrashtra and Central Chronicle Shri Vinod Babu Maheshwari. CM Sai expressing condolences towards the grieved family members of Shri Maheshwari has prayed for peace to the departed soul.

CM Sai in his message has said that Shri Vinod Babu Maheshwari has made massive efforts in making lives of common men convenient through public-sensitive and result oriented journalism. His loss is irreplaceable a loss to the journalistic fraternity, he added.

ED officials raid four spots in CG, Maharashtra

RAIPUR: The Enforcement Directorate (ED), the central agency investigating the District Mineral Fund (DMF) scam, has raided 4 places simultaneously in Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. This raid operation was kept extremely confidential. Now the central agency has issued a statement and shared the information about the raid.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

MEAT SALE BANNED

Complete ban on meat sale on Independence Day, order issued

RAIPUR: In a move to observe Independence Day with respect and harmony, the Chhattisgarh Government has issued a complete ban on the sale of meat and mutton for August 15. This directive, communicated by the Health Department following an order from the Urban Administration and Development Department, mandates that all slaughterhouses and meat-mutton shops within the Municipal Corporation area remain closed on this national holiday. According to the order, any shop found violating this ban by selling meat or mutton on Independence Day will face strict legal action, including the confiscation of the products. The Health Department has tasked the Zone Health Officer and Zone Sanitation Inspector of the Municipal Corporation with the responsibility of enforcing this order. They will conduct regular inspections of meat-mutton shops in their designated areas to ensure compliance.

BOOKLET RELEASED

Health Minister unveils 'CG Sathi' booklet to enhance healthcare



RAIPUR: Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal unveiled the "CG Sathi" (Chhattisgarh Strategic Alliance for Transforming Healthcare Initiatives) booklet at his residence office on Tuesday. This booklet is set to play a crucial role in advancing healthcare facilities and improving health indicators across the state. The CG Sathi initiative represents a groundbreaking approach in Chhattisgarh, creating a unified platform for the health department and its partner organizations.

OPD services to be suspended

Doctors in Chhattisgarh protest in solidarity with 'Kolkata's Nirbhaya' today

RAIPUR: In a show of solidarity with the victim of the recent tragic incident at RG Kar Medical College Hospital in Kolkata, doctors across Chhattisgarh are uniting to demand justice.

The horrific rape and murder of a junior doctor have sparked nationwide outrage, with doctors in Raipur and other parts of the state participating in a symbolic protest.

Today, doctors are attending to patients while wearing black bands as a mark of protest.

Additionally, the Chhattisgarh Junior Doctors Association (JDA) and the Union of District Faculty Associations (UDFA) have announced a mass strike scheduled for August 14.

During this strike, outpatient departments (OPDs) across the state will be closed, though emergency

INDUCTION PROGRAMME

'Youngsters needs to revive ancient knowledge sources'

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Independence and responsibility are interdependent: Prof. Shrivastav

RAIPUR: At the induction programme organized by the Centre of Basic Sciences (CBS) at Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sachchidanand Shukla addressed the students, stating, "If anything has been most deeply explored in the last 60 years, it is spirituality. The youth of our country have become the guiding light of the world. We must become capable of providing a new direction to the world. We aim to create a generation that is united in solving every problem." While interacting



Induction programme organized by the Centre of Basic Sciences (CBS).

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with the newly admitted students, he emphasized that we must first think of the nation. The great sacrifices of those who prioritized the nation have left us with a rich legacy that guides us forward. Reviving ancient Indian knowledge systems is the

responsibility of today's youth. The university's Proctor Prof. Ashish Shrivastav said, "Students should maintain discipline within the campus. Your character and lifestyle reflect your personality. Students should strive to excel in both education and knowledge. Independence and responsibility are interdependent."

Dean of Student Welfare (DSW), Prof. Rajiv Chauhan, expressed that

the department is committed to addressing student issues. Our department organizes various competitions and youth festivals every year for students. Students can also actively participate in cultural programs. The department also supports initiatives aimed at fostering leadership qualities in students.

The program began with the singing of the saraswati vandana and the state song.

THE READING FEST

NH Goel World School hosts 'The Reading Fest'

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RAIPUR: NH Goel World School, in collaboration with Raj Kamal Prakashan, commenced "The Reading Fest" from August 12th. The week-long event was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Jaya Jadwani, a CG Sahitya Academy Awardee, who was warmly welcomed by Principal Dr. Awinash Pandey. The occasion was further graced by presence of Director Administration SK Tomar and Vice Principal Mrs.



Preeti Sharma. The 6-day event began with a lively Book Fair, which offered a vast collection of books catering to diverse interests. The objective of this

festival is to promote a love for reading, stimulate creativity among students, and provide an opportunity for them to interact with renowned writers.

Books are ocean of knowledge, a best friend, and a lifelong companion.

Jaya Jadwani
CG Sahitya Academy
Awardee

Throughout the event, various activities and sessions will be conducted to engage students, parents and faculty alike.



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Raipur News

Nation's first Lithium Mine in Katghora

The 6th Governing Body meeting of the NMET was held.

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RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal attended the 6th Governing Body meeting of the National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, as a representative of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai. The meeting, chaired by Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy, focused on the exploitation of minerals, their use, and the conservation of nature and the environment. The discussion also included the Katghora area in Korba district, where the Geological Survey of India has confirmed large reserves of lithium across approximately 250 hectares. Jaiswal stated "The lithium mine set to begin soon in Katghora will be the country's first lithium mine. Lithium is a crucial metal that will steer both the state and the nation towards a new direction of development. With the commencement of this



State's Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal attends 6th NMET Governing Body meeting as Chief Minister's representative.

lithium mine, Chhattisgarh will emerge as one of the leading states in the country, and our lithium reserves will play a significant role in achieving 'Viksit Bharat@2047'." Ministry of Mines, GoI, has issued a NIT on the MSTC portal for the allocation of 20 critical and strategic mineral blocks.

Lithium, REE block in Katghora included among 20 blocks

Among these 20 blocks, the Lithium and REE block in the Katghora area of Korba district is included. Preliminary surveys by the Geological Survey of India indicate lithium content ranging from 10 ppm to 2,000 ppm in about 250 hectares, with the presence of rare earth elements also detected. Critical and strategic minerals are essential for renewable energy, defense, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, high-tech electronics, and others.

Jaiswal meets Union Rly Minister, discusses railway upgrades

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RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal met with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at Rail Bhavan during his visit to Delhi. Jaiswal highlighted several demands related to public facilities in Chhattisgarh. He also informed Union Minister about the state government's provision of its share of funding for the construction of the Chirmiri-Nagpur Halt new railway line and requested that construction work begin at the earliest.

Jaiswal requested the extension of the Bilaspur-Chirmiri-Bilaspur train (numbers 18257-18258), which has not been extended

for several decades, to either Durg Junction or Gondia Junction. Currently, residents of the newly formed district of Manendragarh face significant difficulties due to the lack of direct rail service to the state capital. Extending this train to Durg would provide direct access to Raipur. Besides, Shri Jaiswal also requested that the Shahdol-Nagpur Junction-Shahdol train (numbers 11201-11202) be operated from Chirmiri, which would offer direct transportation to a large population from Katni, Jabalpur, and Nagpur. Union Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw assured that a positive decision would be made on all the demands.



Over 11.72 lakh MT of fertilizer distributed

RAIPUR: Following the directives of Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, certified fertilizers and seeds are being distributed to farmers throughout the state in an efficient manner, tailored to their requirements. These distributions are being continuously monitored by officials from the Agriculture Department. So far, 11.72 lakh metric tonnes of fertilizer—86 per cent of the target—have been distributed. Besides,

8.83 lakh quintals of certified seeds have been provided, reaching 90 per cent of the target.

Agriculture Department officials stated today that the area of sowing, which began with the onset of the monsoon, is gradually increasing. The monsoon conditions in the state are very favorable. So far, crops have been sown across 45.05 lakh hectares, which is 93 per cent of the targeted area.

MATS University organized a three-day orientation program

RAIPUR: From 12th to 14th August 2024, School of Business and Management Studies Mats University organized its Orientation Program "Aarambh" 2024 at University Campus Raipur. SSP Raipur Shri Santosh Singh was present as the keynote speaker of the program. He blessed the students with his motivational words and motivated the students to strive for success.

Many cultural activities were performed in the program, followed by many Gams and students enjoyed dance performances and music. Also, the students were told about the new education policy and its structure. All the new students were introduced to the teachers of the department.

DF Forests plants Mahua sapling at Nandanvan



RAIPUR: Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Jitendra Kumar participated in the mega tree plantation campaign "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" today by planting a Mahua sapling at Nandanvan Jungle Safari in Nava Raipur.

Kumar also visited a painting exhibition on elephant-human conflict, showcased by school students and forest department employees. Following this, he awarded mementos to the winning participants. The event was attended by Abhanpur MLA Indra Kumar Sahu, and officials of Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Forest Climate Change, Government of India, Additional Director General Sushil Kumar Awasthi, CAMPA CEO Subhash Chandra, Inspector General of Forests and Director (Project Tiger and Elephant) Ramesh Kumar Pandey, Member Secretary of the Central Zoo Authority Sanjay Kumar Shukla, Inspector General of Forests Rajesh S., and Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Project Tiger and Elephant) Dr. Dheeraj Mittal. All these officials, along with Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Sudhir Kumar Agrawal, Kaushalendra Kumar, Sanjita Gupta, Sunil Kumar Mishra, Arun Kumar Pandey, Anoop Kumar Vishwas, Prem Kumar, and Vishwesh Kumar Jha from Chhattisgarh Forest and Climate Change Department actively participated in the planting of various saplings as part of the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"

OBITUARY

D. Lakshman Murthy

RAIPUR: D. Lakshman Murthy, a retired Section Officer from the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh State Power Company, passed away suddenly today, August 13, 2024, in Hyderabad.

Advertisement for PRP (Plasma Rich Platelet) treatment. Text includes: कालड़ा बर्न एवं प्लास्टिक कॉस्मेटिक सर्जरी सेंटर, PRP तकनीक द्वारा गंजपेन का इलाज. Contact: 9827143060/8871003060.

Large advertisement for Honda Scooter Active. Features a blue scooter, a hand holding a smart key, and promotional text: "Celebration offer 3 Years Standard + 3 Years Free Extended Warranty", "Low ROI @7.99%**", "Low EMI ₹2351**", "Cashback of 5% up to ₹5000##". Includes logos for IDFC FIRST Bank and HDFC Bank Credit Card. QR code for dealer details.

Advertisement for Honda Exclusive Authorized Dealerships. Lists various dealerships across India with their contact numbers. Includes text: "For Bulk/Institutional enquiries, please write us at: institutional@honda2wheelerindia.com".

Bhilai



Action will be taken against cattle owners who remove the radium strips from animals.

Richa Prakash Chaudhary, Collector, Durg

IGP reviews security arrangements for I-Day

Security beefed up and patrolling intensified across the district.



IGP interacting with police officers at Police Control Room.

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FASTFACTS

- Special arrangements for Veer Families on I-Day
- Potential threats to be identified and prevented

BHILAI: IG (Durg Range) Ram Gopal Garg chaired a meeting of Durg Police on Tuesday. SP Jitendra Shukla, all the gazetted officers and Station House Officers were present. IGP reviewed the preparations and security arrangements for Independence Day and gave instructions for proper arrangements for the Veer Families in honour of the brave martyrs on the occasion of Independence Day. Garg asked to ensure better security arrangements on I-Day

to avert any unpleasant situation. Under the security arrangements, special attention was given to the identification of potential threats and strategies for prevention. Apart from this, all the Station House Officers were also instructed to strictly follow

Action plan for crime prevention

IGP instructed the cops to prepare an action plan for the prevention of crimes. He discussed resolution of serious crimes like murder, attempt to murder and other heinous offences as well as pending challans, death cases and complaints. He instructed to form teams and take prompt action in unsolved cases and property related crimes and arresting absconding accused.

the security protocol and increase patrolling. ASP Abhishek Jha, ASP Vedvrat Sirmaur, ASP Padmashri Tanwar, Trainee (IPS) CSP Chirag Jain, CSP Harish Patil, SDOP Sanjay Pundir,

DSP Panikram Kujur, SDOP Ashish Banchhor, DSP Satish Thakur, DSP Sadanand Vindhayraj, DSP Chandra Prakash Tiwari, DSP Alexander Kiro and others were present.

Divyang gets electric wheelchair

BHILAI: District administration is giving special attention to the demands and problems of the people. Taking cognizance over the applications received at Jandarshan, Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary provided an electric wheelchair to the applicant Pramod Jain (Divyang) from the courtesy of the Social Welfare Department, Durg. In another case, Tarachand Sahu had sought an automatic bed for his ailing wife Deepa Sahu. A medical bed was provided to him by the Collector. On this occasion, Deputy Director of Social Welfare Department, Amit Singh Parihar was also present.

BMC makes arrangements for I-Day

BHILAI: Flag hoisting will be conducted in all the zone offices of Bhilai Municipal Corporation Bhilai at 7:30 am in the presence of the zone chairman, councilors and all officials. Flag hoisting will be held at 8:00 am in the main office in the presence of Mayor Neeraj Pal, MIC members, councilors and Commissioner Devesh Kumar Dhruv.

Dr Vishvesh Thakre Vasundhara Samman to be conferred today

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BHILAI: Chhattisgarh's prestigious Vasundhara Samman given in the field of journalism for public awareness will be conferred on eminent journalist Dr Vishvesh Thakre at a function in Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir Auditorium, Civic Centre on August 14, 2024.

Giving the above information, Vasundhara Samman convener Vinod Mishra, founder of Shri Chaturbhuj Memorial Foundation Dr Arun Kumar Srivastava, head of the panel of judges Diwakar Muktibodh, BSP Officers Association President Narendra Banchhor

further informed that the chief guest Chhattisgarh Assembly Speaker Dr Raman Singh will honour Dr Thackeray with the 24th Vasundhara Samman. The ceremony will be presided over by well-known

HIGHLIGHT

- On eminent journalist Dr Vishvesh Thakre

writer, former president of Bakshi Srujan Peeth, Satish Jaiswal. Senior politician of the state Pradeep Choube and former minister Ravindra Choubey will be specially present in the ceremony. Pawan Kumar ED, BSP will be present as the special guest.

NEWSLINE

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Full dress rehearsal held



BHILAI: Independence Day will be celebrated with gaiety and dignity at the Durg district headquarters. The full dress rehearsal of preparations was done on Tuesday at the Police Ground. BMC Commissioner Devesh Dhruv played the role of chief guest. He hoisted the flag at 9 am, inspected the parade and greeted the people. Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary and SP Jitendra Shukla were also present. After the flag hoisting, the parade contingents fired celebratory shots and hailed the President to the tune of Jana-Gana-Mana.

PATRIOTIC EVENTS

Tiranga Yatra taken out

BHILAI: Various patriotic events are being organised across the district ahead of the Independence Day 2024. After the full dress rehearsal of the district level independence day function, the students and officials of the district administration took out a Tiranga Yatra. It was organised under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. This yatra began from the Police Parade Ground in Durg and moved across Patel Chowk. The yatra concluded at its origin. ADM Shri Arvind Ekka, District Panchayat CEO Ashwani Dewangan, Joint Collector Mukesh Raote, SDM Harvansh Singh Miri, District Education Officer Arvind Mishra along with a large number of school students enthusiastically participated in the yatra.

ENGAGEMENT

Independence Run today

BHILAI: The District Sports and Youth Welfare Department is organizing 'Independence Run' a day before Independence Day on August 14. The Independence Run will start from the main gate of Ravishankar Stadium Durg at 8 am and will pass through Adarsh Kanya Shala, Gandhi Chowk, Patel Chowk, Durg Old Police Station, Indira Market, Farishta Complex Chowk, and conclude at the main gate Ravishankar Stadium.

FREE TRAINING

Agniveer physical efficiency training

BHILAI: Written examination was conducted in April 2024 for Agniveer recruitment in the Indian Army. Physical efficiency training for the candidates successful in the examination will commence from August 21 in all the three development blocks of Durg district, Durg, Patan, Dhamdha. Deputy Director (District Employment) RK Kurre informed that for the applicants residing in Durg block, training will be given by skilled trainers at Ravishankar Stadium Durg.

NET/SET workshop inaugurated at Mansa College



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BHILAI: A three-day workshop on complete preparation for NET/SET was inaugurated at Mansa College of Education, Bhilai, on Monday. The event began with offering prayers to Maa Saraswati and lighting the lamp. Sanjeev Saxena (Director, Mansa College of Education) graced the inaugural function as chief guest while special guests were Dr Anil Karvande, Sangeeta Khare and Principal Professor Smita Saxena. Dr Anil Karvande made the attendees aware of the nuances related to reasoning and told how to solve the questions

easily. Sangeeta Khare gave a beautiful presentation and gave information about all the units in the first question paper. She explained the questions of teaching aptitude, research and evaluation. Sanjeev Saxena said that in the present times, if students participate in any competitive examination, they have to face many problems. Keeping all these things in mind, a workshop was organized as a pre-preparation for NET/SET to benefit the maximum students and staff. The principal delivered the welcome speech. Dr Namita Gauraha conducted the programme.

Redressal camp postponed

BHILAI: District administration had organised a Public grievance redressal camp at village Nardha on August 14, 2024 in village Nardha under Dhamdha development block of the district. This camp has been postponed due to unavoidable reasons. The camp will be rescheduled and the date of the next camp will be announced later.

Water supply affected

BHILAI: Due to failure of OI HT transformer in Shivnath intake well, water is being supplied to 77 MLD and 66 MLD water purification plants by operating only O3 motors from the standby transformer. Consequently, all the reservoirs cannot be filled in the stipulated time. Therefore, the timing of water supply will be delayed in Bhilai Municipal Corporation area on August 14.

Cannabis worth Rs 11 lakh smuggled in secret chamber

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Two goods carriers having secret chambers beneath the cargo compartment found abandoned in village Kachandur

BHILAI: Durg Police seized a huge consignment of cannabis from Jeora Sirsa Chowki limits. Fearing arrest, the accused left the cannabis in the vehicle and managed to escape. Two light goods carriers and cannabis worth Rs 11 lakhs were confiscated. Police are searching for the unknown smugglers. SP Jitendra Shukla informed that they are conducting a continuous campaign against drug traffickers. In this context, a joint team of ACCU and Jeora Sirsa Chowki succeeded in recovering a huge cache of cannabis,



Cannabis seized from vehicles.

FASTFACTS

- These vehicles had recently returned from Odisha
- Search operations underway to trap the unknown smugglers

which was possibly smuggled from Odisha. Police had received a tip off that a huge consign-

ment of cannabis has been smuggled from Odisha for supply to local peddlers. Two goods carriers (Tata DI 207) had gone to Odisha and returned back with cannabis. The ACCU team maintained vigil and activated the network of informers in villages Bhatgaon, Karanja Bhilai, Ravelidih, Samoda, Arsanara, etc. Due to increased vigil, the smugglers

were unable to sell the cannabis. On Tuesday, police found a suspicious goods carrier hidden in bushes near Gauthan in Kachandur Khar. Police enquired the locals but no one claimed the vehicle. Police minutely inspected the vehicle and found a secret chamber under the goods compartment. 104 packets of ganja were found in this chamber.

HAR GHAR TIRANGA |

BSP distributes 5,000 National flags to Schools

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BHILAI: SAIL- Bhilai Steel Plant's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department is distributing as many as 5,000 National Flags "Tiranga", as part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan' initiative under the banner of 'Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at various departments of the Plant, and schools of Bhilai, Rajhara Mines, Hirri Mines, Nandani Mines and BIVV-06. These 5,000 National



Students displaying the national flags.

Flags have been procured from the Department of Posts, Government of India. Under this initiative, as many as 200 national flags were distributed by the CSR department

at Rowghat, 700 at IOC Rajhara, 100 at Nandini mines, 100 at Hirri Mines, 100 at KTR, 1500 in Education Department, 1500 at Bhilai Steel Development School (BIVV), 100 in Town Services Department (TSD), 100 in Medical and Health Services

Department, 100 in CISF, 100 in IR & CLC and 100 national flags were distributed in Fire Services Department. Through this initiative, BSP's CSR Department has aimed to inculcate a feeling of patriotism and pride for the National Flag among the community in and around its areas of operations before India's 78th Independence Day, so that every countryman may stand ahead for the service to the motherland.

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Friendly Volleyball Match organised

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BHILAI: Under the guidance of Anup Kumar Dutta, CGM (Sinter Plant) a volleyball match was organized with the officials of Sinter Plant 2 & 3 for team building. This volleyball match highlights the commitment to promote mutual cooperation, competition, teamwork, employee engagement and unity at the workplace, along with a recreational opportunity for relieving everyday stress. Several former Senior Officials of both

the plants also took part in this match. Their participation has highlighted the rich heritage and enduring relationships of sports in the Sinter Plant Group, providing inspiration and support to the current work culture. Event was completed due to the commendable efforts of the Match Curator Vinod Nair and Umpire Rajesh Dharkar, along with the members of the organizing committee, and Sinter Plant staff contributed significantly in organising the match successfully.

'I have directed Municipal Comm KMC for strict action against contractor for poor quality of roads'

Lakhan Lal Dewangan
Minister for Industry and Commerce



Chhattisgarh

Kashyap pushes for homestays in Bastar

Minister Kedar Kashyap laid stone for eco-tourism resort being developed at a cost of Rs 3.51 cr in Kosarteda Irrigation Reservoir.

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JAGDALPUR: On Saturday, Minister Kedar Kashyap performed the Bhoomi Pujan of the eco-tourism resort being developed at a cost of Rs 3 crore 51 lakh in Kosarteda Irrigation Reservoir. In the programme, Minister Kedar Kashyap allocated Rs 25 lakh for the construction of the main gate of the eco resort, Rs 1 crore for the construction of tow wall around the eco resort, Rs 50 lakh for the doubling of the approach road, renovation of the administrative building, Rs 50 lakh for the development of the resort around the resort.

It has been announced to transfer the government land owned by other departments to the Water Resources Department and Rs 25 lakh for the high mast light. During this, Minister Kedar Kashyap said that there is a lot of natural beauty, forest products and forest resources available in Bastar, the government is promoting home stay, camping and eco tourism for tourism in Bastar.

In this series, stone has been laid for the devel-



Minister Kedar Kashyap laid stone for eco-tourism resort at Kosarteda Irrigation Reservoir.

FACTFILE

Along with irrigation facility from Kosarteda reservoir in Bastar district, construction of eco-tourism hub will provide employment opportunities to the WSHGs and rural youth.

Development of Kosarteda Reservoir complex as an eco-tourism hub. Along with irrigation facility from Kosarteda reservoir in Bastar district, construction of eco-tourism hub will provide employment opportunities to the women self-help groups

and rural youth here. The Minister said that Bastar has been world famous for its unmatched beauty, hence facilities are being developed in Bastar. There are many waterfalls in the division, initiatives are being taken to add them to the tourism map.

Addressing the program, Collector Vijay Dayaram said that Kosarteda reservoir was known for irrigation facility in Bastar-Narayanpur assembly constituency, now it will get a new identity in the form of eco-tourism. Earlier in Bastar district, Chitrakot, Tirathgarh and Kutumsar

caves were famous for tourism, now Kosarteda eco-tourism will also give a different identity. District Panchayat Vice President Maniram Kashyap, District President Tikeswari Mandavi, Sarpanch Salemetta Farsu Baghel, other public representatives along with CCF RC Dugga, Forest Divisional Officer Uttam Gupta, Bhandari of Water Resources Department, Ved Pandey and villagers were present in the program. After the program, officials of the Water Resources Department gave detailed information about the entire project to the Minister.

| DREAMS COME TRUE |

Dreams of 100 students come true : Collector

Central Chronicle News

Collector Bijapur proposed offering an air travel experience to the top 100 students who excelled in their 9th and 11th-grade exams as a form of encouragement and it was duly fulfilled.

BIJAPUR: After taking charge of the Bijapur, Collector Anurag Pandey implemented several key initiatives to enhance the education sector. He issued directives to officials for effective execution, leading to noticeable improvements in education. As part of this effort, Pandey proposed offering an air travel experience to the top 100 students who excelled in their 9th and 11th-grade exams as a form of encouragement. This initiative has now been



Students were filled with enthusiasm about their first-ever aeroplane trip.

realised. On August 12th, at 7:30 AM, a bus carrying 50 students was flagged off. These students have now flown from Maa Danteshwari Airport in Jagdalpur to Raipur, and tomorrow, 50 female students will also depart for Raipur. Altogether, 100 students from the district will represent Bijapur at the state-level Independence Day program.

The students were filled with enthusiasm and excitement about their first-ever aeroplane

trip. Collector Anurag Pandey's promise was fulfilled, and the students expressed their gratitude, pledging to work hard with sincerity to make the Collector's initiative successful. During this time, Shri Pandey encouraged the students to study diligently and reminded them of the importance of representing Bijapur with pride. He mentioned that while 100 students are participating today, the plan is to extend such opportunities to over a

FACTFILE

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50 students have flown from Maa Danteshwari Airport in Jagdalpur to Raipur, and the remaining 50 will also depart for Raipur tomorrow

thousand students in the future. He also stressed the importance of maintaining discipline, as they will be seen as ambassadors of the Bijapur district. SDM Bijapur Jageshwar Kaushal, District Education Officer Ramesh Nishad, DMC Rao, and other officials were present at the event.

| WORSHIP |

Dy CM seeks blessings of Narmada Maiyya

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AMARKANTAK: Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma visited Narmada Maiyya Temple and Jaleswar Mahadev Temple in Amarkantak today morning. He performed customary rituals in both the temples, offered prayers and sought blessings from the deities. Sharma prayed to Ma Narmada and Lord Shiva for the peace, prosperity, and progress of the



people of the state. It is noteworthy that

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma had inspected the

Convenience and safety of the Kanwariyas from Amarkantak to Bhoramdev is of utmost importance.

Vijay Sharma
Dy. CM-Ch'garh

arrangements made for the 'Kanwariyas' at Mrityunjay Ashram in Amarkantak yesterday.

Rotary Club initiates Har Ghar Tiranga campaign

JAGDALPUR: The 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign was started on Saturday at Devans Hotel by the Rotary Club in the district headquarters in the presence of Jagdalpur MLA and BJP state president Kiran Singh Dev. The MLA was also honoured by giving him a Rotary stole and memento. 'Har Ghar Tiranga' is a campaign being run by the Rotary Club of Jagdalpur under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to encourage people to hoist the Tricolor flag at their homes to commemorate the 77th year of India's independence. MLA Jagdalpur Kiran Singh Dev said that our relationship with the tricolor flag has always been more formal and institutional rather than personal. As a nation collectively bringing home the tricolor flag not only symbolizes our personal connection with the tricolor, but it also shows our commitment in nation building. This initiative has been taken to awaken the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of the people and increase awareness about the national flag of India. Praising the Rotary Club, the MLA said that this campaign of yours is very commendable.

NABBED

Abducting thief and gang leader Manga arrested

JAGDALPUR: In the rural areas of Bastar district, there were continuous reports of thefts targeting houses in broad daylight. In many houses of Karpavand area and Parpa area, thieves had adopted the same method of stealing gold, silver and cash by targeting the houses during the day time. During the investigation, based on video obtained from CCTV footage and information from the neighbourhood, suspected accused Somraj Singh, Jobanpreet Singh, Shamsher Singh were arrested earlier. A cash amount of Rs 10 thousand, totaling Rs 6 lakh 50 thousand along with gold and silver jewellery was seized from their possession. He was sent to jail on judicial remand. The leader of the gang and history-sheeter Mangal Singh alias Manga had fled to Punjab fearing his own arrest.

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BEST OF THE REST

CRIME

Duo nabbed with ganja worth lakhs, sent to judicial remand



JAGDALPUR: Nagarnar police of the district got information from the informer that two boys were standing on the roadside near Chilkuti Dhaba with illegal drug ganja in their bag, waiting for the bus going towards Raipur. On receiving the information, the police team reached the spot and laid siege to it and arrested the two accused, Rohit Kataria, S/o Asaram and Ajay Ninama, S/o Rajaram Ninama, both residents of Madhya Pradesh, matching the appearance given by the informer.

'Shravan Jhula'

BJP Mahila Morcha adorns Shravan Jhula for holy month celebrations

JAGDALPUR: Bharatiya Janata Party Mahila Morcha (BJPMM) organized a Shravan fair at the BJP district office today on the occasion of the Holy month of 'Shravan'. In which various programs including Shravan Jhula were also organized. BJP State President Kiran Dev reached the event and congratulated and congratulated all the sisters of Mahila Morcha.

In the Shravan Mela program of BJP Mahila Morcha, Mahila Morcha workers participated enthusiastically

in programs like songs, music, 'Mehendi' decoration, sports etc. All the women workers participated wearing green attire. BJP state president Kiran Singh Dev, who participated in the event, said that women's power is always worshipable. All the workers of Mahila Morcha hold important positions in the organization. Always be at the forefront in taking the public welfare schemes of the BJP government to as many homes as possible.

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“This is a conducive season for swine flu infection. Hence by taking precautions like Covid-19, this disease can also be prevented.”

Avnish Sharan
Collector, Bilaspur



Chhattisgarh

Corruption alleged in construction work

In Devadad village of Khargawan Japnadt panchayat, the bridge is being constructed at the cost of several lakhs of rupees.

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KHARGAWAN: The villagers of Devadad under the district panchayat Khargawan of the district complained that a huge corruption has been done in the construction work worth lakhs of rupees with the connivance of the secretary and sarpanch posted in the panchayat. If the construction work done till now in the village panchayat Devadad is investigated, then it will not take much time to expose the development work being done in the panchayat area.

The villagers alleged that CEO of the district panchayat Khargawan of MCB district Vinod Jaiswal has taken stock of the type of work being done in the rural areas. The CEO sits in his office and relaxes. He does not care about what work is being done in his area and how it is being done. It does not matter whether the SDO goes aside or not. The CEO of the district ignores poor quality work in the same way. Recently, irregularities were found in the work done in Son-



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hat of Korea district, where Korea Collector CEO has taken action to suspend the Sarpanch Secretary and SDO. In the same way, in the village Kochka of Gram Panchayat Devadad, corruption has been alleged in the bridge being constructed at a cost of 19.50 lakhs under the National MNREGA scheme. As per the information received from the villagers, the construction work of the Panchayat is being done through the Sarpanch and Sec-

retary, in which work is being done arbitrarily ignoring the quality. It was told that the village is connected to the said drain, where the bridge is being constructed, but due to ignoring the quality, the construction work may collapse soon. The material being used in the construction of the culvert is completely of poor quality. Iron rods are being used in the construction of the culvert which appear to be very thin. It seems that the rods

FACTFILE

● In another case of irregularity Korea Collector CEO has taken action to suspend the Sarpanch Secretary and SDO.

are being used by ignoring the standard scale and on the other hand hand-broketed ballast is being used in the construction of the culvert which shows the level of construction of this culvert. The villagers say that the construction of this culvert will increase traffic in our village but the culvert construction which is being done is not being done completely on the standard scale. There is a possibility of a big accident in the coming time, that is why we villagers have stopped the construction of this culvert. This culvert should be constructed on the standard scale so that the villagers can get direct benefit from it. And the material used in the construction of the culvert till now should be investigated so that corruption can be exposed.

Breastfeeding Week observed in Birkoni

BIRKONI: World Breastfeeding Week is organized every year in the month of August. Inner-wheel Club of Raipur Capital provided protein powder boxes, calcium tablets, jaggery and porridge to 45 to 50 pregnant women at Birkoni Hospital. In which the all-rounder member Dr. Shobha Sharma gave information about health to all the women. What should be their diet, how to keep the unborn child healthy, how to protect it, how to maintain hygiene and what should be paid attention to in their food, all this information was given to the women by Dr. Shobha Sharma.

Sports dept organizes Freedom Run in Gaurela

GAURELA: The District Administration and Sports and Youth Welfare Department organized a Freedom Run today to commemorate Independence Day, in order to ensure participation of all sections in the celebration of the country's Independence Day. The Freedom Run was started at 6 am from the Police Control Room, Gaurela to the Collector's Office.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

PRECAUTION

Collector gives instructions to be alert about swine flu

BILASPUR: Collector Avnish Sharan reviewed pending cases and priority schemes of the state government in the TL meeting. Taking information about seasonal diseases, he has asked to be alert about swine flu. He said that this is a favorable season for swine flu infection. By taking precautions like Covid, this disease can also be prevented. Municipal Corporation Commissioner Amit Kumar was also present in the meeting. The collector said that decisions should be taken quickly on the remaining cases of compassionate appointment. There is no upper limit for appointment to class IV posts. Appointment can be given on vacant posts. But appointment can be given only on 10 percent of the set posts on class III posts.

MEETING

Parents' meeting organized in Saraswati Shishu Mandir



KHAIRAGADH: Bagless Day was celebrated in Saraswati Shishu Mandir Khairagarh on Saturday. On this occasion, classes of new education policy were held in the school and parent teacher meeting was organized. Parent teacher meeting was organized for the physical, mental and all-round development of children and to establish better coordination among parents. Through the meeting, awareness was brought among parents regarding their children and the entire activities of the school.

Mass Awareness

Tiranga Rally organized in different villages of Kurud block



KURUD: On the second day of the Tiranga Yatra of the BJP Kurud assembly constituency, all the officials and leaders of the BJP including Kurud MLA Ajay Chandrakar and Tiranga Yatra in-charge Bhanu Chandrakar joined the Tiranga rally in each village. On the country-wide call by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the door to door Tiranga campaign by the Central government and the State government, running from August 11 to August 14, was

started from the great men's squares and intersections in Kurud town of Kurud assembly constituency. Now, the officials including the Tricolor Flag In-charge are spreading the message of hoisting the Tricolor flag in their respective houses with full respect on Independence Day by providing Tricolor flags to every house along with the residents of the area to deliver the Tricolor in every house in every Gram Panchayat of Kurud Assembly.

Liquor shops to remain close on I-Day in Gaurela

GAURELA: Collector and District Magistrate Leena Kamlesh Mandavi has declared Independence Day on 15th August as dry day in the district under the Excise Policy. On dry day, all the foreign liquor shops FL-1 (Ghg) and FL-1 (Kh-Ahata) operating in the district have been ordered to remain completely closed.

Oath taken under Drug Free India Campaign

KORBA: Under the Drug Free India Campaign at the District Panchayat office on Monday, the officers and employees of the District Panchayat took an oath to make India the mantra of developed India, India should be free from addiction - Drug Free India.

CADETS PARTICIPATED IN THE CAMP

Scout Guide Rover Ranger camp concludes in R'gaon

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As many as 176 Scout Guide Rover Rangers from 53 schools of Scouter Guide, warrant holder of authority letter received for conducting the team, participated in the camp.

RAJNANDGAON: Under the guidance of District Education Officer ex-officio District Commissioner Scout Abhay Kumar Jaiswal, Bharat Scouts and Guides Chhattisgarh District Rajnandgaon organized the District Level Third Sopan Scout Guide Nipun Rover Ranger Examination Camp was held from 8 to 11 August 2024 at ITI Konari Dongargaon. 176 Scout Guide Rover Rangers from 53 schools of Scouter Guide, warrant holder of authority letter received for conducting

FACTFILE

● On the eve of the closing of the camp, a campfire program was organized in the presence of State Vice President Bharat Scouts and Guides Chhattisgarh Shri Rajendra Golchha.

the team, participated in the camp. The camp was inaugurated by hoisting the flag. State Vice President Bharat Scouts and Guides Chhattisgarh Rajendra Golchha and Life Member District Association Rajnandgaon Shri Mahesh Khandelwal and President Local Association Dongargaon Shri Toman Sahu were present in the inauguration program. On the eve of the closing of the camp, a campfire programme was organized in the presence of State

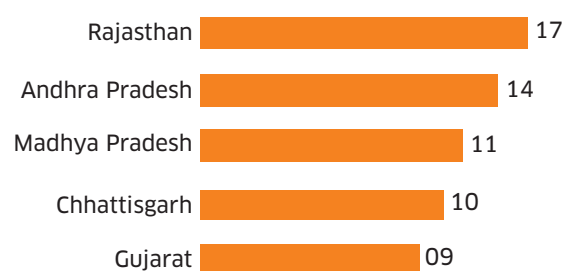
Vice President Bharat Scouts and Guides Chhattisgarh Shri Rajendra Golchha, former District Panchayat President and Patron Local Association Dongargaon Shri Dinesh Gandhi, Life Member District Association Scout Guide Rajnandgaon Shri RL Patre, Block Education Officer ex-officio Assistant District Commissioner Scout Shri DK Pandey, Principal ITI Konari.

The camp was concluded with an open session of Sarvadharm prayer and formal flag lowering. District Headquarters Commissioner Scout Smt. Usha Chatterjee inspected the camp and encouraged the participants to perfect the Scout Guide skills. Retired teacher HWB Scout Yoga Instructor Shri Alakh Ram Sahu

made the campers aware of the nuances of yoga and conducted yoga practice. Camp Director Mr. Mayukh Shrivastava, District Organization Commissioner Scout, District Supervisor Mr. Devendra Ambade, District Secretary Scout Guide Mr. Lekh Ram Verma, Development Block Secretary Scout Guide Dongargarh Chief Examiner Scout Department Mr. Dehar Sahu, Development Block Secretary Scout Guide Chhuriya Chief Examiner Rover Department Mrs. Dhaneshwari Sahu, Chief Examiner Guide Department Mrs. Kirti Sahu, Chief Examiner Ranger Department Mr. Toman Patel, Development Block Secretary Scout Guide Dongargaon Camp Quarter Master including Assistant Board of Directors gave their services.

The Day's NUMBERS

STATES WITH MAXIMUM NO. OF PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES



Source - Statista

AWARENESS

Programme organized under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan

KOREA: Under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi, under the guidance of Collector Mrs. Chandan Tripathi, under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, a drug de-addiction oath and rally was organized in various offices, development blocks and gram panchayats to make the public aware of the evils caused by drugs and the ill effects of drugs. Under the drug de-addiction program, in the workshop organized by the District Industry Trade Center in the Collectorate meeting room, Collector Mrs. Chandan Tripathi administered the de-addiction oath to departmental officers/employees, Chamber of Commerce officials and members, bank representatives. Similarly, in the Mini Stadium Baikunthpur, the students of Naveen Kanya Mahavidyalaya Baikunthpur displayed the ill effects and evils of drugs through a street play on the theme of de-addiction. In which the general public and students of the city were present.

CAMPAIGN

Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan and Swachhata Saptah held in Bhandarpur



RAJNANDGAON: Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan program and Swachhata Saptah was organized in Gram Panchayat Bhandarpur of Janpad Panchayat Chhuriya. Under the Har-Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan, officers-employees and secretaries took out a bike rally from the Janpad Panchayat premises to Gram Panchayat Bhandarpur and gave the message of hoisting the tricolor in every house. Everyone wrote Jai Hind and Har-Ghar Tiranga on the canvas board under the Har-Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan. Under the Swachhata program, public places, schools, squares and intersections were cleaned. The message of cleanliness was given by taking out a rally by school children and women's group and cleanliness oath was also taken. The message was given to the Gram Panchayat, Swachhata Group and villagers for regular garbage collection.

AWARENESS

Tiranga Rally organized in Bhendiri

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RAJIM: As per the order of Chhattisgarh Government, Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan and Diarrhea and Malaria eradication awareness program was organized in Government Primary School Bhendiri. In the presence of Sarpanch Mohanlal Sahu, cluster coordinator Dulleshwar Sinha, the school children, teachers and Mit-



ans took out a rally in the streets of the village with the reading of attractive awareness slogans like "Tricolor

“With this rally the villagers learnt the significance of Indian Tricolor, which is the pride of our nation and the real identity of India.”

Mohanlal Sahu
Sarpanch, Bhendiri
should fly a lovely flag of three colors in every house", Tricolor is the

pride of India, Tricolor is the identity of India, "Drink clean water, live a long life", "Use mosquito repellent to get rid of malaria". After the rally, the importance of Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan was explained in a concise manner by the head teacher of the institution Bhagchand Chaturvedi. After that, Mitandin Savita Dhruv gave information to the children about preven-

tion from diarrhea and malaria eradication. Sarpanch Mohanlal Sahu and coordinator Dulleshwar Sinha also called upon the children to hoist the tricolor at their respective homes. He advised to eat hot food in rainy season, not to eat stale food and leafy vegetables. So that we can stay healthy. Senior teacher Tiku Ram Dhruv administered oath to children to eliminate drug addiction.

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Tiranga Yatra organized under the campaign

A grand procession under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan', was organized here in the region.

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KORBA: A grand procession under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan', was organized here in the region, area in the presence of Commerce Industry and Labor Minister, Chhattisgarh Government, Lakhan Lal Dewangan. The Cabinet Minister flagged off the Yatra and the rally started from the Open Theater Ground at the Clock Tower and passed through the main squares of the city and ended at the SECL Football Ground at CSEB Chowk.

Collector Ajit Vasant, Superintendent of Police Siddharth Tiwari, Municipal Commissioner Pratishtha Mamagai, Additional Collector Dinesh Nag along with other public representatives, officers, employees, common citizens and school children maintained the spirit of patriotism by participating in the Tiranga Yatra and appealed to the general public to participate in the campaign and play their part in the memory of the brave soldiers and immortal freedom fighters of the country.

Cabinet Minister Dewangan, while addressing the program, said that this is a proud moment for



The Cabinet Minister flagged off the Yatra and the rally started from the Open Theater Ground.

FASTFACTS

- Collector, SP, along with other public representatives, officers, employees, common citizens and school children maintained the spirit of patriotism by participating in the Tiranga Yatra.

- Minister said we all should join the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan and pay respect to the freedom fighters and brave sons of the country and urged the people of the district to make the campaign a success.

'Campaign is associated with feelings of patriotism'

The Collector said that the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan is associated with the feelings of patriotism and this campaign is being run in the memory of the brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the independence of the country. The Minister also administered an oath to all the public representatives, officers-employees, common citizens, school children present in the program to hoist the tricolor in every house, respect the sentiments of the freedom fighters, brave sons of India and remain dedicated to the development and progress of India.

the nation and along with being the identity of our country; it develops the feeling of patriotism in all of us Indians. He also said that we all should join the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan and pay respect to the

freedom fighters and brave sons of the country and urged the people of the district to make the campaign a success by participating in important programs organized under the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan.

Rally for 'Drug-Free India held

KORBA: During the Independence Week of Independence (9 August to 15 August 2024), a tricolor and de-addiction awareness rally was taken out here in Janpad Panchayat Podi Uporada under the "Har Ghar Tiranga" and Drug Free India Campaign program. In the program, District CEO Podi-Uporada Khagesh Kumar Nirmalkar along with other public representatives, block level officers-employees, women of self-help groups participated in the rally and expressed their love for the country and respect for the brave freedom fighters.

Exam date fixed

KORBA: The High School, Higher Secondary Main Occasion Examination August 2024 conducted by Chhattisgarh State Open School has been scheduled from 10th August to 28th August 2024 from 08:30 am to 11:45 am. Lecturer Government Higher Secondary School Singhyi and Principal Government Higher Secondary School Pali Manoj Saraf have been appointed as supervisors to conduct the examination peacefully in the examination center, prevent the tendency of copying and maintain the confidentiality of the question papers.

Ten-day joint annual training camp of NCC concludes



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HIGHLIGHT

KHARORA: A 10 day joint annual training camp of NCC concluded here in the region, with 15 girl cadets and 10 boy cadets of Government Higher Secondary School Kanki, along with NCC Officer Third Officer Ashok Kumar Kosle of 3 CG Air Squadron NCC, Raipur participating in the 10-day joint annual training camp. A total of 534 cadets and 17 NCC offi-

• A total of 534 cadets and 17 NCC officers participated in this Joint ATC, who came from 15 schools and 3 colleges of Raipur district.

cers participated in this camp, who came from 15 schools and 03 colleges, which was organized at NCC Turning Academy Lakholi, Arang, District Raipur.

'Har Ghar Tiranga' program organized

RAJNANDGAON: A Tricolor rally and cleanliness festival were organized under Har Ghar Tiranga program in Gram Panchayat Kopedih of Janpad Panchayat Dongargaon. In the program, the village was cleaned by Swachhatagrahi Didi and villagers, along with a tricolor rally was taken out by Sarpanch, Ward Panch, public representatives, school children and villagers for cleanliness awareness and under the Har Ghar Tiranga pro-

gram poster making and rangoli competition on the subject of cleanliness was organized by school children.

The villagers were told about segregating dry and wet waste at the household level to make ODF Plus model village. On this occasion, District Panchayat Dongargaon, Gram Panchayat Sarpanch, Secretary, School Staff, Basant Markande from WASH Program, ABIS Motivator Ms. Bhumi Sahu were present.

NEWSLINE

POLICING

Training kits distributed to 450 youths



KABIRDHAM: Under the direction of Kabirdham Police Captain Dr. Abhishek Pallav, Additional Superintendent of Police Mr. Vikas Kumar and Additional Superintendent of Police Mr. Pushpendra Baghel and Reserve Inspector Mr. Maheshwar Singh, various village youths of the district and eligible young men and women of other districts are being given training in Paramilitary Force CISF BSF. As per information, free training for Police, Army, S.S.B., I.T.B.P., Armed Forces, Sub-Inspector and other recruitment is being given through free coaching classes for written examination at Karpatri Ground Outdoor Stadium Kawardha and Swami Vivekananda Academy Kawardha located in the old Police Line.

CAMPAIGN

'Har Ghar Tiranga' program organized



KOREA: On the occasion of 77th anniversary of independence, the Har Ghar Tiranga program was launched on August 9 by Collector Mrs. Chandan Tripathi, under which various events are being organized across the district during Independence Week (August 9 to August 15). On the day of inauguration, a tricolor rally was taken out from Baikunthpur's Fawwara Chowk to Government Adarsh Ramanuj Higher Secondary School under the leadership of the Collector. A large number of public representatives, officers, employees, city residents and school students participated in this rally.

OPERATION

Bijapur's Anti-Maoist operation nets key Militia commander

BIJAPUR: In a significant breakthrough for Chhattisgarh's counter-insurgency efforts, Bijapur police and CRPF forces have apprehended a high-value Maoist Jan Militia Commander along with two associates. The operation, conducted on August 11, 2024, underscores the persistent Maoist presence in the region and the ongoing challenges faced by security forces.

Kamalu Benjam, the captured commander carrying a bounty of 1 lakh rupees, was wanted for his alleged involvement in the 2021 murder of a former District Panchayat member. This high-profile case had remained unsolved for over three years, highlighting the complexities of bringing Maoist operatives to justice in the remote areas of Chhattisgarh.

Rationalization of schools and teachers discussed in meeting



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The Collector said that rationalization of schools and teachers is the priority of the state government.

BILASPUR: A committee has been constituted for rationalization of schools and teachers under the chairmanship of Collector Avneesh Sharan, and a meeting was organized by the Education Department to make people aware of the guidelines of rationalization. The Collector said that rationalization of schools and teachers is the

priority of the state government, and this work should be done with full alertness as per the guidelines of the government.

Municipal Corporation Commissioner Mr. Amit Kumar, Joint Director of Education Department Mr. RP Aditya and all SDMs, BEOs, ABOs, District Officers and Project Officers of Women and Child Development Department were present in the meeting. It is noteworthy that as per the National Education Policy 2020 and the Right to Education Act 2009, the availability of teachers in schools should be in accordance with the number of children.

Collector-SP inspect I-Day venue

BILASPUR: District Collector Avnish Sharan and SP Rajnesh Singh in connection to Independence Day celebrations in the district visited the Police Parade Ground and took stock of the preparations for going on there. The officials directed to complete all the preparations in accordance with the dignity of Independence Day.

Independence Run on Aug 14

RAJNANDGAON: The Sports and Youth Welfare Department will organize a district level Independence Run on 14th August 2024 which will commence from, International Hockey Stadium Sports Complex Ground.

The Independence Run will cover Gaurav Path Road via VIP Road to Bhadauria Chowk in front of Digvijay Stadium and back via VIP Road and end at the International Hockey Stadium Sports Complex Ground.

'Contribution of the tribal society is incomparable'

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MLA congratulated everyone on World Tribal Day and expressed her gratitude for the incomparable role of the tribal society in the conservation of cultural heritage.

PANDARIA: On the occasion of World Tribal Day, Shri Budhadev Rajgond Samaj Seva Samiti organized a World Tribal Day celebration in village Mahidabara, with Pandaria MLA Bhavna Bohra as Chief Guest. The MLA congratulated everyone on World Tribal Day and expressed her gratitude for the incomparable role of the tribal society in the conservation of cultural heritage and nature. She also said that the protection of our natural heritage is being ensured



FASTFACTS

- Under Pandaria assembly, efforts are also being made to connect the tribal community residing in forest areas like Kui-Kukdur to the mainstream of development.

today only because of the protection of our water,

forest and land and the unwavering love of the tribal society towards the environment.

Under Pandaria assembly, tireless efforts are also being made to connect the tribal community residing in forest areas like Kui-Kukdur to the mainstream of development and through the PM Janman Yojana, approval has been given

for the construction of 16 asphalted roads at a cost of about 33 crores and this development work will work to connect our tribal society to the mainstream of development, and to increase the income of the tribals and to make them more prosperous, innovative schemes like Niyyad Nellnar have been started.

JALABHISHEKH |

'Devotees perform Jalabhishek of ancient Shivling'

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KURUD: On the fourth Monday of the month of Shravan, the devotees of Shiv made a human chain and offered water to the ancient Shivling installed in the market square of village Semra (Bhakhari). While the rituals, the place resonated with the Panchakshari mantras and cheers of Har Har Mahadev, Namah Shivay, Shri Shivay Namostubhyam. The rituals were



performed by Pandit Mohan Sharma in which the devotees formed a human chain, followed

by a Havan Puja. On this occasion, Mahaprasadi Bhandara was arranged with the help of donors;

Devotees formed human chain as per plan and performed 'havan puja'.

Pt. Mohan Sharma
Pujari Ancient Shivling -Semra-B

along with performance by Manas gaan. Sarpanch Bineshwari Sinha, Deputy Sarpanch Pawan participated in Jalabhishek

and Havan. Dhruv, former district member Motilal Sinha, Janaki Dashrath Sahu, village president Rajesh Sinha, former president Madhav Ram Sahu, secretary Moti Vishwakarma, vice president Ishwar Sahu, village Patel Rajendra Sahu, Narottam Sinha, Krishnakumar Sahu, Pyarelal Sinha, Girish Gajendra along with hundreds of women, men, teachers, and school children participated.

Social personalities of Sahu Samaj felicitated

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RAJIM: Officer Employee Conference and Honor Ceremony was organized in Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium in the capital Raipur under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Sahu Samaj Provincial Officer Employee Cell.

The program was concluded under the chief hospitality of Deputy Chief Minister of the state Arun Sao and the

chairmanship of Tahal Ram Sahu, State President Sahu Sangh Chhattisgarh, and Bhuneshwar Sahu State Vice President. Personalities of the field of education, literature, social service and promotion of Manas, were felicitated. Among those honored were Shrawan Kumar Sahu, Maksudan Sahu, Bharat Lal Sahu, Mohan Lal Manikpan, Narendra Sahu and others.



Move NGT against 'unscientific hill cutting' in Meghalaya.

Himanta Biswa Sarma
Assam Chief Minister

Jute cultivation underway in Nagaon



Farm workers dry and clean jute at a village, in Nagaon district, Tuesday.

IIT-M to roll out prog in Mathematics and B Ed

IIT-M secured the first rank in the 'overall' category for the sixth consecutive year as per the list released by the National Institutional Ranks Framework.

Press Trust Of India

CHENNAI: The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras here will introduce a B. Sc programme in Mathematics as it aims to produce at least 500 Maths teachers a year.

IIT-M on Monday secured the first rank in the 'overall' category for the sixth consecutive year and in 'engineering' category for the ninth year in a row as per the list released by the National Institutional Ranks Framework of the Union Ministry of Education. Under the Research Institution category,

IIT-M secured the top second rank.

Expressing his gratitude to the 11,000 students, faculty members, teachers for bagging the top honours in the NIRF list, IIT-M Director V Kamakoti said the institution was selected under various parameters, including percentage of those who graduate every year and number of students who complete their Ph Ds every year.

Another parameter that led to securing the top rank was 30 per cent diversity in students and 30 per cent in gender equality.

HIGHLIGHT

● IIT-M aims to produce at least 500 teachers in Mathematics every year.

● IIT-M has been focusing on courses like medical sciences, artificial intelligence and data analytics.

"We are very happy today for winning the Rank 1 in 'overall' for the 6th consecutive year and for the 9th year in a row in 'engineering'. I thank the students, staff,

alumnus, Tamil Nadu government, central government and various ministries. We focus on giving what is required to this country in education. Our thanks to all the stakeholders," Kamakoti told reporters.

He noted that the institution in the last two years has been focusing on courses like medical sciences, artificial intelligence and data analytics.

With the introduction of the programme to induct students who have done exceptionally well in sports under the sports excellence campaign, he said five students who

are national champions in various sports got an opportunity to study at the institute.

"Initiatives like these were indirectly been a reason for us to secure the top ranks," he said.

Kamakoti further said the vision of the premier institute was to provide an opportunity to every child born in this country to complete a under graduate degree course. "We are also planning to introduce courses on Mathematics and B Ed courses in future. Our aim is to produce at least 500 teachers in Mathematics every year," he said.

LAND-FOR-JOBS 'SCAM'

Court to take chargesheet against Lalu on August 17

Press Trust Of India

The supplementary charge sheet was filed by the ED on August 6.

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on August 17 is likely to decide on whether to take cognisance of a supplementary charge sheet, filed by the Enforcement Directorate against former railway minister Lalu Prasad, his son Tejashwi Yadav and eight others in the alleged land-for-jobs scam. Special Judge Vishal Gogne posted the matter for the next date, noting that the documents were voluminous. The supplementary charge sheet was filed by the ED on August 6.

The ED's case stems from an FIR lodged by



Former railway minister Lalu Prasad. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

● The case pertains to Group-D appointments made in West Central Zone of the railways.

the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The case pertains to Group-D appointments made in West Central Zone of the railways in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh during Prasad's

tenure as railway minister from 2004 to 2009 in return for land parcels gifted or transferred by the recruits in the name of the RJD supremo's family or associates, according to the ED.

3 arrested for trying to smuggle sugar

SHILLONG: Three persons were arrested from near the India-Bangladesh border in Meghalaya's South Garo Hills district for allegedly trying to smuggle 1,000 kg of sugar to the neighbouring country, officials said on Tuesday. Acting on inputs received, the BSF personnel posted in Gasuapara area of the district intercepted a pick-up truck loaded with sugar near the international border on Monday and apprehended three persons, they said. Upon inspecting the vehicle, 1,000 kg of sugar was found concealed under a layer of sand and there were no documents to validate the consignment as legal. The apprehended persons and the seized consignment, have been handed over to the customs office at Dalu for further legal formalities.

JUDGEMENT

Bail is rule and jail an exception: Supreme Court

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NEW DELHI: The "bail is the rule and jail is an exception" legal principle is applicable even to offences under special statutes like the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, the Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday while granting bail to a man accused of harbouring suspected terrorists.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih said once a case has been made out for the grant of bail to an accused, the court cannot decline the relief. "When a case is made out for a grant of bail, the Courts should not have any hesitation in granting bail. The allegations of the prosecution may be very seri-

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Justice Augustine George Masih
Apex Court Judge

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case for grant of bail in accordance with the law. "Bail is the rule and jail is an exception" is a settled law," the bench said.

The top court said even in cases like the present one where stringent conditions have been laid down for the grant of bail, the same rule holds good with the only modification being that bail can be granted.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

ALLEGATION

BJP attacks INDIA bloc for 'covering up' for criminals

NEW DELHI: The BJP alleged on Tuesday that the recent rise in the political strength of 'do ladke', a reference to Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav, has resulted in criminals getting emboldened in Uttar Pradesh.

BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi accused the Samajwadi Party of sheltering criminals, and targeted the Yadav-led party over the arrest of two persons allegedly associated with it on the charges of rape and attempt to rape in incidents which happened in Ayodhya and Kannauj.

Not only the SP has been giving "cover fire" to criminals but the members of the opposition INDIA bloc are helping each other defend criminal elements of their alliance partners as well, he told reporters. "Those associated with two boys have been committing crimes," he said. **PTI**

ORDER

Revamp school syllabus as per changing times, Andhra CM tells officials

AMARAVATI: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday directed education department officials to revamp the school syllabus as per the needs of the changing times and future requirements.

Reviewing the education department's work, at the secretariat, the chief minister directed them to consult education experts, intellectuals and other related professionals and carry out the improvements required.

"Keeping the changing times in mind and future requirements, the syllabus should be changed... Good results can be achieved by keeping the necessities of the next 10 to 20 years in mind," Naidu said in an official press release. **PTI**



New public facility

Delhi LG, transport minister lay foundation stone of multi-level electric bus depot in South Delhi



NEW DELHI: Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena and Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot laid the foundation stone of a multi-level electric bus depot in the Vasant Vihar area here on Tuesday. Touted as the country's largest bus depot, officials said the facility would come up on a 7.6 lakh square feet area and cost an estimated Rs 409 crore. Addressing a press conference after the foundation stone-laying ceremony, Gahlot said, "This bus depot will serve as India's largest and first electric bus-parking facility. It will be seen as a milestone in the future."

He added that the depot will have a dedicated space for parking 220 cars

and 200 two-wheelers.

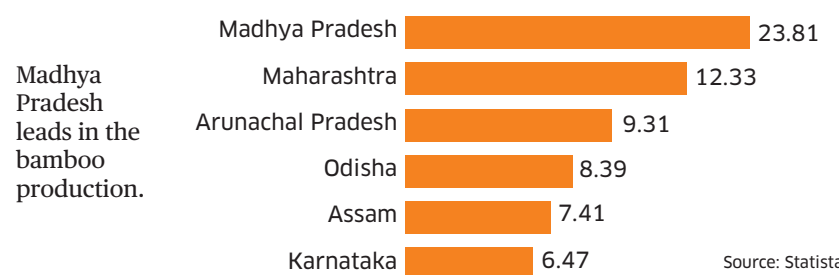
The facility will be built by the National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) and is expected to be completed in the next two years.

"The parking will accommodate 434 buses and will be equipped with EV charging stations, rooftop solar panels and 16 maintenance pits," Gahlot said.

"This depot will be a zero-discharge facility, which means it will not generate any waste as a water treatment plant will be installed at the parking that will help treat the waste water that can be used for cleaning the buses," he added. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

STATE-WISE BAMBOO PRODUCTION (IN MILLION TONNES)



INSPECTION

Expert team begins inspection of landslides-hit areas in Wayanad

WAYANAD (KERALA): A five-member expert team on Tuesday began inspecting the landslides-hit areas of Wayanad district including the epicentre of the disaster and collected rock and soil samples for testing. The team was led by senior scientist John Mathai of the National Center for Geosciences, which has been tasked by the State Disaster Management Authority to inspect the landslide-hit areas in Wayanad's Meppadi panchayat. It halted its inspection by noon today due to adverse weather conditions in the disaster area, the district administration said in a statement. The inspections will continue till August 15, it added. "The team carried out a detailed inspection of the epicentre of the landslide -- Panchirimattom -- and the adjoining areas, and collected soil and rock samples from there," it said. The team will assess the possible dangers in different parts of the disaster-stricken area and nearby sites. **PTI**

THREAT

'Will take back 'Ladki Bahin' funds if you don't vote for me'

MUMBA: A political row erupted over Independent MLA and NDA ally Ravi Rana's remarks implying that funds distributed to women under the Maharashtra government's "Ladki Bahin" scheme will be taken back if they do not vote favourably in the upcoming polls. With the Cong and NCP (SP) latching on to Rana's remarks and terming the scheme a politically motivated one, Dy CM Fadnavis on Tuesday tried to contain the damage, asserting that a brother's gift to his sisters can never be reclaimed. "Post elections, I will seek to increase the amount (under the Ladki Bahin scheme) from Rs 1,500 to Rs 3,000 (per month). I am your brother...But if you don't give your blessing now, I will take back the Rs 1,500 from your bank accounts," Rana said while addressing a public event in Amravati on Monday. **PTI**





QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on."

[John F. Kennedy]

Comment

Transforming India's Olympic future: Urgent reforms needed

OUR VIEW |

Ensuring safety for healthcare workers: A national imperative

The tragic murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata has ignited a nationwide protest by resident doctors, highlighting the pressing issue of safety within medical institutions. This heinous act is not just an isolated incident but a grim reminder of the vulnerabilities faced by healthcare professionals, who dedicate their lives to saving others. The subsequent nationwide strike by doctors is a clear message that the current system is failing to protect those on the front lines of our healthcare system. The strike, spearheaded by the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA), has disrupted elective services across the country, emphasizing the gravity of the situation. While emergency services continue, the halt in regular medical services underscores the frustration and fear among doctors, who now demand swift and decisive action from the authorities. The demands include a CBI investigation, the removal of the principal of RG Kar Medical College, and the establishment of a fast-track court to ensure justice is served swiftly. This tragedy highlights the broader issue of inadequate security in medical institutions. The fact that a doctor was brutally raped and murdered within the premises of a hospital, a place meant for healing, is both shocking and unacceptable. The demands for better security, transparency in investigations, and accountability at all levels of the healthcare system are not just justified but necessary. The medical community's outcry, supported by widespread protests across India, reflects a deep-seated frustration with the recurring violence against healthcare workers. This incident is not just a failure of security but a breach of trust that the public places in medical institutions. The call for a CBI probe and fast-track trials must be heeded to restore faith in the justice system. Moreover, the protests have also shed light on the broader systemic issues within the healthcare sector. The involvement of politicians in the management of medical institutions, the lack of adequate resources, and the insufficient attention given to the mental and physical well-being of healthcare workers are all factors that contribute to an environment where such tragedies can occur.

India urged to act against vandalism in Bangladesh

India's silence in response to the escalating violence against Hindus in Bangladesh is tarnishing its global reputation. With 1.4 billion people, India's inaction portrays the nation as indifferent and unresponsive to the suffering of its cultural and religious kin. This failure raises serious questions about the country's commitment to protecting its heritage and moral responsibilities. Future generations may look back with disappointment, questioning why their ancestors stood by during such atrocities. While direct military intervention may seem challenging, India has other options. At the very least, the country should open its borders to provide temporary refuge to those fleeing persecution. There is no need to amend the 2014 Citizenship Amendment Act or undertake large-scale airlifts, but those in immediate danger should be given sanctuary. The current inaction is a betrayal of the values that define India as a strong and compassionate nation. If India continues to ignore the plight of Hindus in Bangladesh, it will be remembered as a time when the nation was tested and failed. With over 15,000 Hindus reportedly killed in recent days, India must act now, or risk being seen as indifferent to the suffering of its own people.



VIJAYKUMAR H.K.

India's performance at the Paris Olympics, where the nation secured just six medals, fell short of the seven-medal tally achieved in Tokyo. For a country with 1.45 billion people, this result is a significant disappointment. India brought home one silver and five bronze medals, but there were six events where athletes narrowly missed the podium, finishing fourth. Adding to the frustration, a potential medal was lost due to disqualification, which sums up India's Olympic campaign.

The fierce competition at a global event like the Olympics means that even a small mistake can cost a medal. While this may seem like a poor outcome, especially considering India sent 117 athletes with hopes of achieving a double-digit medal tally for the first time, it's important to recognize the broader context. India's representation in Paris was just 0.08 athletes per million population, compared to 37.8 for New Zealand. Japan, with less than one-tenth of India's population, sent over 400 athletes. India competed in

only 16 of the 32 sports, while China participated in 30.

Despite these challenges, India's three shooting medals were a positive start, especially after the sport failed to deliver in the last two editions in Rio and Tokyo. However, the momentum didn't last, and India faced a long medal drought over the next seven days. On the 11th day of the competition, wrestler Vinesh Phogat gave the nation hope by becoming the first female Indian wrestler to reach the final. Tragically, she was disqualified the next day for being 100g overweight for her 50kg free-style final, a crushing blow to India's medal prospects.

The overall medal tally is a wake-up call for the country. Without drastic changes, India risks returning from the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics with another disappointing single-digit medal count. Comparing India's performance to countries like China (91 medals) and the USA (126 medals), or even Australia, which won 53 medals with a population of less than 30 million, highlights the need for urgent reforms.



Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee

One of the most glaring issues is the lack of gold medals. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recognition of medal winners is commendable, it's clear that more needs to be done to develop world-class athletes. The focus should shift to grooming young talent from primary school, providing them with the best diets, training, and exposure to compete at the highest level.

India's low spending on sports, excluding cricket, is a major factor behind its underperformance. There's a growing expectation that India's leading corporations—Reliance, Adani, Tata, and Birla—should step up and adopt at least one sport each. Their responsibilities would include setting up at least two Olympic-class sports academies within the next five years, with the goal of producing medal-winning athletes.

To truly improve the sports landscape, India must stop appointing politicians or their relatives as heads of sports boards and instead focus on hiring qualified professionals as coaches, physiothera-

pists, dieticians, and sports psychologists. As legendary badminton player Prakash Padukone has emphasized, sports psychologists should be available for every sport, and motivational speakers should engage with athletes consistently over the four-year Olympic cycle.

Additionally, India's sports infrastructure needs significant enhancement. The establishment of regional training centers with world-class facilities, accessible to young athletes across the country, is essential. Regular international exposure, training camps, and competitive opportunities for athletes are also crucial in building their confidence and experience on the global stage. India must embrace a long-term vision for sports development, one that prioritizes grassroots engagement, talent identification, and sustained investment in athlete welfare. Only through such comprehensive and committed efforts can India hope to transform its Olympic fortunes and establish itself as a sporting powerhouse on the world stage.

Independence day: Take the oath of Nation above all

India's Independence Day highlights the nation's resilience, global diplomatic stance, and the need for unity in safeguarding freedom amidst growing global tensions. *by Dr. Manmohan Prakash Shrivastava*



India is going to celebrate 78th Independence Day on August 15.

On August 15, 2024, India prepares to celebrate its 78th Independence Day with fervor and pride. This day is not merely a ritualistic celebration but a solemn reminder of the countless sacrifices made by our freedom fighters, soldiers, and innocent citizens who fought and died for the nation's freedom. Independence is the bedrock upon which India has built its identity, evolving from a colonized state to a formidable global player. This freedom empowers India to stand tall on the world stage, advocating for universal brotherhood and peaceful resolutions to conflicts, rooted deeply in its cultural ethos. The courage to reject war and the wisdom to seek dialogue are reflective of a nation that has managed to navigate global geopolitics without succumbing to the pressures of bloc politics. India's ability to maintain friendly relations with both superpowers like the United States and Russia, while prioritizing its national interests, is a testament to the country's diplomatic prowess—a feat that deserves recognition and commendation by every Indian.

As we look around the world today, the possibility of a third world war looms larger than ever. Several nations are already engulfed

in the flames of conflict, while others live in constant fear of the horrors of war. The global landscape is increasingly polarized, with countries being drawn into the orbit of powerful blocs. On one side, we have NATO countries led by the United States, and on the other, a coalition of nations like China, Iran, and North Korea under Russia's influence. A third and dangerous group consists of well-organized terrorist organizations, now more armed and dangerous than ever before, who strike without regard for religion or nationality. These groups are a threat not just to individual nations but to global peace

and security. In this chaotic environment, the importance of national unity and patriotism cannot be overstated. For India, a democratic republic with a diverse population, the value of freedom takes on even greater significance. We are all too aware of how foreign powers, terrorist organizations, and various influential countries have made interference in the internal affairs of weaker nations a cornerstone of their foreign policy. While it might be within the bounds of international relations for one nation to intervene in another to protect its interests, it is utterly reprehensible to incite

anarchy, looting, arson, the killing of innocents, religious fanaticism, and coups when those interests are not met. This is where the youth of India must step in. The younger generation needs to critically assess the events occurring within our borders and in neighboring countries. They must understand the hidden agendas and conspiracies that often lie behind these incidents and act in the national interest. It is essential for them to rise above the divisions of party, caste, and religion, and approach every issue with impartiality. The preservation of harmony, unity, and brotherhood within the country should be

their foremost priority, especially in times when external forces may seek to divide us. The challenges India faces today are complex and multifaceted, but they are not insurmountable. The strength of a nation lies in its ability to remain united and resilient in the face of adversity. Governments may come and go, but the duty to protect the nation's pride, unity in diversity, progress, and freedom rests on the shoulders of every Indian. We must ensure that the freedom our forefathers fought for is not taken for granted, and that it does not devolve into recklessness. As we celebrate this Independence Day, let us renew our commitment to upholding the values that have guided us since 1947. Let us recognize that our strength lies in our unity, our diversity, and our unwavering dedication to the principles of peace, democracy, and justice. In doing so, we will not only honor the sacrifices of those who came before us but also secure a prosperous and peaceful future for generations to come. This Independence Day, let us remember that the true celebration of freedom lies in safeguarding it, nurturing it, and using it to build a nation that stands as a beacon of hope, peace, and unity in a world that increasingly needs all three.

YOUR LETTERS

Waiving off cooling off period

The Bombay High Court recently waived the mandatory six-month cooling-off period for a couple seeking mutual consent divorce. The court emphasized that this waiting period is precautionary to prevent injustice, but if the court is convinced both parties have consciously decided not to reconcile, it can waive the period. The Supreme Court similarly ruled in 2019, granting divorce in a case where the marriage was deemed "unworkable and emotionally dead." Grounds for divorce in India include bigamy, adultery, cruelty, and insanity.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

Neeraj Chopra shines again

Javelin throwers Arshad Nadeem and Neeraj Chopra have made history at the Olympics, with Nadeem winning gold and Neeraj clinching silver. Neeraj, who has once again captured the hearts of over a billion people, has solidified his place among the greatest athletes globally. His silver medal win at these Games proves that his Tokyo Olympics triumph was no fluke. Neeraj's success continues to inspire millions of aspiring sportspersons, marking a significant achievement for South Asian athletes on the world stage.

MK Nair, Raipur

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Business



Focus on key sectors to make Maharashtra trillion-dollar economy.

Eknath Shinde,
Maharashtra Chief Minister.

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BEST OF THE REST

INVESTMENT

Kinetic Green raises US\$25 million from Greater Pacific Capital

NEW DELHI: Kinetic Green, a leading Indian manufacturer of Electric Vehicles, announced that it has secured a US\$25 million investment from Greater Pacific Capital, a leading global private equity firm, as part of an overall targeted Series A fundraise of up to US\$40 million.

Kinetic Green entered in the EV sector in 2016, as a pioneering EV OEM. The company is led by Sulajja Firodia Motwani, a third-generation member of the Firodia family, the founders of the Kinetic Group. Kinetic has been a leading manufacturer and innovator in India's automotive sector over the past 50 years, and is well known for iconic products including the Kinetic Luna and Kinetic Honda, selling over 10 million vehicles to date. The group is highly regarded for developing and deploying advanced automotive technologies at affordable prices to drive mobility for the masses, with a focus on designing, developing and manufacturing products in India.

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	78,956.03	-0.87
Nifty	24,139.00	-0.85
Nifty, MidCap	56,881.50	-0.78
Nifty SmallCap	18,203.65	-1.30
Nifty Bank	49,831.85	-1.48

Closing rates as on August 13, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.94 (-)
Euro	91.96 (+)
Chinese Yuan	11.73 (+)
UAE Dirham	22.85 (-)
Pakistan Rupee	0.30 (+)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (-)

On August 13, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,413.63	+0.14%
FTSE 100 Index	8,225.08	+0.18%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	36,232.51	+3.45%
CSI 300 (CHN)300:	3,334.39	+0.26%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, August 13, 2024)

How the markets behave today?

Sensex tumbles nearly 700 points amid broad-based selloff; slips below 79k



MUMBAI: Equity benchmark BSE Sensex tumbled nearly 700 points to sink below the 79,000 level on Tuesday, extending its losses for the second straight day due to selling pressure in HDFC Bank, SBI and ITC amid fresh foreign capital outflows. Besides, deep losses in commodity, banking and financial stocks and concerns over stretched valuation contributed to the steep market decline, analysts said. The 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 692.89 points or 0.87 per cent to settle at 78,956.03. During the day, it tanked 759.54 points or 0.95 per cent to 78,889.38.

The NSE Nifty slumped 208 points or 0.85 per cent to 24,139. A total of

2,676 stocks declined while 1,266 advanced and 84 remained unchanged on the BSE.

"The domestic market plunged into red terrain in the latter half, amidst mixed global sentiments. Recent IIP data indicates a lacklustre growth in the major manufacturing sector. Persistent selling by FIIs and elevated valuations are further contributing to the decline.

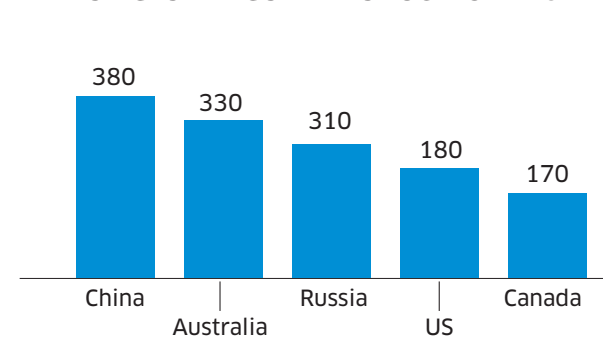
Major Gainers: Titan, HCL Tech, Nestle, Sun Pharma, Reliance and Mahindra & Mahindra.

Major Losers: HDFC Bank, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, State Bank of India, Tata Motors, Power Grid and JSW Steel.

The Day's NUMBERS

(in Metric Tons)

TOP GLOBAL GOLD PRODUCERS IN 2022



MONSOON OFFERS

GEM announces electrifying monsoon offers on EV two-wheeler range

NEW DELHI: Godawari Electric Motors, manufacturers of the Eblu range of electric 2 and 3-wheelers, announced a special monsoon offer on its EV two-wheeler range, the eblu Feo and eblu Feo X. Customers can now avail an exclusive discount of INR 10,000 bringing down the price of its electric two-wheelers the eblu Feo X & eblu Feo to just INR 89,999 Ex-showroom from the original price of INR 99,999 Ex-showroom.

Mr. Hyder Ali Khan, CEO & Director of Godawari Electric Motors, expressed his enthusiasm about the offer, stating, "At Godawari Electric Motors, our commitment is to provide sustainable and innovative mobility solutions to our customers. With the monsoon offer on the eblu Feo and eblu Feo X, we are not only making our products more affordable but also encouraging more people to embrace electric vehicles. This initiative is a step towards a greener future and aligns with our vision of promoting eco-friendly transportation."

TSFI CAMPAIGN

Divine Solitaire ropes in Vaani Kapoor as Face of TSFI campaign

MUMBAI: Divine Solitaires, a leading diamond jewellery brand that unveiled the 3rd edition of The Solitaire Festival of India (TSFI) in association with

Bollywood actor Vaani Kapoor a week ago has already clocked a positive response from partner jeweller stores and customers alike. In its last two editions more than 12500 gifts were given and won by the customers who bought during the festival. This year also there is a lot of excitement among consumers, especially since gold prices have fallen after the budget and diamonds too have become more affordable.



Govt needs money to meet challenges: Sitharaman

Sitharaman said the world has promised a lot of money towards transitioning from fossil fuel to renewable energy but that money is yet to come.

Press Trust Of India

BHOPAL: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday justified the present taxation regime, saying that the country needs resources to meet the challenges facing the nation and also to fund research and development activities. Sitharaman was addressing the 11th convocation of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research

(IISER) in Bhopal. While appealing to the scientist community to do more research on the storage of renewable energy, Sitharaman said the world has promised a lot of money towards transitioning from fossil fuel to renewable energy but that money is yet to come.

"But India didn't wait. The promises given in Paris (Paris Agreement) were fulfilled with our own money. There are

NUMBER

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● India is moving from fossil fuel to renewable energy at its own strength.

● Government has heavily invested in scientific research.

times when being the finance minister, it doesn't give me motivation when

I have to answer people about why our taxes are like this? Why can't we even be lower than this? I wish I can bring it down to almost nil. But India's challenges are severe and challenges will have to be overcome," the finance minister said. She said the government has heavily invested in scientific research. "I seek a very learned crowd before me graduates, PhD holders, to under-

stand India's challenges. I have taken the example of renewable energy, global energy as one of those sustainable sources of energy for a growing country like India," she said. While urging scientists to come up with innovations, she said that India is moving from fossil fuel to renewable energy at its own strength as the country cannot afford to wait for money from somewhere else.

GLOBAL IMAGE

'Export of Fronx to Japan boosts India's global image'

Press Trust Of India

Fronx will be the first SUV from the Maruti Suzuki stable to be launched in Japan

NEW DELHI: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday said the commencement of Maruti Suzuki India's export of its sports utility vehicle Fronx to Japan has further strengthened the 'Brand India' image on the global stage. The first consignment of over 1,600 vehicles left for Japan from Gujarat's Pipavav port, the country's largest carmaker said in a statement.

Fronx will be the first SUV from the Maruti Suzuki stable to be launched in Japan, it added. The company rolls out the model exclusively from its Gujarat plant. "Samay badal raha hai (time is changing). A truly proud moment as a consignment of over 1,600 Made In India SUVs from @Maruti_Corp is exported for the first time to Japan," Goyal said on the social media platform X (formerly twitter). He said that the Modi government has implemented several



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.

FACTFILE

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policies to boost domestic Indian manufacturing over the last decade. "With an emphasis on producing world-class quality products locally, it has helped 'Brand India' become a name to reckon with globally," he said. Fronx is the second model from Maruti Suzuki to be exported to Japan, after Baleno in 2016.

"Japan is one of the most quality-conscious and advanced automobile markets in the world. Our export

to Japan is a testament to Maruti Suzuki's capability to manufacture world-class vehicles that exemplify cutting-edge technology, exceptional performance, internationally recognised safety, and quality standards," Maruti Suzuki India MD & CEO Hisashi Takeuchi said.

Unveiled globally at the Auto Expo 2023, Fronx was launched in India on April 24, 2023. The SUV became the first model in the country to clock the fastest 1 lakh sales within 10 months from launch.

In July 2023, the company commenced export of Fronx to destinations like Latin America, the Middle East, and Africa. Cumulatively since launch, Fronx has recorded total sales of over 2 lakh units in domestic and export markets. The company currently has a 42 per cent share in the exports of passenger vehicles from the country.

SMARTPHONE MARKET

Smartphone market grows 3.2% with 39 mn shipment

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NEW DELHI: The Indian smartphone market grew 3.2 per cent with 39 million units shipment in the second quarter of 2024, market research firm International Data Corporation said on Tuesday. The market was led by Chinese smartphone maker Vivo with a 16.5 per cent share in volume terms with its

shipment growing by 6.7 per cent on a year-over-year (YoY) basis, it said. Apple led the super-premium segment, which are smartphones priced above Rs 67,000 apiece with an 83 per cent share followed by Samsung with a 16 per cent share. "Overall, Vivo continued to lead for the second consecutive quarter, with multiple launches across price segments



through the Y series, mid-premium V series and flagship X Fold 3 Pro. Motorola registered the highest growth backed by product portfolio across price segments," the report

said. Xiaomi followed Vivo with 13.5 per cent market. Samsung slipped to the third spot with a 12.9 per cent share as its shipment declined 15.4 per cent on a YoY basis, according to the report. Apple stood at the sixth spot with a 6.7 per cent market share and a 24.2 per cent increase in shipment on a YoY basis. According to IDC Worldwide Quarterly

Mobile Phone Tracker, the Indian smartphone market shipped 69 million smartphones in the first half of 2024.

In the premium segment, the price range above Rs 50,000 to Rs 67,000, Apple's share increased YoY to 61 per cent, while Samsung's share increased to 24 per cent, from 21 per cent a year ago, the report said.

"I beg to differ. There was never a catfight. There might be a discussion, there might be a 'why are you doing this, and what is the need to do this, and let's bridge this gap,' but there was never a catfight."

RaveenaTandon
Actress



& Glitters

OIT Watch



From bold outfits to prime time

Prime Video India has unveiled the teaser for their upcoming series Follow Kar Lo Yaar, featuring social media star UorfJaved. Premiering on August 23, 2024, the show offers a raw glimpse into Javed's real life.



'HeyyBabyy' reunion on Bigg Boss Marathi 5

In Bigg Boss Marathi 5, Akshay Kumar, Fardeen Khan, and Riteish Deshmukh brought HeyyBabyy nostalgia, playfully recreating iconic moments from the film and delighting fans with their on-screen chemistry.



Kapil Sharma's show returns for season 2

The Great Indian Kapil Show wrapped up its debut season with laughter galore, and fans won't have to wait long for more. Kapil Sharma is gearing up for Season 2, with shooting set to kick off soon!



Salim-Javed's iconic journey on ott

Prime Video's Angry Young Men, debuting August 20, delves into the iconic Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar duo and their impact on Indian cinema. Produced by Salman Khan Films and Excel Entertainment.



Is a new chapter coming for Ted Lasso?

The beloved Ted Lasso series ended in May 2023, but fans may not have seen the last of it. Showrunner Channing Dungey hints at a possible Season 4 or spin-off, provided there's a strong story to tell.

CLOSE UP

Shah Rukh Khan's scoop: 'King' film insights and family conversations

Shah Rukh Khan opened up on his next film 'King' with Sujoy Ghosh. The actor said he had to lose some weight for his role.

Central Chronicle News

Shah Rukh Khan recently spoke about leading a 'simple' life despite stardom. He also expressed his wish to instil a sense of humility in his children, Suhana, Aryan and AbRam.

At the 77th Locarno Film Festival, Shah Rukh Khan honored with the prestigious Pardo allaCarriera award, delighted fans with exciting news about his next venture. The Bollywood icon announced that his upcoming film, King, will showcase him in a high-octane action role. "I'm gearing up to shed some pounds and stretch like never before to pull off some intense stunts," Khan revealed with a chuckle. He humorously described the reality of action scenes, saying, "While I look spectacular on screen, behind the scenes, it's all about icing and back massages. The glamour fades away pretty quickly!" Known for his blockbuster returns in 2023 with Pathaan, Jawan, and Dunki, Khan is excited about King, directed by Sujoy Ghosh. He teased that this film will reflect his current stage in life, a project he's been dreaming about for years. "We've talked about this for ages, and now it's finally happening.



Shah Rukh Khan opened on leading a simple life with family.



Shah Rukh also talked about his family

Away from the spotlight, Khan gave a heartfelt glimpse into his family life with wife Gauri and their kids Aryan, Suhana, and AbRam. He emphasized the importance of humility and forging one's own path despite their star-stud-

ded lives. "I want my children to understand their privileges but also to make their own mark," he said. Fans are eagerly awaiting King, set to hit theaters in 2025, promising to deliver another electrifying performance from Bollywood's reigning superstar.



| HOLLYWOOD |

Miley Cyrus receives Disney legends award, shares inspiring speech

Central Chronicle News

Miley Cyrus has made history as the youngest recipient of the Disney Legends Award at the D23 Expo in Anaheim. This honor celebrates her profound impact on Disney, notably her role as Hannah Montana, which marked her rise to fame. The ceremony also recognized other entertainment icons, including Angela Bassett, Jamie Lee Curtis, and Harrison Ford. In her heartfelt acceptance speech, Cyrus looked back on her transformative journey from a teen star to a global icon. She expressed her pride in



her Disney roots, dedicating the award to Hannah Montana and her devoted fans. "This award is dedicated to Hannah and all of her amazing, loyal fans, and

to everyone who made my dream a reality," she said, quoting the show's theme song: "This is the life." Cyrus used the platform to discuss courage and perseverance, offer-

Miley Cyrus became emotional speaking of how proud she was to be Hannah Montana

HIGHLIGHT

• The singer rose to fame playing Hannah Montana in the Disney Channel series which first aired in 2006 when she was 13.

ing an inspiring message about overcoming fear. "Legends get scared, too," she confessed. "But the difference is they do it anyway. There is no such thing as failure when you try." Her emotional words struck a chord with the audience, who appreciated her vulnerability and strength.

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Bollywood

RajkumarSantoshi wraps Up "Lahore 1947"

Filmmaker RajkumarSantoshi has wrapped up filming his highly anticipated project Lahore 1947, featuring Sunny Deol and PreityZinta. The period drama, which also stars ShabanaAzmi, is produced by Aamir Khan under Aamir Khan Productions. The production recently completed an intense 70-day shoot without any breaks, with a source describing the experience as fantastic, praising the actors' performances. "The shooting is done, and while there will be some patchwork during editing, Raj ji is thrilled with the results," the source shared. The film, shrouded in secrecy about its plot, will feature music by AR Rahman and lyrics by Javed Akhtar.

Web Series

Netflix's Sector 36 delves into dark crime drama

Netflix has just dropped the first look motion poster for their upcoming crime thriller Sector 36, set to premiere on September 13, 2024. The film promises a gripping story inspired by real events, featuring Vikrant Massey and Deepak Dobriyal.

The poster hints at a chilling tale of disappearances and a deadly pursuit. Directed by Aditya Nimbalkar and written by BodhayanRoychaudhury, Sector 36 dives into a dark investigation of missing children in Delhi, with a determined cop chasing a cunning killer. Get ready for a suspenseful ride that will keep you on the edge of your seat!

The bollywood hot pair

Abhishek Bachchan: 'We're Still Married'



Abhishek Bachchan has firmly addressed the swirling divorce rumors involving his wife, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan. Recent speculations were fueled by a deepfake video and their separate arrivals at a high-profile wedding. However, in a candid statement, Abhishek dismissed the rumors and displayed his engagement ring to affirm their marital status. Speaking with Bollywood UK Media, he

said, "You all have blown the entire thing out of proportion. We're still married." Abhishek and Aishwarya, married since 2007 and parents to Aaradhya, have weathered many storms together. Despite the rumors, their enduring relationship and public appearances, including Abhishek's recent support for Indian athletes at the Paris Olympics, highlight their strong bond.

Fashion

DishaPatani's Dune-inspired dress wows fashion world

DishaPatani has dazzled in a groundbreaking dress inspired by sand dunes, designed by Shloka Bhatia. The gown, a masterpiece of sheer threads, mimics the gentle curves of desert sands, merging white and brown tones. Its innovative design features delicate thin straps and a thigh-high slit, adding both sensuality and fluidity.



Trending on Insta

@mira.kapoor

Mira Rajput's evening snack snapshot

Mira Rajput delighted her Instagram followers with a peek into her evening meal. In a recent Story, she shared a selfie with her soup, writing, "Just me and my soup."



@ananyapanday

AnanyaPanday's divine insta moment

AnanyaPanday shared a serene Instagram post, featuring herself beside a flower-adorned Shiva Linga, sitting with folded hands. She also posted a close-up of the Shiva Linga.

“People are obsessed with my age. Not because I’m old. But because I look like this while I’m aging. I indulge myself and on good days I prefer to focus on wellness and just keep doing my best.”

Malaika Arora
Actress



Bella



The extra colors women can see that men might miss.

WHY WOMEN SEE MORE COLORS

Beyond the rainbow: Why women perceive more colors than men

Find out why women might see more colors than men and how their unique vision gives them a vibrant edge. Discover the surprising science behind this colorful difference!

Have you ever noticed that women seem to see more colors in a sunset or a painting than men do? It's not just a matter of personal taste—it's actually science! Research shows that women might see a wider range of colors than men, and it's all thanks to some interesting details about our eyes and brains. Here's the scoop: our ability to see colors is linked to the X chromosome. Women have two X chromosomes, while men have one X and one Y. This difference is crucial. The X chromosome carries the genes that help us see colors. Because women have two X chromosomes, they might have more of these color-detect-



be better at picking up and interpreting different colors. This could help with everyday tasks, like choosing ripe fruit or appreciating the details in art. So next time you spot a new shade of green or red that someone else misses, you might be seeing it thanks to your amazing color vision. Women's ability to see more colors is not just a fun fact—it's a reminder of how our bodies make the world a richer, more vibrant place.

ing genes compared to men. It's like having more colors in your crayon box. Studies show that about 8% of men have trouble seeing some colors, while less than 1% of women do. This means women often see colors that might look the same to men.

But there's more! Research suggests that women's brains might

HIGHLIGHT

● The neurological basis for differences in colour vision between men and women primarily lies in the genetic and structural differences in the eyes and brain.



Unlock your weight loss potential with green almonds



Green almonds are a powerhouse for weight loss, offering a nutritious and tasty way to shed pounds. These young, unripe almonds are packed with essential nutrients, including fiber, protein, and healthy fats, which help keep you full and curb cravings. Their low calorie content and high antioxidant levels support metabolism and reduce inflammation, making them an excellent choice for a balanced diet. Snacking on green almonds or adding them to salads can boost your weight loss efforts while providing a satisfying crunch. Incorporate green almonds into your daily routine and enjoy their benefits for effective and enjoyable weight management.

Myth or Truth: Clearing up obesity and cancer myths

A common myth is that obesity directly causes cancer. While obesity is linked to a higher risk of several cancers, it's not the sole cause. The truth is more nuanced: excess weight can increase inflammation, hormone levels, and insulin resistance, which contribute to cancer risk. However, cancer development is influenced by multi-

ple factors, including genetics, environment, and lifestyle. Maintaining a healthy weight can reduce risk, but it's not a guarantee against cancer. It's crucial to focus on a balanced diet, regular exercise, and regular screenings. Understanding the interplay between obesity and cancer helps in taking informed steps toward better health.

| FASHION |

Ageless style: Fashion tips for women in their 50s to radiate timeless elegance

Central Chronicle News

At 50, fashion is about embracing a style that blends timeless elegance with contemporary flair. Key to achieving this is selecting clothing that enhances your unique shape and provides both comfort and sophistication. Start with well-tailored blazers, which add a refined touch to any outfit. They can be paired effortlessly with trousers for a polished look or layered over a dress for a bit of extra sophistication. Classic dresses are a staple, with knee-length or midi options offering a flattering fit for various occasions. Look for



Make your fashion statement while looking trendy yet elegant at the same time.

dresses with simple lines or subtle details that provide versatility and timelessness. High-quality basics, such as well-fitted

jeans and tailored trousers, are essential for a stylish and functional wardrobe. These pieces serve as a solid founda-

tion and can be dressed up or down depending on the occasion. Elegant tops with textures, prints, or gentle

HIGHLIGHT
Women over fifty often feel style becomes frumpy, but it can be fabulous with the right touches. Asymmetrical tops, smart patterns, chic cardigans, and elegant scarves can elevate your look and prove that sophistication never ages.

embellishments add a touch of flair to your outfits without overwhelming your look. Smart skirts, like A-line or pencil skirts, paired with fitted blouses or sweaters, contribute to a refined, classic appearance.

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Celebs

Kareena Kapoor's timeless white and silver style

Kareena Kapoor Khan dazzled at a recent event in a stunning white and silver suit set by Abu Jani Sandeep Khosla. The actress, celebrated for her trendsetting style, wore an ivory kurta with full sleeves and a round neck, embellished with delicate silver embroidery. This intricate detailing on the neckline, borders, and cuffs added a regal sparkle to her outfit. Complementing the kurta were straight-leg palazzo pants with matching silver accents and a dupatta featuring silver embroidery and white floral motifs. Her makeup included kohl-lined eyes, subtle smokey tones, and a nude lip, while her hair was styled in a chic bun.

Achiever

Hassan's marathon victory sets olympic record

At the Paris 2024 Olympics, Dutch runner Sifan Hassan achieved a remarkable feat by winning gold in the women's marathon, adding to her bronze medals in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters. This extraordinary accomplishment positions her among the all-time greats in Olympic history, alongside legends like Paavo Nurmi and Emil Zatopek. Known for her ambitious goals, Hassan pushed the boundaries of endurance by taking on the marathon just 36 hours after competing in the 10,000 meters. Her courage and resilience paid off as she set an Olympic record with a time of 2:22:55. Hassan's achievement highlights her incredible determination and athletic prowess.

The Inspirors

Inspiring health journeys with Manisha Koirala



Actor Manisha Koirala, a cancer survivor, passionately advocates for prioritizing health, especially for today's youth. After battling ovarian cancer, diagnosed in 2012 and declared cancer-free in 2014, Koirala emphasizes the importance of health awareness. Speaking at the CFBP Holistic Health Summit 2.0, she urged the younger

generation to adopt proactive health practices. “Awareness is crucial in overcoming health issues,” she said. Reflecting on her own experience, Koirala stressed that if she could conquer cancer, others can too. Her powerful message encourages everyone to be vigilant about their health and embrace holistic practices in daily life.

Wellness

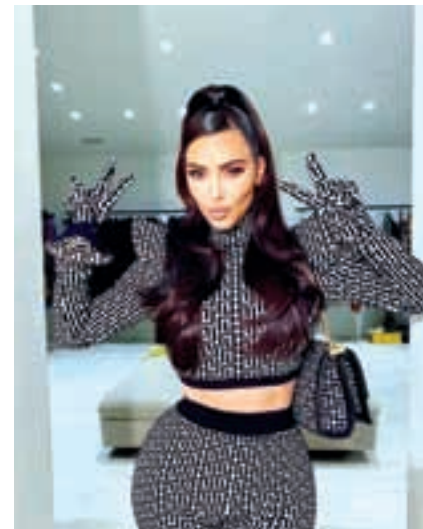
The truth about autoimmune disorders

Autoimmune disorders occur when the immune system mistakenly attacks the body's own tissues, viewing them as threats. This misdirection leads to chronic inflammation and damage to various organs and systems. Conditions like rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and multiple sclerosis are common examples, each with distinct symptoms such as joint pain, skin rashes, and fatigue. While the exact causes remain unclear, factors like genetics, environmental triggers, and hormonal imbalances are thought to contribute. Diagnosing autoimmune disorders typically involves blood tests, imaging, and a detailed medical history.



Divas on Insta

@rakulpreetsingh
RakulPreet Singh



Actress RakulPreet Singh shared a sweet glimpse of her husband, filmmaker Jackky Bhagnani, on Instagram. She posted a photo of him at the airport, captioned “So tough to keep him off work calls.”



@kimkardashian
Kim Kardashian

Reality star Kim Kardashian celebrated Kylie Jenner's birthday with a heartfelt message. On Instagram, Kim shared a series of photos, including nostalgic throwbacks from their teenage years.



Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal partnership is like Virender Schwag and Gautam Gambhir. One is attacking player and other one likes to build his inning.

Ajay Jadeja
Former Cricketer

'In life and in cricket, I would rather fail than play safe'

There was an insecure side to him as a child but he outgrew it as time went by, realising that his fears were paralysing him.



HIGHLIGHT

● The 37-year-old off-spinner, one of the sharpest minds in international cricket right now, is also a refreshingly candid voice with 516 Test wickets lending considerable weight to his views.

● It is not limited to opening up a hitherto unseen side of yours to people who might judge without knowing. There's also the danger of unknowingly hurting others when unpleasant experiences become public knowledge.

a lot of my time since 2010 (his India debut) but COVID gave me a chance to take a break, and you know, assess where I was," he recalls.

"It (the COVID-forced break) has given me wings over the last four years to be able to express myself, expand my creativity zones and so on and so forth," he says, referring to his success as a rare outspoken voice in Indian cricket.

According to him, it all boils down to being fearless or having the ability to see the fun side of risks, something that a visit to a casino taught him back in 2009. "If you go to the Casino, thinking of how much money you will make, you will pretty much end up without a rupee. But when you go with the intention of having fun and wanting to lose the money that you have, you always go back a much richer person. It was actually a big learning experience," he explains.

But that's not his only point of reference for life lessons, he could pick those up as easily from a movie, or a web series or books.

Talking of books, he knows that telling one's story to the world is fraught with risk.

fearless though. There was an insecure side to him as a child but he outgrew it as time went by, realising that his fears were paralysing him.

Once that was dealt with, Ashwin says he became somewhat unflappable and it has been evident in his growth as a cricketer. From bowling carrom balls on Chennai's streets as a kid, his metamorphosis into India's premier spinner has been quite a ride.

He has taken criticism on the chin and has responded with a bagful of wickets, refusing to

let that "outside noise" disturb the equilibrium of his mind. And it is this system optimisation, as the engineer in him would say, which allows him to take risks, and not be afraid of failure.

"I'm not insecure at all. I would rather fail in life than be absolutely safe. That's my character. I don't have the common insecurities that people have," he asserts with the same clarity with which he decodes complex cricket laws in his social media feeds, which don't take long to become viral trends.

"Breaking away from

my insecurity (as a child) gave me a great insight into how I can exploit somebody else's insecurity. And that's how I see cricket or life in general," he explained, letting out perhaps the secret of his understated aggression on the field.

It shouldn't be forgotten that like most people around him, Ashwin too battled the trauma of seeing his loved ones hospitalised due to the dreaded infection at that time.

"The time that I have is pretty limited. I do plan but for me it's about living life. I felt cricket took away

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TOUR DE FRANCE

Charlotte Kool sprints to second stage victory

ROTTERDAM: Charlotte Kool beat fellow Dutch rider Lorena Wiebes on the line Tuesday to defend her leader's yellow jersey in the second stage of the Tour de France for women. Kool, of the DSM-Firmenich PostNL team, made it two wins out of two in the eight-stage race as she passed Olympic road race silver medallist Marianne Vos before overtaking Wiebes just before the finishing line in 1 hour, 32 minutes and 49 seconds. Vos finished third. The first of two stages Tuesday took the riders 69.7 kilometers (43.3 miles) from Dordrecht to the nearby port city of Rotterdam through a typical Dutch landscape of pancake flat polders, waterside dikes and past World Heritage-listed windmills before ending in downtown Rotterdam. Kool was wearing the leader's yellow jersey after winning the opening stage in The Hague on Monday. She now has a narrow lead of 14 seconds over Anniina Ahtosalo of Finland in the overall race standings. **PTI**

MINISTER TO MEET HOCKEY TEAM

Mandaviya to meet hockey team before Sept 10



NEW DELHI: Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday informed that he will hold a meeting with the bronze medal winning Indian men's hockey team before September 10 to chalk out future plans in its endeavor to clinch the gold medal in 2028 Los Angeles Games. Mandaviya on Tuesday felicitated star custodian PR Sreejesh, defender Sanjay, Amit Rohidas and striker Abhishek after their return from Paris on Tuesday morning. **PTI**

Ashwini's Coaching Woes

Badminton star Ashwini laments lack of coach support



MANCHESTER: New Delhi: Indian doubles badminton specialist Ashwini Ponnappa on Tuesday said she received little to no individual financial assistance from the sports ministry in the build up to Paris Olympics and even her request for a coach was turned down ahead of the just-concluded Games.

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) had come out with a document, detailing the financial support provided to the Paris-bound Indian athletes.

It mentions that Ashwini was provided Rs 4,50,000 under TOPS and Rs 1,48,04,080 under Annual calendar

for Training and Competition (ACTC), which included the procurement of Game Ready recovery equipment, international competitions and sparing partner in the Tokyo cycle.

"I'm absolutely shocked.. I don't mind not getting money but telling the nation that I got money is ridiculous. I haven't received it. Like if you're talking about national camp, then that 1.5 Crore is spent on all the campers," Ashwini told PTI. Ashwini, 34, has been one of the top Indian doubles player, having won a gold, a silver and a bronze in the Commonwealth Games 2010, 2014 and 2018 respectively. **PTI**

| BHAKER'S FUTURE OLYMPICS GOALS |

Shooting star Manu aims for multiple Olympic medals

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India's pistol shooter and double Olympic medal winner, Manu Bhaker has set her aims for multiple gold medals in the upcoming Olympics.

NEW DELHI: Ace Indian pistol shooter Manu Bhaker has set her sights on winning multiple medals at the Olympics in the future following her historic feat at the Paris Games.

The 22-year-old scripted history to become the first Indian athlete in post-independence era to win two Olympic medals in a single edition of the Games.

Bhaker won a bronze each in the women's 10m



air pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team event -- where she had paired with Sarabjot Singh.

She also came close to winning a third bronze in 25m pistol before finishing a creditable fourth in Paris. No Indian athlete has won more than two

individual medals at the Olympics. "I think we all work hard to win medals. But if that happens (winning more than 2 individual medals at Olympics) then that would be great. The aim is to work hard and better this performance in the future," Bhaker told PTI Videos.

"(I am) aiming to win many more Olympic medals for India," added Bhaker, who returned to the country after participating in the closing ceremony. Bhaker had the honor of being India's flag-bearer alongside veteran hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh at the closing ceremony on Sunday.

"Being the flag bearer was the opportunity of a lifetime, I am grateful that I got this opportunity

FACTFILE

● Manu made India proud at the recently-concluded Paris Olympics by becoming the first Indian athlete by winning two Olympic medals in a single edition since the post-independence era.

and will cherish this for a lifetime," she said. "I have a very friendly bond with Sreejesh bhैया. I have known him since I was a young kid. He is always very friendly, helpful and kind. He made it a lot easier for me in the closing ceremony." Bhaker had returned to India last week but had flown back to Paris for the closing ceremony where she was the joint-flag-bearer.

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India has done what it takes for LA gold: Horn



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Mike Horn
World Renowned Explorer

The Swiss motivational coach's intense three-day mental toughness boot camp in the Alps pushed Harmanpreet and Co to their limits, in adventure tasks that also helps in coming out of their comfort zones and also form strong bonds.

"The bronze they won is a reflection of their dedication, and I believe they have set a strong

foundation for future success, including the possibility of going for gold in the next Olympics," Horn told PTI in an interview.

"The team's performance was exceptional, and they indeed came very close to clinching a gold medal. They showed remarkable skill, strategy, and mental toughness throughout the tournament.

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COIMBATORE OPEN

Ahlawat, Gandas, Kochhar lead Coimbatore field

COIMBATORE: Indian golfers Veer Ahlawat, Manu Gandas, Karandeep Kochhar, will headline the second edition of the Coimbatore Open, beginning here on Wednesday.

As many as 126 golfers including 123 professionals and three amateurs will compete in the tournament, which carries a prize purse of Rs 1 crore. The Pro-Am event will be staged on August 18. The field also includes the likes of S Chikkaranagappa, Aman Raj, Shaurya Binu and defending champion Harshjeet Singh Sethi. The local challenge will be led by Coimbatore-based professional Sidhartha Sharathram and amateur J Vignesh. The prominent foreign names competing are Sri Lankans N Thangaraja and K Prabakaran, Bangladeshi Jamal Hossain and Badal Hossain, Italy's Michele Ortolani, Czechia's Stepan Danek, Nepal's Subash Tamang, Canada's Sukhraj Singh Gill, South Korea's Si In Kim, Japan's Makoto Iwasaki and American Dominic Piccirillo. **PTI**

MANU'S BREAK FROM WORLD CUP

Manu Bhaker considering World Cup break



NEW DELHI: Paris Olympic double medallist Manu Bhaker may skip October's World Cup here as the ace pistol shooter has decided to take a three-month break, her coach Jaspal Rana said. The 22-year-old Bhaker scripted Olympic history for India in Paris as she won a bronze each in the women's 10m air pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team event, in which she had paired with Sarabjot Singh. After the feat, the ace pistol shooter, who returned from Paris in the wee hours on Tuesday, is set to take a three-month break from the sport. "I am not sure whether she will be at the Shooting World Cup in October because she is taking a three-month break. **PTI**

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KOLKATA: After winning successive bronze medals at the Tokyo and Paris Olympics, the Indian men's hockey team has shown their strong foundation and they have it in them to go for a gold in four years' time in Los Angeles, feels the world renowned explorer Mike Horn.

Sports News

Heroic welcome to Paris Olympics Bronze medallists stars after glory



Olympics Bronze medallist Indian Wrestler Aman Sehrawat being welcomed upon his arrival at the Delhi Airport. | Photo: PTI



Indian Hockey player PR Sreejesh along with his teammates upon their arrival at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, in New Delhi. | Photo: PTI

‘India aims to win 25 medals at Paralympics’

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Jhajharia said the Indian contingent would look to carry the momentum of record-breaking performances in the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics and 2023 Hangzhou Asian Para Games.

JAIPUR: India is hoping to win more than 25 medals from its largest-ever contingent of 84 athletes at the upcoming Paris Paralympic Games beginning on August 28, the country's governing body chief Devendra Jhajharia

said on Tuesday.

Jhajharia, himself a double gold medallist at the Paralympics, said the Indian contingent would look to carry the momentum of record-breaking performances in the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics and 2023 Hangzhou Asian Para Games.

India had won 19 medals at the Tokyo Paralympics and a historic 111 medal at the Para Asian Games.

“This is the biggest para contingent India has ever sent to the Paralympics. We are very confident about the overall performance and are sure to win more than 25

HIGHLIGHT

● The Indian team boasts of a mix of experienced and young athletes. Many of them are participating in their second or third Paralympics.

medals,” Jhajharia said here at an event organised by the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI).

India is set to compete in 12 sports, including archery, athletics, badminton, canoeing, cycling, blind judo, powerlifting, rowing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, and taekwondo.

“Most of our athletes are in excellent shape, having trained rigorously for this event. We expect outstanding results, particularly in athletics, badminton, archery, and shooting. They are ready to make India proud,” the PCI president said.

The Indian team boasts of a mix of experienced and young athletes. Many of them are participating in their second or third Paralympics. Amit Kumar Saroha, a seasoned athlete competing in his fourth Paralympics, will represent India in the F51 category discus throw. The 39-year-old Asian Para Games medallist

is the oldest member of the contingent. On the other end of the spectrum, the youngest athlete is 17-year-old archer Sheetal Devi, who shoots with her legs instead of her hands due to a medical condition that has afflicted her since birth.

She recently made headlines by winning gold medals in individual compound and mixed team events in archery at the 2023 Asian Para Games. Meanwhile, 100 Sports Management Private Limited has been awarded the exclusive broadcasting and digital media right for Paris Paralympics in India, according to a release.

Pramod Bhagat opens up about doping suspension

NEW DELHI: Following his suspension from the sport due to violation of anti-doping regulations, Tokyo 2020 Paralympic champion para-shuttler Pramod Bhagat on Tuesday said that the three whereabouts failures within a 12-month period were due to a “technical glitch” rather than an intentional wrongdoing.

Bhagat will miss the upcoming Paris Paralympic Games after being suspended for 18 months for breaching the Badminton World Federation (BWF)



anti-doping regulations. Following his suspension, Pramod said on X, “I am deeply saddened by the decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and the Badminton World Federation (BWF) to suspend me from participating in the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. I want to clarify that the suspen-

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sion is due to three whereabouts failures within a 12-month period, especially the last one being a result of a technical glitch rather than any intentional wrongdoing.”

‘I am taking a short break to get physically and emotionally fit’

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Anshu, 23, showed great determination but could not breach the defence of USA's vastly experienced Helen Louise Maroulis, losing 2-7 in the 57kg pre-quarter-finals.



wrote on Instagram.

“Now, this will be a new beginning for LA 2028. I know I'm a FIGHTER and will come back stronger than ever.

“But right now, I am taking a short break to get physically and emotionally fit. In the meantime, I'll see where I need to make changes,” she added.

Anshu secured a Paris Games quota from the Asian Olympic Qualifiers in April this year. Two months later, she won a silver medal at the Budapest Ranking Series. Reflecting on her jour-

ney, Anshu said, “The Olympics are now over, and with it, the dream that I had for 12 years is also over. In 2012, when I started wrestling, I told my father that I would win a medal in the 2024 Olympics.

“Every day, I work just for that day; every night, I dream just to get it. But it didn't turn out the way I thought it would.

“This journey was not easy at all. There were a lot of injuries, many defeats and many victories too. Had emotional and mental breakdowns many times.

Rohit's leadership key to India's success: Rahul Dravid

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Rohit has earned laurels in white-ball cricket, and his impressive tally speaks volumes about his prowess in limited-over cricket.

NEW DELHI: Former India head coach Rahul Dravid hailed skipper Rohit Sharma and said it was his privilege to work with the 37-year-old.

Rohit has garnered 14,846 runs, three double hundreds, 33 hundreds, and 87 fifties in ODIs and T20Is combined.

Rohit is a two-time ICC T20 World Cup (2007 and 2024) and ICC Champions Trophy win-



Rohit Sharma is a two-time ICC T20 World Cup Trophy winner.

ner. He also holds the record for most sixes in the shortest format.

Rohit's stint as India's T20I skipper was a memorable one. He overtook Dhoni as the most successful T20I captain with 49 wins in 62 matches. Dhoni had 41 victories from 72 games. Speaking at a spots event, Dravid said Rohit Sharma was

a “fantastic leader”. He added that people are “gravitated” towards him and the Men in Blue.

“I think it was a privilege to work with Rohit. In these two and a half years, I think he was a fantastic leader. People really gravitated towards him, the team. I think that makes a big difference. There were a lot

HIGHLIGHT

● The former India head coach added that people think that big players like Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah and others are very “humble” and don't have any egos.

of other senior players as well, whether it was Virat, Bumrah, or Ashwin in Test cricket that we played.

So many of them—just because a lot of Indian cricketers are big names, and they are superstars, and rightly so, and they're followed by so many people—sometimes people think that they have big egos and that they are very difficult to manage.” Dravid said.

Blitz Chess: Praggnya brings up rear on Day



SAINT LOUIS: Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa missed out twice on cashing in on winning positions, ending up at the bottom of the table after the first day of Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz tournament.

Starting off as black against Aronian, the Indian started on a positive note with a draw but subsequently bungled in the endgame against Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France. While there was no denying his superiority in his games against the American or the French, Praggnanandhaa was again subjected to another task wherein the Indian youngster failed to deliver the goods. With six more rounds to come in the rapid section, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave is in the front one five points out of a possible six, while Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia and the American duo of Lenier Dominguez and Levon Aronian. At this point of time, Praggnandhaa is last and a comeback looks pretty much on cards for the Indian with six rounds still remaining in rapid along with 18 rounds of blitz games before the winner is determined.

JORDAN CHILES MEDAL INQUIRY

USA Gymnastics says arbitration panel won't reconsider decision

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WASHINGTON: USA Gymnastics officials say an arbitration panel won't reconsider a decision asking gymnast Jordan Chiles to return the bronze medal she was awarded in the floor exercise at the Paris Olympics.

USA Gymnastics says it will continue efforts to let Chiles keep the medal.

“USA Gymnastics was notified by the Court of Arbitration for Sport

(CAS) on Monday that their rules do not allow for an arbitral award to be reconsidered even when conclusive new evidence is presented,” USA Gymnastics said in a statement.

“We are deeply disappointed by the notification and will continue to pursue every possible avenue and appeal process, including to the Swiss Federal Tribunal, to ensure the just scoring, placement, and medal award



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USA Gymnastics
In a statement

for Jordan.” CAS voided an on-floor appeal from Chiles' coach that vaulted her to third, saying the appeal came 4 seconds beyond the one-minute time limit for scoring inquiries. USA Gymnastics disputed the timing, saying in a statement Sunday that the agency submitted video evidence to CAS that showed Team USA coach Cecile Landi first appealed 13 seconds before the deadline. The dispute over such minute

details sets up what could be a months- or years-long legal battle over the gymnastics scores. The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) said Saturday night it would respect the court's decision and elevate Ana Barbosu of Romania to third. The International Olympic Committee confirmed the ruling Sunday, announcing that it was reallocating the medal. CAS ruled Saturday that Landi's inquiry to have

0.1 added to Chiles' score came outside the one-minute window. The CAS ad hoc committee wrote that Landi's inquiry came 1 minute, 4 seconds after Chiles' initial score was posted.

The IOC said in a statement it will be in touch with the USOPC regarding the return of Chiles' bronze and will work with the Romanian Olympic Committee to discuss a reallocation ceremony honoring Barbosu.

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Muhammad Yunus
Advisor, Interim Govt, B Desh

Hindu community faced 278 attacks in B'desh

DHAKA: The apex body of Hindus in Bangladesh on Tuesday said the minority Hindu community faced attacks and threats in 278 locations across 48 districts since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government on August 5 and termed it as an "assault on the Hindu religion." The Bangladesh National Hindu Grand Alliance members also pointed to the increase in attacks in recent times and asserted, "We too have rights in this country, we were born here."

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