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SC raps Kolkata police for 'lapses' in probe

SC asks protesting docs to get back to work, saying 'justice and medicine' cannot be stopped.

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NEW DELHI: A tough talking Supreme Court on Thursday tore into the Kolkata police over the delay in registering the unnatural death of the woman doctor, who was raped and killed at the RG Kar Hospital, calling it "extremely disturbing", and questioned the sequence of events and the timing of its procedural formalities.

Making an impassioned appeal to the protesting doctors across the country, the apex court also asked them to get back to work, saying "justice and medicine" cannot be stopped and moreover, it was issuing all the necessary directions to ensure their safety. It further directed no coercive action against them.

The strong reprimand of the Kolkata police by the top court in which a three-judge bench high-



A bench comprising CJI Chandrachud, Justice J.B. Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra during hearing at the SC, Thursday.

HIGHLIGHT

● SC asked political parties not to politicise the case and said law will take its course.

lighted its "lapses" in its probe came even as Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, said there was an attempt to cover up the case by the local police as the crime scene was "altered" by the time the federal agency took over the probe.

The bench headed by Chief Justice of India

Ensure safety of healthcare professionals

DY Chandrachud CJ

DY Chandrachud, which was hearing a suo motu case related to the crime, asked political parties not to politicise the case and said law will take its course after Mehta pointed to an objectionable statement of a West Bengal minister. Expressing sur-

prise that the post-mortem of the victim was conducted on August 9 between 6.10 pm to 7.10 pm before the registration of case as unnatural death, the top court pulled up the Kolkata police over "unexplained" delay of 14 hours in lodging of the FIR in the case.

"How was it that the post-mortem was conducted at 6.10 pm on August 9 and yet the unnatural death information is sent to Tala police station at 11.30 pm on August 9. This is

extremely disturbing," the bench, also comprising Justice J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said.

Pointing out the laxity in investigation by the Kolkata Police, Justice Pardiwala said, "When you start performing the post-mortem, it means that it is a case of unnatural death. However, case of unnatural death was registered at 11.30 pm on August 9 after post-mortem and the FIR is recorded at 11.45 pm. "The entire procedure followed by your state is something which I have not come across in the 30 years of my (professional) life," Justice Pardiwala said.

The top court also quizzed West Bengal government over the role of Dr Sandip Ghosh, former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, who has come under the scanner in the aftermath of the ghastly crime.

India, Poland unveil 5-year 'Action Plan'

WARSAW: India and Poland on Thursday upgraded their ties to the level of a "strategic partnership" and inked a social security pact to promote the mobility of skilled workers following wide-ranging talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Polish counterpart Donald Tusk.

In the meeting, both sides vowed to significantly expand the bilateral defence and security technologies with Tusk expressing Warsaw's eagerness to be a key partner in New Delhi's aim to boost domestic defence production and modernise its armed forces. Modi

arrived in this Polish capital on Wednesday, in the first visit by an Indian prime minister to Poland in nearly half a century. In the second leg of his two-nation trip, Modi will be in Kyiv for around seven hours on Friday.

The prime minister also held talks with Polish President Andrzej Duda.

Following the Modi-Tusk talks, the two sides unveiled a five-year "Action Plan" (2024-2028) for the India-Poland strategic partnership identifying a range of areas including defence, trade, agri-tech, energy, green technologies, infrastructure, pharmaceuticals and mining for cooperation.

Naxalite surrenders

DHANTARI: A Naxalite carrying a reward of Rs 5 lakh on his head surrendered in Chhattisgarh's Dhantari district on Thursday, a police official said.

Ajay alias Aghan (26) was active as "deputy commander" and area committee member of the proscribed Communist Party of India (Maoist) in Sitanadi, the official said.

'Triumph of truth'

LUCKNOW: AAP leader Sanjay Singh on Thursday hailed the Allahabad High Court order that stayed the execution of the sentence awarded to him by a Sultanpur court in a 2001 protest case as the "triumph of truth". The Rajya Sabha MP of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) also expressed gratitude towards senior counsel and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader Satish Chandra Mishra, who represented him in the high court.

NEWSLINE

GAYA

Gaya doc duped of Rs 4.40 crore

Cybercriminals have defrauded a Gaya-based doctor of over Rs 4.40 crore from his bank accounts, police said on Thursday. However, authorities have managed to stop cybercriminals from making any further withdrawals.

PUNE

MPSC postpones preliminary exam

The MPSC on Thursday said it has postponed the Maharashtra Gazetted Civil Services Combined Preliminary Examination, scheduled to be held on August 25, amid a protest by aspirants pushing for a date change and making a few more demands.

CHANDIGARH

JJP rebels set to join BJP

JJP rebel MLAs Ramniwas Surjakhera and Jogi Ram Sihag on Thursday tendered their resignation from the state Assembly and will join the ruling BJP in the coming days. Surjakhera and Sihag, MLAs from Narwana and Barwala respectively, sent their resignation letters to the Haryana Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta.

EMOTIONAL CHORD

'Broke PM Modi's confidence after parliament poll results'

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Rahul said, his doors are always open for party workers -- "the lions of the Congress".

JAMMU: Striking an emotional chord with the people of Jammu and Kashmir, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Thursday said he considers himself their soldier in New Delhi, and added his doors are always open for party workers -- "the lions of the Congress".

Taking a dig at the prime minister, Gandhi said Modi's body lan-



Cong MP Rahul Gandhi along with party President Mallikarjun Kharge arrives for a meeting in Jammu.

guage and confidence have drastically changed after the parliamentary poll results. "You know my relationship with you. It is not a political connection. It is a relationship

of love and that of my family's background. My family comes from your state," the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha told Congress workers here. He was addressing

FACTFILE

● Rahul affirmed that the Cong will continue to challenge the BJP across the country.

them on the second and concluding day of his visit to poll-bound Jammu and Kashmir. "So, you should always feel that you have a sepoy in Delhi. I am your sepoy. Whatever you need, my doors are always open for you," he said. "You only have to give me an order, and I will be present before you," Gandhi said amid huge applause.

Gangrape accused dies of electrocution

RAIGARH: An absconding gangrape accused died in neighbouring Odisha after coming in contact with a live wire laid by farmers to protect their crops from wild animals, police said on Thursday.

Sanjay Yadav (18) was wanted in a case registered in Chhattisgarh's Raigarh district. Local police on Wednesday night received information about his death from Jharsuguda police in Odisha, a police official said. Yadav and seven others were accused of raping a 27-year-old tribal woman in Pusaur police station limits of Raigarh on August 19 when she was on her way to visit a local fair.

ICMR STUDY

'Unemployed at a higher risk of heart disease'

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NEW DELHI: An ICMR-led study, which estimated risk of adults in India developing heart disease over a 10-year period, found that those unemployed were at a significantly higher risk, followed by those having high blood sugar levels.

Researchers analysed nearly 4,500 adults aged 40-69 years, about half of whom were younger (40-49 years old). Data was collected using surveys and questionnaires,



including those developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), such as for gauging one's physical activity levels. Among the study group, about 85 per cent were at a very low-to-low chance of developing cardiovascular diseases, while about 14.5 per cent and one per cent were at a moderate and high-to-

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● Twice as many men as women had a higher than 10% risk of developing heart disease over 10 years

very high chance of developing these conditions, respectively, they found. Twice as many men as women had a higher than 10 per cent risk of developing heart disease over 10 years, the researchers, found.

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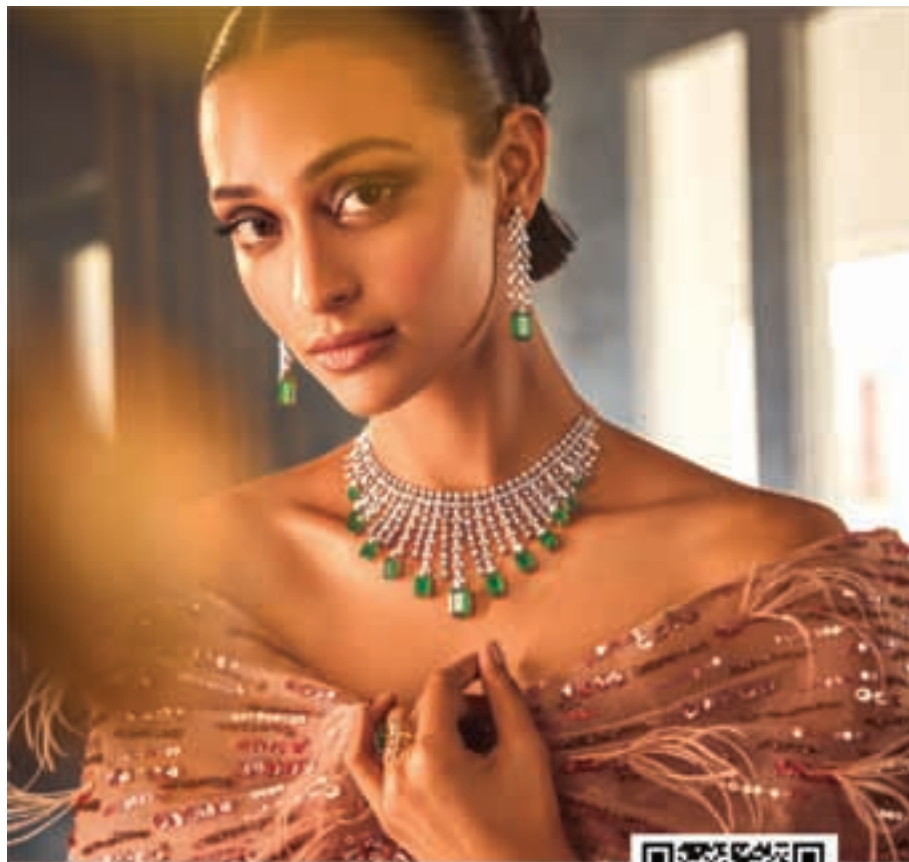
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Congress wants to ruin crores of small investors.

Kiran Deo
State BJP President



Congress party launched a protest on Wednesday outside ED office in Raipur

Cong stages Nationwide protest outside ED offices

Bhupesh Baghel warns Central Government of political fallout.

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RAIPUR: The Congress party launched a nationwide protest on Wednesday outside Enforcement Directorate (ED) offices across various states, with a significant demonstration taking place in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The protest, led by senior Congress leaders including former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and state Congress president Deepak Baij, saw a large gathering of party workers.

The demonstration is part of a coordinated response by the All India Congress Committee (AICC) against what they

allege is the political misuse of central investigative agencies by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Addressing the crowd, Bhupesh Baghel accused the ED, along with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Income Tax (IT) department, of acting beyond their constitutional mandate and serving as extensions of the BJP.

Baghel warned that the central government, which he described as "resting on crutches," could fall at any moment. He emphasized that if a Congress-led government comes to power, officials involved in politically

HIGHLIGHT

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motivated actions would face investigation and accountability. Baghel's remarks were also shared on his social media, amplifying his message beyond the protest site.

The protest follows Baghel's earlier statements cautioning police and administrative officers in Chhattisgarh against participating in politically driven actions, urging them to consider the

long-term consequences of their decisions. He stressed that governments come and go, but actions taken in support of political agendas could cause future repercussions.

The Raipur protest saw the participation of several prominent Congress figures, including former ministers, ex-MLAs, and senior party functionaries like Satyanarayan Sharma, Prem Sai Singh Tekam, and National Secretary Vikas Upadhyay.

Party workers from across the state were called to the capital to join the demonstration, making it a significant show of strength.

Aditya Raje inspires students at Adani School



RAIPUR: Aditya Raje Singh, an inspiration to youth for being youngest environmentalist and yoga champion was invited to Adani Vidya Mandir, Sar-guja, Chhattisgarh. The 11 year old prodigy visited the school to address students from classes 9th to 12th. There Aditya Raje shared his journey he started at the age of 5 in the field of both environment and yoga, and shared about his works, research and consistent efforts towards environment. He also had a word with students on global warming and green house gases. He also shared with the students there about meeting Gopal Arya, National Convenor of RSS Paryavaran Vibhag, Bhupendra Yadav, Cabinet Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate change, Dr Raman Singh, Speaker of CG Legislative Assembly, Vishnu Deo Sai, CM (CG), Dr. Pramod Sawant, CM (Goa), Anurag Singh Thakur, former Union Cabinet Minister of Sports, Youth Affairs, Ex-Governors Ms Anusuiya Uike, Ramesh Bais and Vishwabhusan Harichandan about environmental protection.

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INAUGURATION

CREDAI Property Expo 2024 set for grand inauguration today

RAIPUR: The much-anticipated CREDAI Property Expo is all set to kick off today at the Indoor Stadium in Budhapara, Raipur. The three-day event, running from August 23rd to 25th, will be inaugurated in a grand ceremony at 4:30 pm. The expo will feature 40 developers showcasing over 200 projects, offering a wide range of properties to suit every budget and location. The inaugural ceremony will be graced by Chhattisgarh Government's Finance and Housing and Environment Minister, OP Choudhary, as the chief guest, with special guest Durg MP Vijay Baghel in attendance. The event will also see the participation of CREDAI officials, stall holders, builders, associate sponsors, and banking representatives. The CREDAI Property Expo promises to be a prime opportunity for prospective homebuyers to explore a variety of property options, including flats, plots, houses, villas, and commercial offices.

FILM RELEASE

Ganga Sagar Panda's film Jawani Zindabad set to release today



RAIPUR: The much-awaited film Jawani Zindabad, directed by Ganga Sagar Panda, is set to hit theatres on August 23. Known for its exciting mix of comedy, romance, and action, the film is anticipated to attract a wide audience. The cast features a talented lineup, including Akash Soni, Lakshit Jhaji, Jyotsna Tamrakar, and Suman Patnaik, with supporting roles played by Pushpendra Singh Thakur, Sanjay Mahanand, Harshvardhan Patnaik, and Lavneet Sinha. Anjali Chauhan and Puran Kiri also make appearances, adding to the film's ensemble cast.

With great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor

Independence Day celebrated at Gyan Ganga Educational Academy, Raipur



RAIPUR: Gyan Ganga Educational Academy celebrated the 78th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. CEO Sachin Shandilya, Principal Pratima Rajgor, dignitaries and parents blessed the occasion with their gracious presence. The proud parents of Yatharth Tiwari, Class XII Topper Commerce Stream of session 2023-24, C. R. Prahadeeshwar & Anshul Daga of Class X Topper of session 2023-24. Mrs. Rashmi Tiwari, Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Prasanna and Mr. & Mrs. Narendra Kumar Daga were the guests of honour. The celebration began with the hoisting of the Tricolour by the guest of honour. It was followed by the national anthem.

After paying obeisance to the National Flag, NCC cadets performed March Past with pinpoint precision. Salute of the parade was taken by the guests of honour. The choir of the school mesmerised the gathering with the melodious patriotic song. That awakened everyone's feelings towards the motherland. The investiture ceremony was executed by the CEO Sachin Shandilya. The newly elected Head Boy Aryan Giri Goswami and the Head Girl Sonakshi Shandilya were conferred with badges and shashes. The citations were presented by the Principal to the proud parents of toppers of the session 2023-24; Yatharth Tiwari, C. R. Prahadeeshwar and Anshul Daga.

SGBS celebrates Shravani festival

RAIPUR: As like previous years', this year too, the Shravani festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm on the day of Raksha Bandhan at Daya Bhavan here by Shri Gujrati Brahma Samaj (SGBS). The program of changing the sacred thread was completed in the morning at Daya Bhavan, followed by the Yajnopavita ceremony for the young boys. Then, Kirti Vyas, the president of the Brahmin Society, and Sunil Pandya were honoured with a shawl and a memento for being appointed as members of the Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education. On this occasion, a green decoration competition was organized by the Women's Wing, in which Sonal Sharma, Jayashree Ben Joshi, and Poorvita Dave were awarded by Mrs. Saroj Puruhit and Praveena Ben Joshi, the President of the Women's Wing.

Jaiswal conducts surprise inspections of Hospital

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His swift actions earned praise from the hospital's intern doctors.

RAIPUR: In a continued effort to enhance healthcare services across Chhattisgarh, Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal has been actively inspecting hospitals throughout the state. On Thursday morning, he conducted a surprise inspection of Raipur's government hospitals, beginning with Mekahara Hospital, sparking urgency in the medical community with his unannounced visit.

Arriving at Mekahara Hospital at 6:30 am dressed for jogging, Jaiswal immediately noticed serious lapses in hospital management. Upon entering, the



Health minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal during inspection at Mekahara Hospital, Raipur.

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● Jaiswal immediately noticed serious lapses in hospital management in Mekahara Hospital.

Health Minister found the help desk unmanned and promptly reprimanded security personnel for the negligence. He then

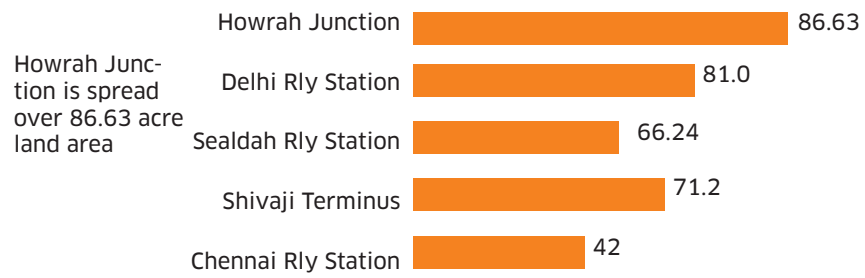
proceeded to the medicine department, where he encountered patients lying on the floor outside due to overcrowding. Listening to their grievances, Jaiswal relieved some of the issues on the spot and instructed his team to document contact information for further follow-up. The

situation was even more alarming when Jaiswal reached the casualty department, where he found a dead body left in the open, causing distress among staff and patients. He immediately ordered the hospital management to move the body into a freezer to maintain proper decorum.

HOSPITAL INSPECTION |

The Day's NUMBERS

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Source : Agency

MOU SIGNED

Light Metro Train to launch in Raipur: MoU signed with Moscow's Transport

RAIPUR: In a significant boost to the capital's infrastructure, Raipur is set to introduce a modern light metro train service, aimed at alleviating traffic congestion and enhancing urban mobility. The initiative took a major step forward with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Moscow's Transport Minister and Raipur Municipal Corporation, Mayor Aiyaz Dhebar. Mayor Dhebar, who is currently representing India at the International Transport Summit in Moscow, announced the collaboration, which will bring advanced transportation solutions to Raipur. The summit, held annually from 2022 to 2024, has provided a platform for Dhebar to pursue development opportunities for the city. "After years of continuous effort, today we have achieved a significant milestone. Raipur will now join the ranks of global cities with a light metro train system," Dhebar stated. The Mayor highlighted Raipur's participation in the Light Metro Train Joint Venture, which involves 15 countries, as a proud moment for the city.

CONDITIONAL REMAND

Special Court hands over Anil Tuteja to EOW on 7-Day conditional remand



RAIPUR: In a significant development in the ongoing liquor scam case, the Special Court in Raipur has placed retired IAS officer Anil Tuteja under the custody of the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) for a 7-day conditional remand. The court has issued strict directives ensuring Tuteja's rights are protected during the remand period, stipulating that he must not be subjected to any form of physical abuse or torture. Additionally, Tuteja will be allowed to meet his family and receive necessary medical care throughout his time in custody. This move comes after a crucial decision by the Chhattisgarh High Court on August 20, 2024, where 13 petitions filed against the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and EOW in connection with the liquor scam were dismissed.

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2024 |

IIM Raipur to host 2 days 8th Leadership Summit 2024

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RAIPUR: Indian Institute of Management Raipur (IIM Raipur) is set to organize its 8th Leadership Summit, a prestigious two-day event featuring prominent corporate leaders and experts from various industries. Scheduled for August 24th and 25th in Raipur, the event will feature keynote addresses by renowned figures, including Chief Guest Rupesh Sanghavi, Ergode, and Guest of Honour Ms. Kamolika Gupta Peres,



formerly of ServiceNow. This year's summit theme, "Building Business Owners," aims to equip emerging leaders with the tools and strategies needed to succeed in today's dynamic business environment.

By emphasizing strategic thinking, emotional intelligence, and ethical decision-making, the summit seeks to foster leaders who drive innovation and promote sustainable, inclusive practices. A few

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Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani
Director, IIM Raipur.

panelists among 32 eminent speakers from varied industries, include: Souren Paul, Country Brand

Lead - External Business Partnership, Pfizer India, Abhishek Mohanty, Head of Talent Management & OD, Merino, Subramanian Chidambaran, Chief Strategy Officer, Cummins India, Sumit Sangwan, Vice President - National Head - S&M, Havells, Anjani K. Jajodia, Vice President and EA to MD & CEO, ONDC, Ms. Reena Evans, Senior Director of Operations Customer Experience, Acko and Chandraprakash Jain, Vice President - HR Operations, Teleperformance.

'Governor appreciates the Art of Divyangjans'

Objective of this program is to integrate differently-abled individuals into society.

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RAIPUR: The grand event comprising the Divya Kala Mela, Divya Kala Shakti, Employment and Loan Fair, and ADIP Camp was held today at BTI Ground. On this special occasion, the Honorable Governor of Chhattisgarh, Ramen Deka, along with his spouse, graced the event and appreciated the performances by Divyangjan, encouraging them with his words of praise.



The grand event of Divya Kala Mela, concluded at BTI Ground.

FASTFACTS

● The main highlight of the day was the "Divya Kala Shakti" programme.

jan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) Naveen Shah, Social Welfare Director Roktima Yadav, CEO, District Panchayat, Raipur

Vishwadeep, and other distinguished guests. Despite the inclement weather and rain, BTI Ground was packed to capacity as a large crowd gathered to witness the extraordinary talents of the differently-abled individuals. In this fair, 48 differently-abled entrepreneurs from 13 states conducted busi-

Denizens of Raipur appreciates art, music of 'Divyangjans'

This closing ceremony provided the citizens of Raipur and media partners with a unique opportunity to witness and appreciate the art, music, and culture of the differently-abled. The National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC), the nodal agency under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, played a crucial role in successfully organizing this event.

ness worth over 5 million rupees, with entrepreneurs from Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal taking center stage. The fair also saw participation from various banks and government departments, including NDFDC, PNB, Union Bank, and IDBI

Bank. The main highlight of the day was the "Divya Kala Shakti" program. Previously presented at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, this program featured performances by 58 differently-abled artists from 8 states across the country.

88 % of fertilizer distribution achieved

RAIPUR: The distribution of various chemical fertilizers to farmers continues for the ongoing Kharif season. As of 21 August 2024, nearly 12 lakh metric tons of fertilizers, constituting 88 percent of the target, have been distributed. The fertilizers distributed include 5,81,342 metric tons of urea, 2,62,207 metric tons of DAP, 1,51,259 metric tons of NPK, 50,431 metric tons of potash, and 1,52,664 metric tons of superphosphate. The state has set a target of distributing 13.68 lakh metric tons of fertilizers through cooperative and private sector channels during the current Kharif season. Against this target, 15.24 lakh metric tons have been stocked, out of which around 12 lakh metric tons have been distributed to farmers.



CBI probe into PSC scam is fulfillment of promise to Youth: Sao

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RAIPUR: Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao has stated that the decision to hand over the PSC scam investigation to the CBI is a fulfillment of the promise made to the youth of Chhattisgarh. He alleged that the previous Congress government had indulged

in irregularities in PSC recruitments, leading to widespread outrage and disappointment among the state's youth. Speaking to journalists at his Raipur residence, Sao said that the BJP had promised a CBI investigation under Modi's guarantee, and that promise has been kept.

Pondicherry defeats CG by 4 wickets

RAIPUR: Dhananjay Nayak scored maximum 47 runs to help Chhattisgarh score 181 runs against Pondicherry in the Inter State Under 19 One Day tournament after electing to bat first. However, the host Pondicherry team scored the required runs in just 34 overs to register a four wicket win against the visitors in the match played. Sai Satvik made 83 runs and Adarsh Patil contributed 36 runs for their team to ensure victory.

Naya Bharat Utsav Yuva Samvaad organized at NIT



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RAIPUR: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur hosted the event "Yuva Samvad" as part of the "Naya Bharat Utsav," a nationwide celebration marking 10 years of the Modi government on Thursday.

Dr. NV Ramana Rao emphasised India's significant strides in development from villages to cities, driven by innovation as the core of government policies.

Dr. Rajiv Prakash, Director of IIT Bhubaneswar, spoke about the institute's commitment to "Vikshit Bharat @2047" stressing the importance of student efforts in boosting the economy. He noted IIT Bhubaneswar's investments in fintech, agritech, and medtech sectors and the promotion of a startup culture within the college as contribution to the society.

Dr. Shailendra Shukla discussed the remarkable advancements in the energy sector, with electricity generation quadrupling over the last decade.

Closing ceremony

RAIPUR: The closing ceremony and prize distribution for 23rd State Shooting Competition organized by CGPRA will be held on Friday afternoon at the 4th Battalion Shooting Range located at Mana Raipur near Airport.

Advertisement for 'कालड़ा बर्न एवं फ्लॉस्टिक कॉस्मेटिक सजरी सेंटर' (Kaladra Burn and Plastic Cosmetic Surgery Center) featuring images of children and text about skin treatments.

Large advertisement for Honda Activa scooter. It features a blue scooter, the slogan 'Scooter bole toh ACTIVA', and promotional offers from IDFC FIRST Bank and HDFC Bank. The ad includes a QR code for more details and a list of authorized dealerships across India.

Advertisement for Honda Exclusive Authorized Dealerships, listing various dealerships across different regions of India with their contact information.

I wish all the best to devotees visiting Ramllala in Ayodhya

Anurag Pandey
Collector Bijapur



Bilaspur

V-C stresses family values for society

Workshop on "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal)" organized.



One-day workshop on "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal)" was organized in GGU.

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BILASPUR: A one-day workshop on "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal)" was organized on August 21 Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar, under the joint aegis of the Women's Study Centre and the Internal Complaints Committee of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University), which has received an A++ grade from NAAC.

At the inauguration of the event, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal, emphasized the importance of family values, stating that it is our duty to impart values within families. He highlighted that there is a tradition in India of prop-

FACTFILE

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● Naushina Ali, Advocate at Chhattisgarh High Court, Bilaspur, provided information about various acts available for ensuring women's safety.

agating values that each individual should uphold. It is the responsibility of families to ensure that children learn not only academics but also social values and respect for women. He mentioned that while various laws

are in place for women's safety, we need to create a societal and national environment where women feel secure.

During the workshop, Naushina Ali, Advocate at Chhattisgarh High Court, Bilaspur, provided information about various acts available for ensuring women's safety and stressed the need to remain vigilant and sensitive to prevalent sexual harassment in society.

Annapurna Tiwari, Advocate at Chhattisgarh High Court, Bilaspur, stated that both women and men are equal and that they now work together in various roles. Thus, there should be mutual respect and cooperation between them.

Anita Prabha Minj, DSP, IUCAW, Bilaspur,

provided information about the 'Abhyakti' App operated by the police. The University Registrar, Prof. A.S. Ranadive, remarked that efforts should be made to stop the social devaluation occurring across all sections of society.

Prior to the workshop, guests were welcomed with the presentation of saplings. The dignitaries on stage lit the lamp and offered flowers before the portraits of Maa Saraswati and Baba Guru Ghasidas Ji. The workshop was coordinated by Prof. Namita Sharma, Director of the Women's Study Centre, who gave the welcome address, and Prof. P.J. Mishra, Chair of the Internal Complaints Committee, introduced the workshop topic.

Free assistive devices given to Divyangjans

RAJNANDGAON: Under the guidance of Collector Sanjay Agarwal, evaluation camps are being organized from 11 am to 4 pm in each district panchayat to provide free assistive devices, callipers and artificial limbs to Divyangjans under the Indian Railway Finance Corporation scheme under which 66 beneficiaries were benefited in the evaluation camp organized on Wednesday at Janpad Panchayat Bhawan Chhuriya. Similarly, 98 beneficiaries will be benefited in the evaluation camp organized on Thursday at Janpad Panchayat Bhawan Dongargarh, 117 in the evaluation camp organized on Friday at Janpad Panchayat Bhawan Dongargaon and 71 beneficiaries will be benefited in the evaluation camp organized at Joint District Office Building Rajnandgaon. The evaluation and marking work is being done by the technical team of Indian Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation Jabalpur for which the beneficiaries will have to appear with 40 percent or more than 40 percent medical certificate (UDID), income certificate of 15000 rupees monthly assistance or income certificate that the family is not more than 20000 per month.

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AWARD

Yudhishtir Rajwada to get third Ramesh Paswan Journalism Award

KORBA: The announcement of conferring the third year award of Ramesh Paswan Journalism 2024 to journalist Yudhishtir Rajwada, a senior journalist who struggled all his life for progressive ideas in the industrial city, was made by the convener of the award, Sureshchandra Rohra.

He said that this award is being organized on the birth anniversary of satirist Harishankar Parsai. It will be given at 5 pm on Thursday, 22 August 2024 at Sahitya Bhavan, Korba under the chief hospitality of Nathmal Sharma, State President of Pragatisheel Lekhak Sangh.

KIND GESTURE

Errabor TI handed over three lost children to their families in Odisha



SUKMA: Errabor police showed the way to three lost children from the neighboring state of Odisha and handed them over to their troubled family. This prompt humanitarian work done by the police is being appreciated in Odisha and Nawarangpur by Sukma district and Errabor police. According to the information, on Saturday, three children left a small village in Nawarangpur, Odisha in search of seeing the city and reached the border of Chhattisgarh. When the Errabor policing party saw them and questioned the minor children under suspicion, they revealed their identity.

Induction programme

Induction prog for newly admitted students held at Chouksey College of Science & Commerce



BILASPUR: Chouksey College of Science and Commerce conducted "Vidyarambh"- the induction program 2024 -2025, for all the newly admitted students of B.A., B.Com., B.Sc, M.Sc., P.G.D.C.A., B.C.A., and B.B.A. the program was inaugurated by chief patron Dr Ashish Jaiswal honorable Managing Director College of Science and Commerce, Dr. Mantosh Kumar Sinha - principal of Chouksey College of Science and Commerce, chief guest Mr Piyush Tiwari -SDM Bilaspur Chhattisgarh. Retired Commander Sandeep Murakha Indian Navy, conveyor of the program Ashutosh Pande -registrar of College of Science and Commerce, Dr Dheeraj

Ahirwar -Dean of Chouksey group of colleges also principal of school of pharmacy, Vinod Kumar Kharsan- HOD Of training and placement cell of Chouksey group of colleges . The Induction Program started by the lighting of the lamp along with Saraswati Vandana by NSS candidates/ students. Registrar gave a welcome speech to the newly admitted students by few encouraging words. Dr Mantosh Kumar Sinha principal of Chouksey College of Science and Commerce welcomed students and parents by giving the details of National Education Program (NEP) and also the details, particulars of the Chouksey College of Science and Commerce.

WORLD BREAST FEEDING WEEK

'BALCO empowers mothers through health initiatives'

Central Chronicle News

BALCONAGAR: Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer and a part of Vedanta Aluminium, commemorated World Breastfeeding Week 2024 with a comprehensive awareness campaign aimed at empowering pregnant and lactating women from the local community. In line with the global theme "Closing the Gap: Breastfeeding Support for All," the campaign addressed the benefits of breastfeeding, emphasizing the irreplaceable value of breast milk.

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FACTFILE

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and preparing women before childbirth to optimize breast milk flow. 500+ pregnant and lactating women attended the sessions to gain these insights.

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ing and sustaining breastfeeding practices.

Highlighting the impact of such initiatives, Mr. Rajesh Kumar, CEO and Director of BALCO, said, "Access to quality healthcare is central to our vision of creating a thriving community. Through initiatives like these, we strive to empower individuals with the right knowledge and skills needed to take care of themselves.

BAIJ SPEAKS

'Congress will oppose any attempt to sell NSP'

Central Chronicle News

JAGDALPUR: Today, while addressing the press conference held at division headquarters Rajiv Bhawan, State Congress President Deepak Baij, regarding the conspiratorial arrest of four journalists from Nagarnar Steel Plant (NSP) and Bastar, said that Modi government is going to sell the steel plant built by NMDC



in Chhattisgarh. The people of Bastar, Chhattisgarh are protesting against the sale of Nagar-

nar Steel Plant. The people of Bastar had called for Bastar Bandh against privatization, the entire

Congress will launch a mass movement in the entire country including Ch'garh in attempts to sell NSP.

Deepak Baij
PCC Chief

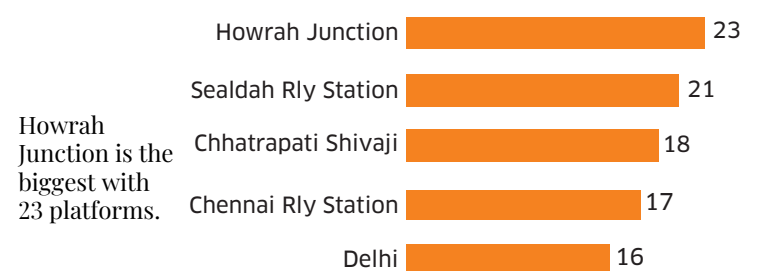
Bastar was closed.

He said that former Congress Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had written letters to the

Prime Minister on several occasions expressing objection to privatization. In the NITI Aayog meeting on 21 February 2021, he went one step further and proposed to the Prime Minister that the state government is ready to take the responsibility of operating the plant. Chhattisgarh Assembly had passed a resolution to this effect and sent it to the Centre.

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP FIVE BIGGEST RAILWAY STATIONS WITH HIGHEST NO. OF PLATFORMS IN INDIA



Source - Statista

BANDH

Bandh in Pandaria successful, people extend strong support



PANDARIA: Scheduled caste and tribe had organized a city bandh against the Supreme Court's decision to implement creamy layer which was completely successful. Shops remained closed in the city since morning.

Only essential services like hospitals and medicine shops remained open. Cooperative institutions also remained open. Hundreds of people from Scheduled Caste and Tribe category took out a rally from Gandhi Chowk to Tehsil Chowk of the city after which a memorandum was submitted to the President at Gandhi Chowk. SDM Sandeep Thakur took the memorandum at Gandhi Chowk of the city.

Bus services continued during the city bandh. But the number of buses was less. Similarly, due to the call for bandh, people did not come out of their homes.

RALLY

VHP organizes protest rally against Kolkata rape and murder



GAURELA- PENDRA -MARWAHI: In protest against the rape and murder of trainee doctor late Momitha Debnath in Calcutta, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal, Matri Shakti, Durga Vahini took out a rally from Dada Bhayharan Hanuman Temple in Pendra and shouted slogans like hang the murderers, India will not tolerate the insult of mothers and sisters, dead doctor should get justice soon, and paid emotional tribute to Dr. Momitha Debnath by lighting a lamp in Durga Chowk and demanded the immediate hanging of the murderer.

After the tribute meeting, Hanuman Chalisa was recited and Aarti was performed in Durga Chowk. District President Harsh Chhabaria said that any kind of atrocities on women cannot be tolerated in our society. Such incidents are reprehensible wherever they happen.

Ensure better treatment to the patients with proper diagnosis and medical advice.

Haris S. Collector Sukma



Chhattisgarh

FIR filed against Nagar Adhyaksha Nishad

People participated in road blockages that occurred three times in a single day.



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DONGARGAON: The situation in the town turned bad when the Nagar Panchayat Adhyaksha himself made an absurd and indecent comment against the Jain community in front of a shopkeeper for not supporting the bandh after which the atmosphere kept deteriorating. On the other hand, along with the social brothers of the Jain community, children and women also joined the movement and raised slogans against the Nagar Panchayat Adhyaksha and the administration.

In fact, this whole matter came to light on Wednesday morn-

FACTFILE

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ing when some traders of Dongargaon had just started opening their shops when in support of Bharat Bandh, some peo-

ple from the ST-SC community along with Nagar Panchayat Adhyaksha Heera Nishad had come to close the shops. Meanwhile, a situation of dispute arose with a trader and according to eye-witnesses, Heera Nishad said something socially absurd and indecent in front of this trader of the Jain community. The people of Jain community called it an attack on religious faith and when this baseless matter reached the people and officials of Jain community, it took the form of a movement and the atmosphere of ST-SC Bharat Bandh took the turn of an outrage movement of Jain community.

ST-SC movement was started in the city in support of Bharat Bandh from the morning, in which no shop from hotels to paan shops was opened and without prior notice, the ST-SC agitators suddenly blocked the road near Shri Ram temple which was opened hours later with the help of the police administration and after the opening of this blockade, these agitators went out to close the shops that were opening in the city, in which a lot of dispute also came up with some shopkeepers but after the arrival of Heera Nishad in the movement, a big dispute came up in the city while closing a shop.

PGRS releases counseling schedule for Class 9 admissions

KORBA: The second selection list of students category wise and the date of counseling for the entrance selection test conducted in class 9th in the year 2024-25 in Prayas Residential Schools has been announced. The counseling venue is Prayas Girls Residential School (PGRS) Gudhyari Raipur. Counseling will be done on 22nd August from 10 am to 01 pm for Scheduled Tribe and General category boys and from 02 pm to 05 pm for girls.

5-day skill development workshop held

KORBA: A five day training workshop is to be organized under the "PM Surya Ghar Free Electricity" scheme at Government Industrial Training Institute Pali, Korba. Therefore, the trainees who have passed NCVT recognition in the trade of Electrician, Electronic-Mechanic, Electrician-Power Distribution and Wireman from any institute and want to join the said training, can get training by appearing in the institute during office hours, getting detailed information and completing the registration process.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

SCHEME

Vikrant distributes cycles to 34 girls at Limatara high school under SCS

KHAIRAGARH: Girls of Government High School Limatara benefited from Saraswati Cycle Scheme (SCS) for girl students. Under Saraswati Cycle Scheme, State BJP Working Committee Member and Rajnandgaon District Panchayat Vice President Vikrant Singh distributed cycles to 34 girl students. Addressing the program, Mr. Singh said that with the aim of promoting girl education in Chhattisgarh, the Central and State Governments are running Saraswati Cycle Scheme for girl students due to which the girl students will not face any problem in going to school. In the same sequence, District BJP President Ghuman Sahu said that the gifts received from the government for the girl students receiving cycles under Saraswati Cycle Scheme will play an important role in their further studies.

MEMO

Scheduled Caste Tribe Joint Front submits memorandum to SDRO



RAJIM: A one-day Bharat Bandh was called under the aegis of Scheduled Tribe Joint Front in protest against the order of the Honorable Supreme Court to implement creamy layer on the basis of classification in the reservation of Scheduled Castes and Tribes on 1 August. In the form of a rally, from Satnami Para of the city to Sundarlal Sharma Chowk, they reached the SDM office. People of the society demonstrated grandly. During this, slogans were raised against the Supreme Court and the Central Government.

COW SAFETY

Traffic Police Janjgir's commendable initiative for cow safety



JANJGIR: On August 19, Traffic Police Janjgir took a unique and commendable initiative, which will not only ensure the safety of cows and bulls, but will also inspire drivers to drive carefully. Radium strips are being put on the necks of cows and bulls roaming on the common road and highway road, so that vehicle accidents can be avoided at night.

The purpose behind this initiative is to reduce road accidents, which often occur due to cows and bulls. By putting radium strips, drivers will be able to see cows and bulls from a distance at night, which will help them to drive carefully. This initiative will not only ensure the safety of cows and bulls, but will also inspire drivers to drive carefully.

Congress leaders offer tributes to Rajiv Gandhi

DONGARGAON: The 80th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna late Rajiv Gandhi, the visionary of modern India, was celebrated on 20 August by the Block Congress Committee Dongargaon. Congressmen paid tribute to Rajiv Gandhi by garlanding his statue at Rajiv Gandhi Chowk. A tribute meeting and a seminar on his life were also organized at the Congress office, where speakers highlighted Rajiv's contributions to India's technological advancements and his vision for a progressive nation. Prominent people present at the event included Block President Chetan Sahu, senior Congressman Deshraj Jain, District President Tikesh Sahu, Satish Vaishnav, Ajit Jain, and other Congressmen. The event concluded with a pledge to uphold Rajiv Gandhi's values and work.

Ashish and Sakshi take oath as Head Boy and Head Girl

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MUNGELI: Leaders are not born but are made by their experiences in life. To inculcate the leadership qualities in the students a school pre-factorial board was formed after interview and brainstorming sessions. The Investiture ceremony of St. Xavier's High school, Mungeli was held on 17th August with great enthusiasm and dignity in the school premises in which Chief Guest Additional S.P of Mungeli Vivek Shukla and School Management Committee member Dr. B.B. Mahato were present. The ceremony commenced with the worship of Maa Saraswati and followed by Ganesh Vandana. Shukla guided the students to set their goals and how to overcome the obstacles in life. He



School Principal Subhendu Mondal(L) along with Addl SP and students.

motivated the students with the words of Swami Vivekananda "Arise awake and stop not till the goal is reached." The elected leaders were conferred with badges and sashes by him, principal and other dignitaries. The active members of different houses such as Einstine House, Galileo House, Kalam House and Newton House were also the part of the ceremony. Additional SP Vivek Shukla and Dr. B.B Mahato congratulated

the members of Student Council and advised them to be impartial and honest in discharging their duties. School Principal Subhendu Mondal blessed the students and inspired them to move forward and also appreciated them and advised them to be role models and work for the benefits of the students. He also extended a supporting hand to the student council for the smooth running of the school. He said "Work hard so qui-

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etly that success makes noise". The Head Boy Ashish Singh and Head Girl Sakshi Dewangan, along with his elected members took oath to hold the school motto "Truth" and "Loyalty" in high esteem and to maintain the dignity of their post and discharge their duties with full honesty. The event concluded with the National Anthem.

LIFE-SAVING SKILLS |

First-aid training for doctors & institutions

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KORBA: As per the instructions of Indian Red Cross Society State Branch, first-aid training was organized for the doctors of the district with a view to prevent sudden loss of life due to road accidents and workers of industrial institutions. As per the set target, at least 1000 persons in the district have been given first-aid



training. Also, students of industrial institutions and school-colleges have

been trained through doctors to make first-aid volunteers in the

district. Collector Korba and President Indian Red Cross Society Ajit Vasant has given

detailed guidelines in this regard to the Health Department.

As per the action plan by CMHO and Secretary Indian Red Cross Society, first aid training was given to the officers and employees of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) on 16th and 17th August by the doctors of the district in which 147 officers and employees benefited from first aid training.

The Day's NUMBERS

Top five railway stations in India with highest no. of tracks

TOP FIVE RAILWAY STATIONS IN INDIA WITH HIGHEST NO. OF TRACKS

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Howrah Junction | 26 |
| Sealdah Rly Station | 18 |
| Chhatrapati | 18 |
| Chennai Rly Station | 18 |
| New Delhi | 18 |

Source- Agency

LIVE STREAM

Vinita on Live Stream in NSCL organized on leadership devp of Schools

KHAIRAGARH: Dr. Vinita Rajput, a teacher from the music city, who is doing good work in the field of innovation in education, participated in the NSCL live streaming organized on leadership development of schools, an important program of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi. The National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) broadcasts live streaming programs on emerging topics related to school transformation and school leadership development every Friday on PM Vidya DTH TV channel and NCERT's YouTube channel, in which teacher Dr. Vinita Rajput also participated. Dr. Vinita Rajput, the head teacher of the block's government pre-secondary school Madoda, shared her views on leading cultural inclusion and awareness in the government middle school of Chhattisgarh with the state officer of school administration and NSCL assistant professor Dr. Neetu Sharma. Dr. Rajput has created a distinct identity in her teaching career with her unique style of teaching and a large number of students have become successful by adopting her better methods of innovation and participation in activities other than studies in school.

COMPETITION

Provisional Kho-Kho competition inaugurated in SSMHS, Kurud



KURUD: Under the aegis of Saraswati Shiksha Sansthan, Provincial Kho-Kho Competition 2024-25 will be organized at Saraswati Shishu Mandir Higher Secondary School Kurud from 20 to 22 August. 250 students will showcase their talent. The inauguration of this program started in the presence of Laxman Rao Magar Assistant Director, Dhamtari, Devnath Soni Administrator Shishu Mandir Kurud, Manik Lal Sahu Department Head Rajim Department, Lalit Kumar Sinha President Saraswati Gram Shiksha S.S. Mandir Dhamtari, Diwakar Swarnkar Provincial Sports Head, Pushkar Goswami, Srinivas Shukla Principal, Jitendra Nirmalkar Principal. In this program, about 350 brothers / sisters from various departments participated along with patron Acharya / Didi.

'Pahari Korwa student becomes teacher'

Persons from backward classes are being promoted to take up education and other works in tribal areas.

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KORBA: Pahari Korwa girl by name Chhatkunwar, a resident of Aanchimar village under Gram Panchayat Karumoha of Korba development block, has recently been given a job as an assistant teacher from DMF by the district administration on the instructions of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai. Collector Ajit Vasant has appointed Chhatkunwar and other PVTGs as per their qualifications in the health centers including schools of the district as per the requirement and in the chain of this appointment, there is an interesting story about the teacher Chhatkunwar.

Hailing from a poor family, the girl distinctly remembers when the then Collector of the district P Dayanand visited her home and inspired her to compete her education and be employed. The date was July 1, eight years ago. Inspired and motivated by the bureaucrat's words, she completed her college and is presently posted in Government Secondary School Nonbirra of Kartala block. She has a master's degree apart from a DCA in Computer Science.



Girl Chhatkunwar of Pahari Korwa community teaching in the School.

FASTFACTS

● Collector Ajit Vasant has appointed Chhatkunwar and other PVTGs as per their qualifications in the health centers including schools of the district as per the requirement.

Her walk towards education didn't stop here, when she inspired her class 8th drop out husband to complete his High School and get employed. Chhatkunwar wants that like other communities, all the peo-

Living conditions of Pahari Korwar community still not normal

Chhatkunwar said that even today the living standards of many families of the Pahari Korwa community are not normal and they are lagging behind due to poverty. She says that thankfully they have connected with education; today the result of this is that the district administration has taken steps towards bringing the very backward community in the mainstream with other communities and creating a better future by giving them jobs.

ple of her community should be able to get education and lead a normal life and has thanked the government and administration for connecting her and the unemployed

of her community with development by making them financially capable and said that after getting jobs, the economic condition of the house is changing rapidly.

Students of SSM bag positions

DONGARGAON: Students of Saraswati Shishu Mandir (SSM) bagged various positions in District level sports and intellectual competition concluded in Patekohra. In the competition's, Arjuni complex got first place in Prahlad category and Bal category and got selected for state level by getting first place in Kabaddi, while Divyanshi Devraj got first in Individual song, Yachana and Twinkle Sonkar in essay competition among various others. Management Education Committee Officer and Principal Damanjoshi, Sports Incharge Archana Yadu and Toran Sonkar, and entire staff including have wished the students for a bright future.

Rakhi celebrated

KHAIRAGARH: The festival of Rakshabandhan was celebrated here in the area with sanitation workers in an initiative taken by Ward No. 04 councillor Sumit Tandiya and his wife Vidya Tandiya. The workers were presented with sarees and sweets working in the city. Sumit Tandiya says that the Swachhata Didis who work hard day and night to improve the cleanliness system of the city are no less than any army hero, and the real deserving of this honor are those who continuously struggle without any inferiority complex for the cleanliness of the city.

District Panchayat Chairman inspects schools



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HIGHLIGHT

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KHAIRAGARH: To inspect the education system in the new district KCG, District Panchayat Chairman Biplab Sahu, inspected the primary school of village Aamdani on Aug 20.

During inspection it was found that both the headmaster and assistant teacher were found absent from the school and the students were playing in the school without a teacher. The sweeper present in the school was unaware of the

teacher's presence and the villagers present around the school were also informed about this but they too were unaware of this.

As Khairagarh Block Education Officer (BEO) was also unaware of the situation, a notice was issued to the headmaster and assistant teacher.

SMG pays tribute to Dr. Moumita Debnath

PANDARIA: Sanskriti Mahila Group (SMG) organized a prayer meeting to pay emotional tribute to Doctor Moumita Debnath by lighting a lamp in the city's Gandhi Chowk on the evening of 20 August. Despite light rain, the women of the group, traders association, social workers, intellectuals, health department, education department, police department, Ganesh Hospital and employees of the municipality were present

in this prayer meeting.

The speakers expressed their condolences and said that the brutal murder of a promising daughter of the country after inhuman torture is a heinous act for the entire society. It may be recalled that after the brutal rape and murder of the lady doctor, many people including doctors are demanding death penalty for the accused by taking out candle marches across the country.

SC-ST community protest against SC's decision



Central Chronicle News

The agitators closed the hotels which were opening since morning and blocked the state highway in the call for Bharat Bandh on Wednesday.

DONGARGAON: Dongargaon town was closed in support of Bharat Bandh under the aegis of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Sangharsh Morcha Block Unit Dongargaon. The agitators closed the hotels which were opening since morning and blocked the state highway, due to which the general

public was affected. The program was organized by taking out a rally from Buddha Vihar Bodhitola and touring the city and addressing the gathering at the old bus stand and people from Buddhist society, Sarva Adivasi Samaj, Satnami Samaj OBC category participated in the program in large numbers. Addressing the gathering, Virendra Borkar, head of Buddhist Society and Chandrashekar Uike, president of Sarvaadivasi Samaj said that there is deep discontent and anger among the SC/ST communities against the Supreme Court's August 01 decision regarding reservation.

Children taking free Kathak dance training

RAJIM: Shri Ram Sangeet Kala Kendra Rajim is organizing free Kathak dance every Saturday from 2 to 4:00 pm and Sunday from 11:30 to 1:00 pm. Music Center Director Tularam Sahu said that Nidhi Jha, trained from Indira Kala Sangeet University Khairagarh, is providing excellent training to the children and as in Kathak, postures and movements of various body parts are very important, which promotes overall fitness of the body. Trainer Nidhi Jha told the children that music gives mental peace and dancing keeps the body healthy and music develops concentration in children, a medium of physical exercise and mental peace. In this training, Gayatri Nishad, Ganga Markam, Hina Devangan are playing an important role in making the training successful.

Mixed effect of Bharat Bandh in dist headquarters

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There was a mixed effect of Bharat Bandh called by ST-SC class on Wednesday regarding the SC's decision on reservation for SCs, STs.

KHAIRAGARH: There was a mixed effect of Bharat Bandh called by ST-SC class on 21st August regarding the Supreme Court's decision on reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the district. During the bandh in the district headquarters, representatives of SC-ST class protested and trading and business establishments remained close for a period of time. A meeting was organized at Ambedkar Chowk where the meeting was addressed by social officials and demanded withdrawal



There was a mixed effect of Bharat Bandh called by ST-SC class on Wednesday in Kh'garh.

FASTFACTS

● During the bandh in the district headquarters, representatives of SC-ST class protested and trading and business establishments remained close for a period of time.

of this decision of the Supreme Court and a rally was taken out to support

the cause, and a memorandum was submitted to the Collector in the name of the President.

It has been said in the memorandum that a decision has been given by the Supreme Court on 01 August 2024 in the case of Davinder Singh vs State of Punjab, in which the states have been given the right to sub-classify the reservation of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe category and to determine

the creamy layer in it. After this decision of the Supreme Court, Bahujan Samaj Party's National President, former MP and former Chief Minister Ms. Mayawati expressed this apprehension by tweeting on the press conference and social media platform Twitter (X) on 4 August and 9 August 2024, saying that Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe classes across the country are being affected in this decision.

NEW INITIATIVE |

'Rakshabandhan celebrated with joy'

Central Chronicle News

JANJIR: The festival of Rakshabandhan was celebrated with joy in Police Station Janjir. In-charge of Police Station, Inspector Praveen Kumar Dwivedi took a unique initiative, which added a new chapter to strengthen the relationship between the police and the society with students of Jai Bharat English Medium School Janjir, tying sacred thread onto the wrist of



police personnel's of the station. On this occasion, the police station in-charge Janjir presented copies and pens to the girls and wished them a

Happy Raksha Bandhan. The Inspector on this occasion said that this initiative was not only a way to celebrate the festival of Raksha Bandhan,

This initiative was an effort to strengthen the relationship between the police & the society.

PK Dwivedi- Inspector in-Charge Janjir Police Station

but it was also an effort to strengthen the relationship between the police

and the society. This initiative of the police station in-charge Janjir is being appreciated, as it will increase trust and harmony between the police and the society. He also said that this initiative is an example of how the police and society can work together with each other and create a safe and harmonious society. Similar initiatives are taking place across the country, which are helping to strengthen the relationship between the police and the society.

Principal honoured for top achievements

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KASDOL: On 15th August Independence Day celebration was celebrated in an atmosphere of great joy and gaiety in Baloda Bazar in which Public Health and Family Welfare, Medical Education, and District In-charge Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal hoisted the tricolor in the district level function held at the local Pandit Chakrapani High School ground.

On this auspicious festival, an honor ceremony

was organized by the District Administration Baloda Bazar for the officers and employees doing excellent work in the district, in which Santosh Kumar Verma, Principal of PM Shri Swami Atmanand Utkrisht Vidyalaya Kasdol, operating in Kasdol, was selected for the excellent principal for smooth running of the school on the basis of ability, arousing interest in students towards studies, getting a place in the merit list of 10th and 12th in the entire state of Chhattisgarh.

NEWSLINE

AWARDED

PhD awarded to Subhashni Sahu



ANWARI: PhD has been awarded to Subhashni Sahu, resident of village Nari, father late Jagdish Ram Sahu, mother Geeta Sahu, who did her research work in the field of cancer biology at Regional Center for Biotechnology R.C.B. She has successfully obtained her PhD degree from Faridabad (famous DBT Institute in Delhi NCR).

Having received her primary education from Galaxy Senior Secondary School Nari, she later completed her graduation in Biotechnology from Seth Phoolchand Agarwal Smriti Mahavidyalaya Navapara. Continuing her further education in Biotechnology, she passed her MSc from Ravi Shankar Shukla University with first division, while also passing examinations like DBT JRF, CSIR NET, UGC NET JRF, GATE and ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) etc.

MODELS

Students make life-size Zoology models under 'Jal Jagar Abhiyan'



ANWARI: Under the direction of District Collector Dhamtari and under the guidance of Principal, 14 lifelike, full-bodied and inspiring models were made by the talented students of Bhkhara Mahavidyalaya under the 'Jal Jagar Abhiyan'.

An exhibition of which was organized in front of the Department of Zoology and thereafter, the selected models were taken to the office of Jal Shakti Mission Kurud for display. Students of Priyanka Sahdev Group Omlata, Bhimani Sahu, Varsha Group, Aparna Sahu, Tejaswi, Sandhyarani, Rashmi, Kamta Prasad Group, Divya Group, Seema, Kusumlata and Vasu Group of the college made the model.

Workshop

Single Window System 2.0 workshop inaugurated

KAWARDHA: For proper promotion of Single Window System, 2.0, a district level workshop is being organized on 22nd August at 3 pm, the venue being District Office's meeting hall. All the entrepreneurs, industrialists of the district can attend the said district level workshop and get information regarding "Single Window System 2.0". Here it takes a mention that, Single Window System 2.0 has been inaugurated by Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai and the facility of which is available on the official government website of the Industries Department.



Rahul, Sonia should clarify stance on Article 370, NC resolution.
G Kishan Reddy
Union minister

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

STRICT VIGIL Police conduct extensive drug raids in Patna, 176 held

PATNA: Bihar Police seized a substantial quantity of narcotics and other contraband from different locations in Patna and arrested 176 people as part of its day-long drive against drug peddlers, officials said on Thursday. According to a statement from Patna Police, Wednesday's operation led to the registration of 54 FIRs and the arrest of 176 people involved in the smuggling, peddling, and consumption of narcotics and other illegal substances. The contraband seized included 10 grams of brown sugar, 30 grams of smack, 12.55 kg of ganja (marijuana), and various other items. Additionally, police confiscated 23 cartons of foreign liquor and 896.5 litres of country-made liquor from the suspects, the statement added. Police also recovered five vehicles, including a Scorpio, along with a pistol and a live cartridge. **PTI**

AWARENESS World Senior Citizen Day celebrated across pan India, seniors felicitated



NEW DELHI: Axis Bank, celebrated 'World Senior Citizen Day' by felicitating its senior citizen customers across its 5430+ branches pan India. As a part of the celebration, Axis Bank raised awareness about the best available investment options for them such as Mutual Funds, Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs), Term Deposits (TDs) and other specialized financial services. The Bank apprised senior citizen customers about its "Silver Lining Program". **PTI**

Grand reunion

Alumni Association of Paradip College constituted to celebrate Golden Jubilee function



PARADIP: A meeting of coordination committee was held on August 20 under the chairmanship of Dr. Sasmita Satapathy, Principal. About 28 members of coordination committee attended the meeting. After threadbare discussion, the office bearers were elected along with executive members. Lt. Cdr. Akshaya Chandra Mishra, HOD, History and Ganeswar Patra, HOD English extended their cooperation for the endeavour. Paradip Municipal chairperson Basant Biswal was unanimously chosen as the president of the Alumni Association of Paradip College. Besides, ex student and Jagatsinghpur MP Bibhu Prasad Tarai, Paradip MLA and state

minister Sampad Chandra Swain were nominated as the chief advisors while college Principal Dr. Sasmita Satapathy, Ravi Das and Advocate Govind Chandra Nayak were nominated as the advisors of the Alumni Association. Similarly, Pradip Das, Anup Sahani and Sushant Shekhar Swain were elected as the Vice Presidents and Gautam Nayak, General Secretary, Akshay Kumar Swain and Biswanath Bal, Joint Secretary, Manmohan Mishra, Treasurer and Biswajit Samal were unanimously selected as the Assistant Treasurer. Besides other executive body members were selected for the smooth functioning of golden jubilee celebration. **PTI**



CEC Rajiv Kumar with ECs SS Sandhu and Gyanesh Kumar addresses a meeting in New Delhi, Thursday

Stay vigilant to counter fake narratives: EC

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NEW DELHI: The Election Commission on Thursday advised its over 400 observers being deployed for assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana to stay vigilant to false narratives trying to derail the election process and to ensure a quick counter. Reminding the observers of their crucial role, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar emphasised that they, as representatives of the Commission, are expected to conduct themselves profession-

ally and be accessible to all stakeholders including candidates and public at large. He also advised them to overcome language barriers and ensure that there are no gaps in communication. He reminded the observers that they would be under the watchful gaze of parties, candidates, voters and EC alike. Around 200 general observers, 100 police observers and as many expenditure observers are being deployed in Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana.

HIGHLIGHT

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CEC Kumar advised the officials to be vigilant towards false narratives trying to derail the election process. Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar emphasised that the offi-

cial should observe the complete election ecosystem for free and fair polls. Noting that the assembly elections are keenly contested, he said the role of observers becomes all the more critical in these polls. Election Commissioner Sukhbir Singh Sandhu noted that accessibility, visibility and responsiveness are essential to develop a virtuous spiral enhancing the conduct of the elections. According to the poll authority, observers were strictly directed to remain accessible to all parties, candidates and

voters for timely redressal of their grievances. Any complaints in this regard will be viewed seriously by the Commission. As the eyes and ears of the Commission on the ground, the observers were asked to exercise constant vigilance with utmost sincerity. The EC deploys observers under Section 20B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and plenary powers of the Constitution. IAS, IPS, IRS and those from other central services are deployed as observers.

FAIMA calls off strike

NEW DELHI: The Federation of All India Medical Association (FAIMA) on Thursday decided to end its 11-day strike, called to protest against the rape and murder of a medic in Kolkata, following "positive directions" from the Supreme Court. The apex court earlier in the day asked protesting doctors to resume work and assured them that no adverse action would be taken after they rejoin. "FAIMA has decided to call off the strike following positive directions from the #Chief Justice of India. We welcome the acceptance of our prayers for interim protections and the necessary steps to enhance security in hospitals. United, we will continue to fight legally," FAIMA, an umbrella body of doctors, said in a post on X. The move comes soon after several RDAs called off their strike over Kolkata incident.

ALL FOR HEALTH

FDA, NASVI expands project 'Serve Safe Food' in Chh'garh

Since its inception in 2016, Project 'Serve Safe Food' has benefitted over 68,500 street food vendors across 26 states and 4 union territories.

NEW DELHI: To train over 1,000 street food vendors to further elevate food hygiene and safety Expanding the geographical footprints of Project 'Serve Safe Food' in Chhattisgarh, Nestlé India has continued its collaboration with FDA, Chhattisgarh, and National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) to train over 1,000 street food vendors



Street food vendors at the training programme. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

- Project Serve Safe Food has already trained around 1,700 street food vendors in the state.

in Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg and Mahasamund dis-

tricts, taking the total to 2,700 street food vendors in the state. Since its inception in 2016, Project 'Serve Safe Food' has benefitted over 68,500 street food vendors across 26 states and 4 union territories by bringing together various stakeholders to create a

comprehensive training programme. Kuldeep Sharma (IAS), Controller, Food Safety & Drug Administration, Chhattisgarh, said, "Chhattisgarh is known for its street food and it makes the street food vendors important stakeholders in the society.

PROUD MOMENT

Manan Sethia wins gold medal at IESO 2024

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NEW DELHI: Manan Sethia, a dedicated classroom learner from the Unacademy Raipur Centre, has made the city and nation proud by securing a gold medal in the prestigious International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2024. The competition, which brought together some of the brightest

minds in the field of Earth Sciences from across the globe, was held at Peking University in Beijing, China. Speaking about his victory, Manan said, "I am incredibly honoured to have represented India and won the gold at the IESO. The Educators at Unacademy Centre, Raipur constantly supported me throughout the preparation process. I hope

Incredibly honoured to have represented India and won the gold at the IESO.
Manan Sethia
Gold Medal winner



this victory will inspire others to pursue their passion for Earth Sciences and contribute to environmental conservation efforts." Manan's achievement highlights his hard work, dedication, and passion for Earth Sciences, all strengthened by the continuous support provided by Unacademy's learning environment.

The Day's NUMBERS

Punjab has the highest horse population.

STATE-WISE DATA OF HORSES IN INDIA

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| Punjab | 1,31,000 |
| Maharashtra | 1,04,000 |
| Gujarat | 54,000 |
| Haryana | 46,000 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 44,000 |
| Rajasthan | 34,000 |

Source: Statista

SETBACK Ex-Bihar minister Shyam Rajak quits RJD, claims 'cheated'

PATNA: In a setback to the RJD in Bihar, its national general secretary Shyam Rajak resigned on Thursday, claiming that he felt "cheated" in the party he had joined four years ago. Rajak, a former state minister and one of the most prominent Dalit leaders in the RJD, wrote a terse letter to party president Lalu Prasad, declaring that he was giving up the top post as well as the primary membership. He signed off with a cryptic Hindi verse, which could be roughly translated as, "I was not fond of a game of chess, hence got cheated. You kept planning your moves, I kept caring about our relationship." RJD spokesman Shakti Yadav lashed out at Rajak, who was inducted into the party ahead of the 2020 assembly polls, after being sacked from the Nitish Kumar cabinet and expelled from the JD(U). **PTI**

HONOUR Volleyball coach Sanjay Das honoured with Iconic Sports Award

PARADIP: Former renowned Volleyball player of Paradip Port and National level volleyball coach Sanjay Das has been honored with the prestigious Iconic Sports Award-2024 for his outstanding contribution to the field of sports. Das was presented with the award in a program organized in Bhubaneswar. **PTI**

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Politician Vijay unveils party flag ahead of 2026 assly polls

While unveiling the TVK flag, Vijay took a pledge along with his party workers.



Actor-turned-politician and TVK President Vijay unveils party's flag at party headquarters, on Thursday.

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CHENNAI: Popular Tamil film actor-turned-politician Vijay unveiled the flag of his political party - Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam - on Thursday and hoisted it at his party headquarters in Panaiyur near here.

Nadu unit president P Anandan said the elephant was the election symbol assigned to the BSP in 1993 by the ECI.

anthem by Vijay heralds a new chapter in Tamil Nadu politics marked by the entry of the Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK), which is gearing up to face the 2026 Assembly elections in the state.

Though Vijay announced the launch of his political outfit in February, he chose not to contest the 2024 Lok Sabha elections nor did it support any party during the polls.

flag, the top actor took a pledge along with his party workers.

"We will always appreciate the fighters who fought and sacrificed their lives for the liberation of our country, and countless soldiers who fought tirelessly for the rights of our people from Tamil soil," the pledge read. The party took a vow to remove the differences in the name of caste, religion, gender, place of birth and also to create awareness among the people and strive for equal opportunities and equal rights for all.

Excessive bail is no bail, says Supreme Court

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SC said an order which would protect the person's fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution and at the same time guarantee his or her presence, would be reasonable and proportionate.

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A bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan delivered its verdict on a plea filed by a man, against whom 13 FIRs have been lodged in several states for various offences including that of cheating. The petitioner had contended before the apex court that he was granted bail in these 13 cases and he has fulfilled the bail conditions in two of them. The top court noted the main plea of the petitioner was that he was not in a position to furnish separate sureties, as directed in the remaining 11 bail orders.

NEW DELHI: Excessive bail is no bail, the Supreme Court said on Thursday while observing that granting the relief and then imposing onerous conditions is to take away with the left hand, what is given with the right.

The apex court said an order which would protect the person's fundamental right under

Pune Pawar supports candidates



NCP (SP) Chief Sharad Pawar has sided with the candidates agitating in Pune demanding postponement of the MPSC prelims exam, scheduled for August 25, warning that he would join the protest if the government doesn't clarify its stand. Many job-seekers, preparing for the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) preliminary exam, have been protesting since Tuesday night demanding a different date as it clashes with a banking exam on the same day.

Kharge and Gandhi discuss J-K polls with Cong workers

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SRINAGAR: Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday began interactions with party workers here to get feedback about the grassroots-level preparations for the upcoming assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

and Kharge, who arrived here on a two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir a day earlier, reached Hotel Radisson Collection in the Rajbagh area of the city to hold consultations with party workers, a Cong leader said. He said Congress workers from all 10 districts of the Valley reached the hotel in the morning for the interaction.

Accused arrested

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NEW DELHI: A 56-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly assaulting doctors and misbehaving with nursing staff at the Jag Pravesh Chandra Hospital in Northeast Delhi, officials said on Thursday.

runs a spare parts shop, had taken his wife to the hospital for treatment on Wednesday night when he allegedly assaulted doctors, they said.

As the accused threatened the doctors and abused them, hospital staffers recorded it on their mobile phones.

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QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"Truth is the only treasure that can never be stolen, no matter how great the thief."

[Raja Harishchandra]

Comment

Rising insecurity: Alarming impact on young girls' career dreams

The increasing sense of insecurity in society and its impact on the careers of young girls has become a pressing issue. The recent tragic incident in West Bengal, where a medical intern was raped and brutally murdered, has left a deep scar on the community. This heinous act has not only devastated the victim's family but has also instilled a profound sense of fear and vulnerability among other young girls in the region. This incident raises an urgent question: Can the rising tide of violence and insecurity in society stifle the ambitions and dreams of young girls? Are they at risk of being deprived of their fundamental right to pursue careers as doctors, nurses, or other professionals? These concerns are amplified when we recall that this is not an isolated incident—society is still haunted by the memories of the Nirbhaya case, and now another horrifying crime has come to light.

The most significant impact of this growing insecurity is on the mental health of young girls. When a girl feels unsafe within her own community, her self-confidence is eroded.

Fear and anxiety become constant companions, making it difficult for her to focus on her studies and career aspirations. She begins to question whether the pursuit of her dreams is worth the risk to her safety. This pervasive sense of insecurity not only takes a toll on her mental well-being but can also lead to adverse effects on her physical health, including stress-related conditions that further hinder her ability to perform academically and professionally.

Moreover, these incidents heighten the concerns of families and society at large regarding the safety of girls. Parents, in their attempt to protect their daughters, may prioritize safety over educational and professional opportunities. This often leads to restricting their daughters' freedom, discouraging them from venturing out or enrolling in professional courses. Particularly in demanding fields like medicine, parents may worry about the long hours and the need for their daughters to stay away from home, perceiving it as too dangerous. Such protective measures, though well-inten-

tioned, can inadvertently limit the future prospects of these young women, confining them to safer, but less ambitious, paths.

However, it is important to note that such incidents also serve as a wake-up call for society, compelling us to strengthen our security systems. In this context, society must also recognize the importance of empowering girls to confront and overcome their fears. Girls need to be taught that they possess the strength and capability to achieve their dreams, regardless of the challenges they may face.

Educational institutions, communities, and families must work together to create an environment where girls can focus on their studies and career goals without fear or insecurity. This also involves ensuring that schools and colleges have adequate security measures in place, and that law enforcement agencies are responsive to the concerns of young women and their families.

From a positive standpoint, these challenges can make girls more resilient. They learn to break free from societal

constraints that might otherwise hold them back in their careers. Empowering them with self-defense skills, ensuring a safe environment, and addressing their mental health needs are all critical steps in encouraging them to move forward. Moreover, by fostering resilience, we also inspire a new generation of women who are not only equipped to pursue their dreams but are also prepared to challenge and change the societal structures that perpetuate such insecurities.

Conclusion: The growing sense of insecurity in society is undeniably alarming, but it should not be an excuse to deny girls their right to pursue careers as doctors, nurses, or in any other profession. On the contrary, it is our collective responsibility to ensure they receive all the support they need to achieve their dreams. We must create a society where girls can live without fear and pursue their ambitions with confidence. Urgent legal reforms are also necessary to impose stringent penalties for such heinous crimes, deterring those with twisted mentalities from harming girls and women.



Rajender Kumar Sharma

Sr. Columnist, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

Condemn violence, demand justice, reject hypocrisy

Stephen Leacock humorously critiques old proverbs, showing their outdated relevance, and highlights how modern society often ironically embodies their flawed interpretations. *by Sujit De*



Image visually represents societal critique and gender violence

Stephen Leacock's "Old Proverbs Made New" was in our Higher Secondary syllabus. Leacock says that someone should rewrite English proverbs since they are old now. They do not fit in our world anymore. In fact, many of the old proverbs, he argues, are opposite to the new world facts.

He cites an English proverb that says, "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones", implying the people who have faults should not criticise other people for having similar faults.

On this, he argues, "They are the very people who ought to throw stones and to keep on throwing them all the time. They ought to keep up such a fusillade of stones from their glass house that no one can get near it. Or if the proverb is taken to mean that people who have faults of their own ought not to talk of other people's faults, it is equally mistaken. They ought to talk of other people's faults all the time so as to keep attention away from their own."

Plenty of instances now pouring in to show that his advice is being followed verbatim by some people. First,

let us focus on the chronology of events in Uttarakhand. The Uttarakhand Police arrested independent journalist and Jago Uttarakhand editor Ashutosh Negi, based on a complaint lodged by a Pauri Garhwal resident on March 5, 2024. The journalist famously raised his voice for justice to Ankita Bhandari.

Ankita Bhandari, a 19-year-old receptionist at a resort near Rishikesh, was allegedly killed by the resort owner and two accomplices in September 2022. Her body was found in a canal after she

went missing over a week. The main accused in this case is the son of a former BJP Minister in Uttarakhand.

Cut to August 2024. The mutilated body of a 33-year-old nurse at a private hospital was found in Rudrapur, Uttarakhand on August 8. She was allegedly strangled to death, and her head was smashed with a stone after being sexually assaulted. This heinous crime was committed on her when she was returning home from work.

Just after five days, a teenage girl had been gang-raped

inside a stationary private bus at the inter-state bus terminus in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, on August 13.

After two days, on August 15, while commenting on the rape and murder case at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, Uttarakhand Assembly Speaker said, "It is very shameful that such a thing happened in a state which is known for its celebration of Navratri and Durga Puja."

Given the chronology of these events and the NCRB report that declared Kolkata

as the safest city in India for the third consecutive year from 2020 to 2022, on the basis of the least number of cognisable offences per lakh population among metropolises, one may think of an English idiom, "the pot calling the kettle black" apart from how sincerely Leacock's advice has been followed.

Now, coming to what happened at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, I fully support the movement for justice against the criminal or criminals who killed the trainee doctor. At the same time, I also want a movement against the criminals who committed heinous crimes in Uttarakhand and other parts of our country.

Gender violence, be it in Hathras, Kathua, Unnao, Uttarakhand, Manipur, Bihar, Kolkata or be it against Bilkis Bano or women wrestlers must be condemned by the people in general and by the media in particular, irrespective of the political dispensation in power.

Never did I think, even in my nightmare, that I would have to see honouring of rapists and murderers in public. But that had been done with the convicts in the Bilkis Bano case by a group of people.

OUR VIEW |

Questions loom over Kolkata police's handling of rape case

The Supreme Court expressed serious concerns over the handling of the investigation into the tragic rape and murder of a junior doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. The Court's observations highlighted the disturbing delays and inconsistencies in the actions taken by the Kolkata Police, raising questions about the integrity of the investigation. The bench, led by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, was visibly troubled by the timing of key legal procedures. It was revealed that the post-mortem of the victim was conducted at 6:10 PM on August 9, yet the case was only registered as an unnatural death several hours later, at 11:30 PM. The Supreme Court found this delay "extremely disturbing," and questioned how such a lapse could occur. To address these concerns, the Court has summoned the Kolkata Police officer who registered the initial entry to appear at the next hearing and provide an explanation. Adding to the gravity of the situation, the Solicitor General, representing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), pointed out the alarming fact that the First Information Report (FIR) was only registered at 11:45 PM—after the victim had already been cremated. This sequence of events has fueled suspicions of a cover-up, especially given the police's initial claim that the death was a suicide, only to later classify it as murder. The Supreme Court also addressed the ongoing protests by doctors, who have been demanding justice for their colleague. The bench urged the doctors to resume their duties, assuring them that no adverse action would be taken against them for their protest. The Chief Justice emphasized the importance of maintaining public health services, stating, "Once they get back to duty, we will prevail upon authorities to not take adverse action. How will public health infrastructure run if the doctors do not work?" The Court's intervention today marks a crucial step in ensuring that the investigation is conducted with the transparency and rigor that such a heinous crime demands. The transfer of the case to the CBI is a necessary move, but the Supreme Court's continued oversight will be vital in holding all parties accountable and ensuring that justice is delivered swiftly.

GUEST VIEW |

Ensuring safety on highways: Preventing tragedies on the road

Accidents must be prevented before they stop you because road safety rules are the best tools on highways. The prestigious Samruddhi Mahamarg, or Expressway, connecting Mumbai to Nagpur, has witnessed 125 accidents with 215 casualties in less than two years since it opened to the public. Beyond the common causes, accidents are often attributed to sleep deprivation from long travel, overspeeding leading to tyre bursts, and road hypnosis—where drivers lose awareness after a monotonous drive, often appearing dazed. While eateries are now visible on both sides of the highway, they are insufficient to keep drivers alert. Highways and expressways need more trees along their sides and attractively colored medians to engage drivers' attention, reminding them that a fast drive could be their last. Additionally, provisions for drivers to take quick breaks after long drives are essential. Many highways appear deserted and intimidating due to a lack of human activity beyond the speeding vehicles. Prominently displaying distress helpline numbers and ensuring rapid response times are crucial to mitigating the challenges passengers face.



Dr Ganapathi Bhat

YOUR LETTERS

Addressing violence against women

With each passing day, India nears a grim reality concerning violence against women. Instead of exploiting these tragedies for political gain or maligning any specific group, all responsible citizens should unite to demand exemplary punishment for the culprits. Our focus should be on creating a safe environment for women, both inside and outside the workplace. It is the duty of every sane Indian to advocate for justice and ensure the safety and dignity of women across the nation.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

Justice delayed, voices ignored

Recent crimes against women, such as the Kolkata rape-murder, have sparked temporary outrage, but our response remains selective and fleeting. Last year, three Kuki women were paraded naked and sexually assaulted by a mob. Despite seeking police help, they were abandoned to their fate. The case is still under investigation, reflecting the painfully slow pace of justice. How long must survivors wait for justice in a system that fails to protect and deliver timely convictions? The nation's selective memory only exacerbates the problem.

MK Nair, Raipur

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Business



We need to develop our own infrastructure and make more in India.

Pralhad Joshi
Union Minister of New & Renewable Energy.

WAVES season 1 launch in Delhi



Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Electronics Ashwini Vaishnav with others during the launch of 'World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES)' in New Delhi

'GDP growth to moderate to 6 quarter low of 6 pc in Q1'

ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said the June quarter of the current fiscal saw a temporary lull in some sectors due to elections and sluggish government capex.

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NEW DELHI: ICRA on Thursday projected India's economic growth to moderate to a six-quarter low of 6 per cent in April-June on account of contraction in government capital expenditure and a dip in urban consumer demand. For the full fiscal 2024-25, ICRA expects GDP to grow 6.8 per cent, lower than the 8.2 per cent clocked in 2023-24. "ICRA has pro-

jected the year-on-year (YoY) expansion of the GDP to moderate to six-quarter low of 6 per cent in Q1 FY2025 from 7.8 per cent in Q4 FY2024, amidst a contraction in government capital expenditure and a dip in urban consumer confidence," the domestic rating agency said in a statement. The official data for June quarter growth will be released by MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics and Pro-

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• Growth in the June quarter (Q1) of 2023-24 was 8.2 per cent.

• ICRA expects a back-ended pick-up in economic activity to boost the GDP and GVA growth.

gramme Implementation) on August 30. The growth in the June quarter (Q1) of 2023-24 was 8.2 per cent. ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said the June quarter of the current fiscal saw a temporary lull in some sectors due to the Parliamentary elections and sluggish government capex at both the central and state levels.

Further, she said urban consumer confidence reported a surprising

downtick, as per the Consumer Confidence Survey of the Reserve Bank of India. Meanwhile, the lingering impact of last year's unfavourable monsoon and an uneven start to the 2024 monsoon prevented a broader improvement in rural sentiment. "Lower volume growth combined with diminishing gains from commodity prices weighed upon the profitability of some of the industrial sectors.

Not against e-commerce firms: Goyal

MUMBAI: Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday said that India is not against e-commerce companies but wants them to be fair and honest. In remarks that came a day after he flagged concerns about e-commerce firms, Goyal said online businesses need to ensure a "fair chance" of competing.

Goyal on Wednesday voiced concerns about predatory pricing by e-commerce firms and feared about the impact their operations have on small retailers in the country. He also went public with his fears, warning of the "huge social disruption" with the massive growth of the e-commerce sector.

"We are very clear that we want to invite FDI (foreign direct investment), we want to invite technology, we want to have the best of the world, and we are not against online at all," Goyal said at an event here.

Ola Electric laid out roadmap to profitability, says Bhavish

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As volumes are growing, the margins are improving because costs are not growing with it.

NEW DELHI: Newly-listed Ola Electric has laid out a roadmap to profitability banking on higher volume, vertical integration of supply chain and in-house produced cells, while it has shelved plans to make electric car, according to company founder and CMD Bhavish Aggarwal.

The company, which forayed into the electric motorcycle segment last week, will build products that Indians need, which are by a vast majority two-wheelers and three-wheelers, he said in an interaction with PTI editors at the agency's headquarters here. In the



Ola Electric founder and CMD Bhavish Aggarwal.

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• Ola Electric will build products that Indians need.

first quarter of this fiscal, Ola Electric's automotive segment EBITDA was almost break-even but for a one-time reversal of about Rs 30 crore it had to pay for a change in standard operating procedure in the government for PLI rules, he said, adding the

cell segment is at a different stage of evolution.

Ola Electric's net loss widened in the first quarter to Rs 347 crore, from Rs 267 crore in the corresponding period a year ago. In FY24, the company's net loss was at Rs 1,586 crore.

"We have shown that even with fast growth, even with investing in 'penetration', you can improve margins. Now, there is a roadmap to prof-

itability from EBITDA to PAT. We have two or three strategies, which we are continuing to execute on, which will deliver improving margins over the subsequent quarters," Aggarwal said.

He was responding to a query on Ola Electric's roadmap to profitability, as it remains a concern despite the company's share price almost doubling from the listing price of Rs 76.

"As volumes are growing, the margins are improving because costs are not growing with it. That's one theme on the path to profitability," he said, adding the company would benefit from having a stable fixed cost as it has built a factory for a higher scale.

Aggarwal further said, "As a strategy, we did much more vertical integration of manufacturing and engineering.

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India's first CUV, MG Windsor seen in new teaser

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MUMBAI: JSW MG Motor India has unveiled a new teaser of its soon-to-be-launched India's first crossover utility vehicle [CUV] - MG Windsor. In this teaser, its unique feature of moving fast in water has been presented. This new teaser showcases the excellent engineering of MG Windsor and its various fea-

tures suited for Indian roads. These features establish this car as one of the most useful and intelligent CUVs for different geographical regions of India. Talking about this teaser, MG Windsor is shown passing through challenging areas with great confidence. Water logging is a common challenge every year in India during the monsoon season, which every



car driver has to face. Meticulously designed, the MG Windsor maintains balance in deep water with ease. All this has been possible due to the high ground clearance and CUV stance of this car. With these features, it provides a comfortable and safe driving experience even in the most

challenging terrains. The teaser also showcases the segment's first aerolounge seats. These specially designed seats have redefined comfort and luxury in this segment.

All these unmatched features make MG Windsor a great choice for Indian customers looking for a premium driving experience without compromising on practicality and performance.

BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

ACQUISITION

Zomato to acquire Paytm's entertainment ticketing business for Rs 2,048 cr

NEW DELHI: Online food delivery platform Zomato will acquire Paytm's entertainment ticketing business for Rs 2,048 crore to strengthen its "going-out" segment in a deal that will help the troubled fintech firm to sharpen its focus on core payments and financial services distribution. Paytm's entertainment ticketing business covers movies, sports, and events (live performances). The boards of Zomato and One 97 Communications Ltd (OCL) have approved the all-cash deal. As part of this agreement, OCL's entertainment ticketing business will transfer business to its 100 per cent subsidiaries Orbgen Technologies Pvt Ltd (OTPL) and Wasteland Entertainment Pvt Ltd (WEPL), followed by the sale of 100 per cent stake in these subsidiaries (which operate the TicketNew and Insider platforms) to Zomato. Subsequently, Zomato will spin off the new business into a new app called 'District'.

INDICATORS

Share MARKETS

| Market | Close | %chg |
|----------------|--------|-------|
| Sensex | 81,053 | +0.18 |
| Nifty | 24,811 | +0.17 |
| Nifty, MidCap | 58,444 | +0.69 |
| Nifty SmallCap | 19,099 | +0.17 |
| Nifty Bank | 50,985 | +0.59 |

Closing rates as on August 22, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

| | |
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| US Dollar | 83.95 (+) |
| Euro | 93.27 (-) |
| Chinese Yuan | 11.75 (+) |
| UAE Dirham | 22.85 (+) |
| Pakistan Rupee | 0.30 (+) |
| Sri Lanka Rupee | 0.27 (-) |

On August 22, 2024

World INDICES

| Stock | Value | % chg |
|------------------|-------------|--------|
| Dow Jones (US) | 40,831 | -0.15% |
| FTSE 100 Index | 8,283 | +0.01% |
| Nikkei 225 (JPN) | 225: 38,211 | +0.68% |
| CSI 300 (CHN) | 300: 3,313 | -0.26% |

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, August 22, 2024)

How the markets behave today?

Sensex rises 147 pts, Nifty ends above 24,800 on firm global trend



MUMBAI: Equity benchmark index Sensex ticked higher on Thursday to settle at 81,000 level while Nifty closed above 24,800 following buying in commodity, telecom and consumer stocks amid a firm trend in global markets. Rising for the third straight day, the 30-share BSE Sensex rose 147.89 points or 0.18 per cent to close at 81,053.19, registering gains for the third day in a row. During the day, it climbed 331.15 points to hit an intra-day high of 81,236.45. Extending gains to a sixth session in a row, the NSE Nifty went up by 41.30 points or

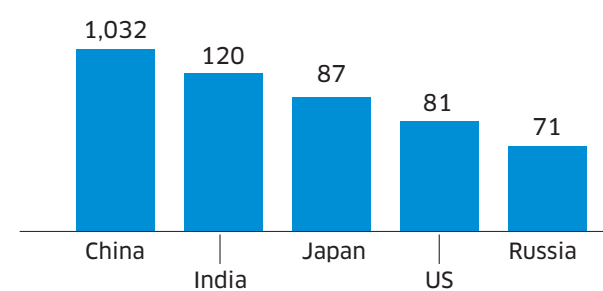
0.17 per cent to end at 24,811.50. Bharti Airtel was the biggest gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 1.63 per cent, followed by Tata Steel, ICICI Bank, Titan, Asian Paints and Ultratech Cements. On the other hand, M&M, NTPC, Tata Motors, TCS and PowerGrid were the major losers. "The domestic market witnessed modest gains owing to the positive global sentiments.

MAJOR GAINERS: Airtel, Tata Steel, ICICI Bank, Titan, Asian Paints and Ultratech Cements.

MAJOR LOSERS: M&M, NTPC, Tata Motors, TCS and PowerGrid.

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP GLOBAL STEEL PRODUCERS IN 2022 (IN MILLION METRIC TONS)



Source: World Steel Association

FACE MATCH

Airtel Payments Bank introduces face match to enhance account security

MUMBAI: Airtel Payments Bank has unveiled Face Match, a security enhancement feature, designed to safeguard customer accounts. Face Match uses sophisticated machine learning algorithms to calculate a threat score for each savings bank account user based on multiple inputs and signals ranging from user behaviour, transaction pattern & location, historical data of similar pattern, device and mobile app-based signals. If a user surpasses this threat score, their account is secured with Face Match to prevent potential fraudulent transactions. The user will immediately receive a notification on their registered mobile number, notifying them that Face Match has been activated and instructing them to complete a quick verification using the link in the notification to proceed with their transactions. The link redirects them to the Face Match section of the Airtel Thanks app, where the user simply needs to take a selfie, which is then compared to the original photo from their onboarding process using advanced facial recognition and liveliness checks.

MANUFACTURING FACILITY

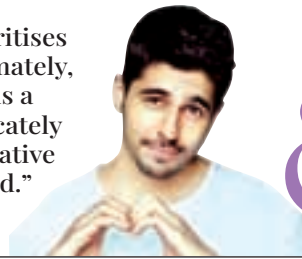
Wipro Hydraulics opens Rs 250 crore manufacturing facility



JAIPUR: Wipro Hydraulics on Thursday inaugurated its sixth manufacturing facility in Jaipur, Rajasthan, built with an investment of about Rs 250 crore. The plant was inaugurated by Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Wipro Enterprises chairman Azim Premji and Pratik Kumar -- Wipro Infrastructure Engineering CEO and Wipro Enterprises MD. "The company has invested approximately Rs 250 crore to set up this facility, which is projected to generate about 400 jobs.

"But my everyday style prioritises comfort and simplicity. Ultimately, my on-screen wardrobe is a collaborative process, intricately tied to the character's narrative and the film's visual world."

Sidharth Malhotra
Actor



& Glitters

OIT Watch



Bachchan reveals bike phobia on KBC

In the latest Kaun Banega Crorepati episode, Amiabh Bachchan admitted his fear of riding bikes despite his iconic film scenes. He shared, "Bikes make me nervous, though I can ride."



Laughter Chefs: A new flavour

Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment keeps audiences hooked with its lively episodes. The upcoming show will feature Mr. Faisu stepping in for Aly Goni, bringing new energy to the cooking and entertainment.



New trailer for Midnight Family on Apple TV+

Apple TV+ has unveiled the trailer for Midnight Family, premiering September 25. This gripping series, based on the acclaimed 2019 documentary, explores a family's life in Mexico City's high-stakes emergency services.



Drive Away Dolls: A road trip gone wild

Catch on JioCinema, Drive-Away Dolls offers a comedic spin on a road trip as Jamie and Marian's journey from Philadelphia to Tallahassee gets complicated by criminals and a hidden briefcase.



Tikdam's family feud: A father's fight

The new JioCinema show "Tikdam" is a touching tale set in an Uttarakhand village, depicting a father's struggle for his children. Filled with family values and scenic beauty, it promises heart-warming moments.

CLOSE UP

Major casting change: Akshay Kumar out of Bhool Bhulaiyya 3

Bollywood's Khiladi Kumar, Akshay has officially confirmed that he's not going to be a part of the Bhool Bhulaiyaa franchise that is soon going to drop its third film.

Central Chronicle News

After Stree 2, internet was abuzz with speculations around Akshay Kumar's special appearance in Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 starring Kartik Aaryan, Triptii Dimri and Vidya Balan.

Kartik Aaryan's eagerly awaited film, Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, is creating a buzz among fans, especially with swirling rumours of Akshay Kumar making a special appearance. The excitement was heightened following Akshay's surprise cameo in the recent horror-comedy Stree 2, leading many to wonder if he would return to his iconic role in the new instalment of the Bhool Bhulaiyaa franchise. The original Bhool Bhulaiyaa, released in 2007, starred Akshay Kumar and Vidya Balan, and quickly became a hit with its blend of horror and comedy. The franchise was revived in 2022 with Kartik Aaryan taking the lead, alongside Tabu and Kiara Advani. Now, as the third instalment nears its Diwali 2024 release, fans have been eagerly speculating whether Akshay would reprise his role. However, Akshay Kumar has addressed these rumours directly, calling them "fake news" and firmly denying any involvement in the upcoming film.



Akshay Kumar is not part of Kartik Aaryan, Vidya Balan starrer Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3



Fans waiting for Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3. For those looking to catch Akshay Kumar in action, he can be seen in Stree 2, currently in

theatres. As fans eagerly await Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, the franchise continues to generate excitement with its blend of horror and humour.

| HOLLYWOOD |

Michaela Coel's highly anticipated return: First Day on Earth

Central Chronicle News

British star Michaela Coel is reuniting with HBO and BBC for an exciting new drama series, "First Day on Earth," set to captivate audiences with its compelling narrative. This ten-episode show marks Coel's return to television following the success of "I May Destroy You." In her latest project, she portrays Henri, a British novelist whose career and personal life seem stagnant. When a job opportunity in Ghana—her father's homeland—arises, Henri jumps at the chance to reconnect with her heri-



tage. Upon arriving, she faces unexpected twists as neither the job nor her father align with her hopes. Henri's journey in Ghana unfolds with intrigue, posing challenges that force her to confront danger, deceit, and her own evolving sense of self. This series promises an emotional and cultural exploration, blending heartache with humour and self-discovery. Coel, renowned for

Michaela Coel said the new drama would be a "wild odyssey."

HIGHLIGHT

• In the new show, the 36-year-old actor plays the role of British novelist Henri, who feels stuck as work has dried up and her relationship is going nowhere.

her roles in "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" and "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," also takes on an executive producer role alongside Jesse Armstrong, Phil Clarke, and Roberto Troni, in collaboration with Various Artists Limited (VAL) and A24.

CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

T-Series announces biopic on cricket legend Yuvraj Singh

A new biopic will highlight the remarkable journey of former Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh, announced the makers on Tuesday. Produced by Bhushan Kumar's T-Series and co-produced by Ravi Bhagchandka famed for "Sachin: A Billion Dreams" the film will celebrate Singh's storied career, including his iconic six sixes in the 2007 T20 World Cup and his battle with cancer. Singh expressed hope that his story will inspire others to overcome obstacles. Kumar, known for hits like "Drishyam 2" and "Kabir Singh," is excited to bring this tale of resilience and passion to the big screen. Details about the director and cast are yet to be revealed.

Web Series

Get ready for Kapil Sharma's comedy return on September 21

Season 2 of The Great Indian Kapil Show is set to premiere on September 21, and fans are eagerly awaiting the new episodes. The popular comedy show will continue airing every Saturday, maintaining its beloved airport setting while introducing fresh elements to keep things exciting. Filming has resumed after a short break for Raksha Bandhan, with recent shoots featuring the cast of Fabulous Lives of Bollywood Wives. Kapil Sharma celebrated the return with a special cake adorned with the show's logo, marking a new beginning. Prepare for more laughs and star-studded fun as the show returns to delight viewers once again.

The bollywood hot pair

BFF Support: Sara Ali Khan excited for Ananya Panday's show



Friends support each other, and that's exactly what Sara Ali Khan did for Ananya Panday. As Ananya gears up for her digital debut with the highly anticipated series Call Me Bae, the trailer release has sparked widespread excitement. Sara, showing her unwavering support, took to social media to praise Ananya's

performance. Her heartfelt message, "Genuinely love you in this," reflects the strong bond between the two stars. With such enthusiastic backing from her friend and the growing buzz around the series, Ananya's digital debut is set to be a major hit. Fans can't wait to see the show's success unfold.

Fashion

Disha's Floral Fantasy: A date night dream

Disha Patani dazzles in a beige 3D floral dress, perfect for a classic date night. Known for her impeccable style, Disha recently shared stunning photos on social media, showcasing this elegant Montsant woollen off-shoulder dress. The semi-fitted silhouette and straight neckline blend classic charm with modern flair. The standout feature is the detailed 3D floral design on the bodice, adding a romantic touch.



Trending on Insta



@malaikaaroraofficial

Indulge in Malaika Arora's culinary delights

Bollywood diva Malaika Arora indulged in a delightful feast of egg crepes, tikkis, and avocado, sharing a tempting glimpse of her "happiness" on Instagram stories. Her post, celebrating good food, captivated fans.

@deepikapadukone

Deepika Padukone embraces the viral 1-second reel trend

Deepika Padukone recently wowed her followers with a stunning Instagram video. Dressed in an elegant golden saree, she joined the one-second reel trend, winking and smiling at the camera.



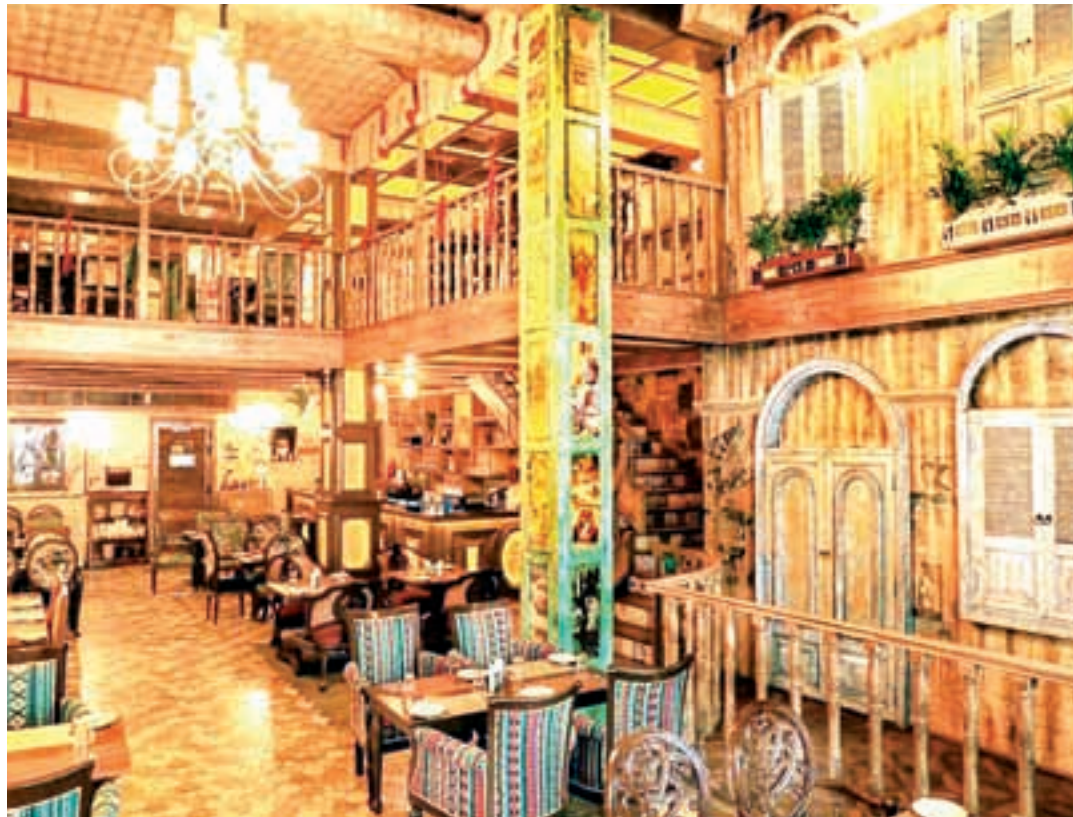


FineDine

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

Discover the charm of Cafe Monique: A Parisian oasis in Delhi

If you wish to have a slice of France in India, then look no further than Cafe Monique to give you the vibes of being in a Parisian cafe.



Tucked away in the vibrant heart of Delhi, Cafe Monique offers an irresistible slice of the French Riviera, making it a must-visit gem for anyone craving a touch of Parisian charm. As you step into this enchanting café, you're instantly transported to the serene streets of southern France. The ambiance is a delightful blend of sophistication and warmth, featuring chic décor, cosy seating, and a picturesque outdoor area that invites you to linger over your coffee. The menu is a culinary journey through France, bursting with flavours that will tantalize your taste buds. Start with their buttery croissants or a decadent pain au chocolat, both freshly baked and perfect with a rich, aromatic espresso. For a more substantial treat, indulge in their savoury quiches or delicate crepes, crafted with fresh ingredients that make each bite a delight. Their



A little piece of France in every bite.



HIGHLIGHT
 • Nestled amidst the lush greenery of New Delhi's Friends Colony, Cafe Monique is a haven for those seeking an authentic taste of French patisserie.

French onion soup and ratatouille also come highly recommended for those seeking an authentic taste. But Cafe Monique isn't just

about food it's an experience. The café's carefully curated selection of French wines and artisanal cheeses adds a touch of elegance to your meal, while the attentive staff ensures you feel like a cherished guest. Whether you're enjoying a leisurely brunch with friends, a romantic dinner, or a quiet solo coffee, every visit feels like a mini getaway to the Riviera. For a taste of French sophistication right in Delhi, Cafe Monique is your passport to a delectable and delightful escape.

FoodPick

MUST TRY WHEN TRAVEL

Indulge in the flavourful crunch of new Kari Kari

Looking for the perfect evening snack? Try the newly launched Kari Kari Chilli Garlic Rice Cracker & Peanut Mix. This exciting new blend brings a delightful crunch to your favourite drink, making it an ideal 7 PM treat. Crafted with Japanese expertise, these rice crackers, known as Kaki No Tane, are designed for the ultimate crunch. The mix features a unique fusion of specialty rice, secret soy sauce, and a zesty chilli garlic flavour. Available in new salt pepper and sesame soy varieties, these roasted crackers are a healthy, gluten-free, and vegetarian snack with zero trans fat.



Sprouts House

Your protein packed paradise

Craving a healthy meal out but worried about unhealthy options? Visit Sprouts House in Shankar Nagar for a nutritious and satisfying dining experience. Specializing in high-protein dishes, their menu includes soya curd salad, quinoa chickpea salad, veg sauté, and paneer sauté, with prices starting at just 30. Whether you're stopping by for lunch or dinner, Sprouts House offers a variety of dishes that help you meet your daily protein needs while keeping your diet clean and balanced.



Pink Virgin Tom Collins

Ingredients

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

How to make it

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



Old Salt Cocktail

Ingredients

1 1/2 ounces bourbon, 1/2 ounce sea salt syrup, 1/2 ounce fresh lemon juice, 1/4 ounce simple syrup, Ice cubes, Lemon twist (for garnish), Sea salt (for rimming the glass)

How to make it

Rim the glass with sea salt by running a lemon wedge around the rim and dipping it into a plate of sea salt. In a shaker, combine bourbon, sea salt syrup, fresh lemon juice, and simple syrup. Fill the shaker with ice cubes and shake well. Strain the mixture into the prepared glass over fresh ice. Garnish with a lemon twist. Serve immediately and enjoy your classic Old Salt Cocktail!



Raspberry Mint Julep Smoothie

Ingredients

1 cup fresh raspberries, 1/2 cup Greek yogurt, 1/2 cup almond milk, 1 tablespoon honey, 1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves, Ice cubes, Mint sprig (for garnish), Raspberry (for garnish)

How to make it

In a blender, combine fresh raspberries, Greek yogurt, almond milk, honey, and fresh mint leaves. Blend until smooth. Add ice cubes and blend again until the mixture is chilled and frothy. Pour into a glass and garnish with a mint sprig and a raspberry. Serve immediately and enjoy your refreshing Raspberry Mint Julep Smoothie!



A bite of Mumbai

Indulge in bhelpuri

If you're hungry and craving evening snacks, head to Mumbai Bhelpuri Wala at Katora Talab, Linking Road. This vibrant spot is a haven for chaat lovers, offering a delightful variety of dishes like panipuri, bhelpuri, and more. You can enjoy classic Banarasi chaat or savour the Mumbai-special bhelpuri—all at wallet-friendly prices. For something unique, try the fusion chips chaat, a creative twist on traditional flavours. With all these tasty options available for under Rs.100, Mumbai Bhelpuri Wala is the perfect place to satisfy your snack cravings without breaking the bank.



GOOD DINING |

Slice of summer: Selena's viral watermelon sandwich recipe



The Selena Gomez-approved watermelon sandwich is making waves as a fun and refreshing food trend. Perfect for any season, this unique sandwich uses thick slices of juicy watermelon as the "bread" and is filled with creative, savoury toppings. Following Selena's boyfriend Benny Blanco's viral TikTok video, this trend has captivated social media.

Karonda's hidden solution for lowering cholesterol

Karonda, the tangy fruit also known as Carissa carandas, is a powerhouse for heart health and a natural ally in lowering high cholesterol. Bursting with antioxidants, dietary fibre, and vital nutrients like vitamin C, Karonda fights oxidative stress and inflammation that can elevate LDL cholesterol. Its impressive fibre content binds to excess cholesterol in the digestive tract, helping to flush it out of the body. By incorporating Karonda into your diet, you're not only adding a burst of flavour but also giving your heart a boost, making it a delicious and effective choice for managing cholesterol levels.



TRAILBLAZER |

Sip like a star: Bollywood-inspired celebrity coffee recipes

Central Chronicle News

From Shah Rukh Khan to Mrunal Thakur, here is how your favourite Bollywood celebrities like to enjoy their cup of coffee.

For Bollywood celebrities, coffee is more than a morning pick-me-up; it's a statement of style and taste. Here's a look at the favourite coffee orders of five stars that will make any coffee lover's heart race. Rakulpreet Singh starts her day with Bulletproof Coffee, a luxurious mix of black coffee and ghee. This health-boosting blend stabilizes insulin levels and reduces sugar cravings, offering both taste and wellness benefits. Rakulpreet's Instagram often features her

morning ritual, showcasing her commitment to health through this rich brew. Shahid Kapoor's coffee obsession leans towards the gourmet. His social media is filled with posts celebrating premium coffees from around the globe. Shahid's love for high-quality, exotic blends reflect his refined palate and penchant for luxury in his coffee choices. Mrunal Thakur's coffee routine is a blend of hot and cold. While she starts her mornings with a warm cup, she can't live without her Iced Americano in the evening. Her passion for this chilled espresso drink is evident in her lively social media updates.

Sonam Kapoor's morning coffee is a health-conscious delight. Her collagen coffee combines protein-rich collagen with oat milk and a



Shah Rukh Khan drinking a cup of coffee with his face on the coffee foam.

touch of chocolate, offering both taste and skin benefits. Sonam's blend is as stylish as it is nourishing. Shah Rukh Khan enjoys classic Delhi-style cold coffee, a nostalgic favourite from Depaul's in Connaught Place.



Sports



It was my dream to transform this cricket team and not worry too much about the stats, the results.

Rohit Sharma
India captain

Southee praises Bumrah's post-injury resurgence

New Zealand captain Tim Southee lauds Jasprit Bumrah's impressive comeback, highlighting his enhanced performance and adaptability across all formats post-injury.

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We are just seeing a great version (of Bumrah) across all three formats: Southee

MUMBAI: New Zealand captain Tim Southee reckons India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has looked more formidable since making a comeback from a back injury, which kept him out of action for a major part of the last year.

Bumrah, who was recently described as the "best all-format bowler in the last five-six years" by the legendary Ricky Ponting, has been at the forefront of the Indian team's success since making a comeback in August 2023 after being out of action since September 2022.

"To be able to firstly bounce back from the major injury and come back, he's even better than what he was beforehand. Throw in on top of that, having to juggle multiple formats, can be difficult at times as well," Southee said on the sidelines of the Ceat Cricket Rating Award on Wednesday.

"He seems to have been able to do that with ease as well. He's probably more experienced, understands his game a bit more. He probably had that time where



he was injured to come back and be recharged, refreshed."

"We are just seeing a great version (of Bumrah) across all three formats. He's brilliant across all three at the moment. I don't think there's anyone that he's better in (better than him), he is tremendous across all three (formats)," he said.

Southee acknowl-

HIGHLIGHT

● Southee expresses enthusiasm for playing all nine upcoming Test matches, emphasizing the importance of fitness and readiness.

● Despite contract declines, Williamson and Conway remain committed to participating in the majority of New Zealand's Test matches.

edged having a discussion with the New Zealand head coach Gary Stead on the possibility of him missing a few Tests in the subcontinent.

The Kiwis are scheduled to play a one-off Test against Afghanistan in Noida before travelling to Sri Lanka for a two-Test series. Southee's team will then return to India in October for a three-Test series following which it will return home

for three Tests against England.

"It's just natural when you're in this part of the world, spin plays a big part. But ideally, I'd like to play all the Test matches available. I love Test cricket, but I understand there's a balance to the side and obviously it's not easy," he said.

"We've got nine Test matches in the next few months. There's a lot of Test cricket, so it's all about managing the workloads. But for me, as long as you're fit and ready to go, then I'd like to play every game," he said.

India and New Zealand will be engaged in a three-Test series for the first time since 2016-17 and Southee welcomed the idea.

"As players, you want to play more Test cricket. It's nice to be able to come here and play three Test matches," he said.

With former Kiwi captain Kane Williamson, opening batter Devon Conway and Finn Allen declining New Zealand Cricket's central contracts for 2024-25, Southee said two of those players will still be available for the majority of the Tests. "It's the way that cricket is going and then the amount of T20 leagues that are popping up.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

CRICKET

Sussex relieves Pujara after signing Daniel Hughes for 2025 season

LONDON: India Test specialist Cheteshwar Pujara will not return to Sussex for next year's County Championship after the English club side opted to relieve him to retain the services of Australian Daniel Hughes. The left-handed Hughes will be available for all Championship and T20 Vitality Blast matches next season. The club also announced that West Indies right-arm fast bowler Jayden Sales will play the first block of Championship fixtures. Pujara returned to Sussex for third successive time in 2024. He played the first seven Championship matches before Hughes' arrival. "Taking over from Cheteshwar is not an easy task, but Dan has fitted in brilliantly and we are all delighted he will be back for the whole of next season," Sussex head coach Paul Farbrace said in a statement on its official website. **PTI**

CRICKET

Afghanistan Cricket Board appoint R Sridhar as assistant coach



NEW DELHI: The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) on Wednesday appointed Ramakrishnan Sridhar, former fielding coach of India, as the national team's assistant coach. Initially, Sridhar will be with the team for the one-off Test against New Zealand and the subsequent three-match ODI series against South Africa. "The Afghanistan Cricket Board wish Sridhar fills the role effectively and hope to have long term contract with him in the future," the ACB said in a statement. **PTI**

Neuer Bids Farewell

Germany goalkeeper Neuer retires from international soccer and will focus on Bayern



MUNICH: Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer said Wednesday he is retiring from the national team after 15 years and 124 games. He is staying in club soccer with Bayern Munich. The 38-year-old Neuer made his debut for Germany in 2009 and won the World Cup in 2014. His last game for the national team was the 2-1 extra-time loss to eventual champion Spain in the quarterfinals as Germany hosted Euro 2024. Neuer said he was "tempted" by the prospect of staying on for the 2026 World Cup but decided against it after speaking with family and friends. That could open the door for Barcelona's Marc-André ter Stegen, who has played for Germany 40

times but never at a major tournament, to take over as starting goalkeeper. "I feel very good physically and obviously would have been very tempted by the 2026 World Cup in the U.S.A., Canada and Mexico. At the same time I am convinced that now is the right time to take this step and to concentrate fully on FC Bayern Munich in the future," Neuer said in a statement. Neuer is the second leading player in the German team to retire from international soccer this week after midfielder Ilkay Gundogan, who captained the team at Euro 2024. He cited fatigue and the pressures of a busy club and international schedule in his statement Monday. **PTI**

Faruque Ahmed takes charge as new BCB President

ST LOUIS (USA): Dhaka: Former cricketer and chief selector Faruque Ahmed has replaced Nazmul Hasan Papon as the new president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) after the incumbent resigned in the wake of the political unrest in the country. The BCB held an emergency meeting on Wednesday during which the 58-year-old Ahmed was elected. Papon, who was in his fourth term, has been in London with his wife following the political unrest in the country. Papon was an Awami League MP since 2009. He, along with 16 other directors, left Dhaka on August 5. "I resigned as a selector in the past because I opposed the system.

| DAVID'S STRATEGIC CONSISTENCY |

Dravid: Same approach for ODI and T20 World Cups

Press Trust Of India

Rahul Dravid emphasized maintaining the successful ODI World Cup strategy for India's T20 triumph.

MUMBAI: Former India head coach Rahul Dravid on Wednesday said the support staff strived to carry the energetic "team atmosphere" from the ODI World Cup in 2023 to the T20 showpiece, and the approach helped the team to end a barren run in ICC tournaments. Dravid masterminded India's triumph in the T20 World Cup in the Americas before signing off from his role as the head coach in June this year. "Honestly, I didn't want



Rahul Dravid with the CEAT Lifetime Achievement Award. | Photo: PTI

to do anything different. I think we ran a fantastic campaign in the one-day World Cup, Rohit and the team, everyone involved in that one-day

World Cup, we ran a superb campaign," Dravid said

at the Ceat Cricket Rating Awards here. India had suffered a

FACTFILE

● Dravid focused on preserving the team's positive atmosphere and energy from the ODI World Cup.

● Consistent planning, preparation, and execution were key factors in India's T20 World Cup success.

heartbreaking defeat against Australia in the ODI World Cup final at Ahmedabad. "There's nothing we could have done more in terms of our preparation, the planning, the execution of what we needed to do for 10 games in a row to dominate, to win the game we did, play the game we did," said Dravid.

| ZAEHER MENTORSHIP TALKS |

Zaheer in talks with LSG for mentorship role

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Former India pacer Zaheer Khan is in contention to assume the mentorship role of Lucknow Super Giants

Giants ahead of the next season of the Indian Premier League. The 45-year-old was head of global development at Mumbai Indians (MI) and before that held the posi-

Zaheer Khan is in advanced talks with Lucknow Super Giants for a mentorship role, enhancing their T20 coaching expertise.

ESPNcricinfo Report
tion of director of cricket for the franchise from 2018-2022. As a player,



Zaheer has featured in 100 IPL games as part of three franchises -- MI, Royal Challengers Bangalore and Delhi Daredevils across 10 seasons, claiming 102 wickets at an economy of 7.59. "Zaheer Khan is in talks with Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) for a mentorship role with the franchise keen on bringing in a top former India player well-versed

with T20 cricket to have a strong presence within their coaching setup following the departure of Gautam Gambhir," a report in ESPNcricinfo said. "Apart from the role of mentor, LSG are also keen on giving Zaheer a wider profile that will mean involvement with the scouting and player-development programmes during the off season."

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP RUN-SCORERS IN TEST CRICKET FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

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| Joe Root | 1,250 |
| Marnus Labuschagne | 1,180 |
| Kane Williamson | 1,150 |
| Babar Azam | 1,100 |
| Steve Smith | 1,050 |

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Purani Dilli 6 beat Delhi Lions by 7 wickets in Delhi Premier League

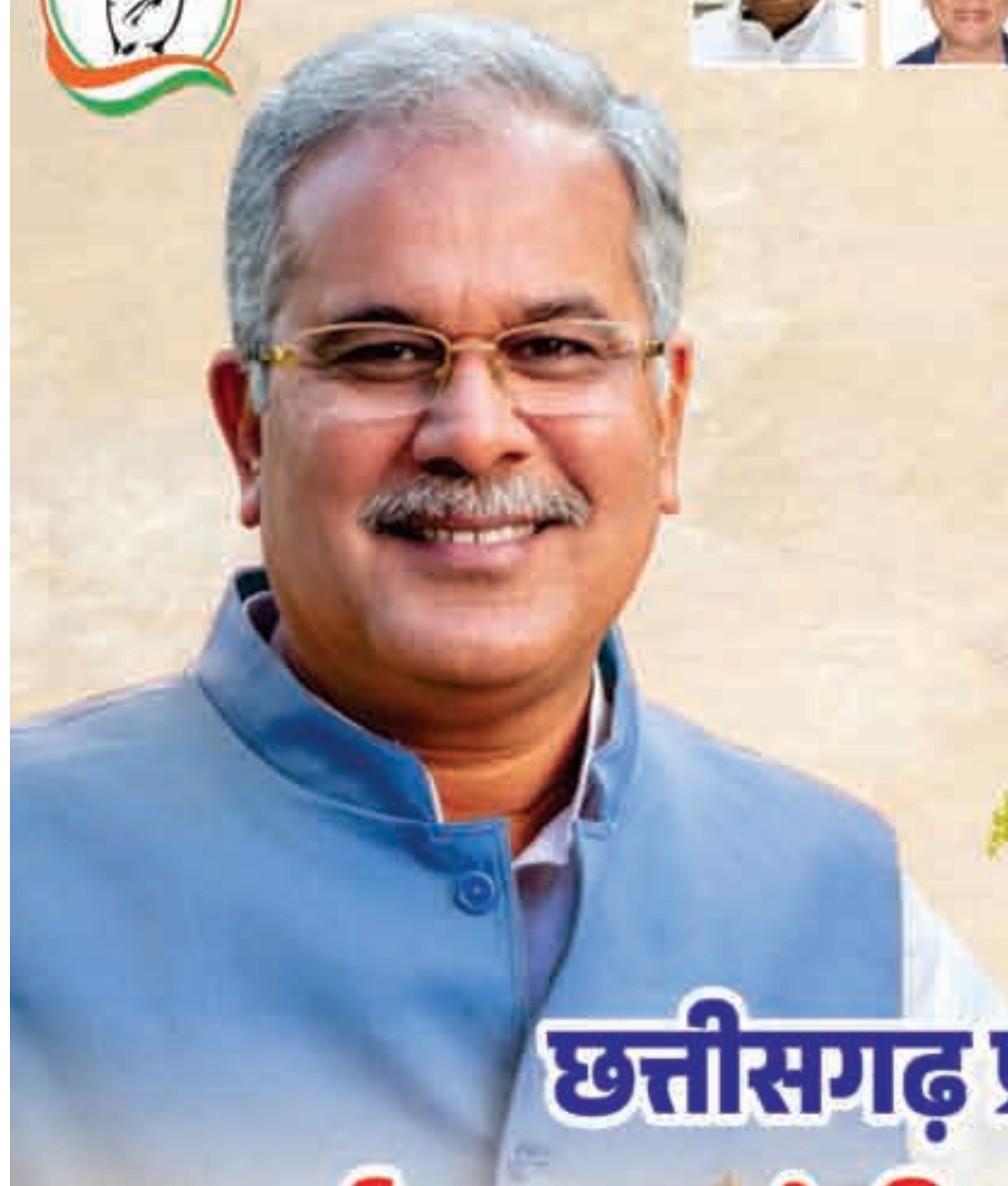
NEW DELHI: Purani Dilli 6 bounced back from back-to-back losses to defeat West Delhi Lions by seven wickets in their third match of the Adani Delhi Premier League T20 tournament here. Laxman's 3/41 and Aayush Singh Thakur's 2/27 helped Purani Dilli 6 restrict the West Delhi Lions to 141/9 in 20 overs on Wednesday night. And then Arpit Rana's unbeaten 56 off 43 balls guided Purani Dilli 6 to chase down the target in 17.1 overs. After setting the tone with the ball, Purani Dilli 6 made an aggressive approach to their run chase. Rana led the charge with fluent strokes, while Manjeet provided steady support. The pair maintained a scoring rate of over 10 runs per over until Manjeet's dismissal in the fourth over. By the end of the powerplay, Purani Dilli 6 were in a strong position at 56/1. Despite two quick wickets of Sanat Sangwan (22 off 25) and Lalit Yadav (7 off 9), Rana kept one end intact as he brought up his fifty in 42 balls in the 16th over, with Purani Dilli 6 scaling down the target to 16 from 24 balls. **PTI**

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Sai Sudharsan joins Surrey to play two County matches



LONDON: India batter B Sai Sudharsan will play for Surrey in their next two English County Championship matches, the club announced on Wednesday. Sudharsan will start his brief county stint on Thursday with a match against Lancashire at the Oval, and then will play against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge next week. After that, the Tamil Nadu batter will return to India to participate in the Duleep Trophy, beginning on September 5 at Bengaluru and Anantapur. **PTI**



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