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## India to be free of Naxal menace by 2026: Shah

State govt would announce a "new look" surrender policy in 1-2 months.

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**RAIPUR:** India will be free from Left Wing Extremism (LWE) by March 2026 and a strong and ruthless strategy is required for the final assault against the menace, Union Home Minister Amit Shah asserted on Saturday.

The minister stated this during a press conference here after he along with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and senior central and police officers reviewed the Maoist issue in the state and adjoining areas.

The meeting, attended by senior officials of seven states, reviewed the inter-state coordination and Left Wing Extremism situation, an official said.

Urging Naxals to shun violence, Shah announced that the Chhattisgarh government would announce a "new look" surrender



Union Home Minister Amit Shah being felicitated by CM Vishnu Deo Sai.

**HIGHLIGHT**

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**Time for final blow to the LWE**

**Amit Shah**  
Union Home Minister

assault against Naxals," he said.

The home minister

said Naxal violence is a challenge to democracy and the menace has claimed about 17,000 lives in the country.

He said there was a 53 per cent drop in Naxal incidents during 2014-24 as compared to 2004-14.

It is time to deal the final blow to the

problem of Left Wing Extremism with a strong strategy, Shah said.

The minister said the government has been working to fill the security vacuum in LWE-hit areas and the security personnel have undertaken operations along with development works.

He said that besides the security forces, central agencies like NIA and ED have also worked to dismantle Maoist finances.

"We believe we will be able to free the country from Left Wing Extremism by March 2026," Shah said.

Asked about the now-scrapped Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, the home minister said that the provision will not be restored ever.

On the probability of starting the delayed decadal census, Shah said it would be carried out at an appropriate time.

## Centre launches UPS for Govt employees

**NEW DELHI:** The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Saturday approved the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS), which aims to provide assured pension, family pension and assured minimum pension to government employees. Under UPS, the government has assured 50 per cent of salary as pension for government employees. The UPS, approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aims to give assured pension, family pension and assured minimum pension to

government employees. In a big announcement ahead of assembly elections in one state and a Union Territory this year, the government has launched the Union Pension Scheme (UPS) amid protests by several non-BJP-ruled states over the New Pension Scheme (NPS). "This scheme will benefit 23 lakh central government employees," announced Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav. The new scheme will be implemented from April 1, 2025 and employees will have the option to choose between the NPS or UPS.

**NEWSLINE**

**NEW DELHI**

**Cabinet nod to 'BioE3' policy**

The Union Cabinet on Saturday approved the 'BioE3' (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) policy for fostering high-performance bio-manufacturing of the Department of Biotechnology. According to Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, the BioE3 policy seeks to include innovation-driven support for research and development and entrepreneurship across thematic sectors.

**PATNA**

**Boat capsizes in Gandak river**

Six people were rescued from the Gandak river in Bihar's West Champaran district on Saturday after a boat in which they were travelling capsized, an official said. The accident occurred in Chandrapur village in Bagaha when the motor boat capsized, he said. "The accident took place in the morning. A rescue operation was launched soon after the administration got information about the capsizing of the boat and all six people were rescued," West Champaran District Magistrate Dinesh Kumar Rai told PTI. Meanwhile, a search operation is on for a government school teacher who fell into the Ganga river.

**Vigyan Dhara scheme approved**

**NEW DELHI:** The Union Cabinet on Saturday approved the continuation of three umbrella schemes of the Department of Science and Technology, merged into a unified central sector scheme called 'Vigyan Dhara'. The proposed outlay for Vigyan Dhara is Rs 10,570 crore during the 15th Finance Commission period from 2021-22 to 2025-26. Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav told reporters.

**Govt engineer falls in Ganga river**

**BHAGALPUR:** A senior engineer of Bihar Water Resources Department on Saturday fell in the Ganga river while he was travelling in a boat to inspect an embankment in Bhagalpur district and he was rescued by NDRF personnel, an official said. Water Resources Department's Katihar Zone Chief Engineer Anwa Jamil was on the motor boat of the National Disaster Response Force when the accident took place. He was travelling to inspect the repair work of the 8.26-km-long Ismailpur-Bindtoli embankment.

**'Caste census needed for 90 pc people'**

**PRAYAGRAJ:** Pressing the demand for a nationwide "caste census", Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said 90 per cent people of the country are sitting out of the system and the step should be taken in their interest. He also said for the Congress, the "caste census" is the foundation and a tool for policy making. Addressing the "Samvidhan Samman Sammelan" here, Gandhi said, "90 per cent people are sitting out of the system. They have skill, knowledge but no connections (with the system). That is why we have raised the demand for a caste census." Asserting that before ensuring the participation of various sections of the society, there is a need to ascertain their numbers, the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha said, "For the Congress, the caste census is the foundation of policy making. It is a tool for policy making. We cannot make policies in the reality of India without a caste census." Gandhi said just like the Constitution, the caste census is a policy framework and a guide for the Congress. "Just like our Constitution, which is a guide in a way and it is being attacked every day, a caste census, a socio-economic survey, an institutional survey will be our second guide," he said. "We want the data. How many Dalits, OBC (Other Backward Classes), tribals, women, minorities, general caste people are there.

**Helicopter with four onboard crashes in Pune, all safe**

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**Bad weather was suspected to have caused the crash as the area is receiving heavy rains.**

**PUNE:** A private helicopter flying from Mumbai to Hyderabad crashed in Mulshi tehsil of Pune district on Saturday afternoon but all four persons on board survived, police said.

While the pilot was hospitalised at Paud, about 30 to 35 km from Pune city, the three passengers suffered minor injuries, an official said.

Bad weather was suspected to have caused the crash as the area is receiving heavy rains, said inspector Manoj Yadav of Paud police station.

The chopper, belonging to Global Vectra aviation



Debris of a chopper after it crashed near Paud.

**FACTFILE**

● The occupants were identified as Captain Anand, Veer Bhatia, Amardeep Singh and S P Ram.

company, crashed at Kondhale village around 2 pm, he said.

fine, but when the chopper reached Paud area, which has been receiving rains since last night, it encountered difficulties. The pilot tried to land but it hit a babul tree and then crashed to the ground," said inspector Yadav.

As the fall was broken by the tree, the impact of the final crash appeared to have been mitigated, he said.

There were no reports of the chopper experiencing any technical problems, the official said.

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**Bengali actress accuses Dir of misbehaving**

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**KOLKATA:** A Bengali actor has levelled accusation of misbehaviour against eminent Malayalam film director and chairman of the state-run Kerala Chalachitra Academy, Ranjith, spelling fresh trouble for the Pinarayi Vijayan government which is facing opposition heat on its

alleged inaction over the Justice Hema Committee report. The report had revealed instances of harassment and exploitation of women in the Malayalam cinema industry, prompting calls for action against the guilty. The filmmaker has reportedly rejected Mitra's charge and said he was the "real victim" in the case.

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# Raipur



It is under HM's able leadership, Chhattisgarh is strongly and firmly fighting against Left Wing Extremism and soon we will find permanent solution to it.

**Vishnu Deo Sai**  
CM Chhattisgarh



A workshop on party's membership campaign was held at BJP's Raipur district office (Urban) here on Saturday.

## 'Achieve target set for BJP's new membership'

The membership campaign of BJP will be starting from Sept 1 to Oct 31.

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**RAIPUR:** The membership campaign of BJP will be starting from Sept 1 and it will run through different medium till Oct 31 and in this target for developing new members for each state in the country has been fixed. Apart from this the state BJP has also fixed a target to get required membership in all the districts of the state. The people can get BJP's membership either through missed call, NAMO App, scanner and the place where there are

no phones or network, the forms will be filled up and people will be offered party's membership.

In this the BJP party workers will play an important role and it is their contribution which will determine as to who is eligible to become active member. A workshop on party's membership campaign was held at BJP's Raipur district office (Urban) here on Saturday and in this all the heads of all the different organisations of BJP district-level and Mandal presidents, general secretaries

### HIGHLIGHT

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were present. This included Rajya Sabha MP Santosh Pandey, LS MP Mahasamund Roopkumari Choudhary and both of them gave

detailed information to party office bearers about the membership campaign.

LS MP Santosh Pandey in his address said that this membership campaign starting from September will conclude on Oct 31. He said that membership campaign is the basis of strength of any political party and added that BJP is the largest political party in the world and its party workers uniting together play an important role in forming a strong government and its effect can be seen at global level.

## Chh'garh's Mineral online portal s wins prestigious award

**RAIPUR:** In a significant achievement, the Chhattisgarh government's Mineral Online Portal has received the Excellence Award in the Enterprise Applications category at the Technology Sabha Awards. The portal, launched in 2017, has revolutionized the mining sector in the state by providing a digital platform for stakeholders to manage their operations efficiently.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai congratulated the Mineral Department officials on this achievement, acknowledging their efforts in making the portal a success. The award recognizes the portal's contribution to ease of doing business in the mining sector, and its role in promoting transparency and accountability.

The Mineral Online Portal has been instrumental in streamlining mining activities, processing, transportation, and end-use. It offers a range of features, including online applications, single-click payments, and end-to-end tracking.

The portal has been widely adopted by stakeholders, including major companies like NMDC, SECL, and private sector players like Balco, Hindalco, and Ultratech.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### ALLEGATIONS

#### Misbehaviour with security guards of ex-CM simply not tolerable: Baij

**RAIPUR:** Congress has strongly condemned the alleged misbehaviour with the security guards of ex-CM by the VHP and Bajrang Dal party workers after stopping the convoy of former CM Bhupesh Baghel. PCC Chief Deepak Baij said that such a conduct on part of the organisations related to the ruling party is just not tolerable and acceptable. Baghel is an important leader of the Opposition party and has got high-level security and it is the allied associations of BJP who dared to stop his convoy and reportedly misbehave with the security personnel PCC Chief Deepak Baij said that in this case the state government and BJP and Sangh leadership should issue a clarification and punish those found to be guilty, or else Congress also knows to give befitting reply in the same language. He said that there will be protest in the programme of CM, Ministers and BJP leaders as well.

### APPOINTMENT

#### PK Raghav appointed President CRGB, Arun Mishra as General Secy



**RAIPUR:** In the get-together of retired employees of the Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank (CRGB), PK Raghav has been appointed as the President of CRGB Chhattisgarh unit. On this occasion PK Raghav expressed gratitude towards his colleagues and exuded confidence to fulfill the responsibility given. On this occasion the national office bearer V Reddy, general secretary Sagun Shukla, President Ganpati Hegde NFRRRBS general secretary Mahendra Singh and Gen. secy. Shivkaran addressed the retired employees of CRGB and shared important information related to pension.

### YUVA Utsav 3.0

#### Satyaprabha Sahu from SRU crowned the winner of the Dance Competition in YUVA Utsav 3.0



**RAIPUR:** On 24 August 2024, The Shri Rawatpura Sarkar University hosted the vibrant YUVA Utsav 3.0 with the collaboration of the Young Indians (Yi) Raipur, where more than 130 students from 12 educational institutions of the Chhattisgarh state's capital city came together to showcase their talents. The event featured a thrilling Solo Dance Competition and Folk Dance Competition, alongside a spirited Carrom Competition.

The event was began with the floral welcome of the Juries of the dance competition by the Vice-Chancellor Prof.

S.K Singh and the Registrar Dr. Saurabh Kumar Sharma and the members of the Young Indians (Yi) Mr. Kavita Pasari and Mr. Swapnil Agrawal also welcomed the juries Dr. Rajshree Namdeo, Mr. Dipin Mehta and Mr. Zin RV. In the Solo and Folk Dance Competition the participants were performed on Classical, Lyrical Hip-Hop, Rap-Mix, Bollywood mix songs as Sajni Re., Bol Halka Halka., and so on, in which Satyaprabha Sahu from the Shri Rawatpura Sarkar University was crowned as winner and the runner up was J Lavanya from ITM University.

## Aijazi Program by Muslim Intellectual Forum

**RAIPUR:** As in previous years, the Muslim Intellectual Forum is organizing the Aijazi Program to honor talented students. This program is for students from 6th grade to the university level who have scored 70% or more in their last annual examinations. These students are requested to send their mark sheets, including their name, full address, and mobile number, to the addresses listed below via WhatsApp as soon as possible. The applications can be forwarded to New Tent House, Bairan Bazaar, Mobile: 9425211181; - Zafar Amzad, Patron, Rajatalab, Raipur Mobile: 9424231146; - Hotel Alia, Amrit-Tulya Tea, Raipur Bakery, Bajjnathpara, Raipur. Mobile: 9329418483; - King Battery, Fatehshah Market, Tikrapara, Raipur. Mobile: 7869911136; - Care Medical Stores, Sanjay Nagar, Main Road, Raipur. Mobile: 78697016613.

## Amit Shah offers prayers to Mahaprabhu Vallabhacharya

PRAYERS AT CHAMPARAN

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On reaching Mahaprabhu Vallabhacharya Ashram in Champaran, Home Minister Amit Shah was accorded traditional welcome.

**RAIPUR:** The Union Home Minister Amit Shah reached sacred pilgrimage of Chhattisgarh at Champaran and offered prayers to Mahaprabhu Vallabhacharya at the main sitting place and also offered prayers to Champeshwar Mahadev and sought blessings for peace and prosperity of all in the country. On this occasion CM Vishnu Deo Sai, Dy. CM Vijay Sharma and LS MP Brijmohan Agrawal were also present.

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Union Home Minister offering prayers at Champaran.

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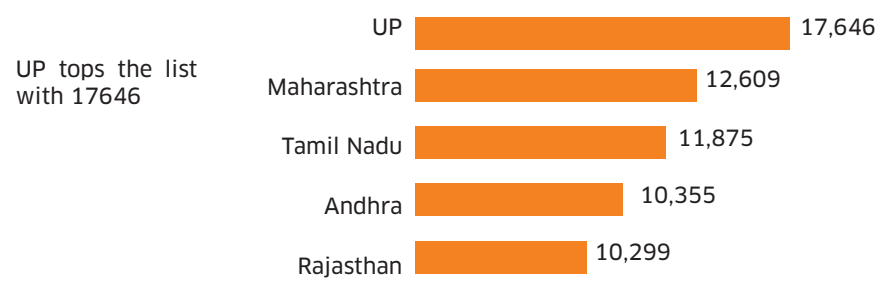
welcome. On this occasion Dwarkadheesh Lalji Maharaj presented a photograph of Mahaprabhu Vallabhacharya to him. He was welcomed on behalf of Vallabhacharya Nidhi Trust and Shri Harish Babaria and Monal Babaria presented him the photo off Shrinath.

It is notable here that

at the birth place of Mahaprabhu Vallabhacharya in Champaran, the followers of 'Pushchimarg' gathers from all over the country. It was during visit to Banares- South, mother of Vallabhacharya developed delivery pains and she delivered birth to a baby boy near Champeshwar Mahadev temple.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### NO. OF POST OFFICES IN INDIA STATE-WISE 2014



## HC upholds reinstatement of Gurjinder Pal Singh

**RAIPUR:** The Delhi High Court has upheld the reinstatement of former additional director general of police of Chhattisgarh Gurjinder Pal Singh, who was compulsorily retired by author-

ities following FIRs against him for alleged corruption, extortion and sedition. A bench headed by Justice Suresh Kumar Kait dismissed a challenge by the Centre against the order passed by the CAT on a plea moved by the 1994-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer.

### LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

## IIM's Leadership Summit focuses on 'Building Business Owners'

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**RAIPUR:** Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur hosted its 8th Leadership Summit, a two-day event held from August 24 to 25 at Madai Auditorium in IIM Raipur campus. Centered on the theme "Building Business Owners," the 8th Leadership Summit brought together prominent corporate leaders and experts from various industries to discuss leadership in the evolving business landscape,



with a strong emphasis on sustainable and inclusive practices. The event was graced by keynote addresses from renowned figures, including Chief Guest Rupesh Sanghavi,

founder and CEO at Ergode, and Guest of Honour, Ms. Kamolika Gupta Peres, formerly of ServiceNow.

The Leadership Summit commenced with a

Act decisively, be persistent and consistent towards your goal.

**Rupesh Sanghavi**  
Founder and CEO at Ergode

warm welcome from Prof. Rashmi Shukla, Chairperson of Placement, IIM Raipur. She remarked, "It is with immense plea-

sure that I extend a warm welcome to all esteemed guests, speakers, faculty members, and dear students to this Leadership Summit at IIM Raipur."

Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani, Director, IIM Raipur, highlighted the importance of leadership in driving organizational value and employee growth. "Leadership is a crucial tool for effective management, enhancing the value of an organization by utilizing its resources to achieve its goals. Influ-

tial leaders motivate and guide employees, which is beneficial for their career growth as well.

Chief Guest Rupesh Sanghavi expressed his gratitude for the distinguished summit and emphasized the entrepreneurial mindset along with the importance of proactive leadership, the power of self-learning and AI in modern business. He encouraged students by stating, "act decisively, be persistent and consistent towards your goal."

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# 'Congress-NC alliance: a desperate bid for power'

Deputy CM slams Congress: Are you with separatists or the people?.

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**RAIPUR:** Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao has slammed the Congress party for its alliance with the National Conference in Jammu and Kashmir, calling it a desperate attempt to grab power. He questioned Congress's stand on several key issues, including the restoration of Article 370 and 35A, and its support for the National Conference's demand for a separate flag for Kashmir.

Sao asked if Congress supports the National Conference's call for the return of Article 370 and 35A, which he claimed would lead to the resurgence of terrorism and separatism in the region. He also questioned Congress's stance on the National Conference's demand for talks with Pakistan and its support for the resumption of LoC trade, which he claimed would benefit terrorists and separatists.

The Deputy Chief Minister also accused Congress of being anti-reservation, citing its alliance with the National Conference, which he claimed opposes reservations for Dalits, Gujjars, and other marginalized communities in Jammu and Kashmir. He asked if Congress



Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao.

## FASTFACTS

- The Deputy Chief Minister accused Congress of being anti-reservation, citing its alliance with NC which he claimed opposes reservations for Dalits, Gujjars, and other marginalized communities in J&K.

wants to deny these communities their rightful benefits by allying with the National Conference.

Sao further questioned Congress's commitment to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, asking if it wants to hand over the

## Sao attacks Cong for compromising national security for power

Sao claimed that the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the country want to know where Congress stands on these critical issues.

This development has raised questions about Congress's commitment to national security and its willingness to compromise on key issues for political gain. The party's alliance with the National Conference has been seen as a desperate attempt to regain power in Jammu and Kashmir, and its implications are being closely watched.

region's economy to a select few pro-Pakistan families. He also asked if Cong supports the National Conference's demand for autonomy for Kashmir, which he

claimed would lead to division and separatism. The Dy CM demanded that Congress clarify its stand on these issues, given its alliance with the National Conference.

## Raipur ready for spiritual fiesta



### 3-day Janmashtami Maha-Mahotsav 2024 kicks off today!

**RAIPUR:** The city is all set to witness a grand celebration of Lord Krishna's birth anniversary as the 3-day Janmashtami Maha-Mahotsav 2024 begins today at new temple premises of ISKCON in Tatibandh, Raipur. The festivities will be inaugurated by HH Sidharth Swami, President of ISKCON Mandir Tatibandh Raipur, along with Vice Presidents Sulochan Krishna Das and Janardan Das. The event will be presided over by Festival Committee Chairman Rajesh Agrawal and Vice Chairman Shubham Singhal. This year's celebration promises to be a spectacular one, with the entire temple premises decked up with flowers and special decorations. The festivities will include a Bal Bamotsav on the first day, followed by a fancy dress competition and devotional dance competitions for children and youth. The organizers have made special arrangements for prasadam and have brought in dress and ornaments from Mumbai and Vrindavan Dham to add to the grandeur of celebration.

## PM-JANMAN mega campaign from August 23 to September 10

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### HIGHLIGHT

**RAIPUR:** In a significant outreach effort, a mega campaign targeting Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) will run from August 23 to September 10. This initiative, part of the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN), will cover 18 districts in Chhattisgarh. The campaign aims to extend the benefits of both state and central government schemes to the tribal communities, including Baiga, Pahari Korwa, Kamar, Abujhmadia, and Birhor.

As per the directive of Tribal Welfare Minister Ramvihar Netam, the Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Department will organize mega events and Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaigns in these districts in September. In the first week of September, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will engage virtually with PVTG families from various states including Chhattisgarh.

Meanwhile, PM-JANMAN scheme was launched by Prime Minister Shri Modi on Tribal Pride Day, November 15, 2023. Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Minister Shri Ramvihar Netam stated that Prime Minister Shri Narendra

- PM Modi to virtually connect with PVTG families in first week of September.

- Minister Ramvihar Netam outlines upcoming mega events and beneficiary camps for PVTGs under PM-JANMAN.

Modi will participate in the national mega event organized under the PM-JANMAN scheme in Jharkhand, from where he will address all districts with PVTG settlements across the country via two-way connectivity. One of the PVTG-dominated districts in Chhattisgarh will be selected for the state-level mega event.

"Alongside the state-level mega event, district-level programmes will be held in all other PM-JANMAN districts. We are making necessary arrangements for two-way connectivity to ensure smooth viewing and listening of the Prime Minister's address from Jharkhand. Local MLAs and other public representatives will actively participate in these events," said Minister Netam. He added that PVTGs will benefit from various central and state government schemes during these programmes, which will also feature cultural activities.

## NEWSLINE

### TENNIS COMPETITION

#### Imon and Isha emerge as Champions



**RAIPUR:** The ITA Championship Series Under 18 Tennis Competition, held from August 19 to 23 at Epicum Tennis Academy, Sejbahar, Raipur, concluded today with the Boys and Girls Final matches.

In the Boys Singles Final, Imon Bhatt of Chhattisgarh won the CS7 Under 18 title after a thrilling match, defeating Prajnya Andrey of Telangana 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

In the Girls Final Match, Isha Sharma of Chhattisgarh dominated the game, defeating Sunoma Devnath of Bengal 6-1, 6-1 to claim the title.

### DHARNA

#### Congress' dharna, against arrest of MLA Yadav

**RAIPUR:** The District Congress office-bearers and party-workers staged a day-long dharna, organized here to protest against the arrest of Congress MLA Devendra Yadav along with some of the party workers from Bhilai and Gurg and workers a few days ago. During the agitation Congress leaders said that the arrest of Congress MLA and party workers in connection with the arson incident in Balodabazar was totally uncalled for. The Congress agitators alleged that the BJP government had deliberately arrested the Congress MLA and party workers without any evidence, just to cover-up its failures in the Balodabazar arson case. The state government was trying to defame the party by arresting MLA Devendra Yadav, the agitators further said.

### CYBER FRAUD

#### Software engineer duped by cyber hoodwinks



**RAIPUR:** Software engineer Rashmi Sharma (42), who was staying in the city on a tour from Uttar Pradesh, was duped by cyber hoodwinks as she was lured of getting huge profit. When the accused got Rs 88 lakh through online transfer in several installments during last couple of months, they removed the victim from their group. The victim then lodged a complaint in Telibandha police station Rashmi realized the matter, only when the group-admin Naresh removed her from the investment group and his mobile phone also responded as 'switch off' continuously. The software engineer Rashmi had come to Raipur in connection with some work related to her company.

## RMC's incubation center at ISBT Bhatagaon

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This center represents a significant step forward in creating an ecosystem that nurtures entrepreneurship and innovation in Raipur, providing much-needed support and infrastructure to emerging startups.

**RAIPUR:** In a significant move to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in the region, Commissioner Abinash Mishra paid a visit to the Raipur Municipal Commission's soon-to-be-launched co-working cum incubation center, located on the 3rd floor of ISBT Bhatagaon. This cutting-edge facility, which will be managed under the RDups initiative, is designed to provide a

dynamic workspace for budding entrepreneurs and startups.

In its first phase, the center boasts a 150-seater co-working space, with ambitious plans for future expansion to accommodate up to 500 seats. The facility is equipped with a range of modern amenities essential for a productive work environment, including three small conference rooms, one large conference room, founder cabins, a community hall with recreational games and seating areas, high-speed Wi-Fi, a reception and waiting lounge, and a canteen.

RMC has already floated a tender to onboard a system integrator, with the process expected to be finalized by the first week of September. Commissioner Mishra emphasized the importance of timely completion.

## Yudhishtir gets Ramesh Paswan Award

**KORBA:** The felicitation ceremony in the memory of late journalist Ramesh Paswan, who fought for progressive values in his life, was held here as a mark of respect to the renowned journalist of the town. This year the energetic young journalist of the district, Yudhishtir Rajwada was honored with a sum of 10 thousand rupees along with a shawl and a coconut for genuine reporting. A seminar was also held to mark the birthday of famous writer and satirist Harishankar Parsai in Sahitya Bhavan on the day. Senior journalist Kishore Sharma, chief guest, in his address said, Ramesh Paswan's journalism had reached its pinnacle during the Balko movement; the world media was evaluating Balko on the basis of his reporting. Vikas Joshi said, "I was a right-winger but despite his being of communist by ideology, I used to consult him.

## 'Resources not important; what matters is willpower'

INVESTITURE CEREMONY |

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Chief Guest for the ceremony was Raipur Collector Dr. Gaurav Kumar Singh (IAS).

**RAIPUR:** The student council oath-taking ceremony was held at the Gyanoday Bhavan in the premises of Shri Gujarati Higher Secondary School, Devendra Nagar here.

The Chief Guest for the ceremony was Raipur Collector Dr. Gaurav Kumar Singh (IAS) and the event was presided over by the Chairman of the Management Committee of Shri Gujarati Shikshan Sangh Raipur, Narayan Bhai Patel.

Present on this occasion were Principal of Shri Gujarati Higher Secondary School (Hindi



Collector Dr. Gaurav Kumar Singh being felicitated at the programme.

### FASTFACTS

- Collector explained the greatness of a teacher and motivated the students to bring excellent results.

- He emphasized the need to control desires to achieve goals.

Medium), Anis Memon, Principal of the English Medium School, Dr. Shailesh Sharma and other invited guests.

The Chief Guest, Raipur Collector Dr. Gaurav Kumar Singh (IAS), in his inspirational address, explained the greatness of a teacher and motivated the students to

bring excellent results, considering the excellent facilities provided by the Management Committee at minimal fees. He also called upon the teachers to not just be salaried employees but to become like the "gurus" of ancient times, fostering personality development and nurturing talent.

COMPETITION |

## State Rifle Association shooting competition concludes

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**RAIPUR:** Under the aegis of National Rifle Association of India, Chhattisgarh Rifle Association organized a shooting competition at the shooting range of Mana, 385 shooters participated in the competition, shooters from mainly all the districts of Chhattisgarh attracted everyone's attention with their shooting.

This competition is organized every year by



Jindal Steel and Power Limited. This championship, which started on 13 August, was concluded on 23 August by Sports Minister Tankaram

Verma. Tankaram Verma congratulated all the participants and encouraged the players of the state to play at the international level,

"These games are neither necessary to win nor necessary to lose, life is a game, that is why it is necessary to play it".

Tankaram Verma  
Sports Minister

also congratulated Jindal Steel for this event and

told the participants who could not go further in this competition that participating in the competition itself was an achievement for them.

The Prime Minister's Khelo India scheme was also mentioned where he talked about restarting the sports decoration ceremony which had been stopped to promote sports activities. This time 385 players participated in this competition in which 115 players made their place in Mavlankar.

## Collector cracks down on rice mills

Central Chronicle News

**RAIPUR:** In a swift action, Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh ordered the seizure of paddy and rice from several rice mills in Raipur district for failing to deposit custom milling rice at the required pace. The move comes after the government expressed strong displeasure over the slow pace of work.

According to sources, the following rice mills were inspected and sei-

zure was made:  
- Nirmala Rice Pvt. Ltd., Abhanpur: 3800 quintals of paddy and 7750 quintals of rice  
- Kamal Rice Mill, Mandir Hasaud: 3600 quintals of paddy  
- Kanha Rice Mill, Jarouda, Arang: 12570.40 quintals of paddy and 350 quintals of rice

The action was taken by a team of officials led by Assistant Food Officer Pavitra Ahirwar, Bharti Harsh, and Food Inspector Shradha Chouhan.



# Bhilai



"School management committees should work in coordination with staff, students and parents."

Gajendra Yadav  
MLA, Durg City

## Congress stage protest against Yadav's arrest

Former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel led the demonstrators at Durg.



Former CM Bhupesh Baghel addressing the protestors in Durg.

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**BHILAI:** Congress party workers are highly aggrieved with the arrest of Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav in Balodabazar case. On Saturday, Congmen staged a gherao at Durg Collectorate demanding the early release of MLA Devendra Yadav.

Led by former CM Bhupesh Baghel, Congress workers from Durg City, Durg Rural and Bhilai staged an aggressive protest. A meeting was held near the statue of Mahatma Gandhi in front of Durg District Hospital.

### FASTFACTS

● Youth Congress to stage Jail Bharo agitation on Aug 25

● Congress workers demand immediate release of MLA Devendra Yadav

Mayors of Durg, Bhilai and Risali, Congress Party President and other office bearers, Youth Congress, NSUI and other office bearers joined the protests. Bhupesh Baghel said that the state government is victimising MLA Devendra in an attempt

### Police acting like agents of BJP: Bhupesh

Bhupesh Baghel said that Chhattisgarh police is acting like agents of BJP. They are arresting the youth of Satnami community at midnight from their homes. MLA Devendra Yadav was not even on the stage for 10 minutes at Balodabazar but serious charges have been framed against him. Youth Congress is going to stage Jail Bharo agitation on August 24 at Civic Center.

to hide its failures. He added that police served notices for interrogation but arrested Devendra from his home. If the government has even a single proof against Devendra, it should be immediately made public. Bhupesh Baghel warned of

aggressive movement if Devendra Yadav is not released soon. Bhilai District President Mukesh Chandrakar, former MLA Badruddin Qureshi, former Mayor Neeta Lodhi, BMC Speaker Girvar Bunty Sahu participated in the protest.

## Youth stabbed in Baigapara

**BHILAI:** Two ruffians stabbed a youth in Baigapara of Durg on Friday. The victim Lokesh alias Lucky Yadav was stabbed by a ruffian identified as Akash Yadav of the same locality. The victim Lokesh was talking with Vicky Yadav and Sahil Chandrakar near Sheetla Mandir when Akash Yadav reached there on his bike and started abusing Vicky. When Lokesh raised an objection, the accused Akash stabbed him with a knife on neck, left palm and left waist. Police lodged an FIR under section 115(2), 296, 351(2) of BNS.

## Motorcycle stolen

**BHILAI:** A bike was stolen from Supela the other day. The victim Subhash Singh Yadav is a resident of Risali Ashish Nagar and works in a factory at Raipur. On August 19 morning, he had parked his Super Splendor bike (CG 07 LD-1703) under Supela Flyover and gone to work in Siltara Raipur. When he returned at around 16:30 hrs, he found that the bike was missing. Police lodged an FIR against unknown bike lifters under section 303(2) of BNS.

## Two smugglers arrested with Heroin worth lakhs in Jamul



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**BHILAI:** Police arrested two smugglers and recovered heroin (Chitta) from their possession. CSP Harish Patil informed that they are conducting a special campaign against drug abuse and illegal trade of intoxicants in the district. Durg Police has tightened noose on drug dealers in the district through continuous action. On Friday, Police received a tip off regarding two suspects who were carrying Heroin (Citta) from Khursipar to Shankar Nagar in Jamul in a four wheeler vehicle. Acting on this tip off, Police swung into action to trap the suspects. A joint team of Jamul Police Station and ACCU led by Inspector Kapil Dev Pandey (SHO, Jamul) and Inspector Tapesh Netam (Incharge ACCU) intercepted a silver coloured Duster car

(CG 10 NC 9998) near SS Hospital in Shankar Nagar, Jamul. On searching, Police recovered the narcotic substance heroin (chitta); an electronic weighing scale and a knife. Police seized the car bearing registration number CG 10 NC 9998 used by the accused for smuggling. The accused Roshan Kumar Sao and Deepak Gupta were booked under Section 21 (b), 22 of NDPS Act as well as Section 25 of Arms Act. Both the accused were produced before the court and have been sent to jail on judicial remand. Head Constable Muralidhar Kashyap, Constable Rinku Soni, Guneet Ram Nirmalkar, Rakesh Chaudhary and Constable Ajay Singh, Gambhir Jaat, Balendra Dwivedi, Chetman Gurung, S Dinesh and Sunil Thakur played a vital role in arresting the accused.

### NEWSLINE

#### MEETING

Gajendra Yadav interacts with office bearers



**BHILAI:** A meeting of the newly appointed chairmen and MLA representatives of the School Management Committee of all the government schools located in Durg City assembly was held on Saturday. MLA Gajendra Yadav congratulated them and motivated them for better management of the school. Yadav said that school is a temple of knowledge. He asked all the chairmen and representatives to work in better coordination with all the staff, students and parents. He urged them to make their best contribution. District co-coordinator Surendra Pandey from the District Education Department detailed the newly appointed office bearers about their primary tasks.

#### COURTESY CALL

Dr Chaudhary meets Mallika Nadda



**BHILAI:** BJP Medical Cell Bhilai District Convenor Dr Pradeep Chaudhary paid a courtesy visit to Mallika Nadda, wife of BJP National President and Union Health Minister JP Nadda. Mallika is also the Chairperson of All India Divyangjan Association. CG Bengali Samaj members Deepak Banerjee, Jaydeep Banerjee and Jabalpur Bengali Samaj Secretary Sujit Banerjee were also present. Dr Chaudhary invited her to visit Chhattisgarh and discussed constituting an association to encourage Divyangs in Chhattisgarh. Mallika Nadda has assured full cooperation. Dr Pradeep presented a portrait of Maa Danteshwari. Mallika Nadda accepted the invitation and said that she will visit Chhattisgarh soon.

#### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Mandal level workshops from today

**BHILAI:** BJP is going to launch its membership campaign from September 1. Prior to the launch, the party is organising workshops to train the party workers regarding the online membership process. In this series, workshops will be organized in all 13 Mandals of Durg district. District coordinator of the membership campaign, Rajendra Kumar Padhye said that senior leaders have been selected to conduct the workshops in all 13 Mandals. On Aug 25, MLA Lalit Chandrakar will conduct the workshop in Jamgaon R of South Patan Mandal and Rajendra Kumar will hold the workshop in Sikola Patripar Mandal.

## Annual School Marathon organised at SSV-X

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**BHILAI:** Sri Sankaravidyalaya, Sector-X, hosted a successful Marathon Event on the occasion of 'National Sports Day' to mark the birth anniversary of Major Dhyanchand falling on August 29, 2024. School organized a Marathon event, involving enthusiastic participation from both parents and students.

The marathon commenced at 7:30 hrs and witnessed an overwhelming response from parents and students who turned up in large number to showcase their sporting spirit and unity. The Marathon initiated with the students of Class XI -XII followed by Class IX-X and concluded with Class VI-VIII. Parents too participated with great enthusiasm. Bipin Desh-



mukh Principal, SSV Sector X emphasized the significance of health and fitness along with a spirit of true sportsmanship. He congratulated all the winners and participants and extended his greetings on the occasion of Janmashtami to the entire gathering. V Ramchandran (President, SSES), S Swaminathan (Secretary, SSES) and the members of Sri Sankara Education Society deeply appreciated the positive impact of such initiatives and lauded the participants for their dedication to physical fitness and camaraderie. The event concluded with the National Anthem.

## Theft at Amazon godown

**BHILAI:** Theft occurred at the godown of Amazon Courier Service in village Karhidih. Manager of the godown complained that on Friday morning, his employee Luv Devangan informed him on telephone that the shutter lock of Amazon Courier Service Karhidih office is broken. The manager and other employees reached the godown and found that the lock of the cupboard was also broken and the cash was stolen by unknown thieves.

## Hoarding frames stolen

**BHILAI:** Iron frames and girders of an advertising agency were stolen from Raipur Naka in Durg. The victim Shubham Gupta complained that they had placed iron girders and iron frames for hoardings at Raipur Naka.

## 31 Rakes of 260 metre long rails dispatched so far

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### From SAIL-BSP's Sabarmati Flash Butt Welding Plant

**BHILAI:** As many as 19 rakes of 260 metre long welded rail panels have been dispatched from SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Flash Butt Welding Plant (FBWP) at Sabarmati to Indian Railways in the current fiscal year.

A total of 31 rakes of 260 metre welded rail panels has been dispatched to Indian Railways so far including 12 rakes dispatched in fiscal year 2023-24. The first rake of 260 metre welded rail panels had been dispatched from Sabar-



An employee working on the long rails.

mati plant in November 23. The 19 rakes dispatched in current fiscal year include five rakes dispatched in June 24, another five rakes in July

24 and four rakes so far in August 24. It is worth mentioning that Phased Array Ultrasonic Testing (PAUT) of weld joints that was recently started in BSP's Universal Rail

### FASTFACTS

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● 12 rakes dispatched in fiscal year 2023-24

Mill and Rail & Structural Mill was inaugurated at the Sabarmati Flash Butt Welding Plant on Aug 06, 2024 by CGM (FBWP) Neeraj Kumar in presence of CGM (URM) and Nodal Officer of Sabarmati Proj-

ect, Anish Sengupta and GM (RCL) Siddharth Mukhopadhyaya. This modern technique of phased array ultrasonic testing is used to detect and image the defects, if any, in the weld joints. This state-of-the-art technology uses multiple ultrasonic elements during the scan and electronic time delays to create beams by constructive interference.

The input rails for welding at the FBWP, Sabarmati are being supplied in 26 metre length by BSP's Rail & Structural Mill. Utilisation of the FBWP at Sabarmati has helped augment the volume of 260 metre long rail supplies to Indian Railways from SAIL-BSP.

### VEHICLE HANDOVER CEREMONY |

## NSPCL hands over two new delivery vehicles to APF

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**BHILAI:** NSPCL has handed over two new delivery vehicles to Akshaya Patra Foundation Bhilai for its significant contribution towards child nutrition. These vehicles will facilitate delivery of hot and nutritious lunch to the children in the government schools of Bhilai.

The vehicle handover ceremony was organised at NSPCL Bhilai Township on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations. NSPCL Business Head Chairman Somnath Chattopadhyay presented the



keys of both the vehicles to Akshaya Patra Foundation (APF) Bhilai Chairman Swami Shri Vyompad Das.

Special guests present included GM Alok Singh, AGM Kamal Kant, Head of Human Resources Parimal Sinha and Head

of Social Responsibility Sarfaraz Alam and other dignitaries.

Parimal Sinha informed that NSPCL has played a leading role in social responsibility work. Through these vehicles, students will get hot and nutritious

"Through these vehicles, students will get hot and nutritious food which will help in improving child nutrition and eliminating diseases"

Parimal Sinha  
HR Head

food which will help in improving child nutrition and eliminating diseases like anemia, sickle cell etc. NSPCL is also

working on other such schemes for the development of child nutrition and education. Akshaya Patra Foundation is a non-profit organization which is striving to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in classrooms in India.

Akshaya Patra Foundation has today become the world's largest non-profit institution running a mid-day meal program which provides hot and nutritious food to more than 22 lakh children every day. Its modern kitchen has become a subject of study and attracts curious people from all over the world.

## Anti ragging awareness week organized



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**BHILAI:** As per the instructions of UGC, Discipline and Anti Ragging Committee in association with NSS unit of St Thomas College jointly organised Anti ragging awareness Week from August 12-18, 2024. During the program all the students were informed about the negative impacts of ragging and also they were told that if any student will be involved in any type of ragging activity then he/she will be punished in different

sections under law. Principal of the college Dr MG Roymon administered oath to all the students for not to be involved in any type of ragging activity. A short film was presented for students in which the mental, economical and physical losses of ragging were observed by students. A poster making competition on the theme "Say No To Ragging" was organized for students and winners were awarded certificates from the hands of Lalit Chandrakar, MLA Durg (Rural).



"If the sports complex, stadium and other infrastructure are managed by the Physical Cultural Society, the citizens will get the benefit for a long time."

Dharamjeet Singh  
MLA, Takhatpur



# Bilaspur

## DPCS to maintain sports facilities in Bilaspur

The District Level Physical Cultural Society in its first meeting took the responsibility of maintaining the sports facilities and other basic amenities.



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### FACTFILE

**BILASPUR:** A meeting of the District Physical Cultural Society (DPCS) was held in Manthan Sabhakaksha under the chairmanship of Collector Avneesh Sharan. MLA Takhatpur Dharmjeet Singh and Beltara MLA Sushant Shukla were especially present in the meeting. In the meeting, it was decided that the newly constructed sports complexes and stadiums including Raghuraj Singh Stadium will be operated by the Physical Cultural Society. It may be noted that Smart City Limited Bilaspur has developed sports facilities in the city at a cost of crores of rupees. These include Sanjay Taran Pushkar Sports Complex, Pink Stadium Bilasa Girls College, Mini Stadium Government Multi. Higher Secondary School. If they are managed by the society, they will be properly maintained and the citizens will get the benefit for a long time, said MLA Dharamjeet Singh in the meeting. It is worth noting that Smart City Lim-

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Stadium and Sarkanda Sports Complex to Physical Cultural Society. It was also decided to approve an amount of Rs. 20 lakh from Physical Cultural Society for sprinkler installation and ground repair work in Raghuraj Stadium and to give Rs. 20 lakh by the society for pavilion construction in the stadium and soil filling in the badminton court. An amount of Rs. 12 lakh 83 thousand was approved for purchasing walk behind roller, hydrostatic roller, pitch zero cut mower, out field lawn mower for pitch construction in Raja Raghuraj Singh Stadium cricket ground. It was decided to enter into a contract with Lions Services Ltd. Delhi, an agency contracted by the Municipal Corporation, for regular cleaning of the stadium ground and various courts.

## Felicitation ceremony on 25th in Champa

**CHAMPA:** State level Nari Shakti Pratibha Samman ceremony is being organized in Champa on Sunday, 25th August from 11 am under the joint aegis of Chhattisgarh Journalist Union and Chhattisgarh Press Club. Women who have made significant contribution in various fields of the state will be honored in the ceremony. Kulwant Singh Saluja, Moolchand Gupta of the organizing committee said that this ceremony is an important step to encourage women's talent and their contribution, people from different sections of the society will be present on this occasion.

## Janmashtami festival in Arang on August 27

**ARANG:** Krishna Janmashtami festival has been organized on 27th August in Avanti Bai Chowk Yadav Samaj Bhawan Arang. In which the chief guest will be Guru Khuswant Saheb MLA Arang, presided by Shobharam Yadav leader of opposition, Nagar Palika. Arang, special guest Rajesh Sahu leader of opposition, Nagar Palika.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### CAMP

#### Special camps to be held in all polling stations for voters' registration

**JAGDALPUR:** As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, a two-day special camp will be organized in all the polling stations on 9-10 and 16-17 November 2024 for the registration of voters. Under the process of special brief revision of electoral rolls with photographs for the year 2025, the final publication of electoral rolls will be done on 6 January 2025 on the basis of date of qualification as 1 January 2025. According to the information received from the District Election Office, the process of adding, deleting, amending the names of voters in the voter list will be done by doing door-to-door survey by the booth level officer till 18 October 2024 and the initial publication of the voter list will be done on 29 October 2024.

### PROBLEM

#### Condition of shops located on Stadium Road pathetic in Korba



**KORBA:** The condition of the shop located in Stadium Road in Transport Nagar is in a pathetic condition. Neither the public representatives of the area are paying attention to this area nor the responsible officers of the Nagar Palika. A shopkeeper told our correspondent that the situation is so bad that the roof is falling due to seepage of water in our shops and the front of the shop is completely covered with mud, which is affecting our shop a lot. Another shopkeeper told the reporter that there is no tap facility and cleaning is also not done.

### pedestrians face trouble

#### Traffic system in Champa in shambles due to haphazard crowding in main area



**CHAMPA :** The traffic system in Champa is in shambles due to a diagnostic center in the town. The Priya Diagnostic Center located in front of Barari Ashram keeps crowding continuously, due to which pedestrians face a lot of trouble in commuting. This Priya Diagnostic Center located in front of Station Road Barari Ashram keeps crowding vehicles, due to which the traffic system has completely deteriorated. Priya Diagnostic has made

the road worth crores its parking area, due to which emergency ambulances also have to face a lot of problems due to the vehicles of Priya Diagnostic Center parked on the road. On one hand, where the Nagar Palika had built a footpath road at a cost of crores for people to walk, on the other hand, Priya Diagnostic Center has made its own parking area, due to which traffic and vehicles have to face difficulties in commuting.

## Shravani Mahotsav concludes with Rudrabhishek

**ARANG:** The Shravani Mahotsav, which was going on for a month in the historic temple Baba Bageshwar Nath Mahadev temple of the city, concluded with Purnahuti Havan. Shravani worship of Devadhiv Shri Bageshwar Nath Mahadev, organized for the welfare of the people on the occasion of Shravani festival in Baba Bageshwar Nath Mahadev Temple Arang, was done daily from 22 July to 19 August 2024. The festival was concluded on Wednesday. On the occasion of the closing, at 12 noon, Ganga Jal Puja Sahastradhara Rudrabhishek of Baba Bageshwar Nath ji was done. After that, Purnahuti Havan and Shringar Maha Aarti were performed and Prasad was distributed to the devotees.

### INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE TAKES DECISION |

## Korba Mayor's caste certificate cancelled

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**KORBA:** The high level certification investigation committee headed by Sonamni Bora, Principal Secretary of Tribal Affairs Department, has cancelled the caste certificate of Municipal Corporation, Korba Mayor Rajkishore Prasad. This action has been taken but the question remains that how did the SDM posted at that time issue a permanent certificate. After cancellation, what kind of action will be taken against him by the government, it remains to be seen. ecause he issued a wrong certificate and the role of the concerned personnel involved in it should also be investigated.

After the cancellation of the caste certificate



### FACTFILE

● **Even though the action has been taken against the Mayor, the question remains as to how did the SDM posted at that time issue a permanent caste certificate to the Mayor.**

of the Congress Mayor, there has been a commotion in the politics of the city.

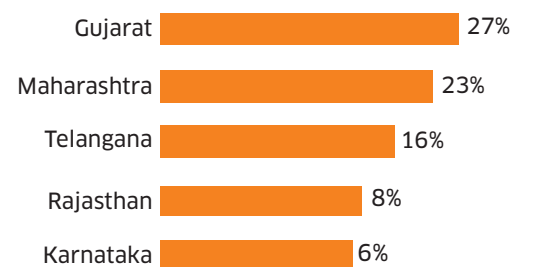
### What did the investigation committee found in the investigation:

Let us tell you that on 6 December 2019, the Sub-Divisional Officer Korba had issued a permanent social status certificate of 'Koiri' or 'Koiri' Other Backward Class in favor of Rajkishore Prasad. (It comes under backward class in Bihar state but was issued in Chhattisgarh, that too on the basis of temporary certificate issued from Hardi Bazar tehsil)

According to the high level certification investigation committee, the report of the vigilance cell, statements of witnesses and examination of the documents presented and detailed investigation in this case make it clear that the holder failed to prove his social status. Hence, there is no reason for not cancelling the permanent social status certificate of 'Koiri' or 'Koiri' Other Backward Class issued by the court sub-divisional officer Korba on 6 December 2019. After analyzing the documentary evidence and records provided by the holder, the scrutiny committee has unanimously decided that as per the provisions of the rules framed under the Chhattisgarh Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes (Regulation of Certification of Social Status) Act 2013, the permanent social status certificate of 'Koiri' or 'Koiri' Other Backward Class issued in favor of Rajkishore Prasad from the Court Sub-Divisional Officer Korba is cancelled.

### The Day's NUMBERS

### STATES WITH MAXIMUM COTTON PRODUCTION SHARE IN INDIA



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### CEREMONY

#### Felicitation Ceremony and Career Guidance camp organized



**SAKTI:** Felicitation and Award Ceremony along with a Career Guidance camp was organized in Government Higher Secondary School of Ghivra village of the district. The chief guest of the program was Janjgir-Champa MP Kamlesh Jangde. Jaijapur MLA Baleshwar Sahu presided over the program. Sakti district SP Ankita Sharma and other guests were present as special guests. 15 talented students were honored. Nandini Khandekar, Nandini Kashyap, Shailendra Kashyap of 12th Science Faculty, Priyanka Patel, Nisha Patel, Atul Kumar of 12th Arts Faculty, Lata Kurre, Sangeeta Vishwakarma, Divya Sanwara of 10th and Megha Kashyap, Bharti Sahu, Sandhya Kashyap of 8th and Nidhi Kashyap, Durgeshwari Kosle, Abhay Kurre of 5th were honored. After receiving the honor, the students showed great enthusiasm.

### INVESTIGATION

#### Congress probes BJP ministers and leaders' involvement



**JAGDALPUR:** Former Congress PCC President Mohan Markam and Konta MLA Kawasi Lakhma, in a joint press conference at Bastar district headquarters, said that sand smuggling is being done from Konta with the connivance of officials, local BJP leaders and ministers. Four journalists who came to expose this have been arrested in Andhra Pradesh in a fake ganja case, which is condemnable. Mohan Markam said that we had gone to Rajamendri Central Jail in Andhra Pradesh, and have returned with complete information about the meeting with the four journalists. Also, after talking to the local people in Konta on the issue of sand smuggling, he went to the place from where sand was being extracted. Sand smugglers have dumped thousands of tippers of sand, which was being smuggled.

### STUDENTS EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO CM AND ADMIN FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY |

## Surguja Students meet with Prez Murmu

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**RAPUR:** Five students of Surguja, Jashpur, Surajpur and Balrampur districts of Surguja division met President Draupadi Murmu in the capital Delhi on the occasion of Rakshabandhan. On this occasion, Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan encouraged the children by taking information about their academic and other



school activities. He wished everyone a bright future and wished them well. Students of Surguja division expressed gratitude to Chief Minister

Shri Vishnudev Sai administration for this unforgettable moment. Chief Minister said that it is encouraging to know that the students were



**Students from Surguja division were selected to meet President Draupadi Murmu on the basis of their excellent performance in academics, sports, music and other activities.**

Vishnu Dev Sai  
CM, Chhattisgarh

selected for meeting President Draupadi Murmu on the basis of their excellent performance in academic activities as well as sports, music and other school activities. The selected students included Jyoti, a student of Kasturba Residential School Lakhapur from Surguja, Riya and Rajni Chauhan from Jashpur district, Nandini Kindo from Surajpur and Prashansa from Balrampur district.



The positive aspects of development in Bijapur should be promoted thru social media influencers.

Anurag Pandey  
Collector Bijapur



# Chhattisgarh

## Minister pushes local welfare implementation

Minister said that the public welfare schemes of the government should be implemented at the grassroots level



Industry and Labor and Minister in charge of KCG Lakhanlal Devangan reviewed the development works on Friday.

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### FACTFILE

**KHAIRAGARH:** Minister of Forests and Industry and Labor and Minister in charge of Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, Lakhanlal Devangan on Friday reviewed the development works by holding a meeting of officials in the meeting hall of the District Collectorate Khairagarh. In the meeting, Minister Devangan said that the public welfare schemes of the government should be implemented at the grassroots level and its better benefits should reach the common citizens with priority. He inspired all the officials to perform their duties responsibly and do work in public interest.

● The benefits of each scheme should reach as many people as possible, all departments should work in coordination in this direction, says Minister-in-charge Devangan.

● The Minister in charge of Khairagarh district reviewed the development works.

Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha MP Santosh Pandey, Khairagarh MLA Yashoda Verma, Superintendent of Police Trilok Bansal, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Rajnandgaon Ms. Suruchi Singh, Additional Collector and

other departmental officers and public representatives were present in the review meeting. While reviewing the health department, Minister Devangan asked to identify a place for the construction of the district hospital as soon as possible. Apart from this, instructions were given to work rapidly towards starting a blood bank in the district. Also, instructions were given to the health department officials to work promptly for the prevention of seasonal diseases.

Similarly, while reviewing the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme, Minister Devangan instructed the officials of the Public Health Engineering Department to monitor that instead of just com-

pleting the scheme, water should also be provided to every household.

In the meeting, Minister Devangan said that the country's successful Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai think that the benefits of every scheme should reach as many common people as possible, all the departments should work in coordination in this direction. He said that this is a new district, there is a shortage of resources right now, but in the coming times, the area will not be allowed to face any shortage in the Vishnu Dev government. During this, the public representatives informed the Minister Devangan about the problems of the district.

## Shishu Mandir Rewa celebrates Rakshabandhan

**AARANG:** The festival of Rakshabandhan was celebrated with great pomp at Saraswati Shishu Mandir in Rewa. All the sisters of every section tied rakhis to their brothers and fed them sweets. Furthermore, the brothers also gave various gifts to their sisters. The Principal of the school highlighted and talked about the importance of the festival and why is it celebrated in India. All the didis present in the school also tied rakhis and were given gifts by the school management.

## SCS benefits 66 girls in Kurud

**AARANG:** Girl students studying in Government Higher Secondary School in Kurud's Kutela in class 9th were distributed free bicycles under government's Saraswati Cycle Scheme (SCS). During the occasion, the girls looked happy after receiving the bicycles. During the event, Principal RP Sahu, school development committee president, Manharan Lal Chakradhari, member, Brijisingh Netam, Mohd Hanif Khan, Krishan Kumar Sahu, teachers, Kiran Mishra, Thakur Ram Sahu, K.K. Yadav and other students were present.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### ELECTED

## Gausevak Sangh elects Omkar as Block President, Tikeswar Sahu as V-P

**DONGARGAON:** Block level formation of private artificial insemination workers, Maitri and Pashusevaks working in the Animal Husbandry Department on work based honorarium was held in the Animal Hospital premises on Friday, in which Omkar Sahu was unanimously elected as the President of Dongargaon Block, Tikeswar Sahu as Vice President, Sevakdas Sahu as Secretary and Homprakash Sahu as Patron. President Sahu said that the main works of Animal Husbandry Department include breed improvement, vaccination, castration of animals, in which they have a special contribution. Apart from these, they work in other departmental activities and have been working for a long time, but do not get the honorarium on time.

### FARMER DAY

## Youth Congress honors farmers and labourers on Farmer-Labour Day



**ARANG:** On the occasion of former CM of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel's birthday, Youth Congress members celebrated farmer-labor day in his honor. On the instructions of State President of Youth Congress, Aakash Sharma and District President Raipur rural, Sajal Chandrakar, along with the participation of Arang Vidhan Sabha President Shubhanshu Sahu, the members of Youth Congress celebrated the momentous occasion by gifting gamchhas to farmers and laborers.

### Rakshabandhan celebration

## Durga Vahini celebrates the festival of Rakshabandhan with great pomp



**RAJIM:** This year also Rakshabandhan week was celebrated with great pomp in the entire district by the sisters of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Matrishakti Durga Vahini. Following the traditions of Sanatan Dharma, this program presented an excellent example of social harmony and mutual cooperation. Under Rakshabandhan week, the sisters of Matrishakti Durga Vahini went to various places and tied

Rakhi to people from different sections of the society. In this, respect was expressed towards the workers of VHP and Bajrang Dal by tying Rakhi to the District Bajrang Dal Convenor. Along with this, Rakhi was also tied to the police station in-charge and security personnel of the police force posted at Rajim police station, for whom gratitude was expressed for their vigilance and loyalty.

### PUBLIC RESOLUTION CAMP

## Large turnout at Ramgarh public resolution camp

Central Chronicle News

**KORIYA:** A camp was organized in the high school ground of remote Gram Panchayat Ramgarh of Sonhat development block of the district. This is the fourth camp of district level public problem resolution. Earlier, camps have been organized in Patna, Nagar and Bhainswar. Bharatpur Sonhat MLA Mrs. Renuka Singh and many public representatives of the area and Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Dr. Ashutosh Chaturvedi were present in the camp. A large number of villagers participated in the camp. Stalls were also set up by various departments here. At the camp site, the departmental officers gave detailed information to the villag-



A camp was organized in the high school ground of remote Gram Panchayat Ramgarh.

### FACTFILE

● Resolve the applications with sensitivity and discretion: MLA Renuka Singh

● MLA Renuka Singh participated in the Godhbharai ceremony and Annaprashan program and also fed sweets to the babies.

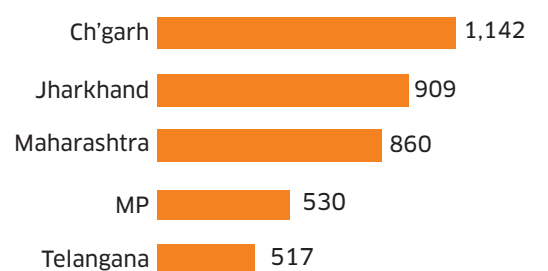
ers about the schemes run in the departments of Women and Child Development, Agriculture, Labor, Health, Food, Animal Husbandry etc. Also, they appealed to the villagers to take advantage of these schemes by joining them and for more information, one can reach the village panchayat secretary, Anganwadi worker or district office. MLA Renuka Singh said on this occasion that

this region is full of natural beauty. People come from far and wide to visit Ramgarh. There are immense possibilities of tourism. She said that she has seen the problems of this region closely. In such a situation, she asked the officials to resolve the applications received sensitively and with discretion because this region is far away from facilities like connectivity and electricity.

### The Day's NUMBERS

5639 new post offices opened in last five years

### TOP FIVE STATES WITH NEW POST OFFICE IN INDIA



Source - Agency

### SANSKRIT WEEK

## Diverse programs held to celebrate Sanskrit Week

**KHAIRAGARH:** On the occasion of the conclusion of Sanskrit program in the district headquarters, various programs were organized by the workers of Sanskrit Bharti through which the society could be awakened about the Sanskrit language. From 16 to 22 August, various programs were organized in India on the occasion of Sanskrit week. In this sequence, a procession was taken out by the workers of Sanskrit Bharti in Khairagarh from the Danteshwari temple premises. The workers went around chanting the praises of Sanskrit and sang Sanskrit songs and staged a drama. In the end, Dr. Shankarmuni Rai, Head of the Department of Hindi, Government Digvijay Mahavidyalaya, Rajnandgaon, overwhelmed all the workers with motivational words to do Sanskrit work. The program was organized under the guidance of Dr. Divyadesh Pandey, Bal Kendra Pramukh of Sanskrit Bharti Chhattisgarh Province and the efforts of city coordinator Dhaneshwar Sahu. The inspiration and blessings of Purnima Kelkar, Head of Sanskrit Department of Indira Kala Sangeet University, infused energy in Sanskrit lovers.

### SURVIVAL

## Cow struggles for survival on the road eating plastic waste and garbage on streets



**KHARORA:** Cow has a special significance in Indian culture since the Vedic period. It is sad that the cow which is considered worshipful in Indian culture is left to wander on the roads hungry and thirsty. People keep dogs in their homes, but they do not have even a single roti in the name of cow. Forget about small villages and towns, cows are seen eating garbage in the city streets and mohallas. They even die due to eating plastic and polythene. In Indian politics, there should be concern for democracy and environment above caste, creed and religion. Why is attention not being paid to the protection and safety of cows? Today there is no arrangement for their maintenance, due to which they are forced to live on the roads and crossroads due to which accidents keep happening everywhere, sometimes of cow mother and sometimes of common people, people who talk about religion and cow protection are also sitting with their eyes closed.

### HUMID WEATHER

## Humidity triggers discomfort, hospital visits

Central Chronicle News

**RAJIM:** Due to sudden rain after 10 days of stoppage, the farmers' faces were a little happy and they were seen busy in farm work. Due to the sudden stoppage of rain, the farmers were worried because it is very important to keep the fields filled with water at this time, if the water is drained out from the field, then apart from dis-



eases, forest waste grows in large quantities on the crop, due to which they have to suffer losses. To

increase the crop and keep it green, they are engaged in spraying fertilizers and medicines,

while the work of planting saplings has almost reached its final stage, in such a situation,



The outbreak of vomiting and diarrhea had increased in Sindhauri adjoining the city.

Health Experts  
Rajim

the work of Chalai is also going on at a fast pace. Light rain started from Thursday morning after 10 days. Despite this, humidity and heat kept people restless. At present, the patients of cold, fever, cough have suddenly increased due to which the crowd has increased in the hospitals. Apart from the government community center, people are lining up in private hospitals till 10:00 pm.



# Branded medicines sold at double price

Branded medicines sold under government doctors' protection, exploiting commission scheme, stalling action in Ghumka Jan Aushadhi.

Central Chronicle News

**RAJNANDGAON:** Branded medicines are being sold instead of cheap generic medicines in the Jan Aushadhi Kendra run in the community health centre located in Ghumka, due to which patients have to buy medicines by paying two to three times more money. The matter was revealed after a sting operation, by which it was confirmed that all the medicines being sold in Ghumka's Jan Aushadhi Kendra are being sold to the patients only with the intention of earning money, by flouting the rules for selling only generic medicines, which the operator of the Jan Aushadhi Kendra does not have the right to sell. The central government is operating PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra in government hospitals to provide relief to the common citizens where generic medicines are available to the people at cheap prices, but under the protection of medical officers, branded medicines are being sold in most of the Jan Aushadhi Kendras. A similar case has also been seen in the community health centre located in Ghumka, which has been confirmed.



Jan Aushadhi Kendra run in the community health centre located in Ghumka.

## FASTFACTS

● The central government is operating PM Jan Aushadhi Kendra in government hospitals to provide relief to the common citizens.

Meanwhile the BMO has revealed ignorance on the issue, stating his appointment to be recent to the place. In such a situation, doctors are taking full advantage of this scheme of the Central Government and are charging huge amounts in the guise of commission by selling expensive medicines to the common citizens and when representative asked Jan

After getting information and complaint in the matter, I immediately gave verbal order to BPM to issue a letter to the operator of Jan Aushadhi Kendra and take action.

**Dr. Nandkishore Tandon**  
BMO Community Health Center Ghumka

Aushadhi Kendra operator Tekram Sahu about this matter, he told that the agency from which he gets medicines does not provide sufficient quantity of medicines, due

There is no question of issuing a letter, as no branded medicines are being sold in Jan Aushadhi Kendra; six months ago it was being operated by another person after which the medicines were removed.

**Chandrashekhar Nagvanshi**  
BPM Community Health Center Ghumka

to which he has to sell branded medicines and this clearly shows that the said Jan Aushadhi Kendra is being operated under the protection of medical officers.

## Labor registration renewal till Dec 31

**KOREA:** Registered workers, under Chhattisgarh Bhawan and Other Construction Workers Board, whose registration validity has expired for 01 year or more and they have not yet submitted the application for registration renewal, such construction workers can apply for registration renewal till 31 December 2024 and after 31 December 2024 such unexpired registration will be considered unregistered. For more information in this regard, Chief Minister Labor Assistance Center 0771-3505050 can be contacted.

## Anesthetist posted in Hospital

**MARWAHI:** On the special initiative of Collector Mrs. Leena Kamlesh Mandavi, Caesarean delivery and night time facility has been started due to posting of anesthesiologist in the district hospital. Under the guidance of Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Rameshwar Sharma, with the help of gynecologist and hospital staff, two pregnant women were safely delivered after performing a complicated caesarean operation, here, which include Ramvati Bhanu, age 26 years, village Jogisar and Roshni Kashipuri, age 30 years, village Kudkai.

## Chief SGC of CG accorded welcome



Central Chronicle News

**KURUD:** Somnath Yadav, Chief Scout Guide Commissioner of Chhattisgarh State was given a grand welcome at Yadav Samaj Bhawan Kurud situated at Sandha Chowk. Dr. Somnath Yadav was nominated by Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai for the post of State Chief Commissioner of Bharat Scouts and Guides Chhattisgarh.

Dr. Somnath Yadav is also the coordinator of ATAS Chhattisgarh Chapter, and has been

the President of Chhattisgarh State Backward Class Commission. Apart from being the founder of Bilasa Kala Manch Bilaspur and the coordinator of Save Arpa River Campaign, Dr. Yadav is also a litterateur and freelance journalist.

Dr. Somnath Yadav has the distinction of being the first Presidential Scout of undivided Madhya Pradesh and for the first time in Chhattisgarh, a uniformed scout has been given the responsibility of State Chief Commissioner.

## Accused sent to jail in cheque bounce case

**KHAIRGARH:** In a cheque bounce case, the Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) Court in Khairagarh has sentenced the accused, Jagannath Verma, to one year of simple imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 4 lakh.

The case originated from a financial transaction in 2023, where Jagendra Verma, a resident of Pasalkhaira, had lent approximately Rs 3.75 lakh to Jagannath Verma of Acholi. To repay the debt,

Jagannath issued a cheque to Jagendra on June 16, 2023.

However, the cheque bounced, leading Jagendra to file a complaint in the JMFC Court Khairagarh on August 26, 2023. The court registered the case (Criminal Case No. 680/2023) and proceeded with the trial. On August 22, 2024, Presiding Officer Guru Prasad Dewangan found Jagannath Verma guilty under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

## Disabled assessment camp ends as formality



Central Chronicle News

Due to lack of publicity, only a few disabled persons reached the camp.

**DONGARGAON:** Nominal beneficiaries reached the assessment camp organized for the disabled under the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (CSR) scheme.

Prior to this, this camp was also organized in Chhuriya on 21st August and in Dongargarh on 22nd August.

Due to lack of publicity of the camp organized in Dongargaon and the inactivity of responsible officers and public representatives, only 3 disabled persons were registered.

August, Friday, an evaluation camp was organized in Dongargaon Janpad Panchayat for providing free assistive devices, calipers and artificial limbs to the disabled under the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (CSR) scheme.

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## Dance competition in Rajivlochan temple

**RAJIM:** On the occasion of Shri Krishna Janmash-tami, on Monday, 26th August, Rajivlochan Temple Trust has organized a state level dance competition in the temple premises, in which dance through religious songs, patriotic, family, songs with social message will be presented. This program will be held on two levels in which there will be a dance competition for local school students and children and a separate competition for state level participants. At the state level, the prizes will be Rs. 15,000 for the first group, Rs. 7,500 for the second and Rs. 3,500 for the third and in duet dance, the first prize will be of Rs. 5000, second Rs. 3000, third Rs. 2000 and for solo dance, Rs. 3000, 2000, 1500 respectively. State level artists and dancers have been invited for the said program.

## GM conducts safety inspection of Bilaspur-Ambikapur section

Central Chronicle News

GM conducted a window trailing inspection of the Bilaspur-Pendra Road-Bijuri-Ambikapur rail section using an inspection car.

**BILASPUR:** The General Manager of South East Central Railway, Ms. Neenu Ityera, conducted a safety inspection on August 22, 2024, of the Bilaspur-Ambikapur rail section, including Khodri-Khongasra, Bijuri-Baikunthpur Ghat Section, Bridge, and Parsa Siding. She also inspected the safety-related works at Bijuri, Baikunthpur, and Ambikapur stations. The Divisional Railway Manager, Praveen Pandey, the Chief Project Manager, and several other branch officers and



GM conducting inspection.

## FASTFACTS

● She also stressed ensuring that passengers do not face any inconvenience during construction work.

supervisors were present during the inspection.

The General Manager conducted a window trailing inspection of the Bilaspur-Pendra Road-Bijuri-Ambikapur rail section using an inspection car.

During this time, she

thoroughly inspected the Khodri-Khongasra and Bijuri-Baikunthpur Ghat Sections, reviewing the safety and security measures in place.

At Bijuri, Ambikapur, and Baikunthpur stations, the General Manager assessed the development and safety-related works and reviewed the progress of the ongoing projects. She also reviewed the models and layouts of the development works. During her inspection of the panel room, a key

component of train operations, she discussed work procedures, safety, and related topics with the employees working there. She issued instructions to ensure the timely operation of passenger trains.

The General Manager also inspected the large railway bridge number 53 over the Boda River, located between Bijuri and Boridand stations, assessing the safety standards and reviewing the safety and security measures in place.

## CATTLE ENDANGER COMMUTER |

# Cattle causing accidents at busy squares

Central Chronicle News

**RAJIM:** Resting and fighting cattle's are proving dangerous to commuters and travels on the city's roads and many accidents have been averted narrowly in the past few days. These cattle choose to rest mainly at the squares and intersections, which is the busiest part of the city and this leads to congestion of traffic too. From the Mahanadi bridge, cattle often sit at places like



Pandit Shyamacharan Shukla Chowk, Pandit Sundarlal Sharma Chowk, Rajivlochan Marg, Shivaji Chowk on Mahasamund Road, Shriram Chowk, Aamapara, Tehsil Chowk, Krishi Upaj

Mandi Chowk, Govardhan Chowk, Mahamaya Chowk, Rajim Bhaktin Mata Chowk, near Vyavahar Nyayalaya, Patharra Mod, College Mod, Navadih Turning Point, Atal Chowk

10 vehicle riders fell near Sai Mandir Chaube Bandha Tiraha and a man collided with a four wheeler while trying to save a cow.

Eyewitnesses

Chaubebandha Tiraha etc. Eyewitnesses claim that 10 vehicle riders fell

near Sai Mandir Chaube Bandha Tiraha and a man collided with a four wheeler while trying to save a cow. On Saturdays and Sundays there is a lot of traffic on the road and also a large number of tourists and devotees reach through this route to visit the temples, which comes under National Highway No. 130C. It connects the district headquarters Gariaband, Mainpur, Devbhog, Orissa to the capital Raipur via Rajim.

## BJP leader thwarts ATM theft attempt

Central Chronicle News

**MUNGELI:** A BJP leader, Syed Usman Ali (60), resident of Chudi Line, was withdrawing Rs 2,000 from an ATM near Balani Chowk on August 20 when a young man, Ritik alias Aryan Kumbhkar (24), from Basirkhan Ward, Kumharpara, attempted to snatch the ATM card. The accused claimed he needed to withdraw money urgently and tried to flee after snatching the card. The BJP leader

immediately informed the police, who arrived at the scene, apprehended the accused, and recovered the stolen ATM card, motorcycle, and mobile phone. The police acted swiftly, preventing the suspect from escaping, and ensured the safety of other citizens in the area. The operation involved Station In-Charge Inspector Tej Nath Singh and a dedicated team of officers who were commended for their prompt response and efficiency.

## NEWSLINE

### GENEROSITY

Blood donation organised



**KHARORA:** A blood donation camp was organized by Sindhu Ekta Samiti Badhte Kadam at Jhulelal Temple of Tilda Nevra, in which 7 new members joined Sanjeevani Blood Donor Association, including four new and one senior member from Gram Panchayat Bharuwadih Kala and brother Dilip Khute from village Khapri Kala and two new members Yashwant Manikpuri and Mr. Satish Yadav from Nevra. The organization's president Om Prakash Singh Chauhan and all the members expressed their happiness for this noble work done by all these members and wished them a bright future.

### URGENCY

Accelerate ration card eKYC process

**FINGESHWAR:** SDM Vishal Maharana of Fingeshwar-Rajim subdivision has instructed the completion of eKYC for all ration cardholders as per district administration directives. He urged food department officials to expedite the eKYC process for remaining beneficiaries. The government has mandated eKYC for all members included in existing ration cards across the state.

SDM Maharana directed the swift completion of eKYC for all members by organizing special camps at fair price shops. He also instructed that banners and pamphlets be used for public awareness, and local announcements be made to inform beneficiaries.

### NEW CHIEF

New district chief appointed



**MUNGELI:** Dr. Somnath Yadav, State Commissioner of Bharat Scouts and Guides Chhattisgarh, has appointed Advocate Ranapratap Singh Thakur as the District Chief Commissioner of Mungeli. Bharat Scouts and Guides Chhattisgarh, under the patronage of Governor Ramen Deka and Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai, with MP Brijmohan Agrawal as President, has also formed a team to oversee activities in the district. The team includes District Secretary Akash Parihar, District Scout Commissioner Morajdhwaj Sapre, District Guide Commissioner Rohini Thakur, Block Secretaries Pitambar Manikpuri (Patharia) and Monu Bel-dar (Mungeli), along with Senior Scouters Virendra Kashyap, Vijendra Kashyap, and Rover Krish Sahu.





Hindus not migrating to India, staying in B'desh and fighting back.

Himanta Biswa Sarma  
Assam Chief Minister

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### PROGRAMME

#### DJJS chalks out activities to mark Janmashtami celebrations

**NEW DELHI:** Dance ballets, immersive LED light show and an installation of a unique 3D 'Govardhan Mountain' model are among a series of programmes planned by the socio-spiritual organisation Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan (DJJS) to mark the celebration of Janmashtami on Sunday and Monday. The two-day event, to be held at DDA Ground, Sector 10, Dwarka, is based on the theme of 'Darshan Itihaas Ka, Parivartan Aaj Ka' (Recalling the Values of the Past & Transforming the Present), reflecting the organisation's commitment to "integrate the timeless teachings of Lord Krishna with the pressing needs of the modern world". While a dance performance focussing on the life and times of saint Meerabai, the 16th century Rajput princess and mystic poet, will aim to inspire modern-day women; other key performances will show the dramatic interpretations of Krishna's life. **PTI**

### ALL ALONE

#### 'No alliance with AAP, Cong will fight on its own in Haryana'



**NEW DELHI:** Ruling out the possibility of an alliance with the AAP for the Haryana Assembly polls, senior Congress leader Kumari Selja has said her party is strong in the state and will fight the elections on its own.

In an interaction with PTI editors at the news agency's headquarters here, the Lok Sabha MP and the party's prominent Dalit face also dismissed the possibility of a hung assembly, asserting that the Congress would secure an "excellent majority" in the 90-member House. **PTI**

### Boost for Ayurveda

#### Patanjali's Renogrit gains US research journal backing for kidney health



**HARIDWAR:** In a significant endorsement of traditional medicine, Renogrit, an Ayurvedic formulation, has gained recognition from a leading U.S. research journal, Scientific Reports. This acknowledgment is a boost for Ayurvedic medicine, especially in the face of recent skepticism surrounding its safety and efficacy.

Acharya Balkrishna, a prominent figure in the Ayurvedic community, has reinforced the validity of Ayurveda, asserting that its practices are grounded in both historical tradition and modern scientific evidence. Balkrishna's comments come in response to unfounded rumors suggesting that Ayurvedic treatments could be harmful to the kidneys—a claim recently debunked by Patanjali, a leading Ayurvedic company.

The research featured in Scientific Reports highlights Renogrit's potential

as a powerful remedy for kidney damage caused by the anti-cancer drug Cisplatin.

Cisplatin, while effective in treating cancer, is known to have severe side effects, including kidney toxicity.

The study reveals that Renogrit not only helps in repairing kidney damage but also mitigates oxidative stress on kidney cells, showcasing its dual action as both a protective and therapeutic agent.

Renogrit is a blend of seven herbs—Apamarg, Pashanbhed, Palash, Varun, Punarnavamool, Kasni, and Gokharu. These herbs are celebrated in Ayurvedic medicine for their antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anti-apoptotic (cell-protective) properties. This combination has long been used in India for treating kidney disorders and now stands validated by contemporary scientific scrutiny. **PTI**

#### 'Dravidian model govt no barrier to different faiths'

**DINDIGUL:** The Dravidian model of governance has never been a barrier to different faiths and is benevolent to all religions, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin said on Saturday. The DMK government was focussing on the overall development of the state including social and other sectors; and religious places of worship should be free from any discrimination, he said while virtually inaugurating the first Global Muthamizh Murugan Conference at Palani, from Chennai. The two-day event is being organised on a massive scale by the state Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department. **PTI**

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Female cheetah Gaminii with its newly born cubs.

# Cheetahs to roam free again in KNP after enclosure stay

African cheetahs and their cubs, born in India will be released, into the wild in a phased manner after the monsoon withdraws from central parts of the country.

Gaurav Saini

**NEW DELHI:** African cheetahs brought to India as part of the world's first intercontinental translocation of big cats will soon roam free again in the wild, nearly a year after they were returned to enclosures in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park (KNP) for health check-ups and monitoring, according to officials.

Officials told PTI that the Centre's Cheetah Project Steering Committee decided on Friday to release the African cheetahs and their cubs, born in India, into the wild in a phased manner after the monsoon withdraws

from central parts of the country. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the monsoon normally withdraws from most areas in Madhya Pradesh by the first week of October.

"Members of the committee and NTCA (National Tiger Conservation Authority) officials conducted field visits to Kuno and discussed the schedule for releasing the cheetahs. While adult cheetahs will be released into the wild in phases once the rains end, the cubs and their mothers will be released after December," an official said. All 25 cheetahs -- 13 adults and 12 cubs -- are

### HIGHLIGHT

- The first batch of eight cheetahs from Namibia was introduced in India in Sep 2022.

- Seventeen cubs have been born in India and 12 of them survived.

doing well. The animals have been administered vaccines to safeguard them against diseases and given prophylactic medicine to prevent infection, according to the official.

The first batch of eight cheetahs from Namibia was introduced in India in September 2022, and

the second batch of 12 cheetahs was flown in from South Africa last February. The cheetahs were initially released into the wild but were brought back to their enclosures by August last year after the death of three -- a female named Tbilisi (from Namibia) and two South African males, Tejas and Sooraj, due to septicemia.

Septicemia is an infection that occurs when bacteria enter the bloodstream and spread.

This condition arose from wounds under the cheetahs' thick winter coats on their backs and necks, which became infested with maggots

and led to blood infections, according to the government's annual report on Project Cheetah. Officials had earlier told PTI that the unexpected growth of winter coats by some cheetahs during the Indian summer and monsoon, in anticipation of the African winter (June to September), was a major challenge in managing the animals in India during the first year.

"Even African experts did not expect this. The winter coat, combined with high humidity and heat, caused itching, leading the cheetahs to scratch their necks on tree trunks or the ground.

#### Rama Rao regrets over remarks on women

**HYDERABAD:** BRS working president K T Rama Rao on Saturday appeared before the Telangana State Women's Commission here and expressed regret and apologised for his comments about women travelling in state-run RTC buses. Rao, while speaking on the Congress government's scheme of free travel for women in state-run RTC buses, had said his party would have no objection if women took up activities like knitting while travelling in the buses. Why should the BRS object if women or entire families do work like knitting or "break dance" in buses but his party wants the situation of scuffles breaking out in buses to be avoided, he said, while speaking at an event here recently. After his comments came in for sharp criticism.

### | ANTI ENCROACHMENT DRIVE |

## Nagarjuna's N-Convention centre demolished in Hyd

Press Trust Of India

Actor Nagarjuna, approached the Telangana High Court seeking a stay on the demolition, and the court granted an interim stay.



The N Convention, jointly owned by actor Nagarjuna, being demolished in Hyderabad. | Photo: PTI

### FACTFILE

- Actor said no notice was issued prior to carrying out the demolition.

and the court granted an interim stay. Nagarjuna in a post

on 'X' said they had "not done any actions in violation of law" and the demolition was clearly carried out "wrongfully based on misinformation".

The officials of Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA), GHMC, Town Planning,

Irrigation and Revenue departments removed encroachments in the Full Tank Level (FTL)/ Buffer zones of the lake, and amongst the many structures removed. N-Convention was also one of the unauthorised structures, an official release said.

### | PRESS MEET |

## 'MVA got anti-BJP votes in Lok Sabha polls'

Press Trust Of India

**NAGPUR:** The opposition Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP (SP) and Congress got "anti-Modi" and "anti-Shah" votes in the recent Lok Sabha polls, leading to these parties doing well, and not because of an increase in mass support for the Maha Vikas Aghadi, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS)

chief Raj Thackeray said on Saturday.

Addressing a press conference, Thackeray further claimed the outcomes led by Uddhav Thackeray and Sharad Pawar will not get these anti-incumbency votes in the assembly polls, which are likely to be held in October-November.

"A huge portion of Dalits and Muslims voted

**MNS plans to contest 225 seats in the upcoming Maha assembly polls.**

**Raj Thackeray**  
MNS chief

against the BJP. These votes against Prime Min-



ister Narendra Modi and (Union Home Minister) Amit Shah went to Uddhav Thackeray, Sharad Pawar and the Congress. These were not votes for the Maha Vikas Aghadi. This wave is now gone," he said.

Thackeray also said the MNS plans to contest 225 seats in the upcoming Maharashtra assembly polls.









## QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"Lack of direction, not lack of time, is the problem. We all have twenty-four-hour days."

[ Zig Ziglar ]

## OUR VIEW |

## Justice Hema report: A missed opportunity for reform

The Hema Committee Report, once heralded as a beacon of hope for addressing the deep-seated issues within the Malayalam film industry, has regrettably become a symbol of missed opportunities and bureaucratic inertia. The report, which was submitted to the Kerala Government in 2019, exposed the pervasive sexual harassment and gender discrimination that women in the industry face. Despite its damning revelations and urgent recommendations, the report was kept under wraps for years, only to be released recently with significant portions redacted. The delayed and censored release of the report has rightfully sparked outrage. The redactions raise serious concerns about transparency and accountability. What is being hidden, and why? Such actions suggest a troubling reluctance to confront the harsh realities of the industry and to hold perpetrators accountable. This evasion only serves to perpetuate the culture of impunity that the report sought to dismantle. The Kerala Government's inaction has deeply undermined the trust of the women who courageously shared their traumatic experiences, hoping for justice and reform. Each day that passes without implementing the committee's recommendations leaves women in the industry vulnerable, reinforcing the systemic barriers that allow exploitation to thrive. The intervention of the Kerala High Court and the state human rights panel underscores the gravity of the situation. The High Court's admission of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking criminal prosecution for sexual exploitation in the industry, alongside the human rights panel's advocacy for gender justice, highlights the urgent need for action. The Justice Hema Report was meant to be a catalyst for transformative change in Bollywood. Instead, it stands as a stark reminder of the challenges that continue to thwart the fight against workplace harassment. The time to act is now. The government must implement the report's recommendations without further delay, ensuring that the promise of justice is fulfilled and that no more lives are harmed by inaction.

## GUEST VIEW |

## 2024 Census: New categories and multilingual support

India is set to launch its long-awaited population census in September 2024, marking the first such exercise in over a decade. This census is particularly significant as it will be the first conducted since India became the world's most populous country, surpassing China, according to a UN report. As of August 21, 2024, India's population stands at approximately 1.45 billion, comprising 17.78% of the global total. The 2024 Census will introduce several new features, including a centralized data management portal, support for multiple languages for enumerators, and the inclusion of a separate category for transgender individuals, expanding beyond the traditional male and female classifications. This exercise is vital for updating demographic data and guiding policy decisions. Despite the delays, the census is a crucial step for India's growth and development, ensuring that decisions are based on accurate and current information. The government must address challenges, such as demands for caste-based data, while ensuring the census is completed efficiently by the March 2026 deadline, to reflect the country's diverse and evolving needs.



Dr. Krishna Kumar vepakomma

# Comment

## Haryana's revolutionary pension scheme for trees over 75 years

The Haryana Government has introduced the "Pran Vayu Devta Yojana," a pioneering initiative that provides an annual pension of Rs 2,500 to trees older than 75 years. Launched in 2023, this scheme is a groundbreaking step in environmental conservation, recognizing the importance of ancient trees by treating them with the same respect as human beings. The initiative aims to protect these natural resources, ensuring their survival for future generations.

## Background of the scheme

The "Pran Vayu Devta Yojana" was first announced in 2021 by Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, the then Chief Minister of Haryana. Designed with the dual purpose of increasing the income of landless farmers and preventing the felling of old trees, the scheme also seeks to improve air quality. Although conceptualized in 2021, it was fully implemented in 2023, marking a significant milestone in environmental governance.

The scheme's primary objective is to benefit both

human society and the environment by likening the care of old trees to that of elderly humans. This approach highlights the importance of preserving our environmental heritage.

## Utility and impact

The "Pran Vayu Devta Yojana" underscores the understanding that trees are integral to our environmental legacy. They provide essential ecological services, such as oxygen production, climate regulation, and biodiversity support. Old trees, in particular, have stood as silent witnesses to the passage of time, contributing immensely to the environment and human well-being.

Recognizing that trees, like elderly humans, require more care as they age, the scheme provides a pension to those responsible for their upkeep. Depending on the tree's location, the pension is allocated to homeowners, local administrations, Gram Panchayats, farmers, or the Forest Department. This financial support ensures the necessary resources are available to maintain these trees, helping to

extend their lifespan.

## Species covered

The scheme includes 40 species of trees, such as Peepal, Banyan, Neem, Mango, Gular, and Kadamba. Trees that are fallen, hollow, dead, dry, or located on forest land are not eligible for the scheme. Currently, 3,810 such trees in Haryana are receiving pensions through an online system under this initiative.

## Environmental and social significance

The environmental impact of the Pran Vayu Devta Yojana is profound. By promoting the care of old trees, the Haryana Government fosters environmental awareness. Mature trees play a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance, with research indicating that a single mature tree can absorb more than 48 pounds of carbon dioxide annually. This initiative is not just a conservation effort; it is a significant step towards mitigating climate change and enhancing environmental sustainability.

Socially, the scheme promotes a sense of responsibility towards the environment across different sections

of society. It also creates employment opportunities in rural areas, where many of these old trees are located, providing a sustainable livelihood source for the rural population.

## Challenges and way forward

Despite its innovative approach, the Pran Vayu Devta Yojana faces challenges, such as accurately counting and determining the age of the trees. Ensuring proper use of the pension funds also requires a strict monitoring mechanism. Public awareness campaigns will be essential to ensure the scheme's success.

## Conclusion

The Pran Vayu Devta Yojana is a unique and commendable initiative that contributes to environmental protection and raises environmental consciousness. By giving a new lease of life to old trees, this scheme sends a powerful message about the importance of conserving our natural heritage. If implemented transparently, it could serve as a model for other states, encouraging similar measures to protect ancient trees and preserve the environment for future generations.



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## Unwanted calls: A persistent privacy issue

Unwanted telemarketing calls have become a significant nuisance in India, disrupting daily life and raising serious privacy concerns, despite existing regulations aimed at curbing them. *by Dr Satyavan Saurabh*



Nuisance of unwanted telemarketing calls and the need for privacy protection.

The advent of smartphones revolutionized how we connect, transforming them into more than just communication devices. They bring the world of the internet to our fingertips, offering convenience and connectivity. However, the rise of unwanted or unknown calls has become a significant nuisance. These calls, often from telemarketers selling products, bank loans, or credit cards, disrupt our daily lives, coming at inconvenient times and creating frustration.

In Madhya Pradesh, like in many parts of India, residents are inundated with these unsolicited calls. While many mobile users block these numbers, telemarketing companies often circumvent this by using different numbers, making it a persistent issue. The problem has become so widespread that even the Supreme Court of India has taken notice, stepping in to protect consumers who have registered their numbers under the Do Not Call (DNC) registry. The court has mandated strict action against companies that continue to call consumers who have opted out

of such communications.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) introduced the Do Not Disturb (DND) service on September 27, 2011, intending to shield consumers from unwanted calls and messages. Despite these efforts, many consumers still find themselves on the receiving end of these disturbances. TRAI has established new rules requiring telemarketing companies to obtain explicit permission from consumers before contacting them. However, enforce-

ment remains a challenge, and complaints about unwanted calls continue to rise.

One significant case highlights the impact of these calls. During a funeral ceremony, a consumer received an unsolicited loan offer call. The Vadodara Consumer Forum ruled in favor of the consumer, ordering the telecaller company, I-Cube, and the caller, Kanhaiyalal Thakkar, to pay a compensation of Rs 20,000 for the disturbance caused. Additionally, I-Cube and Vodafone Essar

Gujarat Limited were fined Rs 10,000 each for violating the complainant's privacy by sharing his personal information without consent. This case, dating back to 2007, underscores the ongoing struggle consumers face with unwanted calls and the need for stricter regulations.

Indian courts and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have imposed restrictions on telemarketing companies to protect individual privacy. These restrictions, aimed at curbing unsolicited calls for advertising, marketing, and

direct selling, particularly for credit cards and bank loans, reflect a growing concern for consumer rights. Under the revised Banking Ombudsman Scheme, aggrieved customers can file complaints against banks or non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) for violating RBI guidelines on credit cards.

Despite these efforts, telemarketing remains a persistent problem in India. The government needs to strengthen its regulatory framework to ensure that telemarketers respect individual privacy and do not infringe on citizens' fundamental rights. The spirit of recent Supreme Court and consumer court judgments should guide the enactment of a comprehensive law to regulate telemarketing practices, ensuring that businesses can operate without compromising consumer privacy.

In conclusion, while smartphones have brought numerous benefits, the issue of unwanted calls remains a significant challenge. Stronger regulations and enforcement are necessary to protect consumers from this ongoing invasion of privacy.

## YOUR LETTERS

## Protest responsibly, patients first

I support the movement against the criminal or criminals who killed the trainee doctor in Kolkata, but I cannot support the cease-work by the doctors. The pictures of untreated patients in pain are unbearable. The doctors can continue their protests even after resuming work. The Supreme Court forbids any action against the doctors as long as the protests are peaceful. Given the patients are made to suffer from violence within, the movement can no longer be termed as peaceful.

Sujit De, Kolkata

## Focus on justice, not politics

Instead of pinpointing the regime of any state wherever the sexual crime has occurred, be it in Kolkata or Badlapur (Maharashtra); minimum sanity demands that protests be lodged only against the real culprits so as to ensure highest punishment possible for the unpardonable act. Instead of trying to take political "Badla" (revenge) by exploiting a heart-shattering tragedy, the Opposition "ideologies" of Red and saffron vintage may try to "capture" power in West Bengal through democratic path of polls in 2026.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

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The letters can be edited or rewritten for clarity.



# Business



I have assured that I will expedite the construction of a double-decker cable-stayed iconic bridge between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh over the Krishna River.

**Nitin Gadkari**

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister

## Telangana Deputy CM meets Finance Minister in Delhi



Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu calls on Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in New Delhi.

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

### COMPENSATION

#### Centre orders insurance firm to pay Rs 225 cr to Maha farmers in a week

**NEW DELHI:** The Central government on Saturday directed an insurance company to pay pending claims of up to Rs 225 crore to about 2 lakh farmers in Maharashtra's Parbhani district within a week. The order follows Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's interaction with farmers in Nanded on August 21, where issues of pending soyabean crop insurance claims were raised. On August 22, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare held a meeting of the National Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The committee rejected the insurance company's objections to crop-cutting experiments and ordered the settlement of pending claims, an official statement said. The name of the insurance company was not disclosed in the statement. The Central TAC on Saturday issued a formal order to the insurance company to pay the dues within seven days.

### SELLER FEES

#### Amazon India reduces seller fees by 12% ahead of festive season

**MUMBAI:** Amazon India on Saturday announced an up to 12 per cent reduction in selling fees across multiple product categories on the marketplace ahead of the festive season. The reductions in fees, which is effective from September 9, will enable sellers to expand their product portfolio on the platform besides providing a boost to growth, Amazon India said. "With the changes, sellers on Amazon India will benefit from a drop in selling fees, ranging from 3-12 per cent, across various product categories", the company said. The new rate card will particularly benefit sellers offering products priced below Rs 500, it said. "At Amazon, we are invested in supporting businesses of all sizes, from small and medium businesses to emerging entrepreneurs to established brands. The fee reduction is directly in response to feedback from our sellers, especially small businesses," Amit Nanda, Director Selling Partner Services at Amazon India, said.

# Indian telcos aim for 10% share in 6G patents in next 3 yrs

Indian Telecom Industry Targets 10% Share of Global 6G Patents and Significant Contributions to International Standards Within the Next Three Years

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Indian telecom players are targeting a share of 10 per cent of all 6G patents and one-sixth contributions to global standards in the next three years, an official statement said on Saturday.

Telecom industry players have proposed to systematically align research to 'India's needs' and put in place a vibrant "Stand-

dards Community".

The proposal came up during the second meeting of Stakeholders Advisory Committee (SAC) on Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) which was chaired by union telecom minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Friday.

"Industry leaders proposed systematically aligning research to 'India's needs' and put in place a vibrant "Stand-

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• SAC proposes 3-year roadmap to boost India's 6G patent contributions.

• Telecom operators seek supportive policies for 100% broadband coverage nationwide.

getting a share of 10 per cent of all 6G patents and one-sixth contributions to global standards in the next 3 years," the statement said.

During the first SAC on telecom operators, certain focus areas were identified.

Deliberations on international standards and India's share in Intellectual Property and Standard Essential Patent (SEP), connectivity gaps

in telecom and quality of telecom services were held in the meeting.

"India has already taken various initiatives like launch of Bhart6G Vision and Bhart6G Alliance, patent and IPR support framework, commissioning of testbeds, etc., and country can aspire for achieving 10 per cent of all 6G patents and one-sixth contributions to global standards promoting India's needs.

## ICAI leverages AI for professional growth

**KOLKATA:** The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is planning to harness the potential of artificial intelligence for the professional growth of students and members, its president Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal said. He said ICAI has set up a committee - 'AI in ICAI' - to explore how the idea can be leveraged, and will also explore and prepare a roadmap for using it in the operations of the institute. The official said a similar 'ICAI CA GPT' was launched in July 2024 for the members and students. ICAI has also come up with an initiative to educate the masses about the basics of taxation, banking, insurance and other areas related to finance, Agarwal said. Besides, the institute is conducting certificate courses for accountants of pan-chayats and municipal bodies, he added.

## 'Quality orders shield MSMEs from unfair competition'

Press Trust Of India

Government's quality control orders protect MSMEs by preventing import of sub-standard goods, fostering fair competition.

**NEW DELHI:** The quality control orders (QCOs) issued by the government for different products will protect MSMEs from unfair competition and help cut the import of sub-standard goods, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday.

He said that through these orders, the government is supporting the MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises).

"We are giving time to MSMEs to meet the QCO requirements," he said, adding that MSMEs will benefit from these orders



Union Minister Piyush Goyal addresses a press conference.

### FACTFILE

• QCOs ensure products meet Bureau of Indian Standards, shielding MSMEs from unfair competition and trade practices.

as "it stops substandard goods imported at strange

rates from outside the country and thus helps the MSME sector by protecting it from unfair competition".

MSMEs should not be looked upon as merely a small enterprise, he added.

The entire ecosystem around big industries and enterprises comprises

thousands of MSMEs, without whom they cannot succeed, he said, adding that MSMEs act both as suppliers and customers of big industries.

The sector also plays an important role in the tourism and infrastructure development of the country and has a big share in India's exports.

"Today, several SMEs have listed their firms at BSE," he said.

Under these orders, items cannot be produced, sold, traded, imported and stocked unless they bear the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) mark. These orders are issued for goods like smart meters, nuts, bolts and fasteners.

Mandatory QCOs help curb the import of sub-standard products, prevent unfair trade practices and ensure the safety and well-being of consumers as well as the environment.

### GENDER CHALLENGES

## Work-life balance, flexibility challenges women's careers

Press Trust Of India

**MUMBAI:** Fewer flexible work options, work-life balance and family responsibilities pose substantial challenges for women trying to re-enter the workforce and are the main reasons for quitting their jobs, according to a report.

A survey by Naukri.com has revealed that

work-life balance poses a significant concern, as 39 per cent of the women respondents cited it as a key reason for leaving their jobs.

"These issues pose substantial challenges for women trying to re-enter the workforce, with 41 per cent identifying a lack of flexible work options and 35 per cent highlighting family



responsibilities as significant barriers to continuing with their jobs," the

report said.

The report is based on a survey conducted by

online recruitment company Naukri.com among job seekers registered on its platform.

The report found that 73 per cent of women interviewed said equal opportunities exist for both men and women in employment and leadership positions, and 79 per cent of men agreed that both genders get equal chances at workplaces.

### Export Drawback Reduced

#### Government slashes drawback rates on gold, silver jewellery exports after duty cuts



**NEW DELHI:** The government has reduced the drawback rates on exports of gold and silver jewellery by more than half to adjust for the significant cut in import duties on these precious metals in the Budget.

A notification regarding this was issued by the Department of Revenue. On the export of gold jewellery, the drawback rate has been brought down to Rs 335.5 from Rs 704.1 per gram of net gold content in the article. The rate of silver jewellery and articles of silver have been cut to Rs 4,468 per kilogram of net gold content in an article. The Duty Drawback Scheme

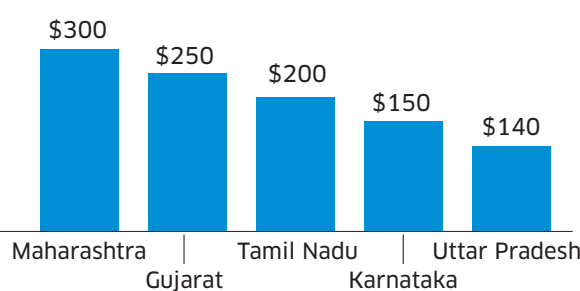
refunds import duties and internal taxes, which are paid while importing goods, which are, in turn, used for manufacturing products for exports. In the Budget, the import duty on gold and silver to 6 per cent from 15 per cent.

Through this notification, "duty drawback on gold and silver jewellery was reduced as the duty on gold and silver lowered in the budget", Federation of Indian Export Organisations Director General Ajay Sahai said. The gems and jewellery exports during April-July this fiscal contracted by 7.45 per cent to USD 9.1 billion.

### The Day's NUMBERS

(In billion dollars)

### TOP SIX STATES BY INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT (2023)



Source: Ministry of Commerce and Industry

### PRICING NORMS

#### Govt plans to review 6-decade-old sugar production, pricing norms

**NEW DELHI:** The food ministry plans to revamp the nearly six-decade-old Sugar (Control) Order and has proposed to regulate the production of the sweetener as well as its by-products including ethanol. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has issued a draft "The Sugar (Control) Order, 2024, and has sought comments from stakeholders by September 23, 2024. The ministry said that there is a need to review the Sugar (Control) Order of 1966 due to the technological advancements in the production process. "...there are multiple changes in the sugar sector which necessitates the revamping of existing the Sugar (Control) Order, 1966," said the ministry while issuing the draft. The draft order details power of the government to regulate the production of sugar as well as restrict its sale, storage and disposal by producers and dealers.

### TELECOM

#### Scindia urges telecom operators to lead in 6G technology development

**NEW DELHI:** Union telecom minister Jyotiraditya Scindia in second advisory committee meeting with telecom operators on Friday asked them to take lead in the development of 6G technology. According to sources, who were present in the meeting, telecom operators reiterated their old demand of easing right of way permits, rationalisation of power tariffs and lowering of levies in the meeting. "Had a productive meeting with the Advisory Group of Telecom Service providers. Discussed issues pertaining to quality of services, India's 6G vision and promoting research and development to take our sector to new heights of development," Scindia said on social media platform X.



"It's not financial. I would definitely say I'm privileged. I come from a middle-class family, but it's not like I've ever felt the need to work because I had to earn money. That wasn't there. My parents were working, and I never felt the need. My parents never made me feel that I don't have money."

**Kriti Sanon**  
Actress



# Weekend



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Raipur, August 25, 2024

MOVIE REVIEW

## Vedaa: John Abraham's action-packed flop

The latest Bollywood release this week is John Abraham's comeback film Vedaa. The film has shown a disappointing start at the box office and fans are speculating whether John's action heydays are over for the audience. Sharvari Wagh is the lead actress of the film.



Vedaa movie review: John Abraham once again appears in his action avatar.

In Vedaa, John Abraham delivers his usual high-octane action, but the film struggles to maintain momentum. Directed by Nikhil Advani, the movie promises a deep dive into caste issues but falters with its sluggish pace and stretched screenplay, testing viewers' patience. Abraham, portraying a court-martialled officer from the Gorkha regiment, excels in action sequences, showcasing his signature style of explosive punches and kicks. However, despite his physical prowess, his character's motivations and the film's central theme fail to resonate deeply. The plot meanders, and the dramatic moments lack the emotional punch they aim for. Sharvari Wagh, playing

### HIGHLIGHT

● The subject of the caste system is no small feat to tackle in India and full points to the makers for attempting it. However, the slow pace and stretched screenplay test your patience.

the titular character Vedaa, is positioned as a strong woman fighting against societal norms. Yet, her strength is undercut by a lack of impactful moments. Her role, meant to highlight the struggles of a Dalit woman, feels underdeveloped, leaving audiences yearning for more depth and grit. The film's portrayal of caste issues is timely but lacks the emotional weight needed to

make a lasting impact. The soundtrack, though emotionally stirring at times, fails to leave a memorable impression, with the Holi song, in particular, feeling jarring given the context of the film. Supporting performances, including Rajendra Chawla's and Tamannah Bhatia's, add some depth, but overall, the film misses the mark in delivering a compelling narrative.

Ultimately, Vedaa might appeal to those seeking action-packed entertainment, but its execution leaves much to be desired. It faces stiff competition from other releases like Stree 2 and Khel Mein, and may struggle to make a significant impact at the box office.

| HOLLYWOOD |

## Skarsgard's Crow: A dark and twisted reinvention



The stars of The Crow are ready to unveil their new film!

### HIGHLIGHT

● Bill Skarsgard redefines Eric Draven in The Crow reboot, adding new depth to the iconic role. His fresh take honours the classic while bringing a unique twist.

psychological landscapes rather than offering simple, black-and-white narratives.



Directed by Rupert Sanders, this new version of The Crow will be released on August 30 in India by PVRINOX Pictures. The original 1994 film, directed by Alex Proyas, featured Brandon Lee in his final role before his tragic death on set. Skarsgard acknowledged Lee's iconic performance but emphasized his intent to bring a fresh perspective to the character. "This is a new story... Rupert's version of Eric was very different from the original. And that was the point," Skarsgard added, underscoring his commitment to offering a unique take on the classic role while honoring its legacy. He also expressed excitement about working with FKA Twigs, noting that their on-screen chemistry plays a crucial role in the emotional depth of the film. Additionally, Skarsgard mentioned that The Crow has always been one of his favorite characters and that he was thrilled to bring his own interpretation to the role.

## PixelView

WHAT TO WATCH AT HOME



**Kalki 2898 AD**

**Starring:** Amitabh Bachchan, Prabhas, Kamal Haasan, Deepika Padukone  
**Where to watch:** Streaming on Netflix, set

in 2898 AD, Kalki 2898 AD transports viewers to a dystopian future ruled by the ruthless god-king Yaskin. After the Kurukshetra War in 3102 BC, Ashwatthama was cursed by Krishna to wander Earth as an immortal. Now, in a world under Yaskin's tyrannical rule, Ashwatthama faces his long-awaited chance for redemption. The film delves into his epic journey to fulfill his destiny amidst a futuristic backdrop.



**Angry Young Men**

**Starring:** Salim Khan, Javed Akhtar, Amitabh Bachchan, and Bollywood veterans  
**Where to watch:** Streaming on Prime Video, this docuseries delves into the legendary screenwriting duo

Salim Khan and Javed Akhtar, who revolutionized Hindi cinema in the 1970s. The three-part series highlights their collaboration on iconic films like Sholay, Zanjeer, and Deewaar, and their creation of the "Angry Young Man" archetype. Through candid interviews with the writers, their families, and Bollywood veterans, the series chronicles their rise, their groundbreaking demand for writer credits, and their dramatic split that impacted the industry.



**Raayan**

**Directed by and starring:** Dhanush

**Where to watch:** Streaming on Prime Video, Raayan is a gritty Tamil-language action-drama that marks Dhanush's 50th film. Set in the dark underbelly of crime, it follows Kathavarayan "Raayan", a seemingly ordinary man who is

thrust into a world of gangsters and manipulation. As he rises through the criminal ranks, Raayan becomes entangled in a deadly power struggle against formidable adversaries played by SJ Suryah and Prakash Raj. The film delves into intense themes of power, betrayal, and survival in a high-stakes criminal landscape.



**Drive-Away Dolls**

**Starring:** Margaret Qualley, Geraldine Viswanathan, Beanie Feldstein, Colman Domingo, Pedro Pascal  
**Where to watch:** Streaming on Amazon Prime Video, Jamie, a free spirit and recent break-up survivor, and her

more reserved friend Marian embark on a road trip to Tallahassee, Florida. Their carefree getaway takes an unexpected turn when they become entangled with a group of bumbling criminals. As chaos ensues, the two friends must navigate their newfound predicament while trying to keep their friendship intact.



**Follow Kar Lo Yaar**

**Starring:** Uorfi Javed  
**Where to watch:** Streaming on Prime Video, Follow Kar Lo Yaar is an unscripted reality series offering

an intimate look into the life of Uorfi Javed, the controversial social media influencer and actress known for her bold fashion and unfiltered personality. Over nine episodes, the show captures Uorfi's daily life, interactions with paparazzi, and the public challenges she faces. It provides a raw and unvarnished glimpse into the complexities behind the headlines, revealing a rarely seen side of Uorfi.



I am thankful to ITM University's faculty and teaching facilities for my studies in Life & Allied Science.

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# Scholar

CAMPUS CALLING

## Eco-friendly casting technologies revolutionizing aluminium industry

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**Campus Calling**  
THE FIRST LECTURE

"Force convection technology is an eco-friendly casting process, which can significantly improve the strength of aluminum alloys and reduce cast defects"



An outer view of NIT Raipur.

Transportation is becoming a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, forcing us to think of developing technology to provide cleaner and lower carbon emission solutions. Using lightweight metals like aluminum and its alloys in the vehicles without compromising design and performance can be more fuel-efficient, lowering carbonaceous gas emissions. Metals and their alloys are the essential mainstay of aerospace and automotive manufacturing, which boosts economic growth. However, present metal/alloy processing technology is

extremely energy-consuming and causes a huge adverse impact on our environment. Hence, the new eco-friendly processing technologies should replace the present model of material processing.

Aluminum (Al) products are used in the aerospace and automotive industries where weight reduction is the primary goal. However, Al alloys have comparatively low strength values, are difficult to weld, have higher costs, and are difficult to recycle. The strength of Al alloys can be improved by microstructural modification or by introducing ceramic reinforcement. Force convection



**New eco-friendly processing technologies should replace the present model of material processing.**

(FC) technology is one of the technologies, which can modify the internal microstructure with-

out contaminating the alloy. FC can be created by the external fields, i.e., Mechanical stirring, Electromagnetic field, and Ultrasonic cavitation process. The use of FC alters the solidification mechanism and hence segregation-free, fine equiaxed grain structure can be achieved.

However, introducing the FC technology with the existing metal casters like Direct Chill (DC) caster and Twin Roll Caster (TRC) is extremely challenging. In the indigenously developed Advanced Metal Casting (AMC) Laboratory at NIT Raipur, various casters and FC technologies have been designed, manufac-

tured, and integrated to achieve high-quality cast products.

Presently, Al metal matrix composites (MMCs) produced by the casting route contain several cast defects and the process is also batch type, which increases production cost and decreases production rate. A continuous casting process was also developed to produce high-quality Al-based MMCs. The AMC research group has acquired research funding from various agencies like SERB-DST, Cold Forge Limited, Vedanta Limited, BALCO, and the Royal Academy of Engineering.

## Kalinga University hosts prestigious NHR Moot Court



**RAIPUR:** Kalinga University, Raipur, moving with the aim, organized the Surana and Surana Judex 2.0: National Human Rights (NHR) Law Moot Court Competition, 2024 in collaboration with Surana and Surana International Attorneys, Chennai, India and it concluded successfully on Aug 17 at Kalinga University, Raipur, with the event witnessing an exceptional display of legal intellect and advocacy skills. This signature event for aspiring legal professionals brought together top talents from across the nation and showcased the university's

commitment to fostering legal excellence.

The esteemed guests for the inaugural competition were Justice Umesh Chandra Dhyani, Rtd. Justice of Uttarakhand High Court and Chairman, Uttarakhand Public Service Tribunal. 20 law schools participated in this competition where the Tamil Nadu Ambedkar Law University, emerged as the champions, securing the top honors in this prestigious competition and KIIT School of Law, displaying remarkable legal prowess, were the runners-up.

## COLLEGE GOSSIP: Students must file online anti-ragging affidavit

Central Chronicle News

**RAIPUR:** In accordance with the UGC's "Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009," and the recent amendments to these regulations, it is now mandatory for every student at Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU), along with their parent or guardian, to submit an online anti-ragging affidavit each academic year. This submission must be completed on one of the two designated websites: www.antiragging.in or www.amanmovement.org.

The UGC has introduced a revised pro-

cedure to streamline the process, aiming to reduce the compliance burden on students and their families. This revision underscores the UGC's commitment to creating a safer and more supportive educational environment by ensuring that all students are aware of and actively participate in the anti-ragging initiative.

Filing the online affidavit is not just a formality but a crucial step in reinforcing the university's zero-tolerance policy towards ragging. By adhering to this requirement, students and their families contribute to a culture of respect and safety within the campus community.

| PROFESSOR'S VIEW |

## Cloud Computing - A career path with endless opportunities

By Dr. Priyanka Khanna | Head School of Engineering and Research ITM University Raipur

'Cloud computing' is transforming business operations, making it a critical skill in today's job market. As more companies move to cloud platforms, the demand for professionals who can design, manage, and secure cloud systems is increasing. Cloud computing allows organizations to access computing resources over the Internet, reducing the need for costly infrastructure. This technology supports a variety of applications, including data storage, processing, AI, and machine learning. By 2025, we expect the global cloud computing



market to reach nearly \$1 trillion, highlighting its growing significance. Career opportunities in cloud computing are varied and abundant. Key roles include cloud architects, who design cloud infrastructure; cloud engineers, responsible for

building and maintaining cloud services; and cloud security specialists, who protect data from cyber threats. DevOps engineers, cloud consultants, and data scientists also contribute to optimizing cloud environments and driving business inno-



**HIGHLIGHT**  
For those seeking to enter a dynamic and future-focused industry, cloud computing offers a promising career path.

Skills needed for these roles include profi-

ciency in cloud platforms like AWS, Microsoft Azure, and Google Cloud, along with programming languages such as Python and Java. Knowledge of cybersecurity, network management, and data governance is also important. For those seeking to enter a dynamic and future-focused industry, cloud computing offers a promising career path. With competitive salaries, job security, and opportunities to work with advanced technologies, the potential in this field is extensive. As cloud adoption grows, the demand for skilled cloud professionals will continue to rise.

## ZeroPeriod

THE WORLD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

CLEANLINESS

### Cleanliness fortnight in all schools from Sept 1-15

**RAIPUR:** The government has announced that 'Swachhata Pakhwada' (cleanliness fortnight) will be observed in all schools and educational institutions from September 1 to 15 across all districts. Students, teachers, and the community will actively participate in various cleanliness activities. The fortnight will begin with a cleanliness pledge on September 1, followed by 'Swachhata Awareness' days on September 2-3. Other key events include 'Samudayik Pahuch Diwas' on September 4-5, 'Harit Shala Pahal Diwas' on September 6, 'Dhulai Diwas' on September 9-10, and 'Swachhata School Exhibition Day' on September 12, concluding with prize distribution on September 15.

REVISED CALENDAR

### UPSC issues revised calendar for its exams next year

**RAIPUR:** The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has declared the revised calendar of exams to be conducted in 2025. According to it, the application for Preliminary exams of UPSC will start from Jan 22 and this exam will be held on May 25. The procedure for filing of application for NDA and NA-Exam will start from 11 December. In the same way the dates for the other exams and its application submission process too has been declared. The revised calendar of UPSC can also be viewed in its website viz. Upsc.gov.in).

EVENT OF THE WEEK

### Jindal World School team wins in Regional World Robotics Olympiad



Winning team of Jindal World School, Sakti.

**SAKTI:** The Robotics Team of Jindal World School of Sakti secured first place in the Regional World Robotics Olympiad. With this achievement the team has got prestigious place in the forthcoming National World Robotics Olympiad to be held in Delhi.

The members of winning team are Aditya Agrawal (Class-7), Shivam Agrawal (Class-7), Gaurav Agrawal (Class -7). Director of the School Rishabh Agrawal said that the stu-

dents of the School have exhibited wonderful talent and new learning and this victory reflects that quality of education and opportunity being provided to budding talent in the School. We are committed to promote such talent. Principal of the School Shri Venkat expressed his happiness said that, this victory signifies the guidance of Abhishekh and creativity, hard work and dedication of the students.

Shortake: D.A.V. School, Nandini

### Dance, tableau mark Shri Krishna Janmashtami in DAV School

**NANDINI:** The students of D.A.V. School, Nandini celebrated the birth of Lord Shri Krishna being observed as the festival of Janmashtami here on Friday. In this the students right from Class Nursery to Class-II enthusiastically took part in large number. Dressed in the colourful attire as Radha-Krishna, the children took part in the celebration and enthralled the audience. It was under leadership of the teachers, the students also performed dance and in all the class tableau was made and 'Butter' earthen pot was broken and with attire of Radha-Krishna, the children sang 'bhajans' as well.



## SchoolBuzz

### National Space Day observed in AJ English School

**KHAIRAGARH:** National Space Day was observed in AJ English School, Kurud and in this the students of the School displayed various space models of their level and other students also participated in the essay competition held on Space Day. Principal of the School SN Panda gave information about the successful testing of model of the Indian Spacecraft by ISRO.



### National Space Day celebrated in Gandhi English Medium School

**ARANG:** After the success of Chandrayan-3 Mission, the day is being observed as National Space Day. On this occasion the students and teachers of Gandhi English Medium School, Reewa, were showed the animation video of launch and landing of Chandrayan-3. Apart from this information was also given by ISRO's rockets LV-M-3 M-4, Lander-Vikrm, Rover-Pragyan and others.

### KGGRS students given information about Chandrayan-3

**Pandaria:** On completion of one year of successful landing of Chandrayan-3 on the moon, the students of Kasturba Gandhi Girl's Residential School (KGGRS), Dullapur Bazar, Pandaria observed the day at National Space Day. There was lot of enthusiasm among the students.





# Sports



I am disappointed to have to withdraw from the BMW Championship after experiencing lower back discomfort.

Hideki Matsuyama  
Golf Player

## Shikhar Dhawan: Altruistic icon of Indian cricket

Shikhar Dhawan retires from all forms of cricket, remembered for his selflessness, resilience, positivity, and lasting contributions to Indian cricket over 14 remarkable years.

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When the great Sachin Tendulkar presented Dhawan with the Test cap, he told him, "We know about your guts. Show us some." Well, he showed guts, and more.

**NEW DELHI:** New Delhi: Shikhar Dhawan, affectionately known as 'Gabbar' of Indian cricket, has officially retired from all forms of the game, marking the end of an illustrious career characterized by brilliance, positivity, and selflessness. In a world where a touch of selfishness is often seen as a necessary trait for elite athletes, Dhawan stood out as an altruist, consistently putting the team before himself. His outlook, though sometimes seen as overly positive, remained free of exaggeration and always grounded in reality.

At 38, Dhawan had been absent from the Indian setup for some time. Rather than fighting against the inevitable, he gracefully accepted his fate and chose to retire. Known for his tenacity, resourcefulness, and willingness to sacrifice for the team's sake, Dhawan's career was defined by his ability to deliver under pres-



Shikhar Dhawan. | Photo: PTI

### HIGHLIGHT

● Shikhar Dhawan's career, marked by tenacity and grace, ends with a heartfelt farewell to cricket.

● Known for his selflessness, Shikhar Dhawan's retirement marks the end of an era in Indian cricket.

sure, whether it was on the international stage, in the Indian Premier League, or in domestic cricket. He did all this with a trademark smile, a reflection of his resilient and joyful spirit.

Dhawan's social media presence mirrored his personality—no cryptic posts, no subtle jabs, just straightforward, positive

messages. Even during personal challenges, he remained composed and dignified, earning the admiration of fans and peers alike. His support for his teammates was unwavering, regardless of whether he was part of the squad or not. One defining moment of his character came when he penned a heartfelt note

after the Indian team was announced for last year's ODI World Cup, and again before the T20 World Cup in the Americas, where India broke an 11-year ICC title drought. His retirement message encapsulated his outlook on life: "...don't be sad that you won't play for India again but be happy that you played for your country."

## Nick Malouf retires as captain

**SYDNEY:** Australia men's rugby sevens captain and three-time Olympian Nick Malouf has announced his retirement following the Paris Games. The 31-year-old Malouf, who played in 61 world series tournaments and scored 82 tries for 410 points, made the announcement in a Rugby Australia statement Saturday. Originally a flanker with the University of Queensland, Malouf was drafted into the Australian sevens program in 2012, making his debut in the Dubai World Series tournament. He was a regular member of the squad over the next three years and overcame a serious knee injury in 2015. He was selected for his first Olympics in 2016, where Australia reached the Rio quarterfinals before he spent a season with the Leicester Tigers in England the following year.

### PSG'S IMPRESSIVE ROUT |

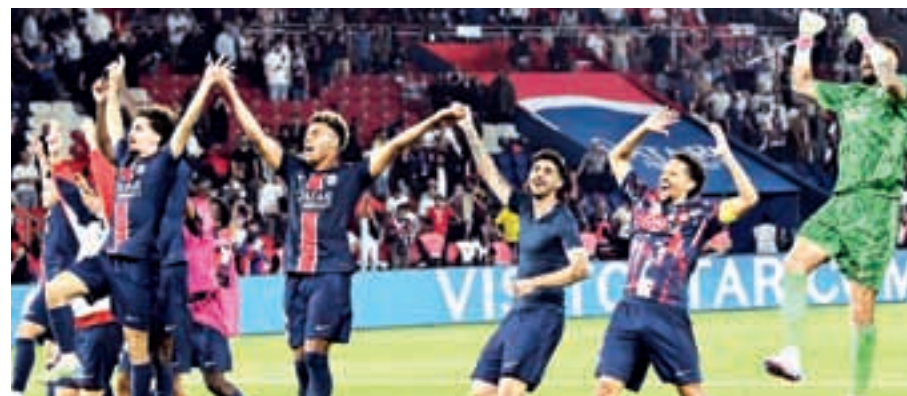
## PSG thrashes Montpellier 6-0 without Kylian Mbappe

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PSG aims for a fourth straight league title, defying expectations after Mbappe's departure.

**PARIS:** Paris Saint-Germain seems to be doing just fine without Kylian Mbappe. PSG routed Montpellier 6-0 to make it two wins in two games in the French league as it starts life without Mbappe, who left for Real Madrid this offseason.

PSG is seeking its fourth straight league title but many had expected its grip on the trophy to loosen after the departure of its star forward. So far, that hasn't been the case, with the



Paris Saint-Germain's players celebrate after winning the French L1 football match. | Photo: PTI

### FACTFILE

● PSG scores six goals, showcasing dominance in their second match of the season.

team netting 10 goals in its opening two matches.

Bradley Barcola opened the scoring after three minutes with an

angled strike from nine yards out and Marco Asensio doubled the lead with a low shot from the center of the area after being teed up by a delicate pass from João Neves.

It was the third assist in two games for the 19-year-old Neves, who arrived from Benfica in

the offseason.

Ousmane Dembélé's perfect pass gave Barcola the simplest of tap-ins for the third goal eight minutes into the second half, Achraf Hakimi's side-footed volley made it 4-0 in the 57th and Warren Zaïre-Emery slotted home another on the hour mark.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### SOCCER

**Leverkusen to start Bundesliga title defense with 3-2 win**

**MONCHENGLADBACH:** The late goals just keep coming for Bayer Leverkusen. The defending Bundesliga champion needed a goal in the 11th minute of injury time to beat Borussia Monchengladbach 3-2 Friday after giving up a two-goal lead in the opening game of the German league season. Xabi Alonso's team went undefeated in both the league and the German Cup last season, in part thanks to a number of late goals and comebacks, and it continued in the same vein at the Borussia-Park. Florian Wirtz saw his last-gasp penalty saved, but converted the rebound to secure the win. Granit Xhaka had given the visitors the lead with a thunderous 25-yard strike in the 12th minute and Wirtz made it 2-0 in the 38th after Borussia failed to clear their lines. **PTI**

### WRESTLING

**Kajal win gold but freestyle men's wrestlers disappoint**



**AMMAN:** Extending India's domination of the women's event at the Under-17 World Championship, Kajal became the fifth wrestler from the country to bag the title in the ongoing edition with her commanding 9-2 win over Ukraine's Oleksandra Rybak in the 69kg weight category, here Saturday. However, Shrutika had to be content with a silver after being outwitted by Japan's Yuu Katsume, who finished the 46kg gold medal bout in mere 40 seconds. **PTI**

### Sinner's Steroid Scandal

**Jannik Sinner fired two of his team members over his positive steroid tests in March**



**NEW YORK:** Jannik Sinner fired his fitness trainer and physiotherapist because of his two positive steroid tests in March and said Friday at his pre-U.S. Open news conference – his first public comments on the matter – that he knew he was innocent but worried what the case's outcome would be until finding out he wouldn't be suspended. Sinner's fitness trainer, Umberto Ferrara, and his physiotherapist, Giacomo Naldi, have been at the 23-year-old Italian's side during his rise over the past two years, which included his first Grand Slam title at the Australian Open

in January and ascension to the No. 1 ranking in June. "I'm not feeling that confident to continue with them," Sinner said. "Now I just need some clean air." The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) announced this week that Sinner failed two drug tests – one during a tournament in Indian Wells, California, and one eight days later – but that it was determined the banned anabolic steroid Clostebol entered his system unintentionally through a massage from Naldi. "Obviously it has been a very tough moment for me and my team," Sinner said. **PTI**

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### TOP GOAL SCORERS IN PREMIER LEAGUE (2024)

Erling Haaland	28
Harry Kane	26
Mohamed Salah	24
Son Heung-min	22
Marcus Rashford	20

Source: Premier League

### SOCCER

**Lionel Messi begins on-field workouts, could rejoin Inter Miami**

**FORT LAUDERDALE:** Lionel Messi began individual on-field training this week and could be ready to join Inter Miami on the field before the end of the MLS regular season, Miami coach Gerardo "Tata" Martino said Friday. The 37-year-old Messi has been out with a right ankle injury since Argentina's July 14 Copa America final win over Colombia, when he went down in the second half and tearfully exited the field. Messi will not play when Inter Miami hosts FC Cincinnati on Saturday and was omitted from Argentina's national team roster for its two September World Cup qualifiers. He has not played for Inter Miami since July 1, but Martino said he could join the team in full training soon. "He is not training with the group. But he is already out on the field and working with the physical trainers," Martino said, "and he is evolving well. It was foreseeable that he would not be with Argentina because he is not yet in a position to play." **PTI**

### SOCCER

**Weston McKennie signs contract extension to stay at Juventus until 2026**



**TURIN:** United States midfielder Weston McKennie has signed a contract extension to stay at Juventus until June 2026, the Italian club said Friday. McKennie had a team-high 10 assists in all competitions for Juventus last season and has scored 13 goals for the club since joining in 2020. He spent the second half of the 2022-23 season on loan at Leeds, which was then in the Premier League. **PTI**

### RADUCANU'S TRIUMPHANT RETURN |

## Confident Raducanu returns to US Open

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**Even when I won the U.S. Open, I only played a few tournaments that year. Yes, they were closer together.**

Emma Raducanu  
Tennis Player



questions about whether she's played enough

matches to be ready for it.

Her 2021 U.S. Open title is still Raducanu's only one on the WTA Tour, and she didn't even play in Flushing Meadows last year because of injuries. The 21-year-old from England has played fewer than 30 matches this year and passed up chances to be more active, but doesn't second-guess her

preparation for the final Grand Slam of the season.

"Even when I won the U.S. Open, I only played a few tournaments that year," Raducanu said. "Yes, they were closer together, but I'm not in any big rush to play those. I think I'd rather target tournaments and play the tournaments that I'm entered in."



## Sports News

# Sarabjot aims higher after historic Olympic bronze

Sarabjot Singh Reflects on Limited Training Time with Manu Bhaker Before Securing India's First Mixed Shooting Olympic Bronze, Eyes Gold in 2028 Olympics

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Sarabjot's next goal: upgrading to gold at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

**BENGALURU:** Sarabjot Singh, who partnered with Manu Bhaker to win India's first ever Olympic medal in a mixed shooting event, on Saturday said they "barely" got to train together in the run-up to their event.

Bhaker and Sarabjot scripted history with a bronze medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team shooting event at the Paris Games.

"My training was due at 9, hers was due at 12, individually. Mixed session lasted for 30 minutes, before which she trained separately, and I separately.

"Our conversation was usually brief and limited to 'Apna 100 per cent dena hai (we have to give our 100 per cent)'. Apart from that, we enjoyed some banter. Sometimes I would make fun of her, sometimes she would of me," recalled Sarabjot.

Sarabjot also revealed his longtime fandom for Yusuf Dikec and said he has been looking up to the Turkish shooting icon for inspiration since 2011. "I have been watching his (Yusuf's) videos since 2011. He has always been



like this. He is 51 today. Even though I have tried, I could not match his perfection. If I had the chance, I would ask him what he eats?," said the 22-year-old from Dheen village of Haryana during

an interview with PUMA India. Sarabjot said that his pistol is engraved with SSINGH30, comprising his initials and a significant date in his journey. "I didn't give it a name. When I achieved

my personal best at the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, I got the weapon engraved with 'SSINGH30'. That is my best weapon. Because my medal (gold) came on September 30 and that

## HIGHLIGHT

• Sarabjot practices Trataka meditation, focusing on a candle flame for mental clarity in shooting.

• Visualization is crucial in shooting; Sarabjot uses Trataka in complete darkness for focus.

was a significant achievement," he said.

The athlete also shared that he has had to deal with his fair share of setbacks in his journey. Meditation, and a rare yogic technique called Trataka, helped him.

"The main technique is to look at the candle flame with eyes open for three minutes, and then imagine for two minutes. I used to keep it directly in front of my eyes.

"Complete darkness in the room, complete peace, silence. My eyes would water; it was not easy. The most important thing is visualisation in shooting," said Sarabjot.

In conclusion, the Olympic medallist stated his ambition for the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

"LA '28; iska colour change karna hai (LA '28, I want to change its colour)," said Sarabjot, gesturing toward his glittering bronze medal.

# Mushfiqur leads B'desh to massive total vs Pakistan

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Mushfiqur Rahim's brilliant 191 powers Bangladesh to 565, frustrating Pakistan's bowlers.

**RAWALPINDI:** Mushfiqur Rahim dug in to score a superb 191 and share a record stand with Mehidy Hasan Miraz as Bangladesh nullified Pakistan's pace attack in the first test on Saturday.

Mushfiqur's 11th test hundred, and first against Pakistan, came in more than 8-1/2 hours and lifted Bangladesh to 565 all out on Day 4.

It was Bangladesh's third highest score away from home, as Pakistan's ploy to go with four fast bowlers failed to work on a greenish wicket that eased considerably for batting. Pakistan, which made 448-6 declared in its first innings, lost opener Saim Ayub early in its second and was 23-1 at stumps, trailing by 94 runs. Abdullah Shafique was not out on 12 while captain Shan Masood was unbeaten on 9. Mushfiqur's marathon 341-ball knock, featuring 22 fours and a six, ended in the final session when he attempted a square cut against Khurram Shahzad's good-length delivery and was caught behind. Mushfiqur and No. 8 Mehidy, who scored 77, made the four



Mushfiqur Rahim celebrates after scoring century.

## FASTFACTS

• Mushfiqur and Mehidy set record 196-run seventh-wicket stand against Pakistan.

• Pakistan trails by 94 runs after losing early wicket in second innings.

fast bowlers toil under hot and humid conditions by raising a 196-run stand, the highest sev-

enth-wicket partnership in a test against Pakistan.

It broke the 48-year record of Richard Hadlee and Warren Lees. The New Zealand pair put on 186 against Pakistan in Karachi in 1976.

Naseem Shah picked up 3-93 and fellow spearhead Shaheen Shah Afridi grabbed two late wickets to finish with 2-88. The two other seamers - Khurram Shahzad and Mohammad Ali - claimed two wickets apiece.

## CHOPRA'S POTENTIAL

# Neeraj Chopra will throw 93m in one or two years: Jhajharia

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Devendra Jhajharia predicts Neeraj Chopra will breach 90m, potentially reaching 93m soon.

**NEW DELHI:** Legendary para-athlete Devendra Jhajharia feels it's a matter of time for star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra to breach the elusive 90m mark and predicted that he can throw 93m in one or two years.

Chopra won a silver medal in the Paris Olympics with a throw of 89.45m earlier this month while the gold went to Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who stunned the javelin world with an Olympic record effort of 92.97m. On Thursday, Chopra again finished second in



## FASTFACTS

• Chopra's javelin throw could exceed 93 meters within the next two years.

• Jhajharia believes Chopra's peak form will come around age 28 or 29.

the Lausanne Diamond League with a last round throw of 89.49m, behind two-time world cham-

pion Anderson Peters of Grenada, who produced a monster throw of 90.61m. Jhajharia, himself a para-javelin throw legend with double Paralympics gold in F46 category, said when Chopra breaks the barrier of 90m, he will do it by a big margin, going past the elusive mark by 3 to 4 metres. "If I say in the language of javelin throw, 89-plus has become a barrier for Neeraj currently.

# Purani Dilli 6 beat North Delhi Strikers by six wickets

**NEW DELHI:** A collective effort with both bat and ball helped Purani Dilli 6 beat North Delhi Strikers by six wickets in a rain-shortened match of the Delhi Premier League T20 here on Saturday.

With the match reduced to 18 overs due to rain, North Delhi Strikers had a shaky start to their innings, but Sarthak Ranjan and Pranav Rajvanshi's gritty fifth-wicket partnership of 73 off 54 balls helped their team post a competitive 130/7.

In response, Keshav Dalal's half-century helped Purani Dilli 6 register their second win of the tournament as they chased down the target with ease.

Anirudh Chowdhary provided North Delhi Strikers with crucial early breakthroughs, dismissing Arnab Bugga (8 off 5) and Arpit Rana (19 off 12).

## IT SCARRED ME MASSIVELY

# KL Rahul opens up about Koffee with Karan controversy

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KL Rahul reveals the lasting impact of the "Koffee with Karan" controversy on his life.

**NEW DELHI:** Wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul has opened up about the impact that the "Koffee with Karan" controversy had on him, saying the backlash left him "massively scarred" and changed him as a person.

Five years ago, Rahul and fellow cricketer Hardik Pandya faced a nationwide outcry after making comments about women on Bollywood director Karan Johar's talk show. The remarks sparked outrage on social media and led to their suspension ahead of an ODI series against Australia.



lia. "The interview was a different world. That changed me. Completely changed me," Rahul said in a podcast with Nikhil Kamath, which also included Bollywood stars Kriti Sanon and Badshah.

"I was a very shy, soft-spoken boy growing up. Then I played for India and became very confident, I had no problem being in a huge

group of people. People will know I have been in a room of 100 people because I would talk to everyone.

"Now I don't (do that) because that interview scarred me massively. Getting suspended from the team. I have never been suspended in school, I have never been punished in school. All this never happened to

## HIGHLIGHT

• Rahul describes the controversy as a deeply scarring experience, changing him as a person.

• Suspension from the Indian team was a major turning point in Rahul's personal growth.

me. I didn't know how to handle it," he added.

Talking about his school life, Rahul said he was never ever punished in school. "I did mischievous things in schools like chota mota (small things), but nothing to get me expelled from school or my parents have had to come. That was my first, and then you realise how bad it is," he said.

## FRIENDSHIP FUELS VICTORY

# Swapnil's Olympic success fueled by friendship and coaching

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**NEW DELHI:** Shooter Swapnil Kusale isn't really superstitious but when fellow mates Akhil Sheoran and Shriyanka Sadangi gifted him a small key chain to ward off evil eye, he readily accepted it before boarding the flight to Paris for the Olympics.

Swapnil has found himself being defeated by fate in several top-notch competitions, including the Asian Games in 2023 and the 2022 World Champi-

onships in Cairo, where just one shot -- and a few decimal points -- pushed him to fourth place. But in Paris, the 29-year-old set the record straight, becoming the first Indian ever to win a bronze medal in 50m rifle 3-positions event at the Olympics.

While Akhil and Shriyanka, both 50m rifle 3-positions shooters, had secured Olympic quota places for the country, they could not make the cut for the Games follow-



ing the Olympic Selection Trials conducted by the National Rifle Association of India. "Just before I was to travel to Paris, My best friends Akhil and Shriyanka came to meet me and gifted a key chain

to guard me against the evil eye. They said, 'bhai jeet ke aana hai' (return a winner)."

That, and the learnings imparted by personal coach Deepali Deshpande and 'elder sister' Tejas-

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Swapnil Kusale Shooter

wini Sawant, says Swapnil, played a huge role in his Olympic success.

"The three of us -- me, Akhil and Shriyanka -- have been together for years and they take care of me whenever I am in Delhi. We share a very strong bond. Akhil is like my brother and Shriyanka my sister. We are a family whenever we are in camp or competition... so many years we have spent together since our junior days," Swapnil told PTI on Saturday.

# India A stare at defeat against Australia A

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**GOLD COAST:** India A are staring at a defeat against Australia A after the visitors crumbled against the home team's spin attack, slumping to 149 for six in their second innings on the third day of the unofficial one-off women's Test here on Saturday. Chasing a victory target of 289, built around Maddy Darke's unbeaten 105, India A looked to build a foundation but rival spinners -- Charli

Knott (2/27), Grace Parsons (2/27) and Lilly Mills (1/15) -- struck in regular intervals. The visitors lost 5 wickets for just 42 runs across 21 overs.

At stumps, Raghvi Bist (16) and Uma Chetry (10) were at the crease with India A still needing 140 runs to win with four wickets in hand. Resuming at 164 for 7, Australia A produced a tough resistance with Darke doing bulk of the scoring en route to an unconquered 105.



# World



"I do not have the votes in parliament to liberalise Poland's strict abortion law."

Donald Tusk  
Polish Prime Minister

## Ukraine's Independence Day on the Place des Nations



People gather to mark Ukraine's Independence Day on the Place des Nations in front of the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Saturday.

# Palestinians crammed into shrinking safe zone

The UN estimates that 90% of Gaza's 2.1 million residents have been displaced, with 84% of Gaza now falling within the evacuation zone.

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**DEIR AL-BALAH:** Young girls screamed and elbowed each other in a crush of bodies in southern Gaza, trying desperately to reach the front of the food line. Men doled out rice and chicken as fast as they could, platefuls of the nourishment falling to the ground in the tumult. Nearby, boys waited to fill plastic containers with water, standing for hours among tents packed so tightly they nearly touched. Hunger and desperation were palpable Friday in the tent camp along the Deir al-Balah beachfront,

after a month of successive evacuation orders that have pressed thousands of Palestinians into the area that the Israeli military calls a "humanitarian zone." The zone has long been crowded by Palestinians seeking refuge from bombardment, but the situation grows more dire by the day, as waves of evacuees arrive and food and water grow scarce. Over the last month, the Israeli military has issued evacuation orders for southern Gaza at an unprecedented pace. At least 84 per cent of Gaza now falls within the evacuation zone, according to the UN, which also

### HIGHLIGHT

- **Palestinians are facing hunger, desperation, and skin diseases due to lack of clean water and sanitation.**
- **Successive evacuation orders have reduced the size of the humanitarian zone, pushing more Palestinians into the area.**

estimates that 90 per cent of Gaza's 2.1 million residents have been displaced over the course of the war. Thirteen evacuation

orders have been issued since July 22, according to an Associated Press count, significantly reducing the size of the humanitarian zone declared by Israel at the start of the war while pushing more Palestinians into it than ever before. The increased crowding of evacuees can be seen in satellite photos. "The food that reaches us from the charity is sufficient for the people in our camp," said Muhammad Al-Qayed, who was displaced from Gaza City and now lives along the beach. "Where do the people who were recently displaced get food from?

From where do we provide them?" Another displaced Palestinian, Adham Hijazi, said: "I have started thinking that if there is no food, I will go and drink seawater to endure it. I am talking seriously. I will drink water and salt." The military says the evacuations are necessary because Hamas has launched rockets from within the humanitarian zone. In posts on X, the military's Arabic-language spokesperson, Avichay Adraea, has instructed Palestinians to flee immediately, saying the military will soon operate "with force" against Hamas militants in the area.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### RUSSIA UKRAINE WAR Moscow and Kyiv swap prisoners of war

**KYIV:** Russia and Ukraine exchanged over 100 prisoners of war on Saturday as Kyiv marked its third Independence Day since Moscow's full-scale invasion. Ukraine said the 115 servicemen who were freed were conscripts, many of whom were taken prisoner in the first months of Russia's invasion. Among them are nearly 50 soldiers captured by Russian forces from the Azovstal steelworks in Mariupol. The Russian Defence Ministry said the 115 Russian soldiers had been captured in the Kursk region, where Ukrainian forces launched their surprise offensive into Russia two weeks ago. The ministry said the soldiers were currently in Belarus, but would be taken to Russia for medical treatment and rehabilitation. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a post on X that the United Arab Emirates had again brokered the exchange, the 55th since Russia launched a full-scale invasion of its neighbour in February 2022.

### PHILIPPINES CHINA

### Philippines says flares fired from a Chinese island base threatened its fisheries plane

**MANILA:** A Philippine fisheries bureau plane was threatened by flares fired from a Chinese island base while conducting a routine patrol in the South China Sea, Philippine officials said Saturday, the latest territorial spat between Beijing and Manila over one of the world's busiest trade routes, with confrontations spreading from the disputed waters to the airspace above. China has been at odds with several other countries in the Asia-Pacific for years over its sweeping maritime claims, including almost all of the South China Sea.

### ITALY YACHT SINKING

### Italian prosecutors open shipwreck and manslaughter investigation into superyacht sinking



**ROME:** Prosecutors in Italy said Saturday they have opened an investigation into culpable shipwreck and multiple manslaughter after a superyacht capsized during a storm off the coast of Sicily, killing seven people onboard. They included British tech magnate Mike Lynch and his daughter. Termini Imerese prosecutor Ambrogio Cartosio con-

firmed the investigation has been launched, but said no suspect is currently identified. "We are only in the initial phase of the investigation. We can't exclude any sort of development at present," he told reporters at a news conference. Cartosio said his team will carefully consider each possible element

of responsibility, including those of the ship's captain, the crew, individuals in charge of supervision, the ship-builder and others.

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### BANGLA MINORITIES

# Fasting and puja can coexist in B'desh: Interim govt advisor

### FASTFACTS

- Thousands of Bangladeshi Hindus have been trying to flee to neighbouring India to escape the violence.

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**DHAKA:** Bangladesh saw several incidents of violence against members of Hindu, Buddhist and Christian communities following the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government earlier this month.



Devotees wait to offer prayers at the Dhakeshwari National Temple at Old Dhaka area Friday.

The Bangladesh National Hindu Grand Alliance said the minority community faced attacks and threats in 278 locations across 48 districts since the fall of the

Hasina-led government. Several Hindu temples, homes and businesses of the minority community in Bangladesh were destroyed this month amidst the student-led

unrest against quotas in government jobs.

Thousands of Bangladeshi Hindus have been trying to flee to neighbouring India to escape the violence.

### Justin Bieber and Hailey Bieber welcome their first child Jack Blues

**LOS ANGELES:** Celebrity couple Justin Bieber and Hailey Bieber announced the birth of their son on Saturday. Justin, 30, shared a post on his Instagram handle to welcome son, Jack Blues Bieber. The post featured Hailey's hand and the toe of the newborn.



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