



## CHHATTISGARH

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## Guarantee of accessible justice to all is important

PM referred to his remark on 'secular civil code' and said that judiciary is advocating this for decades.

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**JODHPUR:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the guarantee of simple and accessible justice to all is important as the country moves towards the dream of a developed India.

Speaking at the concluding ceremony of Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the Rajasthan High Court here, Modi also referred to his Independence Day remark on 'secular civil code' and said that the judiciary has been advocating this for decades.

"As we move forward with the dream of a developed India, there should be a guarantee of simple, easy and accessible justice for everyone. This is very important," he said.

Modi said that justice is always simple and clear, but sometimes the process makes it diffi-



PM Modi during the concluding ceremony of Rajasthan HC's platinum jubilee celebrations. | Photo: PTI

## HIGHLIGHT

● **Innovation and modernisation is equally important for providing justice for all.**

cult. "It is our collective responsibility to make justice as simple and clear as possible. I am satisfied that the country has taken many historic and decisive steps in this

**Crimes against women unpardonable sin.**

Narendra Modi  
Prime Minister

direction," he said. The prime minister also said that today the people's dreams, their aspirations are bigger,

"so it is important that our systems are modernized". "Innovation and modernisation of the system is equally important for providing justice for all," he added.

Modi said that the Indian judiciary has continuously played the responsibility of being vigilant and active on national issues. "The example of the 'consti-

tutional integration' of the country by abrogating Article 370 from Kashmir is before us. The example of humanitarian law like CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) is before us. What natural justice says in the national interest on such issues has been completely clear from the decisions of the courts," he said.

## Krishna's birthplace ready for Janmashtami celebrations

**MATHURA:** Preparations for the grand celebration of Janmashtami on Monday in Lord Krishna's birthplace Mathura and Vrindavan, where he spent most of his childhood, are in full swing as temples have been decorated and arrangements made for devotees.

Janmashtami will be celebrated in Mathura and Vrindavan for two days -- August 26 and 27, officials had said earlier.

"Amidst chanting of vedic hymns and playing of shankh (conch shell) and drums, a procession of priests donning the attire of Radha-Krishna and other deities will be taken out on Monday," Kapil Sharma, secretary of Shri Krishna Janmasthan Seva Sansthan said. These attires will be kept in different temples and will be used on Monday morning, he said.

## Doctor assaulted at hospital

**NEW DELHI:** A resident doctor and a medical dresser were attacked allegedly by a patient's attendant, just days after resident doctors resumed work following an 11-day nationwide strike over the alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata. The incident took place at Doctor Hedgewar Hospital in Karkardooma here late on Saturday night while the doctor was providing critical care.

## Trainer aircraft located

**JAMSHEDPUR:** The Trainer aircraft that went missing in Jharkhand was located on Sunday in the Chandil dam's reservoir in Seraikela-Kharswan district, an official of the aviation company that owned it said. The aircraft, a Cessna-152, with a trainee and an instructor on board went missing on Tuesday after taking off from the Sonari aerodrome in Jamshedpur in East Singhbhum district.

## NEWSLINE

## BHUBANESWAR

## Heavy rain warning

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy rainfall in 18 out of the 30 districts in Odisha for Monday. The IMD's Bhubaneswar centre has issued an 'orange' warning (be prepared) for Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Sundargarh and Jharsuguda.



## PATNA

## Jan Suraaj in poll fray

Activist Prashant Kishor on Sunday said his Jan Suraaj will contest all 243 seats in next year's assembly elections in Bihar and at least 40 candidates will be women. Addressing a women's convention in Patna, Kishor, the founder of political consultancy firm I-PAC, said Jan Suraaj wants to empower women of the state.

## KOCHI

## Ranjit, Siddique quit posts

Heads began rolling in the Malayalam film world on Sunday in the aftermath of the Justice K Hema Committee's explosive findings of harassment and abuse of women professionals, leading to two high-profile resignations over allegations of sexual abuse.

## PATNA

## Goods train derail

Eight coal-laden wagons of a goods train derailed inside a yard in the Danapur division of the East Central railway on Sunday, officials said. No casualties have been reported in the incident that took place in Bihar. "The incident took place at around 4.45 pm when eight wagons, laden with coal, of a goods train derailed on the Bandhua-Paimar yard in the Danapur division on Sunday.



## WELLNESS

## A month without breakfast

Skipping breakfast for a month can have significant effects on your body and overall health. Breakfast is crucial for jump-starting your metabolism and providing essential nutrients after a night of fasting.

## REVIEW MEETING

## Shah for ethanol production, coop expansion in Chh'garh

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**Shah called for complete registration of PACS on NAFED and NCCF portals for agricultural produce sales.**

**NEW DELHI:** Union Home and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah on Sunday laid out a comprehensive plan to boost the cooperative sector in Chhattisgarh, focusing on ethanol production, maize cultivation, and expansion of cooperative societies.

Chairing a review meeting in Raipur, Shah emphasised the need for contracts between NCCF, NAFED, and the state government to promote maize cultivation, an official statement said.



"The central government will purchase all maize from farmers at Minimum Support Price," Shah said, noting the crop's low cultivation cost. The minister called for complete registration of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS) on NAFED and NCCF portals for agricultural produce sales. Shah proposed

mandatory accounts for traders, PACS, and cooperative societies in District Cooperative Central Banks. On ethanol production, he said, "Multi-feed ethanol production plants should be set up in the remaining three cooperative sugar mills within six months," assuring central government support. The Union minister

## FACTFILE

● Shah noted that all 2,058 PACS in Chh'garh have adopted model bye-laws.

launched PACS as water committees in 33 districts and urged the state to develop a new public dairy scheme focusing on tribal development. "PACS should function as multi-purpose units, catering to dairy and fisheries cooperatives as well," he added.

Shah stressed the government's commitment to cooperative expansion, saying, "A cooperative society is being formed in every panchayat to realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of 'Sahkar Se Samridhhi' (prosperity through cooperation)."

## 'Rahul Gandhi turned down resolution on caste census'

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**PATNA:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had turned down JD(U)'s demand for a resolution on caste census at INDIA bloc meetings under pressure from West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh Lalan claimed on Sunday.

Singh was JD(U) president when the party was part of the INDIA bloc and used to accompany Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to the coalition's meetings.

"Rahul Gandhi is simply shedding crocodile tears



## FASTFACTS

● **Rahul is simply shedding crocodile tears over the caste census issue, minister said.**

● **Rahul turned down request under pressure from WB CM Mamata Banerjee**

over the caste census issue... He is trying to confuse people. When the Bihar government conducted a caste-based survey in the state, we

were part of the INDIA bloc, and we kept asking him to pass a resolution on this in the coalition's meeting. Two meetings were held, but Rahul Gandhi had turned down our request under pressure from West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee," he claimed.

Singh made the claim in response to journalists asking him about Gandhi's recent statement on the issue.

"When Nitish Kumar got the caste survey done in Bihar, Rahul Gandhi never praised him for this," he added. Addressing the "Samvidhan Samman Sammelan" in Prayagraj on Saturday, Gandhi had said, "90 per cent of people are sitting out of the system. They have skills, and knowledge but no connections (with the system). That is why we have raised the demand for a caste census."

## Naxalite couple with Rs 10 lakh surrenders

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**DHAMTARI:** A Naxalite couple, carrying a cumulative bounty of Rs 10 lakh, surrendered before the security forces in Dhamtari district, a senior police official said on Sunday.

Tikeshwar Vatti alias Tikesh (38) and his wife Ganeshi Netam alias Pramila (32) turned themselves in on Saturday, cit-

ing disappointment with "hollow" and "inhuman" Maoist ideology, the official said. Tikesh was a member of Gobra Local Organisation Squad and Nagri area committee of the outlawed Maoist, while Pramila was a member of the Sitanadi area committee, he said.

The couple carried a reward of Rs 5 lakh each, he said.

## WORLD RECORD FEAT

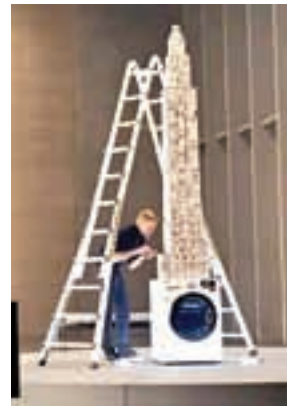
## US man builds 54-level house of cards in 8 hours

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**NEW DELHI:** Bryan Berg, an American architect and celebrated card-stacking artist, has achieved a new Guinness World Record that has captivated many. In just 8 hours, Berg constructed a 54-level house of cards, a remarkable feat that required him to use a ladder for the final lev-

els. The Guinness World Records (GWR) official account posted a video of Berg in action. With the timer ticking, Berg carefully assembled the cards, concentrating on building a stable structure.

Under the scrutiny of GWR Adjudicator Thomas Bradford, Berg completed the challenge. He even added a mobile



## NUMBER

7.86

● **Berg's current record, standing at 7.86 meters (25 feet 9 inches), has remained unbeaten since 2007.**

phone on top of the card tower as a finishing touch. GWR's caption

read, "Tallest house of cards built in 8 hours! Congratulations to Bryan Berg on his new record and for meeting Honor's challenge to test the lightness and thinness of their HONOR MagicV3!"

According to the GWR website, Berg constructed his impressive card tower without using glue, wiring, or any metal supports.

# Raipur



Anna Bhau Sathe will always be remembered for his works.

Brijmohan Agrawal  
Raipur MP



Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated new zonal office of the NCB. On the occasion CM Vishnudeo Sai, Deputy CM Vijay Sharma and others were present.

## Amit Shah inaugurates NCB Zonal Office

Shah reviewed the ongoing work of the NCB with officials.

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**RAIPUR:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday virtually inaugurated the new zonal office of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in Raipur, marking a significant step in the fight against drug trafficking in the region. The ceremony was attended by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnudeo Sai, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, and Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai.

Following the inauguration, Shah reviewed the

ongoing work of the NCB and held a high-level meeting with officials, where he emphasized the need for a scientific and targeted approach to dismantle drug trafficking networks. He stressed the importance of adopting a "top-down" strategy, ensuring that the entire chain of drug smuggling operations is identified and disrupted.

Shah directed officials to take stringent action against drug traffickers by seizing their properties and involving central agencies in financial inves-

### HIGHLIGHT

● Need for a scientific approach to dismantle drug trafficking networks

tigations. He highlighted Chhattisgarh's strategic location, which shares borders with seven states and connects to the Bay of Bengal through Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, making it a key route for drug smuggling. The Home Minister pointed out the concern-

rise in the consumption of ganja (marijuana) in Chhattisgarh, which is significantly higher than the national average. He underscored that proceeds from the narcotics trade are often used to fuel terrorism and Naxal activities, demanding immediate and strong action to cut off these financial sources. Shah laid out a four-point strategy to address drug smuggling: dictating strong laws and enforcement, destroying smuggling networks, detaining offenders, and rehabilitating addicts.

## Shalini Rajput attends one day workshop in Delhi

**RAIPUR:** On August 24, 2024, a one-day workshop was held at Vistar Bhawan in New Delhi, focusing on the upcoming BJP membership campaign. The workshop featured key leaders, including National Organization Minister BL Santosh, National General Secretary Vinod Tawde, National Vice President Rekha Verma (Incharge of Mahila Morcha Membership Campaign), and National President of Mahila Morcha Vanathi Srinivasan, who provided guidance and insights on the campaign. The workshop offered detailed information about the membership campaign scheduled to begin on September 1, 2024. The campaign will be officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, underscoring its significance. Representatives from 28 states across India, including Chhattisgarh, participated in the event. Chhattisgarh's State President Shalini Rajput, along with Mahila Morcha Vice President Mamta Sahu, were among the attendees. The workshop set the stage for a broader meeting of the United Front on August 28, where state office bearers, working committee members, permanent and special invited members, district presidents, and all district office bearers will come together to discuss the campaign's implementation.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### SPECIAL MEETING

#### Youth from Naxal-Affected Bijapur meet Amit Shah in Raipur

**RAIPUR:** A group of 31 youths from five villages around the Palanar Camp in Bijapur district, an area affected by Maoist insurgency, had a special meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Nava Raipur on Sunday. This event marked a significant moment for many of these youths, as it was their first visit to Raipur. The gathering was also attended by Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai, Deputy Chief Ministers Arun Saw and Vijay Sharma, and Forest Minister Kedar Kashyap.

During the meeting, Union Home Minister Shah engaged with the youths, inquiring about their well-being and extending his best wishes for their future. As part of their visit to the capital, the youths explored various landmarks, including Purkhauti Mukangan, Mahanadi Bhawan Ministry, Miwan Steel Plant, Magneto Mall, and the International Cricket Stadium.

### FEMINA MISS INDIA CHHATTISGARH

#### Vishakha Rai crowned Femina Miss India Chhattisgarh 2024

**RAIPUR:** Vishakha Rai has been crowned as Femina Miss India Chhattisgarh 2024 in the 60th edition of Femina Miss India, marking a significant milestone in her modeling career. The prestigious title was awarded after a grand ceremony held at Times Tower in Mumbai. The 21-year-old, who spent her early years in Chhattisgarh, will now represent the state at the national level in the Femina Miss India 2024 competition later this year. Vishakha's family expressed immense pride in her achievement, celebrating her success with joy. Vishakha's parents and elder sister have been a constant support throughout her modeling journey. Her father, V.K. Rai, shared that she has shown an interest in modeling, acting, and dance since a young age and started her modeling career at the age of 18.



### Demanding DA and Arrears

#### Chhattisgarh Sanyukt Morcha to hold statewide strike on September 9



**RAIPUR:** The Chhattisgarh Employee Officer Sanyukt Morcha has announced a statewide strike on September 9, pressing for the release of dearness allowance (DA) and arrears. In a meeting held in Raipur, the Morcha decided that all government offices, including ministries, directorates, schools, and hospitals, will remain closed on the day of the strike. The employees and pensioners, led by Mahendra Rajput, President of the Mantralaya Sangh, are demanding a 4% increase in DA and dearness relief

(DR) effective from January 1, 2024. Currently, the central government provides a 50% DA, while Chhattisgarh offers only 46%. The Morcha argues that the state government should adjust the DA and arrears in the GPF accounts, similar to the Central Government's practice. Despite previous promises in the election manifesto and a memorandum submitted to the Chief Minister, Finance Minister, and Chief Secretary on July 31, the state government has not yet announced the 4% DA/DR increase.

## Patient falls to death from fifth floor of hospital

**RAIPUR:** A tragic incident occurred at Medlife Hospital in Raipur, where a patient died after falling from the fifth floor under suspicious circumstances. The deceased, identified as 60-year-old Ram Biswal, was a resident of Odisha and had been admitted to the hospital for treatment of a mental illness.

The incident took place in the Telibandha police station area. According to initial reports, Biswal fell from a significant height and died on the spot due to the impact. The exact circumstances leading to the fall remain unclear, prompting a police investigation. Upon receiving information about the incident, officers from the Telibandha police station arrived at the scene and have begun probing the case to determine the cause of death. The investigation is ongoing, with authorities looking into whether the fall was accidental or if foul play was involved.

## Tokhan Sahu criticizes Russia MoU for Light Metro Train

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Such an MoU cannot be signed without prior approval from the central and state governments.

**RAIPUR:** A political uproar has erupted in Chhattisgarh after Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Development, Tokhan Sahu, labeled the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by Mayor Aiyaz Dhebar in Russia for a light metro train project as unconstitutional. According to Sahu, such an MoU cannot be signed without prior approval from the central and state governments. He called it not just an unauthorized move but also an insult to the public, alleging that Dhebar acted outside his official



Union Minister Tokhan Sahu and RMC Mayor Aiyaz Dhebar.

### FACTFILE

● Deputy CM Sao claimed that Dhebar failed to secure any permissions from either the state or central govt.

capacity during what Sahu described as a personal visit.

Adding to the criticism, Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao said that the mayor's actions were nothing more than a joke played on the public. Sao

claimed that Dhebar failed to secure any permissions from either the state or central governments and that the MoU lacks any legitimate standing. Sao framed it as an election stunt with no real foundation, echoing the aggressive stance taken by several BJP leaders against the agreement.

Mayor Aiyaz Dhebar responded by rejecting the allegations, asserting that his trip to Russia was not a personal visit. He insisted that the invitation

came from the Russian government and emphasized that the light metro train proposal had already been discussed and approved by the general assembly as part of the 2024-25 municipal corporation budget.

Dhebar also noted that his visit to Moscow was made known to the relevant authorities prior to his departure.

BJP MLA Rajesh Munat expressed skepticism, arguing that the MoU is not valid if the mayor was on a personal visit.

He insisted that Dhebar was not representing the government in Russia.

Similarly, Meenal Chaubey, the leader of the opposition in the corporation, questioned how Dhebar's visit could be considered official when even the Mayor's Council (MIC) was unaware of it.

### REALISE 'SAHKAR SE SAMRIDHI' DREAM

## Co-op society being formed in every panchayat: Shah

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**RAIPUR:** A cooperative society is being formed in every panchayat in the country to realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of 'sahkar se samridhi' (prosperity through cooperatives), Union Minister Amit Shah said here on Sunday. Chairing a meeting in Nava Raipur on the expansion of the cooperative sector in Chhattisgarh, Shah, who holds the home and cooperation portfolios in the Modi cabi-



net, also said the state government must set up multi-feed ethanol production plants in its three cooperative sugar mills within the next six months. "A cooperative society is being formed in every panchayat

of the country to realize Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of 'Sahkar Se Samridhi'," he said. "Chhattisgarh has four cooperative sugar mills, of which only one has an ethanol production unit. On

**A cooperative society is being formed in every panchayat to realize PM Modi's dream.**

Amit Shah  
Union Home Minister

the same lines, multi-feed ethanol production plants should be set up in the

remaining three cooperative sugar mills within six months so that ethanol can be produced from maize and sugarcane," he said while assuring the Centre's full assistance. He also emphasized on an agreement between National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED), National Cooperative Consumers Federation (NCCF) and the state for ethanol production so that farmers can be encouraged towards maize cultivation.

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### SEATS VACANT IN VARIOUS TECHNICAL COURSES DUE TO LATE ADMISSION IN CG

Course	Seats Vacant
Engineering	7102
Polytechnic	4732
MBA	1373
M.Tech	1238

For academic session in 2024-25 (1st Phase)

Source : Agencies

### DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

#### Union Home Minister inaugurates Development Projects in Nava Raipur

**RAIPUR:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the ambitious "Peepal for People" campaign in Nava Raipur, while inaugurating development projects worth Rs 204.84 crore under the Smart City Scheme. The event took place at the new assembly complex in Nava Raipur, with Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai presiding over the program. Several prominent political figures were also present, including Chhattisgarh Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh, Deputy Chief Ministers Arun Saw and Vijay Sharma, and a number of ministers and MLAs. One of the major highlights of the campaign is the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative, which focuses on planting more than one lakh native trees across Nava Raipur Atal Nagar. This includes over 21,000 peepal trees, as the city aims to make the peepal a common sight throughout the area.

Notably, Lord Krishna, in the Bhagavad Gita, identifies himself with the peepal tree, emphasizing its spiritual and ecological significance. The peepal tree is known to provide life-giving oxygen around the clock and can live for over 100 years.

### NEW LAUNCH

#### Indian Silk House Agencies launches Retail Store in Raipur



**RAIPUR:** Renowned for its extensive collection of sarees from across India at affordable prices, Bengal's leading retail chain, Indian Silk House Agencies, has inaugurated its new store in Raipur. The store was opened by Pratibha Dudhuria, the founder of Indian Silk House Agencies, by cutting the ribbon. On this occasion, Pratibha Dudhuria mentioned that with a legacy of over half a century, Indian Silk House Agencies is the largest silk saree retail chain in Eastern India. The brand is known for its commitment to quality, craftsmanship, and customer service. The mission of Indian Silk House Agencies is to provide quality products at affordable prices. As a rapidly expanding retail chain, we are dedicated to offering the best products and services to our customers.

# Grand Janmashtami Fest begins at ISKCON temple

Rich cultural heritage and spiritual significance make it a must-attend event.



Bal Mahotsav program features fancy dress and devotional dance competitions for children.

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**RAIPUR:** The three-day Grand Janmashtami Mahotsav 2024 celebrations began with great fervor and enthusiasm at ISKCON Temple in Tatibandh, Raipur on Sunday. The temple's president, H H Siddharth Swami Sulochan Krishna Das, and Janardan Das, inaugurated the festival. The Bal Mahotsav program, held today, featured a fancy dress competition and a devotional dance competition for children. Coordinators of the Bal Mahotsav program, Mrs. Kanchan Singhania and Mrs. Sulochana Banka said that this program is being organized for the last 23 years. A total of 350 participants

## FASTFACTS

● As many as 350 participants take part in competitions, judged by renowned judges

● Elaborate arrangements made for prasadam distribution

Participants took part in the competitions, with 50 in fancy dress, 150 in junior devotional dance, and 150 in senior devotional dance.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for prasadam distribution. The festival committee's chairman, Rajesh Agarwal, vice-chairman, Shubham Singhal, Rajesh Kingar, Pawan Sachdev, Dilip Kedia, Rajendra

## A packed schedule of spiritual delights

The second day of Janmashtami celebrations at the ISKCON Temple will commence on August 26 with a series of sacred rituals and events, including: Mangal Arti, Tulsi Arti, Guru Puja, Sringar Darshan, and Dhoop Arti, Recital of Shri Krishna Bal Leela by Siddharth Swami (9:30 am - 10:30 am), Bhajan Kirtan, Rajbhog Arpan, Rajbhog Arti, Usthanan Arti, Bhajan Sandhya, and Sandhya Arti, Prasad distribution, Kalash Abhishekam, Mahabhishekam, Chhappan Bhog Arpan, and Maha Aarti. Devotees can look forward to a spiritually enriching experience with these events, which promise to be a highlight of the Janmashtami celebrations, informed temple's publicity in-charge, Dilip Kedia and Rajendra Parikh.

Parikh, Pankaj Mishra, Vikas Modi, Mrs. Kanchan Singhal, Sulochana Bunka, Smt. Kanti Singhal, temple priests, and a large number of devotees attended the program. The Janmashtami celebrations will feature various cultural

events, including devotional songs, dance performances, and a grand procession. The temple has made elaborate arrangements for the devotees, including prasadam distribution and accommodation facilities.

## YC protest against arrest of Cong MLA



**RAIPUR:** Youth Congress leaders took to the streets for 'Jail Bharo Andolan' in protest against the arrest of MLA Devendra Yadav. There was a ruckus between the protesters and the police near Moti Bagh in the state capital. Youth Congress state president Akash Sharma had a heated exchange with the police during the agitation. Similar agitations were held in cities like Narayanpur, Durg, Bilaspur, Mahasamund, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, Youth Congress leaders created a lot of ruckus in the Jail Bharo Andolan and tendered their symbolic arrest during the agitation.

The Youth Congress leaders assembled in Gandhi Maidan to commence their agitation. The party workers advanced towards the district collectorate and Central Jail in form of a rally. However the agitators tendered their arrest near Moti Bagh, as the police stopped them forcibly there. During the agitation, the Congress leaders were raising slogans of Jai Satnam. The party workers also protested against the arrest of MLA Devendra Yadav and other Congress leaders.

## BJP targets to enroll 10 crore members in first phase



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**RAIPUR:** The BJP membership war room was inaugurated at the Kushabhau Thakre premises, the state headquarters of the Bharatiya Janata Party, in Raipur. Nitin Nabin, the state in-charge of the BJP, announced that the membership drive will commence on September 1, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and national president Jagat Prakash Nadda being the first members.

Nabin stated that the party aims to enroll 10 crore members in the first phase of the membership drive. He added that the party has already conducted workshops at the district and mandal levels and is preparing for the membership drive. The war room will monitor the progress of the membership drive across the state.

Kiran Singh Dev, the state president of the BJP, said that the war room will help track the strategy and progress of

the membership drive from the state to the booth level. He added that the membership drive will be launched by the Prime Minister on September 1, followed by state-level and district-level launches on September 2 and 3, respectively.

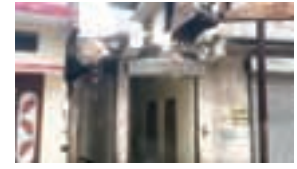
Union Minister Tokhan Sahu said that the BJP is the largest political party in the country and the world, and everyone wants to join the party. He added that the party has set targets for enrolling members, including 20,000 members per MP and 10,000 members per MLA. He expressed confidence that the party will achieve its targets.

The membership drive is seen as a significant step by the BJP to strengthen its base in the state ahead of the upcoming elections. With a target of enrolling 10 crore members in the first phase, the party is looking to expand its reach and influence across the country.

## NEWSLINE

### ENCROACHMENT

**RMC removes illegal construction**



**RAIPUR:** On the instructions of Raipur Municipal Commissioner Abinash Mishra and Zone 4 Commissioner Arun Dhruv, a team led by Zone 4 Executive Engineer Sanjay Verma, Assistant Engineer Deepak Devangan, Sub-Engineer Ajay Shrivastava, and Manisha Niral removed illegal construction on government land near Sarathi Chowk in Brahmanpara Ward No. 44. The illegal construction, spanning around 300 square feet, was built by encroaching on government land despite being allotted 700 square feet for residential purposes. The encroachers had also started commercial activities on the residential land.

### PROHIBITION

**No meat sale in Raipur on Janmashtami**

**RAIPUR:** The sale of meat and mutton will be completely banned in the entire Raipur Municipal Corporation area on August 26, 2024, Monday, on the occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami. This order has been issued by the Health Department of Raipur Municipal Corporation in compliance with the order of the Urban Administration and Development Department of the Government of Chhattisgarh. On August 26, 2024, all slaughterhouses and meat-mutton shops in the Raipur Municipal Corporation area will remain closed. If any shop is found selling meat-mutton, the meat-mutton will be seized and action will be taken against the concerned person. The Zonal Health Officers and Zonal Sanitation Inspectors of Raipur Municipal Corporation will ensure compliance with the ban order.

### INSPECTION

**Municipal Commissioner inspects beautification work**



**RAIPUR:** Municipal Commissioner Abinash Mishra inspected the beautification work being done from Fundhar Chowk to Mana Airport under CSR through Rama Group. He reviewed the progress of landscaping and beautification work on VIP Road and Expressway in the presence of Dr. Tripti Paniagrahi, Zone 10 Commissioner Rakesh Sharma, and other officials. Commissioner Mishra instructed to maintain cleanliness on VIP Road and Expressway, and to continuously catch stray animals with the help of catcher vehicles and special teams. He also directed to monitor the beautification work and complete it soon for public convenience.

## Reviving Indian Culture: Eminent guests share insights



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**RAIPUR:** The second installment of the "Kundan Lal Jain Memorial Lecture Series" was held at the Medical College Auditorium in Raipur, where esteemed guests shared their thoughts on the topic "Renaissance of National Pride".

Jain Guru Virag Muni emphasized the importance of non-violence, truth, and self-control, citing Mahavira's teachings. He stressed the need to revive Indian culture and values, which have been eroded by

foreign influences. Muni also highlighted the significance of selfless service and dedication, using examples from the Ramayana and Mahabharata.

Supreme Court Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain discussed the ongoing legal battles for Hindu rights, including the Gyanvapi case. He expressed confidence in the judiciary and predicted a favorable outcome, citing the Ayodhya verdict as a precedent. Jain also emphasized the power of knowledge and wisdom over brute force.

## Campaign to visit temples launched in Raipur



**RAIPUR:** Dharma Sanatan Group has launched a campaign to encourage the adolescent and youngsters to visit nearby temple and offer pooja along with their family members. The convener of the group said that Sunil Pandey and the corporator of the ward Ritesh Tripathy said that large number of devotees joined the campaign and reached Mahamaya temple in Purani Basti. Other temples would also be visited during the campaign, informed Sunil Pandey.

## Sharma supports Amit Shah's prediction to end Naxal menace

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Deputy CM Vijay Sharma stated that the Union Home Minister Amit Shah's prediction regarding the end of Naxal problem by March 2026 is quite genuine.

**RAIPUR:** Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Vijay Sharma today stated that the Union Home Minister Amit Shah's prediction regarding the end of Naxal problem by March 2026 is quite genuine and it is quite achievable.

Home Minister Vijay Sharma said that the target of ending Naxal menace 202 by the first quarter of year 2026 is a very courageous remark. "Some of the major international issues which



## FASTFACTS

● Meeting of the Inter State Coordination Committee, was also attended by the senior police Officers from neighbouring states.

were causing problems to the nation have now been solved, Sharma further said. Union Home Minister Amit Shah's had

a meeting with state government officials on the naxal issue. An all important meeting with the senior police officers of seven neighboring states was held in Nava Raipur this morning. In the meeting of the Inter State Coordination Committee, the senior police Officers from neighbouring states, gave their suggestions on how to curb the Naxal menace and reduce the problem

to a cipher, Sharma disclosed. The state Home Minister said that a joint policy has been made regarding Maoism. The persistent problem of left wing extremism will be solved in the next couple of years and complete control will be done by the stipulated time, Sharma further said. Meanwhile, development works would also be geared up in the naxal-affected areas to improve upon the life of the tribals living there. Myriads of developmental works have been completed during the last six months or so. This has certainly improved the lifestyle of the local people in the Bastar region, the state Home minister claimed. He added that further developmental works would be initiated in the naxal-affected areas, particularly in the far-flung areas.

## COMPETITION |

## Industry Expert Talk on Emerging Trends in Cyber Security

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**RAIPUR:** The Department of Computer Science & Engineering at NIT Raipur organized an Industry Expert Talk on "Emerging Trends in Cyber Security Industry" on August 23, 2024, under the Industry Institute Collaboration Cell (IICC). Dr. Suyash Kandle, a cybersecurity specialist at BOSCH Global Software Technologies and an alumnus of NIT Raipur, was the chief speaker.



Dr. Kandle shared his expertise on the growing importance of cyber security in the industry, emphasizing the need for higher education and research to advance in the field. He encouraged students to develop a research profile

to secure reputable positions as specialists and R&D engineers. The event was attended by 103 students and faculty members, including Dr. Pradeep Singh, Head of the Department of Computer Science

“Students must develop a research profile to secure reputable positions as specialists and R&D engineers.”  
Dr. Suyash Kandle  
Cybersecurity specialist  
BOSCH Global Software Technologies”

& Engineering, and Dr. Nitesh K Bharadwaj, Co-ordinator of IICC.

The program included a welcome address, felicitation of the speaker, and a Q&A session. Dr. Singh concluded the event by offering guidance and sharing his vision for a successful career. Dr. Kandle's achievements include graduating with a Silver Medal from NIT Raipur, completing his Ph.D. from IIT Bhilai, and publishing five patents with eight more in the pipeline.

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**RAIPUR:** MiC Member Gyanesh Sharma chaired a meeting at the Municipal Corporation's headquarters, Mahatma Gandhi Sadan, to review the works of the Public Works Department. He instructed the engineers to prioritize the repair of damaged roads in the city before the Ganesh festival. Sharma directed the immediate repair of roads damaged due to rains and instructed the engineers to inform the National Highway Authority

about the damaged roads on the national highway. He also instructed the engineers to prepare proposals for development works based on the demands received during the Jan Samasya Nivaran Shivir and to present them for approval. The MIC member also directed the engineers to ensure that the Mayor, Chairman, MIC members, Zone Presidents, and Ward Councilors are invited to the foundation stone laying and inauguration ceremonies of development works.

# Bhilai



“Civic bodies instructed to coordinate with denizens for tree plantation works.”

Richa Prakash Chaudhary  
Collector, Durg

## YC workers court arrest in Bhilai Nagar

Congmen staged Jail Bharo Andolan against the arrest of MLA Devendra Yadav.



YC workers clashed with the cops near Bhilai Nagar Police Station.

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### FASTFACTS

● Protestors demand immediate release of MLA Devendra Yadav

● Protestors raise slogans against BJP state government

**BHILAI:** Congress party workers are staging protests across the state against the arrest and imprisonment of Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav. In this episode, the Youth Congress activists of Bhilai district staged a Jail Bharo Agitation in Bhilai.

They gathered at Civic Center Chowk and marched to Bhilai Nagar Kotwali Police Station to court arrest. Meanwhile, they clashed with the cops who tried to intercept them mid-

way. Heavy police force was deployed to maintain law and order at the venue. The Youth Congress activists managed to reach the Bhilai Nagar Kotwali Police Station raising slogans against the ruling government.

The Youth Congress

### Attempt to spoil Devendra's image

YC leader Arjun Sharma said that in Bharat Jodo Yatra, Devendra Yadav walked with Rahul Gandhi throughout the journey which resulted in the increase of his popularity. He alleged that the state government is conspiring to spoil the image of an emerging leader. Yadav is being victimised in baseless cases, he said.

demanding the release of Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav. They protested against the action of Balodabazar Police and termed it to be a political conspiracy of the ruling party. Vibhor Durgakar, Arjun Sharma, Palash

Limesh, Zulfikar, Imamuddin Khan, Manish Tiwari, Sandeep Vora, Jayant Deshmukh, Ayush Sharma, Satnam, Bhaskar Dubey, Raj, Shubham Singh, Asfaq, Naveen Agarwal, Sohail, Sikha Roy and others courted arrest.

### Theft at retired cop's house

**BHILAI:** Theft occurred at the house of a retired cop in New Sunder Nagar, Borsi. The victim Pitanbar Lal Devangan complained that the entire family had gone to Telangana on August 06. When they returned on August 22, they found that the locks of the main gate and main door were broken. They went inside and found that all the household items were scattered and cupboards were also broken. 30 anklets, 01 sindoor box and other silver ornaments as well as Rs 5000 were stolen. Police lodged an offence against the unknown thief under section 305(a), 331(4) of BNS.

### Old lady injured in accident

**BHILAI:** A speeding bike hit an old lady when she was crossing the road in Old Bhilai. The old lady has suffered fatal injuries and is recuperating at AIIMS Raipur. The victim Khileshwari Soni was crossing the national highway in front of Shiv Engineering Workshop in Bajrangpara Bhilai 03 when a speeding bike dashed her and fled from the spot. She was taken to Supela Hospital in Dial 112 ERV and thereafter shifted to AIIMS.

## Congress demands action after ex-CM's convoy stopped



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### Former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's security lapse at Old Bhilai.

**BHILAI:** Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee had organized a Dharna protest on August 24 near Gandhi statue in Durg. Former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel left his residence Bhilai 3 to participate in this program. As soon as his convoy reached near Sirsa Gate in Bhilai 3, about 20-25 Bajrang Dal workers stopped his vehicle. Without any prior notice, the convoy of a former Chief Minister was stopped and the Bajrang dal activists created a tense situation by raising slogans and attempted to damage the vehicle. They clashed with the security personnel deployed for the security of the former Chief Minister. A serious security

lapse occurred here with the former Chief Minister, who has Z category security. Bhilai Congress President Mukesh Chandrakar said that in the Bharatiya Janata Party rule, the Bajrang Dal activists dared to breach the security of the former CM and the present MLA. The Presidents of the District Congress Committees of Durg City, Durg Rural and Bhilai jointly submitted a memorandum to the Superintendent of Police Jitendra Shukla and demanded appropriate action. They warned that if action is not taken within 48 hours, they will stage a gherao at Old Bhilai Police Station. DCC Durg City President Gaya Patel, Rural district President Nirmal Kosre, Bhilai district President Mukesh Chandrakar, Mayor Durg Dheeraj Bakliwal, Mayor Bhilai Neeraj Pal, RN Verma, State Secretary Rajendra Sahu, and others were present.

### NEWSLINE

#### ARREST

### Three held for breaking ATMs



**BHILAI:** Police arrested three ruffians including a juvenile on charges of breaking ATM machines and stealing cash from them. ASP Sukhmandan Rathore informed that on August 22, they received a complaint that two ATM kiosks have been vandalised in Utai Police Station limits. Police examined the crime scenes and checked the CCTV cameras. On the basis of CCTV footage, police rounded up three suspects from Khursipar. During interrogation, they confessed to committing the crimes. As there was no guard at PNB ATM located on Utai Road, they broke the machine with stones and sticks and stole Rs 23000. Thereafter they tried to break the Hitachi ATM but were unable to steal cash.

#### MORNING VISIT

### MLA inspects Hamar Clinic



**BHILAI:** MLA Gajendra Yadav visited Katulbod on Sunday during his routine morning visit and performed Bhoomipujan for laying tiles in Hamar Clinic premises. He took stock of the arrangements in the clinic and also got his BP and sugar checked. Considering the demand of anganwadi building repair, he instructed the departmental officer to take necessary action. Gajendra Yadav met the locals at Katulbod. Teachers of the nearby primary school also met the MLA after which he visited the school. The teachers demanded separate washrooms for boys and girls. They said that girls are facing problems due to the lack of washrooms in the school. Corporators Jayshree Joshi, Kanchiram Kosare, Arun Singh, Alka Baghmar, Shweta Tamrakar and citizens of the ward were present.

#### FIR LODGED

### Man gives surety with forged documents

**BHILAI:** A Court Reader lodged a complaint at Police Station against a person for giving surety for bail with forged documents and misusing the Court seal. The complainant Ajay Kumar Sahu (Reader of JMFC Payal Topno) complained that one Om Prakash (370 son of Chhagan Lal a resident of village Deokar had produced Kisan Kitab for bail of the accused in the case of Chhabilal Sahu v/s Nitin Dodani. The reader remembered that the same person had given surety for bail in the case of Kailash Sao v/s Ravi Kumar but the entry was not there in the Kisan Kitab. When enquired from the court of Tehsildar, it was found that any duplicate Kisan Kitab has not been issued.

## Plant-level Workplace Management Project concludes



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### BSP's Business Excellence department organized Gunvatta - 2024.

**BHILAI:** SAIL- Bhilai Steel Plant's Business Excellence department organized Gunvatta - 2024, a workplace management Project Competition for promoting employee engagement through enhanced participation. The five-day presentation competition was organised at Human Resource Development

Centre (HRDC). Pawan Kumar, ED (HR) was the Chief Guest, while Sushil Kumar, CGM (MRD) was Special Guest at the valedictory ceremony. CGMs, HoDs of the participating teams, and other Senior Officials were also present on this occasion.

A total of 99 teams from various departments of the Plant participated in the competition. In the Quality Circle Manufacturing Stream Teams Saarthi (BRM), Navasrijan (CO & CCD), and Agrani (SP-2) bagged the First, Second and Third prizes, respectively.

### Drunken youth thrashed

**BHILAI:** A drunken youth was thrashed by some people at Camp-1 after he demanded money from a person to purchase alcohol. The accused Gurpreet Singh alias Ansh demanded money for purchasing alcohol from a labourer Khilawan Sahu. When he refused, Ansh hit him with a sharp object. Some other people witnessed the incident and thrashed the drunken youth. Police have registered counter cases on complaints of both the parties.

### Scooter stolen from Housing Board

**BHILAI:** A scooter parked outside a house was stolen by unknown thieves. The victim Nohar Verma had parked his bike outside his house located at EWS 1915 in Housing Board Colony.

#### | KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS |

## Heritage fest underway at Hare Krishna Movement

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### Week-long celebrations with competitions for students.

**BHILAI:** On account of the grand event of Shri Krishna Janmashtami a Heritage fest is underway at Hare Krishna Movement, Bhilai which began on August 18. On the 5th day of the ongoing Heritage fest in the morning, the program started with the lamp lighting by Preeti Jain, Principal of Little Millennium School who was also the judge of the story telling competition.

The students narrated stories of various past times of lord Krishna. In the afternoon there was



classical dance Bharatanatyam competition in which students performed ecstatic dances for the pleasure of Shri Shri Radha Krishna Chandra. Then the students made very beautiful rangolis all based on the theme of lord Krishna. On the previous day competitions were poem recitation, classical dance(others), essay writing and instru-

mental music. Former Mayor Nirmala Yadav and VS Kalpana principal of Indu IT school were present as chief guest. The famous artists of the city Roshan Ghadekar, Mamta Rao, Ajit Banerjee, Khushi Jain, Mithun were the judges of various events. Performances were done by almost 250 students of reputed schools like DPS Rajnandgaon, DPS

### FASTFACTS

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● Also performed dances for the pleasure of Shri Shri Radha Krishna Chandra

Bhilai ,DPS durg ,Krishna Public school, Khalsa Public school, Maitri Vidya Niketan, Sri Sankara vidyalaya etc. Here it needs a mention that during the celebrations various competitions such as light classical dance, semi classical dance, vocal music, instrumental music, cooking, Rangoli, essay writing, flower decoration etc were organized.

#### | FOSTERING CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION |

## Students of MGM display exceptional Talent

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**BHILAI:** MGM Senior Secondary School, Sector 6, witnessed an exceptional showcase of student talent as part of a unique initiative aimed at fostering creativity and innovation among students. The event was held under the leadership of Principal T Anto Jacob and efforts of Art Teachers GRupa and Pratibha Maharana within the school premises.

The highlight of the event was the remarkable display of artistic skills by the budding artists from classes VII to XII. These talented



students presented an impressive array of sketches, drawings, and paintings across various mediums, showcasing their deep understanding of artistic techniques and their ability to express themselves creatively.

Students from classes VI and VII participated in a News Paper Making contest. The meticulous display of the children's creativity and the diverse range of talent on show were met with widespread appreciation from parents, teachers, and visitors alike. Principal T Anto Jacob expressed his pride in the students' achieve-

ments, stating, "This initiative was aimed at unlocking the creative potential within each student. I am thrilled to see such a high level of enthusiasm and talent, which truly reflects the innovative spirit of our students and the dedication of our faculty. Events like these are vital in encouraging our students to think beyond the conventional and to express themselves through art and creativity." The success of this event has set a new benchmark for creative expression at MGM Senior Secondary School.

**T Anto Jacob, Principal, MGM Senior Secondary School, Sector-6**

## Junior DAVians celebrate Janmashtami

Central Chronicle News

**BHILAI:** To seek the blessings of Lord Krishna the Primary Wing of DAV Public School Hudco, celebrated Janmashtami with great enthusiasm and devotion on Saturday. The event geared up with a special morning assembly where student dressed as Little Krishna and Radha. The atmosphere was filled with devotion as the children performed beautiful rendition of Krishna bhajans and songs captivating the audience with their innocent voice. A short skit depicting important episodes of Krishna's life



such as playful antics with Gopis and lifting of Govardhan hill were performed by the students. To further engage the students a series of programs like speech, poem, dance, short quiz, group dance, Geeta Strotra etc were organized. The enthusiasm and the participation from the students were remarkable.

# N-E-W-S



“On the eve of Janmashtami, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Sunday announced that the state government would open centres in urban areas for discussions on various aspects of Lord Krishna’s life.”

Dr Mohan Yadav  
CM, Madhya Pradesh

## Preparations are on for Ganesh Chaturthi festival



Devotees carry idols of Lord Ganesha to pandals for the Ganesh Chaturthi festival celebrations, in Mumbai on Sunday. PTI

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BEST OF THE REST

### SEX RACKET

#### Two booked for taking Thane woman to Jabalpur, forcing her into prostitution

**THANE:** Two persons were booked for pushing a 20-year-old woman into the flesh trade in Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh, a Thane police official said on Sunday.

As per the complainant, she had gone to the house of one of the accused in Diva here on April 17 and the latter told her about a good job opportunity in Jabalpur, the Rabodi police station official said.

“In Jabalpur, the accused handed over the victim to another woman for a consideration of Rs 5000 and left. The second accused forced the victim into a sex racket. She was also beaten up when she refused,” he said.

A case under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act was registered on Friday against the two women, who are yet to be arrested, the official added. **PTI**

### ARTICLE-370

#### NC, PDP can't ensure Art 370 restoration, fooling J-K voters: BJP leader Srinivasan



**JAMMU:** BJP Mahila Morcha president Vanathi Srinivasan on Sunday said it “impossible” for the opposition parties NC and PDP to ensure Article 370 restoration but they are fooling people by guaranteeing it in their manifesto for the Jammu and Kashmir assembly elections. Addressing reporters after a meeting of Jammu and Kashmir Mahila Morcha at the BJP headquarters here in the run-up to the assembly polls, Srinivasan said the younger generation in the union territory want a peaceful life and development, which can only be ensured by her party. **PTI**

# ‘U’ stands for Modi’s U-turns in Pension Scheme, says Kharge

The Congress has taken a jibe at the Centre over its announcement of the Unified Pension Scheme, saying the ‘U’ in UPS stands for the Modi government’s “U-turns”.

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** The Congress on Sunday took a jibe at the Centre over its announcement of the Unified Pension Scheme, saying the ‘U’ in UPS stands for the Modi government’s “U-turns”.

The opposition party also alleged that the UPS appears to be an attack on Dalits, tribals and backward classes.

Taking a dig at the government, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said, “The ‘U’

in UPS stands for Modi Govt’s U turns! Post June 4, the power of the people has prevailed over the arrogance of power of the Prime Minister.”

“Rollback in the budget regarding Long Term Capital Gain/Indexation. Sending Waqf Bill to JPC. Rollback of Broadcast Bill. Rollback of Lateral Entry,” he said in a post on X.

“We will keep ensuring accountability and protect 140 crore Indians from this despotic government,” the Congress

### HIGHLIGHT

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chief said. The Congress’ media and publicity department head Pawan Khara alleged that the UPS appears to be an attack on Dalits, tribals and backward classes. “In many states, the upper age limit for government jobs for reserved category is 40 years. In UPSC, this limit is 37 years. Under the unified pension scheme, it is mandatory to render 25 years of service to get a full pension,” Khara said. In such a situation, how will Scheduled Caste, Scheduled

Tribe and Other Backward Classes employees avail this facility, he asked. “Now the government should tell whether it wants to end the upper age limit facility available to the underprivileged or wants to deprive them of full pension?” Khara said on X. However, Professionals’ Congress chairman Praveen Chakravarty appeared to strike a divergent note from his party and said the introduction of the scheme was “welcome and prudent”.

## Bus with pilgrims on board hit by truck in Bihar, 35 injured

**SAMASTIPUR (BIHAR):** At least 35 Nepalese pilgrims suffered injuries when the bus in which they were travelling was hit by a speeding truck in Bihar’s Samastipur district in the wee hours of Sunday, police said.

The bus from neighbouring Nepal fell on its side after the truck rammmed into it at Musrigharri crossing on National Highway-28. The pilgrims were going to Deoghar district in Jharkhand to offer puja in a temple.

Most of the passengers suffered minor injuries and were discharged from a local hospital after the first aid, a police officer said.

“Only two passengers who sustained grievous injuries were sent to another hospital for better treatment.

UNION MINISTER DHARMENDRA PRADHAN SAID |

# ‘PM likely to visit Odisha to launch Subhadra Yojana’

Press Trust Of India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Odisha on September 17 to launch the ‘Subhadra Yojana’ for women, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan informed.



Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan briefing about PM’s visit. PTI.

**BHUBANESWAR:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Odisha on September 17 to launch the ‘Subhadra Yojana’, an ambitious scheme of the BJP government in the state for women, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Sunday. Speaking to media persons after visiting Jagannath temple in Puri, the Union Education minister said Odisha Chief

Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and two Deputy CMs had invited Prime Minister to launch the Subhadra Yojana in Odisha on September 17 and the PM had agreed to it. “During election, for the empowerment of women, we had promised to provide Rs 50,000 to each woman and the Odia people have imposed their faith on us. In the

meanwhile, the Mohan Majhi-led BJP government in Odisha has published the SOP for the rollout of the scheme,” Pradhan said. He said that more than one crore eligible women of 26-60 years age group, under BPL category would get Rs 10,000 in a year for five years under the scheme. On the inventory and maintenance of

### FACTFILE

● “During election, for the empowerment of women, we had promised to provide Rs 50,000 to each woman and the Odia people have imposed their faith on us.” Pradhan said.

Ratna Bhandar of Jagannath temple in Puri, the Union minister said on the request from the state government, a high-level team of ASI will inspect the treasury of the 12th century shrine soon. The Odisha government will make an inventory of all jewellery and other valuables stored in the Ratna Bhandar and will compare the latest list with the previous list, he added.

SEERS OF DALIT ALSO EXTEND SUPPORT |

# OBC leaders to support Siddaramaiah

Press Trust Of India

Seers from Dalit have declared their “unconditional support”, in the wake of the Governor granting prosecution sanction against Karnataka CM

**BENGALURU:** A delegation from the federation of seers from Dalit and

backward class communities on Sunday met Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and declared their “unconditional moral support”, in the wake of the Governor granting prosecution sanction against him in connection with the MUDA ‘scam’. The CM’s office in a statement said, “Strongly condemning the conspiracies of the

I am continuously getting support from different communities and will prove myself in the time to come.

Siddaramaiah  
CM, Karnataka  
Central government and the Raj Bhavan to arti-



cially destabilise the government, the swamijis declared that they will stand unitedly and fight against this conspiracy,

in favour of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. “I am continuously getting support from different communities and will prove myself in the time to come, said Siddaramaiah. The delegations of seers that met the CM included Jagadguru Sri Niranjanananda Puri Swamiji of the Kaginele Kanaka Guru Peetha and others.

## EXCISE POLICY SCAM

### Apex Court to hear bail plea of former Communication in-charge of AAP Vijay Nair on Aug 27



**NEW DELHI:** Excise policy ‘scam’A bench of justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti issued a notice to the Enforcement Directorate on August 12 on the plea of Nair while noting that he has been in custody for two years.

Appearing for Nair, senior advocates Abhishek Singhvi and Vikram Chaudhary submitted before the court on August 12 that he was arrested on November 13, 2022, and he has challenged the trial court’s July 29 order dismissing his default bail plea.

Earlier, on July 3 last year, the high court refused to grant bail to Nair and

other co-accused in the money laundering case.

The money laundering case stems from a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) FIR lodged after Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena recommended a probe into the excise policy 2021-22 which was later scrapped.

The CBI has alleged that Nair met some other co-accused, liquor manufacturers and distributors at various hotels in Hyderabad, Mumbai and Delhi for arranging “ill-gotten money through hawala operators” that was given to the AAP as a kickback in return for favours. **PTI**

## The Day's NUMBERS

### MAXIMUM MBBS SEATS IN GOVT MEDICAL COLLEGES IN STATES

Tamil Nadu has maximum number of medical colleges and maximum seats in entire country.	Tamil Nadu	5225
	Maharashtra	4825
	Uttar Pradesh	4303
	Gujarat	3700
	Karnataka	3150

Source: Agencies

### RECRUITMENT

#### Many senior posts lying vacant in Assam Police; running short of resources

**GUWAHATI:** Assam Police is grappling with vacancies at various levels including ADGP, IG, DIG, SP, according to official documents. The state police force is also struggling hard to maintain its pace as it is operating at little over 70 per cent of its vehicle requirement as per official assessment to run its operations efficiently, government records revealed. The total sanctioned strength of Assam Police is 79,852, including 4,835 personnel of Assam Police Radio Organisation (APRO).

Out of this, a total of 12,485 posts, which is 15.64 per cent of the required manpower, are at present lying vacant at various levels, as per official documents of the Home Department. Three posts of Additional Director General of Police are lying vacant against the sanctioned strength of six. Three posts of Inspector General of Police are also lying vacant against 14 posts, while there are no DIG at nine places out of 15 sanctioned posts, it said. **PTI**

### COURT

#### Kolkata, Thane incidents put focus of Fast Track Special Courts

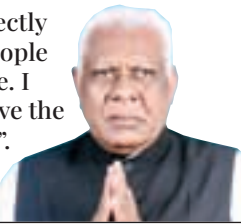


**NEW DELHI:** A nationwide uproar over the rape-murder of a Kolkata medic and the sexual assault on two kindergarten girls in Thane has led to a demand for fast-track trial in cases of crimes against women and children.

While several opposition leaders, including West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and former Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray, are demanding speedy justice for the victims, central government officials said a fast track court scheme launched nearly five years ago has disposed of cases in a timely manner. **PTI**

"I had the opportunity to directly interact with the common people in the camp at Kaneli village. I instructed the officers to resolve the grievances at the earliest."

**Punnul Mohle**  
MLA Mungeli



# Chhattisgarh

## Public grievance redressal camp held in Kanteli

A public grievance redressal camp was organized in village Kanteli. As many as 234 applications were addressed on the spot.



MLA Punnul Mohle interacting with the common people in the public grievance redressal camp.

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● **MLA Punnul Mohle and Collector Rahul Dev visited the stalls set up by various departments in the camp and instructed to provide the benefits of government schemes.**

**MUNGELI:** A public grievance redressal camp was organized in village Kanteli. 355 people submitted applications in the camp, out of which 234 applications were resolved on the spot. In the camp, MLA Punnul Mohle directly interacted with the common people and listened to their problems one by one and instructed the departmental officers to resolve them with sensitivity.

MLA Punnul Mohle and Collector Rahul Dev visited the stalls set up by various departments in the camp and instructed to provide the benefits of government schemes to 100% eligible people. Along with this, instructions were given to

also been set up by the departments to provide information about the public welfare schemes of the government. Various problems of all including water, electricity, pension, housing, toilet, ration card, Ayushman card making will be resolved. He said that maximum number of people should reach such camps and avail the benefits. The collector said that the applications received in the camp will be resolved as per the rules. As per the wishes of Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai, the district administration is committed to solving the problems of the common people. The collector presented the district CEO, Tehsildar, Gram Sevak, Panchayat Secretary, Patwari, local

officials of Health, Education and Police Department in front of the common people in the camp and asked whether anyone's work has stopped. During this, the villagers told many problems, on which the collector directed the field staff to solve the problem on the spot. He said that the applicants must be informed regarding the resolution of the case. No one's work should stop. The collector directed the field staff to be present in the area and work. District Panchayat CEO Prabhakar Pandey said that the government has instructed to organize public problem resolution camps by forming clusters in different villages, this has already started in the district.

## Children made villagers aware through street plays

**DONGARGAON:** On the occasion of Swachhata Diwas, various programs were organized on cleanliness in Govt Primary School Chichdo on Saturday, 24th August. During this, Swachhata Didi, Secretary, Employment Assistant, Teachers and children took out a rally and gave the message of keeping the village, street, hotel, shop clean. To make the villagers aware, children did street plays at crossroads and told about keeping wet and dry garbage separate and about management.

## NHM exam results uploaded on website

**KORBA:** Written exam was conducted in Korba district for contractual recruitment on various posts under National Health Mission. Exam for the posts of Staff Nurse, ANM, MPW, Nursing Officer was conducted today in Government PG College Korba. In which 83 were present in the first shift, 31 were absent, in the second shift 72 were present and 58 were absent. On 23rd August, the exam for Junior Secretary Asst, Sangwari Data Entry Operator was conducted.

## Briefs

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### JANMASHTAMI

#### Krishna Janmashtami celebrated in Mahasweta Shishu Mandir school



**ANWARI:** Mahasweta Shishu Mandir's school children celebrated Krishna Janmashtami on Saturday evening. The school management organized various competitions for school children like Dahihandi loot, Matka breaking, Radha-Krishna costumes, Matka decoration, chair race, sack race, painting, mehndi, in which school children participated enthusiastically. To encourage them, chocolates were distributed and gifts were presented. The younger children of the school were spreading a charming aura in Radha Krishna costumes.

### FESTIVAL

#### Mothers observe fast to mark the occasion of Hal shashti

**BIRKONI:** In village Barbaspur, Halashasthi festival was celebrated with great pomp in the courtyard of Sheeta temple and in homes on Saturday. All the women gathered and kept a fast for the longevity of their children. Group worship was done at various places.

Women were busy preparing for the worship a day before. In the temple council, from 1 pm onwards, a Saagri was made in the place of worship and decorated with Khamhar, Kashi, Bel and flowers and Halashasthi Mata was worshipped. In homes, women made Shiva, Parvati, Kartikeya, Ganesh, Nandi, Bhavra, Bati made of clay and installed them near the Saagri. Worship was started by offering six pots of water in the Saagri.

### Guests at the decoration ceremony

#### Felicitation ceremony organized in St. Xavier's High School Mungeli



**MUNGELI:** Felicitation ceremony was organized in St. Xavier's High School. In which the chief guest Additional SP Vivek Shukla and the school's education officer Dr. B.B. Mahato were present. The chief guest taught the students to avoid negative influences and taught to keep distance from social media. The program was started with the worship of Mother Saraswati and the girl students of the school presented a welcome dance. Mr. Shukla

guided the students to set their goals and how to overcome the obstacles in it. He taught the students to set a goal for the future and make every possible effort to achieve it.

In his address, he taught the students to avoid negative influences and taught to keep distance from social media. Education officer Mr. Mahato, in his address, congratulated the students and inspired them to bring glory to the school and family.

## Coordinators meet DEO to get suspension cancelled

**KHARORA:** In the incident of Korguda of Balod district, cluster coordinator Yashwant Nirmalkar CSC Sathi was suspended, in protest against which a courtesy call was made to District Education Officer Balod under the leadership of cluster coordinator Sathi and State President Vikram Rai of Balod district and a detailed discussion was held with District Education Officer Balod Mr. PC Markale regarding the above incident, on which the District Education Officer assured to cancel the suspension proceedings next week. Along with this, District President Rakesh Bhedia and District General Secretary Ashok Tandon strongly put forward their point on other problems, on which a meaningful discussion was held and it was also said to ensure prompt action to prevent such incidents in future.

## Lord Mahadev worshipped to mark Halashasthi festival

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The worship of Lord Mahadev and Parvati was performed on this occasion.

**RAJIM:** Women in the city and nearby villages kept Halashasthi fast for the happiness, good health and long life of their children and worshipped Lord Mahadev. According to the Panchang, the sixth date of Krishna Paksha of Bhadrapad month started at 12:30 pm on 24th August. After that, the period of worship started. Women reached Sagari with water in a bucket after doing sixteen adornments. After pouring water, they remembered Shankar Parvati and kept worshipping. Mothers and newly married women appeared at



Women doing parikrama of Sagari after Puja Archana.

### FACTFILE

● **The fast was observed by the devotees for the welfare of their family members and for seeking boon.**

various squares and intersections of the city and first did Puja Archana. After that, they sat and listened to the story from the mouth of learned Pandits. It has to be told that

Kamarchhat fast has its own special significance in Chhattisgarh region. This fast is observed on the sixth day of the Krishna Paksha of the Bhadra month. It is also known as Kamarchhat, Halashasthi, Lalachhat and Lalita Vrat. Women observe a strict fast in this. On this day, before taking bath, toothpicks were used with Mahua or Jamun. After this, plates and bowls were collected

for the preparation of the Puja items. Paddy was heated in fire and Laai was made. Six types of grains, wheat, gram, Laai, sorghum, millet, lentils and Mahua were offered in the Sagari. Two deep wells were dug as a water tank. Around which, branches of Banyan, Guler, Palash and Kush were planted in a circular manner and decorated. This increased the aura of the Sagari even more.

### The Day's NUMBERS

### STATES WITH MAXIMUM NO. OF AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITIES

Uttar Pradesh	07
Maharashtra	06
Karnataka	06
Rajasthan	06
Gujarat	05

Source - Agency

### CERMONY

#### Radha-Krishna broke the curd pot in Bhartiya Public High School

**DONGARGAON:** Saturday was a day of Krishna and Radha in Bhartiya Public High School run by Manav Samaj Kalyan and Shikshan Samiti. The festival of Krishna Janmashtami, a symbol of love and harmony, was celebrated with great pomp in the school.

According to the information received, under the guidance of Principal Sunil Kumar Pandey, students from class nursery to fifth participated enthusiastically in the festival of Krishna Janmashtami.

From the morning itself, all the children reached the school in the costumes of Radha-Krishna. Seeing them, not only the entire school family but also the citizens around were mesmerized.

It seemed as if Radha-Krishna themselves had come to this school to shower love. In the Radha-Krishna costume competition, Jeevansh Yadu got the first place in the costume of Shri Krishna, Ravi got the second place and Domesha Patel got the third place.

Similarly, in the costume competition of Radharani, Anshika got the first place, Tanisha got the second place and Priyanshi and Yukanshi got the third place respectively.

### SPACE DAY

#### School staff and students celebrate National Space Day



**MUNGELI:** Government of India has announced to celebrate 'National Space Day' on 23rd August every year to celebrate the success of Chandrayaan-3 mission as a festival. In this connection, poster, lecture and quiz competition was organized among the students of high and higher secondary classes of both English and Hindi medium on 23rd August at State Project Office Samagra Shiksha PM Shri Swami Atmanand Government English School Daupara. Ayushi Upadhyay stood first in the poster competition, Poorvaja Jaiswal second and Pushpanjali Thakur third. Shweta Lahare and Rudra Shukla stood first in the lecture competition, Sweety Patel second and Shradha Shukla third and Ayushi Dahriya stood first in the quiz competition, Aditi Singh second and Bhavesh and Muskan stood third. The students who secured first 3 positions in all the three competitions were honored by Principal Dr. I.P. Yadav by giving prize material.

### HALSHASTHI-FESTIVAL

## Rituals performed to mark Hal-Shashti

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**KURUD:** Mothers performed Halshasthi Pujan in various colonies across the city on Bhadrapad Shashthi to mark the festival of hal Shashthi, for seeking a long life and prosperity of their children and family.

Hal Shashthi festival is celebrated on Bhadrapad Shashthi, the birth anniversary of Lord Balabhadra. In this, moth-

ers used Pashar rice in the worship due to the importance of Pashar rice which grows without ploughing and six types of vegetables were also prepared in the worship.

In the rural areas including the city, a pit is dug at the squares and intersections and a small pond is made and Har Chhath Gad Puja is performed in it. For the birth of children, their protection and long life



of children, the festival of Halshasthi fast i.e. Kamarchhat was celebrated on 24th August.

### Hal Shashthi festival is celebrated on Bhadrapad Shashthi to mark the birth anniversary of Lord Balabhadra.

Jyoti Chandrakar devotee

It is believed that Lord Balaram was born on Bhadrapad Shashthi. His weapon was the plough

used in the fields. Only food grown without ploughing is used in the worship. The red rice grown on the banks of rivers, ponds, puddles without ploughing is called Pashar rice.\*

In the fast of Hal Shashthi, women used only buffalo milk and curd for worship, tooth brush from the wood of Khamhar tree, spoon made of Khamhar wood for making Pashar rice.

## Collector advocates for nutrition & hygiene

Collector participated in the Palak Chaupal program in village Mohgaon Anganwadi Center under Potth Laika Pehal Abhiyan

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**RAJNANDGAON:** In a significant push towards child health and nutrition, Collector Sanjay Agarwal actively participated in the Palak Chaupal program at the Mohgaon Anganwadi Center, under the Potth Laika Pehal Abhiyan. This initiative, aimed at raising awareness about child nutrition, has been making strides in the district by organizing weekly sessions every Friday for lactating mothers, pregnant women, and adolescent girls.

During his visit, Collector Agarwal emphasized the importance of providing children with nutritious food rich in protein, vitamins, and iron. He highlighted that children should be fed small amounts of food multiple times a day, including green vegetables and pulses, to ensure their proper growth and development. The Collector also stressed the necessity of maintaining hygiene while preparing and feeding food to children, pointing out that children are particularly susceptible to infections, which can spread quickly if cleanliness is neglected. Collector Agarwal took the opportunity to address the issue of low-weight children, noting that a lack of atten-



Collector promotes nutrition and maternal health at Palak Chaupal event.

### FASTFACTS

- Pay special attention to the food habits and hygiene of children for a well-nourished and healthy child.

- It is necessary to wash hands properly while cooking and feeding food to children

tion to food and hygiene can lead to weakness and poor health in children. He urged parents to be vigilant about their children's diet and to incorporate a variety of nutrient-rich foods into their daily meals. Addi-

### Collector urges nutrition for mothers

Collector Sanjay Agarwal emphasized the importance of nutritious food for pregnant women, stating that they need to eat for two, ensuring both their health and the child's. He warned that inadequate nutrition could lead to a weak child facing future health issues. He advised pregnant women to consume ready-to-eat food available from Anganwadi centers and urged them to register for benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and Labour Department schemes. Programme Officer Women and Child Development, Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur, was also present at the Palak Chaupal event.

tionally, he encouraged lactating mothers, pregnant women, and adolescent girls to adopt similar practices for their own health and well-being. In a crucial reminder, the Collector called on parents to par-

ticipate in the upcoming deworming campaign on August 29, urging them to ensure their children, aged 1 to 19 years, receive Albendazole at their nearest Anganwadi centers or schools.

## Children promote cleanliness initiative

**RAJNANDGAON:** As part of the Swachh Bharat Mission, Swachhata Diwas was observed in Gram Panchayat Tumdi-bod, Dongargaon block. Enthusiastic villagers and school children participated in a cleanliness drive, cleaning the village. The school children creatively promoted the ODF Plus initiative by forming its shape, sending a strong message about maintaining cleanliness. The event was attended by SDM Dongargaon Shrikant Koram, District CEO Naveen Kumar, ABEO Rashmi Thakur, Principal KP Sahu, CAC Salame, and other villagers.

## Lecture on student abilities

**DONGARGAON:** Former Air Force Professor Ravindra Tripathi from Gayatri Tapobhoomi Mathura delivered a lecture on intellectual and physical abilities to class XI and XII students at Swami Atmanand Government Excellent English Medium School. He provided valuable insights on daily routines and study concentration. The session was attended by the school's Principal Mr. BL Devangan and all the teachers.

## FIR eiled against former registrar



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### HIGHLIGHT

- FIR against former Registrar for alleged harassment; accusations of caste discrimination under investigation.

**KHAIRAGARH:** An FIR has been lodged against Dr. Neeta Gaharwar, former Registrar of Indira Kala Sangeet University, following serious allegations by an Assistant Professor from the university.

Dr. Jitesh Gadhpayle, from the Kathak Dance Department, filed a complaint in May 2024, accusing Dr. Gaharwar and the university management of continuous mental harassment and miscon-

duct since Vice Chancellor Mokshada (Mamta) Chandrakar took office. He further claimed that he was suspended due to caste-based discrimination by the then in-charge Registrar, Dr. Gaharwar.

## Incomplete repairs frustrate citizens

**PANDARIA:** The ongoing road repairs on National Highway No. 130A, passing through the city, have left residents frustrated. Despite the dire condition of the three-kilometer stretch, only minimal repairs have been made, with just one out of every ten potholes filled. The road, which requires more than ten Hiva loads of material for proper repair, has seen only five tractors' worth of effort. The situation has become

dangerous, with numerous potholes resembling ponds, causing daily accidents, especially for bikers. Despite repeated complaints and news coverage, the repairs remain insufficient, leading to growing anger among citizens. Public representatives and officials, who regularly travel this road, seem indifferent to the issue. The residents are now considering taking to the streets to demand immediate and proper road repairs.

### NEWSLINE

#### Inspection

#### Collector inspects Mohgaon primary school



**RAJNANDGAON:** Collector Sanjay Agarwal conducted a surprise inspection of Mohgaon Primary School in Chhuriya block. Engaging with students, he assessed their learning by asking a class 5 student to solve a multiplication problem, which was done successfully. Impressed, the Collector applauded the students' efforts. He also reviewed the use of the school's contact device, encouraging its integration with smart TV for enhanced learning. Program Officer Women and Child Development, Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur, accompanied him during the visit.

#### Rakhi

#### Raksha Bandhan celebrated in Mahroom school



**DONGARGAON:** The Raksha Bandhan festival was celebrated with enthusiasm at Government Higher Secondary School Mahroom on August 24. Students tied handmade Rakhis to Dongargaon city inspector Upendra Shah, police personnel, and fellow students, highlighting the festival's significance. The event, attended by Sarpanch Ashok Sevata and School Management Committee President Sunita Mandvi, began with a traditional worship ceremony. Inspector Shah also educated the students about cybercrime, fundamental rights, and the responsible use of mobile phones. The program concluded with festival greetings and appreciation for the school's staff, led by Principal B.B. Sinha, for their commendable efforts.

#### Space day

#### National Space Day celebrated



**KHARORA:** National Space Day was celebrated on August 23 at Bharat Devangan English Medium School Kharora, where students showcased their creativity and knowledge. Class VIII students Prince Sahu and Mrityunjay created a captivating model of Chandrayaan 2, featuring a working rocket, rover, and lander. Other students participated in poster making and quiz competitions, sharing insights on Chandrayaan, ISRO, and space exploration. The highlight was a beautiful model of Chandrayaan-3 made by class XI student Gausia Bano.

## Congress plans protest against MLA Devendra's arrest

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Congress leaders condemn the arrest of MLA Devendra Yadav, planning widespread protests against BJP government.

**MUNGELI:** Congress leaders have strongly condemned the recent arrest of MLA Devendra Yadav in the Baloda Bazar case, accusing the BJP government of political vendetta. Masturi MLA Dilip Lahariya, alongside leaders like Thaneshwar Sahu, Hemendra Goswami, and others, argued that Yadav's arrest was baseless and driven by ill will. They vowed to oppose this action both on the streets and in the legislative assembly. MLA Dilip Lahariya emphasized that Devendra Yadav had no involvement in the protest at the Collectorate office nor in any violent activities. He asserted

### HIGHLIGHT

- Congress plans protest against Yadav's arrest, accusing BJP of political vendetta and unjust actions.

that the police wrongfully detained Yadav and called for an investigation into the role of BJP leaders in the unrest. Lahariya further claimed that the BJP government is attempting to divert attention from its failures and the deteriorating law and order situation in Baloda Bazar. In response, the District City Congress Committee, led by President Swatanttra Mishra, announced a protest scheduled for Saturday, August 24. The demonstration, led by former Bilaspur MLA Shailesh Pandey, aims to highlight the Congress party's strong opposition to Yadav's arrest and what they perceive as the BJP's misuse of power.

## Highway blocked over sugarcane payments

**PANDARIA:** National Highway 130A was blocked for 10 hours by the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh near Palansari turn, demanding the removal of MD Satish Patle of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel factory and payment of 50 crore in sugarcane dues.

## Caesarean services begin in Marwahi

**MARWAHI:** Thanks to the special initiative of Collector Mrs. Leena Kamlesh Mandavi, caesarean complex delivery services have commenced at the district hospital, following the posting of an anesthesiologist. Under the guidance of CMHO Dr. Rameshwar Sharma, two successful caesarean deliveries were conducted, eliminating the need for pregnant women to seek care outside the district.

## Corruption allegations in Khairagarh Municipality

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MP representative demands inquiry into corruption; concerns over misuse of funds during COVID-19.

**KHAIRAGARH:** During a review meeting held at the Collectorate auditorium, Minister-in-Charge Lakhan Lal Devangan faced serious allegations of corruption related to Khairagarh Municipality. The allegations were raised by MP representative Bhagwat Sharan Singh, who demanded an inquiry into the matter. Singh highlighted corruption within the Chairman and Councilor Fund during the last four years, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. He accused the Municipality of large-scale corruption in the purchase of medical supplies and prevention



Minister Devangan addresses corruption concerns in Khairagarh Municipality meeting.

### FASTFACTS

- Despite the gravity of these allegations, Minister-in-Charge Devangan did not immediately order an inquiry.

materials, as well as sub-standard RCC chairs and gym equipment, claiming

that lakhs of rupees were misappropriated. The issue of ongoing commissioning and corruption practices was also brought to light. Despite the gravity of these allegations, Minister-in-Charge Devangan did not immediately order an inquiry. However, the exposure of these alleged irregularities in Khairagarh Munic-

ipal Corporation has raised concerns among public representatives and officials, indicating the need for further investigation into the matter. This development has brought attention to the need for transparency and accountability in local governance, especially in handling public funds during crises like the pandemic.

### DEVOTION UNITES COMMUNITY |

## Halashashti festival celebrated with devotion

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**KHAIRAGARH:** The sacred Halashashti festival was celebrated with deep devotion across Khairagarh and surrounding regions, as mothers observed traditional rituals and fasted for the long life and well-being of their children. Women, including Khairagarh MLA Yashoda Verma, kept the waterless Kamarchhat fast and performed special prayers to Maa Halashashti and



Lord Balram, praying for their children's protection and prosperity. The day began with mothers taking a ritual bath and preparing offerings,

including wheat, gram, paddy, and mahua, which were dedicated to Halashti Mata in the evening. The festival also saw the use of buffalo milk and Pashar

**We observed the Halashashti festival with devotion, fasting for my children's health and prosperity.**  
Residents Khairagarh  
rice, adhering to the traditional customs of the region. Halashashti, celebrated two days before Krishna Janmashtami, marks the birth of Lord Krishna's elder brother, Balram. The festival was observed with great enthusiasm in both urban and rural areas, reflecting the community's strong cultural ties and religious devotion. In many households, women also shared stories of Balram's strength and virtues with their children, reinforcing the cultural and moral values associated with the festival.

## Collector urges progress in rice milling

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**RAJNANDGAON:** Collector Sanjay Agarwal convened a meeting with all district rice millers to review progress in custom milling. Emphasizing the importance of timely rice deposits, he directed millers to expedite the process, ensuring that rice is deposited with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Civil Supplies Corporation by the September 30 deadline. Currently, 64% of the required rice

has been deposited, with 135,245.99 metric tonnes still pending. The Collector also addressed the issue of porter shortages and instructed officials to take necessary action to resolve it quickly. He urged millers to collaborate closely with district officials to overcome any challenges, ensuring targets are met. District officials and rice millers attended the meeting, highlighting the critical need for timely completion of milling operations to meet the district's targets.



"Hemant Soren should resign for failing to fulfil promises made to people."

Himanta Biswa Sarma  
Assam CM

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### MISHAP

#### 22 workers injured, 1 dead in boiler blast in Jalna steel factory

**JALNA:** One of the 22 workers injured in a boiler blast in a steel factory in Jalna in Maharashtra succumbed to burn wounds at a private hospital in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar on Sunday, an official said. The blast took place in Gaj Kesari Steel Factory in Jalna's MIDC area on Saturday afternoon, leaving 22 workers injured, including seven critically, after molten iron fell on them. They were rushed to a private hospital in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, where Ramesh Bhataram, who suffered 98 per cent burns, died this morning, the official said. After visiting the site on Sunday, Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council Ambadas Danve said strict action must be taken against the factory management. "I visited the factory and found that safety aspects were missing. I have also heard such mishaps take place frequently.

### DEMAND

#### Ban on Jamaat-e-Islami should be revoked, says PDC president Mufti

**SRINAGAR:** People's Democratic Party (PDP) said on Sunday banned Jamaat-e-Islami's (JeI) willingness to contest the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir is a good step, but the ban on the organisation should be revoked. "It is a good thing. I want the Government of India to revoke ban on the JeI because if you are not banning communal organisations which are spreading venom in this country, I do not want to name them, those who take out rallies, pelt stones on mosques, lynch Muslims, then why is there a ban on the JeI which has contributed a lot in the education sector, helped people in floods of 2014 and COVID?" Mufti told reporters here.



### Back to traditional medicines

#### Patanjali's ayurvedic medicine 'Bronchom' is more effective than steroids in Asthma: Study

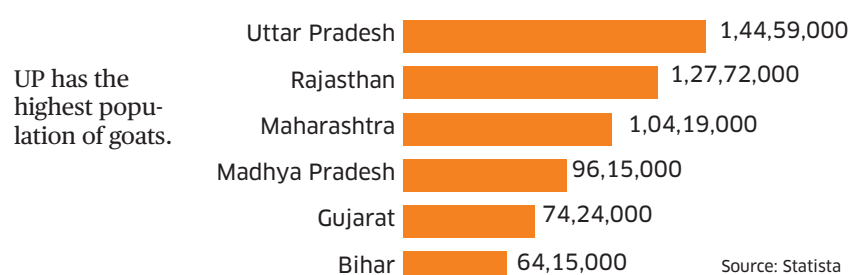


**HARIDWAR:** In a significant breakthrough for Ayurvedic medicine, 'Bronchom', a treatment developed by Patanjali, has been found to be more effective than conventional steroids in treating asthma, according to a recent study published in the international journal Molecular Medicine. Patanjali's Acharya Balkrishna explained that traditional allopathic treatments often resort to powerful steroids when other medications fail. "While these steroids may offer temporary relief, they are notorious for their severe side effects, often leaving patients in a dire condition with little hope for a cure, he stated. 'Bronchom', Balkrishna added, "offers a new

lease on life for asthma patients." "The medicine has shown efficacy where even allopathic steroids fall short, and it does so without the adverse side effects associated with steroids," he added further. The study, conducted on a mouse model of Mixed Granulocytic Asthma, revealed that 'Bronchom' reduced hyperresponsiveness in a dose-dependent manner. Furthermore, it significantly improved conditions related to eosinophils, neutrophils, and mucus secretion in the respiratory system—areas where it outperformed traditional steroids. The full research paper is available online at (<https://molmed.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s10020-024-00888-7>)

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### STATE WISE DATA OF GOATS IN INDIA



### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Efforts to develop and revolutionize the stone industry

**NEW DELHI:** Oriental Trimex Ltd, a leading processor and trader of natural stones in India announces a series of strategic developments that are set to redefine its operational capabilities, expand its market presence, and solidify its financial standing. These initiatives underscore the company's unwavering commitment to innovation, growth, and customer satisfaction. Oriental Trimex Limited is poised to revolutionize the stone industry with the importation and installation of a cutting-edge wire-based gangsaw machine, commonly referred to as a "Cable Machine for Slab Cutting." This state-of-the-art technology, sourced from Changsha Beto New Material Technology Co. Ltd. in China, will be the first of its kind in India and is set to be installed at OTL's plant in Gummidiipoondi, near Chennai. Unlike traditional gangsaws that utilize multiple blades, this advanced machine employs a series of diamond-coated cables with diameters of 0.4-0.6mm, enabling precise cuts and setting a new benchmark for accuracy and efficiency.

### DECISION

#### Chirag re-elected LJP (Ram Vilas) chief, pitches for caste census



**RANCHI:** Union minister Chirag Paswan was on Sunday re-elected as Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) president for five years at its national executive meeting here. The decision was taken unanimously at the meeting, Paswan said. "The national executive, in its meeting here, has re-elected me for the next five years," he said. Paswan, the Minister of Food Processing Industries, said the upcoming assembly elections in Haryana, Jammu Kashmir and Jharkhand were also discussed in the meeting. In Jharkhand, the party may contest the polls either with national alliance partner BJP or on its own, he said.



Members from different parties, including Congress, Samajwadi Party, AAP and JD(U), in a meeting.

# Political parties voice support for Palestinian cause

Members of various parties said in a statement that they unequivocally condemn the ongoing "Zionist aggression" and the "heinous genocide of the Palestinian people by Israel".

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Members of several parties, including the Congress, SP, JD(U) and Aam Aadmi Party, on Sunday condemned Israel's "brutal assault" on Palestinians in its war against Hamas and asked the Indian government to work to ensure peace and justice for the victims.

Samajwadi Party MPs Javed Ali and Mohibbulah, AAP MP Sanjay Singh, JD(U) leader K C Tyagi and Congress' Dan-

ish Ali were among those who joined Mohammad Makram Balawi, Secretary General of League of Parliamentarians for Al-Quds, a pro-Palestinian body, at a meeting here to convey their support for Palestinians.

Balawi spoke in detail about Israel's alleged violation of international laws by targeting civilians and said more than half of those killed in its attacks were women and children. Members of various parties said in a statement

### HIGHLIGHT

● Political parties asked Indian govt to cease the supply of arms and ammunition to Israel.

● It also cited India's historical support to the Palestinian cause.

that they unequivocally condemn the ongoing "Zionist aggression" and the "heinous genocide of the Palestinian people by Israel". "This brutal

assault is not only an affront to humanity but also a gross violation of international law and the principles of justice and peace," the statement said. It also cited India's historical support to the Palestinian cause.

"We take pride in the fact that India was the first non-Arab country to recognise the State of Palestine in 1988, and has consistently supported the Palestinian people's right to self-determination, sovereignty and lib-

eration," the leaders said.

They urged the Indian government to cease the supply of arms and ammunition to Israel.

"We stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine and call upon the Government of India and the international community to act swiftly to implement the UNSC resolutions and to end this aggression and ensure peace and justice for the victims of the ongoing genocide in Palestine," they said.

### MATTER OF CONCERN

## RDSO report flags challenges train controllers face

Jeevan Prakash Sharma

Report aims to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of train operations.

**NEW DELHI:** A study by the Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO), which functions under the Railway Ministry, has found that train controllers face multiple challenges at work including "unattractive" pay scale, huge stress due to vacancy leading to health concerns, and a lack of basic amenities.

The report, which was submitted to the Railway Board recently, said section controllers perform high-strain jobs, their task made more difficult by



A train controller on duty.

### FACTFILE

● RDSO team collected data from various divisional control offices and found that there are vacancies ranging from 15 to 24 per cent.

the around 15-20 per cent vacancy, medically-decategorised officers posted in the department and

the absence of appropriate reward either in terms of money, or esteem and career growth. Titled 'The challenges faced by Section Controllers in carrying out their duties effectively' the report aims at exploring improvements in selection procedure, training, and infrastructures for enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of train operations.

The Indian Railways is one of the largest networks in the world with thousands of trains traversing various sections of almost 1,05,555 km of tracks daily, the report states. "This mammoth activity is controlled by 68 operation centers over the IR network called the Divisional Control Office." The Divisional Control Office, situated at divisional headquarters, plays a vital role in the entire operation of the railway network, it says. The rail network in a division is subdivided into sections consisting of several stations. "The trains running over these sections are controlled and monitored by the Section Controllers working round the clock in shift duties on the Control board."

### CHALLENGE

## Now cheetahs from Kenya after biorhythm challenges

Gaurav Saini

**NEW DELHI:** India considered sourcing new cheetahs from Somalia, Tanzania, Sudan and other range countries closer to the equator or in the Northern Hemisphere to avoid biorhythm complications observed in big cats brought from Southern Hemisphere countries like South Africa and Namibia,

according to official records. Due to the differences in circadian rhythms between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, some cheetahs developed thick winter coats during the Indian summer and monsoon last year, anticipating the African winter (June to September). Three of these cheetahs -- a Namibian female and two South African males --



that the cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa have once again developed thick winter coats. Despite these concerns, discussions are ongoing with Southern Hemisphere countries to bring new cheetahs. "Talks are ongoing with all countries, including South Africa and Namibia, but we have not formally approached anyone.

died after wounds beneath their winter coats, on their backs and necks, became infested with maggots and led to blood infections. PTI has learnt from sources



"Future cheetahs for reintroduction should be from Northern Hemisphere countries."

Rajesh Gopal  
Gandhi Sagar Wildlife  
Sanctuary



# 'Youngsters entering politics will strengthen democracy'

Modi said his I-Day call for one lakh youth to join politics has evoked wide reactions.

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said collective efforts will help the youth sans a political background to rise in politics and asserted that the spirit shown by such people during the freedom struggle is required again to attain the goal of 'Viksit Bharat'.

In his monthly Mann Ki Baat radio broadcast, Modi said his Independence Day call for one lakh youth without any political background to join politics has evoked wide reactions with some youth stating that dynastic politics crushes new talent. "This year from Red Fort, I have urged one lakh youth who are not from a political background to connect with the political system. This point of mine has garnered tremendous response. We thus come to know that a large number of our youth are eagerly ready to enter politics," Modi said.

All they are looking for is the right opportunity and apt guidance, he added. "I have also received letters from youth across the country on this subject. Enormous response is being received on social media



Union Ministers listen to PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' radio prog. | Photo: PTI

as well. People have sent me many kinds of suggestions. Some youth have written in their letters that it is truly inconceivable for them. On account of the absence of a political legacy on part of their grandfather or parents they could not enter politics despite wanting to," the prime minister said. Some youth have written that they possess a good experience of working at the ground level and hence they can be helpful in solving people's problems, he said.

## PM lauds efforts of people who create wonderful artworks out of waste

In his radio broadcast, Modi also cited the example of Barekuri village in Assam where people of Moran community have a deep bond with Hoolock Gibbons.

"When they realised that Gibbons love bananas a lot, they started growing bananas on their farms. Besides, they decided that they would perform rituals

### HIGHLIGHT

● Modi urged people to be a part of the Catch the Rain Movement.

● PM said, youths are looking for is the right opportunity and apt guidance.

connected with the birth and death of Gibbons,

exactly as they would have performed for their near and dear ones. They have also named the Gibbons," he said. "Recently, the Gibbons were facing hardships on account of electric wires passing through, in the vicinity. In this scenario, the villagers put forth the problem to the government and a quick solution was found out too," he said.

## 'Waqf bill aims to destroy Waqf Board'

Press Trust Of India

Addressing a press conference, the Hyderabad MP wanted Prime Minister Narendra Modi to withdraw the proposed legislation.

**HYDERABAD:** AIMIM President Asaduddin Owaisi on Sunday attacked the BJP-led NDA government on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill alleging that the proposed law instead of protecting Waqf properties aims to destroy them.

Addressing a press conference here, the Hyderabad MP wanted Prime Minister Narendra Modi to withdraw the proposed legislation.

"In this bill, instead of protecting Waqf Board and Waqf properties, it is a way of destroying them," Owaisi said, asserting that in this bill there is no provision of protecting Waqf, and accused the BJP of "lying".

In the name of protecting Waqf, Narendra Modi and his government are trying to destroy it, he alleged adding that their intention is to destroy it.

"A message has gone among the Muslims of the country that Narendra Modi wants to snatch Waqf properties from Muslims. We want the prime minister and the government to think over it and take back the proposed law," Owaisi said.

The AIMIM chief also questioned various clauses of the bill, including the move to empower district collectors in deciding on the ownership of a disputed property, and to have non-Muslim members on Waqf boards.

### FASTFACTS

● "Through this bill, the BJP seeks to end Waqf and Waqf properties and it will impact the freedom of religion of Muslims," Owaisi said.

● He questioned move to empower district collectors in deciding on the ownership of a disputed property.

He said that the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has decided to meet all non-BJP chief ministers to discuss the issues regarding the Waqf (Amendment) Bill.

He said that they met Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin last week, and on Saturday along with the AIMPLB president they met Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy, and briefed them about the dangers posed by the Waqf (Amendment) Bill brought by the BJP-led NDA government.

"Through this bill, the BJP seeks to end Waqf and Waqf properties and it will impact the freedom of religion of Muslims," he said.

### NEWSLINE

#### NEW DELHI

'Implement caste census now'



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to fulfil the nation's demand for a caste census immediately otherwise he would see the next PM do it.

No power can stop a nationwide caste census, the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha said on X in Hindi, tagging a post by the Congress on a "mood of the nation poll" by a media group which said 74 per cent people in August said a caste census must be conducted, up from the 59 per cent in February this year.

"Modi ji, if you are thinking of stopping the caste census, you are dreaming - no power can stop it now! India's order has arrived - soon 90 per cent Indians will support and demand caste census," Gandhi said on X.

#### KOLKATA

### Prohibitory orders

Kolkata Police have extended prohibitory orders near state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital for one more week till August 31. The orders, which were first imposed on August 18, restrict meetings and gatherings of more than five people in the designated area. Kolkata Police commissioner Vineet Goyal on Saturday issued a statement saying that Section 163 (2) of BNSS has been imposed from Belgachia Road-J K Mitra Crossing to some parts of Shyambazar five-point crossing in north Kolkata. The extension is intended to prevent disturbances and maintain peace and order in the area. The decision follows ongoing unrest related to the recent rape and murder of a woman doctor at the hospital. The order stipulates that any person violating these prohibitions will be subject to penalties under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

### STRONG DECISION

## 'Lake encroachments will be crushed with iron hand'

Press Trust Of India

Reddy said he would follow the preaching of Lord Krishna which proclaims that for the good of the people, one should follow Dharma.

**HYDERABAD:** A day after authorities demolished a convention centre here co-owned by actor Nagarjuna, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said his government would not spare those who encroached upon lakes and also crack down on such activities even if they are influential in the society.

Speaking at a function by the Hare Krishna Movement, Reddy said he would follow the preaching of Lord Krishna which proclaims that for the good of the people, one should follow



Telangana CM Reddy with ministers during a protest. | Photo: PTI

### FASTFACTS

● CM said, his sole objective is to liberate these lakes from the encroachers.

● Though there are pressures, govt will not go back and remove those encroachments.

Dharma in order to defeat Adharma through a fight.

Officials of Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA), GHMC, Town planning, irrigation and revenue departments on Saturday removed encroachments in the Full Tank Level of the / Buffer zones of Tammidikunta lake and amongst the many structures removed, N-Convention co-owned by Nagarjuna

was also one of the unauthorised structures. The N-Convention is built in the FTL / Buffer zone and has no building permission whatsoever, a government release said. "That is the reason despite pressures, though (some of our) friends have farmhouses, the HYDRAA was created (for protecting lakes and government properties).

## 'BJP to reduce UP CM Adityanath's stature'

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Adityanath has been give the responsibility of those seats, Milkipur and Katehari, where the BJP knows it will lose, the Ayodhya MP alleged.

**LUCKNOW:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi adityanath, who campaigns in different state polls, has been given the "limited" responsibility of just two of the 10 assembly seats where bypolls will be held, SP leader Awadhesh Prasad said on Sunday, claiming that the BJP did this to "reduce" the CM's stature.

Moreover, Adityanath has been give the responsibility of those seats, Milkipur and Katehari, where the BJP knows it will lose, the Ayodhya MP alleged.

These are being done as part of a conspiracy by the "Delhi people", Prasad said.

"We feel that the people of Delhi have something in mind. It appears they (BJP) have some plan against our Baba chief minister as they know that if the BJP loses the by-election, then the people of Delhi will get a chance to do something," Prasad said.

"Despite being the chief minister of the entire state, the 'Delhi people' (BJP leadership) have limited Yogi Adityanath only to the by-elections of Milkipur and Katehari assembly seats. The BJP have a conspiracy against the chief minister and know that the party will lose the Milkipur and Katehari assembly by-elections badly, that is why Adityanath has been given the responsibility of these seats," Prasad told reporters here.

### GRIM PICTURE

## Only 1,404 children with special need adopted: Data

Press Trust Of India

**NEW DELHI:** Of the 18,179 adoptions recorded since 2019, only 1,404 involved children with special needs even as the absolute numbers of adoptions saw an increase over the next five years, according to official data.

Though the number of children with special needs for adoption has risen, the adoption rate is still significantly low, activists pointed out.

Children with special needs require additional support due to physical, developmental, behavioural or emotional challenges.

In 2019-20, India saw a total of 3,745 adoptions -- 3,351 in-country and 394 international.

Of the total number, only 56 boys and 110 girls with special needs were adopted, the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) said in its



Parents are very wary of adopting a child with even minor correctable issues.

Deepak Kumar  
Former CARA CEO

response to an RTI query filed by PTI.

In 2020-21, a total of 3,559 adoptions were recorded including 3,142 in-country and 417 inter-country. Only 110 boys and 133 girls with special needs were adopted in this year.

The number of adoptions dropped marginally to 3,405 -- 2,991 in-country and 414 international in 2021-22.

The total number of adoptions included 136 boys and 206 girls with special needs.

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## QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"There is never enough time to do everything, but there is always enough time to do the most important thing."

[ Brian Tracy ]

## Comment

## The escalating national crisis of women's safety in India

## OUR VIEW |

## Kamala Harris: The new face of Democratic hopes

With Kamala Harris officially accepting the Democratic Party's nomination for the US presidency, the stage is set for a high-stakes battle in the November 5 election. Just a month ago, Republican Donald Trump seemed unbeatable, exuding confidence after surviving an assassination attempt and watching his opponent, President Joe Biden, struggle. However, the political landscape has shifted dramatically in recent weeks. Faced with declining support and internal party pressure, Biden withdrew from the race, paving the way for Kamala Harris, a candidate who embodies the diverse and evolving face of America. Kamala's acceptance speech hit all the right notes, strategically positioning her as the antidote to what she described as the "extremely serious" threat of a second Trump term. Her critique of Trump, while pointed, resonated with a populace still haunted by the chaos of his previous presidency, including the infamous Capitol insurrection. Trump's initial bravado is now tempered by the reality that Kamala represents a formidable challenge. Her rising favorability ratings, as indicated by the latest Gallup poll, reflect a growing momentum that cannot be easily dismissed. However, Kamala faces a significant challenge herself. Trump is no ordinary opponent; he is a master of spectacle and deflection. The upcoming televised debate between Kamala and Trump will be a crucial moment in this election. While Trump managed to outmaneuver Biden in their June debate, largely due to Biden's visible struggles with age and health, Kamala presents a different challenge. She is younger, sharper, and prepared to engage in a battle of wits. Yet, Kamala's path to victory requires more than just sharp attacks on Trump. While her critique of his tenure may rally the Democratic base, she must also articulate a clear and compelling vision for America's future. Mere Trump-bashing, while satisfying for many, won't be enough to sway undecided voters. Kamala needs to present a comprehensive and actionable plan that addresses the nation's pressing issues and charts a new course for progress.

## GUEST VIEW |

## IITs and IISc shine again in NIRF rankings

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru have once again dominated the 9th National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings. These rankings assess the overall quality of institutions through various criteria, including teaching, research, inclusivity, and graduation outcomes. The IITs continue to excel in the engineering field, maintaining their top positions as in previous years. From 2021, research was included as a key criterion, further highlighting the importance of academic contributions. While the NIRF rankings provide valuable insights, there is a need for broader engagement and the inclusion of additional disciplines to make the rankings more competitive and meaningful. Ultimately, the true measure of an institution's success is the impact its graduates have on society. Knowledge should be coupled with compassion, foresight, and utility to contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress. The IITs and IISc have consistently demonstrated their excellence, but ongoing improvements and expansions in evaluation criteria will ensure that the rankings remain relevant and beneficial for all stakeholders.



Dr. Ganapathi Bhat

Seventy-eight years after independence, India continues to grapple with the horrific reality of crimes against women. Recent cases like the rape and murder of a female doctor in Kolkata, the assaults on young girls in Badlapur, and other heinous acts across the country have instilled deep fear among women. Despite hopes that the Nirbhaya case would mark a turning point, such crimes persist, raising serious concerns about the effectiveness of our legal system.

The lack of fear among criminals and the inconsistent enforcement of strict punishments remain critical issues. The recent case in Ajmer, where a rapist was sentenced to life imprisonment after 32 years, highlights the problem of delayed justice. Such prolonged legal processes fail to deter offenders and erode public confidence in the judicial system.

Over the past few years, both central and state governments have introduced and amended laws to protect women and prevent crimes

against them.

These include significant acts such as the Nirbhaya Act, the POCSO Act, and other legislative measures aimed at safeguarding women's rights.

However, the question remains: Are these laws being implemented effectively, and do they truly protect women from harm?

Despite these stringent laws and ongoing awareness efforts, the National Crime Records Bureau's statistics reveal a disturbing trend of rising crimes against women. The slow process of police investigations, widespread corruption, protection of criminals by influential people, and leniency in sentencing have all contributed to diminishing the fear of law among criminals.

There is an urgent need for the police to expedite investigations and leverage technology to ensure swift justice and accountability.

Frequent demands for CBI investigations in serious cases reflect growing public distrust in state police forces. Crimes against women should be fast-tracked in

courts, and the judicial process must be made stricter and faster. Political parties must unite beyond caste, religion, and party lines to oppose these heinous acts and ensure that justice is served to the victims.

Workplace leaders and governments must implement special security measures for women, ensuring that they feel safe in all environments. Education, culture, societal values, and families play a crucial role in shaping attitudes towards women.

The ongoing struggle for women, especially from marginalized communities, to access justice highlights the need for greater awareness of their rights and the legal remedies available to them.

Indian society must undergo a significant shift in attitude violence against women must never be ignored, justified, or silenced.

Blaming victims only discourages them from seeking justice, and social ostracism further deters them. Furthermore, it is essential to foster a societal environment where victims feel supported

and empowered to speak out against their aggressors without fear of retribution or stigmatization.

Community leaders, educators, and the media all have crucial roles to play in changing the narrative around crimes against women and reinforcing the message that such acts are utterly unacceptable.

Public awareness campaigns, legal education, and grassroots activism can contribute to a cultural transformation that prioritizes women's safety and dignity.

Until every victim bravely steps forward to ensure that criminals are punished, and until society stands united in support of victims, eradicating crimes against women in India will remain an immense challenge.

This is not just a legal issue but a societal one that demands immediate and sustained action from all sectors of society, including the government, civil society, and ordinary citizens. Only through collective efforts can we hope to create a safer and more just environment for all women in India.



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## Blueprint for sustained growth in Rural India

The Union Budget's provisions for agriculture, employment, and infrastructure aim to drive sustainable growth in rural India, ensuring better livelihoods and development for rural communities. *by Satish Singh*



Agriculture, digitization, rural employment, and infrastructure development, conveying optimism for the future of rural India.

The Union Budget has earmarked Rs.1.52 lakh crore for agriculture and allied sectors, with Rs.60,000 crore allocated to the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi. These provisions are aimed at bolstering the agriculture sector and, by extension, rural India. Among the key initiatives, the digitization of land records is a notable step. The budget outlines the inclusion of 6 crore farmers and their lands under a comprehensive land registry. This initiative will streamline GIS mapping, ownership rights, and registration, simplifying access to various government schemes for farmers.

To promote sustainable agriculture, the government has proposed the establishment of 10,000 bio-research centers. These centers are expected to reduce the use of pesticides, decrease soil erosion, and promote the use of animal waste as manure. In tandem, the government aims to bring 1 crore farmers into natural farming practices within the next two years, with provisions for branding and certification. This shift towards natural farming is expected to improve public health by reducing reliance on synthetic chemicals, which often diminish the nutritional value of food.

To address the issue of

food wastage, the government plans to develop large clusters near consumption centers, ensuring that surplus produce from villages is utilized efficiently. Furthermore, the expansion of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme, which was initially launched in 1998, will now extend to five more states where eligible farmers have yet to receive its benefits.

Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) is another significant focus, aimed at integrating farmers and their lands into the digital network within three years. DPI will create a physical network necessary for farmers to access various goods and services, enhanc-

ing their connectivity and economic opportunities. The National Co-operation Policy is also set to expand the portfolio of agricultural loans by encouraging banks to partner with Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), cooperative societies, and agri-startups.

The budget allocates Rs.86,000 crore for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), ensuring 100 days of employment for adult members of rural families. This scheme proved crucial during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing a safety net for rural youth and their families.

Health initiatives are also prioritized, with Rs.28,000 crore earmarked for the National Health Mission, which aims to improve healthcare access for children, women, and underprivileged populations in rural areas. In addition, the budget includes Rs.14,600 crore for crop insurance, a critical provision given the dependence of Indian agriculture on monsoons and the recurring threats of floods and droughts.

The Ayushman Bharat Yojana (PMJAY), a health scheme benefiting marginalized communities, receives Rs.7,300 crore, ensuring continued access to healthcare

for the poorest sections of society. Meanwhile, the Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), which aims to create employment opportunities in rural and urban areas, is supported with a budget of Rs.2,300 crore.

Infrastructure development is also a key focus, with Rs.19,000 crore allocated for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, which aims to connect rural villages with urban areas through paved roads.

Additionally, Rs.4,800 crore has been earmarked for the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, which supports craftsmen and artisans in the unorganized sector.

To provide financial relief to farmers, the government has proposed a Rs.1.19 lakh crore subsidy for urea, a widely used fertilizer. Lastly, to combat hunger, Rs.2.05 lakh crore has been allocated to the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), ensuring food security for 81.35 crore beneficiaries over the next five years.

These budgetary provisions collectively aim to ensure sustained growth and development in rural India, addressing key areas such as agriculture, employment, health, and infrastructure.

## YOUR LETTERS

## Ensuring women's safety together

It's unfortunate that women in India hesitate to go out at night due to safety concerns. Daily reports of rape cases instill fear, making it ironic that in a country that reveres goddesses, women feel unsafe. A collective effort is essential to change this reality. From authorities to ordinary citizens, we all share the responsibility to create a safer environment for women. Only through united action can we hope to make a meaningful difference. We must also address the deep-rooted cultural norms and attitudes that perpetuate gender-based violence, ensuring long-term change and security for all.

MK Nair, Raipur

## Uncovering the cover-up truth

If the probe agency's allegation of a cover-up is true, it is a disgrace and raises critical questions. Who are the powerful figures being protected, and why? The nation, still reeling from the Kolkata horror, demands justice and accountability. A thorough investigation is essential to ensure that those responsible for the crime, and anyone attempting to shield them, are held accountable. The public's trust depends on bringing all culprits to justice without exception. This is not just about justice for the victims, but also about restoring faith in our institutions.

Shivkumar Mishra

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# Business



Chevron to invest Rs 8,300 crore in Karnataka.  
**M B Patil**  
Karnataka Minister for Large and Medium Industries.

## Piyush Goyal, Cindy Lim meeting in Singapore



Union Minister Piyush Goyal and Cindy Lim, Chief Executive Officer of Keppel Infrastructure Holdings Pte Ltd, during a meeting in Singapore.

# Anil Ambani reviews SEBI order, plans next steps

SEBI had also imposed a fine of Rs 25 cr on Ambani, saying he “siphon off” funds from Reliance Home Finance of Reliance Group, of which he is chairman.

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**NEW DELHI:** Businessman Anil Ambani is reviewing a Sebi order imposing a fine and banning him from capital markets for five years in an alleged fund diversion case and will take appropriate next steps as legally advised, his spokesperson said in a statement on Sunday. Ambani, the spokesperson in a statement said, had resigned from the board of Reliance Infra-

structure Ltd and Reliance Power Ltd, pursuant to Sebi's interim order dated February 11, 2022 in the matter pertaining to Reliance Home Finance Ltd. He “is in compliance with the said interim order (of February 11, 2022) for the last two and half years,” the statement said. On the August 22 order that banned him and 24 others from the securities market for five years on charges of diversion of funds, the

NUMBER

**25**

● Ban means that Anil and the other 24 will not be able to access the securities market.

● Ambani is reviewing the final order dated August 22, 2024 passed by Sebi.

spokesperson said, “Mr Ambani is reviewing the final order dated August

22, 2024 passed by Sebi in the said matter, and will take appropriate next steps as legally advised.”

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) had also imposed a fine of Rs 25 crore on Ambani, saying he orchestrated a scheme to “siphon off” funds from Reliance Home Finance, a listed subsidiary of conglomerate Reliance Group of which he is chairman. The ban means that he and the

other 24 will not be able to access the securities market and are prohibited from buying, selling or otherwise dealing in securities, directly or indirectly. In a separate statement, Mumbai-listed Reliance Infrastructure Ltd said it “was not a noticee or party to the proceedings before Sebi in which the order is passed. No directions are given in the order against Reliance Infrastructure Ltd”.

## Foxconn wants women employees in India

**NEW DELHI:** iPhone contract manufacturer Foxconn wants women employees in India to take up lead positions in design and other technology-related positions, a top company official has said. Foxconn has 48,000 employees across India and 25 per cent of its new hires are married women. “We see not only the assembly work for women but also some design, technology-related positions. Lot of our current employees are highly educated. We would like to give them more opportunity to advance their position, not just limited to assembly work,” Foxconn Chairman Young Liu told PTI. The Foxconn factory has about 70 per cent women and 30 per cent men. The company recently inaugurated a women-only residential complex built by the State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIP-COT) in Sriperumbudur near Chennai that can house over 18,000 women employees working with Foxconn.

# Infosys scouting for more acquisitions: Salil Parekh

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We have a good balance sheet and good cash generation and now we are quite comfortable, says Salil.

**NEW DELHI:** After two acquisitions this year, India's second-largest IT services company Infosys is on the lookout to scoop-up more firms and says the acquisition matching scale of recent in-tech buy is certainly a possibility. In an interview to PTI, Infosys CEO Salil Parekh said the company is keen on acquisitions in areas like data analytics, SAAS, and may look at some geographies within Europe, and the US.

Asked if more acquisitions could be of the scale matching in-tech, which came with a price-



Infosys CEO Salil Parekh.

FACTFILE

● Company is keen on acquisitions in areas like data analytics, SAAS.

tag of 450 million euros, Parekh said, “Absolutely, I think those would be the size that we will look at in terms of scale, and given our structure we could do a few of those.” Back in January, Infosys

announced a definitive agreement to acquire 100 per cent of the equity share capital in InSemi Technology Services, a semiconductor design services company headquartered in India, for a consideration (including earn-outs, and management incentives and retention bonuses) totalling up to Rs 280 crore. A bigger acquisition followed in three months.

In April, Infosys Ger-

many, a wholly-owned step-down subsidiary, entered into a definitive agreement to acquire 100 per cent of the equity share capital in in-tech Holding -- leading provider of engineering R&D services headquartered in Germany -- for a consideration of up to 450 million euros (about Rs 4,045 crore).

“We have very good business in engineering services already within Infosys and then we did those two acquisitions, both of them in engineering services, one on semiconductor side and one on the automotive side, very strong businesses, and we feel quite good about expanding that footprint,” Parekh said. Infosys is eyeing more acquisitions, he said, adding that the company is evaluating several firms.

NEW LAUNCH |

## Ola Electric launches electric motorcycles

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**BENGALURU:** Affirming its resolve to make India a global EV and new energy hub, Ola Electric today announced new products and future roadmap across EV and energy verticals. With the launch of Roadster, Roadster X and Roadster Pro, the company today entered the elec-

tric motorcycle segment and further announced the integration of its cells in its own vehicles starting Q1 FY26. The company also showcased the indigenously developed Bharat 4680 cell and battery pack, new Gen-3 platform and MoveOS 5 at Sankalp 2024 - Ola's annual launch event at its Futurefactory in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu on



August 15, 2024.

Speaking at the event, Bhavish Aggarwal, Founder and CMD, Ola

Electric, said, “Today, 2/3rd of India's 2W market consists of motorcycles, and with Ola's entry

into this segment, EV penetration is poised to further accelerate in the Indian 2W segment. We have already been successful in accelerating the EV adoption in the scooter segment, and with our futuristic portfolio of products, we are now focused on supercharging the EV penetration through our motorcycles.

## BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

FOREIGN INVESTORS

### FPIs inject Rs 11,366 cr in debt market; inflow tally crosses Rs 1 lakh crore

**NEW DELHI:** Foreign investors infused Rs 11,366 crore in the Indian debt market so far this month, pushing the net inflow tally in the debt segment to over the Rs 1-lakh-crore mark. Foreign investors' strong buying interest in the Indian debt market can be attributed to India's inclusion in JP Morgan's Emerging Market government bond indices in June this year. According to data with the depositories, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) injected Rs 11,366 crore in the debt market this month (till August 24). This inflow came following a net investment of Rs 22,363 crore into the Indian debt market in July, Rs 14,955 crore in June and Rs 8,760 crore in May. Before that, they pulled out Rs 10,949 crore in April. With the latest flow, FPIs net investment in debt has reached Rs 1.02 lakh crore in 2024 so far. Market analysts said that ever since the announcement of India's inclusion came in October 2023 year, FPIs have been front-loading their investments in Indian debt markets in anticipation of the inclusion in global bond indices.

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### IndiGo to introduce 'Mx' option for passengers at time of booking

**NEW DELHI:** IndiGo will be soon introducing the gender-neutral option of honorific 'Mx' for passengers at the time of booking tickets, as part of larger efforts to boost inclusivity. Besides, the country's largest carrier, which has a domestic market share of 62 per cent, aims to increase by two-fold the number of individuals with disabilities employed by it.

The airline will be introducing the 'Mx' option at the time of booking for passengers and that will provide a choice for transgenders who do not want to identify themselves, Sukhjit S Pasricha, Group Chief Human Resources Officer at IndiGo, told PTI. Currently, 'male' and 'female' are the options available on the airline's website during the booking process.



How the markets will behave this week?

### Macro data, F&O expiry, global cues to chart market direction this week: Analysts



**NEW DELHI:** Release of key macro-economic numbers, monthly derivatives expiry, and global cues are likely to drive stock market movement this week, according to analysts. Markets will also be reacting to remarks made by the US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, they said. “This week, we expect the market to witness a gradual up-move with stock-specific action. The focus will shift to monthly F&O expiry as well as global cues.

Markets on Monday would react to commentaries of the US Fed Chair at the Jackson Hole Symposium,” Siddhartha Khemka, Head of Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Ser-

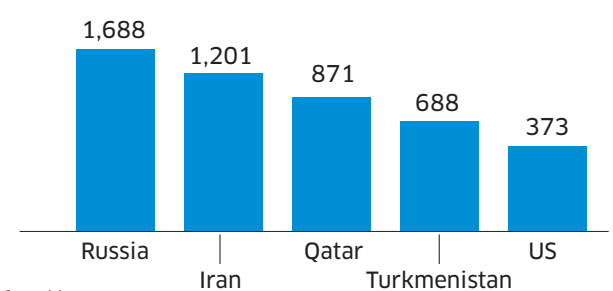
vices Ltd, said. US Fed Chair Jerome Powell on Friday signalled that the central bank would cut its interest rate in the September meeting. Powell made a crucial speech that laid the groundwork for future interest rate reductions. Powell said, “The time has come for policy to adjust”.

“The market has been expecting an interest rate cut during the next Federal Reserve meeting in September. There are indications that the rate cuts could happen at a faster pace, especially with the weakening of jobs data. “However, Powell believes that the chances of the US economy entering a recession in the near term are very low.

### The Day's NUMBERS

(in Trillion Cubic Feet)

### GLOBAL NATURAL GAS RESERVES BY COUNTRY IN 2022



Source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy.

POWERFUL CAPABILITY

### Intelligent CUV, MG Windsor proved its powerful capability in Battle of Kutch

**MUMBAI:** JSW MG Motor India's soon to be launched India's first Cross-over Utility Vehicle (CUV), MG Windsor, has demonstrated its exceptional capability in the challenging terrain of Rann of Kutch in Gujarat. The Rann of Kutch is included in the world's largest salt desert.

India's first CUV - MG Windsor demonstrated its powerful capability and excellent engineering in areas as hot as 44 degrees Celsius. The newly released video highlights the MG Windsor's unmatched ability to overcome harsh and challenging conditions in extremely hot conditions. These qualities demonstrate its strong strength and durability. The journey of this intelligent CUV in such a challenging terrain is a testament to its strong design, advanced technology and unmatched performance.

This car has been designed to face the toughest challenges.

13 SERIES

### Realme unveils 13 series 5G's speed trio: debuts on August 29

**NEW DELHI:** Realme, the Most Popular Brand Among Indian Youth, is thrilled to announce the launch date of realme 13 Series 5G, the newest addition to the Number Series. It is set to redefine standards with Unmatched Speed in the smartphone industry, offering the powerful Speed Trio with the Dimensity 7300 Energy 5G Chipset, 80W Ultra Charge, and up to 26GB Dynamic RAM Expansion + 256GB ROM. The realme 13 Series 5G is set to launch on Thursday, 29th August 2024 at 12 noon. The new series will also have the first smartphone to feature the MediaTek Dimensity 7300 Energy 5G chipset. Built on an advanced 4nm process technology, it's set to provide outstanding power and efficiency and ensure smooth multitasking and gaming experiences. Compared to the previous models, the chipset delivers a 30% increase in energy efficiency.



"I always feel so ecstatic and great. Whenever I get an award like the National Award, it's a huge thing for me".

**Manoj Bajpayee**  
Actor



# & Glitters

## OIT Watch



### Karisma Kapoor's heartfelt ode to Zeenat Aman

On India's Best Dancer Season 4, judge Karisma Kapoor honours Zeenat Aman by performing "Dum Maaro Dum" from Hare Rama Hare Krishna. The promo features Anurag Basu praising Karisma's tribute.



### Guruji Aniruddhacharya's philosophy on Laughter Chefs

Laughter Chefs keeps viewers entertained with its blend of comedy and cooking. In the upcoming episode, Guruji Aniruddhacharya advises a troubled boy to prioritize his studies over worrying about his girlfriend.



### JioCinema premieres new series 'Cadets'

Anand Tiwari-produced Cadets, starring Tanay Chheda and Tushar Shahi, premieres on JioCinema Premium on August 30. Directed by Vishwajoy Mukherjee, it depicts young cadets' journey at a tri-service academy in 1998.



### Netflix unveils first look at 'The Piano Lesson'

Netflix's trailer for "The Piano Lesson," an adaptation of August Wilson's play, features Denzel Washington's production and Malcolm Washington's directorial debut. The film stars John David Washington and Samuel L. Jackson.



### LOTR season 2: A thrilling new chapter

Season two of "The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power" promises a psychological thriller twist, co-creator JD Payne revealed. The fantasy series premiered its new chapter at Shaw Theatres Lido in Singapore.

CLOSE UP

## Rajkumar Rao: Devdas shouldn't be idolized and Animal is a raw experience

Rajkumar Rao discusses glorification of negative characters, appreciates Ranbir Kapoor's performance in Animal.

Central Chronicle News

**Praising Ranbir Kapoor in Animal, Rajkumar Rao said that he "loved him in it and his performance in the film was mind-blowing".**

Actor Rajkumar Rao recently shared his thoughts on the glorification of negative characters in films and his reaction to Ranbir Kapoor's Animal. On Raj Shamani's podcast, Rao was asked about the tendency of some viewers to idolize characters like Shah Rukh Khan's Devdas. He emphasized that while Devdas is a compelling and tragic figure, he should not be seen as a role model. "If you want to become Devdas after watching it, the problem lies with you. The film tells a story based on a book, not a guide for living. Devdas's tragic end is a cautionary tale, showing the consequences of such a lifestyle, not a celebration of it," Rao explained. Regarding Animal, Rao expressed his admiration for the film and Ranbir Kapoor's performance. "I loved Animal and enjoyed watching it. Did I have some issues with the film? Maybe some scenes here and there. But overall, I enjoyed the film.



Rajkumar Rao spoke about Ranbir Kapoor's Animal and Shah Rukh Khan's Devdas.



Rajkumar's recent film Animal was recently seen in the hit film Stree 2, sequel to Stree, alongside Shradha Kapoor. The film, directed by Amar Kau-

shik, released in theatres on August 15. Akshay Kumar and Varun Dhawan have special cameos in the film. Stree released in 2018 and was declared a hit.

| HOLLYWOOD |

## Ball's Bollywood dream: A match made in Hollywood and Bollywood?

Central Chronicle News

Wes Ball, the visionary director behind Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes, has recently expressed a strong interest in Bollywood, highlighting the Indian film industry as a "promising market" with immense talent. In a recent interview, Ball praised the vibrant and diverse landscape of Indian cinema, stating, "It's a great market with incredible movies and talented artists. It's fantastic." He conveyed his eagerness to collaborate with Indian actors and filmmakers, adding, "I'd love to work with any great artist or storyteller



out there." Ball's enthusiasm for Indian cinema was further underscored by his recent viewing of SS Rajamouli's RRR. He remarked, "Indian film-

makers are making a global impact with these fantastic movies." This appreciation reflects his broader interest in exploring creative collaborations across different

Wes Ball expresses his desire to work in Bollywood

### HIGHLIGHT

Wes Ball, director of Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes, is enthusiastic about Bollywood and eager to work with Indian filmmakers. He lauds the industry's global influence and talent.

film industries. Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes, which released in 2024, continues the beloved Planet of the Apes franchise. The film has been celebrated for its engaging narrative and Ball's innovative direction.

## CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

### Rani Mukerji reprises her role in Mardaani 3

Production house Yash Raj Films (YRF) announced on Thursday that a third instalment in the action thriller Mardaani franchise, led by Rani Mukerji, is in development. The announcement marks the 10th release anniversary of the original Mardaani, directed by the late Pradeep Sarkar. Rani Mukerji will reprise her role as the fearless cop Shivani Shivaji Roy. YRF shared the news via a video and Instagram post, celebrating a decade of the franchise and expressing gratitude for the continued support. Released on August 22, 2014, Mardaani was a critical and commercial success, leading to the sequel Mardaani 2 in 2019.

Web Series

### Sharad Sankla confirms continued role in Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah

Amid rumors that Sharad Sankla, who plays Abdul in Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah, has quit the show, the actor has set the record straight. Sankla addressed the speculation, stating, "Aisa nai hai... Audience ko galat news jaa rahi hai... Yeh bas show ka ek track hai... Jald hi Abdul Gokuldham society lautega." He reassured fans that Abdul will remain a part of the show and praised the production house, Neela Telefilms, and Asit Modi. The current storyline involves Abdul going missing after feeling overlooked, leading the Gokuldham society to seek Inspector Chalu Pandey's help. With Sankla's confirmation, viewers eagerly await Abdul's return to the show.

### The bollywood hot pair

### Couple goals: Sonakshi and Zaheer enjoy romantic NYC trip



Sonakshi Sinha and her husband, Zaheer Iqbal, are revelling in their marital bliss. The newlyweds recently enjoyed a romantic getaway to New York City, where they explored the sights and captured special moments. Sonakshi took to social media to share glimpses from their trip, expressing her joy and

affection for Zaheer. In her posts, she referred to him as her 'home,' reflecting the deep connection and happiness they share. The couple's vacation photos have been a hit with fans, showcasing their love and the vibrant experiences they had in the city. Their joyful updates mark a delightful new chapter in their lives.

Fashion

### Sonam Kapoor's latest look is pure elegance

Sonam Kapoor Ahuja, a celebrated fashion icon in Bollywood, recently dazzled in a sophisticated ensemble that showcased her impeccable style. She wore a berry-coloured long skirt paired with a matching oversized blazer, and a unique baby pink shirt crafted by Phoebe Philo's label. The shirt, priced at approximately Rs. 1,00,728, featured oversized elbow-length sleeves, a patch pocket, and a sleek upright collar.



## Trending on Insta

@therichachadha

### Richa Chadha's dreamy photoshoot and sleep wish

Richa Chadha shared glamorous photos on Instagram, wearing a stunning white gown with flawless makeup. She captioned, "BRB dreaming of eight uninterrupted hours of sleep. Good night to you. Good morning to me."



@farahkhanunder

### Farah Khan and Shilpa Shetty involved in flight incident

Farah Khan shared a funny video with Shilpa Shetty on Instagram, showing Shilpa's playful disapproval of Farah's food choices on a flight. Farah ended up switching seats, amusing Shilpa.



# Wellness

BREAKFAST FOR THE SOUL

## A month without breakfast: The impact on your body

Recent studies show that missing breakfast, the most important meal of the day, for a month can have some pretty harmful effects on your overall physical health.



Skipping breakfast makes you miss out on important nutrients.

Skipping breakfast for a month can have significant effects on your body and overall health. Breakfast is crucial for jump-starting your metabolism and providing essential nutrients after a night of fasting. While intermittent fasting, which often involves skipping breakfast, has become popular, it can lead to adverse effects when practiced long-term. Without breakfast, your metabolism may slow down. This meal helps initiate the process of converting food into energy. Without it, your body might conserve calories rather than burning them, potentially leading to weight gain and making weight management more challenging. Additionally, missing breakfast can cause unstable blood sugar levels. This instability often results in irritability, fatigue, and poor concentration throughout the day. To compensate, you might overeat later, disrupting your nutritional balance and increasing the risk of unhealthy eating patterns. Nutrient defi-



another concern. Breakfast typically provides important nutrients like fibre, vitamins, and minerals. Regularly skipping this meal can lead to deficiencies that impact overall health, affecting everything from immune function to bone strength and energy levels. Chronic breakfast skipping, particularly in the context of intermittent fasting, can also elevate stress hormone levels, negatively affecting mental health. Increased stress can lead to mood swings and anxiety, complicating weight management and daily energy levels. Moreover, intermittent fasting might impair cognitive function, making it harder to focus and perform tasks effectively. Incorporating a balanced breakfast into your daily routine is crucial for maintaining optimal health and energy levels while avoiding the negative impacts of prolonged fasting practices.



### ciencia s HIGHLIGHT are

While intermittent fasting has gained popularity in recent years, the long-term effects of regularly skipping breakfast remain a topic of debate among nutrition experts.

## Health Tips

A JANMASHTHAMI FEAST: INDULGE IN KRISHNA'S CULINARY PREFERENCES

### Dhaniya Ki Panjiri

#### Ingredients

1 cup coriander flour (dhaniyaatta), 1/2 cup ghee, 1/2 cup jaggery, grated, 1/4 cup chopped nuts (cashews, almonds), 1/4 cup raisins, 1/4 tsp cardamom powder, 2 tbsp desiccated coconut.

#### Instructions

Heat ghee in a pan, add coriander flour, and roast until it turns aromatic and golden brown. Add jaggery and mix well until it melts completely. Stir in chopped nuts, raisins, cardamom powder, and desiccated coconut. Cook for a few more minutes until the mixture thickens. Allow to cool slightly before shaping into small balls or spreading out to cut into pieces.



### Rasgulla

#### Ingredients

1 liter milk, 1/4 cup lemon juice or vinegar, 1 cup sugar, 2 cups water, 1/4 tsp cardamom powder, 1 tsp rose water (optional).

#### Instructions

Boil milk and add lemon juice or vinegar to curdle it. Strain the curds through a cheesecloth and rinse under cold water. Knead the chenna until smooth and form into small balls. Boil sugar and water together to make a syrup. Drop the balls into the boiling syrup and cook for 15-20 minutes until they are soft and spongy.



### Sweet Potato and Coconut Halwa

#### Ingredients

2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and grated, 1/2 cup grated coconut, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup ghee, 1/4 tsp cardamom powder, 1/4 cup chopped nuts (cashews, almonds), 1/4 cup raisins.

#### Instructions

Heat ghee in a pan and add grated sweet potatoes. Cook on medium heat until they soften (about 10 minutes). Add sugar and continue cooking until the mixture thickens. Stir in grated coconut, cardamom powder, nuts, and raisins. Cook for another 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Allow to cool slightly before serving.



### Rajgira (Amaranth) Ladoo

#### Ingredients

1 cup rajgira flour, 1/2 cup jaggery, 1/4 cup ghee, 1/4 cup chopped nuts (cashews, almonds), 1/4 tsp cardamom powder, 2 tsp poppy seeds (optional).

#### Instructions

Heat ghee in a pan, add rajgira flour, and roast until aromatic. Melt jaggery with a little water to form a syrup. Pour the syrup into the roasted flour and mix well. Add cardamom powder and chopped nuts. Allow the mixture to cool slightly, then shape into small ladoos. Roll in poppy seeds if using. Let cool completely before storing.



### Dahi Vada (Curd Vadas) with a Twist

#### Ingredients

1 cup urad dal, 1/4 cup chana dal, 1/2 tsp cumin seeds, 1/4 tsp black pepper, 1/4 tsp baking soda, 1 cup yogurt, 1 tsp tamarind chutney, 1 tsp green chutney, 1/4 cup chopped cilantro, 1/4 cup chopped onions, Salt to taste, Oil for frying.

#### Instructions

Soak and grind urad dal and chana dal into a batter. Add cumin, black pepper, baking soda, and salt. Fry spoonfuls of batter until golden. Soak vadas in warm water for 30 minutes. Drain and place on a dish. Top with yogurt, tamarind chutney, green chutney, cilantro, and onions. Serve chilled.



### Makhana Kheer

#### Ingredients

nuts, 4 cups milk, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup chopped nuts (cashews, almonds), 1/4 tsp cardamom powder, 1 tsp ghee.

#### Instructions

Heat ghee in a pan and roast makhana until crisp. In another pan, bring milk to a boil and simmer until slightly thickened. Add roasted makhana, sugar, and cardamom powder. Cook for 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add chopped nuts and cook for a few more minutes. Serve warm or chilled.



## GOOD LIVING

## Transform your dorm room into a comfortable dream oasis



Transforming your dorm room into a comfortable and functional haven can make a world of difference in your college experience. Start by choosing multi-functional furniture that saves space and adds utility, like a lofted bed with storage underneath or a desk that doubles as a study nook. Invest in a plush mattress and soft, stylish bedding to create a cosy sleep environment. Maximize vertical space with wall-mounted shelves and hooks to keep everything organized and within reach.

## How pepper and ghee can promote mental calm

A pinch of black pepper combined with a spoonful of desi ghee can be surprisingly effective in calming your mind. Black pepper contains piperine, which enhances mood and promotes relaxation. Desi ghee, rich in healthy fats, supports brain health and aids in reducing stress. When mixed together, these ingredients create a soothing remedy that can help alleviate anxiety and improve mental clarity. Incorporating this simple blend into your daily routine may offer a natural way to manage stress and promote overall well-being. Just a small amount can make a big difference in helping you find calm amidst the chaos.



## SELF-SILENCING

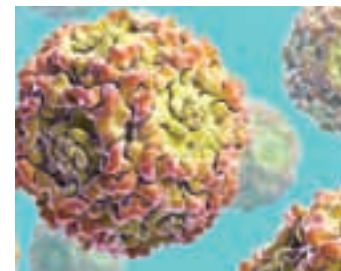
## Understanding Parvovirus B19: A guide to slapped cheek disease

Central Chronicle News

Parvovirus infection, commonly known as 'slapped-cheek disease,' is a highly contagious and common illness, particularly in those with weakened immune system.

Parvovirus B19, a common yet often overlooked virus, is responsible for the condition known as 'slapped cheek' disease. Officially referred to as erythema infectiosum, this viral infection primarily affects children but can also impact adults. The disease gets its nickname from the distinctive rash it produces, which resembles the red marks of a slap on the cheeks. The virus spreads through respi-

ratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Symptoms typically begin with mild flu-like signs, such as fever, fatigue, and a sore throat. Within a few days, a characteristic rash appears, starting with bright red cheeks and often spreading to the body and limbs, creating a lacy or reticular pattern. While slapped cheek disease is generally mild and self-limiting, it can present more serious risks for pregnant women. Infected pregnant women may face complications such as hydrops fetalis, a condition where the foetus accumulates fluid in multiple body cavities. The virus can also exacerbate conditions in individuals with weakened immune systems or chronic anaemia. Diagnosis is usually based on the appearance of symptoms,



Children and pregnant women are the most at risk of getting sick.

but blood tests can confirm the presence of parvovirus B19. Treatment focuses on managing symptoms, such as controlling fever and relieving discomfort. Most people recover fully without complications, but practicing good hygiene, including handwashing and avoiding close contact with infected individuals, helps prevent the spread of the virus.

# Sports



"For us to do it differently and still get the win is a good sign for us."

Joe Root  
England batsman

## Is 13-year-old Tanvi Patri the next PV Sindhu?

Tanvi Patri clinches U-15 Badminton Asia Junior title, emerges as India's rising badminton prodigy, showing potential for future Olympic success in 2028 or 2032.



fighting back from 11-17 down in the opening game to win the title without dropping a game throughout the tournament.

Her parents, Rabinarayan Patri and Sailabala Panda, are software professionals who previously worked in China, where she first took up badminton.

The family returned to India in 2020 following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vimal Kumar, Director of PPBA, sees great promise in Tanvi, even drawing comparisons to the early days of P V Sindhu, one of India's most celebrated badminton players.

"She was about eight or nine when she moved to India and joined the academy in 2022," said Vimal.

"She reminds me of Sindhu when she was young. The ability to win

matches at a young age is a good sign. She has a long way to go, and with her temperament, she has great potential."

Rabinarayan, a software engineer who works from home, accompanies Patri to the academy. In November 2022, he drove 1,400 km from Bengaluru to Balangir for Patri's participation in the state sub-junior badminton tournament.

"She is ahead of her

### HIGHLIGHT

● Patri displayed remarkable resilience, fighting back from 11-17 down in the opening game to win the title without dropping a game throughout the tournament.

● Vimal Kumar compares Tanvi's early success to P V Sindhu's development.

age group," Vimal noted. "In the last six months, she has won U-17 tournaments and defeated several senior players, including the current national championship finalist, Tanvi Sharma.

"If she improves her strength and continues to develop, she could be a strong contender for the 2028 or 2032 Olympics."

Patri, who also enjoys skating, began her badminton training under Chinese coach Jiang Yong Yi and won nine titles in China between 2017 and 2020. After returning to India, she was spotted by PPBA during a camp and joined the academy in March 2022.

She went on to claim both the U-15 and U-17 girls' singles titles in the All India sub-junior ranking tournaments in Hyderabad in June and Mapusa, Goa, in May this year.

## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### BOXING

#### Mayweather goes the distance against Gotti III in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY: Former world champion Floyd Mayweather went the distance against John Gotti III in an exhibition fight on Saturday night in Mexico City. The 47-year-old Mayweather fought Gotti in an eight-round fight with no judges in Arena Ciudad de Mexico.

It was a rematch of a fight that ended in a massive brawl in Florida last June. Mayweather, who retired from boxing in 2017 with an unbeaten record in 50 bouts, dominated the fight from the second round, when the fighter nicknamed "Money" asked for a change of referee. At the end of the fight, Mayweather and Gotti III embraced in the ring as Mexicans fans loudly booed. Mayweather is considered one of the greatest boxers in history. **PTI**

### SOCCER

#### Milan loses at Parma to leave new coach Fonseca still winless



MILAN: Christian Pulisic netted his first goal of the new Serie A season but he couldn't prevent AC Milan losing 2-1 at Parma on Saturday to leave new coach Paulo Fonseca still waiting for his first win in charge. Pulisic scored one of the easiest goals of his career in the 66th minute to cancel out Dennis Man's second-minute opener. But substitute Matteo Cancellieri scored what was to prove the winner 11 minutes later and offer a great way for Parma coach Fabio Pecchia to mark his birthday. Fonseca, who replaced Stefano Pioli in the off-season, has a lot of work to do. **PTI**

### Lyon Fans Boo

#### Lyon fans jeer their team after a 2-0 loss to Monaco in French league



PARIS: Monaco secured its second straight win in the French league on Saturday with a 2-0 victory over Lyon. Both goals came in the second half from two young talents, 19-year-old Eliesse Ben Seghir of Morocco and 20-year-old Lamine Camara of Senegal. Camara got his second yellow card deep in stoppage time but Monaco held on to their lead. Lyon remains goalless after losing again. The frustration of the fans was clear as boos echoed through the Parc OL stadium at the final whistle. Also Saturday, Lille beat newly promoted Angers 2-0. Thomas Meunier, the Belgium defender who joined Lille during the

summer transfer window, opened the scoring in the first half. Despite a late push from Angers in the second half, Mohamed Bayo secured the win with a clinical finish in stoppage time following a strong counterattack. Lille's victory puts the club level with Paris Saint-Germain and Monaco at the top of the standings, all with six points. PSG leads on goal difference at this early stage. Angers, still searching for its first win since returning to Ligue 1, remains near the bottom of the table. Le Havre defeated Saint-Etienne 2-0 in the late game with a penalty from midfielder Abdoulaye Touré and a header from team captain Arouna Sangante. **PTI**

## Australia A beat India A by 45 runs

**GOLD COAST:** Incisive bowling by Tess Flintoff (3/39) and Charli Knott (3/34), who both grabbed three wickets each, helped Australia A defeat India A by 45 runs in the unofficial one-off women's Test here on Sunday. Chasing a target of 289, India A were bundled out for 243 as they managed to add just 94 runs to their overnight score of 149 for 6 on day 4 of the contest. Overnight batters Raghvi Bist (26) and Uma Chetry (47) played cautiously and added 61 valuable runs to the total before the latter was dismissed by Flintoff as the last recognised India A partnership was broken. Bist, who emerged as one of the most dependable batters in the multi-format series, too departed in the same over with right-arm pacer Flintoff wrecking the woodwork, as India A slumped to 212/8.

## Virat Kohli hails Shikhar Dhawan's enduring legacy

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Virat Kohli honors Shikhar Dhawan's retirement, praising his legacy and sportsmanship.

**NEW DELHI:** Senior batter Virat Kohli on Sunday hailed Shikhar Dhawan as one of India's most dependable openers, noting that while his fervour, sportsmanship and signature smile will be missed, his enduring legacy will forever resonate. The premier top-order batter, Dhawan announced his retirement from all form of cricket on Saturday.

"Shikhar @SDhawan25 from your fearless debut to becoming one of India's most dependable openers, you've given



Virat Kohli and Shikhar Dhawan. | Photo: PTI

us countless memories to cherish. Your passion for the game, your sportsmanship and your trademark smile will be missed, but your legacy

lives on," Kohli wrote on X. The former India skipper thanked Dhawan, fondly known as 'Gabbard', for all the memories and wished the 38-year-

### FACTFILE

● Dhawan retires with over 10,000 international runs and 24 centuries.

● Kohli reflects on their deep bond and shared journey in cricket.

old luck for his future endeavours. "Thank you for the memories, unforgettable performances and always leading with your heart. Wishing you the best in your next innings, off the field Gabbard!" he added. In the 34 Tests, 167 ODIs and 68 T20Is he played, Dhawan scored 10,867 runs in international cricket -- the 12th most for India -- with 24 centuries and 79 fifty-plus scores.

### ALCARAZ REMAINS CONFIDENT

## Carlos Alcaraz twists his ankle in practice

Press Trust Of India

**NEW YORK:** Carlos Alcaraz cut short a U.S. Open training session on Saturday after twisting his right ankle but said he isn't worried that it will be a problem for the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

"I think it is OK. I just stopped my practice just for precaution," said the

"I don't want to stop any practice. I want to practice. I want to get better. I want to get ready for the tournament."

Carlos Alcaraz  
Tennis player

21-year-old from Spain, who won the championship at Flushing Mead-



ows in 2022 for the first of his four major trophies. "I didn't feel comfortable enough to keep practicing, just in case if everything is going to be worse."

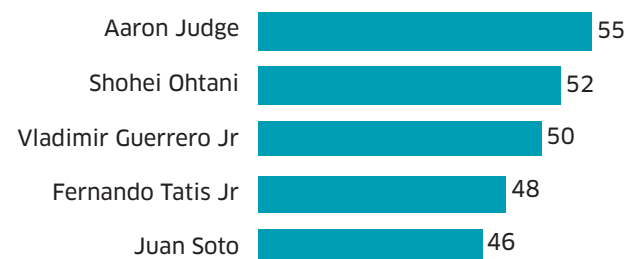
Alcaraz said he didn't think the injury would put his participation in the U.S. Open in doubt. He was more upset about losing time on court as he gets ready to try to

win what would be a third consecutive Slam title after triumphs at the French Open in June and Wimbledon in July.

"I don't want to stop any practice. I want to practice. I want to get better, I want to get ready for the tournament," he said, adding: "I'm sure that tomorrow, or in two days, I'm going to be at 100%, for sure."

### The Day's NUMBERS

#### MOST HOME RUNS IN MLB SEASON (2024)



Source: Olympic.org

### CRICKET

#### Bowlers, Dhruv-Lakshay power Central Delhi Kings to 10-wicket win

**NEW DELHI:** Dhruv Kaushik scored an unbeaten half century after bowlers produced a disciplined effort to help Central Delhi Kings inflict a 10-wicket defeat on West Delhi Lions in the Delhi Premier League here. Chasing a modest target of 124, Central Delhi Kings openers Dhruv (68 off 52 balls) and Lakshay Thareja (46 off 37 balls) came out all guns blazing on Saturday. Right from the start, both openers were aggressive in their approach and found the boundaries comfortably as they chased down the target in 14.5 overs. Dhruv's unbeaten innings included six boundaries and two sixes, while Lakshay smashed three fours and a six. Earlier, West Delhi Lions didn't get the start they would have wished for after they were sent in to bat. Central Delhi Kings' Sumit Kumar dismissed both their openers cheaply. With the openers back in the pavilion, the responsibility came on Yugal Saini and Krish Yadav. **PTI**

### TENNIS

#### Linda Noskova wins Monterrey Open for her 1st WTA Tour title



**MONTERREY:** Sixth-seeded Linda Noskova won the Monterrey Open on Saturday night for her first WTA Tour title, beating Lulu Sun 7-6 (6) 6-4 at Sonoma Club. Noskova avenged a straight-sets loss to Sun last week in the first round of the Cincinnati Open. The 19-year-old Czech, an Australian Open quarterfinalist in January, will open U.S. Open play Tuesday against 30th-seeded Yulia Putintseva. **PTI**

# Spinners guide Bangladesh to historic Test win vs Pak

Bangladesh shocks Pakistan with historic 10-wicket victory, ends 14-match winless streak despite political unrest; spinners Mehidy and Shakib dominate in Rawalpindi.

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Pakistan, which conceded a 117-run first innings lead despite declaring at 448-6, was bowled out by a disciplined pace and spin attack after it resumed on 23-1 and still 94 runs behind.

**RAWALPINDI:** Rawalpindi: Bangladesh overcame political turmoil back home to achieve a historic 10-wicket victory over Pakistan, who collapsed to 146 all out on the dramatic final day of the first Test on Sunday. Off-spinner Mehidy Hasan Miraz and left-arm spinner Shakib Al Hasan, a former lawmaker in Sheikh Hasina's government, claimed seven wickets between them, following a strong performance from the pace bowlers that dismantled Pakistan's top order. This triumph marked Bangladesh's first win in 14 Test matches against Pakistan.

Openers Zakir Hasan and Shadman Islam remained unbeaten on 15 and 9, respectively, as Bangladesh comfortably reached 30-0 at tea, securing only their seventh away Test win and the first since beating New Zealand in January 2022. Pakistan, despite declaring at 448-6 in the



Bangladesh's Zakir Hasan, right, celebrates with teammate Shadman Islam after winning first test cricket match against Pak.

first innings, squandered a 117-run lead and was undone by Bangladesh's disciplined bowling attack.

Mohammad Rizwan,

who had scored an unbeaten 171 in the first innings, top-scored with 51, but his teammates fell to reckless shots under pressure from aggressive

field settings by Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto. Mehidy returned figures of 4-21, while Shakib took 3-44. Fast bowlers Shoriful

## HIGHLIGHT

● Spinners Mehidy and Shakib dismantle Pakistan's batting, sharing seven crucial wickets.

● Openers Zakir and Shadman lead Bangladesh to seventh away Test win since 2022.

Islam, Hasan Mahmud, and Nahid Rana each contributed a wicket.

The final day's drama began early, with Pakistan struggling at 108-6 by lunch. Captain Shan Masood's dismissal, caught behind off Hasan, was contentious, echoing a similar decision in the first innings.

Babar Azam was dropped early but later fell for 22 to fast bowler Rana. The middle-order collapse continued as Saud Shakeel was stumped for zero, while Abdullah Shafique's impatience led to his downfall.

This defeat extended Pakistan's winless streak in home Test matches to nine, dating back to their victory over South Africa in Rawalpindi in 2021. The second Test will also be held in Rawalpindi, following a venue change from Karachi due to construction work.

# Novak Djokovic seeks a record 25th Grand Slam title

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

**NEW YORK:** As the U.S. Open kicks off at Flushing Meadows on Monday, all eyes are on Novak Djokovic, the No. 2 seed, who faces 138th-ranked Radu Albot of Moldova in the night session at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Djokovic, fresh off his first Olympic gold medal, is aiming for yet another milestone: a record-breaking 25th Grand Slam singles title. No man or woman has ever reached this total in tennis history, making this a significant moment in the sport.

In addition to this historic pursuit, Djokovic has the opportunity to become the first man to win back-to-back U.S. Open titles since Roger Federer accomplished the feat with five consecutive victories from 2004 to 2008. The consistency and drive that have propelled Djokovic to 24 Grand Slam titles and numerous other records remain as strong as ever.

Despite his remarkable achievements, Djokovic is far from satisfied. "I still feel the drive. I still have the competitive spirit," the 37-year-old



Novak Djokovic.

## FASTFACTS

● The season stops for no one, and Djokovic is not interested in taking any kind of a break right now.

Serbian said, reflecting on his motivation. His desire to continue making history is evident as he prepares for another deep run in New York.

Djokovic's path to this point has been one of relentless pursuit, and his quest for a 25th Grand Slam title will be a defining storyline of this year's U.S. Open. With his eyes set on both the immediate challenge of winning the tournament and the broader goal of cementing his legacy, Djokovic remains one of the most formidable competitors in tennis.

| SUÁREZ SECURES PLAYOFFS |

## Luis Suárez's quick goals secure playoff spot for Miami

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Luis Suárez's early goals propel Inter Miami to playoff-clinching victory over Cincinnati.

**FORT LAUDERDALE:** Luis Suárez wasted no time, scoring just 30 seconds into the match and adding another goal in the sixth minute, leading Inter Miami to a 2-0 victory over FC Cincinnati on Saturday night. This win secured Inter Miami's spot in the playoffs, making them the first team this season to do so.

Suárez, now with 15 goals in 15 starts, capitalized on assists from rookies Marcelo Weigandt and Matías Rojas.

Despite playing a man down from the 42nd



## FASTFACTS

● Suárez netted his 15th goal in his 15th start and 19th appearance in his first season with the club

● Inter Miami's goalkeeper Callender earns his fifth clean sheet, stopping six Cincinnati shots.

minute after Tomás Avilés received a sec-

ond yellow card, Miami held strong. Goalkeeper Drake Callender made six saves, earning his fifth clean sheet of the season.

Inter Miami avenged a 6-1 loss to Cincinnati earlier in the season and extended their lead in the Eastern Conference standings. Cincinnati's struggles continued, marking their fourth consecutive loss. Miami will next face the Chicago Fire on Saturday.

## Fatima Sana named Pakistan skipper for Women's T20 World Cup

**KARACHI:** The Pakistan Cricket Board has named 22-year-old Fatima Sana as their captain, replacing Nida Dar for the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup in UAE from October 3-20. The 37-year-old Nida is going through a lean patch and the team under her suffered T20I and ODI series defeats in England before making a semi-final exit in the Women's Asia Cup last month. The selectors however have retained Nida in the squad that has at least 10 players who appeared in the last edition of the global showpiece. Bowling allrounder Fatima, who has featured in 41 ODIs and 40 T20Is, has previously led Pakistan emerging and domestic sides.

## Lakshya Sen heads to Austria for physical assessment

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Lakshya Sen travels to Austria for comprehensive physical assessment ahead of upcoming tournaments.

**NEW DELHI:** Aiming to be in the best shape for the upcoming tournaments in the BWF circuit, India's Lakshya Sen on Sunday left for Austria for a detailed evaluation of his body.

The 22-year-old from Almora, who had come close to winning an Olympic medal in Paris before finishing fourth, will undergo a series of tests at the Red Bull Athlete Performance Centre in Salzburg to get a detailed evaluation to rev up his fitness and game.

| SEN'S FITNESS EVALUATION |



## HIGHLIGHT

● Sen to undergo tests at Salzburg's Red Bull Athlete Performance Centre.

● Focus on improving strength, speed, and endurance for fast-paced badminton challenges.

"Lakshya is going to Austria to do some physical assessment. There is a good sports institute there, where he wants to do some physical exercise. He left today and will be back after a week," Vimal told PTI.

Lakshya is accompanied by his trainer, Gaurav and a 15-year-old junior shuttler Nishchal

Chand from Uttarakhand to help him keep abreast with the game during the week.

"The tests will focus basically on specific strength aspects. Many of the elite athletes go and get themselves tested there. We had consulted Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala for all his niggles and injuries.

| YOUNG CHAMPIONS EMERGE |

## Shreyansh, Aarushi shine in State badminton finals

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**RAIPUR:** The final day of the state-level junior badminton championship (U-15, U-17) at iSportz Badminton Arena, organized under the aegis of the Chhattisgarh Badminton Association, saw intense competition and remarkable performances from young talents.

In the Under-15 Boys Singles category, Shreyansh Pathak emerged as the champion by defeating Naitik Sahu in a one-

sided match, securing a 21-09, 21-10 victory to claim the title. The Under-15 Girls Singles final witnessed an equally impressive performance by Aarushi Alva, who clinched the title by defeating Siddhima Sahu 21-16, 21-18.

In the Under-15 Boys Doubles category, the pair of Atharva Gambhir and Naitik Sahu secured the championship by overcoming the duo of Anurag Baghel and Sushant Uike with a 23-21,



21-18 margin.

The Under-15 Girls Doubles final saw Aarushi Alva and Tejaswi Singh battle it out against Saanvi Chhatre and Siddhima Sahu. In a thrilling match that went to three

sets, Aarushi and Tejaswi triumphed with a score of 21-16, 25-27, 21-16.

In the Under-17 Boys Singles category, Divyansh Agarwal claimed the title after a hard-fought victory over Akshay Dutt.

The match saw both players display their best, but Divyansh's stamina and consistent play earned him a 21-17, 17-21, 21-10 win. The Under-17 Boys Doubles title was secured by the pair of Garvit Kansal and Sarthak Kant, who defeated Akshay Dutt and Divyansh Agarwal in a nail-biting match that ended 23-21, 19-21, 22-20.

In the Under-17 Girls Singles, Ishika Poddar emerged victorious by defeating Revraje with a

convincing 21-16, 21-08 win. The Girls Doubles title in the same age group went to Bhavya Singh and Revraje, who narrowly defeated Gauri Air and Ishika Poddar 21-19, 24-26, 22-20.

Finally, the Under-17 Mixed Doubles category saw Akshay Dutt and Bhavya Singh claim the title, defeating the pair of Divyansh Agarwal and Ishika Poddar 21-18, 21-15, rounding off a day of exceptional badminton action.

## Pakistan protests snooker visa denial

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**KARACHI:** The Pakistan Billiards and Snooker Association has lodged a formal complaint with the sport's world governing body and the organisers after their squad was denied visas by the Indian High Commission for the IBSF U-18 and U-21 World Championships, which began in Bengaluru on Saturday. A top official of the PBSA said that they couldn't secure visas for their three players, Ahsan Ramazan, Has-

nain Akhtar and Hamza Ilyas. "We had applied to the Indian High Commission on time after getting all NOCs from our government and Pakistan Sports Board. But they didn't issue visas due to which our squad could not travel to Bengaluru," Alamgir Sheikh said.

He said the three players had recently done very well for Pakistan and had very good chances of doing well in the world events but were deprived of an opportunity.

# World



India's policy towards Bangladesh 'completely failed'.  
**Amir Khasru**  
Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader



Smoke billows from the site of an Israeli airstrike on Zibqin in southern Lebanon on August 25, 2024, amid escalations in the ongoing cross-border tensions between Israel and Hamas in Gaza Strip.

## France increases security for Jewish sites

**PARIS:** France's acting interior minister ordered police reinforcements to protect Jewish places of worship after a suspected arson attack Saturday on a synagogue in a southwestern Mediterranean town. It was not immediately clear how many people were inside the synagogue at the time.



## Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

### GERMANY ATTACK SUSPECT

#### Man has turned himself in over Solingen knife attack that killed 3

**SOLINGEN:** A 26-year-old man has turned himself into police, saying he was responsible for the Solingen knife attack that left three dead and eight wounded at a festival marking the city's 650th anniversary, German authorities announced early Sunday.

Duesseldorf police said in a joint statement with the prosecutor's office that the man "stated that he was responsible for the attack." "This person's involvement in the crime is currently being intensively investigated," the statement said.

Federal prosecutors said they were investigating on suspicion of murder, attempted murder and membership in a foreign terrorist organisation. The suspect was to make a first appearance before a judge later Sunday. **PTI**

### CHINA RAINS

#### 11 killed, 14 missing after heavy rain hits China's Liaoning province



**BEIJING:** Torrential rains have left at least 11 people dead and 14 others missing in the city of Huludao, northeast China's Liaoning province which left a trail of destruction causing heavy damage to the roads and bridges amounting to USD 1.44 billion, official media reported on Saturday. The latest round of heavy rainfall caused severe damage in Huludao, particularly in the city's Jianchang County and Suizhong County, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. **PTI**

## UK BOLLYWOOD ORCHESTRA New London Bollywood Orchestra to bring iconic film songs alive on stage



**LONDON:** A brand-new Bollywood orchestra is all set to curate a regular series of performances to bring iconic Hindi film melodies alive on stage in the UK, with a talented ensemble of artists in homage to some of India's best-known musicians. London Bollywood Orchestra will kick off with its inaugural show on October 5 at Wilton's Music Hall in east London, a historic venue dating back to the 1850s and often serving as a film set.

It has been chosen as an ideal setting for singers Rekha and Navin Kundra to croon along with a talented 15-piece orchestra composed of a diverse range of instruments from tabla and dholak to flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, guitars and violins. "We wanted a diverse show which gives us a span of decades and a span of styles, with music from the 1940s right up to the present day," Tim Pottier, the music director of the new project told PTI. "When you are performing live music, everything is spontaneous, almost like living on the edge. The old Bollywood tracks used to have that same nervous energy because they were often recorded in a very short time with a small number of microphones but hundreds of performers. So, the London Bollywood Orchestra will be bringing some of that everything-is-alive-right-now magic to stage," he said. **PTI**

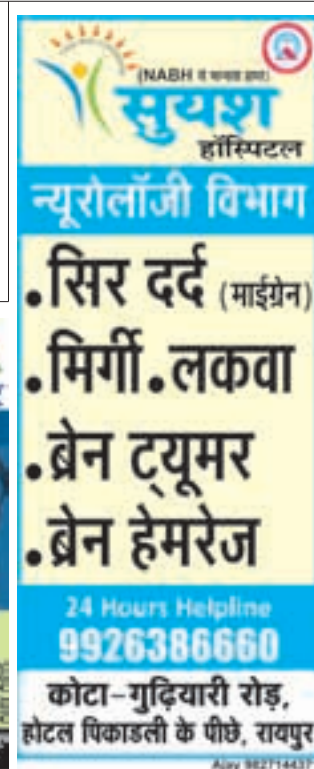
### INDONESIA FLASH FLOODS

#### A flash flood on Indonesia's eastern Ternate Island sweeps away buildings and leaves 13 dead

**TERNATE ISLAND:** Torrential rains caused a flash flood on Indonesia's eastern Ternate Island, sweeping away residential areas and leaving 13 people dead on Sunday, officials said.

The deluges cut off the main road and access to the village of Rua in North Maluku province, the most hard-hit area, and buried dozens of houses and buildings under the mud. Search and rescue teams worked with

locals to recover the bodies and look for those still missing. **PTI**



# Israel, Hezbollah trade heavy fire before pulling back

Israel launches extensive airstrikes across southern Lebanon; Hezbollah retaliates with hundreds of rockets and drones, escalating regional tensions amidst ongoing conflicts.

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**JERUSALEM:** Israel launched a wave of airstrikes across southern Lebanon early Sunday in what it said was a preemptive strike on Hezbollah. The militant group responded that it had launched hundreds of rockets and drones to avenge the killing of one of its top commanders last month. The heavy exchange of fire does not appear

to have ignited a long-feared war, but the situation remains tense. Meanwhile, Egypt on Sunday is hosting high-level talks aimed at brokering a cease-fire in the 10-month-old Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, which diplomats hope will tamp down regional tensions. The Israeli military said it struck because Hezbollah was planning to launch a heavy barrage of rockets and missiles toward Israel. Soon after,

### HIGHLIGHT

- Israel killed Hezbollah's Fouad Shukur in an airstrike in Beirut last month
- Israel claims it struck to prevent a heavy barrage of rockets and missiles toward Israel

Hezbollah announced it had launched an attack on Israeli military positions as an initial response to the killing of

Fouad Shukur, one of its founding members, in an Israeli airstrike in Beirut last month. By mid-morning, it appeared that the exchange had ended, with both sides saying they had only aimed at military targets. At least three people were killed in the strikes on Lebanon, while there were no reports of casualties in Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, speaking at the start of a

Cabinet meeting, said the military had eliminated "thousands of rockets that were aimed at northern Israel" and urged citizens to adhere to directives from the Home Front Command.

"We are determined to do everything to defend our country, to return the residents of the north securely to their homes and to continue upholding a simple rule: Whoever harms us - we will harm them," he said.

### BANGLA DHAKA SITUATION

# Dhaka limps back to normal amid echoes of protests

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With the metro resuming services, buses and taxis plying regularly and university students enjoying carefree evening strolls in the gardens of the historic Curzon Hall - life seems to be returning to normal in Dhaka.

**DHAKA:** Businesses have resumed but it's not business as usual in the capital city of Bangladesh.

Till three weeks ago, the streets of the capital were flooded with anti-government protesters, many public squares choked by the agitating masses reaching a dramatic climax on August 5 -- the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government and her fleeing to India. The



A public square in a commercial area containing luxury hotels and other properties, in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

### FAST FACTS

- Student protests continue, demanding student union elections and no political interference.
- Two stations (Mirpur-10 and Kazipara) remain shut due to vandalism.

wave of the resistance has subsided and an interim

government has been in place since August 8, but the streaks of rebellion remain in many streets of Dhaka. In the past few days, several government employees have held protests in groups at the government secretariat while some demonstrators have marched in streets near the famous Ahsan Manzil and other areas to put forth their demands.

Many Dhaka University

students are raising their voices regularly at the Raju Memorial Site opposite the Teacher Student Centre (TSC) for holding students' union elections at the varsity and demanding "no political interference" on the campus.

The anti-government protests have initiated a churn in Bangladesh and while education goes on, so do protests to achieve a more equitable society "free of discrimination and corruption".

Ibrahim Mahmud, a student of public administration who took part in a varsity protest earlier this week, alleged that members of Chhatra League, the student wing of the ousted Awami League, used to "harass" several fellow students in the campus.

### US ASTRONAUT LAUNCH

# NASA extends astronauts' space stay to February

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**CAPE CANAVERAL:** NASA decided Saturday it's too risky to bring two astronauts back to Earth in Boeing's troubled new capsule, and they'll have to wait until next year for a ride home with SpaceX. What should have been a weeklong test flight for the pair will now last more than eight months.

The seasoned pilots have been stuck at the Interna-



tional Space Station since the beginning of June. A cascade

of vexing thruster failures and helium leaks in the new

capsule marred their trip to the space station, and they ended up in a holding pattern as engineers conducted tests and debated what to do

about the flight back.

After almost three months, the decision finally came down from NASA's highest ranks on Saturday. Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams will come back in a SpaceX capsule in February. Their empty Starliner capsule will undock in early September and attempt to return on autopilot with a touchdown in the New Mexico desert.



**A test flight by nature is neither safe nor routine.**

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson