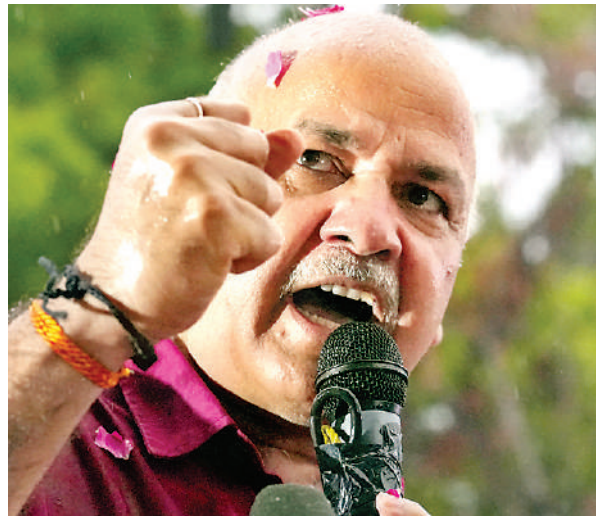


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Bail is rule, jail is exception: SC on Sisodia

It said the apex court on June 4 had granted liberty to Sisodia to revive his prayer for bail after filing of the charge sheet.



Sisodia addresses supporters after his release from Tihar jail. | Photo : PTI

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday granted bail to AAP leader Manish Sisodia in the corruption and money laundering cases linked to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam, noting that he has been in custody for 17 months.

A bench of justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan said Sisodia has been in custody for 17 months and trial has not yet commenced, depriving him of the right to speedy trial. The bench said it would be a travesty of justice to relegate him to the trial court for seeking bail in these cases. The top court said it is high time that the trial courts and high courts recognise that the principle of bail is a rule and jail is an exception. It directed that Sisodia be released on bail on a personal bond of Rs 10 lakh with two sureties

of the like amount. While granting bail to Sisodia in the corruption and money laundering cases linked to the alleged Delhi excise policy scam,

the top court noted the counsel appearing for probe agencies had argued that he should be relegated to approach the trial court afresh for seeking relief. A bench of

Sisodia walks out of jail after 17 months

Senior AAP leader Manish Sisodia said he got bail due to the power of the Constitution and democracy, and this same power will ensure the release of Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal. "We have brought this legal battle to its logical end through the Constitution. I thank you all for being with me, he said."

Citizens cannot be made to run from pillar to post in matters pertaining to life and liberty which is one of the most sacrosanct rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Justices Gavai and Viswanathan
 Supreme Court bench

Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan referred to the apex court's June 4 order which had disposed of Sisodia's plea challenging the high court verdict.

Joint panel on Waqf bill formed

NEW DELHI: The joint committee of Parliament to examine the Waqf (Amendment) Bill will have 31 members, 21 from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha, and will submit its report by the next session.

The Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha on Friday adopted a motion moved by Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju, who also holds the parliamentary affairs portfolio, naming the members to be part of the committee. In the Lower House, 12 members of the panel are from the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA), including eight from the BJP, and nine from the opposition. In the Upper House, four are from the BJP, four from the opposition, one from the YSRCP, which has opposed the Bill, and one is a nominated member.



Wild elephant tramples 2 women to death

KORBA: A wild elephant that killed a 55-year-old woman in Chhattisgarh's Korba district a day ago, also trampled to death two women members of a family hours later, officials said on Friday.

Teams of forest and police departments have been keeping a tab on the movement of the tusker and engaged in chasing it away from human settlements, they said. "The elephant was spotted roaming throughout on Thursday in villages near Kusmunda coal mine in Katghora forest division before it entered neighbouring Janjgir-Champa district at night."

Oppn considering resolution notice to remove Dhankhar as VP

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Opposition sources said 87 members have signed on the proposal to initiate action against Dhankhar.



FACTFILE

● A source said around two days ago, Leader of House J P Nadda was informally informed that the Opposition is considering submitting a motion for removing Dhankhar.

of the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) passed by a majority of all the then members of the Council and agreed to by the House of the People; but no resolution for the purpose of this clause shall be moved unless at least fourteen days' notice has been given of the intention to move the resolution."

The source said concerns of opposition parties include microphone of the Leader of Opposition being turned off repeatedly. The opposition wants the House to be run by rules and convention and personal remarks against members are unacceptable, the source said.

Dhankhar and INDIA bloc parties sparred on Friday once again with

the Congress accusing the Chair of acting in a "partisan" manner against the entire opposition.

Soon after opposition walked out of Rajya Sabha protesting against what they termed as "unacceptable" tone and disrespect shown by Dhankhar, the Congress held a press conference to claim that the Chair was not giving the opposition the importance it deserves in the Upper House. "Opposition parties feel that the Chairman's approach is partisan. Rajya Sabha is a House that sets parameters for other legislatures. In that House, the Chairman should not be seen partisan."

PM Modi to visit Wayanad, chair review meeting

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the landslides-hit Wayanad on Saturday to review the relief and rehabilitation efforts and interact with survivors.

Officials said Modi will reach Kannur around 11 am and then undertake an aerial survey of the landslides-affected area in Wayanad.

Teams involved in the rescue operation will brief him about the evacuation efforts.

He will visit the relief camp and hospital where he will meet and interact with the victims and survivors of the landslides, they said. Modi will then chair a review meeting during which he will be briefed in detail about the incident and the ongoing relief efforts.

At least 226 people died and many remain unaccounted for after landslides hit the region on July 30 in what was likely one of the biggest natural disasters to have hit Kerala.

BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA |

Case for 'attempting suicide' in govt office

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NUMBER

226

● To "compel or restrain any public servant from discharging his official duty" is an offence under section 226 of the newly enacted BNS.

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is an offence under section 226 of the newly enacted BNS, attracting punishment of up to one year in prison, or fine, or community service. Activist Srikrishna Mankar (55) and his associate entered the cabin of the additional commissioner of the Ulhasnagar Municipal Corporation on Thursday and said he would end his life if illegal constructions in the town-

ship were not razed, said a police official. Mankar then allegedly took out a bottle of poison from his pocket and tried to drink from it, said senior inspector Shankar Awtade of the Central police station.

Security guards quickly overpowered him and took away the bottle. Mankar was admitted to hospital as he suffered injuries in the scuffle, the official said.

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Raipur



Tribals are being harassed under the BJP government
Deepak Baij
PCC Chief.

Students take out huge rally



Under the campaign of 'Har Ghar Tiranga', the students of Dani Girl School took out a huge rally here on Thursday.

1 dead, 7 new cases reported of Swine Flu

Health Dept. has responded by issuing an alert and advising to be cautious.

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RAIPUR: The threat of swine flu (H1N1) is rapidly increasing in Chhattisgarh, as one woman has died and seven new cases have been reported across the state. The death occurred in Bilaspur, causing widespread concern.

The deceased, identified as Dhaneshwari Bai, a 51-year-old resident of Pandopara, Korea, was initially treated for a viral fever. However, her condition worsened with symptoms of

high fever, cold, and cough. She was admitted to the district hospital after experiencing severe phlegm and weakness.

Due to the lack of improvement in her condition, she was referred to Apollo Hospital in Bilaspur on August 4. Tests confirmed she had contracted swine flu, and despite being placed on a ventilator with oxygen support, she passed away on Friday.

In addition to this tragic loss, seven more positive cases of swine flu have been

HIGHLIGHT

● Emergence of new cases has heightened concerns about the potential spread of the disease.

confirmed in the state. Of these, four patients are from Bilaspur city, two from Marwahi, and one from Janjgir-Champa. The emergence of these new cases has heightened concerns about the potential spread of the disease. The state health department has responded

by issuing an alert and advising residents to be cautious. They are urging people to seek medical attention immediately if they experience any flu-like symptoms. In light of the increasing number of cases, the department is preparing to implement special measures to prevent further spread of the virus.

The public is reminded to remain vigilant and prioritize early detection and treatment to curb the impact of this potentially dangerous disease.

Guv urges to participate in Tiranga Abhiyan

RAIPUR: Governor Ramen Deka has called on all citizens to actively and enthusiastically participate in the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan. He urged people across the country and the state to hoist the tricolor at their homes and celebrate Independence Day with deep respect and pride. Governor Deka emphasized the significant role played by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in launching the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan' as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, commemorating 75 years of India's independence. He highlighted that this campaign is a powerful means to reinforce the spirit of patriotism and unity, enhancing the dignity of the national festival. According to the Governor, this large-scale initiative not only fosters a personal connection with the national flag but also strengthens the collective spirit of nation-building.

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FACTFILE

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Fake Facebook ID accused arrested

RAIPUR: Raipur Police have apprehended Sahukar Khan, an interstate accused from Alwar, Rajasthan, for creating a fake Facebook ID in the name of the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh. The accused used the Chief Minister's name and photo to operate this fraudulent account on social media. Authorities also recovered a mobile phone used in the incident from his possession. The arrest came after a complaint was lodged by Manoj Kumar Sahu, leading to the registration of a case at the Civil Line Police Station under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the IT Act. Given the gravity of the situation, Senior Superintendent of Police Dr. Santosh Kumar Singh ordered the formation of a special team to handle the case. The team, comprising Additional Superintendent of Police City Lakhani Patel, Additional Superintendent of Police Crime Sandeep Mittal, City Superintendent of Police Civil Line Anurag Jha, Deputy Superintendent of Police Crime Sanjay Singh, and members of the Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit, successfully identified and arrested the accused in Alwar district, Rajasthan.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

SECURITY AUDIT

State Govt orders security audit in All Public and Educational Institutions

RAIPUR: In a significant move to enhance safety standards, the Chhattisgarh state government has issued instructions to conduct a thorough security audit across all public and educational institutions. This directive comes in the wake of a recent tragedy in Delhi, where three students lost their lives due to waterlogging at a coaching center. The incident has triggered a nationwide review of safety protocols at coaching centers and other public venues. The government has mandated that the security audits be conducted in coaching centers, schools, colleges, hostels, hospitals, malls, cinema halls, and other public and educational institutions operating within the state. To ensure a comprehensive review, security audit committees will be formed in urban areas.

TREE PLANTATION

Indian Bank celebrates 118th Foundation Day with grand tree plantation program



RAIPUR: In a significant move towards environmental sustainability, Indian Bank's Zonal Office in Raipur organized a grand tree plantation program in the Ashoka Ratna premises as part of the 'Plant for Mother Campaign.' The event, held on the occasion of the bank's 118th Foundation Day, was marked by the enthusiastic participation of the bank's officials and staff. Zonal Manager Mr. Rajesh Sharan and Deputy Zonal Manager Mr. Saroj Kanta Dalai, along with other dignitaries, were present at the event, underscoring the bank's commitment to corporate social responsibility.

To inspire and motivate the incoming batch

Deeksharambh Program (DU-Discover You) welcomes new students at Shri Davara University



RAIPUR: On August 7, 2024, Shri Davara University in Raipur warmly welcomed its newly arrived students with the Deeksharambh (DU-Discover You) program. The event was graced by several distinguished guests, including Raipur North MLA Purandar Mishra, former MP and Mayor of RMC, Sunil Soni, Abhanpur MLA Indra Kumar, and former international cricketer Rajesh Chauhan. The program, presided over by the Principal Director of the University, Dr. Charmi Davara, was a grand occasion to inspire and motivate the incoming batch. The

event commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp and floral tributes to the idol of Goddess Saraswati. In his presidential address, Dr. Charmi Davara emphasized the importance of skill development alongside education. He assured the students that the university would provide them with ample opportunities and facilities for sports and competitive exams. University Director Mrs. Anjali Yadav highlighted the crucial role of education in achieving success, noting that it offers the guidance necessary for personal and professional growth.

REVIEWS PROCESS

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information about file statuses, making it easier for the government to review pending files. The move to an e-office is anticipated to bring greater transparency to the administration as all files will be accessible online. The meeting, held via video conferencing, saw participation from several senior officials, including Additional Chief Secretary Religious Trust and Endowments Subrata Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary of Forest and Climate Change Department and other senior department officers.

The Day's NUMBERS

ENCROACHMENT OF FOREST LAND IN TOP FIVE STATES (IN HECT)

Assam	2,59,700
Karnataka	96,014.349
Orissa	78,505.077
AP	58,553.07
Tripura	47,758.14

Source -MoFE&CC, GoI

APPROPRIATE ACTION

Chief Minister orders action on complaints of encroachment

RAIPUR: During the Jandarshan program held at the Chief Minister's residence, a villager from Lakshna in Raipur district met Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai to raise concerns about encroachment on forest land near the village and the illegal excavation and transportation of sand.

The Chief Minister took the complaint seriously and instructed the concerned authorities to investigate the matter thoroughly and take appropriate action.

The application regarding this issue has been forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer for further action.

In the same Jandarshan session, villagers from Gram Panchayat Bhalera in the Arang development block of Raipur district lodged a complaint against the local Sarpanch and Panch, alleging fraud in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) scheme.

The villagers requested an impartial investigation into the matter. Responding to their plea, the Chief Minister directed the Collector of Raipur to investigate the allegations and take necessary action accordingly.

POSTER UNVEILED

Laxmi Rajwade unveils poster for Beauty Icon of India Season 5



RAIPUR: Minister Laxmi Rajwade formally unveiled the poster for the much-anticipated Beauty Icon of India Season 5, following the announcement of the event's date. The grand finale is scheduled to take place on August 25th at a prominent hotel in Raipur. This event, known for its focus on women's empowerment, is organized by the Arna Foundation under the leadership of its founder, Runa Sharma. The competition aims to provide a platform for women and youth from all walks of life to showcase their talents and pursue careers in industries that offer name, fame, financial success, and personal growth. Thousands of participants each year aspire to make their mark in such events, dreaming of opportunities in fields like films, advertisements, and web series.

AZADI MAHOTSAV |

Azadi Mahotsav: Huge turnout for auditions

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RAIPUR: The Azadi Mahotsav, organized by the Raipur Municipal Corporation Culture Department in collaboration with Zone 4, is set to take place on August 15, 2024, in celebration of Independence Day. The festival features the Raipur Singing Idol and Group Dance Competition, inviting residents from across the city and state to showcase their talents with a focus on patriotic themes. On the second day of audi-



tions, a large crowd gathered at Shaheed Smarak Bhawan to participate enthusiastically. Participants performed both group dances and patriotic songs, demonstrating their talents. Akanksha Mishra, Sameeksha Agar-

Primary aim of the event is to foster an Independence Day spirit.

Arun Dhruv,
Zone Commissioner,
RMC, Zone-4.

Verma. Municipal Corporation Culture Department Chairman Akash Tiwari and Zone Commissioner Arun Dhruv explained that the primary aim of

the event is to foster an Independence Day spirit within the city and provide a platform for local talent. The Azadi Mahotsav is designed to energize the community and offer a significant opportunity for music and dance enthusiasts to advance their skills. The auditions are being held in two categories, with the first round taking place on August 7 and 8, 2024, at Shaheed Smarak Bhawan in Raipur. The next round of auditions is scheduled for August 12.

Raipur News

World Day celebrated with vibrant indigenous dance



Variety of folk dance and cultural prog organised on World Day for Indigenous People at local Indoor stadium here.

Vigilance uncovers Rs 1.02 cr revenue loss

Show cause notices issued to sub-registrars, dist registrars for irregularities.

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FASTFACTS

● Revenue loss discovered due to undervalued property registrations and misused stamp duty exemptions.

RAIPUR: The Registration Department of Chhattisgarh has uncovered irregularities in the examination of property documents, leading to a significant revenue loss of Rs1.02 crore.

This revelation comes after a vigilant inspection by the department's vigilance cell, which has been actively monitoring the registration processes across the state to prevent tax evasion and incorrect property valuations.

During a random inspection of documents

registered in the subordinate offices of five districts—Raipur, Durg, Rajnandgaon, Raigarh, and Bemetara—the vigilance cell identified 18 cases where the market value of properties was significantly undervalued. This discrepancy resulted in a substantial revenue

shortfall for the state.

The findings highlighted several lapses, including the incorrect determination of market values and inconsistencies in the registration of properties adjacent to main roads. In some cases, properties were registered at varying rates depending on the sub-registrar's office involved. Additionally, certain properties were not valued according to the guidelines, and stamp duty exemptions were misused, further contributing to the revenue loss.

As a result, the vigilance cell has directed

the district registrars to take immediate corrective actions, including the recovery of the lost revenue. Show cause notices have been issued to the concerned sub-registrars and district registrars, demanding explanations for the irregularities.

The Chhattisgarh government's Registration Department, through its dedicated vigilance cell at the Inspector General of Registration and Superintendent of Stamps Headquarters, continues to implement stringent measures to ensure the accuracy and integrity of property registrations.

Deadline for crop insurance extended

RAIPUR: The Central Government has extended the deadline for crop insurance for loanee farmers from August 16 to August 25, while the deadline for non-loanee farmers remains August 16. Earlier, the deadline for crop insurance under the Prime Minister's Crop Insurance Scheme was July 31, which was later extended to August 16 by the Central Government on the request of the Chhattisgarh Government. Now, the Central Government has given another concession to loanee farmers by extending the deadline to August 25. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Agriculture Minister Ramvihar Netam have instructed the agriculture department officials to guide and register farmers for crop insurance under the Prime Minister's Crop Insurance Scheme so that they can get compensation in case of crop loss due to natural disasters. According to the notification issued by the agriculture department for the Kharif season 2024, farmers need to register for the scheme to avail its benefits. Farmers can insure crops like paddy, soybean, groundnut, maize, moong, urad, kodo-kutki, and ragi under the scheme. The scheme provides compensation to farmers for crop losses.

Incubation centers of NIT Raipur, MNNIT Allahabad sign MoU



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HIGHLIGHT

● Promotion of incubation related activities.

RAIPUR: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur has always been committed to support innovation, entrepreneurship and startups. On the same lines, the institute has established a not-for-profit Technology Business Incubator Company named 'NIT Raipur Foundation for Innovation and Entrepreneurship' (NITRRFIE) to support and mentor the startups under the National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations (NIDHI) - Technology Business Incubator (TBI) program of Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad (MNNIT or NIT Allahabad) has also established a Not-for-profit Company governed by Section-8 of Companies Act 2013 in the name of 'Innovation & Incubation Hub MNNIT Foundation (IIHMF)' to promote Innovation, Entrepreneurship Development, Startup Incubation,

Industry Collaboration and Networking.

NITRRFIE signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIHMF on 09-August-2024 with the primary objective to support incubation related activities and technology driven startups by providing co-incubation, shared infrastructure resources and joint mentorship, thereby enriching the incubation process. Under the scope of this executed MoU, both the incubation centers have agreed to foster cooperation in the areas of innovation, entrepreneurship and incubation activities through exchange of information, knowledge, best practices, and by jointly organizing seminars, conferences, workshops and events for technology-driven start-ups/entrepreneurs on subjects of mutual interest.

NEWSLINE

TABLE TENNIS

Varalakshmi wins Indian East Region TT tourney



RAIPUR: Rajat Ranjan Mohanty from Bhubaneswar won the 8th Indian East Region Table Tennis tournament being organised under the aegis of Raipur branch of United India Insurance Company Limited in association with Principal Office situated at Chennai, held at Sapre School-based TT Hall here recently. Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the Raipur Region Office Manager Rajneesh Saxena said that BK Singh, Chief Regional Manager Raipur Circle inaugurated the above tournament whereas Regional Manager Harindra Singh was also present.

'TIRANGA' RALLY

School children partake in 'Tiranga' rally

RAIPUR: Following the call of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' program has been launched. As part of this program, a divisional-level Tiranga rally was organized in Raipur district today. Nearly 450 school children participated in this rally with great enthusiasm and zeal, accompanied by patriotic slogans. The rally was attended by Rakesh Pandey, Joint Director of Education Department, Vijay Khandelwal, District Education Officer, Ajit Singh Jat, Assistant Director, M. Minj, Assistant Director, Hitesh Kumar Diwan, Principal of Dani Girls School, and teachers also participated. Har Ghar Tiranga is a campaign to encourage every household in India to hoist the national flag, the Tiranga, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's independence.

QUIZ SHOW

Navneet qualifies in 5th episode of Int'l Quiz Show



RAIPUR: Navneet Kour Chhabra, D/o S. Surjeet Singh Chhabra, Armeet Kour Chhabra, will be seen on the show of Char-dikala Times TV on Aug 11 at 10:30 am after being successful in the 5th episode of the 33rd season of International Quiz Show 'Aao Banye Gursikh Pyara', organized in collaboration with Gurmat Gyan Mission Pratapgarh. The Raipur city promising girl Navneet Kour Chhabra has been continuously participating in speech, poetry, quiz shows and lecture competitions organized on Gurmat Gyan, Katha Vichar and Sikh history and with the grace of Guru Maharaj ji, she has won many awards.

World Tribal Day celebrated with enthusiasm

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People from the tribal community participated in the program wearing traditional attire and costumes.

BALODABAZAR: The World Tribal Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the collectorate premises of Balodabazar-Bhatapara district on Friday. Collector Deepak Soni and office bearers of the tribal society worshiped and offered prayers to Lord Bada Dev and paid homage to the statue of martyr Veer Narayan Singh a program was organized on this occasion. People from tribal community participated in program wearing traditional attire and costumes. As many as 20 participants of Mallakhamb training were distributed dress kits.

Free tree distribution was also done. Collector Soni congratulated everyone on World Tribal Day and said that such occasions are meant to connect and understand each other. 'By connecting with each other, we will get to know about society, problems, or suggestions, which will pave way for betterment of society', he said.

He said that there should be no hesitation in sharing problems or suggestions. 'You can also share your problems or suggestions in your local language without hesitation', Collector said. There should be innovative initiatives for development of society, which can be taken forward with the support of administration, he added. Mallakhamb sports training has started in district and district administration is trying to hone skills through training, he informed.

Concern over accidents in SECL's open cast mines

RAIPUR: Questioning the functioning of public sector undertakings, Raipur MP Brijmohan Agrawal said in Lok Sabha today that people were facing problems due to negligence of National Mineral Development Corporation and South Eastern Coalfields Limited in Chhattisgarh. The MP demanded action against officials responsible for accidents taking place in mines. He also demanded rehabilitation of open mines. As per the rules, after coal mining in SECL's open cast coal projects and mines in Chhattisgarh, it is mandatory to refill and restore the area to its original state and plant trees, he told the Lok Sabha. However, SECL has extracted coal from over 50 mines but has not restored them to their original state nor planted trees, he said, adding that due to this, accidents keep happening in the mines.

3-D Printed Metacarpal Bone Reconstruction Procedure

| AIIMS RAIPUR |

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The patient had a Giant cell tumour of the first metacarpal of the left thumb, causing severe pain and restricted movement.

RAIPUR: A highly complex operation was performed by the Department of Orthopaedics, AIIMS Raipur, by a team of surgeons led by Prof. Dr Alok Chandra Agrawal in order to save the thumb of a 28-year female from Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh.

The patient had a Giant cell tumour of the first metacarpal of the left thumb, causing severe pain and restricted movement. The tumour had affected over 80% of the metacarpal bone, and the traditional pro-



Raresome 3-D Printed First Metacarpal Bone Reconstruction Procedure was conducted at AIIMS Raipur.

FASTFACTS

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ally, the ligaments were reconstructed using suture anchors. The patient is recovering well post-operatively and has regained movement in the thumb. This rare surgery, involving the reconstruction of small bones, marks a significant achievement as it was the first time this procedure was performed in India.

| SURGERY |

BALCO Medical Centre successfully performs surgery for jaw cancer

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RAIPUR: BALCO Medical Centre (BMC) has successfully performed a complex surgery on Vinod (name changed for confidentiality), a patient with oral cancer involving the lower jaw bone, who also had a pacemaker and a congenital bony anomaly of the left leg.

Vinod visited BMC for treatment of his oral cancer. He was advised to undergo surgery for the removal of his tumor



and the reconstruction of the defect. The tumor involved the mandible (lower jaw bone) and the cheek skin, necessitating the removal of a segment

of the bone along with a wide resection of the cheek skin.

Normally, these defects are reconstructed with fibula bone from the

“We regularly perform extensive cancer surgeries of the head and neck, but this was an extremely challenging case for the entire treating team due to the pacemaker and the limb anomaly”.

Dr. Mou Roy
Clinical Director and Head of Surgical Oncology, BMC

leg along with skin. However, two complications arose: Vinod had a pacemaker implanted in his left chest, and he had a congenital bony anomaly in his left leg. The fibula bone, typically used for jaw reconstruction, was absent in his left leg. Additionally, his left leg was short, with a foot deformity, causing difficulty in walking.

Dr. Dipmalya Chatterjee, Senior Consultant Plastic Surgeon at BMC, explained, “Clinically,

this condition is called fibular hemimelia with pes equinus deformity. Harvesting a fibula flap was not possible from the left leg, and harvesting the fibula bone from the normal right leg would have further disturbed his gait.”

The planning for surgery involved extensive discussions among the cardiologist, anesthesiologists, the operating oncosurgeon, and the plastic surgeon. Given the presence of the pacer-

maker, the surgery had to be conducted carefully, avoiding the use of electrical energy sources like monopolar electrocautery near the pacemaker. Dr. Alok Swain, Medical Superintendent and Head of Anesthesiology at BMC, stated, “Using monopolar cautery may damage the pacemaker. Because electrocautery is necessary for controlling bleeding during surgery, it is best used in very short pulses, or better, other means like bipolar cautery”.

Bhilai



"Loanee farmers can get their Kharif crops insured till August 25"

Richa Prakash Chaudhary
Collector, Durg

Road widening works inaugurated in Township

Two important roads are being widened for convenience of commuters.



Officials present at the inauguration programme.

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FASTFACTS

● Three kilometres of road to be widened and made two-lane

● BSP to spend about Rs 3.98 crore on this project

BHILAI: The Town Services Department of Bhilai Steel Plant initiated the road widening work in the Township on Friday. The project aims to facilitate convenient and hassle-free passage of traffic in the Township. S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects) and Pawan Kumar, ED (Human Resources) formally inaugurated the road widening work.

Under this widening work, the township's roads which include 1800 meters long Road Number 6 which connects Nehru Nagar Flyover to Panthi Chowk via Central Avenue, and 1200 meters long Road

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Widened roads to reduce mishaps

With the completion of this work, not only the residents of Bhilai Township will have a more convenient and organised passage of traffic, but it shall also help in reducing the numbers of road accidents in Bhilai. Anurag Upadhyay, CGM (Projects), Utpal Dutta, CGM (TSD & CSR), Sameer Gupta, GM I/c (C&IT), Radhika Srinivasan, GM (Projects) and other officials were present.

No 4 connecting Mirage Cinemas Square, Civic Centre to Kotwali Petrol Pump Chowk, via Post Office Civic Centre shall be widened.

The road-widening work is being executed by Bhilai Steel Plant, at

an approximate cost of Rs 3.98 crores. Senior officials addressed the gathering. Vishnu Kumar Pathak, GM (TSD) gave a detailed report on the phase-wise proposed plan of this project.

Theft at locked house

BHILAI: Theft occurred at a locked house in Sundar Nagar Urla. The victim Rajeshwari Thakur and her family had gone to Nagpur for some family work. Next day her neighbour informed on mobile phone that the door lock of their house was broken. They returned back and found that the almirah was broken and a gold necklace, gold chain, gold tops, silver anklets, smart watch, CCTV DVR box, setup box, etc were stolen by some unknown thief. Police lodged an FIR under sections 305(a), 331(4) of BNS.

Man held for boozing in public

BHILAI: Police arrested a man on charges of consuming alcohol in a public place. The patrolling party of Bhilai Nagar Police Station nabbed a person while boozing near 7MT Chowk. The person Mohan Singh (34) son of Shiv Charan Singh, a resident of Sector 06, was checked with a breath analyser machine and was found heavily drunk. Action was taken against him under section 36(c) of the Excise Act.

MLA Korsewada plants oil palm saplings



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BHILAI: Oil palm plantation was done in village Chetuwa of Dhamdha block in the presence of MLA Doman Lal Korsewada and Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary. Under the massive oil palm plantation program, palm oil plants were planted in the area of 5.00 hectares by farmer Jagdish Solanki under the aegis of 3F Oil Palm Company and Horticulture Department.

The farmers of Gram Panchayat Chetuwa attended

HIGHLIGHT

● Extensive campaign for Oil Palm plantation

a program aimed to promote oil palm cultivation and to bring awareness among the farmers. Deputy Director (Horticulture) Pooja Kashyap Sahu gave detailed information about the centrally funded Oil Palm Scheme.

Crop insurance date extended till Aug 25

BHILAI: Debtor farmers of Chhattisgarh will now be able to insure their Kharif crops till August 25. The Government of India has extended the date of insurance for debtor farmers from August 16 to August 25.

The date of August 16 for non-debtor farmers to get crops insured will remain unchanged. On the proposal of the Chhattisgarh government, the Central Gov-

ernment has extended the date for getting Kharif crop insurance. Farmers can get paddy (irrigated and non-irrigated), soybean, groundnut, maize, moong, urad, kodo-kutki, ragi crops insured under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Under this scheme, compensation is given to the farmers for crop loss due to natural calamities like adverse weather, drought, flood, inundation, hailstorm etc.

Stray cattle from Plant Premises and Township rehabilitated



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BHILAI: Amid the rainy season, stray cattle often turn to township roads, and places inside SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant premises in search of green grass. This increasing number of stray cattle has posed a serious traffic hazard on roads, in Township and Plant. The Enforcement Section of the Town Services Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant is running a campaign to rehabilitate stray cattle from Bhilai Township, and Plant. Under this cam-

aign, stray Cows, Bulls, and Buffaloes are caught from various areas of the township and rehabilitated at Kanji House where they are taken care of. The Enforcement Department of BSP caught as many as 17 stray cattle from the Universal Rail Mill premises of Bhilai Steel Plant, on August 08, 2024, while several stray cattle roaming around Central Avenue and other areas of the Township were also caught from various areas and rehabilitated to the Kosa Nagar Gauthaan.

Bike stolen from JLNH

BHILAI: A bike was stolen from the JLN Hospital, Sector 9. The victim Ghanshyam Singh (34) of village Patara (Utai) had parked his Hero Splendor bike (CG 07 CD 3601) near the vehicle parking gate in Sector 9 hospital. His brother was admitted in this hospital and after his discharge; they went home in another vehicle. On August 07, he came back to collect his vehicle and found that the bike was missing.

Mobile phone snatched

BHILAI: Two ruffians snatched a mobile phone from a school student at Old Bhilai on Friday. The victim Bhojraj was returning home from D-Mart when the incident occurred. At Pushp Vatika Garden in Vasundhara Nagar South, two masked ruffians came from behind and snatched his OPPO A78 5G mobile and escaped towards the kutchra road.

Two-day 'Mining Meet-2024' of BSP inaugurated

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The meeting was organised by the Mines Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant.

BHILAI: The two-day "Mining Meet-2024" on Productivity & Sustainability in Iron Ore Mining - Sharing Best Practices was inaugurated at Bhilai Niwas on Friday. Representatives from the Iron Ore mines of SAIL in Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and Jharkhand, and representatives from Tata Steel Limited took part in the meeting organized by the Mines Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant.

Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (SAIL-BSP), inaugurated the Mining Meet-2024 by lighting the ceremonial lamp in the presence of Pawan



Director Incharge addressing the mining meet.

FASTFACTS

● Representatives from Iron Ore mines of SAIL in Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Jharkhand, and from Tata Steel Limited participated

● Mining fraternity needs to emphasize on environmental conservation while extracting iron ore

Kumar, ED (HR- SAIL-BSP), Bipin Kumar Giri, ED (Mines- SAIL-BSP), Jaideep Das Gupta, ED

ore from nature in a scientific manner. The Beneficiation of Low-grade Iron Ore into High-grade Ore and further utilizing it in our steel plants is not only in the best interest of the company, but also for the entire country, said Dasgupta. Various representatives from the Iron Ore mines of SAIL, and Tata Steel Limited gave presentations, wherein they highlighted the theme of the workshop and discussed various issues based on the Reduction of Carbon Emissions, Processing of Low-Grade Iron Ore, Stakeholder Management, Statutory Compliance, Mine Closure, etc.

The Valedictory Function of the first day of "Mining Meet-2024" was presided over by S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects), Dr Ashok Kumar Panda, ED (F&A), and Bipin Kumar Giri, ED (Mines).

| WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2024 |

'Breastfeeding Awareness Program' organised at SMS-III

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BHILAI: Medical & Health Services Department's Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital and Research Center of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant observed the 'World Breastfeeding Week 2024' in the first week of August. As a part of this initiative, a 'Breastfeeding Awareness Programme' was organised at Steel Melting Shop-III (SMS-III) of Bhilai Steel Plant on August 07, 2024.



Dr Kaushalendra Thakur, CMO (M&HS) was the Chief Guest on this occasion, while Dr R Ram, ACOMO (M&HS) and In-charge (NOHS) and Dr Sambita Panda, ACOMO

(M&HS) were present as Special Guests. In his address at the program, Dr Kaushalendra Thakur highlighted the role of breastfeeding in the healthy upbringing and

"Breastfeeding plays an important role in the healthy upbringing and health of an infant."

Dr Kaushalendra Thakur
CMO (M&HS), BSP

health of an infant. Our goal is to make breastfeeding convenient along with making people aware of the benefits of breastfeeding, said

Dr Thakur. Dr Kishore, ACOMO (M&HS), and Dr Mala Chaudhary, Sr Consultant (M&HS), shared insights on the nuances of breastfeeding in detail through a presentation, followed by a quiz on breastfeeding.

Members of SMS-III Collective contributed for organizing the programme successfully. The theme of World Breastfeeding Week of the year 2024 is 'Bridging the Gap - Breastfeeding Support for All'.

IGP reviews financial management of budget

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BHILAI: IGP (Durg Range) Ram Gopal Garg reviewed the financial management of the budget provided under various heads in Districts Durg, Balod, and Betamara. Special emphasis was laid on the correct use of the budget and its effective implementation. He gave clear instructions that the medical and travel allowance bills of the employees should not remain pending un-

essarily and their payment should be ensured on time. He also said that special attention should be paid to the speedy settlement of pending bills so that the employees do not face any kind of inconvenience. The expenditure made under various heads and their documentation was also discussed. Garg also directed that in future all financial proceedings should be done within the time limit and with efficiency.

NEWSLINE

CELEBRATION

World Tribal Day celebrated



BHILAI: Multifarious events were organised on the occasion of International day of World's Indigenous People (World Tribal Day) at all the government hostels, Prayas Residential School and Science and Commerce Teaching Center of the district run by the Tribal Development Department. The great tribal men were remembered during the programmes. The programs were organized to sensitise the youth about the rich culture and traditions of the tribal society and protect them for coming generations. ADM Arvind Kumar Ekka, Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Hemant Kumar Sinha and eminent representatives of the Samaj were present. The Har Ghar Tiranga program was launched with a Tiranga Rally on the same day.

MONSOON

483.4 mm rainfall recorded

BHILAI: An average rainfall of 483.4 mm has been recorded in the district from 01 June to 09 August. The highest rainfall of 814.6 mm has been recorded in Patan Tehsil and the lowest 332.1 mm in Dhamdha Tehsil. Apart from this, 402.0 mm rainfall has been recorded in Durg, 396.6 mm in Bori, 427.6 mm in Bhilai 3 and 527.7 mm in Ahiwara. On August 09, 3.0 mm rainfall was recorded in Patan, 6.3 mm in Bori, 1.0 mm in Bhilai-3 and 2.3 mm in Ahiwara.

RAID

Gambling den raided

BHILAI: Nandini Nagar Police raided a gambling den and nabbed a gambler. Three others managed to escape from the spot. Acting on a tip off, the patrolling team raided a gambling den at village Kodia Bhata near paddy procurement center. Three gamblers escaped from the spot after spotting the cops while the fourth one was caught. The accused was identified as G Venkataiah (62) son of Tirupattaiiah a resident of Sector 05, Bhilai.

FORGERY

Friend misuses bank account

BHILAI: A person misused his friend's bank account and made huge transactions without his knowledge. The victim Mohammad Shahil of Camp 2 complained that an acquaintance Tabrez Khan requested him to give the Aadhar and PAN to get a bank account opened and allow him to use it for a month. Tabrez gave the excuse that he was unable to open his bank account due to some technical problems. Shahil gave his documents to Tabraz.

Bilaspur



Give supplementary diet to children and pregnant women as per the menu.

Chandan Tripathi
Collector Korba

Korba MP meets Rly Minister for facilities

LS MP Korba submitted demand letter regarding passenger facilities in Korba LS constituency.



LS MP Korba Jyotsna Mahant met Union Rly Minister Ashwini Vaishnav.

HIGHLIGHT

• The MP has demanded from the Railway Minister that waiting rooms with beds should be constructed at Korba, Champa, Sakti, Naila Railway Station.

Railway Minister assured to give information 5 days in advance

When the MP informed about the frequent cancellation of trains without any notice, the Union Railway Minister has assured that in future, arrangements will be made to issue information to the general public 5 days in advance on cancellation of trains. The Railway Minister has also assured the MP of appropriate action in the matter of passenger facilities and trains.

Demand to run cancelled passenger trains regularly

Rail Sangharsh Samiti Korba has submitted a memorandum to the MP and demanded passenger facilities on which the MP has told the Railway Minister about the problems that during festivals, holidays, marriages, the railway cancels passenger trains without informing and without any reason. Passengers who plan their journey months in advance and make reservations are troubled by this arbitrary action of the railways. Hundreds of passenger trains passing through Chhattisgarh have been cancelled for months several times. The reason for this is said to be maintenance whereas on the same tracks, freight trains with 50 times more capacity than passenger trains are run. Due to the closure of many passenger trains from Korba, problems are being faced which should be restarted.

one platform to another. Saragaon Railway Station should be renovated and made fully equipped, the need of escalator in the foot over bridge in Sakti and construction of high level waiting hall, construction of shed, urinal, drinking water and other passenger facilities in Sakti Railway Station should be expanded.

Youth should get addicted to patriotism and hard work: V-C

RAIPUR: In an event held under the 'Addiction-Free Society Movement - Abhayan Kaushal Ka,' Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, the esteemed Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University with NAAC A++ grade), encouraged youth to imbibe the passion for patriotism and hard work to make their lives meaningful. He made this statement during a march for addiction free society organized by the university's National Service Scheme (NSS) cell.

At the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakrawal emphasized that success achieved through struggle and perseverance in student life is enduring, joyful, and beneficial. He noted that while the success of a person is often visible materially, the relentless efforts behind it are not always apparent. He urged that there should be an addiction to the devotion for advancing the nation and a drive to make India a symbol of goodwill and peace on the global stage. The march for no addiction took place on August 9, 2024, at 4 PM, from the statue of Baba Guru Ghasidas Ji to the Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar. The welcome address was delivered by Dean of Student Welfare, Prof. Shailendra Kumar, and the university's Registrar, Prof. A.S. Ranadive shared his thoughts.

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AUGUST REVOLUTION

DCC celebrates August Revolution Day at Rajiv Bhawan

JAGDALPUR: August Revolution Day was celebrated by Bastar District Congress Committee city at divisional headquarters Rajiv Bhawan. During this, Congress officials and workers remembered the great revolutionaries by garlanding their statues. City District President Sushil Maurya said that many revolutionary warriors made invaluable contributions to India's independence by sacrificing their lives and the British Quit India campaign was started in the month of August itself. That's why this day is very special. When the British were not ready to leave India, Mahatma Gandhi decided to launch a movement against the British. The long-term results of this movement were very pleasant. On this day, the sacrifices made by great men and revolutionaries for the freedom of the country are remembered in the form of martyrdom and Revolution Day is celebrated in their honour.

PROTEST

YC protest against the increasing smart meter and electricity rates



JAGDALPUR: On the call of State Youth Congress, under the leadership of Bastar District Youth Congress City President Ajay Bisai, Youth Congress officials and workers protested against the state government by burning electricity bills on Friday in protest against the increase in electricity rates sponsored by the state BJP government through smart meters. YC District President Ajay Bisai blamed the BJP government and said that when the good governance government of Congress from 2018 to 2023 had worked to illuminate the houses of the consumers by halving the electricity bill.

Financial literacy workshop

Three-day financial literacy workshop inaugurated at Shri Agrasen Kanya Mahavidyalaya



KORBA: A three-day financial literacy workshop is being organized at Shri Agrasen Kanya Mahavidyalaya, a prestigious educational institution located in the heart of Korba city, to give information to the students about banking, online cyber and management of other resources, which was inaugurated by industrialist Mahavir Prasad Agarwal, member of Agrawal Sabha. Giving information about the workshop, Sunil Jain, President of Shri Agrasen Shikshan Samiti, said that the three-day financial literacy workshop organized by Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur Chhattisgarh, sponsored by DST New Delhi, was inaugurated on

6 August 2024 at Shri Agrasen Kanya Mahavidyalaya. On this occasion, Mahavir Prasad Agarwal, industrialist, was present as the chief guest. Rajendra Agrawal, president of Agrawal Sabha, Sunil Jain, president of Shri Agrasen Shikshan Samiti Mahavidyalaya, vice-president Mrs. Suman Agarwal, treasurer Purushottam Gupta, Shyam Sundar Agarwal, member of Gau Seva Samiti, Professor Pradeep Sen, professor of social work department, Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University Raipur Chhattisgarh, college principal Dr. Manoj Kumar Jha, all the professors and 50 registered students were present as subject experts.

Children distributed pens, copies

JANJGIR-CHAMPA: Under the aegis of DCC Minorities department, it was as per instructions by the PCC Minorities Cell State President Amin Memon that due support was given to 'Kaumi Ekta' ideology. The birthday of Rajya Sabha (RS) MP and National President Minorities Deptt Imran Pratapgadhi was celebrated on Aug 6. It was under leadership of the DCC District President Minorities Cell Moh. Abbas Khan, that a cake was cut at Bhojpur Pradhan Chowk and children were distributed copies, pen and sweets and it brought smile on their faces. On this occasion it was in the presence of PCC State Secy. Tinku Memon this programme was held. The cake cutting programme by District President DCC Minorities Cell Abbas Khan brought lot of enthusiasm in the region and the birthday of RS MP Imran Pratapgadhi was celebrated with joy and happiness in Bhojpur.

ENCROACHMENT DRIVE

Encroachment on 5 acre govt land in Kanki removed

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In compliance with the Collector's instructions, Tehsildar Barpali conducted a complete investigation of the case and took action to remove the illegal occupation of the villager on government land.

KORBA: The district administration is constantly working to free government land from encroachment. About 5 acres of government land in Kanki has been freed from encroachment by the Revenue Department. In the last Collector Janchaup, a complaint was made by the villagers of Kanki Gram Panchayat



Encroachment on 5 acre govt land was removed by Revenue deptt.

FACTFILE

• District administration is constantly trying to free government land from encroachment.

of Korba development block regarding illegal occupation of government land. Collector Ajit Vasant took the complaint of the villagers seriously and directed the Tehsildar Barpali to

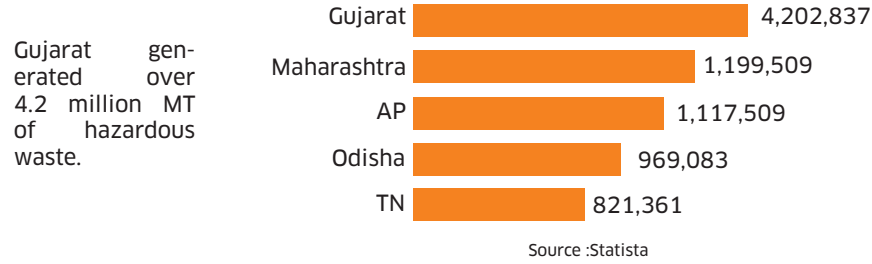
investigate the said case at the ground level and take necessary action. In compliance with the Collector's instructions, Tehsildar Barpali conducted a complete investigation of the case and took action to remove the illegal occupation of the villager on government land.

The Tehsildar registered the case and heard it in the court, in which the complaint of illegal

occupation of government land by the non-applicant Nutan Rajwada was found to be correct. Tehsildar Barpali passed an order under the provision of Section 248 of the Chhattisgarh Land Revenue Code 1959, to take eviction proceedings against the non-applicant for the occupation of about 05 acres of government land and to remove the encroachment from the land.

The Day's NUMBERS

HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATED IN INDIA IN FY 2022 (IN METRIC TONS)



TIRANGA YATRA

BJYM meeting held to make Tiranga Yatra program successful

JAGDALPUR: On the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, before the Independence Day, Bharatiya Janata Party has started preparations on war footing for the Tricolor Yatra program. The team of Yuva Morcha, considered the backbone of BJP, has taken the responsibility of making the Tiranga Yatra successful. Before Independence Day, Tiranga Yatra will be organized on 11, 12 and 13 August.

In this series, the action plan meeting of BJYM was held today on Thursday in the presence of Tricolor Program Board in-charge at Usdibeda BJP office. In which all the people present were informed by the program in-charge about the Tricolor Yatra among the board officials. In the meeting, it was decided to conduct Tiranga Yatra in Lohandiguda division on 12th August.

Giving information, Anand Jha, divisional in-charge of BJYM and Tiranga Yatra, said that as per the intention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, every worker of Bharatiya Janata Party will have to work on a war footing to make the Tiranga Yatra program successful.

PLANTATION

Variety of saplings planted under 'Podla Urskana' campaign



SUKMA: In Sukma district, under the guidance of Sundarraj P. Inspector General of Police, Bastar Range Jagdalpur, in the presence of Kamalochan Kashyap Deputy Inspector General of Police Range, Dantewada as the chief guest, Kiran Chavan Superintendent of Police Sukma, Nikhil Rakecha, Additional Superintendent of Police, Abhishek Verma Additional Superintendent of Police District Sukma, under the campaign of "Podla Urskana, Tree Plantation Campaign Year -2024" and "One Tree in the Name of Mother of Martyr", various types of fruit-bearing, shady (cashew, lemon, amla, mango, jackfruit etc.) plants were planted by senior police officers / employees of the district, martyr family members and school students at Police Line Sukma today on 09.08.2024.

5K WALKATHON

'A step towards a Viksit Bharat by Gurukul School'

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BILAPUR: On August 9, 2024, Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul International School, NTPC Lara, organized a 5K Walkathon that saw overwhelming participation from students, parents, and faculty members. The event, designed to ignite the spirit of patriotism and freedom in young minds, was a significant stride in promoting the vision of a "Viksit Bharat by 2047," a theme



inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to celebrate India's independence with a commitment to making the nation self-reliant, educated, and prosperous. The excitement was palpable as hundreds of enthusiastic walkers gathered at the school premises. The walkathon was

Role of education and health and fitness crucial in realizing the dream of a developed India by 2047.

Anil Kumar
Head of Project NTPC Lara

flagged off by the Honorable Shri Anil Kumar, Head of Project NTPC Lara, in the presence GM(Projects) Shri Ravi Shankar & School Princi-

pal Dr. B Nagaraja Naik. The event began with a motivational speech by Shri Anil Kumar, who emphasized the importance of individual contributions to the nation's development. He spoke about the crucial role of education, self-dependence, and health and fitness in realizing the dream of a developed India by 2047. His words resonated with the participants, setting a spirited tone for the event.

As the walkathon com-

Schemes are being formulated for tribal samaj for their welfare.

Lakhan Lal Dewangan
Minister for Labour and Industry.



Chhattisgarh



A meeting was organized by the State Niti Aayog to prepare 'Amritkal Chhattisgarh Vision 2047' in the auditorium of GGAC, Kumhrawand, Jagdalpur.

'Ch'garh can become a leading state of country'

In the division level workshop, youth, farmers, women and intellectuals of Bastar division shared their views.

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JAGDALPUR: A meeting was organized by the State Niti Aayog to prepare 'Amritkal Chhattisgarh Vision 2047' in the auditorium of Gundadhur Government Agriculture College, Kumhrawand Jagdalpur, Bastar district headquarters. In the division level workshop, youth, farmers, women and intellectuals of Bastar division shared their views about 'Chhattisgarh Vision 2047'. In this context, MLA Jagdalpur Kiran Dev said that

Chhattisgarh is a state of limitless possibilities. No other state in the country has so many resources and capacity. If we work with a well-organized plan, Chhattisgarh can become the leading state of the country. MLA Kirandev said in the dialogue program that the Prime Minister's vision is to transform India from a developing country to a developed nation by setting targets. In this direction, we will make a plan including youth, women, farmers and every per-

HIGHLIGHT

● Emphasis is being laid on expanding connectivity in Bastar region and properly exploiting mineral resources and abundant forest produce.

son of poor society along with infrastructure. Emphasis is being laid on expanding connectivity in Bastar region and properly exploiting mineral resources and abundant forest produce. In view of

the natural beauty, there is a need to create tourism corridors, so that people can get employment at the local level.

Attention is being given to strengthening basic facilities like education, health, drinking water, electricity.

Now efforts are being made to increase internet connectivity in South and West Bastar. With all these coordinated efforts, our government has started working towards making Bastar a developed Chhattisgarh.

Khairagarh MLA appointed reps

KHAIKARAGH: MLA Khairagarh Yashoda Neelambar Verma has appointed her representatives for various departments of the district. According to the list released, Sanju Singh Chandel has been posted in District Office KCGA, Hemant Vaishnav in Superintendent of Police Office, Bharat Chandrakar in Krishi Upaj Mandi Khairagarh, Banke Verma in Krishi Upaj Mandi Gandaea, Purn Sarathi in Community Health Center Khairagarh and Narendra Sen has been appointed as MLA representative of District Education Office KCGA.

Shiv Mahapuran begins in Kumhari

KHARORA: Shiv Mahapuran was organized in village Kumhari. On the first day, Jal Yatra and invitation of Gods and Goddesses were organized with great pomp and show. In which Shiv devotees participated in large numbers and enjoyed Shiv Bhakti. Basant Tikariya is the organizer of Shiv Katha. In this Katha, Dhanesh Tikariya, Apvan Tikariya, Trijugi Narayan Tikariya, etc.

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DEMAND

Villagers submit a memo to the Collector to reopen the procurement center

KHAIKARAGH: Paddy was being purchased in Seva Sahakari Samiti Bundeli registration number 984 since 2001, but in the financial year 2023.24, the paddy procurement center was shifted to Sitadabari.

To get paddy purchased in the Bundeli paddy procurement center in the financial year 2024.25, the villagers submitted a memorandum to SDM Khairagarh in the name of the collector.

The villagers have alleged that due to the arbitrary attitude of the committee manager, the procurement center has been shifted from Bundeli to Sitadabari.

Bundeli paddy procurement center is the original center, leaving which paddy is being purchased in village Sitadabari.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Anshuman Sahu elected as 'Head Boy' and Lavanya Mahobia becomes 'Head Girl'



KHAIKARAGH: School Cabinet 2024.25 was ceremoniously formed in Neeraj Milestone School Khairagarh, renowned for its excellent educational system in the region. Director of NB Group of Schools Mr. Neeraj Bajpai was specially present as the chief guest in the ceremony. The institution's principal Mr. Prafull Charan Nayak presided over the function. First of all, student Anshuman Sahu was unanimously elected as the head boy of the school, while student Lavanya Mahobia was nominated as the head girl of the institution.

Social media influencers

Collector, SP and ASP guide the social media influencers



BIJAPUR: The district administration organized a special training workshop for the social media influencers. Collector Anurag Pandey, Superintendent of Police Dr. Jitendra Yadav and Additional Superintendent of Police IPS Vaibhav Banker joined the programme and gave valuable tips to the participants. A training of social media influencer organized by reached the training of social media influencer organized by the district administration and encouraged the trainee youth. The Collector gave information and necessary guidance regarding the impor-

tance of social media and their use in the present times. SP Dr. Jitendra Yadav gave detailed information on various legal topics including using social media in a legal manner, avoiding controversial content and posts, sharing completely factual information, copyright act. At the same time, Additional SP IPS Shri Vaibhav Banker said that Bijapur was being identified at the national level for Maoist activities, but now people have started knowing the positive news of Bijapur, its public life, tribal culture, natural and tourist places.

ACTION ON IRREGULARITIES

Kailashpur Gram Panchayat Sarpanch suspended

KHARORA : Dongargarh:

The headmaster of Girgaon Primary School under Dongargaon Block, Rajkumar Thakur and two other teachers have been suspended. In the order issued by the District Education Officer, Rajnandgaon, Rajkumar Thakur was suspended for committing unconstitutional acts while being in a dignified government post due to the news published prominently in the news that he was caught gambling near Kariyatola School and the FIR was registered by Dongargaon Police. This was considered a serious misconduct and against Rule 3 of the Chhattisgarh Civil Services Conduct Rules, 1965.

During the suspension period, his head office has been made BEO Chhuriya.

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Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Roopwati Cherwa has been suspended after being found guilty in the case of negligence and irregularities in the work.

KORBA: The district administration is taking strict measures regarding the quality of construction works in the district. Collector Chandan Tripathi has directed that strict action will be taken against the concerned in case of any kind of negligence and irregularity in the works.

Chief Executive Officer of Zila Panchayat Dr. Ashutosh Chaturvedi said that Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Mrs. Roopwati Cherwa has been suspended after

being found guilty in the case of negligence and irregularities in the work in Gram Panchayat Kailashpur of Sonhat development block.

According to the villagers, there was a huge irregularity in the construction of drain, for it was done without iron rods and mesh. When news regarding this irregularity appeared

FACTFILE

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in media the district administration started investigation into the work. A committee was constituted at the district level to examine the facts.



CEO Dr. Chaturvedi, while giving information about the action taken.

tructed drain was found to be of poor quality and serious financial irregularities and negligence were committed like additional evaluation and verification of Rs 2.56 lakh from the material item and additional payment of Rs 51 thousand in the labor item. CEO Dr. Chaturvedi, while giving information about this matter, said that the work of construc-

tion of a concrete drain was approved under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA scheme in village panchayat Kailashpur and the village panchayat was appointed as the construction agency for this work. On the complaint of poor quality of drain construction, an immediate investigation was conducted by the district level team and orders were issued to demolish the poor quality work. Also, Gram Panchayat Secretary Shri Ramprakash Sahu, who was found guilty in the investigation, was immediately suspended and technical assistant Suresh Kurre was also removed from the post and the Sub-Divisional Officer of Rural Engineering Department has been proposed to take action for his suspension.

VYAPARI SANGH ALLEGES

DMF fund earned by Rajhara is diverted: Govind

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DALLI-RAJHARA: The local residents and the traders of the town have joined hands for the development of Dalli Rajhara. The representatives of several important organizations including the Vyapari Sangh told in a press conference that now they would not tolerate the 'indifferent' attitude of the administration



or the government, and would pres for DMF fund to be utilized for the development of Dalli-Rajhara only.

A detailed discussion was held on the plight

of Rajhara. The representatives lamented that despite earning one thousand crore rupees every year for the District Mineral Fund, the town has not got any sub-

The local residents lament that despite being the biggest city of Durg district, Dalli-Rajhara has remained neglected.

Govind Wadhvani,
President, Rajhara Vyapari Sangh.

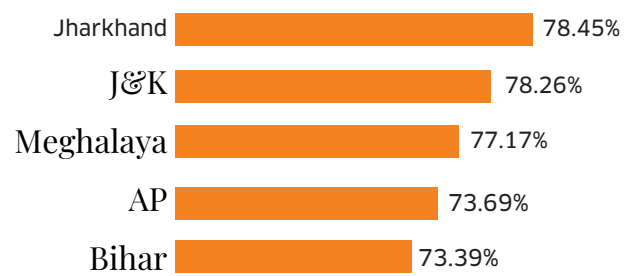
stantial share of this fund for its own development.

The President of Rajhara Vyapari Sangh, Govind Wadhvani alleged that the government has been neglecting Dalli-Rajhara and spending the amount received from the Mineral Trust Fund at other places instead of Dalli Rajhara, which is directly affecting development of Dalli-Rajhara. There was a time when in the 80s, Rajhara had a population of more than 1.25 lakh.

The Day's NUMBERS

Bihar has been lowest literacy rate in india

FIVE STATES HAVING MINIMUM LITERACY RATE IN INDIA



Source: Agency

WORKSHOP

District level workshop to be organized on Aug 12

KOREA: General Manager of District Trade and Industry Center informed that this system has been launched by Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai to provide 90 services to the industries of the state through 16 departments through Single Window System 2.0. For proper promotion of this system, a workshop of major industries and industrial organizations of the district has been organized on 12th August at 11 am in the Collectorate hall.

Sub-Divisional Officer Revenue Baikunthpur, Sonhat, Labor Officer, Assistant Director Town and Country Investment, Legal Metrology Department, Excise Department, Chhattisgarh Environment Protection Board Ambikapur District Surguja, Electronic and Information Department, Superintendent Land Records, Fire and Emergency Department, Executive Engineer Electricity Department, Executive Engineer Water Resources Department and Food Officer have been requested to attend the workshop.

ORGANIC MANURE

Fasal Amrit prepared in Manohar Gaushala of Khairagarh



KHAIKARAGADH: Fasal Amrit and Manohar Organic Gold cow dung manure made in Manohar Gaushala Khairagarh were tested in Indira Gandhi Agricultural University Raipur. Its trial was done during paddy transplantation in Agricultural University. It was started by Gaushala's trustee and honorary representative of Animal Welfare Board Government of India, Akhil Jain (Padam Dakliya). He went down to the field and chanted Navkar Mantra and took blessings of the Lord and then transplanted the paddy. It is being tested under the guidance of Director of Research Dr Vivek Tripathi. This work was done under the supervision of Agricultural University's Professor and Nodal Officer Dr LK Srivastava. If its testing is successful, scientists will use Fasal Amrit and Manohar Organic Gold cow dung manure in their research to free the soil from chemical fertilizers.

Shortage of students for admission in GNM

GNM opened recently is in dearth of students seeking admission as due to various reasons.

Central Chronicle News

BAZAR ATARIA: Govt. Naveen Mahavidyalaya (GNM), opened recently is in dearth of students seeking admission as due to various reasons; students are hesitating to take admission here. It is worth noting that Government Naveen Mahavidyalaya does not have its own building due to which the students are being deprived of many facilities, like going to the district headquarters to write the exams, and the classes being conducted very early at 7 AM.

Other than this linguistic subjects like Hindi and English as course study are not conducted here and there is not a single regular lecturer in all the subjects conducted here owing to which students are forced to take admission in other colleges 20 to 25 kilometers away. As per information, in the operational year 2023-24 of Naveen Mahavidyalaya, 80 students took admission in the Arts Faculty, out of which 72 appeared in the examination and 32 students passed, while 32 students took admission in the Science Faculty, out of which 20 students appeared in the examination and all the students passed. Similarly, 9 students took admission in the Commerce Faculty, out of which 8 students



Govt. Naveen Mahavidyalaya Ataria .



Regarding the building of the Government New College, soon the Chief Minister and the Minister will be talked to at the government level to recommend the amount, while for the alternative arrangement; an alternative arrangement will be made by talking to the DEO and the Collector to conduct classes in the old building of the Primary Health Center.

- Ghamman Sahu,
BJP District
President KCG



The previous Congress government has fulfilled the demand of the college keeping in mind the demand of the general public of the area; at present the BJP government should immediately approve the amount to build the building of the new college Bazar Ataria. We will draw the attention of the government to the building of the college and other problems and will soon submit a memorandum to the Collector.

- Gulshan Tiwari,
Youth Congress District
President KCG

FASTFACTS

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appeared in the examination and all the students passed, but this year in 2024-25, only 42 students have taken admission in the Arts Faculty, 5 in Commerce and 8 in the Science Faculty.



At present, there is a lack of space for the subject being conducted, due to which classes have to be conducted at 7 in the morning. As far as starting the class of Hindi Literature and English Literature is concerned, there should be enough space for it first. An application has been given to the Collector by the college for the construction of the building, while Bazar Ataria Panchayat has also been asked to allot the place, after which it will be sent to the administration. In the beginning year, the scholarship portal could not be opened due to which scholarship could not be received, this year the students will get scholarship, while the examination center will be set up here only after there is regular staff for the examination center.

- Dr. NS Verma, In-charge
Principal, Government
Naveen Mahavidyalaya

Collector inspects Primary School

BILASPUR: Collector Avnish Sharan conducted a surprise inspection of Ghoradana Primary School located in Tarbahar this morning. 118 children study in the school from class I to V and the collector inquired from the children and checked the quality of studies. The Collector instructed the Municipal Corporation Commissioner to repair the toilet and other dilapidated parts of the school. Joint Director RP Aditya, Assistant Director Anil Tiwari, Complex Coordinator and Principal of Sages School Usha Chandra were present.

False registration of land in Jabar, owners lodge complain



Central Chronicle News

BALRAMPUR: False registration of land worth crores by one Dinanath Mishra and his accomplices in their names and plans to sell it to others have come to light in the region. On the other side, landowners have complained to the Collector, SDM, Registrar, Tehsildar and Patwari in this regard and have requested not to provide boundary to the people who have got the land registered in their names diplomatically which they have been occupying for twelve years.

According to the memorandum submitted to the administrative officers by

Sunita Gupta and about thirty other buyers and occupiers, about ten acres of land of Khasra number 582/11 and 582/12 recorded

HIGHLIGHT

● Landowners have complained about false registration to the Collector, SDM, Registrar, Tehsildar and Patwari in this regard.

in the revenue forms of Gram Panchayat Jabar of Maharajanj Revenue Board was bought by thirty people many years ago and occupied it by farming and erecting pillars, which is still the same today.

Elderly man dies in road accident

KHAIRAGARH: An elderly man travelling on foot died in a road accident caused by the steering of a high-speed Swift car getting locked. According to information, on 7th August, Makhan Yadav, father Itwari Yadav, age 65, resident of Pipariya ward of the city, was returning home when he was hit by a Swift car going from Rajnandgaon to Kawardha near the bridge and died. It is being told that one Bafna couple, residents of Kuan Chowk of Rajnandgaon, were riding in the Swift car when suddenly the steering of the car got locked and the car turned 90 degrees and hit the old man directly.

Hariyali Bahini Abhiyan concludes in Tipangarh

CHHURIA: Hariyali Bahini Abhiyan was conducted in Tipangarh Chhuriya village under the chairmanship of Sanjay Agarwal Collector Rajnandgaon, Padma Shri Phoolbasan Yadav President Maa Bamleshwari Janhitkari Samiti Rajnandgaon, Ms. Suruchi Singh Chief Executive Officer District Panchayat Rajnandgaon, Shiv Kumar Dewangan Convenor Har-

iyali Bahini Abhiyan. The Collector in his address to the meet said that big works can be done with collective efforts and to save water, water can be stopped by building small dams, which will raise the water level. The Collector also said that the model of planting fruit-bearing trees in the garden adjoining the house by Hariyali Bahini is a very good model.

Distribution of government funds via fake bills

Central Chronicle News

A big example of how officers and employees emblaze government funds in the forest department has come through information under RTI in the district.

DONGARGAON: A big example of how officers and employees emblaze government funds in the forest department has come through information under RTI in the district. Fake attendance numbers without any proper bill and any tender, fake bills of much higher rates than the market price were used to transfer funds illegally.

According to the information received under RTI, 1 lakh 78 thousand rupees were sanctioned by the government for the three-day joint forest

management strengthening, faith based, capacity development and training program organized in Hi-Tech Nursery Darri under the year 23-24 range Khujji.

According to the information received, Rs 46445 has been withdrawn from the tent house for pandal, mike set etc., Rs 10000 for master trainer, Rs 15000 for bus fare for jungle safari and Mangata forest awareness centre Mudipar safari tour, Rs 500 for making 24 square feet flex, Rs 1000 for flower garland, Rs 26000 for invitation and ordinary diary, diary and pen. According to an employee who prepared food, the department had asked him to pay wages and remuneration of Rs. 3000 for preparing food, but in this also, the department gave him only Rs. 1000 and sent him away.

Training prog organized

KHAIRAGARH: A one day inter-departmental training program was held at Bafna Bhawan under the National Tobacco Control Program and Technical Support Institute Bloombug Project. In the said program, awareness was created about the harmful effects of tobacco addiction and various diseases caused by tobacco products. Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Ganesh Das Vaishnav, District Program Manager Sonal Dhruv, Dr. Anam Fatima and Dr. Vidya were present in the program.

Partition Disaster Day

BIJAPUR: Partition Disaster Memorial Day is to be celebrated in the district by the District Administration Bijapur by organizing a seminar in the meeting hall of the District Office on Partition Disaster Day from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, in which the public has been invited to share their views.

Dengue spreads as admn sluggish in prevention

Central Chronicle News

With no preparation at the government administration level to prevent the breeding and spread, complaints of dengue victims are now pouring in.

DALLI-RAJHARA: As soon as it rained in the Iron City Dalli-Rajhara, water logging started causing mosquito breeding, and due to no preparation at the government administration level to prevent the breeding and spread, complaints of dengue victims are now pouring in. As per records, so far 13 people have been affected by dengue in various wards of the city.

There is a great need for awareness about dengue as the danger of dengue remains espe-



File Photo

FASTFACTS

● As per records, so far 13 people have been affected by dengue in various wards of the city.

cially during the rains, and it is very important to run a public awareness campaign. Dengue is as dangerous for children as it is for adults and the disease ranges from nor-

mal to severe, where the brain, lungs and liver can also get damaged.

The infection, which spreads due to the bite of female Aedes mosquito, is an endemic disease with severe after effects if not treated on time. Also the risk of getting dengue is higher in children than in adults, because the immunity of children is weaker than that

of adults, due to which children get affected by dengue quickly.

Very young children are not able to tell about the disease, so mothers should take special care of children because if the child keeps sleeping continuously, has high fever, body rashes, restlessness, vomiting, then immediately take the child to the doctor because in case of dengue, platelets fall quickly and dehydration also occurs.

Here in the region, the municipality and city administration has taken no concrete steps to take care of the problem and councillor of ward number 26 T Jyoti had handed over a letter to the Chief Municipal Officer of Nagar Palika Parishad Dalli Rajhara and appealed to keep the ward clean and take steps to drive away mosquitoes.

Bangani submits memo to Collector

Central Chronicle News

PANDARIA: District member Paras Bangani has demanded that the dependent villages of Ghoghar Kala and Gaurakapa of Gram Panchayat Khairjiti Purana and dependent villages of Karpigodan, Murki and Birampur Patwari Halka No. 10 under Gram Panchayat Limhaipur should be removed from Kukdur Tehsil and added to Pandaria Tehsil. Bangani has given a memorandum in this regard to Collector Kabirdham and former Chief

Minister Bhupesh Baghel. Mr. Bangani has told that on the formation of new tehsil of Kukdur, claim-objection was submitted within the time limit, in which the dependent villages of Gram Panchayat Khairjiti Purana, Ghoghar Kala and Gaurakapa under Khairjiti Purana and dependent villages of Karpigodan, Murki and Birampur Patwari Halka No. 10 under Panchayat Limhaipur should not be included in Kukdur Tehsil and should be kept in Pandaria Tehsil as it is.

NEWSLINE

MAHOTSAV

Shri Bageshwar Mahotsav celebrated with fervour



DONGARGAON: The city's Shri Bageshwar Kasoundhan Vaishya Samaj Dongargaoon celebrated Shri Bageshwar Mahotsav every year as per the tradition. On the third Monday of Shrawan month, 5th August, the families of the entire society worshipped the Panchmukhi Bhagwan Shankar Shri Bageshwar Baba and installed 5 earthen Shivlings and performed the worship, prayer and Abhishek as per the rituals. The event was graced by the presence of the entire families including society president Chandraprakash Gupta, Laxminarayan Gupta, Sharda Prasad Gupta, Mahesh Gupta, Rajkumar Gupta, Surendra Gupta (Arjuni), Brijmohan Gupta (Lallu), Ramesh Gupta, Sunil Gupta, Santosh Gupta, Hariprasada Gupta, Hitenendra Gupta, Suresh Gupta, Govind Prasad Gupta, Pramod Gupta, Kamalnaranayan Gupta, Manish Gupta (Bagdai), Dinesh Gupta, Jagatnarayan Gupta (An.Chowki), Santosh Gupta (Girgaon), Rohit Gupta, Rakesh Gupta, Prakash Gupta, Akash Gupta.

ELECTROCUTION

Laborer dies after getting electrocuted

KHAIRAGARH: A laborer working on the casting of the roof of a house under construction died on the spot after getting electrocuted. According to the information, Kurukshestra (Kanu) Dhurve, father Jhaggar Dhurve, age 45 years, resident of nearby village Amliidih Kala, came in contact with the high tension wire and fell straight down from the roof after getting electrocuted. He was taken to Chhuikhadan government hospital where doctors declared him dead. The owner of the under construction house is Nikhil Verma, son of Ramratan Verma, resident of Baigatola of the block.

PTM HELD

Parents and teachers meeting organized



KHARORA: As per the order of the government, a mega meeting of parents and teachers was organized at the cluster center Asaunda under the leadership of cluster in-charge Principal Khilleshwar Prasad Jaiswal and cluster coordinator Arvind Kumar Pushpkar. In which education committee members, public representatives, parents and teachers of seven schools under the cluster center participated enthusiastically. In the meeting, District Panchayat member Dr. Surendra Kumar Verma, while addressing from the seat of the chief guest, put forth his views in detail on various points of the mega meeting.

PTM MEETING |

Cluster level mega PTM meeting concludes

Central Chronicle News

BILASPUR: The cluster level mega meeting concluded in Government Higher Secondary School Bitkuli South Bilha, as per the order of the government. Principal R S Sharma, Sarpanch and Deputy Sarpanch along with the teachers started the program by garlanding the statue of Maa Saraswati and lighting the lamp followed by traditional welcome and finally with sapling plantation. School heroine Priyanka



Nirmalkar, sub-school leader Nageshwar Patle, sports secretary Sahil, Harish Kaushik, Prachi Kaushik, Shikha Verma welcomed the guest and Saraswati Vandana was presented by Mahi Sanadya, Dimple Gendle, Kajal Rajput and their companions. Nandkumar

Kaushik, complex coordinator gave the welcome speech in the program, after which Manoj Sanadya discussed the objective of this meeting in detail through a power point presentation. Lecturer Chandrakant Tiwari put forth his views on the importance of National

Education Policy 2020 and thereafter, parents from various villages, including Mohan Farvi Kavilas Banjare, Anil Sannadya, Deputy Sarpanch Ramkhelavan



"I assure of continuous support to the parents in the interest."

BE0, Bilha
Sunita Dhruv

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"One of my top priorities is to make airfare affordable for the common people and the airlines should not be burdened of losses either."

Ram Mohan Naidu
Civil Aviation Minister

Manu Bhaker meets Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann



Olympic medalist Manu Bhaker meets Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, in Chandigarh on Friday. PTI

Aviation minister vows to tackle rising airfare, assures new ways

Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu outlined the government's commitment to making air travel more affordable for the passengers and airlines.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu outlined the government's commitment to making air travel more affordable and accessible, highlighting the need for a balanced approach that protected both passengers and airlines. Moving the Bhartiya Vayuyan Vidheyak Bill, 2024, for passage in the Lok Sabha, Naidu explained that airfare was influenced by a variety of factors, including market demand, that were beyond the airlines merely setting their own

prices. "We must ensure that the airlines are not under so much pressure that they cannot operate. So a balanced approach is needed," he said.

The minister emphasised the importance of a regulatory environment that prevented exploitation while ensuring that the airlines remained financially viable. He assured the Lower House that making airfare affordable was a top priority for the government.

"One of my top priorities is to make airfare affordable for the common man," he said,

HIGHLIGHT

● "We must ensure that the airlines are not under so much pressure that they cannot operate. So a balanced approach is needed," the Minister said.

● In response to the issue of rising airfare, the minister announced plans to establish an online grievance redress mechanism.

drawing attention to the significant shift in India's civil aviation sector since 2014. He contrasted the situation before and

after 2014, saying, "Until 2014, civil aviation was like 'civilised aviation' but after Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it is considered 'civilian aviation', which reflects our commitment."

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"We are considering setting up an online mechanism to handle grievances, with a dedicated team to ensure passengers are not exploited by unnecessary airfare hikes," he said.

This initiative is part of the ministry's proactive stance on ensuring fair pricing and timely resolution of passenger issues, he added.

Beyond the issue of airfare, the minister also spoke about the success and future of the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS), which has launched in more than 500 routes.

He expressed the government's intent to extend and enhance the programme but acknowledged challenges, such as airlines withdrawing from certain routes after three years.

Centre withdraws Rs 66 cr sanctioned for Mizoram project

AIZAWL: The Centre has withdrawn Rs 66 crore initially sanctioned for the construction of a border road between Sangau and Saisihchhuah, intended to connect south Mizoram's Lawngtlai district with Myanmar's Chin state, Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar said on Friday.

In a written reply to a question from Mizoram's Rajya Sabha member K. Vanlalvena in Parliament, Majumdar said the Rs 66.08-crore border road project was sanctioned in February 2021 and was to be executed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), a release by the state's Information and Public Relations Department said. "The sanctioned amount for the project was withdrawn by the Centre as the state government failed to provide the required land".

'Opposition has no right to seek my resignation'

Press Trust Of India

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday slammed the opposition BJP-JD(S) for their "Mysuru Chalo" march over an alleged land scam sand said they have no moral right to seek his resignation.

MYSURU: Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday slammed the opposition BJP-JD(S) for their "Mysuru Chalo" march over an alleged land scam, saying none of their leaders have a moral right to question him and asked people to drive the "Manuvadis" out.



Siddaramaiah denied opposition charges. PTI.

A day prior to the culmination of the "Mysuru Chalo" campaign, the march from Bengaluru to Mysuru demanding the chief minister's resignation alleging that his wife had benefited from an alternative site scam in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Siddaramaiah hit out at the opposition

in a major showdown in his hometown.

The opposition has alleged that Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi got alternative plots in the upmarket against the 'acquisition' of 3 acres 16 guntas of land in a remote part of the city.

Speaking at the mega "Janandolana" convention at Maharaja's Col-

FACTFILE

● The opposition has alleged that Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi got alternative plots in the upmarket against the 'acquisition' of 3 acres 16 guntas of land in a remote part of the city.

lege Grounds here to counter the opposition's allegations and their foot march, Siddaramaiah said, "August 9 happens to be the anniversary of the historic Quit India movement to drive out the British from India."

"Today we have to drive out communal, casteist and feudal people. Hence, this event (Janandolana)."

GOA CM TAKES DECISION

Disaster management committee reformed

Press Trust Of India

In light of the recent landslides in Wayanad in Kerala, Goa CM Pramod Sawant chaired a high-level meeting to reform the state disaster management committee.

PANAJI: In light of the recent landslides in Ker-

ala that claimed more than 200 lives, the Goa government has reactivated its high-level committee on disaster management, making ground-level revenue officials responsible for reporting illegal hill cutting. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Friday chaired a high-level meeting of the state disaster management committee,

"After the Wayanad landslide, Goa Govt. has woken up to revive its machinery for preventing such incidents in Goa."

Pramod Sawant
Chief Minister, Goa

tee, for which state Revenue Minister Atanasio



Monserrate and other high-ranking officials at Porvorim were present.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Sawant said the state

government has woken up after the Wayanad landslide, reviving its machinery to prevent such incidents in Goa. Goa shares Sahyadri Hill ranges with Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra. Sawant said the committee will now be called the state disaster management authority, with dedicated officers working around the year.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

ACTION

Rajasthan's Anti-Corruption Bureau arrests three in bribery case

JAIPUR: Rajasthan's Anti-Corruption Bureau on Friday arrested three people, including the chief manager of the District Industries Centre in Tonk, in an alleged bribery case.

District Industries Centre (Tonk) chief manager Sultan Singh Meena and District Industries Centre (Bundi) senior assistant Ajay Khandelwal were arrested with a suspected bribe amount of Rs 1 lakh, Anti-Corruption Bureau Director General Ravi Prakash Mehrada said. The Anti-Corruption Bureau received confidential information at its headquarters that Meena was "transacting bribe money" through Khandelwal in exchange for preparing incorrect reports for various industrial development schemes, passing wrong loans and giving undue benefits to ineligible persons on the basis of forged bills, Mehrada said. PTI

PESA ACT

Ensure PESA Act implementation in Jharkhand: Governor



RANCHI: Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar on Friday urged Chief Minister Hemant Soren to ensure the implementation of the Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act or PESA in Jharkhand. Gangwar emphasised that Jharkhand was the only state where the crucial legislation that provides for traditional governance has not been implemented so far. The Act recognising the rights of tribal communities in scheduled areas was enacted in 1996 but despite the creation of a separate state in 2000, Jharkhand was yet to implement PESA. PTI

YOUTH ENGAGED IN COACHING

BSF provides IELTS coaching to Punjab youngsters to keep them away from drugs



JALANDHAR: The BSF is providing IELTS coaching to youngsters in Punjab as part of its community effort to wean them off drugs, a senior officer of the force said on Friday.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is one of the most sought after English language proficiency tests for study, migration or work abroad. An estimated 30 lakh people take the test every year and is accepted by thousands of employers, universities, schools and immigration bodies around the globe.

The Border Security Force's (BSF) Punjab frontier Inspector General

Atul Fulzele said the force utilised funds provided by the Union government for civic action works to hire two "good English speaking" teachers who were providing this training to youngsters at Amarkot in the state's Tarn Taran district.

"Some villagers and children of that area came to the officers of our 103rd battalion deployed in that area and said they did not have the required money for IELTS training. They sought our help," Fulzele told reporters.

"About 40-50 children have been trained till now, of which a sizeable number were girls," he added. PTI

The Day's NUMBERS

STATES WITH MAXIMUM NO. OF TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES

TAMIL Nadu	14
Andhra Pradesh	06
MADHYA Pradesh	06
Punjab- Rajasthan	05
Uttar Pradesh	05

Source: Agencies

FOOD

Backlash in Noida school after parents asked not to pack non-veg lunch

NOIDA (UP): A private school in Noida sent a message to parents asking not to pack non-vegetarian food for their children's lunch. The school management said it was only a "request" after a row broke out.

The school in Sector-132 here had on Wednesday sent the message to parents on WhatsApp.

When non-vegetarian food is cooked in the morning for lunch, there is a possibility of it getting spoiled. It can be harmful to health, said the message that asked parents not to pack non-vegetarian food for their children's lunch.

It also said the school values diversity and inclusiveness of students. So that all students can sit together and eat their meals irrespective of their food preferences, the focus is on providing an environment in which everyone feels comfortable.

"This was only a request," a senior school official said. PTI

LANDSLIDE

Farmer organisation donates Rs 1 crore to Wayanad relief fund



THANE: The All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) and Kerala Karshaka Sangham (KKS) have donated Rs 1 crore to the Kerala Chief Minister's relief fund for the Wayanad landslide victims, a senior leader said here on Friday.

Landslides in Wayanad on July 26 claimed more than 200 lives.

Leaders of the AIKS and its Kerala unit KKS handed over the cheque to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday, said AIKS chief Ashok Dhawale, who is based in Thane.

The KKS collected Rs 1 crore from its more than 27,000 units, Dhawale added. PTI

SC stays circular banning 'hijab, burqa, cap and naqab'

The bench issued notice to the education society and sought its response by November 18.

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a Mumbai college's decision banning 'hijab, burqa, cap and naqab' on the campus and said girl students must have the freedom to choose what they wear.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Sanjay Kumar came down heavily on the Chembur Trombay Education Society, which runs the 'N G Acharya and D K Marathe College' for issuing such a circular and asked whether it would ban 'bindi' and 'tilak' also.

During the hearing, Justice Kumar asked senior advocate Madhavi Divan, appearing for the society, how was the college empowering the girl students by issuing such a circular.

"How are you empowering the women by telling them what to wear? I think it's less said the better. Where is the freedom of choice for the women? Where is freedom of choice of what to wear to the girl students? Educational institutions should not force their decisions on the girl students on what to wear," said Justice Kumar.

Divan contended that

the college is a co-educational institution and the intention behind the directive is to ensure that the religious faiths of the students are not revealed. The lawyer said the circular was not limited to 'hijab, burqa or naqab' but extended to even ripped jeans and other such attire.

Unimpressed, Justice Khanna asked "Will the students' names not reveal their religious identity?" and added "Religion is in their names also. Do not impose such rules."

Justice Kumar further observed, "You have suddenly woken up to the fact that they are wearing it and come out with instructions. It is unfortunate. After so many years of Independence, you have come to know there are so many religions in this country."

"We partly stay clause 2 of the impugned circular to the extent that it directs that no hijab, no cap, no badges will be allowed in the campus. We hope and trust this interim order is not misused by anybody," the bench ordered.

It granted liberty to the educational society and the college to approach the court in case of any misuse of the order.



Supreme Court.

SC seeks response of bar leader on plea of in contempt case

The Supreme Court on Friday sought a response from bar leader Rajiv Khosla on a plea of former Delhi district court judge Sujata Kohli challenging his exoneration by the Delhi High Court in a contempt case for allegedly interfering with the administration of justice. Kohli had alleged that Khosla grabbed her by hair and dragged her in August 1994. She was a lawyer at Tis Hazari court at the time of the

HIGHLIGHT

● HC had in February discharged Khosla, a former president of the DHCBA, in the contempt case which was initiated against him for allegedly obstructing the court proceedings against him.

incident and later went on to become a judge in the Delhi judiciary. She retired as a District and

Sessions Judge in 2020.

The contempt case against the bar leader had arisen on account of the alleged chaos and obstruction caused by the lawyers supporting him when the trial court was about to pronounce the sentence against him.

Amid chanting of slogans by the lawyers, the trial court had convicted Khosla and directed him to pay a total compensation of Rs 40,000 to the State and Kohli.

High Court quashes molestation FIR against 3 men

Press Trust Of India

The high court said the photographs of planted saplings along with a report of the police official should be forwarded to it within eight weeks and the upkeep of the saplings or trees should be undertaken by the authorities concerned.

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court has quashed an FIR against a man and his two sons accused of molesting and hurting a woman relative, noting that the families have amicably settled the dispute, and directed them to plant 50 saplings of neem trees each.

After interacting with the parties, the judge said they have confirmed that the matter has been amicably settled between them without any threat, pressure or coercion and they have no objection in case the FIR is quashed, as the disputes between them arose on account of family issues.

"In the facts and circumstances, instead of imposing the costs upon the petitioners, they are directed to plant 50 saplings of neem trees each, which are upto 3 feet in height in the area of police station Chhawla

after getting in touch with the competent authority (Horticulture Department of MCD / DDA/ Conservator of Forests, Department of Forests and Wildlife, Government of NCT of Delhi) through IO / SHO, PS: Chhawla," Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta said.

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● The petitioners submitted that disputes arose between them on account of family issues which have been amicably settled in mediation and a cross FIR was also lodged against the complainant side by the wife of one of the petitioners which has been quashed by a coordinate bench of the high court.

It added that in case of non-compliance of directions for planting of trees, the petitioners would be liable to deposit costs of Rs 50,000 each with the Delhi State Legal Services Authority.

The high court was dealing with a petition by the man and his sons seeking quashing of the FIR against them which was lodged for various alleged offences including molestation, causing hurt, theft and wrongful restraint in 2015.

NEWSLINE

PURI (ODISHA)

Bhagwat visits Jagannath temple



Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Friday visited Jagannath temple here and offered prayers to the sibling deities. According to servitors, the RSS chief spent around half-an-hour inside the temple and talked to the priests. He was welcomed at the Lion's Gate by temple administration officials.

Bhagwat later met Puri Shankaracharya Swami Nischalananda Saraswati at Gobardhan Peeth and held discussions on different issues. However, the subjects of their discussion were not informed to the media.

As per the schedule, Bhagwat will attend the RSS' Pranta Seva Pramuks meeting on August 10 and 11 and discuss various issues related to the organisation's activities and its upcoming plans. He will stay in Puri till Monday. Sources said that Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and his two deputies K V Singhdeo and Pravati Parida met Bhagwat at Utkal Bipanna Sahayata Samiti (UBSS) office.

BENGAL'S COOCH BEHAR

BSF foils Bangladeshi infiltration bid at border

Press Trust Of India

The crowd, allegedly comprising mostly Bangladeshi Hindus, assembled some 400 metres away from the fence alongside a water body at the Genduguri and Doikhawa villages in the Lalmonirhat.



Bangladeshi assemble close to the Sitalkuchi fenced land border in Cooch Behar in their bid to crossover to India.

KOLKATA: Tension prevailed at the Sitalkuchi fenced land border area of Cooch Behar district in West Bengal on Friday morning after panicked Bangladeshi nationals, numbering over a hundred, assembled on the other side of the fence in their bid to cross over to India. The attempt was, however, foiled by the BSF which maintained a strict vigil at the border. The Bangladeshis were later taken away from the spot by the

FASTFACTS

● Senior BSF official from the Eastern Command confirmed that several Bangladeshis had assembled at the border but were later taken back by the BGB.

Border Guards Bangladesh personnel, the Border Security Force confirmed. The crowd, allegedly comprising mostly Bangla-

deshi Hindus, assembled some 400 metres away from the fence alongside a water body at the Genduguri and Doikhawa villages in the Lalmonirhat district of Bangladesh.

Heavy deployment of the 157 Battalion of the BSF at the Pathantuli village, maintaining vigil on automobiles and on foot, made the infiltration bid of the foreigners impossible.

Committed to conducting assembly elections in J-K at earliest: CEC

JAMMU: Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Friday said the Election Commission is committed to conducting polls in Jammu and Kashmir at the earliest and will not allow any internal or external forces to derail the electoral process.

An EC delegation led by Kumar visited Jammu and Kashmir to review the preparedness for the conduct of the polls and hold discussions with political parties. Talking to reporters, he said all parties have strongly advocated for holding assembly elections soon.

"We are committed to conducting elections at the earliest in Jammu and Kashmir. We are confident that the people will respond robustly to disruptive forces and we will witness increased voter participation whenever elections are held," Kumar said following the conclusion of the two-day visit.

Indian govt should take steps to protect minorities in Bangladesh: VHP

Press Trust Of India

JAIPUR: The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has urged the government of India to take every possible step to protect Hindus and other

minority communities in Bangladesh.

India cannot turn a blind eye to what is happening to Hindus in Bangladesh, VHP regional secretary Suresh Upadhyay said.

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LS adjourned sine die

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NEW DELHI: The Lok Sabha was adjourned sine die on Friday, one sitting ahead of the scheduled end of the session. The current session of the Parliament was scheduled to end on August 12 but Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla adjourned the House sine die (for an indefinite period).

The Rajya Sabha was also adjourned sine die on Friday. Birla said the productivity of the House was above 130 per cent.

During this session, the House passed several key

pieces of legislation, including the Finance Bill, 2024, and the Appropriation Bill, 2024 -- both crucial for the Union budget.

Additionally, the Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation Bill, 2024, and the Indian Aircraft Bill, 2024, were among the four Bills passed.

The session also witnessed the introduction of a Bill to amend the Wakf Act, 1995, which was subsequently referred to a joint committee of Parliament amid protests from opposition members over its provisions.

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QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act; the rest is merely tenacity."

[Amelia Earhart]

Comment

Religious dominance undermines democracy's core principles

OUR VIEW |

Bangladesh's future at a crossroads: Yunus faces daunting task

Bangladesh, a nation grappling with deep political turmoil, now places its hopes on an unlikely figure: the 84-year-old Nobel laureate, Muhammad Yunus. His popularity, both at home and abroad, is undeniable, yet the challenges before him are immense. As the head of the interim government following the dramatic ouster of long-time Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Yunus is thrust into a role that demands more than just global acclaim or a non-political background. He must now translate his moral authority into effective governance to restore stability in a country teetering on the edge. The immediate goals are clear but far from simple: restore normalcy, ensure law and order, and protect vulnerable groups, including minorities. Yunus has already warned of the serious regional implications if the unrest continues, emphasizing the need for swift and decisive action. His leadership will be crucial in channeling the respect he commands to put an end to the anarchy that threatens to engulf Bangladesh. The student movement that played a significant role in Hasina's downfall accused her of authoritarianism and a heavy-handed crackdown on political dissent. With Yunus now at the helm, New Delhi and the international community will closely monitor the interim government's vision for Bangladesh. The hope is that Yunus can steer the country towards a fresh start, with free and fair elections and reforms that hold leaders accountable. However, the path ahead is fraught with the danger of a return to the politics of vendetta or the rise of extremist elements, possibly with military backing. Yunus, who faced over 100 lawsuits during Hasina's tenure, now bears a heavy responsibility. The student leaders who insisted on his leadership view him as a guiding light, but the margin for error is slim. The consequences of prolonged instability in Bangladesh are too significant to ignore, not just for the nation itself but for the entire region. As Yunus navigates this treacherous political landscape, the future of Bangladesh hangs in the balance.

GUEST VIEW |

Vinesh Phogat: Nation's proud and brave daughter

Indians were gripped by the news of Vinesh Phogat's disqualification from the Paris Olympics. The anguish and distress were palpable across the country as they saw her pain. Despite this setback, it's important to highlight Vinesh's remarkable achievements. She defeated three top wrestlers in a single day, including Susaki, who had remained undefeated for five years. Vinesh's resilience and determination in the face of adversity make her a beacon of inspiration for all. Her unwavering spirit and vigorous performance brought laurels to India, proving her mettle on the international stage. The message from all corners of the nation is clear: Vinesh Phogat, you are our proud daughter, a shining star who will always be more precious than gold. Your achievements and fighting spirit make us immensely proud. Kudos to you, Vinesh, for your unwavering dedication and for embodying the true spirit of sportsmanship. Your journey is far from over, and we stand with you, celebrating your victories and supporting you through every challenge. We look forward to seeing you conquer new heights and bring more glory to our nation.



Romit Chandrakar

The latest is from Bangladesh. The democratically elected Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is seeking asylum in various countries leaving behind her own land of which she was all in a few hours before. Democracy which was born out of the efforts of Rousseau and many others like him is being played upon in the hands of certain fanatic religious groups and is slowly getting died down.

In fact democracy as a system was brought to eradicate the evils of fanaticism of the Middle Ages. The Middle Age is known for the dominance of religion over humanism. It was the time when people were dominated by the religious societal norm and convention. They were not free to live life of their own. They had to follow the conventions of the religious society. Individualism was not given any place. Their every action was governed by the conventions of the churches. Those who belonged to other religious groups were treated mercilessly. Later, some progressive, who had studied ancient Greek and Roman literature, got enlight-

ened and believed in equality and thought differently. Why is everyone not free to live his own life? Who are the others; say religious authority, to decree the rules of day to day living. As the enlightened citizens, who had their eyes opened, were not ready to listen to the authorities. This gave rise to the renaissance whose motto was humanism, equality and liberty. For them all humans are equal. First of all, all are humans, then they are followers of any religion. This liberty was not from any particular state or king but it was the liberty from the religious conventions so that they could think freely and live freely.

The seeds of liberty which germinated in the form of renaissance transformed into a system in the name of Democracy. It is a system of decision-making within an institution, organization, or state, in which members have a share of power. Democracy was the outcome of the Renaissance in which the individual, not the society, was a unit.

Historically, the term democracy first appeared in ancient Greek political and philosophi-

cal thought. In Athens democracy took the form of a direct democracy, and it had two distinguishing features: the random selection of ordinary citizens to fill the few existing government administrative and judicial offices. Vaishali, the capital city of the Vajjika League (Vrijji Mahajana-pada) of India is considered one of the first examples of a republic around the 6th century BC. While most regions in Europe during the Middle Ages were ruled by clergy or feudal lords, there existed various systems involving elections or assemblies, although often only involving a small part of the population. The Parliament of England had its roots in the restrictions on the power of kings written into Magna Carta (1215).

In 17th century England, there was renewed interest in Magna Carta. The Parliament of England passed the Petition of Right in 1628 which established certain liberties for subjects. So one by one the Europeans drafted charter and rules which gave rise to modern democracy. The French revolution in 1789 heralded democracy as the best system of government. No doubt

it is the best system because all other revolutions were for the sake of corporeal liberty but this revolution was for the sake of mental liberty which had always been away from human's approach. Never in the history of the world was mankind so free.

But now this system seems to have been overpowered by the same enemy with whom it had fought and came out into existence. Again the human mind is falling prey to the same religious communal groups. At least, the results of elections in various parts of the world confirm this assumption. The year 2024 is known for the elections in many countries of the world. Many countries have already come out of the ordeal. Most of the results have shown a dominance of the community over individuals. The individual knows what is right and what is wrong for them and which party is doing something for their betterment but they find themselves helpless to decide freely on their own. They are not able to overlook their religious obligations for the sake of humanity. Their individual voice is being crushed by the community.

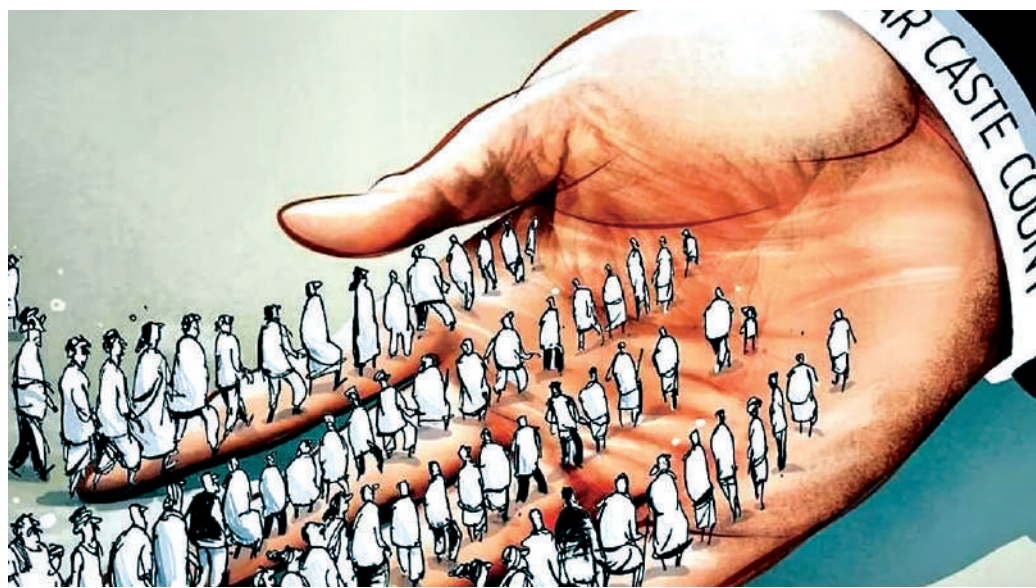


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Census delay hinders effective policy making

The delay in conducting India's decennial census is causing significant issues in policy formulation and resource allocation, highlighting the urgent need for updated population data. by *Sujit De*



The delay in conducting the census has far-reaching consequences.

I laughed when I heard a story about the head of a joint family who could not clearly answer how many members were there in his family.

More often than not, he called even his own son by the name of his other son. He even failed to recognise a young member of the joint family.

He had a good memory though. But he just did not care to know and remember the composition of his family.

Even he pooh-poohed the suggestion of keeping a register to note down the names and other necessary details of every member of the joint family. The same kind of situation has surfaced because of the delay in conducting the census. It has uninterruptedly been conducted every 10 years from 1881 to 2011.

The first phase of this decade's Census was expected to begin on April 1, 2020, but had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But even after the pandemic is over, there is no sign that the census will start anytime soon. In the absence of fresh data, government agencies are still formulating policies and allocating subsidies based on the data accrued from the 2011 Census.

The government estimated that around 81 crore people

required food assistance for 5 more years. However, the 81 crore estimate is based on the 2011 census. Economists pointed out that more than 10 crore deserving Indians would not get the benefit of the 5-year extension because of the government's failure to conduct the long-due population census.

A government cannot function without updating necessary and detailed data on the population of the country every ten years. It has been a practice for 140 years. The delay hinders the government from taking necessary action, and when action is taken, it has to be

without proper planning based on the latest data.

The Women's Reservation Bill, for instance, was passed in the Parliament in September last year. It provides one-third reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies. But it has two strings attached to it.

The first one says it will wait for the census conducted after this bill has been published. Then comes the second string in the form of delimitation. It says that on the basis of that census report, delimitation will be undertaken to reserve seats for women. To procrastinate in conducting census will fur-

ther delay the implementation of the bill.

Recently, the Supreme Court passed a verdict allowing sub-classification of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the context of reservation. The Court, in that judgement, has directed the State to collect data on the inadequacy of representation in the services of the State because this is used as an indicator of caste backwardness.

This is an important indicator of backwardness, no doubt. However, a caste census can only bring out the real picture of caste backwardness. Caste hatred and caste

nepotism are like fractures in our society. After a suspected fracture, a doctor always takes decisions after doing at least an X-ray. Any action on caste reservation must similarly be taken after collecting necessary data by conducting a caste census. A caste census will not add to the cost of conducting a census. A caste census can be done only by adding a question or two to the questionnaire for the census. Now I feel that I laughed hearing that story about the head of a family because I could not empathise with the sufferings of other members of the family.

They must have felt great pain when they were not recognised as family members, just like more than 10 crore people of our country now failed to get the benefit of free ration. The delay in conducting the census has far-reaching consequences, impacting policy formulation and resource allocation. The outdated data hinders effective governance and leaves many deserving individuals without benefits. Accurate, updated data through timely censuses, including a caste census, is essential for addressing societal needs and ensuring equitable resource distribution, thus fostering a more inclusive and just society.

YOUR LETTERS

Wrestling Controversy

Wrestling has become a controversial game, whether in Delhi or Paris. India's medal was snatched due to coaching mishandling, highlighting the need for players and coaches to be more aware of game rules. Vinesh Phogat's disqualification raises suspicions of foul play, prompting Prime Minister Narendra Modi to urge the Indian Olympic Association to seek justice. Allegations of clandestine weight-gain substances and wrong umpiring further cloud the Olympic movement's transparency. The nation demands a thorough investigation to ensure fairness and integrity in the games.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

Reformist left leader

Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee (80), nephew of poet Sukanta Bhattacharjee, aimed to industrialize West Bengal with projects like the Nano plant in Singur. However, his policies led to the Left's defeat in 2011. A CPM member since 1966, he studied Bengali literature and authored eight books. Despite being awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2022, he refused it. Known for his cultural involvement, especially at 'Nandan', he was respected for his integrity. Bhattacharjee is survived by his wife Meera and daughter Suchetana. His passing marks a loss for India. Om Shanti.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee; Faridabad

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Business



HCL Tech's arm to acquire French software firm Zeenea.

Kalyan Kumar
HCL Software Chief Product Officer.

Asia Jewels show inauguration in Bengaluru



A visitor tries jewellery at a stall after the inauguration of the Asia Jewels Show 2024, in Bengaluru, Friday, Aug. 9.

BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Q1 RESULTS

India Cements clocks Rs 58.47 cr profit in April-June; revenue declines

NEW DELHI: India Cements Ltd on Friday reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 58.47 crore in June 2024 quarter even though its sales volume declined 26 per cent as capacity utilisation was severely hit due to continuous liquidity crunch. The Chennai-based company sold its grinding unit at Parli, Maharashtra in April and included the gain of Rs 240.68 crore from the sold unit as an exceptional item in the quarterly profit. Before the exceptional items and tax, India Cements Ltd (ICL) had a loss of Rs 147.97 crore in the quarter under review. The company, in which the promoters are selling their stake to rival Aditya Birla group firm UltraTech Cement, had reported a net loss of 87.40 crore during the April-June quarter a year ago. Its revenue from operations was down 28.53 per cent to Rs 1,026.76 crore during the period under review as against Rs 1,436.74 crore in the corresponding quarter, according to a regulatory filing from ICL.

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Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	79,705	+1.04
Nifty	24,367	+1.04
Nifty, MidCap	57,174	+0.87
Nifty SmallCap	18,410	+0.56
Nifty Bank	50,484	+0.65

Closing rates as on August 09, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.97 (-)
Euro	91.72 (+)
Chinese Yuan	11.71 (+)
UAE Dirham	22.86 (-)
Pakistan Rupee	0.30 (+)
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27 (-)

On August 09, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	39,269	-0.45%
FTSE 100 Index	8,154	+0.12%
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	225: 35,025	+0.56%
CSI 300 (CHN)	300: 3,331	-0.34%

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, August 09, 2024)

How the markets behave today?

Global stocks rally drives Sensex, Nifty higher by 1 pc; RIL, Infosys lead rebound



MUMBAI: Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded 1 per cent each on Friday following buying in blue-chips such as Reliance and Infosys amid a rally in global equity markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex bounced back 819.69 points or 1.04 per cent to settle at 79,705.91 with 28 of its constituents closing in green and two in red. The index opened higher amid gains in Asian markets and later surged 1,098.02 points or 1.39 per cent to hit a high of 79,984.24. The NSE Nifty soared 250.50 points or 1.04 per cent to 24,367.50. During the day, it

rallied 302.75 points or 1.25 per cent to 24,419.75. "Positive US jobless claims data eased the fears of recession and provided a favourable broader market reaction," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said. In Asian markets, Tokyo, Seoul and Hong Kong ended higher while Shanghai settled lower. European markets were trading in positive territory. **MAJOR GAINERS:** M&M, Tata Motors, Tech Mahindra, JSW Steel, SBI, HCL Tech, Reliance Industries and Infosys. **MAJOR LOSERS:** Kotak Mahindra Bank and Maruti.

India set to become USD 8 tn economy by 2034: Shaurya

Doval said that "as we head into the next 25 years, we are going to see India is going to pivot much of the world in terms of its economics and its geopolitics.

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NEW DELHI: India is set to become a USD 8 trillion economy by 2034 and will pivot much of the world in terms of its economics and geopolitics, according to BJP leader and founder of think-tank India Foundation Shaurya Doval. In an interaction with PTI editors at the agency's headquarters here, he said the country is likely to face significant headwinds in the

future as far as its ability to export is concerned. Doval said that "as we head into the next 25 years, we are going to see India is going to pivot much of the world in terms of its economics and its geopolitics, and that's great news for India and Indians". "This is primarily being driven by our economic rise, which is now reaching a point which Einstein used to call as power of momentum," he said. "It took us

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• For 8-to-10 per cent growth rate, dependence on energy imports to be reduced.

• What was achieved in last 75 years, USD 4 trillion, will be achieved in the next 10 years.

60 years, the British left us with an economy of 30 billion dollars, in 2007, we became a trillion dollars, it took us like three generations. From 2007 to 2014, we went to 2 trillion dollars. Today, we are at 4 trillion (dollars) and this is despite Covid," Doval said. What was achieved in the last 75 years, USD 4 trillion, will be achieved in the next 10 years alone, and "by 2034, we will be an 8 trillion dollar econ-

omy", he said. The banker-turned-political thinker noted that more countries are focusing on building their own capacities, particularly after the Covid experience.

"Now, this for India is little bit of problem because we need goods and services in our trade to grow our economy. So, we are going to face significant headwinds as far as our ability to export is concerned," Doval said.

Airtel expands its Wi-Fi service

MUMBAI: Bharti Airtel one of India's leading telecommunications services providers, announced that it has increased its Wi-Fi service to an additional 2.9 million new households in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. With Airtel Wi-Fi, a customer not only gets high-speed reliable wireless internet service but a whole host of other benefits including access to unlimited streaming, 20+ OTT services and over 350+ TV channels. Customers can book Airtel Wi-Fi by placing an order using the Airtel Thanks App. Ritesh Agarwal- CEO, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, Bharti Airtel, said, "I am happy to announce that Airtel Wi-Fi has now reached every nook and corner of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. With Airtel Wi-Fi, customers can unlock a wide range of entertainment options including access to 20+ OTTs, 350+ television channels and a reliable high-speed wireless Wi-Fi service at an affordable tariff starting at Rs. 699 a month.

'Looking forward to hybrid vehicle policy to tap growth'

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We believe that there is a big potential to grow here in India.

NEW DELHI: Italian super luxury automaker Automobili Lamborghini is looking forward to India's new hybrid vehicle policy to tap more growth opportunities in the country, a senior company official said on Friday.

The company, which on Friday launched the plug-in hybrid version of its flagship SUV Urus with prices starting at Rs 4.57 crore (ex-show-room) plans to bring its other hybrid models going forward as and when it launches those in the global markets. "We believe that there is a big potential to grow here in India. We have also already seen with the introduction of Urus



Plug-in Hybrid Super SUV Urus launched in India.

FACTFILE

• Indian government is working on new policies for hybrids.

we had a big percentage growth. We believe that also in the next year we will see a similar trend," Automobili Lamborghini Asia Pacific Region Director, Francesco Scardaoni told PTI here on the sidelines of the launch of Urus SE. The company had

sold a record 103 units in 2023. In 2022, it had sold a record 92 units growing at 33 per cent from the previous year.

Sharing the company's product roadmap, he said, "We are introducing our fully hybridised product line.

We will release in one week time (globally) the new Huracan successor, which will also be a hybrid. We believe that car will be a success for

our Indian customers."

Scardaoni further said, "This is because we know that the (Indian) government is working on new policies for hybrids. We hope we can also enjoy the benefits of those policies on our cars. It is still work in progress. We believe this would be ideal for a brand like Lamborghini and have even more growth in India."

Bullish on the Indian market, he said Lamborghini's growth here is also related to the growth in India, which is the fastest-growing economy in the world. The Urus SE has a twin-turbo 4.0 V8 that has been re-engineered to work in synergy with an electric powertrain.

The four-wheel drive premium SUV can cover over 60 km on full-electric mode, the company said. The company will start delivering the vehicle in India by next year.

STOCKS REBOUND

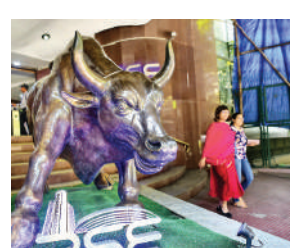
Investors' wealth swells by 4.46 lakh cr as stocks rebound

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NEW DELHI: Market investors became richer by Rs 4.46 lakh crore on Friday as stocks made a smart comeback after the previous day's decline, driven by a rally in global peers. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 819.69 points or 1.04 per cent to settle at 79,705.91. The benchmark surged 1,098.02 points or 1.39 per cent

to hit the day's high of 79,984.24. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms went up by Rs 4,46,308.99 crore to Rs 4,50,21,816.11 crore (USD 5.37 trillion).

"Strong global market cues provided a major impetus to local shares as Sensex surged more than 1,000 points in intra-day trade on all-round buying support. Despite volatility in foreign fund flows



this year, capital infusion by domestic institutions have been robust over the past year or so, which is giving local markets a major succour in

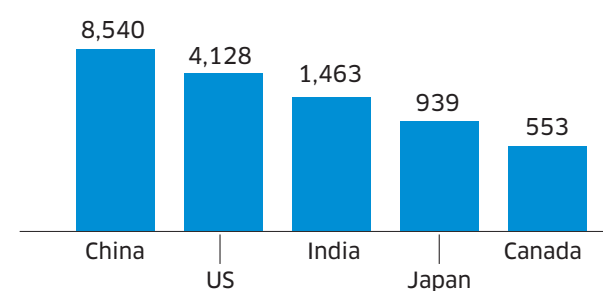
times of volatile phase," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research) at Mehta Equities Ltd, said. Most of the Sensex firms settled in the positive territory. Tech Mahindra, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra, JSW Steel, HCL Technologies, State Bank of India, Reliance Industries and Infosys were the biggest gainers. Kotak Mahindra Bank and Sun Pharma were the

laggards from the Sensex pack. In the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge jumped 1.21 per cent and smallcap index climbed 0.79 per cent. All the indices ended in the positive territory, with IT surging by 1.59 per cent, consumer discretionary by 1.57 per cent, realty by 1.56 per cent, auto by 1.51 per cent, teck by 1.41 per cent and capital goods by 1.37 per cent.

The Day's NUMBERS

Estimated electricity consumption of data centers compared to selected countries in 2022, in TWh

DATE CENTERS AND THEIR INCREASING ENERGY APPETITE



Source: Statista

E-COMMERCE ADOPT

Desire to adopt e-commerce is increasing among Indian mass consumers

MUMBAI: Meesho, India's only true e-commerce marketplace, released the first edition of its Smart Shopper Report, offering a comprehensive analysis of the country's dynamic online shopping trends in H1 2024. The report extensively explores the changing habits and preferences of customers, who currently make up a remarkable 80% of the online shopping population. Over the last 9 years, Meesho has made e-commerce accessible to millions of users across the country. With 80% of its 150 million annual transacting customers coming from Tier 2 and beyond cities, Meesho has been instrumental in bringing new e-commerce users online. This platform e-commerce has one of the largest mass consumer base in the country, serving customers across various locations like Bhillai, Impal, Jalandhar, Jhunjhunu and Nellore. As India's most downloaded shopping app, Meesho's Smart Shopper Report provides insight into diverse user preferences, highlighting the trends that define mass consumer shopping habits in India.

BROADENS NETWORK

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Ltd broadens network across country

MUMBAI:Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited announced the inauguration of its new outlet in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. With this launch, the Bank has reached 20 banking outlets in Chhattisgarh and 930 banking outlets across the country. Commenting on the expansion, Mr. Govind Singh, MD & CEO, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited shared, "We are excited to broaden our banking network in Chhattisgarh. This is an important step in strengthening our foothold in the state. Bilaspur, known for its significant cultural and economic contributions, provides substantial growth prospects.



"I don't like it when they isolate themselves. This is a thing with this generation, it wasn't the case earlier. Their life revolves around their phone. Once they enter their room, they don't get out for 2-3 days."

Arshad Warsi
Actor



& Glitters

CLOSE UP

The surprising casting story behind Haseen Dillruba's lead role

Despite not revealing names, it's widely speculated that Kriti Sanon was the original choice for Rani Saxena in Haseen Dillruba before Taapsee Pannu took the role.

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Taapsee Pannu might have aced the role of Rani Saxena in the 2021 romantic thriller Haseen Dillruba, but she wasn't the first choice for the character.

Taapsee Pannu's remarkable portrayal of Rani Saxena in the 2021 romantic thriller Haseen Dillruba has become a defining role, showcasing her talent for playing complex, multi-faceted characters. However, Pannu was not initially the top choice for this iconic role. Pannu revealed that screenwriter Kanika Dhillon had originally approached another actress for the lead. Although Pannu expressed interest in the script, her commitments to another project delayed her involvement. By the time she was available, Dhillon was close to finalizing the casting with a different actor. Yet, destiny had other plans. Dhillon invited Pannu to her office for a script reading, bypassing further discussions. As Pannu immersed herself in the script, she felt an immediate connection to the character, exclaiming, "Ye meri kismat mein thi (I was meant to do this film), I had told you before." Her deep enthusiasm and connection to the role led to her casting in the film.



Tushar Kapoor portrays 'Panauti' in 'Dus June Ki Raat'



Pannu's triumph in Haseen Dillruba

Despite initially not being seen as an ideal fit, Pannu's skill in portraying morally ambiguous characters made her the perfect choice. Her excitement and dedication to the role were evident. With the sequel, Phir Aayi Haseen Dillruba, set to premiere

on Netflix on August 9, 2024, fans are eagerly anticipating Pannu's return.

Alongside Vikrant Massey and Sunny Kaushal, Pannu is expected to once again deliver a captivating performance, continuing to engage audiences with her dynamic acting prowess.

HOLLYWOOD

Cate Blanchett: The Lord of the Rings cast got zero pay

Central Chronicle News

Cate Blanchett recently shared an astonishing fact about her work on The Lord of the Rings franchise during her appearance on Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen. Despite the trilogy's extraordinary success, which has earned over \$2.9 billion globally, Blanchett revealed that none of the actors, including herself, were compensated for their roles. The Oscar-winning actress, known for her portrayal of Galadriel, the elven co-ruler of Lothlórien, responded to Cohen's inquiry about her largest paycheck, saying, "Are you kid-

ding me? No, no one got paid anything to do that movie." She further clarified that she didn't receive any share of the backend profits, as the

HIGHLIGHT

● Oscar winning-actress Cate Blanchett said that no one got paid to film "Lord of the Rings" and added that she got "free sandwiches" in Peter Jackson's film trilogy.

contracts were signed before such arrangements were common practice. Blanchett, who was drawn to the project by her admiration for director Peter Jack-



he Lord of the Rings made billions but not for Cate Blanchett.

son, known for his earlier work on Braindead, humorously noted, "I basically got free sandwiches, and I got to keep my (elf) ears." Her comments bring to light an often-overlooked aspect of the film industry: despite a film's enormous financial success, actors can sometimes see very little in terms of financial reward.

Orlando Bloom, who portrayed Legolas, echoed a similar sentiment in a previous interview on The Howard Stern Show, revealing that he earned just \$175,000 for his role in all three films.

CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Web Series

Netflix's new drama celebrates Navajo culture and perseverance

Netflix has just unveiled the trailer for Rez Ball, an inspiring sports drama set in the Navajo Nation. Directed by Sydney Freeland and co-written with Sterlin Harjo, the film stars Jessica Matten, Cody Lightning, Dallas Goldtooth, and Amber Midthunder. Set in Chuska, New Mexico, it follows the Chuska Warriors, a high school basketball team, as they strive for a state championship after losing their star player. The film explores themes of resilience, unity, and cultural pride, showcasing Native American heritage.

Music

Beyoncé's Cowboy Carter misses AMA but eyes ACM glory



Beyoncé's album Cowboy Carter has taken the music world by storm, topping charts like the Billboard Hot 100 and Hot Country Songs with hits like Texas Hold Em. Despite its immense popularity and Beyoncé's historic achievement, fans were puzzled when the album didn't receive an Album of the Year nomination at the 2024 American Music Awards (AMA). The reason? Cowboy Carter, released on March 29, 2024, missed the AMA eligibility period, which covered releases from January 1 to December 31, 2023. However, the album will be in contention for the 2025 ACM Awards, where it is expected to be a strong candidate.



Fashion

Shraddha Kapoor's fiery red look for Stree 2 promotion

Shraddha Kapoor has once again made headlines with her bold fashion choices while promoting her film Stree 2. Recently, she stepped out in a striking red ensemble that perfectly echoed the film's vibrant spirit. Kapoor dazzled in a chic three-piece outfit from Saksha & Kinni, featuring a structured red bralette with subtle black prints, a cropped red jacket with crisp collars and knotted cuffs, and matching tailored pants. This fiery look not only showcased her impeccable style but also her commitment to the film's theme.

Trending on Insta

@fatimasanashaikh

Bangs are back for Fatima Sana Shaikh

Actress Fatima Sana Shaikh revealed her new look on Instagram, flaunting a chic hairstyle with bangs. Sharing a mirror selfie, she sported a black tank top, blue jeans, and an olive green shirt, captioning, "And the bangs are back."



OIT Watch



Abhishek Banerjee returns for Rana Naidu Season 2

Abhishek Banerjee will reprise his role as Pawan 'Jaffa' Naidu in Netflix's Rana Naidu Season 2. He's excited to bring new elements to the series, continuing the high standards set by Season 1.



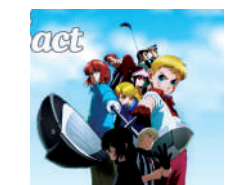
Wolves gets a sequel greenlight

A sequel to the action comedy Wolves, starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt, is in development. The film premieres at the Venice International Film Festival and releases in the US on September 20, streaming on Apple TV+ from September 27.



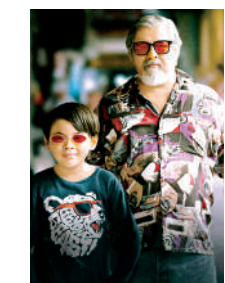
Karisma and Shraddha recreate iconic Dil To Pagal Hai dance

Karisma Kapoor and Shraddha Kapoor recently recreated the iconic dance to "Le Gayi Le Gayi" from Dil To Pagal Hai on India's Best Dancer 4. The nostalgic performance also featured a touching childhood story.



Rising Impact returns for season 2

Season 2 of Rising Impact follows young golfer Gawain Nanaumi as he trains for the Camelot Cup under Kiria Nishino. The anime delves into his pursuit of mastering the "rising impact" skill. Streaming on Netflix from August 6.



Discover Lolo and the Kid on Netflix

Lolo and the Kid is a heartwarming film set in Manila, following a con man and his young protégé. Their clever schemes are challenged by a life-changing opportunity that tests their bond. Streaming on Netflix.

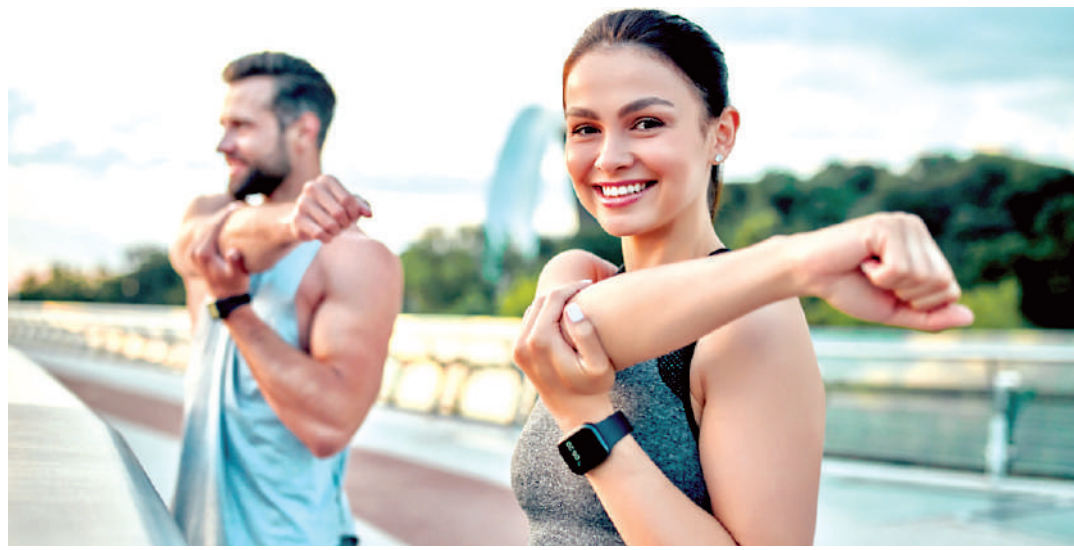


Lifestyle

SIMPLE WAYS TO IMPROVE HEALTH

Daily habits to boost health and prevent serious illnesses

If you want to improve your bad lifestyle, then add these habits to your daily lifestyle.



Stay active, it is very important to develop healthy habits.



HIGHLIGHT

● Your entire lifestyle will change only with these habits. Obesity, diabetes, and many dangerous diseases will also stay away.

to reap these benefits. Equally important is getting adequate sleep. Aim for 7-9 hours of quality rest each night to support mental clarity, emotional stability, and physical health. Good sleep is essential for your body's repair and rejuvenation processes.

Lastly, manage stress through practices like meditation, deep breathing, or engaging in hobbies you enjoy. Effective stress management can lower your risk of various health issues, including heart disease.

By adopting these five daily habits—hydration, balanced diet, exercise, adequate sleep, and stress management—you can significantly enhance your lifestyle and reduce the risk of serious health problems. Start today for a healthier tomorrow.

GadgetPick

TRENDING PERSONAL-TECH

Google TV Streamer

About: Google has replaced the Chromecast with the new Google TV Streamer, designed for a premium 4K TV streaming experience. Available in Porcelain and exclusive Hazel (US only), it combines advanced features with a sleek design.



Key Features:

Next-Generation 4K Streaming for crisp visuals, Two Elegant Colors: Porcelain and Hazel (Hazel exclusive to the US Google Store), Redesigned Voice Remote with customizable button for quick app access, Find My Remote with audible alert and voice command support, Seamless Smart Home Integration.

Lemokey G1 Wireless Mouse

About: The Lemokey G1 Wireless Mouse offers exceptional performance with its ultra-lightweight 55g design. It supports versatile connectivity options including 2.4 GHz, Bluetooth, and USB wired connections, making it ideal for both gaming and professional use.



Key Features:

Advanced Pixart Sensor with 8KHz polling rate for high-speed signal transmittance, Multi-Connectivity: 2.4 GHz, Bluetooth 5.1, and USB wired, Lightweight design for agility, Online Launcher Web App for easy personalization, 5 On-Board Memory Profiles for versatile use.

EcoFlow Power Hat

About: The EcoFlow Power Hat combines style and technology with hidden solar panels that let users charge devices while on the move. Made from lightweight material, it ensures comfort and practicality even in hot conditions.



Key Features:

Solar Panels Encircle the Hat for continuous charging, Lightweight Design to avoid extra weight, Water and Dustproof for durability in various environments, Adjustable Strap for a custom fit, Foldable Design for easy storage, Two Charging Ports: USB-A and USB-C, Charges a 4,000 mAh smartphone in 3-4 hours.

1 by ONE High Fidelity Belt Drive Turntable

About: The 1 by ONE High Fidelity Turntable features a stylish wood and metal design, combining vintage aesthetics with modern functionality. It offers easy operation and a sleek appearance.



Key Features:

All-in-One Functionality: Plays vinyl at 33 and 45 RPM, Bluetooth and Aux-in for streaming music, Built-in Amplifier for external speaker connection, Magnet-Type Cartridge and Adjustable Counterweight for balanced, rich audio, Bluetooth Streaming: Connects to iPhone, Android, tablets, and more

T3 Aire 360 Air Styler

About: The T3 Aire 360 Air Styler offers advanced technology for flawless blowouts and curls with minimal heat damage. Featuring high-performance heat and ceramic attachments, it styles efficiently while protecting hair's moisture.



Key Features:

Aire 360 Technology for bouncy curls with zero heat damage, Ceramic Curling Attachments for lasting results, Aire 360 Base with advanced performance, T3 AireX Motor for fast drying, SoftAire Drying Concentrator, Oval Brush with SmoothGrip bristles and CeraGloss ceramic surface, and 9ft Swivel Cord for easy use.

Cosmos 4K SE

About: The Cosmos 4K SE advances the Cosmos series, providing a superior cinematic experience with its advanced features. This portable projector enhances home entertainment with an ergonomic handle and high-quality performance.



Key Features:

1,800 ANSI Lumens and 4K Ultra HD resolution for vivid visuals, Dolby Vision and NebulaMaster Image Engine for enhanced image quality, HybridBeam Technology for brighter colors, Two 15W full-range drivers with Dolby Audio for immersive sound, Google TV with built-in Netflix and 700,000+ movies and TV episodes, Auto setup with Real-time Autofocus and Keystone Correction.

TRAVEL

Exploring Jaipur: The enchanting Pink City of incredible India



Jaipur, the "Pink City" of India, dazzles with its vibrant hues and rich history. Known for its stunning pink architecture, this city is a feast for the eyes and soul. Wander through the majestic Amber Fort, where ancient tales come alive against a backdrop of pink sandstone. Explore the bustling bazaars of Johari and Babu markets, where you can haggle for traditional jewelry, textiles, and spices. Don't miss the City Palace, a regal blend of Rajasthani and Mughal architecture, and the Hawa Mahal, or Palace of Winds, with its unique honeycomb facade. Jaipur's warm hospitality and colorful streets promise an unforgettable experience.

LIFESTYLE

Elevate your look with the perfect kurta for any event

Central Chronicle News

From casual outings to grand celebrations, find out how to choose the kurta that makes every event a fashion statement.

Choosing the perfect kurta for any occasion is an exciting way to express your personal style while ensuring you look chic and feel comfortable. For a laid-back day with friends or a casual outing, opt for a kurta in light, breathable fabrics like cotton or linen. A vibrant, playful color or an eye-catching print will keep your look fresh and fun, adding an effortless charm to your ensemble. When attending a formal

event, elevate your look with kurtas crafted from luxurious materials like silk or chiffon. These fabrics not only feel opulent but also drape beautifully, enhancing your overall elegance. Look for kurtas with refined details such as delicate embroidery or subtle embellishments to add sophistication without overwhelming your outfit. The fit and style of

HIGHLIGHT

● Pair your kurta with some feminine pieces to make it look more on point. The style is a loud statement using heels and chunky jewellery reserved for more formal events.



Quick guide to office fashion: Few trendy tips to style your workwear.

your kurta can also make a significant impact. A classic A-line or straight-cut kurta offers a universally flattering silhouette, while an asymmetrical or high-low design can introduce a contemporary edge to your wardrobe. Consider a tailored fit for a sleek, polished appearance or a more relaxed cut for easy, breezy sophistication.

Color and print are equally important. For formal settings, opt for classic hues like navy, black, or deep jewel tones, which exude timeless elegance. For festive occasions, embrace bold, vibrant colors and playful prints that reflect the celebratory mood.

Sports



The biggest thing is that we have won back-to-back (medals) and (Indian) hockey is on the rise. We are showing that we can beat any team.

Harmanpreet Singh
India Hockey Captain

Rivalry with Neeraj inspires next generation: Nadeem

Arshad Nadeem celebrates his Olympic gold, emphasizing how his rivalry with Neeraj Chopra inspires young athletes across India and Pakistan.

Press Trust Of India

Arshad Nadeem's Olympic victory underscores the positive impact of his rivalry with Neeraj Chopra.

PARIS: History-making Pakistan javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem is quite pleased that his rivalry with Indian superstar Neeraj Chopra is becoming as talked about as the cricketing battles between the two feuding neighbours as he believes it will fuel the sporting ambition of youngsters in both the nations.

Nadeem bested Chopra for the first time in their 11 face-offs to claim the Olympic gold medal with a sensational Games record of 92.97m on Thursday night. Chopra took the silver with a season's best effort of 89.45m, adding another chapter to their storied rivalry.

"The rivalry is there when it comes to cricket matches and other sports, definitely. But at the same time, it is a good thing for youngsters in both countries who are pursuing a sport to follow us and follow their sports icons and bring laurels to their countries," the 27-year-old Nadeem told reporters after becoming the first



Silver medalist India's Neeraj Chopra and Gold medalist Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem. | Photo: PTI

Pakistani to clinch an individual Olympic gold medal.

HIGHLIGHT

● I am thankful to the nation. Everyone prayed for me, and I was hopeful of doing well: Nadeem

● Despite fierce competition, Nadeem and Chopra maintain a strong friendship, supporting each other off the field.

He is also Pakistan's first individual medalist since the 1988 Seoul Olympics where boxer Hussain Shah claimed a middle-weight bronze.

Nadeem and Chopra, despite being fierce competitors on the field, are good friends off it. A few months back, when Nadeem made a social media appeal for funds to buy a quality javelin, Chopra was among those who stepped forward to

offer their support.

The over six feet tall Nadeem was the dark horse in Thursday night's final where Chopra entered as the top qualifier.

But the Pakistani, who won the 2022 Commonwealth Games gold with an over 90m effort, stunned the high-quality field with two throws that measured over 90m, one of them being a new Olympic record, which was previously held

by Norway's Andreas Thorkildsen, who cleared 90.57m in the 2008 Beijing Games.

"I am thankful to the nation. Everyone prayed for me, and I was hopeful of doing well. Over the years, I got a knee injury and recovered, and worked hard on my fitness. I was even confident of throwing beyond 92.97m, but that throw was enough for me to get the gold," Nadeem said of his performance.

PARIS OLYMPICS |

Chopra's excellence inspires future generations: Prez, PM

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Neeraj Chopra's Olympic silver medal praised as a source of inspiration for future generations.

NEW DELHI: Neeraj Chopra's silver medal in the Paris Games was hailed as a feat which will inspire the future generations in pursuit of excellence as President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the country in lauding the superstar javelin thrower's achievements.

Tokyo Games champion Chopra on Thursday became the first Indian track-and-field athlete to win two successive Olympic medals with a silver



FACTFILE

● President Murmu and PM Modi laud Chopra's continued Olympic achievements.

● Chopra's success motivates young athletes to pursue excellence in sports.

in men's javelin throw in the ongoing edition in Paris.

"Neeraj Chopra is excellence personified! Time and again he's shown his brilliance. India is elated that he comes back with yet another Olympic success. Congratulations to him

on winning the Silver," PM Modi wrote on X. "He will continue to motivate countless upcoming athletes to pursue their dreams and make our nation proud."

President Murmu said the country would look forward to more medals from Chopra.

"Heartiest congratulations to Neeraj Chopra on winning silver medal in Paris Olympics and scripting history. He is the first Indian athlete to win a gold and a silver medal in two successive Olympic Games.

"India is proud of him. His feat will inspire generations to come. India looks forward to Neeraj Chopra bringing home more medals and glory in the future."

India to play two-day day-night tour match in Australia

CANBERRA: The visiting Indian cricket team will play a two-day day-night tour match against Australia's Prime Minister's XI between the first two Tests of the five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy later this year. India and Australia meet in five-Test series starting in Perth on November 22. It will be first time since the 1991-92 season that the two heavyweights will meet over five Tests in a series. The Indian team will play a tour-day day-night tour match against the Prime Minister XI at the Manuka Oval in Canberra on November 30 and December 1. The fixture has been added in the itinerary to help the Indian team prepare for the day-night Test at Adelaide, having played one such game on their previous tour.

TEBOGO UPSETS LYLES |

Noah Lyles collapses after getting bronze

Press Trust Of India

SAINT-DENIS: The first sign of trouble Thursday night came when Noah Lyles started rounding the curve in the Olympic final of the 200 meters – the sprint that has always been his best race. Normally at the curve, Lyles starts making up ground, then pulling away from what have been, for the

last three years, game but overmatched contenders. This time, his momentum stalled. Instead



of Lyles reeling in the runner two lanes to his right, Letsile Tebogo of Botswana, Tebogo pulled farther way. The American favorite, who had gone three years without losing in the 200, labored into the finish and collapsed onto the track

after ending up in third.

The insidious specter of COVID, the killer virus that upended the globe four years ago and made the last Olympics part of its collateral damage, struck at the Paris Games, too.

"I still wanted to run," Lyles said, wearing a mask, as he spoke to reporters. "They said it was possible."

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

TENNIS

Jannik Sinner beats Borna Coric in Montreal in return from tonsillitis

MONTREAL: Top-ranked Jannik Sinner opened his National Bank Open title defense with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Borna Coric on Thursday in the second round of the National Bank Open.

Sinner missed the Olympics because of tonsillitis after a quarterfinal loss to Daniil Medvedev at Wimbledon. In January, Sinner beat Medvedev in the Australian Open final for his first Grand Slam title.

"Very happy and excited to go back on court," Sinner said. "It was a tough match, but I served quite well in important moments and returned well in the games when I broke him. So a very positive start."

Second-seeded Alexander Zverev routed Jordan Thompson 6-1, 6-1 for his ATP Tour-leading 48th match victory of the year. **PTI**

PARIS GAMES

Happy for Neeraj, equally happy for Nadeem, he is also our child: Chopra's mother



NEW DELHI: Elated at her son's silver medal, Neeraj Chopra's mother Saroj Devi also expressed happiness for Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who broke the Olympic record to beat the Indian defending champion in Paris, saying that the latter is also like her "child". "We are very happy with the silver, the one who got gold is also our child and the one who got silver is also our child... all are athletes, all work hard," Saroj told PTI Videos in Khandra, Panipat, where the family is based. "Nadeem is also good, he plays well, there is no difference between Neeraj and Nadeem. **PTI**

Gauff Dominates Toronto

Top-seeded Coco Gauff beats Yafan Wang 6-4, 6-2 in Toronto since April

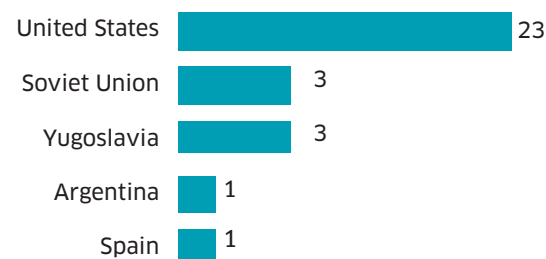


TORONTO: Top-seeded Coco Gauff routed Yafan Wang 6-4, 6-2 on Thursday in the second round of the National Bank Open. Preparing for her U.S. Open title defense, Gauff played her first hard-court match since the Miami Open in April. "It's not easy transitioning from all these different surfaces in such a short amount of time," said the 20-year-old American, coming off a third-round loss on clay in the Paris Olympics. "Happy to get pushed through." In the night session, second-seeded Aryna Sabalenka, the Australian Open winner, beat Yue Yuan 6-2, 6-2.

"I wouldn't say that I played my best tennis," Sabalenka said. "Really happy that I was able to stay focused no matter what." Elise Mertens edged Naomi Osaka 6-3, 6-4 in a late match. Osaka, a former No. 1 player with four Grand Slam titles, is returning to form following maternity leave. Earlier, fourth-seeded Jelena Ostapenko outlasted Paula Badosa 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2. Badosa won the Washington title Sunday in her comeback from a back injury. No. 5 Daria Kasatkina, No. 6 Liudmila Samsonova, No. 8 Emma Navarro and No. 10 Anna Kalinskaya advanced. **PTI**

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TOP 5 COUNTRIES IN OLYMPIC BASKETBALL GOLD MEDALS



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PARIS GAMES

Netherlands beats Germany for men's field hockey gold

PARIS: The Netherlands secured their first Olympic gold in men's field hockey since 2000 by defeating Germany 2-1 in a tense shootout at the Paris Games. The final, held at Yves-du-Manoir Stadium, saw an unusual interruption when a sprinkler unexpectedly activated early in the second half, briefly halting play. After a scoreless first half, Dutch captain Thierry Brinkman scored early in the fourth quarter, but Germany's Thies Prinz quickly equalized. With the game tied after regulation, the Netherlands triumphed in the shootout, with Brinkman, Thijs van Dam, and Duco Telgenkamp converting their chances. A postgame scuffle ensued after Germany's Niklas Wellen took exception to Telgenkamp's celebration. Meanwhile, India claimed bronze with a 2-1 victory over Spain, marking their second consecutive Olympic medal in men's field hockey. **PTI**

PARIS GAMES

Kept calm and handled pressure well at Paris Olympics: Shooter Kusale



PUNE: Ace marksman Swapnil Kusale, who won a bronze medal at the Paris Olympics in 50m rifle 3 positions event, on Thursday said he kept himself calm at the shooting range under pressure and despite encountering hot weather which eventually paid off and ended in his podium finish. During an interaction at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Sports Complex in Balewadi, the 29-year-old marksman thanked the government for arranging training camps abroad and providing financial support. "On the match day (for medal), it was very hot out there at the shooting range but I kept myself calm and also kept pressure at bay," the ace marksman said. **PTI**



Paris Olympic Games



China nears historic clean sweep in diving golds

China closes in on unprecedented Olympic diving sweep, winning 7 out of 7 gold medals at Paris Games, with only one event remaining.

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China dominates Paris Olympics diving, aiming for a perfect sweep with one gold left to claim.

SAINT-DENIS: China is 7 for 7 in diving golds at the Paris Olympics -- just one to go for an unprecedented sweep of all eight diving golds in the Games. Chen Yiwen won the women's 3-meter springboard on Friday for China's seventh gold medal. Maddison Keeney of Australia took silver, with bronze going to Chang Yani of China.

It was Chen's second gold in Paris after winning earlier in the 3-meter synchronized with partner Chang. Both divers were cheered on by a large Chinese crowd waving China's red-and-yellow flag and shouting "jiayou, jiayou" -- roughly translated as "let's go" -- each time they prepared to dive.

Chen won with 376.00 points from five dives, followed by Keeney (343.10) and Chang (318.75). Chiara Pellacani of Italy was fourth with 309.60.

No Americans qualified for the final 12. The sweep could happen Saturday



China's Chen Yiwen reacts after her final dive.

HIGHLIGHT

- Chen Yiwen's victory secures China's seventh diving gold, continuing their Olympic dominance.
- China's diving dominance spans decades, winning 54 of 71 gold medals since 1984.

in the final diving session of the Olympics with the men's 10-meter platform.

China dominates all phases of diving but none more than the women's 3-meter springboard. China has won the event in 10 straight Olympics.

The last time it didn't win was the 1984 Los Angeles Games, where China won its first gold medal in diving.

Chen and Chang set off joyous celebrations earlier in the Games after their synchronized gold. Chen carried Chang -- many described it as a "bridal carry" -- in her arms to celebrate. They are both making their Olympic debut and have a strong friendship.

Including Friday's results, China has won 54 of 71 gold medals in diving since 1984. Since the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the country has won 34 of 39 gold medals in the discipline.

Disappointing finish for Indian relay teams

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India's men's and women's 4x400m relay teams miss finals, despite season's best performances.

PARIS: The Indian men's 4x400m relay team failed to live up to expectations as it finished 10th overall in the heat race to miss a final round spot in the Paris Olympics here on Friday.

The Indian quartet of Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Muhammed Ajmal, Amoj Jacob and Rajesh Ramesh clocked a season's best of 3 minutes and 0.58 seconds but that was enough only for a fourth-place finish in heat number 2 and 10th overall out of 16 teams. The top three teams in each of the two heats and the next two fastest across the two heats advance to the final. Botswana (2:57.76), Great Britain (2:58.88) and USA (2:59.15) were the top three while Japan was fourth with a time of 2:59.48. India holds the Asian record of 2:59.05 which it had clocked during the 2023 Budapest World Championships where the team was briefly running alongside the formidable USA.

The Athletics Federation of India had pinned a lot of hope on the men's 4x400m relay team to make it to the final round, but it failed to do so ultimately. The women's 4x400m relay team also failed to qualify for



India's Jyothika Dandi runs after taking the baton from Vithya Ramraj during the women's 4 x 400m relay race

HIGHLIGHT

- Men's team finishes 10th overall, missing final despite strong effort.
- Women's team places 15th, ending hopes for final round qualification.

the final round after finishing 15th overall out of 16 countries competed in the round one heats.

The quartet of Vithya Ramraj, Jyothika Sri Dandi, MR Poovamma and Subha Venkatesan clocked 3:32.51 to finish eighth and last in heat number two and 15th overall.

| HOCKEY |

It's a different feeling when hockey team wins a medal: Sreejesh

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Sreejesh reflects on hockey's emotional significance despite cricket's dominant popularity.

PARIS: Retiring Indian men's hockey team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh reflected on the emotional significance of hockey in India, despite cricket's dominant popularity and financial advantages. After India secured their second consecutive bronze medal with a 2-1 victory against Spain, Sreejesh acknowledged that cricket receives more media attention but emphasized that hockey carries deep emotional value for the nation.

Sreejesh shared that Prime Minister Narendra Modi told the team that, while all sports victories are



HIGHLIGHT

- He emphasizes fans' unwavering support, crucial for the team's continued success.
- PM's words highlight the special significance of hockey victories for India.

celebrated, there's something uniquely special when Indian hockey wins a medal. He highlighted that, despite the financial disparity, the emotional connection and support from fans make hockey victories particularly meaningful, proving that in the battle between money and emotions, emotions often prevail.

Decision on Vinesh 'defied logic and sporting sense': Tendulkar

NEW DELHI: Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar on Friday threw his weight behind Vinesh Phogat saying the disqualification of the Indian wrestler, ahead of her gold-medal bout at the Paris Olympics, "defied logic and sporting sense, and asked for rules to be revisited. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Tendulkar said that Vinesh was robbed of a deserving silver medal. "Every sport has rules and those rules need to be seen in context, maybe even revisited at times. Vinesh Phogat qualified fair and square for the finals. Her disqualification by weight, was before the finals, and hence, for her to be robbed of a deserving silver medal defies logic and sporting sense," Tendulkar wrote.

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Sreejesh and Bhaker to lead India in closing ceremony

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Hockey legend PR Sreejesh joins shooter Manu Bhaker as India's flag-bearers at the Olympics' end.

PARIS: Celebrated hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh will join star shooter Manu Bhaker as India's flag-bearer in the closing ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games on Sunday. This honor recognizes Sreejesh's immense contributions to Indian hockey, especially as he retires after an illustrious 18-year career. Sreejesh's selection as a flag-bearer was supported by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) leadership, including President PT Usha and Chef-de-Mission Gagan Narang.



Olympic medalist Manu Bhaker being felicitated by Rahul Gandhi. | Photo: PTI

HIGHLIGHT

- Neeraj Chopra endorsed Sreejesh, reflecting immense respect for the retiring hockey star.
- Sreejesh's selection honors his 18-year career, ending with Olympic bronze.

Chopra, who won silver in Paris and made history as the first Indian track and field athlete to win two Olympic medals, expressed his respect for Sreejesh, saying he would have suggested the hockey legend's name himself.

Sreejesh played a crucial role in India's 2-1 victory over Spain in the bronze medal playoff, marking a fitting end to his career.

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Neeraj and hockey spark Olympic website and app surge

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PARIS: Ace Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra's silver medal and the hockey team's bronze-medal success have led to a massive spike in the number of users following the progress of the country's athletes on the Paris Olympics website and dedicated app for the Games.

Christian Klaue, the International Olympic Committee's Corporate Communications and

Public Affairs Director, said on Friday that 273 million users had visited the Olympic website and app, with the maximum number coming from India owing to the success of Neeraj and the hockey team that won its second consecutive bronze medal in the quadrennial showpiece.

"Olympics Web & App has reached 273 million users for Paris 2024, with the highest number of users from India during these Games yesterday



(Thursday), driven by their 4th and 5th medals from Neeraj Chopra and the Men's hockey team,"

wrote Klaue on 'X'. Neeraj, the Indian superstar, failed in his bid to win a second consecutive gold medal at the Olympics, settling for silver behind Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem.

The men's hockey team, led by Harmanpreet Singh, won back-to-back bronze medals at the Games for the first time in 52 years with the captain scoring both the goals in the 2-1 win over Spain.

Klaue added that the dedicated Whatsapp channels had garnered more than five million followers since it was

launched last month.

"The Olympics launched two dedicated WhatsApp channels in July, quickly gaining 5 million followers, making it the fastest-growing channel for the Olympics after Instagram and TikTok during this period.

"Augmented reality lenses across the Olympics and Snapchat apps have been opened over half a billion times, setting a new record for AR feature usage in the Olympics app," he added.

Antim Panghal returns to India

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NEW DELHI: Indian wrestler Antim Panghal, who found herself in a soup following a disciplinary breach at the Olympic Games' athletes village in Paris, returned to country on Friday. The wrestler grabbed headlines on Wednesday after she tried to facilitate her sister's entry into the athletes village through her accreditation card, after which they were summoned by the police. The incident left

the country embarrassed and the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) furious and the apex sports body promptly decided to fly Panghal and her support staff back home after the act of transgression was brought to its notice by the French authorities.

Although the world championship bronze medalist said she did not "intend to do anything wrong," she is expected to face disciplinary action for violating the rules inside the athletes village.

World



Colombia's President Gustavo Petro was the target of a possible attack in July.
Iván Velásquez
Defense Minister, Colombia

INS Tabar arrives at London for a four-day visit



Indian Navy's frontline frigate, INS Tabar arrives at London harbour for a four-day visit, Wednesday, Aug 7, 2024. | Photo: PTI

7 security personnel killed

PESHAWAR: At least seven Pakistani security personnel were killed and 11 others injured when militants affiliated with the Pakistani Taliban attacked a security post in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Friday, officials here said.

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RUSSIA UKRAINE WAR

Russia declares a federal emergency in a border region that is under attack

KYIV: Russia's Ministry for Emergencies on Friday declared the situation in the Kursk region a "federal level" emergency, four days after hundreds of Ukrainian troops poured over the border in what appeared to be Kyiv's biggest attack on Russian soil since the war began. Meanwhile, a Russian plane-launched missile hit a Ukrainian shopping mall late morning Friday, killing at least nine people and injuring 26, authorities said. The mall in Kostiantynivka, in the eastern Donetsk region, is located in the town's residential area. Thick black smoke rose above it after the strike. "This is another targeted attack on a crowded place, another act of terror by the Russians," Donetsk regional head Vadym Filashkin said in a Telegram post. "The operational situation in the Kursk region remains difficult," Kursk acting governor Alexei Smirnov said on Telegram. Social services and civic associations are providing assistance to people forced to flee their homes by the fighting, he said. **PTI**

SERBIA LITHIUM

Residents of Serbia's lithium-rich region vow to block EU-backed mining



GORNJE NEDELJICE: Zlatko Kokanovic does not want a lithium mine in his backyard and he will do anything he can to stop it from opening. "All of us here, we are ready to lose our lives," the 48-year farmer told The Associated Press. "They can shoot. That is the only way they can open the mine." At stake is a lush farming valley in western Serbia that holds one of Europe's richest deposits of lithium, a precious metal that is used to make batteries for electric cars and is crucial for the global transition to green energy. **PTI**

UN condemns attacks, violence on Hindus in B'desh

Several Hindu temples, households and businesses have been vandalised, and two Hindu leaders affiliated with former PM Hasina's Awami League party have been killed in violence.

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UNITED NATIONS: Amid violence against the minority Hindu community in Bangladesh, a spokesperson for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he stands against any racially based attacks or incitement to violence. "What we've made clear is we want to make sure that the violence that has been occurring in Bangladesh in recent weeks is tamped down. Certainly, we stand against any racially based attacks or incitement to violence," Farhan Haq, Deputy Spokesperson for the Secretary-General, said

here on Thursday. He was responding to a question on the Secretary-General's reaction to attacks on Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh. Several Hindu temples, households and businesses have been vandalised, and at least two Hindu leaders affiliated with former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League party have been killed in the violence since Monday, when Hasina resigned and fled to India. Since Hasina fled the country, media reports from Bangladesh have flagged more and more cases of violence against minorities, including the

HIGHLIGHT

- At least 232 people were killed in incidents of violence that erupted across Bangladesh following fall of Hasina govt.
- Death toll rose to 560 since the anti-quota protests first started in mid-July.

massive vandalism and destruction at popular folk band Joler Gaan's frontman Rahul Ananda's residence on Monday, prompting the singer and his family to go into hiding. However, it is not just Hindus that are targeted.

At least 232 people were killed in Bangladesh in the incidents of violence that erupted across the country following the fall of the Hasina government on Monday, taking the death toll to 560 since the anti-quota protests first started in mid-July. On Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus being sworn in as head of the interim government, Haq noted the UN's hopes "for an inclusive process of forming a government" and said, "We continue to hold that hope. And, of course, any sign of lessening of violence and greater restraint amongst the public is a good thing." When

asked if Secretary-General Guterres had congratulated Yunus or spoken over the phone, Haq said Guterres had not spoken to him, but UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Gwyn Lewis attended the swearing-in ceremony.

ISRAEL HAMAS MEDIATORS

Israeli troops launch a new assault into Khan Younis

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Israeli troops launched a new assault Friday into the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis, targeting Hamas fighters.



Troops operate in the Gaza Strip. | Photo: PTI

HIGHLIGHT

- Hamas' newly named top leader and one of the architects of the October 7 attack on Israel, could be hiding in tunnels under Khan Younis.

in July. Thousands fled Thursday, carrying essen-

tials like small gas cylinders, mattresses, tents, backpacks and blankets. Officials from Israel and the United States have said they believe Yahya Sinwar, Hamas' newly named top leader and one of the architects of the October 7 attack on Israel, could be hiding in tunnels under Khan Younis.

China files WTO complaint against EU over tariffs on electric vehicles

BEIJING: The Chinese government said it filed a complaint Friday with the World Trade Organisation over European Union tariffs on electric vehicles made in China.

The Commerce Ministry said that China had resorted to the WTO dispute settlement mechanism "to safeguard the development rights and interests of the electric vehicle industry and cooperation on the global green transformation". The EU has imposed provisional tariffs of up to 37.6% on EVs made in China, saying they unfairly benefit from government subsidies. China says its support for the EV industry conforms with WTO rules.

MIDEAST TENSIONS

Three suspected Houthi attacks target a ship off Yemen

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DUBAI: Three suspected attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted a ship in the strategic Bab el-Mandeb Strait linking the Gulf of Aden to the Red Sea, including one that saw pri-

vate security guards shoot and destroy a bomb-loaded drone boat, authorities said Friday. The Houthis did not immediately claim the assaults, though they follow a monthslong campaign by the rebels targeting shipping through

the Red Sea corridor over Israel's war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip. After a recent two-week pause, their attacks resumed following the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Iran, amid concerns of a wider regional war.

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