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| RESET IN TIES |

PM Modi announces NPR 24,000-crore Nepal package

Modi flags off cross-border train with Nepal PM Balendra Shah.

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday announced an economic package worth 24,000 crore Nepalese rupees for Nepal and flagged off a cross-border passenger train alongside his Nepalese counterpart, Balendra Shah, as both sides finalised a vision document and signed eight pacts to deepen bilateral cooperation, signalling a major reset in ties after a spell of strain over their lingering boundary row.



PM Narendra Modi speaks during a joint press statement with his Nepalese counterpart Balendra Shah following bilateral talks in New Delhi,

The two leaders also virtually inaugurated two India-funded energy and connectivity projects in Nepal and laid the foundation stones for three other initiatives, besides resolving to expand the two-way engagement in many other key sectors.

> **Neighbourly ties, unwavering trust.**
> **Narendra Modi,** Prime Minister

"The relationship between India and Nepal is not just one of neighbourhood, but it is about closeness and unwavering trust," Modi said in his media statement in the presence of Shah.

"We share our joys, and so do our challenges. We are partners in each other's progress and also support each other in difficult times," he said.

Shah, who came to power in March after a landslide victory in Nepal's parliamentary polls triggered by last year's youth-led protests, arrived in India on Sunday on his first bilateral foreign visit.

In his remarks, the Nepalese prime minister said "mutual respect, steadfast trust and unbroken goodwill" are the bedrock of Nepal-India relations.

Maoist dump yields electronic equipment seizure

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BIJAPUR: Security forces have recovered a cache of electronic equipment, including a night vision device, wireless sets and a camera, allegedly concealed by Maoists in a forest in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district, police said on Monday. The recovery was made on Sunday during a search-cum-area domination operation conducted by a joint team of security personnel in the forested hills near Gunjeparti village under the Usoor police station limits, a police official said. The operation was launched on November 21 based on inputs provided by informers, he said, adding that the Maoist dump was detected on Sunday in the forest-hill, around 20 km from Usoor police station. The recovered items include a night vision device, wireless sets, a camera, electronic equipment, batteries, chargers, medical supplies and other daily-use articles, they said. A case has been registered at Usoor police station, and a detailed investigation is underway, the official added. Police have appealed to local residents to immediately inform the nearest police station or security camp about any suspicious object or explosive material and refrain from touching such items, maintaining a safe distance from them. On November 5, security forces recovered 711 BGL shells concealed by Maoists near the Karregutta hills, while the next day, they seized 900 electronic and non-electronic detonators along with materials.

NEWSLINE

NEW DELHI

Prez greets on Guru Nanak Jayanti

President Droupadi Murmu on Monday greeted citizens on the eve of Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev and asked them to resolve to follow his teachings and contribute to the welfare of society and the nation.

The message of 'Ik Onkar' given by Guru Nanak Dev is, in essence, a message of the unity of all humanity, she said.

He emphasised the need to build a society free from caste distinctions, social hierarchies and discrimination, the President said.

"On this sacred occasion, let us resolve to follow the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and contribute to the welfare of society and the nation by upholding the values of service, equality and harmony," she said in a message.

The President said Guru Nanak Dev taught that love, compassion and service to humanity should form the foundation of our lives.

NEW DELHI

WhatsApp Web session

A WhatsApp Web session left logged in on a public computer or a shared device could become a gateway for cybercriminals to hijack accounts, read private conversations and impersonate users to carry out fraud, a latest advisory from the Union home ministry's anti-cybercrime wing, I4C, warned on Monday.

The National Cybercrime Threat Analytics Unit (NCTAU) of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) has warned that authenticated WhatsApp Web sessions could be used to gain unauthorised access, allowing malicious actors to read messages, send communications while impersonating the account holder, access contact lists and group conversations, and exploit the user's trusted identity to carry out fraud, phishing and social-engineering attacks.

Nvidia reinstates Jensen Huang as CEO

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The Board believes Jensen is the right person to lead NVIDIA.

WASHINGTON: Nvidia's board reinstated Jensen Huang as its president and CEO on Monday in a surprise move shortly after rejecting his offer to return.

It's the latest twist in the fallout from Huang's admission of an affair with a woman suspected of being a Chinese spy.



"The Board believes Jensen is the right person to lead NVIDIA, and that his reinstatement is in the best interests of our stockholders, employees, partners and customers," board Chairman Harvey C. Jones said in a statement Monday.

Jensen Huang was forced to resign as CEO of Nvidia over revelations about his extramarital affairs, including one with a woman suspected of being a Chinese spy, calls for his return have been bolstered by none other than US President Donald Trump.

At a press conference on Friday (November 20), following his return from the Philippines and China, Trump reaffirmed his support for Huang.

| BROKEN DREAMS |

'Drug abuse shatters families' dreams and hopes'

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Entire Sikh tradition has been synonymous with the spirit of sacrificing everything for the nation and its culture.

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday called upon the youth to stay away from all forms of addiction, particularly drugs, saying substance abuse not only destroys young lives but also shatters the dreams and aspirations of their families. Addressing a gathering after attending a Shabad Kirtan recital at Delhi Lok Niwas on the eve of Parkash Purab, the birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev, the first Sikh Guru, Modi stressed the importance of family support in combating drug addiction.



"May every young person in the country be free from addiction. May they fulfil their dreams. May they study hard, move forward, and bring pride to their families and their country. Families have a very important role to play in this effort," he said. The Prime Minister observed that when young people fall under the influence of drugs, the hopes and dreams of their families are shattered. He urged families to remain actively involved in guiding and supporting young people, enabling them to lead healthy and productive lives. Highlighting the universal message of Sri Guru Nanak Dev, Modi said the spirit of 'Sarbat Da Bhala' – wishing well-being for all – was particularly relevant in the present global situation. He emphasised that the principle should inspire efforts to ensure peace across the world, safety for every family and an opportunity for every individual to live with dignity.

Referring to conflicts and unrest in several parts of the world, the Prime Minister said innocent people and countless families were suffering because of violence and instability.

Illuminated Golden Temple



People wait to offer prayers at the illuminated Golden Temple ahead of Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev, in Amritsar, Punjab, Monday.| Photo PTI

| APEX COURT RULING |

'Children not mere chattels, nor toys for their parents'

Press Trust Of India

Court Upholds Children's Bond With Mother.

NEW DELHI: The welfare of a minor is the paramount consideration for a court while appointing a guardian, the Supreme Court said on Monday, observing that children are not mere "chattels" nor toys for their parents.



Dealing with a plea concerning the custody of two minors whose parents are divorced, the court said the children should not be separated from their mother, with whom they have developed a strong natural bond over the years.

Observing that the father also deserves the company of his children, who are the victims of a "fractured marriage", a bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Aparesh Kumar Singh said he would be allowed to meet the minors between 10 am and 2 pm on the second Saturday and Sunday of every month.

The bench said when the court is confronted with conflicting demands from the parents, it has not only to look at the issue on a legalistic basis.

| LEGAL ACTION |

Bisleri faces prosecution over contaminated water sample

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Bisleri International, one of India's largest packaged drinking water companies, faces legal action after the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) declared one of its water samples 'unsafe' following laboratory tests that detected chemical contaminants. The food safety regulator has formally approved prosecution proceedings against the company under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.



The action follows the detection of bromate above the prescribed limit and the subsequent identification of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in a sample collected from the company's Goa facility. The findings have raised concerns over the safety of packaged drinking water and prompted the regulator to intensify surveillance of the sector. FSSAI has reportedly collected samples from major packaged drinking water brands as part of its enforcement drive. Officials have also inspected food business operators involved in the bottled water trade and sent samples to laboratories for testing. The regulator is considering legal action against companies found violating food safety standards.

HIGHLIGHT

- **FSSAI declares sample 'unsafe' after detecting bromate and PAHs; regulator also steps up testing of other packaged drinking water brands.**

'Water is safe'

Bisleri International has maintained that its packaged drinking water is safe for consumption and said it would cooperate with the food safety regulator. The company said the matter relates to a batch manufactured at its Goa plant in September 2025, around 14 months ago. According to Bisleri, five of the six samples collected by FSSAI met the prescribed standards, while one showed bromate levels of 12 micrograms per litre.The company further claimed that subsequent tests at a reference laboratory and another FSSAI-approved independent laboratory found bromate within permissible limits. However, the reference laboratory separately identified PAHs.

What the laboratory tests found

The initial examination of a sample collected in Goa detected bromate at 12 micrograms per litre, against the prescribed maximum limit of 10 micrograms per litre. Following the company's appeal, the sample was referred to a reference food laboratory, which subsequently reported the presence of PAHs.

Raipur



Arun Sao-Cut-Out
Success is attained by those who possess self-confidence, patience, and the courage to confront adverse circumstances.

Arun Sao
Dy. CM Ch'garh

Domestic violence should not be overlooked: Deka

Governor attends workshop on human trafficking and domestic violence.

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RAIPUR: Governor Ramen Deka stated that human trafficking and domestic violence are serious social issues. Effectively curbing these problems requires the strict enforcement of laws, proactive engagement from relevant enforcement agencies, and the collective participation of society. Domestic violence should never be dismissed as a routine or normal occurrence; it must be treated with the utmost seriousness, and such cases must be addressed impartially and independently. He urged the community and voluntary organizations to step forward to raise awareness and provide support to victims.

Governor Ramen Deka was addressing the inaugural session of a training-cum-workshop on human trafficking and domestic violence, organized by the Chhattisgarh State Commission for Women at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium in Raipur. He attended the event as the chief guest.

The Governor noted that human trafficking has taken on a dangerous form today. It is no longer limited to the movement of people from one place to another; incidents are now also linked to the demand for human organs. This has become a critical issue, making the effective implementation of laws and the accountability of relevant agencies essential to tackling the problem.

Deka observed that while the joint family system was once the norm, the number of nuclear families is now on the rise. Domestic violence has existed in the past and continues to occur today. Factors such as illiteracy and unemployment can further exacerbate this issue. Victims of domestic violence include not only homemakers but also women who work outside the home.

He emphasized that domestic violence must be viewed with the same level of seriousness as an addiction, as its adverse effects impact the individual, the family, and society as a whole.

HIGHLIGHT

- **The Governor stressed the need to implement the ideas discussed during the workshop and the conclusions drawn from them on the ground.**

Major decision taken related to multi-level parking at collectorate

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RAIPUR: The Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) has taken a significant step regarding the operation of the multi-level parking facility located within the Raipur Collectorate premises. A tender process has been initiated with the objective of making the parking system more organized, secure, and convenient for citizens. The tenders are proposed to be opened within the next week. Currently, the parking facility is available to the public completely free of charge. Once the tender process is concluded, the systematic operation of the parking facility will be ensured.

According to reports, the multi-level parking at the Collectorate was previously managed departmentally. During that period, some complaints were received regarding its operation and management. Taking these complaints seriously, the responsibilities of the concerned staff have been clearly defined. The goal is to ensure regular monitoring of the parking premises and establish accountability in all operational tasks. The Municipal Corporation is taking necessary measures to improve the parking system, with officials focusing on ensuring that citizens visiting the premises do not face any inconvenience. To this end, the operational framework is being enhanced, and monitoring protocols along with staff responsibilities have been clarified.

Jitendra nabbed in child-trafficking case

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RAIPUR: The police have achieved another significant breakthrough in the case involving the alleged buying and selling of newborns in the capital city, Raipur. The Azad Chowk police station team has arrested another suspect, Jitendra Khetan, who is implicated in the case. Six individuals had already been arrested previously; with this seventh arrest, the police have intensified their investigation into the entire network involved in the trafficking of newborns.

According to the police, the interrogation of the accused has revealed crucial information regarding the sale and purchase of other infants. A case has been registered at the Azad Chowk police station (Crime No. 307/2026) under Sections 140(3), 143(4), 318(4), and 61 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Acting under the guidance of senior officials, the police team is conducting an ongoing investigation, which led to the arrest of Jitendra Khetan based on the evidence gathered.

OBC groups unite in Raipur, mobilise for Delhi mega rally



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RAIPUR: A state-level meeting of the All India Caste Census Coordination Committee was held at Phool Chowk in Raipur on Sunday to press for a separate column, code number and drop-down menu for the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the forthcoming caste census.

Representatives of various OBC organisations, social activists and hundreds of supporters attended the meeting and resolved to make the November 28 mega protest at Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi a success. They called for maximum participation from Chhattisgarh. Speakers emphasised that accurate enumeration of the OBC population was essential to ensuring fair assessment of the community's social, educational, economic and political status, as well as its rightful representation. They described caste-based enumeration as a crucial issue linked to the community's rights, dignity and constitutional entitlements.

| 'VANDE MATARAM CAMP' |

Country's diversity is our greatest strength: Arun Sao

Central Chronicle News

Dy CM meets youth from 6 states visiting Chhattisgarh under the 'Vande Mataram Camp'; shares the mantra for success



RAIPUR: Dy CM and Minister for Sports and Youth Welfare, Arun Sao, met with youth from six states who were on a visit to Chhattisgarh. Under the Government of India's 'Vande Mataram Camp,' 150 young people from Tripura, Maharashtra, Telangana, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir travelled to Chhattisgarh. Throughout their week-long stay, they engaged with the state's culture, art, cuisine, history, archaeological treasures, and development. They also learned about the diverse cultures, culinary traditions, and lifestyles of each other's home states. On the final day of their visit, they met with Dy CM Sao to share their experiences. Addressing the youth from various states at his residence-office in Naya Raipur, Sao stated that the responsibility of building a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) by 2047–and leading that vision–will rest on the shoulders of today's younger generation. He emphasized that the nation's youth possess the talent, capability, and self-confidence required to propel India to a position of global leadership.

| GOLDEN BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS |

Sathya Sai Hospitals earn global recognition

Central Chronicle News



RAIPUR: The 101st birth anniversary of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba was celebrated with devotion and spiritual fervour, reaffirming his vision of completely free healthcare, education and selfless service for all.

Adding to the occasion's significance, Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospitals (SSSSH) received recognition in the Golden Book of World Records for completing 45,000 successful surgeries. Mrs Sonal Rajesh Sharma, Chhattisgarh Head of the Golden Book of World Records, presented the certificate to Dr C. Sreenivas, Chairman of the Sri Sathya Sai Health and Education Trust, in the presence of chief guest Brijmohan Agrawal, MP from Raipur. Recalling his long association with the hospital, Agrawal said it had transformed the healthcare landscape of Chhattisgarh and emerged as a trusted destination for children with heart ailments from across the country. During the special Gift of Life programme, he also presented gifts and certificates to patients.

Sharma described the hospital's services as unique and unparalleled, expressing her privilege in presenting the recognition to an institution dedicated to selfless service.

Inspired by Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's message of 'Love All, Serve All', the hospital continues to bring hope and smiles to children through its commitment to completely free healthcare.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

CREATIVE LEARNING

Young Director session held at RIS and St. Xavier's High School



RAIPUR: St. Xavier's High School and Ryan International School(RIS), Raipur, hosted a Young Director Session conducted by Miss Shibani Sharma, Director of Ryan TV, Ryan International, Mumbai. The session provided students with an opportunity to explore the creative and technical aspects of media production, including filmmaking, photography, video editing, photo editing, lighting, camera positioning, framing, and storytelling.

Around 150 students from St. Xavier's High School and Ryan International School, Raipur, along with students from St. Xavier's High School, Durg and Dhamtari, participated in the interactive session. The programme provided students with an opportunity to learn, interact, and explore their creative potential in the field of digital media.

Students gained practical insights into digital content creation and learned how the effective use of technology can enhance creativity and communication.

To encourage students to apply their learning, each participant was provided with a creative kit comprising a digital pen, ring light, and convertible tripod stand with a mobile phone holder.

DISCOMFORT DUE TO LEG INJURY

Former MP Nandkumar Sai sustains injury, CM brings him to Raipur by helicopter



RAIPUR: Demonstrating concern for the well-being of former MP and senior tribal leader Nandkumar Sai, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai brought him to Raipur by helicopter to ensure he receives proper medical care.

Speaking to journalists today, CM Sai explained that Nandkumar Sai had slipped and fallen two days ago, resulting in a leg injury. The Chief Minister mentioned that while visiting Jashpur yesterday, he attended an event near Nandkumar Sai's residence. During this visit, he called on Nandkumar Sai at his home to check on his health.

CM Sai noted that the leg injury was causing difficulty for Nandkumar Sai in moving around. As the Chief Minister was scheduled to travel to Raipur today, he brought Nandkumar Sai along in the helicopter to spare him any travel-related discomfort and to ensure access to superior medical facilities. He added that arrangements have been made for Nandkumar Sai's treatment at Balaji Hospital in Raipur.

CELEBRATING FIRST ANNIVERSARY

'Adhyayan' launches 'The Peepal Post' on its first anniversary



RAIPUR: 'Adhyayan,' an open writing and literary community in Raipur, celebrated its first anniversary on November 22. The event marked the completion of one year since the community's inception on November 2, 2025. Initiated by Satpriya Kaur, the project began as a modest idea and has since evolved into a shared platform where people come together to explore writing, delve into creativity, and exchange ideas. The community's free weekly sessions in Raipur cover a diverse range of topics–from poetry, literature, and storytelling to music, art, and everyday life experiences. The platform welcomes individuals from all backgrounds, regardless of whether they identify as writers. Its core objective is to provide a space for self-expression, the sharing of diverse perspectives, and the fostering of connections through the power of words.

To mark the anniversary, a newsletter titled 'The Peepal Post' was also launched. Created by Satpriya Kaur and Y. Jahnavi, this newsletter serves as an extension of the 'Adhyayan' community. It aims to carry the spirit of curiosity, creativity, and expression–central to the community–beyond the weekly gatherings and reach a wider audience.

FREE DENTAL HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP

Shri Davara University organises free dental health check-up camp



RAIPUR: Shri Davara University (DU) organised a Free Dental Health Check-up Camp at its educational campus in Naya Raipur for university students and staff. The initiative aimed to promote oral hygiene, preventive dental care, and overall health and well-being among the university community. The camp allowed students and staff to undergo dental screening and receive necessary treatment from a specialised team of visiting dental professionals from New Horizon Dental College & Research Institute, Sakri, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh).

The programme was inaugurated in the gracious presence of Director General Dr. Charmi Davara, CEO Shri Chinmoy Davara, Honorary Director Shri Tulsidas Sanghani, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. Varun Ganjeer and Registrar Vipin Shrivastav.

The dental team comprised Dr. Swati Agrawal, Assistant Professor, along with Dr. Ishan Sahu, Dr. Muskan Mukherjee, Dr. Pragati Naik, Dr. Amolak Singh and Dr. Khushi Modi. During the camp, the team conducted dental screenings for a large number of students and provided necessary dental treatment based on their individual requirements. Addressing the students, Director General Dr. Charmi Davara highlighted the importance of maintaining proper oral hygiene and undergoing regular dental check-ups.

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'AI is powerful tool to multiply capabilities'

A new chapter of technological innovation in Chhattisgarh's higher education: MoU signed between the Department of Higher Education and Google for Education

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RAIPUR: The state government of Chhattisgarh has taken a significant initiative to integrate modern technology, innovation, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) into higher education. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Department of Higher Education and Google for Education. This marks the beginning of a new chapter aimed at making teaching, research, and administrative processes in the state's colleges more effective, high-quality, and technology-driven. As part of this initiative, professors, officers, and staff are being trained in the practical application of AI technology.

Addressing the MoU signing and AI training program held today, November 23, at the DD Upadhyay Auditorium, Higher Education Minister Tankram Verma stated that the current era is defined by knowledge, innovation, and technology. Artificial Intelligence possesses the potential to bring about comprehensive changes in the education system. In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) and the spirit of the National Education Policy 2020, the Chhattisgarh government is promoting the effective use of modern technology in higher education. 'AI Technology: A Tool to Enhance the Role of Educators'

FASTFACTS

- AI training provided to over 500 teachers from 22 colleges in Raipur, along with more than 50 officers and staff members from the Directorate of Higher Education

Minister Verma stated that AI is not a replacement for teachers; rather, it is a vital tool that can significantly amplify their efficiency, creativity, and teaching effectiveness. A good teacher does more than just impart information–they inspire students to think, comprehend, question, and move forward in life. AI technology can prove instrumental in making this role even more impactful.

Higher Education Minister Verma noted that AI technology will enable professors to develop multilingual study material. It will assist in explaining complex subjects in a simple and engaging manner, creating superior lesson plans, enhancing the effectiveness of student assessment and feedback, and unlocking new potential in research endeavors. In a state like Chhattisgarh–characterized by its diverse linguistic, social, and geographical landscape–this technology can play a pivotal role in expanding access to quality education.

Higher Education Minister Verma stated that the objective of this training is not merely to impart technical knowledge, but to ensure its practical application in the daily academic and administrative activities of colleges and offices. He urged officials and educators to embrace technological transformation with a positive outlook and to cultivate an environment of awareness regarding innovation and the use of AI within their respective institutions.

'Training for over 500 teachers, officials from 22 Colleges'

A significant milestone of this program is the initial workshop, which is providing training in AI technology to more than 500 teachers and officials from 22 colleges in the Raipur district, as well as over 50 officials and staff members from the Directorate of Higher Education. Following this foundational training, 10 offline training sessions will be conducted for departmental staff and officials. Online training options will also be made available as needed. 'AI Can Help Foster an Environment of Awareness' The event was attended by the Secretary of the Higher Education Department, Avinash Champawat; the Commissioner of Higher Education, Rita Yadav; the Vice-Chancellor of Rungta International Skills University.

Govt offices, schools, banks closed today

RAIPUR: Following the holidays for Diwali, Bhai Dooj, and Chhath, schools will remain closed on November 24. Additionally, all government offices and banks will also be closed. This means school children will get another day to enjoy, while government operations will be affected. If you were planning to get some work done at a government office, you will need to adjust your plans.

Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti is celebrated as the 'Prakash Parv' (festival of light) of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism and the first Sikh Guru. This festival falls on the day of Kartik Purnima. On this day, members of the Sikh community organize special prayers (ardas), devotional singing (kirtan), and religious programs at Gurdwaras. In many places, early morning processions (prabhat pheris) are held, and 'Langar' (community kitchens) are organized, where people from all religions and backgrounds sit together to share a meal.

In its annual holiday calendar, the Chhattisgarh government has declared November 24 a public holiday on the occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti. Consequently, government offices and banks across the state will remain closed on Tuesday.

Cong prepares to gherao govt during Winter Session

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MLAs have begun preparing to pose questions to the government, for the Winter Session of Assembly starting Nov.14 to 17.



RAIPUR: The Winter Session of the sixth Legislative Assembly of Chhattisgarh is scheduled to run from December 14 to December 17. Political activity has intensified ahead of this four-day winter session. Following the issuance of the session notification, MLAs have begun preparing to pose questions to the government. By November 19, a total of 589 questions had been submitted by members from both the ruling party and the opposition–comprising 315 starred and 274 unstarred questions.

The main opposition party, the Congress, is strategizing to corner the government on various issues during the winter session. Paddy procurement is expected to be the primary focus for the opposition. While paddy procurement in the state commenced on November 15, farmers have had to endure the impact of unseasonal rains over the past 25 days. Consequently, the government is likely to face pointed questions in the House regarding the procurement system, the losses suffered by farmers, and the challenges they are currently facing. Beyond paddy procurement, the Congress intends to prominently raise issues concerning law and order as well as corruption during this session. Through these inquiries, the opposition aims to compel the government to provide responses. Given the high number of questions and the broad range of issues to be addressed during this brief four-sitting session, heated debates are expected in the House. Read the News A significant highlight is that the state's BJP government will complete its three-year tenure during the upcoming winter session. Consequently, a political confrontation between the ruling party and the opposition is likely to emerge regarding the promises made by the government, the implementation of 'Modi's Guarantee,' and the status of these commitments.

HIGHLIGHT

- The main opposition party, the Congress, is strategizing to corner the government on various issues during the winter session.

NEWSLINE

KARTIK PURNIMA

Historic Punni Mela today



RAIPUR: The historic Punni Mela–a vibrant symbol of Chhattisgarh's rich religious faith, folk traditions, and cultural heritage–is set to unfold in all its grandeur once again at Mahadev Ghat in the capital, Raipur. On the auspicious occasion of Kartik Purnima, the sacred banks of the Kharun River will witness a remarkable convergence of devotion and jubilation. A large number of devotees from Raipur and surrounding districts are expected to arrive to take a holy dip, offer lamps (deepdaan), and seek the blessings of Lord Bholenath (Shiva) in the abode of Lord Hatkeshwar Mahadev.

The Punni Mela at Mahadev Ghat is more than just a religious event; it is a living expression of Chhattisgarh's cultural consciousness, social unity, and folk life. Traditions passed down through generations are still observed here with the same deep reverence and enthusiasm. On the sacred occasion of Kartik Purnima, the shimmering glow of lamps along the banks of the Kharun River, the chanting of mantras in the temples, the resounding cries of devotion to Lord Shiva, and the lively bustle of the traditional fair combine to create an atmosphere that highlights the unique cultural identity of Chhattisgarh.

Govt takes major action in case of newborn trafficking

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The state government has initiated steps toward strict punitive action in trafficking of newborns.



HIGHLIGHT

- SIT probe will be conducted, alongside investigations at other levels.

RAIPUR: Following the exposure of an alleged interstate gang involved in the trafficking of newborns in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, the state government has initiated steps toward strict punitive action. After the arrest of three individuals–including a doctor from Diwakar Multispecialty Hospital–there are now moves to revoke the hospital's license and freeze the medical degrees of the doctors involved.

Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal shared details regarding the government's proposed measures while speaking to the media. Plans are underway to cancel the hospital's license; Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal emphasized that the government is treating the case of newborn trafficking with the utmost seriousness. He stated that the hospital's license will be revoked, and the medical degrees of the doctors implicated in the case will be frozen. The Minister asserted that those responsible for

Guv provides 10 computers, printers School

RAIPUR: On Monday, at Lok Bhawan, Governor Ramen Deka provided 10 computers and printers to Saraswati Mahavidyalaya, Bilaspur, from his discretionary grant fund. This initiative aims to enhance the academic and technical facilities at the college and provide students with better educational resources. Deka stated that these computers and printers are being provided to strengthen the college's digital and technical capabilities, and to make the students' learning process more accessible and modern. The Governor has provided these 10 computers and printers from his discretionary grant fund. Present on the occasion were the President of Saraswati Mahavidyalaya, Santosh Kumar Tiwari; members of the Vidya Bharati Uchcha Shiksha Sansthan–Brijendra Shukla, Shri Vivek Saxena, Shri Laxman Rao Magar, and Badrinath Kesarwani–along with other members of the college's management committee.

| INTEGRATED PATIENT FACILITATION CENTRE |

AIIMS-R dedicates integrated patient facilitation centre

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AIIMS), Raipur, inaugurated its Integrated Patient Facilitation Centre to simplify hospital admission and discharge procedures.



RAIPUR: The All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Raipur, inaugurated its Integrated Patient Facilitation Centre to simplify hospital admission and discharge procedures. The Centre brings key services together at one location so patients and their families can complete the required formalities with fewer trips between counters and less waiting, particularly when preparing to return home after discharge.

Lt Gen Ashok Jindal, (Retd), Executive Director, AIIMS Raipur, inaugurated the Centre. Mr Brijmohan, a patient at the Institute, formally dedicated it to patient services. The Medical Superintendent, the Additional Medical Superintendent, the Deputy Director (Administration), representatives of the hospital administration and nursing management, and patients attended the ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, the Executive Director said, "The Integrated Patient Facilitation Centre reflects our commitment to making healthcare services more accessible, efficient and patient-friendly. By bringing multiple services together at a single location, we aim to simplify hospital procedures, reduce unnecessary movement of patients and attendants, and ensure a smoother experience, particularly during discharge. Our focus is to continuously improve the quality of services and place patients at the centre of every initiative." The Medical Superintendent said the new arrangement had already shortened the time needed to complete discharge formalities for Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries.

FASTFACT

- On the opening day, a patient admitted under the Dept of Urology became the first Ayushman Bharat beneficiary to complete discharge formalities through the Centre.

SOFTWARE

New registration software launched

RAIPUR: Registration Department: A new software has been introduced to improve the land and property registration process; however, concerns are being raised as citizens were not informed about this change.

A new software has been implemented in the capital, Raipur, to technically enhance the land and property registration process. Yet, questions are being raised because the general public was not informed about this transition. The introduction of new technology without adequate training or prior information is likely to cause significant inconvenience to those arriving for registrations.

According to departmental documents, the new software has been in use at Sub-Registrar Branch No. 6 since November 20.

| RAIPUR MASTER PLAN 2031 |

'Investigation committee recommends revisions'

Central Chronicle News



RAIPUR: The state government has initiated a revision process to address changes related to roads–alterations that have impacted the city's planned development and traffic infrastructure. A significant update has emerged regarding the Master Plan 2031 for the capital city, Raipur. The state government has begun a revision process to address changes concerning roads, which have affected the city's systematic development and traffic management. Following a report by an investigation committee, preparations are underway to reverse several changes made to the Master Plan (which was published in July 2023). The committee has recommended reinstating 11 roads, restoring the width of 23 roads to their original specifications, and reverting 10 roads to their previous alignments. This proposal has reignited discussions regarding road-related provisions in the Raipur Master Plan. The state government has invited claims, objections, and suggestions from the general public, landowners, and relevant stakeholders regarding these proposed revisions, to be submitted within 15 days. Investigation Committee Formed Following Over 170 Complaints A new Master Plan was published on July 24, 2023, following a review of the original 'Master Plan 2021' (which had been published on April 7, 2008). The government received over 170 complaints regarding changes made to the routes, widths, and alignments of various roads in this new plan. Taking these complaints seriously, Finance Minister OP Choudhary initiated an inquiry into the matter. Subsequently, on March 15, 2024, the state government constituted an investigation committee, chaired by the Director of Town and Country Planning.

Prashant Singh Raghuvanshi elected as Treasurer IKCA

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RAIPUR: Following the implementation of the National Sports Code, the election process for the Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Association has been successfully concluded. Securing one of the three key positions within the organization is considered a proud achievement for the sports fraternity of Chhattisgarh. This development has further bolstered Chhattisgarh's participation and influence in national sports administration.

'I am deeply grateful to Baldev Singh Bhatia, President of the Chhattisgarh State Kayaking and Canoeing Association, for entrusting me with responsibilities in the sport–a decision that continues to yield positive results. The constant support from the office-bearers, the outstanding performance of the athletes from the state, and the backing and confidence shown by officials from various states across the country have been instrumental. I express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone', PS Raghuvanshi said.

Bhilai



"Citizens urged to immediately report illegal manufacturing, storage, transportation, or sale of liquor to the nearest police station."

Vijay Agrawal
(SSP, Durg)

Officials review arrangements for CM's Bhilai visit

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai is scheduled to visit Bhilai on November 24, 2026, for the inauguration and foundation-laying of multiple development projects.

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BHILAI: Ahead of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai's proposed visit to Bhilai on November 24, 2026, Durg Collector Abhijit Singh and Bhilai Municipal Corporation Commissioner Suruchi Singh inspected the ITI Football Ground in Khursipar today to review event preparations.



Officials inspecting the event venue in Khursipar.

During the Chief Minister's visit, a special ceremony will be organized in the Khursipar area for the foundation-laying (Bhoomipujan) and inauguration of various public development works. Examining the venue arrangements closely, both senior officials instructed departmental officers to prioritize thorough sanitation and cleanliness across the entire ground.

To ensure convenience for visiting dignitaries and the general public, the administration directed officials to arrange adequate drinking water facilities alongside the timely setup of the main stage, chairs, tables, and other essential logistics. Collector Abhijit Singh emphasized the need for strong inter-departmental coordination to complete all pending tasks strictly within the stipulated deadline.

Simultaneously, Municipal Commissioner Suruchi Singh directed civic body officials to execute all municipal duties smoothly and systematically. She stressed that all concerned departments must work in tandem to finalize arrangements well in advance, ensuring a seamless and well-managed event without any administrative lapses.

FASTFACTS

- **Durg Collector Abhijit Singh and Bhilai Municipal Commissioner Suruchi Singh inspected the venue and ordered the timely completion of sanitation, seating, and drinking water facilities.**

Power infrastructure to get major boost



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BHILAI: Power supply across various wards and newly developed colonies in Durg city is set to improve significantly following an administrative sanction of Rs 149.76 lakh under the Mukhyamantri Shahari Vidyutikaran Yojana. Approved on the initiative of Cabinet Minister and Durg City MLA Gajendra Yadav, the project includes installing over 130 new electricity poles and 15 new transformers. Acting on persistent demands from residents and public representatives regarding power line extensions in expanding outer colonies, Minister Yadav directed electricity department engineers to conduct site inspections and expedite approvals. The sanctioned funds will also cover feeder extensions, transformer capacity upgrades, and the shifting of obstructive poles and wires from roads and houses. Expressing gratitude to Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Minister Yadav noted that this follows earlier approvals of 1,674 poles and 10 transformers.

NEWSLINE

108-KUNDIYA

Gayatri Yagya from Jan 23

BHILAI: The Yagya Samiti Bhilai-Durg will organize a four-day '108-Kundiya Gayatri Yagya Virat Sanskar Mahotsav' from January 23 to 26 at Dussehra Ground near Sanjay Nagar Talab, Supela. The event begins on January 23 with a Kalash Yatra and discourses by Shantikunj representatives. Key highlights include Garbha Sanskar for 2,400 pregnant women and a mass marriage anniversary celebration on January 24, followed by youth and women awakening sessions and a grand Deep Mahayagya on January 25. The festival will conclude on January 26 with Purnahuti and farewell rituals, alongside daily cultural programs and telefilm screenings at 7:30 PM.

| GOVT JOB SCAM |

Absconding fraudster in Rs 5.90 lakh duping case nabbed

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Supela police arrested an absconding accused, Ankit Kumar Raikwar (24) of Raipur, from Chhatarpur in Madhya Pradesh on Monday for allegedly duping a man of Rs 5.90 lakh under the pretext of securing him a government job. Following a court complaint by victim Tapas Mandal, police registered an FIR under Section 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). According to investigators, the accused initially took Rs 50,000 promising a job at the Raipur Municipal Corporation, which he later refunded. Subsequently, between May and August 2025, he collected Rs 5,90,000 across multiple bank accounts on the false assurance of securing a computer operator post at the Mantralaya.



HIGHLIGHT

- **Supela police tracked and arrested 24-year-old Ankit Kumar Raikwar from Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh, after he repeatedly evaded investigation in a court-ordered cheating case.**

During interrogation, Raikwar confessed to receiving and spending the money, having returned only Rs 10,000. He has been sent to judicial remand.

Verma greets farmers

BHILAI: BJP State Secretary Jitendra Verma extended greetings to Chhattisgarh's farmers on the commencement of paddy procurement for the Kharif marketing year 2026-27 from November 15. Describing it as a symbol of farmer dignity and economic prosperity under the double-engine government, Verma stated that Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai's administration is fulfilling Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guarantees.

| ANTI-LIQUOR DRIVE |

14 accused booked across dist in 13 Excise Act cases

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BHILAI: Continuing its special crackdown on the illegal liquor trade and public drinking, Durg police registered 13 cases under the Excise Act and took action against 14 accused across the district on Monday. According to police officials, 12 cases were registered across eight police station jurisdictions–Nandini, Jamgaon, Amleshwar, Bhilai Nagar, Dhamdha, Bori, Patan, and Durg–targeting illegal sale, transportation, and consumption of alcohol in public places. In a separate raid, Utai police acted on a tip-off and arrested two youths, Emendra Verma (22) and Shubham Mahipal (22), near Golden Complex while they were looking for customers to sell illicit liquor. Police seized 30 quarters (5.40 bulk litres) of country-made plain liquor worth Rs 3,000 and Rs 150 in cash from their possession. Both were booked under Section 34(2) of the Excise Act and remanded to judicial custody. Durg police urged citizens to report illegal liquor activities to maintain law and order.



APPOINTMENT

Federation greets Chandrakar

BHILAI: Office-bearers of the Chhattisgarh Employees-Officers Federation, Durg district, paid a courtesy visit to Durg Rural MLA Lalit Chandrakar to congratulate him on being appointed National General Secretary of the BJP OBC Morcha. Calling the national responsibility a moment of pride for Chhattisgarh, the delegation stated that Chandrakar's vast political experience and dedication to public service will strengthen OBC rights nationwide. Present on the occasion were Federation conveners Hari Sharma & Vijay Lahare, General Secretary Anurup Sahu & others.

| AROGYAM SUPERSPECIALITY HOSPITAL |

300 successful angioplasty procedures done

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: Arogyam Superspeciality Hospital has reached a major milestone in cardiac healthcare by successfully completing 300 angioplasty procedures under the leadership of senior cardiologist Dr. Akash Bakshi. The achievement underscores the hospital's commitment to delivering advanced heart treatment to patients in Durg and neighbouring regions. Angioplasty is a vital, minimally invasive procedure that opens blocked or narrowed coronary arteries to restore blood flow, proving crucial for treating coronary artery disease and cardiac emergencies. According to the hospital, the cardiology team accomplished this feat through clinical expertise, modern medical technology, and seamless coordination among doctors, nursing staff, and healthcare professionals. Congratulating Dr. Bakshi and his team for their dedication, hospital management reiterated that accessible, high-quality cardiac care remains a top priority. With 300 successful procedures to its credit, the facility continues to reinforce its standing as a trusted center for modern heart care in the region.



| CSVTU |

SECL sponsors 100-seater girls' hostel

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BHILAI: Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekananda Technical University (CSVTU) is set to construct a 100-seater girls' hostel on its campus following a Rs 3.82 crore (Rs 382 lakh) financial grant from South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), Bilaspur, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed and exchanged between SECL General Manager (CSR) Ajay Bahera and CSVTU Registrar Dr. Rajesh Lalwani. Civil Engineering Assistant Professors N.P. Dewangan, Vivek Kumar Mishra, and Pankaj Kumar Swarnkar played key roles in planning the project's technical framework. Thanking SECL management, CSVTU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Arun Arora noted that the modern, hygienic facility will empower female students from remote and rural areas to pursue higher technical education safely.



CROP DAMAGE

SS (UBT) demands relief

BHILAI: Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) Chhattisgarh submitted a memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister through the Collector, SDM, and Tehsildar, demanding immediate financial compensation for citizens and farmers affected by recent storms and heavy rains across the state. The party highlighted that unseasonal rains and storms–triggered by recent cyclonic activity–have severely damaged standing crops and destroyed several houses, pushing farmers and the public into a grave crisis.

Tributes paid to Kathak Maestro Pt. Gangani

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BHILAI: 'Nityam Nrityam Samman Samaroh' was organised at Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir on Sunday, commemorating the 100th birth anniversary of legendary Kathak maestro Pandit Kundanlal Gangani and celebrating the timeless guru-shishya tradition. The highlight was the presence of Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee Pandit Rajendra Gangani of the Jaipur Gharana, who also conducted a two-day Kathak workshop for around 100 aspirants on November 21 and 22. Graced by SAIL-BSP Executive Directors Pawan Kumar and P.K. Sarkar alongside Dr. Rakhi Rai, the packed auditorium witnessed captivating performances, including presentations by Kolkata-based dancers Debashree and Debadrita Mukherjee. Coordinated by Academy Director Amrita Sanyal with support from 'Nabarag', the event concluded with a vibrant tribute to India's classical dance heritage.



DAV clinches running trophy at inter-school debate

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: DAV Public School, Hudco, Bhilai, outshone twelve participating institutions to win the prestigious Running Trophy at a recently held Inter-School Debate Competition. Debating the topic, "Artificial Intelligence is Making Society Smarter," Class XI students showcased exceptional critical reasoning and eloquence. Rashi Agrawal clinched the First Position speaking against the motion, while Prabhleen Kaur Gill secured the Second Position speaking for the motion, sealing the school's overall victory.



Mentor and Competitive Department In-Charge Chandan Bhattacharjee praised the duo's meticulous preparation, clarity, and poised rebuttals. Principal Prashant Kumar congratulated the winners and their mentor, noting that the achievement reflects the institution's strong commitment to holistic education and intellectual excellence.

FESTIVAL

Dev Deepawali today

BHILAI: A grand celebration of devotion and light will mark Shri Dev Deepawali Mahotsav 2026 on November 24, at Siddha Shri Nikandanraj Darbar in Sector-2, Bhilai. The festivities will begin at 6:00 PM with Guru Aradhana and Shiv Pujan, followed by the lighting of 51,000 earthen lamps at 6:30 PM to illuminate the premises. A devotional Bhajan Sandhya at 7:00 PM and Mahaprasad Bhog at 7:30 PM will follow. Organizer Rita Puri Goswami (Shivyogi) has invited all devotees of Lord Shiva to participate in the sacred rituals and lamp-lighting ceremony.

| INDUCTION PROGRAMME |

New engineers urged to embrace tech and teamwork

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: The Central Induction Programme for the 2026 Extension Batch of SAIL Management Trainees (Technical) was inaugurated on November 23 at the Multipurpose Hall, Bhilai Niwas. A total of 35 newly inducted trainees from various Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) units participated in the event.



The ceremony was graced by Bhilai Steel Plant's (BSP) Acting Director In-Charge and ED (MM) A.K. Chakraborty, alongside Executive Directors Pawan Kumar (HR), P.K. Sarkar (Projects), Rakesh Kumar (Works), Kamal Bhaskar (Mines), and CMO (M&HS) Dr. Sambita Panda. SAIL-MTI Ranchi ED (HR-L&D) Sanjay Dhar joined virtually to brief the batch on the training structure.

Following the welcome address by Pawan Kumar and introductory video presentations on SAIL's operations and work culture, trainee representatives from Bhilai, Bokaro, Durgapur, IISCO, and Rourkela steel plants shared their professional aspirations.

Addressing the young engineers, senior leadership highlighted organizational priorities, teamwork, and operational challenges, urging them to uphold safety, ethics, and technological innovation to boost efficiency. Compered by DGM (HR-L&D) Neeraja Sharma, the programme concluded with a vote of thanks by GM In-Charge (HR-L&D) S.K. Shrivastav.

Specialist doctors offer free consultations

BHILAI: Al Madad Education and Welfare Society organized a free health checkup camp at National Public School in Farid Nagar on Sunday, November 22. Held from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, the camp drew a large number of local residents who availed themselves of free medical screenings and consultations. Specialist doctors–including Dr. S.K. Gupta (General Physician and Diabetologist), Dr. Javed Parvez (Cardiologist), Dr. Amreen (Dentist), Dr. Vibha, Dr. Divya, and Dr. Komal Meshram–examined patients and guided them on further treatment. Services covered general health, diabetes, cardiology, dental care, gynaecology, paediatrics, and orthopaedics. Society Director Anjum Ali stated that the NGO remains dedicated to education, medical aid, and women empowerment.

N-E-W-S



The birthplace of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu- Nabadwip- would be transformed into a prominent pilgrimage destination."

Suvendu Adhiakri
CM, West Bengal

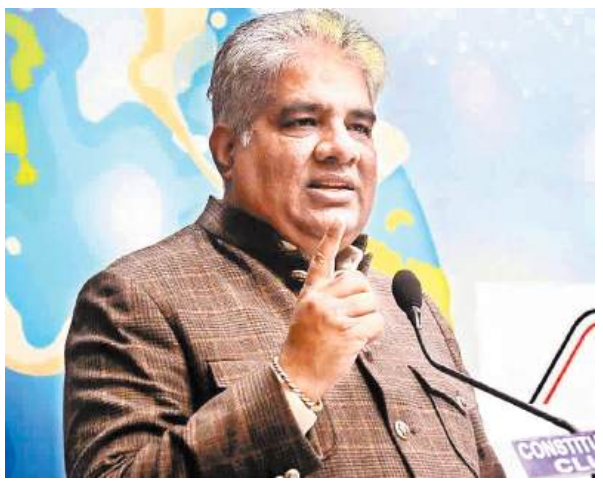
Govt reviews 133 wildlife clearance proposals for devp

Centre reviews infrastructure proposals while seeking to balance development with wildlife conservation.

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on Monday reviewed 133 infrastructure proposals requiring wildlife clearance during the 92nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife in New Delhi.

The proposals include projects related to roads, drinking water supply and other essential infrastructure. The meeting was chaired by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav. The discussions focused on examining development requirements while ensuring that wildlife habitats and ecological interests receive appropriate consideration. The proposals have been



submitted under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, which regulates activities requiring permission in protected wildlife areas and other notified locations. Infrastructure development in and around forest and wildlife areas often requires detailed scrutiny because such projects may affect animal habitats, movement corridors and ecological systems.

The committee examines project-related information and environmental considerations before making recommendations on proposals requiring statutory clearance.

The meeting also reviewed matters relating to wildlife conservation and management. The ministry's initiative reflects the need to coordinate infrastructure expansion with environmental safeguards, particularly in areas where local communities depend on roads, drinking water and other public facilities.

Road connectivity and access to drinking water remain important development priorities in several remote and rural regions.

At the same time, conservation authorities have emphasised that development activities must follow prescribed environmental procedures to minimise adverse impacts on biodiversity. The Standing Committee's review is part of the regulatory process through which infrastructure proposals requiring wildlife-related permissions are examined at the national level.

The ministry said the meeting considered 133 proposals, highlighting the continuing engagement between development agencies and wildlife authorities. The exercise is intended to facilitate informed decisions on infrastructure requirements while maintaining the country's commitment to wildlife protection and conservation.

HIGHLIGHT

- Roads and drinking water projects feature among proposals examined by committee members.

Innovation is must for educational reforms: Sukhu

Central Chronicle News



SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday highlighted the importance of innovation, research and equal educational opportunities while addressing issues concerning the state's education system at the 10th convocation ceremony of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh in Dharamshala.

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Governor Kavinder Gupta and the Chief Minister attended the convocation ceremony held on Sunday, where 708 students received degrees and 27 students were awarded gold medals.

A notable achievement was that women students secured 21 of the 27 gold medals, while male students received six. Chief Justice Surya Kant described the achievement as a reflection of a changing India, where women are increasingly receiving opportunities to demonstrate their capabilities. Addressing the graduating students, the CJI advised them to remain patient.

face challenges confidently and avoid comparing their professional journeys with those of others. He observed that success did not always follow a straight path and that setbacks could become important turning points in life.

Sukhu said education was a fundamental foundation for development and self-reliance.

FASTFACTS

- Himachal leaders underline education, equal opportunity and innovation at a university convocation.

NEWSLINE

NEW DELHI

Two arrested in Jafrabad attack

Delhi Police have arrested two men for allegedly abducting and attempting to murder a 22-year-old man in the Jafrabad area following an old personal enmity. The accused have been identified as Md Abbas, 26, and Sameer, 23. A third suspect, identified as Sakir, remains absconding, police said on Monday.

According to investigators, the incident occurred during the early hours of November 19, when the victim, Aslam, was near Rashid Biryani in Jafrabad.

Three men allegedly approached him on a motorcycle and began abusing him. Abbas reportedly threatened him over a previous stabbing incident that had taken place around 18 months earlier. When Aslam attempted to escape, the accused allegedly overpowered him and forced him onto their motorcycle.

| NABADWIP PILGRIMAGE |

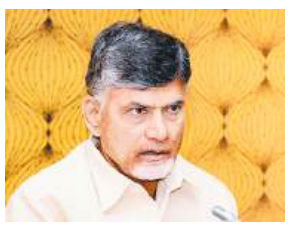
Bengal to develop Nabadwip pilgrimage



Press Trust Of India

KOLKATA: West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari has announced a major infrastructure development programme to transform Nabadwip, the birthplace of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, into a prominent pilgrimage destination. The initiative includes financial assistance for religious facilities, renovation of river ghats and efforts to accelerate construction of a proposed bridge over the Bhagirathi river. Addressing a gathering during the Raas Purnima celebrations, Adhikari announced Rs 3 crore for religious and related facilities in the historic town. Of this amount, Rs 2 crore will be used to complete a research centre dedicated to Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, while Rs 1 crore has been earmarked for expanding a gaushala at the saint's birthplace temple and ashram. The proposed bridge is expected to improve connectivity and facilitate the movement of pilgrims and local residents. The Chief Minister said the state government would bear the land acquisition cost, while the National Highways Authority of India would finance its construction. He directed the district administration to expedite land acquisition, soil testing and preparation of the detailed project report.

Andhra Govt shifts Cabinet meeting after local body polling holiday



AMARAVATI: The Andhra Pradesh government has rescheduled its Cabinet meeting from November 26 to November 27 because of a public holiday declared on account of polling in 23 urban local bodies across the state. The decision was communicated through a Cabinet note issued by Chief Secretary G. Sai Prasad on Monday. The meeting will be chaired by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and conducted in a hybrid format, allowing ministers to participate either physically or virtually. According to the revised arrangements, ministers available in the state have been asked to attend the meeting at the Andhra Pradesh Secretariat in person.

Those unable to reach the Secretariat will be permitted to join the proceedings online.

The Cabinet meeting was originally scheduled for November 26. However, the state government declared that day a holiday in view of polling in 23 urban local bodies. Consequently, the administration decided to shift the meeting to ensure that the election-related arrangements and government business could proceed without inconvenience. The rescheduling is an administrative decision connected with the local body electoral programme. The revised arrangement is also intended to ensure the participation of ministers who may be unable to travel to Amaravati.

Happy
GURUNANAK JAYANTI

Guru Nanak Jayanti reminds humanity of unity

November 24 marks the 557th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, spreading his timeless message of equality, compassion and universal brotherhood.

Guru Nanak Jayanti, also known as Gurpurab or Prakash Parv, will be celebrated across India and the world on Tuesday, November 24, 2026. The occasion marks the 557th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism and the first of the ten Sikh Gurus. The festival falls on Kartik Purnima, making it an especially sacred occasion for devotees. Observed widely with major gatherings at gurdwaras such as Sri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) in Amritsar, Anandpur Sahib, and Delhi's Bangla Sahib and Sis Ganj Sahib.

Born in 1469 at Rai Bhoi Ki Talwandi, now Nankana Sahib in Pakistan, Guru Nanak Dev Ji dedicated his life to spreading the ideals of truth, equality, compassion and selfless service. His teachings challenged social discrimination, religious intolerance and inequalities, emphasising that humanity stands above artificial divisions.

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Improving the standard of education is the administration's top priority, and any form of negligence in this regard will not be tolerated.

Amit Kumar
Collector Sukma



Raipur Region

Mahasamund administration seizes illegal paddy stocks

The district administration seized a huge stock of illegal paddy in Mahasamund.

Central Chronicle News



MAHASAMUND: The Mahasamund district administration has intensified action against the illegal storage, transportation and hoarding of paddy to ensure transparency and efficiency in procurement at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) during the Kharif Marketing Year 2026-27.

Under the directions of Collector Vinay Langeh, joint teams of the Revenue, Food and Mandi departments are conducting inspections across the district. Between November 20 and 22, large quantities of illegally stored and excess paddy were seized in several tehsils.

In Ganjar village of Komakhan tehsil, 600 bags of illegally stored paddy were seized from the premises of Rajesh Sahu. In Bamhani village of Mahasamund tehsil, 132 bags (52.80 quintals) of excess paddy were seized from trader Virendra Yadav. Officials also inspected the Bamhani and Baronda Bazar procurement centres and instructed managers to improve tarpaulin coverage, secure paddy stacks and ensure proper drainage. Enforcement teams seized 100 bags from Prahlad Sahu's warehouse in Saraipali, 40 bags from Lokesh Nayak in Gerrabhantha and 50 bags from Padmalochan Pradhan in Durugpali.

HIGHLIGHT

- Joint teams from various departments are conducting continuous raids at various locations to curb illegal hoarding of paddy.

Another 65 bags being transported by Rakesh Pandey in a pickup vehicle were handed over to the Mandi Department. Additionally, 50 bags were seized from Yogesh Sahu in Tongopani. A joint team led by Mahasamund SDM Aastha Borkar seized 60 bags (24 quintals) from Miteshwar Sahu in Maraud village. In Bamhani village of Pithora tehsil, 300 packets of Rabi-season paddy were seized from a private warehouse belonging to farmer V.K. Agarwal.

Officials seized 150 bags of Rabi-season paddy from Prashant alias Mayank Chandrakar in Komakhan, 75 bags from Govardhan Sahu in Paterapali, and 350 sacks from Vasudev Padhi's warehouse in Chivrakuta.

Young man missing alongside his pickup

Central Chronicle News

ARANG: A young man from Charoda village in Raipur district has gone missing under suspicious circumstances along with his pickup truck while travelling to Satna in Madhya Pradesh. Identified as Resham Sahu, son of Jaysharan Sahu, he left Raipur on November 6, 2026, carrying plants in his white pickup truck (registration number CG 04 NV 6227). However, he neither reached his destination nor returned home.

According to his family, CCTV footage showed the vehicle passing along the Bemetara-Kawardha route, but no further information has emerged. His mobile phone has also remained switched off, raising concerns about his safety. A missing person report has been registered at Vidhan Sabha Police Station. Resham is approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall with a fair-to-dusky complexion. The family has appealed for public assistance. Anyone with information can contact 6261725985, 7777889319 or 8319218307, or inform the nearest police station.

HIGHLIGHT

- It's been 15 days since a young man from Arang is missing along with his pickup truck.
- He left Arang for Satna for some work but neither he nor his pickup truck has returned ever since.

NUTRITION GARDEN

Eco-club students develop nutrition garden initiative

KHARORA: Students of Govt Middle School, Chhadiya, actively participated in a kitchen gardening initiative organised by the school's Eco-Club. Under the guidance of Headmaster Dhirendra Kumar Verma, students sowed seeds of vegetables such as coriander, fenugreek and radish in the school premises. The activity aimed to promote environmental conservation, organic farming, healthy eating habits and self-reliance among children. Anjali Kurre, an NGO representative, along with teachers Tarkeshwar Kumar Dhiwar and Bharti Tanti, supported the initiative.

CONSERVATION

Workshop organised in Gujra school

ARANG: A one-day climate awareness workshop was organised at Government Higher Secondary School, Gujra, under the 'Youth Leadership Initiative on Climate Change' programme of The Bharat Scouts and Guides. The initiative aimed to encourage students to take responsibility for environmental protection and climate conservation.

The workshop was conducted by Ranger Pratiksha Sahu of the 'Indira Gandhi Dal' along with her team. Students were educated about the causes of climate change, its harmful effects and the importance of protecting the environment.

| INTER-STATE GANG BUSTED |

Sukma police bust interstate ganja smuggling network

Central Chronicle News



SUKMA: Sukma Police have busted an interstate ganja smuggling network operating from Malkangiri in Odisha through Chhattisgarh to Uttar Pradesh and the Delhi-NCR region.

In two separate operations, police seized 25.45 kg of ganja and apprehended five people, including two juveniles. The total value of the seized contraband, two-wheelers and mobile phones is estimated at Rs 14,62,500. According to police, acting on a tip-off received on November 21, a team established a blockade near the Sukma check-post and intercepted two suspects travelling with trolley bags. A search revealed 12 packets containing ganja weighing 25.45 kg.

Further investigation, including mobile phone analysis and location tracking, led to the apprehension of Ashraf and Mohammad Kasif from Meerut and a juvenile from Noida.

Crab infestation worsens farmers' paddy crop concerns

ARANG: Persistent unseasonal rainfall has severely affected farmers, damaging paddy crops across several areas. Waterlogging and excessive moisture in fields have flattened standing crops, while harvested paddy left in the open has also suffered damage. Adding to farmers' difficulties, increased moisture in the soil has triggered a rise in crab activity. Heavy rainfall and strong winds have caused paddy plants to collapse, preventing adequate sunlight from reaching the ground.

| BANK FRAUD ACCUSED ARRESTED |

Cyber police arrest accused in mule account scam

Central Chronicle News



CHHUIKHADAN: KCG (Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai) Police have arrested a 40-year-old man for allegedly facilitating cyber fraud through a 'mule' bank account used to receive illicit funds worth Rs 50,000.

The accused, identified as Arshad Khan, a resident of Pathanpara, Ward No. 04, Chhuikhadan, was arrested on November 22, 2026. According to police, the accused allegedly provided his bank account, passbook and ATM card to facilitate fraudulent transactions in collusion with associates. A case was registered at Chhuikhadan Police Station on October 5 under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Information Technology Act.

Acting on the directions of senior officers, Chhuikhadan Police, with assistance from the KCG Cyber Cell, tracked down and arrested the accused using technical evidence. He was produced before the court, which remanded him to judicial custody at Saloni Sub-Jail.

| SCOUT & GUIDE CAMP BEGINS |

Dwitiya Sopan Scouts & Guide training camp begins in Mohad

Central Chronicle News



DONGARGAON: The three-day 'Dwitiya Sopan' training and testing camp of the Bharat Scouts & Guides, including Rovers and Rangers, commenced enthusiastically at Govt Higher Secondary School, Mohad, with around 122 students participating. The camp aims to develop discipline, self-reliance, leadership, teamwork and social responsibility among students. The training programme includes scout rules and oath, knot-tying, first aid, tent pitching, outdoor cooking, disaster management, hygiene and community service activities. Participants will also learn cooperation, courage and practical skills to handle challenging situations. At the inauguration, former Zila Panchayat President Dinesh Gandhi, Zila Panchayat Chairperson Jagriti Yadu and other officials highlighted the importance of scouting in students' overall personality development.

| SPECIAL CAMP ONGOING |

NSS launches seven-day special camp

Central Chronicle News



ANWARI: The National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Chhattisgarh Mahtari College, Bhakhara, is organising a seven-day special camp at Sirve village from November 18 to 24, 2026, under the theme "Drug-Free and TB-Free Youth."

The camp was inaugurated in the presence of Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Radhabai Sahu as Chief Guest and College Principal Dr. Shailendra Kumar Sahu as Chairperson. The programme began with the NSS flag hoisting and floral tributes to Swami Vivekananda.

Activities include morning processions, yoga sessions, village cleanliness drives and awareness programmes. Experts from healthcare institutions, Brahma Kumaris and veterinary services will conduct informative sessions. A free veterinary health camp and blood donation camp will also be organised.

The initiative aims to encourage youth participation in building a society free from substance abuse and tuberculosis. College faculty members, NSS volunteers and various committees are actively participating in organising the camp and its activities.

APPLICATIONS

RTE admissions open for children

SUKMA: The Sukma district administration and Education Department have announced the admission schedule under Section 12(1)(c) of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, for the 2027-28 academic session. Applications for 25% reserved seats in Class 1 across 19 private schools will be accepted from December 1 to 31, 2026. Children belonging to economically weaker and disadvantaged sections, including BPL families, SC/ST communities, children with disabilities, orphans, HIV-positive children and transgender children, will be eligible for free education, with tuition fees reimbursed by the government.

1,058 athletes compete in dist-level Bastar Olympics



DANTEWADA: The two-day district-level Bastar Olympics commenced at the High School sports ground in Dantewada, bringing together 1,058 athletes competing in 11 sporting disciplines.

Forest and Climate Change Minister and district in-charge Kedar Kashyap inaugurated the event by launching the archery competition and boys' 400-metre race. Addressing participants, Minister Kashyap said the improving peace and security situation in Bastar was creating new opportunities for local youth. He highlighted the state government's efforts, under Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai's leadership, to promote sports, provide better training and develop modern sporting facilities. He encouraged athletes to embrace discipline, confidence and sportsmanship while pursuing excellence in sports and education.

Collector Devesh Kumar Dhruv informed that 18,551 athletes, including 9,300 women, participated in block-level competitions held from November 1 to 4.

Dewangan questions on Sai govt over school privatization

KHAIRAGARH: The Chhattisgarh govt is considering handing over the management of 207 govt schools across five divisions to private entities under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for 30 years. The proposal covers 103 primary and 104 middle schools.

Opposing the move, Congress MLA representative and advocate Mankhan Dewangan questioned why schools serving poor and rural children were being handed over to private organisations instead of addressing teacher shortages, inadequate infrastructure and resource gaps.

Under the proposed arrangement, school land and buildings will remain govt-owned, while private entities will manage operations and maintenance. Existing students will continue receiving free education up to the highest available class.

Additional free seats for disadvantaged children, regulated fees, teacher job security and annual academic assessments are also proposed.

CROPS RUINED

Unseasonal rain damages paddy

KHARORA: Unseasonal rainfall has caused extensive damage to paddy crops in the Kharora region, adding to farmers' financial difficulties. Prakash Sahu, General Secretary of the Arang Block Congress Committee, said two spells of unexpected rain have severely affected ready-to-harvest crops, while pending crop insurance payments have further increased farmers' distress. According to local farmers, despite regularly paying their insurance premiums, compensation for crop losses has not yet been credited to t heir bank accounts.

| HEALTH CAMP ORGANIZED |

GP Singh emphasizes fitness, mental strength in police service

Central Chronicle News



SUKMA/RAIPUR: A special health camp for female constable trainees was organised at the Police Training School (PTS), Mana, Raipur, by Meta Clinic.

The camp was inaugurated by Director General of Police (Training) and Director of the State Police Academy, Chandkhuri, G.P. Singh. Around 500 female constable trainees participated in the programme. The inauguration was attended by PTS Mana Superintendent of Police Maheshwar Nag, Meta Clinic Director Vivek Lath, CEO Zia Jindal, along with instructors, police officers and staff members. Doctors from Meta Clinic conducted health examinations of the trainees and provided medical advice and guidance.

Addressing the trainees, G.P. Singh highlighted the demanding nature of police training and field duties.

He said that daily drills, physical exercises, outdoor classes and long study hours test the physical and mental strength of trainees. Similarly, field assignments involve irregular working hours and demanding responsibilities.

Sanjeevani Hospital completes 45,000 free heart surgeries

ARANG: Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Naya Raipur, has achieved a historic milestone by completing 45,000 free paediatric heart surgeries as of November 2026. A special programme will be organised on November 23 at Sri Sathya Sai Saubhagyam, Naya Raipur, marking the 101st birth anniversary of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba and the hospital's 14th anniversary. During the event, 101 children from across India, including Chhattisgarh, will receive the 'Gift of Life'. Since its establishment in 2012, the Trust has expanded its services nationally and internationally, operating four paediatric cardiac hospitals in India and cardiac centres in Fiji and Sri Lanka.

Fun&Focus

IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. Which sport, invented in Belgium, is played on an inflatable court with trampolines on both sides of a net and combines elements of volleyball, football, gymnastics and capoeira?



2. The Houthis, a powerful armed movement in Yemen, have gained strategic importance because of Yemen's location near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait. What is the significance of this location?



3. Manu Bhaker and Pawan Sehrawat were India's flag bearers at the opening ceremony of the 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games. Manu Bhaker is a double Olympic medalist, while Pawan Sehrawat is a leading Indian player. They represent which two sports respectively?



4. Which Indian state was the first in the country to introduce a unique elephant-proof initiative at Nagarahole National Park in 2015, using old, unused railway tracks to create strong vertical barricades alongside traditional Elephant Proof Trenches, a method later adopted by other states?



5. Hori and Kajri are traditional seasonal folk music forms popular in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. While Hori is associated with the festival of Holi, Kajri is traditionally sung during which season, often expressing love and longing?



6. The Magnetic Hill near Leh in Ladakh is famous for the unusual sight of vehicles appearing to roll uphill even when the engine is switched off. There are theories of magnetic forces below. What actually creates this fascinating illusion?



7. In 1967, South African surgeon Christiaan Barnard performed the world's first human heart transplant in Cape Town. The recipient, Louis Washkansky, lived for just 18 days. What caused his death?



Answers- RamaQuiz

(1) Bossaball (2) Control on a vital shipping route connecting the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean (3) Shooting and Kabbadi (4) Karnataka (5) Monsoon (6) An optical illusion caused by the surrounding terrain (7) Pneumonia

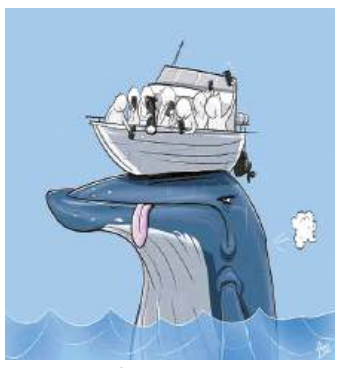
SCIENCE WATCH

Who is the largest marine mammal?



Whales are warm-blooded largest marine mammals that breathe air through blowholes and live in oceans around the world. They can grow over 90 to 100 feet long and weigh more than 150 tons, making them larger than any dinosaur.

They use Science of Echolocation



Whales like belugas, and killer whales have teeth and use echolocation. Echolocation is a way some animals use sound and echoes to find things in the dark and that is their way to find out where their prey is hiding.

They sing for the Ocean



Male humpback whales sing complex songs to make friendship and low whale calls can travel across vast distances underwater. The songs can last 10 to 30+ minutes and repeat for hours. Surreal!

ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

A group of guns or missile launchers operated together at one place	Battery
A large bundle bound for storage or transport	Bale
A large gathering of people of a particular type	Bevy
An arrangement of flowers that is usually given as a present	Bouquet
A family of young animals	Brood
A group of things that have been hidden in a secret place	Cache
A group of people, typically with vehicles or animals travelling together	Caravan



TELL ME WHY?

Why only gold and silver are used to make ornaments?

Metals like gold and silver are only used in making ornaments because they are lustrous, malleable, ductile and corrosion-resistant.

Lusturous means natural shine, malleability and ductility means artisans can hammer them into thin sheets or draw them into fine wires and corrosion-resistant means these metals do not rust or corrode easily.



NOVEMBER 24-THE DAY IN HISTORY

1. In India, November 24 marks Guru Nanak Jayanti (Gurpurab) and Dev Deepawali, which both falls on Kartik Purnima. It is also observed as Shaheedi Diwas (Martyrdom Day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji)
2. The day is also celebrated as Lachit Divas, in memory of Lachit Borphukan, the famed Ahom military commander known for the Battle of Saraighat (1671).
3. On this day were born in 1881,Sir Chhotu Ram, freedom fighter and prominent leader of farmers and R. K. Laxman, iconic Indian cartoonist and creator of The Common Man in 1924.
4. On November 24, 1974, Paleontologists discover the fossilized hominin skeleton known as "Lucy" (Australopithecus afarensis) in Ethiopia's Afar region.



Daily Horoscope

Aries

Friends will introduce you to somebody special who would have a remarkable influence on your thoughts. Improvement in finances is certain. People close might take undue advantage of you- if you behave extra generous. Your aptitude to learn new things would be remarkable. Your ability to help those in need will bring you respect.

Taurus

Encourage your mind to be receptive to positive emotions like love hope faith sympathy optimism and loyalty. Once these emotions take complete command- the mind automatically responds positively to every situation. Today, you are likely to attain benefits from the help of your brother or sister. Children cause some disappointment.

Gemini

Health should be given priority to social life. Today, with the help of a close friend, some businessmen are likely to gain monetary benefits. This money can overcome many of your troubles. Friends will brighten up your day as they plan out something exciting for the evening. You might have an upper hand on everything at work today. Not a very good day for travelling.

Cancer

A friend may test your open mindedness and tolerance power. You should be careful not to surrender your values and be rational in every decision. Those who were unnecessarily blowing their money till now should control their actions from today and start saving up. Good day to communicate with people whom you rarely meet.

Leo

Try to avoid long journey as you are too weak to travel. If you were asking a debtor to return your money from a long time, and s/he was avoiding it, then today is your lucky day, as s/he can return your money unexpectedly. Children and family are the focus of the day. Those engaged will find their fiancée a source of great happiness. If you want to do better at the workplace, then try and infuse new technologies in your work.

Virgo

You are unable to make any progress because of your pessimistic attitude. It is high time for you to realise that worry has retarded your thinking power. Look at the brighter side and you will see a definite change in your discretion. You will make money if you put your savings into conservative investments. To your surprise brother would come at your rescue.

Libra

Inject a bright beautiful and glorious picture in your mind to uplift your spirits. Money can be required anytime, so plan your finances and start saving now as much as possible. Get everybody to your big party-You'll have that extra bit of energy today which will make you organize events for your group. Good day for businessmen.

Scorpio

Today, your health is expected to be healthy. Due to your good health, you can plan to play with your friends today. Investment in antiques and jewellery will bring gains and prosperity. You should take a break from your daily schedule and go out with your friends today. Communication will be your strong point today.

Sagittarius

Don't waste your time in building castle in the air. Rather conserve your energy to do something meaningful. Control your tendency to live for the day and to spend too much time and money on entertainment. Overall a beneficial day but someone you think you can trust will let you down. Opportunities for work will come.

Capricorn

Meditation and yoga should be practiced for spiritual as well as physical gains. An old friend of yours can advise you on how to earn more profits in business today. If you follow his/her advice, you're definitely in luck. Social activity with your family would keep everybody in a relaxed and pleasant mood. Too many expectations is not good.

Aquarius

Involve yourself in some donation and charity work for mental peace. Today, you can face money-related issues, and ask your father or a father-like individual you cherish for suggestions. There may be opportunities to attend social functions- which would bring you in close contact with influential people. You must avoid gossiping.

Pisces

Take care of your well being otherwise things might take a turn for the worse. Planetary placement doesn't seem favourable for you today in regard with money matters. Hence, keep your money safe. Family members will hold a special place in your life. Today, any of your old work at the workplace can be appreciated. Your spouse will do something really special for you today.

PHRASE FACT FINDER

"Break a leg"

Meaning: A way of wishing someone good luck, especially before a performance.

Example: "You're going to do great in the play tonight. Break a leg!"



FACT OF THE DAY

The oldest computer virus ever created was written in 1971 and was harmlessly named Creeper –it just popped up a screen saying, "I'm the creeper, catch me if you can!"



ENGLISH LENT

1. Bouquet - French
2. Canyon - Spanish
3. Spaghetti - Italian
4. Doppelganger - German
5. Diesel - German



WORD OF THE DAY

Conscientious

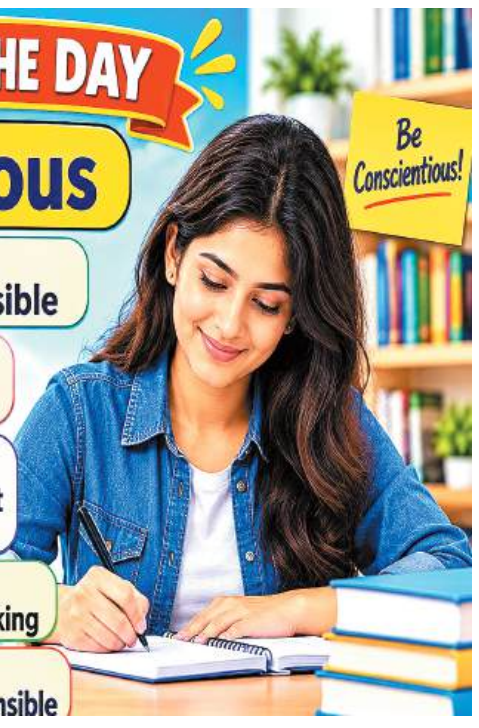
Meaning – Careful and responsible

Part of speech – Adjective

Example - A conscientious student checks the work.

Synonyms – Diligent, meticulous, painstaking

Antonyms – Careless, negligent, irresponsible



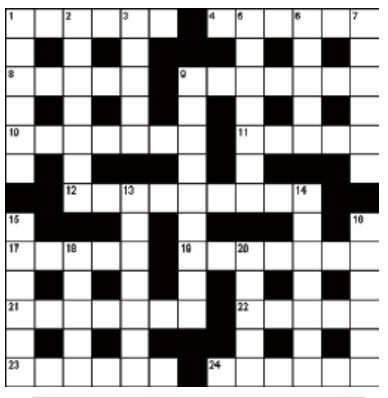
CROSSWORD -286

Across

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4 Short fast race (6)
8 Dire (5)
9 Vein in the neck (7)
10 Beseech (7)
11 Demonstrated (5)
12 Dispirited, downcast (9)
17 Perfunctory kisses (5)
19 South American country (7)
21 Trembling (7)
22 Aggregate (5)
23 Festival in spring (6)
24 __ Burns, Scottish poet (6)

Down

1 Remained (6)
2 Disproved (7)
3 Untrue (5)
5 Mythical winged horse (7)
6 Inuit abode (5)
7 Despot (6)
9 1940s dance (9)
13 Leisure activity (7)
14 Enthusiastic supporter (7)
15 Not transparent (6)
16 Wooden hammer (6)
18 Category (5)
20 Numbers game (5)



CROSSWORD SOLUTION- 285



SUDOKU- 286

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DAILY WORD SEARCH

- Copland
- Ireland
- Overland
- England
- Island
- Poland
- Finland
- Jutland
- Portland
- Garland
- Lapland
- Scotland
- Greenland
- Lowland
- Thailand
- Holland
- Maryland
- Wetland
- Homeland
- Midland
- Zetland
- Iceland
- Oakland

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Business



The SEBI has proposed eliminating additional disclosure requirements for offshore funds."

Tuhin Kanta Pandey
Chairman, SEBI

EV sales jump 52.62 percent during festive season: FADA

Electric vehicle retail sales surged over 52 per cent during the 2026 festive season, while passenger vehicle sales recorded a decline despite overall market growth.



Press Trust Of India

MUMBAI: Retail sales of passenger vehicles in India declined 7.16 per cent during the 2026 festive season compared with the corresponding period last year. However, electric vehicle (EV) sales registered remarkable growth, crossing the five lakh mark for the first time during a single festive season.

According to data released by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), total EV retail sales increased 52.62 per cent to 5,09,667 units from 3,33,935 units in the previous year's festive season. Despite the decline in passenger vehicle sales, the overall automobile retail market recorded positive growth. Total vehicle retail sales increased 2.21 per cent to 55,25,490 units during the festive period, compared with 54,05,956 units in the corresponding period last year.

FADA data showed that passenger vehicle retail sales fell to 7,48,616 units from 8,06,322 units, indicating continued pressure on this segment. In contrast, two-wheeler sales increased 3.67 per cent to 43,13,276 units, while three-wheeler retail sales grew 5.32 per cent to 1,93,576 units. Commercial vehicle sales also registered an increase of 7.13 per cent, reaching 1,55,761 units during the festive period. Construction equipment retail sales recorded a sharp rise of 26.06 per cent, while tractor sales increased 2.24 per cent. FADA President Sai Giridhar said the festive season started on a relatively subdued note during Navratri but gained momentum around Dhanteras and Diwali. He said consumer demand gradually improved as the festive season progressed, helping the automobile market recover from its initial weakness.

According to Giridhar, passenger vehicle sales had declined by more than 18 per cent during Navratri. However, the deficit was reduced by nearly half by the end of the complete festive season. The overall automobile market also moved from negative growth during Navratri to positive growth over the entire festive period.

The electric vehicle segment emerged as a major contributor to market growth. Electric two-wheeler retail sales increased 61.10 per cent to 3,30,846 units, compared with the previous year. Electric three-wheeler sales rose 25.45 per cent to 1,20,330 units. Electric passenger vehicle sales also recorded strong growth of 72.91 per cent, reaching 52,104 units against 30,133 units in the previous festive season.

NUMBER

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- Electric passenger vehicle sales jumped nearly 73 per cent during the period.
- Overall automobile retail sales increased 2.21 per cent during the festive season.

BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

STOCK MARKET

Sensex, Nifty open higher on foreign inflows despite weak Asian cues, turn negative later



MUMBAI: Indian equity benchmark indices opened higher on Monday, with the Sensex rising 502 points and the Nifty crossing the 25,900 mark, but soon slipped into negative territory amid volatility. The initial gains were supported by sustained foreign portfolio investor (FPI) inflows and positive domestic market sentiment, even as most Asian markets traded lower. The Nifty 50 opened at 25,929.15, gaining 128 points or 0.5 per cent, while the BSE Sensex advanced 502.26 points, or 0.60 per cent, to open at 84,421.97. However, both indices turned negative soon after the opening.

Ajay Bagga, banking and market expert, said: "Indian markets are pointing to a positive opening on a monthly expiry day. Strong FPI net inflows have led to a rising Indian market over the last 25 days." He said remarks by US Treasury Secretary Bessent over the weekend against excessive monetary tightening by the US Federal Reserve had slightly lowered market expectations of a rate hike at the December 9 Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, from 100 per cent to 93 per cent. According to Bagga, the remarks also helped gold and silver prices recover during thin Asian trading, with Japan's major financial markets closed for a holiday. In the broader market, the Nifty 100 gained 0.65 per cent, while the Nifty Midcap 100 advanced 0.49 per cent and the Nifty Smallcap 100 rose 0.34 per cent.

Among sectoral indices, the Nifty IT index led the gains, rising 1.53 per cent, followed by the Nifty PSU Bank index, which advanced 0.95 per cent.

IPO

Mahanadi Coalfields IPO fully subscribed on final day

NEW DELHI: The initial public offering of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd, a subsidiary of state-owned Coal India, was fully subscribed on the final day of bidding on Monday. The Rs 8,981-crore IPO received bids for 74,86,87,060 shares against 49,30,68,045 shares on offer, translating into 1.52 times subscription, as per the NSE data. The category for Qualified Institutional Buyers (QIBs) was subscribed 4.95 times, while the non-institutional investors quota received 66 per cent subscription. The portion for retail investors was booked 46 per cent.

Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd on Wednesday last week raised Rs 2,295 crore from anchor investors. The IPO price band has been fixed at Rs 129-136 per share, valuing the company at a little over Rs 90,000 crore. The Initial Public Offering (IPO) is entirely an offer-for-sale (OFS). Since the issue is only an OFS, the company will not receive any proceeds from the IPO. The entire proceeds will go to Coal India, the selling shareholder. The proposed listing is part of Coal India's broader plan to unlock value from its subsidiaries through the capital markets.

AGREEMENT

Tata Steel announces agreement to acquire APL Apollo acquisition

MUMBAI: Tata Steel on Monday announced an agreement to acquire the entire 26.6 per cent promoter stake in APL Apollo Tubes Ltd for Rs 15,510 crore, marking a major strategic development in India's steel industry. The acquisition agreement has been signed with SG Tech Engineering Private Ltd, an entity associated with the promoter group of APL Apollo. Tata Steel will acquire the shares at Rs 2,100 per share.

The company will also make an open offer to acquire an additional 26 per cent stake in APL Apollo at Rs 2,301.40 per share. The proposed open offer involves an estimated consideration of Rs 16,756 crore. The strategic arrangement is intended to strengthen Tata Steel's position in the downstream steel products segment, particularly steel tubes, pipes and colour-coated products. Under the broader restructuring arrangement, Tata Steel will transfer its steel tubes and pipes business and its entire stake in Tata Steel Colors to APL Apollo for approximately Rs 28,000 crore. The combined business aims to increase its annual production capacity from the present 2.5 million tonnes to 7.5 million tonnes initially.

NSE adviser Shailesh Pathak resigns for MP Corridor role

Agencies

NSE adviser Shailesh Pathak resigns to take up Madhya Pradesh govt assignment.



HIGHLIGHT

- Shailesh Pathak will leave NSE on November 30 after serving about 15 months.

MUMBAI: Shailesh Pathak will step down as senior adviser for policy advocacy at the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on November 30, following his appointment to a senior position in Madhya Pradesh's industrial development initiative.

In a filing to the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on November 21, NSE said Pathak would leave the organisation at the close of business on November 30. In his resignation letter addressed to NSE Managing Director and CEO Ashish Kumar Chauhan, Pathak said the Madhya Pradesh government had offered him the position of executive vice-chairman of the newly formed Jabalpur-Bhopal-Indore Industrial Corridor company. The company is headquartered in Bhopal and is chaired by the state's Chief Minister. Pathak said the state government had asked him to take charge from December 1.

| POVERTY ELIMINATION |

FM calls for wider financial access to eliminate poverty

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FM links financial inclusion and digital access with lasting poverty reduction.

NEW DELHI: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday stressed the need for wider access to finance, markets and the digital economy to eliminate poverty and ensure that families emerging from deprivation do not fall back into difficult economic circumstances.

In a statement highlighting India's progress in poverty reduction, Sitharaman referred to a World Bank report which indicated that nearly 50 crore Indians had moved out of poverty between 2011 and 2023.

She said the government's approach had focused on targeted interventions, measurable outcomes and welfare schemes designed to address the specific needs of vulnerable households.

The minister observed that poverty could not be measured merely through income or wages. A family without secure housing, safe drinking water, sanitation and healthcare continued to remain economically vulnerable. She pointed out that a medical emergency could exhaust household savings and push families back into poverty.

Sitharaman said government initiatives such as the Jal Jeevan Mission, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana and Swachh Bharat Mission had helped reduce household expenditure and improve living conditions. These programmes, she said, provided protection against economic shocks while enabling families to devote more resources to education, employment and livelihoods. She also highlighted the contribution of financial inclusion schemes in creating economic opportunities.



HIGHLIGHT

- MUDRA, PM SVANidhi and PM Vishwakarma cited as opportunities for vulnerable households.

Under the MUDRA programme, approximately 60 crore loan accounts have been sanctioned, with nearly two-thirds of the beneficiaries being women.

| PM SWANIDHI |

BoB tops loan disbursement under PM SVANidhi

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MUMBAI: Bank of Baroda has received the SVANidhi Samman Award 2026 for securing the first position among public and private sector banks in loan disbursement under the Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme.

The award recognises the bank's contribution towards providing formal banking services and accessible credit facilities to street vendors across the country. The award was presented by Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal at a ceremony held in New Delhi on November 20. Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu, Ministry Secretary Satendra Singh and PM SVANidhi Mission Director Isha Kalia were present on the occasion. The award was received on behalf of Bank of Baroda by Raj Kumar Goel, General Manager, Government Schemes and Co-Lending; Rakesh Singh, Assistant General Manager, MSME Banking; and Newton Kumar, Chief Manager, MSME Banking.

Bank of Baroda Managing Director and CEO Debadatta Chand said the recognition reflected the bank's commitment to extending formal banking services to people at the grassroots level. He said street vendors played an important role in India's entrepreneurial ecosystem and timely access to affordable credit could help improve their livelihoods and expand their businesses.

Under the PM SVANidhi Scheme, the bank provides collateral-free working capital loans to street vendors.

PHARMA EXPORTS

India's pharma exports expected to top USD 33 bn in FY27: Pharmexcil DG



NEW DELHI: Exports of pharmaceutical products from India are growing at 5-6 per cent currently and could reach USD 32-33 billion in the ongoing financial year, a senior official said on Monday. Speaking to the media on the sidelines of CPHI India 2026, Pharmexcil Director General K Raja Bhanu said, "Pharma exports from India have crossed USD 30 billion, and we are growing about 5-6 per cent... looking at that, we may reach about USD 32-33 billion this financial year."

He admitted that pharma exports to the US saw a dip, but pointed out that India has been exploring new markets and "we are fairly hitting it up in Latin America, Africa, and ASEAN nations".

This year saw multiple supply chain disruptions arising out of geopolitical conflicts, but the country has been able to negate the adverse impact through supply chain diversification. "We were able to overcome that by importing from some other countries," he said. The Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharexcil) is the apex government agency for the promotion of pharmaceutical exports.

Sharing some key statistics, Informa Markets Managing Director Yogesh Mudras said India's pharmaceutical industry continues to demonstrate strong manufacturing momentum, with annual turnover reaching Rs 5.08 lakh crore in FY26, registering an average growth of 9.2 per cent over the preceding five years. Alongside this, domestic manufacturing of medical devices expanded approximately 48.2 per cent, increasing from Rs 28,000 crore in FY20 to Rs 41,500 crore in FY25.

"The next phase of growth will depend on moving towards high-value segments such as advanced biologics, specialised therapies and complex formulations, supported by investments in advanced manufacturing infrastructure and technology.

Through this event, we aim to support innovation and strengthen India's position in the global pharmaceutical ecosystem," he said.

Nation News

'BJP's countdown begins in Rajasthan'

Party leaders must build momentum into bigger electoral victories.

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NEW DELHI: The reverse countdown for the BJP in Rajasthan has started with the Congress' win in the panchayat polls, AICC general secretary Sachin Pilot said on Monday, asserting that the party leaders should now focus on building on this momentum to ensure that it translates it into a larger victory in the assembly and Lok Sabha polls.



Cong leader Sachin Pilot

Speaking with PTI, Pilot said the Congress' 'Team Rajasthan' is working together with everyone having different assignments and all senior leaders working in unison.

Asked about Congress veteran Ashok Gehlot's remarks that he can be chief minister again if the high command and party want it, Pilot said, "All I can say is that we are a very disciplined party and we are fighting for the larger issues in this country and in the state. Rahul Gandhi ji and Mallikarjun Kharge ji are fighting against vote chori, capture of institutions, joblessness facing young people, and agrarian distress."

"We are looking to put the country back on track. What's more important for us is to focus on securing the mandate in upcoming elections in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and of course when elections happen in Rajasthan."

People of Rajasthan are waiting for that opportunity to return the Congress to power, he said.

New show

MUMBAI: Watch Gaurav Khanna and Shraddha Arya's new show Dil Ki Bewafaiyaan tonight at 9 PM on Star Plus and anytime today on JioHotstar.

In Ektaa Kapoor's romantic family drama, Gaurav and Shraddha play Manav and Janaki, a husband and wife who want different things from the same marriage after 20 years together. Janaki sees the glass as 80 per cent full and finds happiness in the stability of the life they've built.

Manav keeps thinking about the 20 per cent he feels is missing and wonders if there's still room for a little more excitement.

TMC questions Winter Session uncertainty

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RS leader Derek O'Brien demanded a fixed parliamentary calendar

NEW DELHI: The Trinamool Congress on Monday questioned the uncertainty over Parliament's Winter Session, alleging that neither ruling BJP MPs nor Opposition parties had been kept informed about its schedule. The party's Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien demanded a fixed parliamentary calendar to ensure at least 100 sitting days in a year.

In a post on X, O'Brien questioned why the BJP was treating the Winter Session as an "optional engagement" and reiterated his demand for a fixed parliamentary calendar. "Why is a skittish BJP treating the Winter Session like an optional engagement?" O'Brien said. "I proposed that Parliament sits for at least 100 days in one year and we have a fixed parliamentary calendar. With this objective, I introduced a Private Member's Bill almost two years ago," he said.

TMC's deputy leader in the Rajya Sabha Sagarika Ghose, in another post on X, alleged that even BJP MPs had not been informed about the status of the next session and accused the government of not consulting the Opposition.

HIGHLIGHTS

- O'Brien questions BJP's parliamentary commitment
- Ghose alleges Oppn consultation bypassed

Lung cancer cases

NEW DELHI: Around 83 cases of lung cancer were recorded every month across prominent government hospitals in the national capital in the last six and a half year period, with one patient succumbing to the disease every three days.

This information was provided in response to an RTI query to AIIMS, RML Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and the Delhi State Cancer Institute.

Under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, data regarding lung cancer cases and associated deaths between January 1, 2020, and July 31, 2026, were requested from the hospitals. Safdarjung Hospital only provided the number of lung cancer deaths but did not disclose the total number of cases.

Railways passenger numbers to touch 800 cr

NEW DELHI: Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Monday said that the total number of passengers carried by the Railways in 2026-27 may touch 800 crore by the end of the financial year.

He expressed hope that passenger numbers by the end of 2027 would reach pre-Covid levels.

Before the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown began on March 25, 2020, bringing passenger train services to a halt, the total number of passengers carried by the Railways during the financial year 2019-20 stood at around 808.6 crore.

GENERAL INFORMATION

That I am authorized Advocate Jairam Bhagwani (District Court Durg) Bank Of Baroda Mohan Nagar Durg Distt. Durg (C.G.) I publish this information as per the authority and instructions received from my party Narendra Sarwa S/o Kishori Lal Sarwa R/o Behind Mohit traders, Ward no. 43, Adarsh Nagar Durg Tah. & Distt. Durg (C.G.) That by my party Seller- Prakash Makhija S/o Shri Arjun Das Makhija R/o Gurunanak Nagar, Near Kartar Bhawan, Durg Tah. & Distt. Durg (CG) & Purchaser - Smt. Meena Jain W/o Shri Dharam Chand Jain R/o Padmanabhpur Durg distt. Durg (C.G.) Mouza Borsi, Khasra No. 248/9 Area-194 Hect. 21126 Sqft. & the deed has been duly registered on 12/03/2008 in Volume no. 17888, Pages 10-19 & Document No. 7627 B, by the SRO Durg. Whose original registry paper as shown above has been lost somewhere, so that no one misuses the said original registry paper, its information has been lodged in the concerned police station, and the general public who has any kind of ownership in relation to the said plot/land. If you are the owner, then submit your objection by being present in my office within Seven days of publication of this information, otherwise any claim, objection will be void and ineffective after the period.

Published for information and perusal

DATE: 23/11/2026

Advocate
Jairam Bhagwani
Plot No.-20, Beside Petrol Pump.
New Adarsh Nagar, Durg
Mo. No. 93028-38684

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client, Anil Ganeshani S/o Late Achardas Ganeshani, aged 56 years, residing at Padmanabhpur. Durg (Tehsil and District Durg, Chhattisgarh) is the individual in question. Furthermore, under this arrangement, there exists a Original sale deed in which the sellers- Pyarelal, Udelal, Samedas, Bhagwat Das, Banshilal, and Gendlal (all sons of Ranjan); Dayashankar and Ravishankar (both sons of Gajanand); and the minor Anil Kumar S/o Gajanand, represented by himself and his mother/guardian, Umabai, W/o Gajanand Kothari were represented by their general power of attorney holder, G.P. Chandrakar S/o K. N. Chandrakar. The purchaser is recorded as Gopal Singh Patel S/o Late Narayan Singh Patel. The original questioned Sale Deed is dated 24-September-1987, and is recorded under Volume No. 7240, Document No. 5944, on pages 59 to 61. On 02-November-2026, while traveling from Maharaja Chowk toward the Durg Court, the bag containing this sale deed was lost. The sale deed pertains to a plot of land located in Mauza-Kasaridih, bearing Khasra No.-a piece of 768/39 (old) 768/458 (new), with an area of 0.024 hectares equivalent to 2.640 square feet. Therefore, whoever comes into possession of the aforementioned sale deed should directly contact my office at the address provided below. Furthermore, my client, Anil Ganeshani S/o Late Achardas Ganeshani is in the process of obtaining a loan by mortgaging the said property, over which he holds rights and ownership, with a bank. In such a situation, if any government or semi-government bank, financial institution, or individual has any claim or objection regarding the aforementioned document, they may present their rights and claims by appearing at my office within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. Please take note accordingly.

Address: - Durg
Date:-23-11-2026

Bhupendra Kumar Dubey "Advocate"
Address- SAI NAGAR Urla Nahar Nali Durg (C.G.)
M. No.-93295-11103, 73894-20043

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APPENDIX-(IV) RULE 8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Under Rule No. 8 (1) of Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the LIC Housing Finance Ltd. under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Assets and Enforcement of Security act 2002 and exercise of power conferred Under Section 13 (12) read with rule (9) of the security interest (Enforcement) rules 2002. Issued a Demand Notice from LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Raipur within 60 days from the date of receipt at the said notice as mentioned below the borrower having failed to repay the amount notice is here by given to borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described . Herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said Rule's for property given below.
The borrower and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Raipur

S. No.	Name of Borrower	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY ON DEMAND NOTICE	DATE OF THE DEMAND/ POSSESSION NOTICE	AMOUNT IN DEMAND NOTICE
1)	Borrower- Mr. Girish Harjani and Co-Borrower-Ms. Anushka Harjani, Loan Account No. 120600008369	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Family Unit type Flat no. B-603, 3BHK, Block B, 6th floor, Harsh Horizon Apartment, Daldal Seoni, Ph no. 109, Ward no. 26, Kushabhau Thakre Ward, Raipur (C.G.) 492001. Admeasuring area 1550 sq.ft.Bounded: North– Flat no. B-604, South– Open area, East– Open area, West – Flat no. B-602 B	21.07.2026 18.11.2026	Rs. 62,76,657.00 +intt. & other charges
2)	Borrower- Ms. Sonia Tuli, Loan Account No. 121200000411	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Khasra no. 261/7 (part), Mouza Mathpurena, Gokul Nagar, Ph no. 105/61, Ward no. 52, Chandrashekhar azad ward, Raipur (C.G.) 492001.Admeasuring area 500 sq.ft. Bounded: North - Plot of Bappi Halder, South - Road, East- House of seller, West by - Road	13.06.2025 18.11.2026	Rs. 12,65,803.00 +intt. & other charges

STATUTORY NOTICE: The borrower / guarantor here by notice do pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the aforesaid property will be auctioned and balance if any will recovered with interest and cost from you.

Date: 24.11.2026, Place: Raipur — Authorised Officer

सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया / Central Bank of India
शाखा : फाफाडीह, जिला - रायपुर (छ.ग.) Branch : Fafadih, Dist. Raipur (C.G.)

APPENDIX-IV [RULE - 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas-
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Central Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54, of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice as below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/s to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, guarantor/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said act, read with rule 8 of the said rules on the date mentioned below.
The borrower, guarantor/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Central Bank of India**, for an amount as mentioned below with subsequent Interest and expenses thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Property

Sl	Name of Borrowers & Guarantors	Demand Notice Amount / Date	Date of Possession
1.	**M/s Subhadra Polymers**, Prop. Mr. Yashwardhan Agrawal, **Add-1**: Ring Road No. 02, Infront of Jhabak Petrol Pump, Sarona, Raipur, Dist. Raipur (CG) & **Add-2:** Industrial Area, Urla, Bhanpuri, Raipur, Dist. Raipur (CG) and **Mr. Yashwardhan Agrawal**, S/o Mr. Raj Kumar Agrawal and **Guarantor**- Mr. Raj Kumar Agrawal S/o Mr. Mahaveer Prasad Agrawal, **Both are resident of** H. No. 15/163, Jawahar Nagar, Behind Chhattisgarh Agency, At & PO. Raipur, Dist. Raipur (CG) **Property Details:** All that Part and Parcel of Residential Land & Building situated at House No. 15/163, Sheet No. 07, Plot No. 76, Kh. No. 217/41, PH. No. 106/62, Jawahar Nagar, Ward No. 37, RIC- Raipur 1, Tehsil- Raipur, Dist. Raipur (CG), Area 1950.0 sq.ft. in the name of Mr. Raj Kumar Agrawal. **Boundaries:** North – House of Jetha Nand, South – House of Krishnavatar, East – Road, West – Street.	**Rs. 1,24,51,693/-** + subsequent interest and expenses thereon, Date : **25.08.2026**	**19.11.2026**
2	**M/s K. N. B. Enterprises**, Prop. Mr. Harshvardhan Agrawal and Mr. Harshvardhan Agrawal S/o Mr. Raj Kumar Agrawal and **Guarantor**- Mr. Raj Kumar Agrawal S/o Mr. Mahaveer Prasad Agrawal Address of all are House No. 15/163, Jawahar Nagar, Raipur, Behind Chhattisgarh Agency, Tehsil & PO. Raipur, Dist. Raipur (CG) **Property Details:** All that Part and Parcel of Residential Land & Building situated at House No. 15/163, Sheet No. 07, Plot No. 76, Kh. No. 217/41, PH. No. 106/62, Jawahar Nagar, Ward No. 37, RIC Raipur-1, Tehsil- Raipur, Dist. Raipur (CG), Area 1950.0 sq.ft. in the name of Mr. Raj Kumar Agrawal. **Boundaries:** North-House of Jetha Nand, South-House of Krishnavatar, East-Road, West-Street.	**Rs. 61,28,974/-** + subsequent interest and expenses thereon, Date : **14.09.2026**	**19.11.2026**

Date: 19.11.2026, Place: RAIPUR — AUTHORISED OFFICER/CHIEF MANAGER CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
Asset Recovery Management Branch, Bilaspur (C.G.)

E-AUCTION ON 18.12.2026
Time: 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Sale of Immovable Property/ies Mortgaged to Bank Under SARFAESI Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002)

APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

SL No.	"Name of the Account, Name of Borrower/ Guarantors A/c,Name of Bank Branch"	"Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagers of property(ies)"	Date of Demand Notice U/s13(2) of SARFAESI ACT-2002/ Outstanding Amount as on + Intertest w.e.f Nature of Possession/Date as per SARFAESI Act, 2002	Reserve Price (Rs. In Lakh) EMD (Rs. In Lakh) Bid Increase Amount (Rs. In Lakh)
1	**Borrower: Sh. Ram Prasad Baghel** S/o Late Latel Ram Baghel, **Smt. Sangeeta Baghel** W/o Sh. Ram Prasad Baghel. **Guarantors- Sh. Ram Kumar Baghel, Sh. Ram Bhajan Baghel, Sh. Amar das Baghel, Sh. Agar Das Baghel and Smt. Milpa Devi. Branch Office- ARMB, Bilaspur (820700)**	**Commercial Cum Residential Building** at Kh No. 189/4, PH No. 21, Mouza & Gram Pondi, **Area 0.073 Hec = 7840.97 Sqft**, Tehsil- Bodla, Distt- Kabirdham (C.G.). Bounded by: North - House of Ram Prasad Baghel, South - Jabalpur Bolda Road, East - Plot of Sushil Gupta, West - Property of Shiv Banjare. Geographic Co-ordinates-22.119743, 81.263085	1) 11.06.2024 2) Rs. 82,84,752.56/- as on 13.06.2024 + intt. thereon 3) Symbolic as on 04.09.2024	Rs. 50.58 Lakh Rs. 5.06 Lakh Rs. 0.20 Lakh

Date and Time of Earnest Money Deposit: 17.12.2026 Upto 11:59 PM
For any queries Contact: ARMB, Bilaspur:- Tel. No. - 07752-310118 & Authorised Officer - 7976331048

NOTES: 1) Please ensure scrutiny of documents of the related property before depositing the EMD.
2) All Government pending dues (property, water, electricity etc.) related to all above IPs from all related Govt. offices shall be borne by the purchaser.

Important Note : 1. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal **https://baanknet.com**, 2. The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal **(https://baanknet.com)** using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet by **on Date 17/12/2026** and time 11.59 PM in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction date. TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions: 1. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** 2. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 3. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website **https://baanknet.com** on **E-Auction Date 18/12/2026** For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://baanknet.com** & **www.pnbindia.in**

Note:- Interested Bidders need to create their user id and password by own and it will take minimum time of 2 days therefore it is requested to the bidder to kindly create his/her user id before the last date.

Date: 24.11.2026, Place: Kawardha — Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, Secured Creditor

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.
CIN: L65910KL1992PLC006623,
Registered Office : IV - 4/ 638A, Manappuram House, P.O. Valapad, Thrissur - 680 567, Kerala, India

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/12/2026 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any)will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

List of pledges:-

DHAMTARI, BASTAR ROAD,DHAMTARI, 0134150700014061, 4081, 4531, 4547, 4652, 4825, 4837, 5069, 0134150730017756, 7957, 0134150730021301, 1302, 1303, 1351, 1387, 1388, 1389, SADAR BAZAR,DHAMTARI, 0131990700013052, 3598, 3607, 3619, 0131990730010811, 1097, 1098, 2954, 3015, 3026, DURG, CHARODA SQUARE,BHILAI, 0134110700021961, 1992, 2001, 2034, 2043, 2905, 2955, 3047, 3083, 3091, 3108, 3113, 3130, 3147, 3150, 3161, 3169, 3171, 3172, 0134110730035128, 5420, 5452, 5545, 5546, 5572, 5743, 5753, 5757, 0134110730040086, 0748, 1227, 1303, 1304, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1319, 1534, 1579, 1580, 1598, 1602, 1616, 1617, 1671, 1697, 1709, 1718, 1734, 1757, CHOUHAN ESTATE, 0115880700027620, 7759, 7826, 7843, 8711, 8870, 8962, 9007, 9008, 9012, 9013, 9034, 9070, 9077, 9079, 0115880730038172, 8327, 8689, 0115880730043247, 3286, 3294, 3298, 3303, 3366, 3396, 3398, 3416, 3444, 3449, 3450, GURUDWARA STATION ROAD, 0112310700026632, 6680, 6723, 6725, 7228, 7422, 7457, 7461, 7491, 7492, 0112310730048937, 9055, 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Authorised Officer
For Manappuram Finance Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Advocate Rajeev Tandon, on behalf of my client Nilesh Agrawal son of Kapoor Chand Agrawal, resident of 9/267, Gulab Nagar Gudhiyari Tehsil and District Raipur That, the land owned by him situated at Village- Urla, P.H.N. 101/29 R.I.C. Dharsiwa-1 Tehsil and District Raipur, (C.G.) bearing Khasra No. 195/9 and 196/4, having a total area of 0.1393 hectares, was purchased from the seller Suraj Lunkad son of Panna Lal Lunkad on 22/12/2023 and got registered at the Sub-Registrar Office, Raipur, in Book No. 1, Volume No.2005 on pages No. 73 to 99 under Deed No. 6680 That, Suraj Lunkad had purchased the land from Deepak Sahu, son of Baldev Sahu, on 11/07/2022, whose E-Registration ID- CG6304511072022009, Book No. 1, Volume No. 75653, on pages No. 70-95, under Deed No. 2710 and Deepak Sahu had got this land registered from Santosh Sharma son of Birendra Sharma on 13/04/2022, whose E-Registration ID- CG6304513042022011, Book No.1, Volume No. 75496, on pages No. 222-249, under Deed No. 342. Thus, a total of 2 documents have gone missing somewhere during the cleaning of the house. Information regarding the same has been given to Gudhiyari Police Station on 21.11.2026. This notice is being published to inform the general public that if any person, firm, institution, bank, moneylender, government or semi-government body has any objection, claim or dispute, they are requested to inform my office along with the relevant documents within 7 days from the date of publication or send a written objection within 7 days. If no objections are received within the specified time limit, it shall be presumed that no person has any objection or claim regarding the above-mentioned land. Any objection raised after the expiry of the prescribed period shall be considered illegal and void and shall not be applicable to or binding upon my client. Let this be known.

Date 22/11/2026
Place- Raipur C.G.

Yours faithfully
Rajeev Tandon (Advocate)
District and Sessions Court, Raipur (C.G.)

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You, the under mentioned Borrower / Mortgagor is hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13(2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with Interest accuring there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub- Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and cost. It is needles to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejedice to any other remedy available to the Company.

Sl. No.	a) Loan Account Number b) Name and Address of Borrower / Co-borrower	Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice & Demand Notice Amount & Date of NPA	Description of the Property / Secured Assets
1.	a) Loan A/c Nos.- TL01BAI0000064844 **1. M/s. Shivanshi Provision and General Store, (Borrower)** 378, Soni Provision, Silhati, Sahaspur Lohara, Kawardah, Chhatisgarh, Pin- 491995. **2. Mr. Subhash Soni, (Co-Borrower)** S/O laxmi Narayan Soni. Goshwami Nivas, Ashwani Nagar, Nagarao Bhavan, Raipur, Chhatisgarh, Pin-492001. **3. Mr. Laxmi Narayan Soni. (Co-Borrower)** S/O Shivram. 378, Silhati, Kawardah, Chhatisgarh, Pin- 491995. **4. Mrs. Laxmi. (Co-Borrower)** Alias, Laxmi Soni. W/o, Laxmi Narayan Soni. 378, Sahaspur Lohara, Silhati, Kawardah, Chhatisgarh, Pin- 491995.	Rs. 5161027/-	13.11.2026 **Rs. 53,08,861 /- [Fifty-Three Lakhs Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-One Only] as on 11.11.2026** Date of NPA - 04.11.2026	All That piece and Parcel of Land with structure measuring an area of 0.032 Hector more or less at Khasra No. 64/2, Mouza- Silhati, P.H.N.- 18, R.N.M.- Silhati, Tehsil- Sahaspur Lohara, Vill- Silhati, Dist- Kawardah, Chhatisgarh. The property is butted and bounded as follows: By North: Bachat Bhumi, By South: Laxmi Naray, By East: Mukhya Marg, By West: Latel Ke Bhumi.
2.	a) Loan A/c Nos.- TL01BAI0000066503 **1. Sun Shine (Borrower)** 01 Shree Ram Complex Kawardha, Ghotiya Road, Kawardha Shree Ram Comlex Kabirdham, Kawardha, Chattisgarh 491995 **2. Mr. Durgesh Chandravanshi (Co-borrower)** S/o, Dinesh Chandravanshi H No 118, Ward No, Lakhanpur, Kalan, Kawardha, Chhattisgarh- 491995 **3. Mrs. Rekha Chandravanshi (Co-borrower)** C/o, Dinesh Chandravanshi H No 118, Lakhanpur, Kalan, Kawardha, Raveli, Chhattisgarh- 491995	Rs. 20,61,443/-	14.11.2026 **Rs. 21,30,532/- [Twenty-One Lakhs thirty Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty-Two Only] as on 11.11.2026** Date of NPA - 04.11.2026	All the piece and parcel of a Residential Land with Construction, Khasra No. 559/121, Area 0.0120 Hectare more or less, Situated at Village- Lakhanpur, Patwari Halka No. 3/24, RIC Newari Tehsil- Kawardha, District -Kabirdham Chhattisgarh, Pin Code-491559 and Boundaries bounded by: - North by: - Village Road ; South by: - Land of Raju ; East by: - Land of Ganesh ; West by: - Land of Ayodhya

Date: 24-11-2026
Place: Chhattisgarh

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"The distinction of castes, introducing innumerable divisions and sub-divisions among them, has entirely deprived them of patriotic feeling..."

[Raja Ram Mohan Roy]

| OUR VIEW |

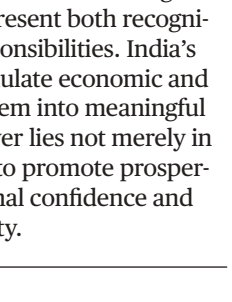
India's Rising Power Demands Greater Global Influence

India's emergence as Asia's second-most powerful country after China, excluding the United States, marks another significant milestone in its journey towards becoming a major global force. The Lowy Institute's 2026 Asia Power Index places India third overall, with 40.5 points, ahead of Japan's 38.6. This recognition reflects the country's expanding economic, military, diplomatic and cultural capabilities. However, the achievement must inspire greater responsibility rather than complacency. Despite impressive progress, India remains considerably behind the United States and China, which scored 78.9 and 73.6 points respectively. Bridging this enormous gap requires sustained economic transformation, technological advancement and stronger international partnerships. India's growing cultural influence and improving defence networks demonstrate its expanding regional presence. Defence exports, including BrahMos missile systems, reflect increasing confidence in indigenous military technology. Its demographic advantages and future economic potential provide additional opportunities to strengthen its strategic position. Nevertheless, the report exposes important weaknesses. India's economic capability registered a marginal decline, while its economic relationships and defence networks remain less developed than those of several regional competitors. More importantly, the country continues to struggle to convert its considerable resources into corresponding international influence. This gap demands serious policy attention. A large population, substantial military strength and expanding economy cannot independently guarantee geopolitical leadership. India must accelerate manufacturing growth, strengthen infrastructure, promote innovation and reduce dependence on critical foreign technologies. Equally important is cultivating stronger relations with neighbouring countries and emerging Asian economies. Trade partnerships, reliable connectivity, defence cooperation and development assistance can enhance India's influence more effectively than symbolic diplomatic achievements. Strategic autonomy must remain central to India's foreign policy. Cooperation with major powers should advance national interests without creating excessive dependence on any single country. Economic resilience, technological self-reliance and diplomatic credibility will ultimately determine India's international standing. The Lowy Institute's findings therefore represent both recognition and a reminder of unfinished responsibilities. India's challenge is no longer simply to accumulate economic and military resources, but to transform them into meaningful regional leadership. True national power lies not merely in impressive rankings, but in the ability to promote prosperity, maintain security, build international confidence and contribute responsibly to global stability.

| GUEST VIEW |

Automation Transforming Lives & Modern Workplaces

Automation has emerged as a powerful force transforming modern society. By using machines, computers and advanced technologies to perform tasks with minimal human intervention, it has revolutionised education, healthcare, banking, agriculture, transportation and industries worldwide. Everyday conveniences demonstrate automation's growing importance. ATMs simplify banking, online platforms process orders instantly, and household appliances reduce manual work. Hospitals use automated equipment for accurate diagnosis and patient monitoring, while farmers benefit from smart irrigation systems and advanced agricultural machinery. In 2026, artificial intelligence and robotics are accelerating this transformation. Intelligent machines analyse information, support decision-making and improve industrial productivity. Smart factories increasingly employ connected sensors and robotic systems, while Indian businesses embrace automation to strengthen efficiency and competitiveness. However, rapid technological advancement also raises concerns about employment, workforce adaptation and dependence on machines. Addressing these challenges requires continuous learning, technical training and responsible implementation. Automation should complement human abilities rather than replace them entirely. Machines excel at repetitive tasks, while people contribute creativity, judgement, empathy and innovation. Governments, industries and educational institutions must collaborate to prepare workers for emerging opportunities. Ultimately, responsible automation can create safer workplaces, improve productivity and promote inclusive development, ensuring technology serves humanity and strengthens society's collective future.



Dr. KK Vepakomma

After the Midterms: What a Democratic Congress Changes, and Does Not, for India-US Trade Deal

Democrats won control of both chambers of the US Congress in Tuesday's midterm elections, the Associated Press reported, in a vote it linked to high prices and the Iran war. For India, the question is whether that shifts a trade deal that US Secretary of State Marco Rubio called "very, very close" two weeks ago. The short answer is that the tariff India pays today does not depend on Congress, and the deal's remaining risks sit mostly with the White House.

The tariff India pays now: The February 6. 2022 US-India joint statement set a reciprocal tariff of 18 per cent for India. That rate rested on emergency powers, and on February 20, 2026, the US Supreme Court ruled that the administration lacked authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act to impose reciprocal tariffs. A temporary 10 per cent surcharge under Section 122 followed and expired on July 24, 2026, according to CNBC-TV18.

Since July 24, 2026, India has paid a 10 per cent duty under a Section 301 forced-labour action. The US Trade Representative's notice, published July 28, 2026, applied the duty to goods entered from 12:01 a.m. eastern time on July 24 and names India among the economies taxed at 10 per cent. Its exemptions include goods already subject to Section 232 tariffs. Some commentary still refers to an 18 per cent tariff. That is the February framework figure, and the notice shows 10 per cent as the rate set after the court ruling.

Why Congress matters less than it seems: The 10 per cent duty was imposed by the Trade Representative at the President's direction, and Section 232 tariffs are set by the President under powers Congress has delegated, according to the Congressional Research Service. Rewriting that would take a new law. The President can veto it, and Congress can override only with two-thirds of both chambers, under Article I, Section 7 of the Constitution. Experts quoted by the Economic Times differ. Biswajit Dhar expects more room for India to negotiate, while Bank of Baroda's Madan Sabnavis expects the deal's provisions to stay unchanged.



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The next tariff risk is already on the calendar. USTR opened a Section 301 excess-capacity investigation into 16 economies, including India, on March 11. According to EcoVadis, it has issued no findings, and a determination is due by March 11, 2027.

The oil lever has been waived, not removed: On September 18, 2026, the US enacted the Graham Act, which allowed tariffs of up to 100 per cent on the five largest buyers of Russian oil and gas, India among them. President Trump waived those measures on October 16 this year with no expiry date, days before they were due. S&P Global reported on October 23, 2026, that the waiver can be reversed, so refiners are treating it as a reprieve and not a settlement.

Indian refiners are already hedging. Kpler data cited by Business Standard show Russia's share of India's crude imports at about 35 per cent in October, down from a record 56 per cent in July, even as total imports ran near a record 5.6 million barrels a day.

Exporters have been moving early: India's exports to the US rose 11.11 per cent to $50.81 billion in April-September this year, the Financial Express reported on October 16, 2026. September shipments jumped 48 per cent to $8.02 billion. The paper attributed that to frontloading ahead of possible tariffs and noted a weak base from September 2025. Imports from the US climbed 26 per cent to $32.3 billion in the same half, according to the Economic Times. Washington wants energy and defence purchases to help reach a $500 billion bilateral trade target by 2030, a point Mr Rubio pressed in Mumbai on October 21, 2026.

What to watch: Three things matter in the coming weeks: whether the interim agreement is signed, whether the Graham Act waiver holds, and whether the new Congress moves on tariff oversight once it is seated on January 3, 2027. Until then, India's position is steadier than in the summer but not secure, because the main tariff decisions still sit with the executive. This is an assessment based on the figures above, not an official projection.

China's Unease with India's Rise

India's growing economic and military strength challenges China's regional dominance, demanding strategic vigilance, economic self-reliance, stronger defence capabilities and balanced diplomacy amid shifting geopolitical realities.



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India's growing economic and military prowess is reshaping the geopolitical landscape, particularly in Asia, where the contest for regional influence is becoming increasingly pronounced. For China, which seeks to preserve its pre-eminent position in the region, India's emergence as a formidable power is an unwelcome development. A report by the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission, submitted to the US Congress, observes that Beijing views India not merely as a neighbouring country but as a potential challenger to its regional dominance. The findings have brought renewed attention to China's strategic calculations towards India and the evolving security environment in South Asia. These developments, however, must be examined not simply through the prism of bilateral tensions but against the wider backdrop of global power rivalry.

One of the report's significant observations concerns China's military and technological assistance to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, launched by India in May 2025. Although China did not directly participate in the military confrontation, the report highlights its support in strengthening Pakistan's military capabilities. Beijing's willingness to bolster Islamabad during its military tensions with New Delhi reinforces the perception that it seeks to safeguard its strategic interests by keeping India under pressure. Its supply of weapons, military equipment and advanced technology to Pakistan cannot, therefore, be viewed merely as a commercial enterprise; it also serves a larger geopolitical purpose of constraining India's strategic space.

The unresolved boundary dispute remains another major source of concern. Although India and China reached an understanding in October 2024 to reduce tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), normalcy has yet to be fully restored. China's continuing construction of military installations, roads and other infrastructure in border areas poses a persistent challenge to India's security. Its repeated claims over Arunachal Pradesh further expose its reluctance to respect India's territorial sovereignty. While Beijing speaks of peace and cooperation at diplomatic forums, its continued military infrastructure expansion on the ground reveals a troubling contradiction between its rhetoric and actions.

China's expanding naval presence in the Indian Ocean is equally significant. Its ambition to secure influence over vital maritime routes, which carry a substantial share of global trade, could have serious implications for India's maritime security. Beijing's close strategic partnership with Pakistan, its involvement in developing regional ports and its growing naval activities underline the need for New Delhi to continually reassess and strengthen its maritime defence capabilities.

India's economic advancement is another factor contributing to China's unease. India's growing attractiveness to international investors, expanding manufacturing base and progress in technology and indigenous defence production have the potential to alter Asia's existing balance of power. The deepening defence and technological partnership between India and the United States is an additional source of concern for Beijing. More worrying, however, is China's ability to exploit India's continuing dependence on its industrial supply chains. Excessive reliance on Chinese imports for critical components, electronics and rare earth minerals exposes vulnerabilities that could undermine India's economic and strategic security.

Nevertheless, the US commission's assessment should not be accepted uncritically as an entirely dispassionate evaluation of regional security. Countering China's influence in Asia remains a central objective of American foreign policy. Strengthening strategic ties with India consequently serves Washington's own geopolitical interests. India must, therefore, examine the report's warnings carefully and formulate its responses strictly in accordance with its national interests.

Depending excessively on American support to counter China would be as unwise as disregarding the strategic challenges posed by Beijing. India must accelerate indigenous defence production, strengthen border infrastructure and reduce dependence on external suppliers in critical industrial sectors. Simultaneously, diplomatic engagement with China must remain open, while relations with neighbouring countries need to be nurtured through mutual trust and cooperation. National security is not merely a question of military hardware; it also rests on economic resilience, technological self-reliance and diplomatic maturity. The most convincing response to China's apprehensions about India's rise will not come through rhetoric or reliance on American patronage, but through the creation of a strong, self-reliant and economically vibrant India, firmly anchored in democratic values.

YOURLETTERS

Child marriage demands action beyond promises

Child marriage remains a disturbing reality in Karnataka despite government awards and awareness campaigns. Reports indicate that over 31 per cent of young women were married before eighteen, while nearly 2,000 cases reportedly remain pending in courts. Such figures expose serious failures in prevention and enforcement. Poverty, school dropouts and social pressures continue to threaten girls' futures. Authorities must prioritise education, strengthen monitoring, ensure speedy justice and punish offenders instead of celebrating publicity-driven achievements that fail to protect vulnerable children.

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Guru Nanak's teachings inspire universal brotherhood

Guru Nanak Sahib preached that God resides in every creation and true devotion emerges through love and compassion. Inspired by his teachings, Sikhs have consistently demonstrated selfless service beyond religious boundaries. Their assistance to Muslims affected by the 2019 Christchurch attacks, displaced Rohingyas in Bangladesh and Muslims seeking prayer space in Gurugram reflects remarkable humanity. Such gestures uphold equality, tolerance and universal brotherhood. By serving people regardless of faith, the Sikh community beautifully demonstrates the spiritual essence of Guru Nanak's timeless teachings.

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"The Centre will discuss its plans with Darjeeling tea planters and announce the decisions soon."

Piyush Goyal,
Union Commerce & Industry Minister

'Rohtas Forts bridging civilizations from Bihar to Pak'

Two Rohtas forts are bridging the ancient civilizations of India and Pakistan.

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NEW DELHI: The historic Rohtas Fort in Pakistan's Punjab province and Rohtasgarh Fort in Bihar offer a remarkable glimpse into the shared history and civilisational heritage of India and Pakistan, a legacy that predates the Partition of 1947.

Built in the 16th century by Afghan ruler Sher Shah Suri, the Rohtas Fort in present-day Jhelum district of Pakistan is an outstanding example of early Muslim military architecture in Central and South Asia. Spread across nearly 70 hectares, its massive fortifications feature 68 bastions and 12 monumental gateways. Recognising its historical and architectural significance, UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site in 1997.

Its namesake, Rohtasgarh Fort, located in Bihar's Rohtas district, also bears the imprint of Sher Shah Suri, who strengthened the medieval fortress. Known for its strategic location and impressive military architecture, the sprawling complex houses gateways, palaces, temples and reservoirs, reflecting a blend of Indo-Afghan architectural traditions. Sher Shah's magnificent mausoleum at Sasaram, also in Bihar, further reinforces his enduring historical association with the region.

This shared heritage came into focus at the first Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Civilisational Dialogue Forum, hosted by India at Delhi's Purana Qila from November 20 to 22. The forum brought together scholars, academics and cultural representatives to explore the shared civilisational connections among SCO member countries. Addressing a thematic session on 'Civilisational and Cultural Expressions', Pakistan's Federal Minister Musadik Malik highlighted the layered history of Purana Qila, invoking Mughal Emperor Humayun and Sher Shah Suri, both associated with its construction. He described the monument as a meeting point of different historical identities and traditions, emphasising the importance of dialogue through culture.

The historical connections extend beyond the two Rohtas forts. Sher Shah's expansion of the imperial highway, later known as the Grand Trunk Road, and his administrative and revenue reforms created enduring links across present-day India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. Interestingly, both Rohtas Fort in Pakistan and Purana Qila in Delhi feature a Talaqi Darwaza and a baoli, or stepwell, reflecting architectural similarities. Amid continuing strains in India-Pakistan relations, the SCO forum offered an opportunity to foreground cultural connections that transcend contemporary political boundaries. As Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat observed, shared cultural heritage remains a strong bridge connecting SCO nations.

The two Rohtas forts thus stand as enduring reminders of a common past and the potential of heritage diplomacy to foster understanding across borders.

HIGHLIGHT

- One fort is located in Pakistan's Punjab province while the other is Rohtasgarh Fort in India's Bihar.

Case registered against nine

BHADOHI: Nine people have been booked for allegedly harassing and attempting to disrobe a 22-year-old Dalit woman, and severely injuring her husband with an iron rod, police said on Monday. Following the woman's complaint to Superintendent of Police Abhinav Tyagi, a case was registered on Sunday under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the SC/ST Act, Additional SP Shubham Agrawal confirmed.

The incident occurred around 10 pm on September 30 when five named and four unidentified men arrived at the couple's rented house in Badi Bagh to put up a banner. They allegedly showed the woman obscene videos, made inappropriate advances, hurled casteist slurs, and partially disrobed her before her landlord and neighbours intervened.

Later that night, the accused attacked her husband with an iron rod, leaving him unconscious, and injured her as well. The woman alleged police initially ignored her complaint and booked her husband instead. Circle Officer Sumit Tripathi has been directed to ensure prompt action.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

India-Nepal Strengthen Ties through Rail Link

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi hails Ayodhya-Janakpur train service as India-Nepal milestone



LUCKNOW: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday welcomed the launch of a direct rail service between Ayodhya and Janakpur in Nepal, describing it as a significant milestone in strengthening the centuries-old spiritual, cultural and social ties between the two countries.

In a post on X ahead of the inauguration, Adityanath said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart Balen Shah would jointly flag off the rail service connecting Ayodhya, associated with Lord Ram, and Janakpur, the birthplace of Goddess Sita. He said the modern rail connectivity would further strengthen the longstanding emotional and cultural relationship between India and Nepal.

Referring to the traditional 'roti-beti' relationship between the Awadh and Mithila regions, the chief minister said the initiative would add a new golden chapter to their shared spiritual, cultural and social heritage. Adityanath also confirmed that he would be present in Ayodhya to witness the historic occasion, which he described as an opportunity to relive the memories of the Treta Yuga.

He said the initiative reflected Prime Minister Modi's vision of combining heritage with development and his 'Neighbourhood First' policy.

According to the chief minister, the direct rail connection would make pilgrimages easier for crores of devotees from both countries while providing a major boost to religious tourism, cultural integration and regional economic prosperity. **PTI**

HC's Clearance to Demolish Janta Quarters

Demolition of 599 Janta Quarters begins in Bhopal following high court clearance



BHOPAL: Authorities on Monday began demolishing 599 of the 600 dilapidated Janta Quarters in the Aishbagh area of Bhopal, a day after the Madhya Pradesh High Court cleared the demolition drive while granting temporary relief to one resident. The 40-year-old residential colony, built by the Madhya Pradesh Housing Board, houses around 3,000 people. The buildings were declared dilapidated in 2016. During a special hearing on Sunday, the High Court refused to halt the demolition of the entire colony but granted an interim stay on the demolition of one house belonging to petitioner Mohammad Hafiz Khan until the next hearing on November 25.

Following the court's decision, teams from the district administration, police and municipal corporation began preparations by erecting barricades and closing access roads.

An official said four sub-divisional magistrates, 10 tehsildars and approximately 1,000 personnel from the police and municipal corporation had been deployed for the operation. Poclain machines and bulldozers are also being used. **PTI**

Sule promises push on murder probe

THANE: NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule has assured the family of slain Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Pradeep Purnekar that she will write to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and raise the murder case during the upcoming winter session of the state legislature to ensure a transparent investigation.

Speaking to reporters in Thane on Sunday, Sule said NCP (SP) MLA Jitendra Awhad had been requested to raise the issue in the legislature for a detailed discussion.

Purnekar, the Shiv Sena (UBT) Manpada ward chief, was shot and hacked to death with choppers by five assailants inside his office on September 29. Five accused have been arrested in connection with the murder.

Meanwhile, Thane police on Saturday secured court permission to take two arrested accused, Nitesh Pawar and Nikhil Yadav, into police custody for further interrogation.

| FINANCIAL IRREGULARITY |

Corruption allegations rock AITA as Gupta demands independent probe

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Serious financial irregularity allegations against tennis officials trigger demands for independent investigation.



Mr. Dinesh Arora



Sunder Iyer (Maharashtra)

NEW DELHI: Serious allegations of corruption, financial irregularities and nepotism have surfaced against All India Tennis Association (AITA) Secretary General Sunder Iyer and former Treasurer Dinesh Arora, prompting demands for an independent investigation and greater transparency in tennis administration.

Advocate Naresh Gupta has submitted complaints to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Maharashtra government authorities, seeking action against the officials.

According to the complaints, approximately Rs 80 lakh of AITA funds was allegedly misused for personal purposes. Arora also faces allegations concerning irregular financial transactions and questionable cheques. These claims remain unproven.

The controversy intensified following an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Punjab State Lawn Tennis Association in Amritsar on October 29, where Arora reportedly resigned as General Secretary. He subsequently resigned as Treasurer of AITA's Interim Executive Committee.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra authorities sealed portions of the Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association's Mumbai facility over alleged lease violations. The action concerned accommodation rooms and padel courts, while the association's office and tennis courts remained operational.

Gupta's complaint further alleges that event-management contracts worth more than Rs 2 crore were awarded to entities associated with Iyer's family, raising concerns about possible conflicts of interest.

Another allegation concerns a Maharashtra government grant of approximately Rs 2 crore, allegedly transferred to a private trust without adequate supporting documentation.

Gupta has separately approached Maharashtra's Anti-Corruption Bureau, demanding scrutiny of financial records, contracts and government grants.

FASTFACTS

- Advocate Naresh Gupta seeks investigation into alleged fund misuse and questionable contracts.
- Dinesh Arora's resignation and Maharashtra government action intensify scrutiny of tennis administration.

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-:: ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ::-

क्रमांक / 1318 / लो.क.नि. / 2026-27 दिनांक 20 / 11 / 2026

एतद्वारा पंजीयन प्रमाणी अहर्ता सहाय श्रेणी में पंजीकृत अनुभवी ठेकेदारों से 10.12.2026 शाम 5.30 बजे तक निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु दिनांक ऑनलाईन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

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2	वार्ड क्र. 06 ठेकवार चाल में इमली पेड़ से एन.डी. टेलर से पटेल धोबिया तक नाली निर्माण कार्य। (System No.204303)	15.18
3	वार्ड क्र. 10 शंकर नगर में सरस्वती विद्यालय से मेन रोड अवधान इलेक्ट्रीकल तक सी.सी. रोड निर्माण कार्य। (System No.204309)	15.10
4	वार्ड क्र. 24 जमदी मंदिर वार्ड सनराइज स्कूल के पास एवं अन्य स्थानों में सी.सी. रोड निर्माण कार्य। (System No.204310)	12.76
5	वार्ड क्र. 28 गुरुद्वारा गली एवं अन्य स्थानों में सी.सी. रोड निर्माण कार्य। (System No.204311)	12.72
6	वार्ड क्र. 26 संतरा बाड़ी में कोटवानी के घर से अभया टेलिया तक सी.सी. रोड निर्माण कार्य। (System No.204312)	12.76
7	वार्ड क्र. 33 तुलसी चौक से लाल इमली जड़ा तक एवं तुलसी चौक से शिवपाड़ा कंजारा वाली मंदिर तक सी.सी. रोड निर्माण कार्य। (System No.204313)	12.72
8	वार्ड क्र. 34 शिवपड़ा सरस्वती नगर के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में नाली पुलिया निर्माण कार्य। (System No.204315)	12.71
9	वार्ड क्र. 35 नगरपालिका चौक से पचवटी मेडिकल पैलेस तक आर.सी.सी. नाला निर्माण कार्य। (System No.204317)	41.65
10	वार्ड क्र. 37 अजाद वार्ड में शिवमोहन के घर से लेकर प्यारे लाल हलवे के घर तक एवं अन्य गली, सिलवारा सी.सी. रोड निर्माण कार्य। (System No.204322)	11.46
11	वार्ड क्र. 29 शिवप्रसाद गार्डनगर में सीता पाकशाला, मक्की मैदान, शिवमंदिर, लू सिलवानगर में सी.सी. रोड निर्माण कार्य। (System No.204337)	12.60
12	वार्ड क्र. 42 जगदीशैया सिद्धिवारी के घर से जशोने निवास, राज जस्सल स्टोर्स गली, मोहन बाबा गली रानी कुआ के घर एवं अन्य स्थान सी.सी. रोड निर्माण कार्य। (System No.204340)	11.79

निविदा की विस्तृत जानकारी कार्यालय अथवा ई-टेंडरसुविधा पोर्टल http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in एवं विभागीय वेबसाइट www.uad.cg.gov.in से भी डाउनलोड की जा सकती है।

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निविदा संशोधन

इस कार्यालय द्वारा जारी निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना क्रमांक–03 / 2026–2027 / टी.सी. दिनांक 06 / 11 / 2026 में निम्नानुसार तिथी में संशोधन किया जाता है।

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निविदा प्रपत्र क्रय करने हेतु आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि :	20 / 11 / 2026 अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे तक	25 / 11 / 2026
निविदा प्रपत्र प्रदाय करने की तिथि	23 / 11 / 2026 अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे तक	27 / 11 / 2026
ठेकेदारों द्वारा प्रस्तुत निविदायें प्राप्त कराने की अंतिम तिथि	26 / 11 / 2026 अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे तक	30 / 11 / 2026
निविदा खोलने की तिथि	27 / 11 / 2026 पूर्वान्ह 11.30 बजे तक	01 / 12 / 2026

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to the following borrowers / guarantors calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The under mentioned Borrower / Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub - section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 and under section 14 of the Act of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 .

S. N.	Name of Borrower / Guarantor & Address	Description of Property	Demand Notice Date, Amount & Symbolic / Physical Possession Date
01	Mr. Nitesh Kumar Dua (Borrower) Mrs. Natasha Dua (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of residential House bearing Khasra No.- 734/08, (Part of Khasra No.734) Plot No. E/117- A, Area - 1500 Sq. Ft. or 138.40 Sq. Mtr. Situated at Mouza - Surya Vihar, Junwani, Ward No. 01, Bhilai. Distt. Durg, C.G.- 490020 in the name of Shri Nitesh Kumar Dua and Smt. Natasha Dua. Bounded:On the North by:30 ft.Road, On the South by:Plot No.116-A On the East by: Land of Khasra No.734, On the West by:Plot No.117.	16.07.2026 Rs. 91,93,735.59 + interest + other charges 21.11.2026 Symbolic Possession

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above mentioned property and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for above mentioned amount interest and other charges thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 24.11.2026, Place: Bhilai, Chhattisgarh

Authorised Officer,Bank of Baroda

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) No. 13335 OF 2026
WITH PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF

THE ORIENTAL INSURANCE CO. LTD. ---- Petitioner(s)
VERSUS
AHILYA SAHU AND OTHERS ---- Respondent(s)

To,

1 IQBAL SINGH, S/O LAKHA SINGH JAAT R/O VILLAGE GAADE, POLICE STATION GUMAAN, DISTRICT BATALA, GURDASPUR, PUNJAB
PID: 284912/2026 FOR R[7] IN SLP(C) NO: 13335/2026 (SEC IV-C)

PRESENT ADDRESS
TIRUPATI ROADLINES COMPANY, POLICE STATION TATIBANDH, DISTRICT RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH

WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim relief along with applications above mentioned(copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by MR. LOKESH KUMAR CHOUDHARY- 2704, Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on 20th March, 2026, when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

"1. Delay condoned.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the High Court has enhanced the amount of compensation from Rs. 11,95,200/- to Rs. 42,12,512/- based on the Income Tax Returns of the deceased for the assessment years 2013-2014 to 2015-2016,however, RTI query made with the Income Tax Department revealed that the deceased had not filed any Incom Tax Returns for the above said assessment years.
3. Issue notice.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the amount awarded by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal has already been paid to the claimants.
5. In the meanwhile, the operation of the award to the extent of enhanced compensation as awarded by the High Court shall remain stayed."

AND WHEREAS , the matter above - mentioned was listed before Ld. Registrar's Court on 13th October, 2026, When the following order was passed:-

" Counter affidavit on behalf of respondent nos. 1 to 4 and 6 has not been filed, despite the grant of last opportunity. Further opportunity to file counter affidavit will hereinafter stand declined.
Service is complete on respondent no. 8 but none has entered appearance.
Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed an application for substituted service by way of paper publication in respect of respondent no. 7. The same is hereby allowed.
Proof of publication be filed by the learned counsel for the petitioner on or before 27.10.2026.
Learned counsel for the petitioner has not taken appropriate steps with respect to deceased respondent no. 5, despite the grant of last opportunity.
List the matter before the Hon'ble Judge-in-Chambers for directions.
Copy of this Record of Proceedings be furnished to the concerned learned Advocate-on Record for information and compliance."

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition with prayer for interim relief along with applications will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within 30 days from the date of publication of notice . You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why Special Leave Petition and interim relief as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

Take Further Notice that the prayer for interim relief after notice will also be listed before the Court in due course.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Order XXI. S.C.R.2013 within 30 days from the date of publication of notice or not later than 2 weeks before the date appointed for hearing, whichever be earlier, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLPs and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court / Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order or for vacating interim order if already granted.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid , no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated: 29th October, 2026 ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

"I still feel scared of auditions. No matter how confident I [feel] when I come on set for the shoot, auditions continue to paralyse me. There is a difference between [shooting] and having to audition."

Babil Khan



&Glitters

OTT Watch



Daayra makes strong Netflix debut

Meghna Gulzar's Daayra clocked 3.2 million views in its debut week on Netflix, entering the global Top 10 at No. 9. Trending in 14 countries, the film outperformed Cocktail 2, Dhamaal 4 and Pati Patni Aur Woh Do.



Drishyam 3 announces its OTT premiere

Ajay Devgn and Tabu's Drishyam: The Conclusion will premiere on Netflix on November 27, 2026. Directed by Abhishek Pathak, the crime thriller continues Vijay Salgaonkar's battle to protect his family from a reopened investigation.



Ravi teaches Akshay his viral hook step

Akshay Kumar and Ravi Kishan bring laughter and camaraderie to Koffee with Karan 9. In the promo, Akshay cheekily calls sex the best workout, while Ravi teaches him his viral hook step. The episode streams Wednesday on JioHotstar.



Abhishek reunites with Sudip Sharma

Abhishek Banerjee says he had been waiting for Sudip Sharma to approach him after their collaboration on Paatal Lok. He is happy to reunite with the filmmaker in Pushpak Vimaan, a crime-comedy series starring Barun Sobti and Jaideep Ahlawat.



Love and ambition face a new reality

Teen Tigada is streaming on ZEE5. Starring Prasanna Bisht and Danesh Razvi, this drama follows an aspiring cricketer and a musician whose promising careers face uncertainty after an unexpected pregnancy changes their relationship.

CLOSE UP

Chulbul will return but skeptical of Pawan Kumar - Salman

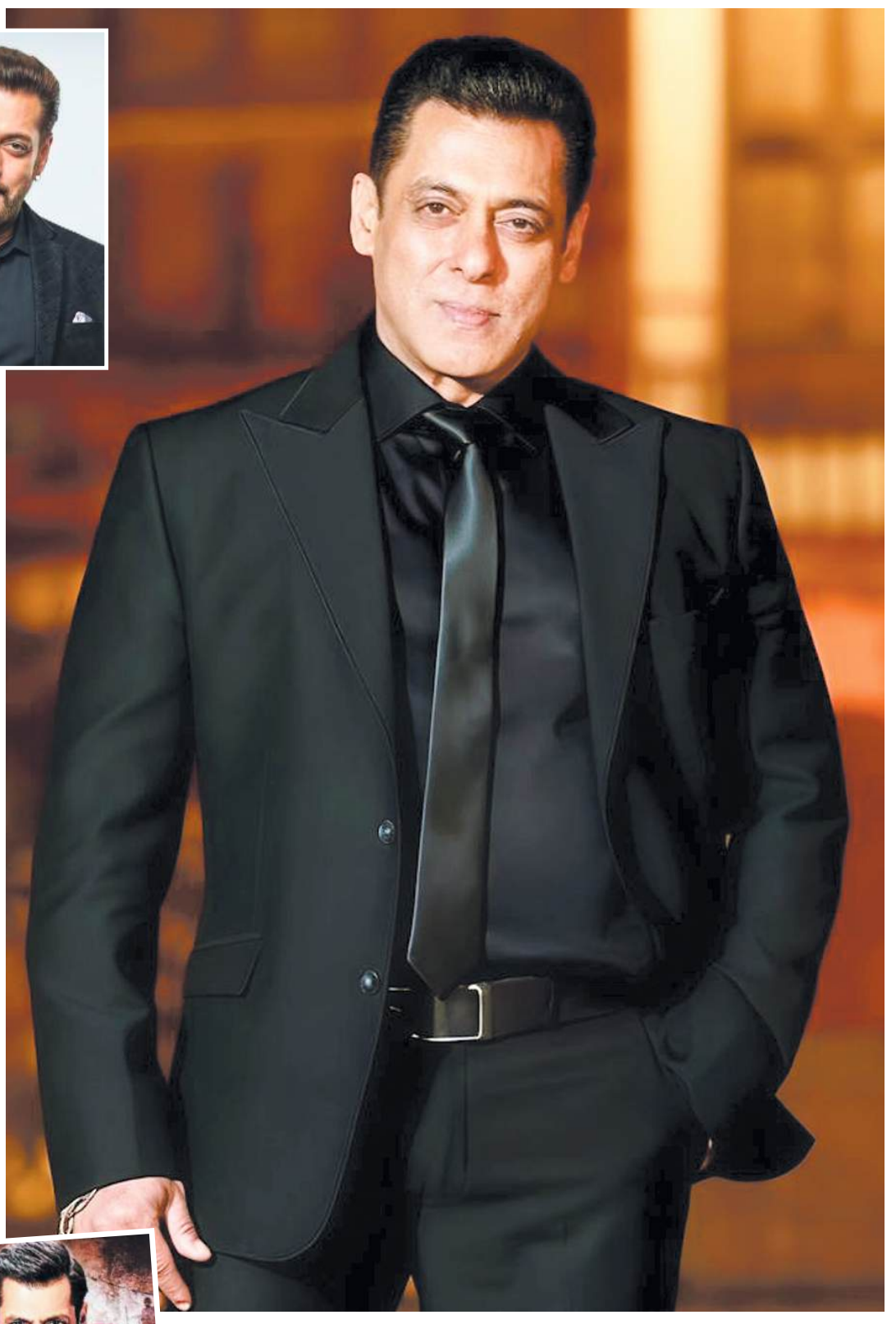
Salman Khan shares exciting news about one of his biggest franchises.

Central Chronicle News

While Dabangg will return, a Bajrangi Bhaijaan sequel seems unlikely.



Salman Khan confirms Dabangg sequel is in the works



Salman Khan has shared an update on two of his popular film franchises, Dabangg and Bajrangi Bhaijaan, confirming that a new instalment of the former is in the works while ruling out a sequel to the 2015 emotional drama. The actor lately discussed returning to his memorable characters and explained why he does not wish to revisit Bajrangi Bhaijaan. Talking about Dabangg, which introduced audiences to the popular cop Chulbul Pandey in 2010, Salman indicated that another film in the franchise is definitely planned. The actor suggested that taking the series forward remains within his family's control. "Dabangg ka toh aa hi jaayega. Yeh toh humare haath mein hai. Baaki films unke haath mein hai," he said. The franchise, known for its action, humour and Salman's portrayal of Chulbul Pandey, has already seen two sequels. The second film arrived in 2012, followed by the third instalment in 2019. However, Salman was less enthusiastic about the possibility of Bajrangi Bhaijaan 2. He explained that recreating the emotional impact and audience connection of the original would be extremely difficult. The 2015 film, directed by Kabir Khan, featured Salman as Pawan Kumar Chaturvedi, who helps a young Pakistani girl reunite with her family. The actor said he did not want a second film to invite comparisons with the original or leave audiences disappointed. He believes the first film's emotional appeal would be difficult to surpass.



Meanwhile, Salman's next theatrical release is Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace. Directed by Apoorva Lakhia, the patriotic drama also stars Chitrangada Singh and is scheduled to release in cinemas on December 4, 2026.

| SMALL SCREEN |

Gaurav Khanna left corporate job to follow acting dreams

Central Chronicle News



Gaurav Khanna soon seen in show Dil Ki Bewafaiyaan.

HIGHLIGHT

- **A well-paying job could not keep Gaurav Khanna away from acting.**

Actor Gaurav Khanna has opened up about leaving a well-paying corporate job to pursue his passion for acting. At the launch of Ektaa Kapoor's upcoming show Dil Ki Bewafaiyaan, he recalled how chance first introduced him to acting. Speaking to host Farah Khan, Gaurav revealed that he initially had no plans to become an actor. "I had a pretty good corporate job with a fat package. I had no idea that there might be an actor in me or that I could learn to act. I wish I had entered the industry a little earlier," he said. He added that he sometimes feels he could have done more work and met more people had he started sooner. Recalling his first audition, Gaurav shared that it happened entirely by chance. He had accompanied a friend to an audition in Aram Nagar and was waiting outside on his bike when someone from the team invited him to audition. When the casting team asked for his profile, he initially assumed they wanted his CV. Reacting to his story, Farah offered an encouraging perspective, telling him, "You came in late, so you'll be around for longer." The actor also spoke about handling challenges, emphasising the importance of staying determined. "There can be a lot of obstacles along the way, problems and speed breakers. But always keep moving," he said. Gaurav currently stars alongside Shraddha Arya in Dil Ki Bewafaiyaan, playing Manav, while Shraddha portrays Janaki. The show explores the changing dynamics of a marriage after 20 years, as the couple develops different perspectives about life and unfulfilled aspirations. The series premieres on November 24 at 9 pm on Star Plus and JioHotstar.

CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Web Series

Emily In Paris gets a farewell season

Netflix's popular series Emily in Paris is returning with its sixth and final season, bringing Emily Cooper's journey to an end. Starring Lily Collins, the 10-episode season promises romance, fashion and fresh European adventures. The story continues after Emily turns down Marcello's offer to move to Italy and chooses her career in France. Her Mediterranean getaway with best friend Mindy will take viewers to Greece and Monaco. Lucas Bravo, Ashley Park, Philippine Leroy-Beaulieu and Lucien Laviscount will reprise their roles, while Camille Razat will not return. All episodes will premiere on Netflix on December 24, 2026.

Hot Pair

Shilpa Shetty calls Raj her matching soul



Shilpa Shetty and Raj Kundra celebrated another year of marital bliss, marking their wedding anniversary with a sweet social media post. The actress shared a picture of the couple walking hand in hand, with their backs to the camera. Captioning it, she wrote, "Matching Soles with my matching SOUL." The couple tied the knot in a traditional South Indian ceremony in Lonavala in November 2009. They are parents to son Viaan and daughter Samisha. Friends from the industry, including Karishma Tanna and Geeta Basra, showered them with anniversary wishes. Raj recently announced his debut production, Nihang.



Music

A flight full of music with Sonu Nigam

Singer Sonu Nigam turned an ordinary Raipur-Mumbai flight into a memorable musical experience on November 20. Travelling back after performing at AIIMS Raipur's Oriana Fest, he received an unexpected welcome when passengers began singing his popular songs, including Kal Ho Naa Ho and Main Agar Kahoon. Moved by their enthusiasm, Sonu recorded the singalong before surprising everyone with a live performance. He stepped into the aisle and sang tracks such as Main Hoon Na, Bijuria and Har Ghadi Badal Rahi Hai Zindagi. Sharing the experience online, he thanked passengers for their heartwarming love. The unexpected concert made the journey special for everyone on board.

Trending on Insta

@anilskapoor

Anil Kapoor revisits memories of Sridevi's Lamhe

Anil Kapoor celebrated 35 years of Lamhe, revisiting memories of the iconic romantic drama. He said he would always cherish working with late filmmaker Yash Chopra and praised co-stars Sridevi, Anupam Kher, and the entire cast and crew.





Excursion

TRAVELOGUE

Bollywood nostalgia meets experiential travel

Airbnb brings one of Bollywood's most memorable homes back to life.





Bollywood reminiscence meets empirical travel as Airbnb recreates the iconic Raichand House from Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham in Mumbai, giving fans a chance to relive the film's memorable moments. Celebrating 25 years of the family drama, Airbnb has collaborated with filmmaker Karan Johar to introduce an exclusive experience titled At Home with the Raichands. Scheduled from December 1 to 6, 2026, the experience will welcome 180 lucky guests for a complimentary two-hour visit. Visitors can explore recreated spaces from the film, including the grand staircase, living room and family study. An immersive audio tour will take guests through memorable scenes and moments from the movie. One of the biggest attractions is Poo's iconic wardrobe, where fans can revisit the fashion moments associated with Kareena Kapoor's much-loved character. The experience begins with an entry challenge inspired by Rohan, followed by a traditional Raichand-style welcome. Guests can write personal notes inspired by the film's message of family and relationships and receive a keepsake.



HIGHLIGHT

- **The recreated Raichand House offers fans an unforgettable nostalgic experience.**

Booking requests open on November 23, 2026, at 12 PM IST through Airbnb's dedicated page, airbnb.com/k3g. The experience is free, and each selected guest can bring one companion. Applicants must have an active Airbnb profile, positive reviews and government-issued identification. Visitors will need to arrange their own travel to Mumbai.

The initiative also raises a question about Bollywood tourism becoming India's next travel trend. Films have long influenced travel choices, with Switzerland gaining popularity among Indian tourists through its association with Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge. The recreated Raichand House could introduce a new form of cinema-inspired travel, bringing iconic Bollywood settings closer to fans. If successful, it may encourage more such experiences across India.



K3G family home to life in Mumbai

WindowView

MAGICAL LANTERN FESTIVALS ACROSS ASIA

Yi Peng Lantern Festival Lights Up Chiang Mai



Held in November, Thailand's Yi Peng Lantern Festival celebrates the region's traditional Lanna culture. Thousands of illuminated lanterns rise into the night sky, creating a spectacular sight. The festival coincides with Loy Krathong, when decorated floats are released onto rivers. Visitors can participate in organised lantern releases, explore Chiang Mai's historic temples, including Wat Phra Singh, browse colourful night markets and attend traditional lantern-making workshops. A trip to nearby Chiang Rai can further enrich the cultural experience.

Pingxi Sky Lantern Festival Celebrates Wishes



Celebrated around the Lunar New Year, Taiwan's Pingxi Sky Lantern Festival brings people together through wishes and new beginnings. Visitors write their hopes and messages on paper lanterns before releasing them into the night sky. Set in the scenic Pingxi region, the festival offers a memorable cultural experience. Travellers can explore Shifen Old Street, visit the beautiful Shifen Waterfall and wander through Jiufen's charming hillside lanes. Taipei's temples and night markets also make interesting additions to the itinerary.



Hoi An Lantern Festival Glows Brightly

Held monthly around the full moon, Vietnam's Hoi An Lantern Festival transforms the historic town into a colourful spectacle. Beautiful lanterns illuminate its streets while their reflections shimmer across the Hoai River. Visitors can enjoy traditional boat rides, float small lanterns on the water and explore historic merchant houses. Lantern-making workshops and Vietnamese cooking classes offer further cultural experiences. Travellers can also cycle through the countryside or relax at An Bang Beach, making this a delightful holiday destination.



Nagasaki Lantern Festival Illuminates Japan

Celebrated during the Chinese New Year period, Japan's Nagasaki Lantern Festival fills the city with colourful lantern displays, festive decorations and traditional performances. Rooted in Nagasaki's Chinese cultural heritage, the celebration offers visitors a glimpse into its fascinating history. Travellers can explore Shinchi Chinatown and Minato Park, visit the iconic Spectacles Bridge and discover Dejima, a historic trading post. The Nagasaki Peace Park and Atomic Bomb Museum offer meaningful experiences, while local Nagasaki champon noodles are worth sampling.

Seoul Lantern Festival Lights Up Korea



South Korea's Seoul Lantern Festival transforms the city into a dazzling celebration of art, culture and creativity. Usually held during November and December, the festival features beautifully illuminated lantern installations along the Cheonggyecheon Stream. Visitors can enjoy traditional Korean designs, contemporary light displays and colourful themed decorations. Travellers can also explore nearby Gwangjang Market, visit Gyeongbokgung Palace and discover Seoul's vibrant shopping streets.

| TRAIL |

'Kharka Gaon' A beautiful village of marigolds

Central Chronicle News

Looking for a peaceful getaway? This Himalayan village deserves your attention.



Colourful marigold flowers and scenic mountain views.

Not every holiday need crowded tourist attraction, busy streets or packed itineraries. Sometimes, a quiet village surrounded by hills, colourful flowers and fresh mountain air offers the perfect escape. Tucked away in West Bengal's Kalimpong district, Kharka Gaon is one such destination that looks straight out of a postcard.

A village surrounded by marigolds

Located around 9 km from Kalimpong town and close to Deolo, Kharka Gaon is known for its beautiful natural surroundings and colourful marigold flowers. During the flowering season, bright yellow and orange blooms add charm to village roads and landscapes. Travellers can enjoy breathtaking views of Mount Kanchenjunga and the surrounding Himalayan peaks. The village also offers beautiful sunrise and sunset views, making it a wonderful destination for photography enthusiasts and nature lovers. The region is also home to several Himalayan bird species, including the White-browed Shrike-Babbler, Blue-throated Barbet and Red-vented Bulbul. Its peaceful atmosphere makes it ideal for slow travel and spending quality time amid nature.

HIGHLIGHT

- **From marigold fields to mountain views, Kharka Gaon offers unforgettable scenery.**



Where to stay?

Kharka Gaon is an offbeat destination where visitors can find local homestays instead of luxury hotels and resorts. These accommodations offer basic facilities and an opportunity to experience village life and local hospitality.

Best time to visit

April to June is considered a good time to explore Kharka Gaon, when temperatures generally range between 15 and 28 degrees Celsius. Winters can be cold, while monsoons are best avoided because heavy rainfall may cause landslides and road disruptions.

How to reach?

Bagdogra Airport, approximately 80 km away, is the nearest airport. New Jalpaiguri Railway Station, around 78 km away, is the nearest major railhead. From both locations, travelers can hire taxis. Kalimpong town is just 9 km away, making the village easily accessible by road.

Sports



"We are in a situation that is very complicated, very difficult, but we must remain focused and fight for improvement."

Mauricio Pochettino
Manchester United manager

Gukesh Vs Sindarov: A royal battle of minds

India's defending world champion D Gukesh faces formidable Uzbek challenger Javokhir Sindarov in Geneva, with both young grandmasters preparing for a historic battle for chess supremacy.

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Sindarov enters championship as favourite following remarkable World Cup and Candidates triumphs.



GENEVA: India's D Gukesh will begin the defence of his classical World Chess Championship title against Uzbekistan's in-form Javokhir Sindarov on Tuesday, setting the stage for the youngest title contest in chess history.

The two 20-year-old grandmasters will battle across 14 games from November 24 to December 12 in Geneva, with Sindarov entering as the favourite following an extraordinary run of performances.

The Uzbek challenger captured the 2025 World Cup before dominating the Candidates Tournament, securing qualification with a round to spare. His exceptional consistency has earned widespread admiration, while his November FIDE rating stands 72 points above Gukesh.

Sindarov, currently ranked fourth globally, has recorded an impressive average performance rating of 2,837 across his first four major tournaments of 2026.

However, Gukesh knows that rankings alone cannot determine championship outcomes. The Indian made history in Singapore in 2024 when he defeated China's Ding Liren to become the youngest undisputed classical world champion at just 18.

Since that triumph, Gukesh has endured a challenging period, struggling for consistency and slipping to 26th in the world rankings. He consequently reduced his classical tournament commitments to concentrate on preparation.

Nevertheless, encouraging performances have restored confidence ahead of his title defence. At September's Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Gukesh collected 8.5 points from 11 games, claiming individual silver on board four while helping India secure team silver. His coach, Grzegorz Gajewski, believes the Olympiad performance strengthened the Indian champion's confidence. Gukesh has also credited meditation with improving his mental approach during demanding competitions.

Despite being widely regarded as favourite, Sindarov remains cautious about facing the defending champion. The Uzbek insists that thorough preparation and respect for Gukesh's abilities are essential.

RULES AND SCHEDULE

VENUE: Fondation Martin Bodmer, Cologny, Geneva, the first world title match in Switzerland since 2004.

FORMAT: 14 classical games, and the first to 7.5 points wins.

SCHEDULE: Game 1 is on Tuesday, November 24, at 3 pm local time (7:30 pm IST). Game 14 is on December 11, and any tiebreaks are on December 12.

REST DAYS: After every third game, on November 27, December 1, December 5 and December 9.

TIME CONTROL: Two hours for 40 moves, then 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with 30 seconds added per move from move 41.

NO QUICK DRAWS: No agreed draw before Black's 40th move.

TIEBREAKS AT 7-7: Four rapid games, then two games at 10+5, then two blitz games, then sudden-death blitz. There is no Armageddon.

PRIZE FUND: US $2.5 million, with $200,000 for each game won and the rest split equally. A fixed $1.3 million and $1.2 million split applies if the match is decided in the tiebreaks or by the narrowest classical margin.

KSLTA to host Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger, Women's W100

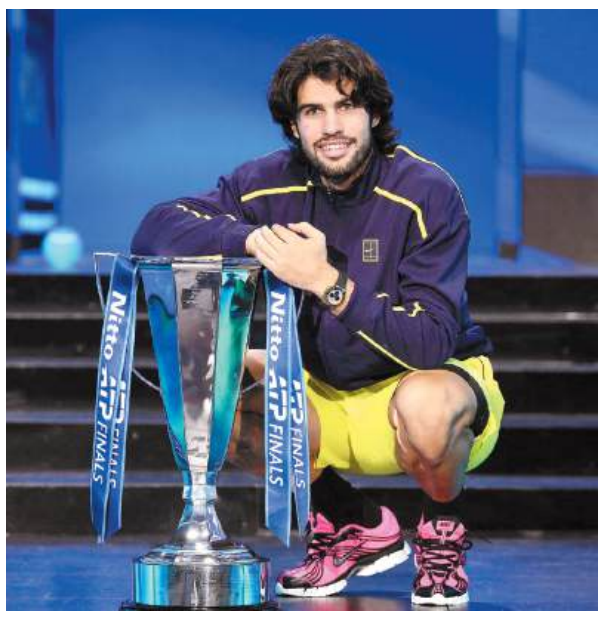
BENGALURU: Bengaluru will host two international professional tennis tournaments early next year, with the ATP Challenger 125 scheduled from January 4 to 9 and the ITF Women's World Tennis Tour W100 from February 14 to 21. Both tournaments will be held at the S.M. Krishna Tennis Stadium. The Bengaluru Open will offer a prize purse of USD 235,000, while the women's event will carry USD 100,000, taking the combined prize purse to USD 335,000. The Bengaluru Open, which completed its 10th edition in 2025, is among the highest-tier ATP Challenger events held in India. India's Sumit Nagal won the singles title in 2017 and was runner-up in 2024, while Prajnesh Gunneswaran claimed the title in 2018, with Saketh Myneni finishing runner-up.

| ALCARAZ CELEBRATES TRIUMPH |

Alcaraz joins tennis legends with historic ATP triumph

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Carlos Alcaraz defeats Alexander Zverev to claim his maiden ATP Finals crown.



TURIN: Carlos Alcaraz joined an exclusive group of tennis legends after defeating world number one Alexander Zverev 6-2, 7-6 (7) in Sunday's ATP Finals championship match.

The 23-year-old Spaniard became only the fourth man to combine a career Grand Slam with the prestigious season-ending trophy, following Andre Agassi, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic.

Despite struggling with a left hamstring injury and knee discomfort, Alcaraz displayed remarkable determination to secure his 14th consecutive victory, following triumphs in Vienna and Paris.

"It's something impressive that my name is next to those legends," Alcaraz said.

The Spaniard dominated the opening set, repeatedly breaking Zverev's serve through aggressive returns and exceptional court coverage.

However, Zverev recovered from an early second-set break and forced a tiebreaker, where he squandered three set points before Alcaraz sealed victory with a stunning backhand winner.

The champion struck 28 winners against Zverev's 12, underlining his attacking superiority.

HIGHLIGHT

- Spaniard joins Agassi, Federer and Djokovic in exclusive career Grand Slam club.
- Alcaraz overcomes injury concerns to extend winning streak to fourteen matches.

| KOOKABURRA QUALITY QUESTIONED |

Shubman Gill urges ICC to reconsider saliva ban rules

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WELLINGTON: India captain Shubman Gill has urged the ICC to reconsider its saliva ban, questioning Kookaburra ball quality following the drawn first Test against New Zealand.

New Zealand survived 75 overs on the final day, scoring 120 runs for three wickets.

"We are way past Covid times. There was a rule that you can't apply saliva to shine the ball. It's been 7-8 years now, I still don't understand why they are not allowing it," he said.

"Our first ball, I think after 25-30 overs, the ball became very soft. I think they also complained," Gill said.

The skipper argued that softer balls make wicket-taking difficult on unresponsive surfaces.

"They don't carry the edges. So, the caught-behind dismissal becomes harder. If there is not so much movement in the pitch, then the LBW remains on hold."



> **"...from the wicket, and the ball also becomes soft, then it becomes very difficult for the bowlers to take wickets."**
>
> **Shubman Gill**
> Indian Cricket Team Captain

Gill also highlighted India's bowling workload after nearly 250 overs during the match.

"Our bowlers have put in so many overs, we will definitely take them (out for a dinner). We had a team activity but after bowling so many overs it stands cancelled," he said.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

BARCELONA CELEBRATE COMEBACK

Barcelona stage stunning comeback against Villarreal to reclaim league lead



TURIN: Barcelona staged a remarkable comeback from two goals down to defeat Villarreal 3-2 and restore their three-point advantage at the top of La Liga. Villarreal stunned the hosts with goals from Canadian internationals Tajon Buchanan and Tani Oluwaseyi inside seven minutes. Lamine Yamal subsequently missed a penalty, leaving Barcelona trailing 2-0 at halftime. However, Barcelona responded brilliantly after the interval, scoring three goals within 10 minutes. Gerard Martín and Fermín López found the net before Pau Navarro's own goal completed the dramatic turnaround in the 67th minute. Navarro was subsequently dismissed following a second yellow card during stoppage time. The victory marked Barcelona's third consecutive league triumph since losing to Real Madrid in last month's clasico. **PTI**

LIVERPOOL CELEBRATE VICTORY

Liverpool crush Manchester United 4-0 in Pochettino's disastrous debut match



LIVERPOOL: Mauricio Pochettino endured a disastrous debut as Manchester United manager, suffering a humiliating 4-0 Premier League defeat against Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday. United's troubles began when Leny Yoro received a red card in the eighth minute for fouling Alexander Isak. Dominik Szoboszlai converted the resulting free kick before Florian Wirtz doubled Liverpool's advantage three minutes later. Despite several missed opportunities, Liverpool extended their lead through Rio Ngumoha in the 66th minute, while Victor Munoz completed the rout in the 82nd. Goalkeeper Senne Lammens prevented further embarrassment with several crucial saves. The defeat left United second from bottom with just one league victory this season, while Liverpool climbed to fourth. **PTI**

BABAR STAYS FOCUSED

Babar's mantra: Give 100 per cent on field, shut out external noise



DUBAI: Pakistan batting star Babar Azam believes giving his best on the field and ignoring outside criticism are essential to maintaining consistency and helping his team win. The former Pakistan captain, who will represent Desert Vipers in the DP World ILT20 2026, said his focus remains on training, performance and contributing to victories. "I give my 100 per cent on the ground and in the practice sessions regardless of what people say," Babar told PTI. Despite constant scrutiny of his technique and performances, the 32-year-old prefers seeking advice from trusted coaches and former players. Babar, who captained Pakistan to a historic T20 World Cup victory over India in 2021, stressed that external opinions should never distract players from their responsibilities. **PTI**

INDIA LOSE GROUND

India lose crucial ground in WTC standings after Wellington draw



WELLINGTON: India suffered a setback in their World Test Championship (WTC) campaign after New Zealand secured a hard-fought draw in the opening Test at Basin Reserve on Monday. Despite declaring at a massive 720/9, India failed to dismiss the hosts, who finished at 239/5 after 120 overs. Daryl Mitchell remained unbeaten on 49 from 186 deliveries, while Glenn Phillips contributed a patient 26 from 126 balls, frustrating India's bowlers. The result saw Australia climb to second place with 69.23 percentage points, pushing New Zealand into third at 66.67. India remained fourth with 50.00 percentage points, behind leaders South Africa. Shubman Gill's side will seek crucial points when the second Test begins in Christchurch on Friday. **PTI**

Sports News

Stalemate on stubborn Basin Reserve pitch

Daryl Mitchell and Glenn Phillips produced a remarkable defensive partnership as New Zealand frustrated India's bowlers to secure a hard-fought draw in the opening Wellington Test on Monday.

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India missed crucial opportunities as New Zealand survived final day batting pressure.



WELLINGTON: Daryl Mitchell and Glenn Phillips displayed tremendous patience and determination as New Zealand battled to a draw against India in the opening Test at Basin Reserve on Monday, frustrating the visitors' hopes of securing a series lead.

Resuming the final day at 119 for two, New Zealand faced the challenging task of surviving against India's formidable bowling attack. However, Mitchell's unbeaten 49 off 186 deliveries and Phillips' patient 26 not out from 126 balls ensured the hosts finished at 239 for five in 120 overs.

India, who had declared their first innings at 702 for nine after dismissing New Zealand for 368, began the final day needing eight wickets to force victory.

Washington Sundar provided an early breakthrough by removing Devon Conway for 65, while Prasidh Krishna dismissed Rachin Ravindra for 37. Both overnight batters had initially frustrated India's bowlers with cautious batting.

Anshul Kamboj then removed Tom Blundell for 15, with the dismissal confirmed through DRS, raising India's hopes of breaking through New Zealand's resistance.

However, Mitchell and Phillips combined in a stubborn, unbeaten partnership lasting 43 overs, successfully neutralising India's pace and spin attacks.

Mitchell survived a crucial run-out opportunity when Akash Deep failed to collect the ball cleanly, allowing the batter to continue his determined resistance.

The Wellington surface offered little assistance to bowlers, with diminishing pace and minimal deterioration making wicket-taking increasingly difficult.

Jasprit Bumrah was carefully managed throughout the match, bowling short spells. He finished with five wickets from 49 overs across the contest.

India's frustration increased as Mitchell and Phillips continued blocking deliveries, including prolonged periods without scoring.

With victory becoming increasingly unlikely, India eventually accepted the draw with 15 scheduled overs remaining.

The result dealt another setback to India's World Test Championship ambitions, while New Zealand slipped to third in the standings.

For the hosts, Mitchell and Phillips emerged as the heroes, demonstrating remarkable concentration and resilience under pressure to prevent India from converting their commanding first-innings advantage into victory.

Treesa-Gayatri chase historic hat-trick as young Indians eye glory

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Defending champions Treesa-Gayatri lead India's promising youngsters into the Syed Modi International.



LUCKNOW: Defending champions Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand will chase a historic hat-trick of titles as India's emerging badminton stars prepare to showcase their talent at the Syed Modi India International Super 300 tournament beginning Tuesday.

With established names like PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Chirag Shetty and Kidambi Srikanth absent, the USD 250,000 tournament offers promising youngsters an opportunity to make their mark.

Top-seeded Treesa and Gayatri arrive with growing confidence after securing bronze at the World Championships in New Delhi in August, India's first women's doubles medal at the event in 15 years. The defending champions begin against qualifiers.

India enjoys strong representation in women's singles, with five players among the eight seeds.

Seventh seed Devika Sihag, who claimed her maiden World Tour title at the Thailand Masters, faces compatriot Tanya Hemanth.

Second seed Tanvi Sharma, the youngest Taipei Open champion, opens against Malaysia's Goh Jin Wei, while fifth seed Ashmita Chaliha meets Ukraine's Polina Buhrova.

Third seed Unnati Hooda faces Ukraine's Yevheniia Kantemyr, while eighth seed Isharani Baruah takes on Indonesia's Thalita Ramadhani Wiryawan.

Attention will also focus on 19-year-old Rakshitha Ramraj, who stunned Olympic champion Chen Yu Fei at the Hong Kong Open last week.

In men's singles, third seed HS Prannoy spearheads India's challenge against Chinese Taipei's Wu Zhe Ying. Tharun Mannepalli, Kiran George and Mithun Manjunath are other notable contenders.

In men's doubles, Hariharan Amsakarunan and MR Arjun begin against fellow Indians Abinash Mohanty and Ayush Pattanayak.

|IPL AUCTION|

Dhoni unlikely to sit at CSK auction table: Pathan

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Former India pacer believes Dhoni will focus on mentoring Chennai Super Kings.



NEW DELHI: Former India pacer Irfan Pathan believes MS Dhoni will stay away from Chennai Super Kings' auction table for IPL 2027, concentrating instead on mentoring players.

The auction is scheduled in Goa on December 16. Dhoni retired earlier this month after representing CSK in 17 IPL seasons and was subsequently appointed franchise mentor.

"Knowing Dhoni, I don't think he will be sitting at the auction table. His job is to guide players, share experience and help them win matches," Pathan told JioStar.

He said Dhoni trusted CSK's management to handle bidding decisions.

Meanwhile, former India batter Abhinav Mukund highlighted CSK's bowling weaknesses following three consecutive seasons without playoff qualification.

Mukund suggested the franchise could trade surplus batters to strengthen its bowling attack, particularly by acquiring a reliable Indian spinner ahead of the upcoming season.

Ganguly questions absence of Kuldeep, Suthar

NEW DELHI: Former India captain Sourav Ganguly underlined the need for a frontline spinner to win Test matches on flat wickets, while questioning the absence of Manav Suthar and Kuldeep Yadav. India struggled to dislodge the sixth-wicket pair of Glenn Phillips and Daryl Mitchell as New Zealand held on for a draw in the first Test at Wellington, batting through the fifth day. "India has been brilliant this series .. white ball and now red ball .. the batting application looked super .. but they must understand to win Test matches away a genuine spinner is a must on pitches which get flat with time," Ganguly wrote on X.

|ASIA CUP RISING STARS|

India A seek disciplined bowling effort vs UAE to seal semifinal berth

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India A seek improved bowling performance against UAE to secure semifinal qualification.



DOHA: India A will aim to bounce back from their defeat against Pakistan A when they face the United Arab Emirates in a crucial Asia Cup Rising Stars 50-over tournament clash on Tuesday.

A victory will take India to four points from three Group B matches and secure their semifinal berth.

India's bowling remains a major concern after conceding 313 against Pakistan, including 83 runs in the final 11 overs. The team eventually suffered a 48-run defeat.

Harshit Rana, Prince Yadav and Shahbaz Ahmed must deliver improved performances after part-timer Ayush Badoni outshone the regular bowlers.

The UAE cannot be underestimated, having earlier restricted Pakistan to 245.

India will also expect more runs from 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who managed scores of 26 and 11 against Nepal and Pakistan respectively.

Opening partner Abhishek Sharma and skipper Tilak Varma will be crucial as India seek a stronger batting display to enter the semifinals.

FASTFACTS

- India's bowlers must regain discipline after conceding 313 runs against Pakistan A.
- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi needs bigger contribution as India seek stronger opening batting partnerships.

|ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY|

India aim to extend dominance against China in ACT

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Defending champions India face Olympic silver medallists China in crucial continental showdown.



BHOPAL: Riding high on their Asian Games triumph, defending champions India will look to continue their impressive run when they face higher-ranked China in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy here on Tuesday.

Already assured of a semifinal berth after winning their opening three matches, India lead the six-team standings with nine points, ahead of Japan on goal difference. China occupy third position with four points.

India defeated China 1-0 in the Asian Games final and will aim to repeat that success against the reigning Olympic silver medallists.

The hosts opened their campaign with a convincing 4-1 victory over Malaysia before edging South Korea 2-1 and thrashing Thailand 7-0.

Young striker Mumtaz Khan has impressed with three field goals, while drag-flicker Deepika has converted three penalty corners. Experienced Navneet Kaur has contributed two penalty-stroke goals, with Sunelita Toppo also scoring twice.

Goalkeepers Bichu Devi Kharibam and Bansuri Solanki have performed admirably in Savita Punia's absence, conceding just two goals.

Chief coach Sjoerd Marijne praised his players' adaptability and attacking quality but acknowledged that changing positions remained challenging.

Pranavi Urs eyes title defence at Atri Invitational

MUMBAI: Pranavi Urs will look to defend her Atri Invitational title, which she won last year to become the first Indian woman professional to win a mixed-gender event in the country, when the IGPL tournament tees off here on Tuesday. Since that historic triumph, Pranavi has added another major milestone to her career by winning a gold medal at the Asian Games. The 54-hole professional event, carrying a prize purse of Rs 2 crore, with the winner taking home Rs 30 lakh, will feature a strong field of men and women professionals, alongside amateurs and young players, at the iconic Bombay Presidency Golf Club (BPGC).

|BANGLADESH BATTING COLLAPSES|

Rabada and Jansen demolish Bangladesh for 91 in Centurion

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South African pacers dismantle Bangladesh batting lineup in rain-affected second Test opener.

CENTURION: South Africa's formidable pace attack, led by Kagiso Rabada and Marco Jansen, produced a devastating bowling performance to dismiss Bangladesh for just 91 runs on the opening day of the second Test here on Monday.

Rabada and Jansen claimed three wickets each, while Anrich Nortje contributed two as Bangladesh's batting lineup collapsed spectacularly under challenging conditions.

Rain washed out the morning session, delaying the toss by four hours and reducing the day's scheduled play to 60 overs.

South Africa, led by Aiden Markram in the absence of injured captain Temba Bavuma, elected to bowl under overcast skies on a moisture-laden surface.

Bangladesh suffered an early setback when Jansen removed opener Tanzid Hasan for three, caught at first slip. Mahfijul Islam (23) and Mominul Haque (18) briefly steadied the innings with a 37-run partnership before Nortje struck twice in three deliveries.

Nortje bowled Islam and skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto (4), leaving Bangladesh struggling at 44 for three.

Wiaan Mulder then dismissed Mominul, while Jansen removed Litton Das for eight, reducing the visitors to 73 for five.

Towhid Hridoy, who struck a century in the opening Test, attempted a counter-attack against Simon Harmer, hitting two boundaries and a six.

World



Portugal backs Pak's bid to retain EU trade concessions.

Paulo Rangel
Portugal Foreign Minister

Ukrainian drones strike Russian warship in Libya

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Monday claimed that sea drones sank the navy vessel in a surprise assault the previous day.

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A Ukrainian Sea Baby suicide drone attacks the Russian cargo ship MV Angara near Benghazi, Libya.

KYIV: Ukraine carried out an attack on a Russian warship moored at a port in Libya, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Monday, claiming that sea drones sank the navy vessel in a surprise assault the previous day. Ukrainian forces deployed seven domestically made sea drones in the operation, which struck the Russian navy corvette in the Mediterranean, according to Zelenskyy. The ship was one of Russia's newest vessels, commissioned a year after Moscow launched the 2022 invasion of its neighbour, the Ukrainian leader said in a post on X.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov declined to comment on the attack, saying that Russia's Ministry of Defence would provide more information "if deemed to be appropriate." The operation, conducted some 2,400 kilometres from the front line in Ukraine, was the latest daring long-range assault by Kyiv's forces. Ukraine has at times blindsided Russia during the war with attacks that embarrass Moscow, such as Operation Spiderweb in June last year, when drones launched from trucks hit over 40 aircraft parked near air bases across Russia. Along the roughly 1,250-kilometre front line snaking through eastern and southern Ukraine, Kyiv's drones and ground robots are helping hold back Russia's bigger army.

At the same time, Russia's bombing of Ukraine has devastated the power grid ahead of winter and damaged civilian buildings. A Russian strike on a five-story apartment block in a village near Kyiv killed 11 people, regional police said Monday. A 7-year-old child and a 79-year-old woman were pulled from the rubble after the Sunday morning attack, rescue services said. On Monday, three people were killed in a Russian strike on a hospital in the southern Ukraine city of Zaporizhzhia, the regional military administration said. Two other people were killed when Russian forces struck a marked evacuation vehicle taking residents out of the eastern city of Kramatorsk, authorities said.

Zelenskyy described Sunday's attack as "exemplary" and said "the targets we set were achieved." "We continue our operations in designated waters. We are responding to Russia's aggression. We are developing Ukrainian weapons," he said. Ukraine has hit Russian oil refineries as far away as western Siberia and Russian warships in the Mediterranean, Zelenskyy noted in a live video address Monday to a meeting of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Berlin. An oil refinery in Russia's western Rostov region halted work Monday after what Governor Yuri Slyusar said was a "massive" Ukrainian drone and missile attack that lasted more than six hours.

"We keep finding ways to get back on our feet after every Russian attack," Zelenskyy said.

Ukrainian forces also struck the Russian dry cargo ship MV Angara, which Zelenskyy said Moscow used to transport weapons, and destroyed a Ka-27 military helicopter in the attack, the Ukrainian leader said. Ukrainian forces are operating in western Libya under a covert deal endorsed by the West, using the North African country's territory to strike a Russian tanker in the Mediterranean in March, according to Libyan officials.

The Ukrainian forces, most of them drone experts, were at the time operating mainly at an air base in the coastal city of Misrata, but also in other military facilities in the capital Tripoli and the coastal town of Zawiya, the officials told The Associated Press earlier this year.

FASTFACTS

- One Of Russia's Newest Warships
- Kyiv Launches Daring Long-Range Assault

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

DIGITAL CURBS

Bangladeshi court orders interim curbs on social media access for children under 16



DHAKA: A Bangladeshi court has directed the authorities to frame mandatory interim guidelines to prevent children below 16 years of age from accessing social media platforms and ordered the formation of an independent expert committee to examine the impact of algorithm-driven content feeds on minors.

The High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh issued the directives on Sunday while passing an order on a writ petition that questioned the government's failure to formulate a national policy regulating social media access for children under 16, the Prothom Alo newspaper reported.

The bench comprising Justices Sikder Mahmudur Razi and Fatema Anwar directed the Secretary of the Posts and Telecommunications Division and the Chairman of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, among other respondents, to take necessary steps.

It also ordered the immediate formation of a committee comprising cybersecurity specialists, child psychologists, paediatricians and legal experts to assess the structural impact of algorithm-controlled feeds on children.

The move comes amid growing international concerns over the impact of social media on children's mental health, physical well-being and development, with governments across the globe increasingly considering age-based restrictions and stricter safeguards against potentially harmful online content.

MISHAP

Tourists evacuated after fire destroys 6 hotels in Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR: Investigations continued Monday into the cause of a huge fire that engulfed six hotels along a popular beach in Tanzania's semiautonomous archipelago of Zanzibar.

Several hotel workers were injured in the blaze over the weekend. Authorities said about 180 tourists were safely evacuated.

The fire broke out Saturday afternoon at Makofi Hotel on Nungwi Beach, at the northern end of the island, and spread rapidly to neighbouring properties, fuelled by strong winds and thatched roofs. Firefighters battled the blaze for about three hours before bringing it under control.

Preliminary reports suggest the fire may have started in an oven used to bake bread, though officials have cautioned against speculation.

Tourism Minister Nasra Nassor said Saturday that the government would conduct a rapid assessment and establish the cause of the fire before taking "necessary measures."

Zanzibar's white sand beaches and tropical climate draw tourists to the archipelago, where tourism is a major contributor to the economy.

COASTAL POLLUTION

Sri Lanka begins clean-up after oil spill pollutes Colombo Port

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka has launched containment and clean-up operations after an oil leak at the Colombo Port contaminated more than three kilometres of coastline, including Mutuwal Beach, officials said on Monday. The leak occurred on Saturday morning from a storage tank at Jaya Container Terminal (JCT) No. 108, which had a capacity of around 1,000 tonnes and was full at the time.

Marine Gas Oil (MGO) -- a light, refined distillate fuel -- leaked through a damaged drain valve, the official government news portal News.lk reported. The Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) stopped the leak by around 10.30 am local time on Saturday, about an hour after the incident was reported, it said.

However, some of the spilled oil had already entered an urban drainage canal and flowed into the sea, affecting more than three kilometres of coastline, including Mutuwal Beach and the B-Gate anchorage area, it added. The Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA), along with the SLPA and the Sri Lanka Coast Guard, has launched containment and clean-up operations.

Sentence reduced

BANGKOK: An appeals court Monday upheld the conviction of an opposition lawmaker for defaming Thailand's monarchy in social media posts but reduced her prison sentence from six years to three.

Rukchanok Srinork of the People's Party was initially charged with lese majeste and violating the Computer Crime Act. In 2023, she was convicted and sentenced to six years in prison over two social media posts.

The appeals court said in a statement that it upheld the conviction in connection with one post but dropped the charges related to the other, halving her sentence. It said the three-year penalty was imposed under the lese majeste law, which carries a heavier penalty than the Computer Crime Act, a broad law regulating online activities.

Rukchanok was accompanied to the hearing by several fellow party members. Supporters greeted her outside the Bangkok court and gave her red roses before she entered.

| CHINA OUTREACH |

'Ready to facilitate business visas for Indian business personnel'

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Diplomatic missions have reduced visa issuance, including business visas, to Indian nationals.



PM Modi with President of China Xi Jinping during a bilateral meeting.

BEIJING: China has said it is ready to work with India to facilitate visa arrangements for business personnel from both sides, amid reports that its diplomatic missions have reduced visa issuance, including business visas, to Indian nationals.

"China issues visas for eligible foreign nationals coming to China in accordance with laws and regulations," a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said in a written reply to questions by PTI about the reported reductions in visa issuance for Indians.

"We stand ready to work with India to facilitate visa arrangements for business personnel of both sides," the spokesperson said. The spokesperson's remarks came amid reports that Chinese diplomatic missions have reduced visa issuance to Indian nationals, including business visas.

Also, fewer Indian businessmen were reportedly given visas to attend this month's China Import Expo in Shanghai. The annual trade fair attracts businessmen from around the world to showcase their businesses to Chinese consumers. Beijing has also stopped the service provider China Visa Application Centre from accepting visa applications, and its missions have begun handling them directly amid rising demand for Chinese visas, especially business visas.

The visa process between the two countries improved after India began issuing tourist visas to Chinese nationals in July last year after a gap of five years, amid efforts to repair bilateral ties that came under severe strain following the deadly Galwan Valley clashes in 2020. The resumption of the visas was regarded as a significant move as the two countries started the normalisation process after a freeze in bilateral ties. With liberalised visa processes, the two countries launched direct air services connecting several cities, including Beijing-New Delhi.

According to Indian officials, the visa rejection rate for Chinese nationals has been reduced to around seven per cent in recent months to encourage more business and tourism-related travel to India. For its part, the Chinese Embassy in India launched the "China Online Visa Application System" for Indian applicants in December last year to enable them to apply for visas online.

FASTFACTS

- China missions directly handle rising visa demand.
- Visa resumption signals bilateral normalisation process.

Strategic Partnership

Pak Army Chief Munir meets Malaysian PM, discusses defence and security cooperation



ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir met Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and discussed bilateral ties, defence and security cooperation, and evolving regional and global security dynamics, the army said on Monday. Munir, who is visiting Malaysia to strengthen bilateral defence and military cooperation, met PM Ibrahim in Putrajaya in the south of Kuala Lumpur, the army said in a statement.

The meeting focused on bilateral relations, defence and security cooperation, and evolving regional and global security dynamics, Geo News reported, citing the army's statement. Both leaders exchanged views on matters of mutual interest and underscored the importance of sustained engagement to promote regional peace, stability and security, it added. The prime minister reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to further strengthening bilateral relations, particularly in the fields of defence and security, it said.Munir hailed Malaysia's constructive role in promoting peace and stability in Southeast Asia and reiterated Pakistan's resolve to further deepen defence cooperation and institutional linkages between the armed forces of both countries, the army said.

"Both sides reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening bilateral defence ties through regular high-level exchanges, enhanced military cooperation and sustained dialogue on regional and international security issues," it said.

| ICJ GENOCIDE RULING |

Bangladesh seeks Thai support for Rohingya repatriation

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Thailand backs Rohingya return efforts.

Humaiun Kobir
Minister for Foreign Affairs

DHAKA: Bangladesh has sought Thailand's continued support for the safe and dignified repatriation of forcibly displaced Rohingya Muslims to Myanmar in renewed diplomatic efforts to resolve a protracted refugee crisis with significant implications for regional stability, including India.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir made the request on Sunday when Thai Ambassador Thitiporn Chirasawadi paid a courtesy call on him at his office, the state-run BSS news agency reported, citing a foreign ministry press release. The move followed a landmark verdict by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague last week in which it ruled that Myanmar committed genocide against the Rohingya minority in a brutal 2017 military operation and ordered the military junta to allow people who fled the violence to return home. The ruling is final and binding.

Approximately 1.2 million Rohingyas are currently living in refugee camps in Bangladesh, primarily in Cox's Bazar, making it one of the world's largest protracted refugee crises. Their repatriation efforts have repeatedly stalled amid concerns over security, citizenship rights and the continuing conflict in Myanmar.

Referring to the ICJ judgment delivered on November 19, Kobir underscored the importance of Thailand's continued cooperation in facilitating the Rohingyas' return to their homeland, the BSS report said.

Thailand and Myanmar maintain active diplomatic, economic, and border ties. Bangkok is pursuing a policy of "calibrated re-engagement" focused on border stability, and trade, and helping Myanmar gradually reconnect with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Myanmar has been accusing the regional bloc of denying it equal rights and representation as a member state.