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Jaitley calls for reforms in World Bank

Finance minister Arun Jaitley has made a strong case for raising shareholding of developing nations, including India, in the World Bank Group to reflect their share in the global economy and demanded a significant hike in the capital to meet growing financing needs. **P 11**

Art 370 beyond repeal & amendment, says J&K HC:

Jammu and Kashmir high court has ruled that Article 370, granting special status to the state, has assumed place of permanence in the Constitution and is beyond amendment, repeal or abrogation.

Ajay Jayaram retains Dutch Open title:

Indian shuttler Ajay Jayaram notched up a superb straight-game win over Estonia's Raul Must in the finals to defend his men's singles title at the Dutch Open Grand Prix on Sunday.

Now, Sena wants Kasuri's book launch cancelled:

After ghazal maestro Ghulam Ali, Shiv Sena has now asked the management of a Mumbai-based convention centre to call off former Pakistani foreign minister Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri's book launch function.

Australian gallery to return 2,000-yr-old Buddha idol:

Close on the heels of Germany returning an ancient Durga idol, an Australian art gallery has agreed to give a 2,000-year-old Sitting Buddha sculpture back to India.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 05:57 hrs
Sunset: 17:43 hrs
Forecast: Clear sky
Relative humidity: Morning 72%, Evening 56%

Raipur
35.0°/22.1°

PM: Don't believe in rumours that BJP is anti-reservation

Nov 26 To Be Constitution Day: Modi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday made a scathing attack at the opposition and said that citizens should not believe in rumours that "BJP was against reservation".

Addressing a public meeting in Mumbai on Sunday evening, Modi said, "Lies are being spread that the government is out to scrap reservation system."

He was speaking after laying the foundation stone for two elevated Metro projects



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Chaitya Bhoomi, the memorial of Ambedkar, in Mumbai on Sunday

at the MMRDA grounds in Bandra.

He also said that Babasaheb Ambedkar is an inspiration not just for one community but for the entire world, after laying the foundation

stone of Babasaheb Ambedkar Memorial.

Calling Ambedkar a Mahapurush, Modi said, "He faced so many challenges but there was no bitterness in him." The Prime Minister al-

'Emergency gave rise to new kind of politics'

Prime Minister Modi on Sunday termed the Emergency as the biggest blow to democracy and said its memories should be kept alive to draw lessons to fortify the democratic framework in the country. "The biggest message of the anti-Emergency struggle was the inspiration to fight repression. So many in politics today owe their initial days to those days of Emergency... they gave birth to a new kind of politics," he said.

so announced that November 26 will be observed every year as "Constitution Day" and there will be awareness programmes on the Indian constitution in schools and colleges across the country.

Raipur woman takes 'Genda Phool' to Swiss concert

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Raipur: A rocking Bollywood number in Chhattisgarhi dialect — Sasural Genda Phool — sent hundreds grooving to the music and at least 45 people from 22 nations singing it with aplomb in faraway Switzerland.

The audience swayed to the Hindi tune at Khor Der Nationen (Choir of nations) group aided by the Swiss government. And it was Shobhna Yaduvanshi Prakash of Raipur, now a citizen of Switzerland for 12 years, who made Germans in sync with the Chhattisgarhi song.

Khor Der Nationen is an in-



Shobhna with her group members

tegrated programme supported by Switzerland government formed for migrants with a concept for world peace and integration of nations through music.

Shobhna was too patriotic to let German take over her native language. Her journey with German language began

when she realized that to interact with people, it was mandatory to learn the language. Enthusiastic Shobhna who loves to interact with people, refused to be interned at home and began learning German to connect with people.

"As a gesture of remembering my country and sharing the culture of her state with foreigners, I and core leader Luca took three months to teach the song 'Sasural Genda Phool' and explain its meaning to 45 members of a group from 22 countries," Shobhna told TOI during her visit to Raipur.

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PM's rally at Bhabhua gets EC clearance

Bhabhua/Patna: The decks have been cleared for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally at Bhabhua on Monday, permission for which was earlier denied by the Kaimur district authorities, following the go ahead from the Election Commission, officials said.

Kaimur district administration has granted clearance for the PM's rally at the Airport Maidan at Bhabhua on Monday, DIG Shahabad Range, Md Rahman said. He said that he along with the IG (Security) Ajitabh Thakur was camping at the venue to supervise security arrangements. **PTI**

Over 50% of IITians' moms are grads, but stay at home

Hemali Chhappia-Shah & Yogita Rao | TNN

Of the 9,974 students who have gone on to join the IITs, the mothers of around 2,250 are postgraduates; another 3,200 are graduates

Mumbai: The Class of 2019 at the IITs is largely the story of an Indian urban middle-class home where the woman spent her early years earning an education and then stayed at home to raise her family. The tech schools have never given out information on mothers of the candidates who are picked.

But this time, they have released data that shows most mothers are at least graduates and largely homemakers. Of the 9,974 students who have gone on to join the IITs, the mothers of around 2,250 are postgraduates; another 3,200 are graduates (in all over 50%). The literacy rate among fathers is much higher: As many as 6,690 of women are stay-at-home moms. Most are financially dependent with an annual income of less than Rs 1 lakh. Barring 1,400 fathers, ev-

eryone was educated enough to show their children the path to take and 1,550 fathers have an annual income of over Rs 8 lakh. There is no information provided on the incomes of 5,749 candidates' mothers and 1,400 fathers.

ond highest scorer in JEE (Advanced), Ajinkya.

Mohgaonkar, a radiologist who was working as the head of department at a private medical college in Nashik, moved to Mumbai with Ajinkya to ensure he gets the best coaching. She added that mothers also help in relieving stress as the preparation period is pretty long and the mental state is never consistent and students go through several ups and downs. Remaining in the box of mother and homemaker was probably more of an ultimate choice than desire, given the societal conditions. Taking all of it into account, the odd working hours, the undefined maternity leave, the hours lost in travel from home to work and back, the difficulty in picking up from where they left, lack of childcare facilities, and all that extra scheduling, leaving home would have probably cost more than staying back.

Education definitely helps in the preparation that students have to devote for IIT. The fact that a majority of mothers are graduates proves the point. However, these days, students are exposed to a lot of information and with help from various quarters—school teachers, coaching institutes—even first-generation learners do well in competitive exams," says Meenal Mohgaonkar, mother of city's sec-

ROHIT'S 150 GOES IN VAIN

REUTERS



Rohit Sharma lies on the ground after completing a run during the first India vs South Africa ODI in Kanpur on Sunday. India lost the match despite Sharma scoring 150 runs | Report on P 13

Forex scam: CBI conducts raids in Delhi

New Delhi: The CBI on Sunday raided 50 locations in Delhi in its ongoing probe in connection with a Bank of Baroda branch transferring over Rs.6,172 crore in foreign exchange to Hong Kong, officials said.

The premier investigation agency conducted the raids at the addresses given by the Bank of Baroda branch in Ashok Vihar area of north Delhi, which transferred the money. "Most of the addresses given by the firms involved were found to be false. But raids continued at 50 locations in the city," a CBI official said. **IAN5**