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BRIEF



An artist poses for the media during rehearsals for the upcoming Republic Day parade, on a cold winter morning at Vijay Chowk in New Delhi. Thursday.

ED arrests

■ New Delhi: The **Enforcement Directorate** (ED) on Thursday said it arrested an Indian man with "Chinese links" who is alleged to have cheated depositors to the tune of Rs 84 crore through "fraud" mobile applications. Anas Ahmed was lodged in judicial custody at the Puzhal central prison, Chennai, after he was arrested by the crime branch CID of the Chennai Police sometime

Arrested

back, it said.

■ Srinagar: Security forces on Thursday arrested a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant in Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir and seized arms and ammunition from his possession, police said. A police official said security forces launched a search operation in the Chadoora area of Budgam in the morning after learning about the presence of an ultra there.

Mill fire

■ Bardoli: Three persons were killed in a massive fire which broke out at a textile dyeing-and- printing mill located near Bardoli town of Gujarat on early Thursday morning, an official said. While ten workers were rescued from the three-storev building, charred bodies of three persons, hired for a carpentry job, were found on the first floor, said Bardoli's chief fire officer P B Gadhvi.

Mishap

Jalpaiguri: A woman was killed and three others were injured on Thursday after being hit by a private car on a rural hospi tal campus in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district, police said. The accident took place around 1 pm when the driver of the four-wheeler lost control over it and the vehicle rammed into a group of people on the Maynaguri rural hospital campus, a senior officer said.

Drug smuggler

Jaipur: An alleged smuggler was arrested with 5 kg marijuana (charas) worth Rs 1 crore in the international market on Thursday in Chomu town of Jaipur district, police said. Mohammad Arif Ali, the accused, was arrested in **Chaumun Police Station** area on Thursday by a team of CID Crime Branch of Rajasthan Police. Arif, a resident of Ajmer, was travelling in a private bus coming from Amritsar to Jaipur and was intercepted at Chomu tool booth, **Additional Director General** of Police Crime Ravi Prakash said.



SENSEX 59,464.62 **BULLION**

GOLD

SILVER

48,510 ceived their first dose of **MAJOR HAUL**

3.33 kgs foreign origin gold worth Rs 1.65 cr seized

By DRI Raipur unit from a person at **Raipur Rly Station**

Raipur, Jan 20:

Gold smugglers are not stopping smuggling even in peak Covid time and (Directorate of Revenue Intelligence) officers are committed to check smuggling of foreign gold. Based on specific intelligence, Officers of DRI apprehended one person carrying foreign origin smuggled gold by train from Kolkata to Nagpur at Raipur Railway Station with the assistance of Raipur RPF Staff here on Thursday. Foreign marked gold bars weighing 3.33 Kgs were recovered from that person after his ar-

Lucknow, Jan 20 (PTI):

Party MLA Pramod

Gupta, relative of the

party patriarch Mulayam

Singh Yadav and Priyanka

Maurya, the face of Congress' 'Ladki Hoon,

Lad Sakti Hoon' poster in

Uttar Pradesh, joined the

day after Yadav's daughter-

in-law Aparna Yadav

Janata Party in Delhi on

The duo joined the

party in the presence of

former state unit presi-

dent, and head of the BJP

Laxmikant Bajpai. "An

important political name

and a member of

Samajwadi Party family

the Bharatiya

Committee,

and former MLA of and you all know the

Gupta's joining comes a

BJP here on Thursday.

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Wednesday.

Samajwadi



EXCHANGE OF LEADERS

Mulayam's brother-in-law, Cong's

'ladki hoon' poster girl join BJP

Auraiya, Pramod Guptaji

is joining the BJP family

today," Bajpai said wel-

from the family of

Mulayam Singhji who is

respected by all of us...

after his 'samdhi' Hariom

Yadavji, daughter-in-law

Aparna Yadav and today

his 'saadho' (brother-in-

law) Pramod Guptaji is

joining the BJP family

"I want to remind that

coming Gupta.

rest. The gold bars were found to have been concealed inside his clothing by strapping it on the waist, with help of a cloth belt. The said foreign origin gold bars along with the packing material have been seized under the Customs Act, 1962. In the present case, as of now role of five members

revealed. In past also this syndicate has indulged in smuggling of gold of foreign origin in huge quantities for which the payment has been made through Hawala channels. Further investigation in the matter is underway. DRI officers have been conducting intelligence based operations against continuous of the syndicate has been inflow of smuggled gold of

value of 'saadho' in a fami-

Bajpai said she is the

poster girl of the Congress

leader Priyanka Vadra

Gandhi and exuded confi-

dence that she will now

use her power and capabil-

ities in giving strength

and momentum to the

election campaign of the

Maurya is a homeopath

and a social activist having

a large following on

Facebook, Twitter and

Ayodhya's folk singer Vandana Mishra also

with

Speaking to media per-

sons, Gupta alleged "No one

is being allowed to meet

Mulayam Singh Yadav, who

has been kept as hostage by

them,

Instagram, Bajpai said.

Along

joined the BJP.

Akhilesh Yadav."

Maurya,

Bajpai

Introducing

foreign origin by syndibased in West Bengal. who operate across the land border with Bangladesh and which is threatening the financial security of the na-

DRI also remains committed to combating the illicit drug menace, besides its work of anti-smuggling, and detection and investigation of import-export frauds. Under this mandate, in the current financial year, officers of DRI's Indore Zonal Unit in various operations seized approximately 8,300 kg of Ganja (Cannabis) apart from Foreign origin gold, silver, smuggled cigarettes and electronic cigarettes, smuggled electronics items, cash earned by sale of smuggled goods, etc.

India test-fires Brahmos missile



Balasore, Jan 20:

India successfully testfired supersonic cruise missile Brahmos off the Odisha coast in Balasore on Thursday, Defence Research Development

Organisation sources said.

With new added technologies, including the control system, the missile was test-fired from the Integrated Test Range pad-III launch

Chandipur around 10.45 am, said a source at the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

The detailed data is being analysed analysis,

'Merit cannot be reduced to narrow definitions of performance'

■ SC upholds OBC **quota in NEET**

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

Merit cannot be reduced to narrow definitions of performance in an open competitive examination which only provides formal equality of opportunity, the Supreme Court said on Thursday as it upheld 27 per cent Other Backward Classes (OBC) reservation in All India Quota (AIQ) seats in the NEET for UG and PG medical courses.

Justifying quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) on existing quota for current academic year, the bench said, We are still in the midst of the pandemic and any delay in the recruitment of doctors would impact the ability to manage the pandemic. Hence, it is necessary to avoid any further delays in the admiscounselling to begin im

mediately. A bench of Justices D Y

Chandrachud and A S Bopanna passed order detailing reasons for upholding the 27 per cent OBC reservation and allowing 10 per cent EWS quota on existing criteria for this year. "In view of the discussion above we hold that the reservation for OBC candidates in the AIQ seats for UG and PG medical and dental courses is constitutionally valid.., the bench said.

Dealing with the validity of OBC quota, the bench said. Merit cannot be reduced to narrow definitions of performance in an open competitive examination which only provides formal equality of

'System created where there is no place for any discrimination'

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

Asserting that an India whose thinking and approach are innovative and decisions progressive is emerging, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that a system is being created in which there is no place for any discrimination.

Delivering the keynote address at the national launch ceremony of 'Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ke Ore' virtually, Modi noted that one's progress is aligned with the nation's progress and stressed the need for giving importance to one's duties for the country's

He also spoke about efforts being made to tarnish India's image, including at the international level, and said there was a

Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivers the keynote address at the National launch ceremony of 'Azadi Ke

Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ke Ore', through video conferencing, in New Delhi on Thursday.

India-assisted projects in Mauritius inaugurated

Cooperation between India and Mauritius, including in maritime security, has translated the vision of SAGAR - Security and Growth for All in the Region - into action, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday. Modi made these remarks after he along with his Mauritian counterpart Pravind Jugnauth iointly inaugurated India-assisted social housing units project in Mauritius virtually. They also launched the Civil Service College and the 8MW Solar PV Farm projects in Mauritius that are being undertaken under India's development support.

need to counter them and present a proper picture of Emphasising on duties.

he said, "We also have to admit that in the 75 years after Independence, a malaise has afflicted our society, our nation and us all. The malaise is that we turned away from our duties and did not give them primacy.'



People not adhering to social distancing norms visit the Heritage street near the Golden temple, amid concern over rising cases of Omicron variant of COVID-19, in

HIGHEST EVER FIGURE

Kerala Covid TPR touches 40%

Thiruvananthapuram, Jan 20 (PTI):

Kerala on Thursday reported 46,387 new Covid-19 cases with test positivity rate soaring to 40.2 per cent, which is the highest ever figure since the onslaught of the pandemic. The state tested 1,15,357 samples in the last 24 hours. The worst-hit capital district of Thiruvananthapuram has 9720 new cases with a test positivity rate of 46.68 per cent. In the districts of Ernakulam and Kozhikode also TPR has gone up to 45.6 per cent and 42 per cent respectively. As many as 32 new Covid-19 deaths were reported, 309 other deaths have been included in the Covid-19 death tally after admitting appeals, taking the total num-

Three-eyed calf dies week after birth Rajnandgaon, Jan 20:

A rare calf born with three eyes and four nostril holes died a week after its birth in a village in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon district on Thursday.

The female calf was born to a jersey cow owned by farmer Hemant Chandel (44) of Nawagaon Lodhi village under Chhuikhadan police station limits, on January 13.

A large number of people had been queuing up at the farmer's house to worship the calf, calling it an "incarnation of God", it was stated.

As the news spread about its death, locals

Dr Dinesh Mishra, who heads the Andhashraddha Nirmulan Samiti, had earlier said that people should not link such inci-

'Don't link incidents with faith or superstition'

dents with faith or superstition. "In many incidents, it has been

seen that people, particularly from rural areas, worship such

animals with deformities due to lack of awareness. People need to be explained scientifically about such deformities in animals so that they take care of their livestock properly, he had said. reached Chandel's house to pay last respects to the calf. Talking to PTI,

Chandel said, The calf died around 9 am, following which it was cremated at gowthan (the place where bovines are housed in the village).'

I can't say what I am feeling now. We feel that the almighty had come to our house for a short period of time, the grieving farmer said. The calf was born with an additional eye in the middle of her forehead, four nostril holes, while its tail was like a 'jata' (a heap of matted hair) and its tongue was also longer than normal calves. Citing a veterinarian, the farmer had earlier said that the health condition of the calf was good.

FIGHT AGAINST OMICRON

Sputnik provides two times higher antibodies than Pfizer vaccine'

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

A study has found that two doses of Sputnik V provide two times higher virus neutralising antibodies against the Omicron variant of COVID-19 than two doses of the Pfizer vaccine, **Gamaleya National Research** Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology and the Russian **Direct Investment Fund (RDIF)** said on Thursday.

The study was conducted at the Italian Spallanzani Institute on comparable groups of sera from

individuals vaccinated with Sputnik V and Pfizer. "The joint study by the **Gamaleva Center and** Spallanzani Institute confirmed



rate study published in December 2021. "The hard scientific data proves

Sputnik V has higher virus neutralizing activity against Omicron as compared to other vaccines and will play a major role in the global fight against this new contagious variant," **Gamaleya Center Director** Alexander Gintsburg said in a statement.

'Deaths less in 3rd Covid wave in comparison to 2nd wave' Covid vaccine.

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

Deaths are significantly less in the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in comparison to the second wave, and the current surge is not witnessing increase in severe illness or death following high vaccination uptake, the government said Thursday.

It said that 94 per cent of India's adults have been administered first dose of Covid vaccine, while 72 per cent are fully vaccinat-

For the 15-18 years age group, the government said 52 per cent have re-

Eleven states and union territories have more than 50,000 active COVID-19 cases and 515 districts are reporting a weekly case positivity of over five per cent, it said.

On the Covid situation in Delhi, it said bed occupancy or hospitalisation is significantly lower in the third Covid wave as compared to the second wave. In Delhi, upper respira-

tory tract infection is common symptom among those in 11-18 years, while around 99 per cent adult Covid patients have common symptoms of fever, cough, irritation in throat, the government said.

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI): Taking a cue from the

Gujarat High Court order passed in the aftermath of the 2001 earthquake in the State, the Supreme Court has directed all the States to share the particulars of registered death due to COVID along with details of payment of compensation with State Legal Services Authorities(SLSA) to reach out to the affected families. The top court said that

the member secretary of the State Legal Services Authority shall act as an Ombudsman and as the facilitator. It asked the States cross-check/verify whether with respect to all the deaths recorded/registered, the claims are re■ Of COVID ex-gratia to families

SC ropes in SLSA to facilitate payment

ceived or not and if it is found that with respect to some of the deaths recorded/registered, no payment has been made to the affected families its official must try to reach out to them.

A bench of Justices MR Shah and Sanjiv Khanna passed a detailed order on Thursday and said, We also direct all the States to furnish full particulars/ information to the concerned State Legal Services Authorities with respect to deaths recorded/registered and also the particulars whether the payment of compensation with respect

made or not . It made it clear that the said exercise of sharing of details of recorded death and particulars of payment of ex-gratia to the family member or kin shall be completed by the concerned States, within ten days.

If it is found by the Member Secretary of the concerned State Legal Services Authority that with respect to deaths recorded, the claims are not received and/or the amount of compensation is not paid, in that case, the concerned State Legal Services Authority through the concerned District Legal Services Authority and/or Taluka Legal Services Authority, the to those deaths have been bench said.

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CM announces to chalk out plan for training of junior advocates

Swearing-in ceremony of Durg District Bar Association held

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jan 20: Training of junior advocates will make them more comfortable to work in the field. The Law Department of the State Government will prepare an action plan to impart training to junior advocates; stated Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel while addressing the swearing-in ceremony of District Bar Association,

Attending the programme virtually, CM said that it is often seen that the junior advocates initially face practical problems due to their lack of knowledge of court proceedings. To resolve this problem, an action plan for training will be prepared by the Chief Department. Minister further said that the sphere of working of

lawyers is very wide. They also have to visit the courts of Tehsildar, SDM, Collector etc. Even during the election, the candidates contact the lawyers for preparing various documents and seek legal guidance. In such a situation, trained lawvers will be able to do their work in a better way.

It needs to be mentioned here that during his adand dress, District



Srivastava had given this suggestion to the Durg District Bar Association. The Chief Minister said that the suggestion is very useful and should be implemented across the state.

In his address, the Chief Minister outlined the glorious history of law practitioners in the country and state as well. Baghel said that great freedom fighters including Gandhi, Nehru, Patel, Ambedkar and Dr Rajendra Prasad fought for freedom in the courts of law as well as led the movements. Lawyers have made a big contribution in the independence of the country.

In Chhattisgarh state also, great personalities like Barrister Chhedilal, Ghanshyam Gupta, Thakur Pyarelal made significant contributions with their legal knowledge. Ghanshyam Gupta from Durg was one of the Sessions Judge Rajesh members in the Hindi

Draft Committee of the Constitution of India. He said that there is a law university in Chhattisgarh has been named after eminent jurist, scholar, educationist author and linguist Mohammad Hidavatullah.

CM urged the lawyers to work consciously to carry forward this bright tradition. District and Sessions Judge Rajesh Srivastava said that 16.322 cases were resolved in Durg district in the last 13 months, while the courts remained closed for some time due to Covid during this period.

He said that in the meantime three National Lok Adalats were held and many cases were resolved. On this occasion, he administered oath to nine office bearers and six working committee members of the Bar Association.

Neeta Jain, President of Bar Association said that the occasion of taking Association and Seni oath is very significant. It Advocates were present.

has been our tradition to take pledge and perform our duties faithfully. She requested the Chief Minister to approve the projects for renovation of the bar room and upgrade the library. Chief Minister announced that both the demands will the fulfilled soon. Senior President Prashant Joshi proposed the vote of thanks.

On behalf of the Bar Ashish Association, Tiwari was present at Chief Minister's Office. Secretary Ravi Shankar Singh, Women's Vice President Sunita Kasar, Treasurer Anil Jaiswal, Joint -Secretary Krishna Raj Chandel, Cultural and Sports Secretary Monika Singh, Library Secretary Drona Tamrakar and Kuleshwar Sahu along with working committee members of Bar Association and Senior

KK Singh takes over as ED (P&A) of BSP

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jan 20: KK Singh took over as the Executive Director (Personnel & Administration) of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant on Thursday. Having passed out from Banaras Hindu University with B Tech degree in Electrical Engineering before joining SAIL, Singh also has a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from Indira Gandhi Open University.

Born on July 01, 1968, Krishna Kumar Singh started his career in SAIL as Junior Manager on July 08, 1988 at Bhilai Steel Plant. Promoted



Manager on June 30, 1996, he worked in Blooming and Billet Mill. Thereafter, on June 30, 2001, he was promoted as Senior Manager and posted in Human Resource Development Department where he was made General Manager on June 30, 2005.

On February 19, 2008,

Singh was posted as the Chief Education Officer in Department of Education. He was promoted as Deputy General Manager (Education) on June 30, 2010. As DGM, he was transferred from the Education Department to the CEO Secretariat on August 18, 2011. He was promoted as General Manager on June 30, 2015. He was posted as General Manager on February 18, 2017 in the Operations Directorate of SAIL's Corporate Office at Delhi. On May 1, 2017, KK Singh was made the General Manager of Vigilance Department in the

Corporate Office where he

later became General Manager in-charge on March 12, 2018.

Shri Singh was promoted as Executive Director (Personnel Administration) of Bhilai Steel Plant on November 16, 2018. Subsequently, on October 26, 2019, he was transferred to SAIL Corporate Office where he served as Executive Director (Personnel and Administration). On December 31, 2021, he was transferred to Bhilai Steel Plant as Executive Director (Personnel and Administration). On January 20, 2022, Singh took over as ED (P&A)

7403 get vaccinated in two-day vaccination campaign in DMC limits

Vaccination went on till late night in 120 centres

Central Chronicle News

tiative of the district administration, two day mega vaccination campaign was conducted successfully and smoothly in the limits of urban and rural bodies across the district. During the two day mega campaign, 7403 people got vaccinated in the centres conunder Municipal Corporation.

The vaccination drive was conducted simultaneously in 120 centers of the Bakliwal



Municipal Corporation. The response on the second day of the campaign was huge and vaccination continued till late night. The officers and staff welcomed and felicitated the people who came to get vaccinat-Mayor Dheerai

Mandavi explained to the people that vaccination is a must to develop immunity for protection against coro-

Getting vaccination to protect against corona is not only the responsibility of the government, but also the responsibility of the so-

ciety. Every citizen should come forward through selfmotivation and get the vaccine. The officers and emplovees have been given special responsibility for this. The nodal officers, assistant nodal officers were paying attention on the arrangements to the beneficiaries for vaccination.

In the two-day vaccination campaign, people above 18 years of age were given the first and second doses of the vaccine at 120 centers in all the wards, as well as the booster dose was administered to the people above 60 years of age, and on having completed 9 months of being

Counter-insurgency operations in Kanker; BSF - PSO counts achievements

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jan 20: Border Security Force is conducting counter - insurgency operations since 2009 in the naxal infested Kanker district of the state. Along with gunning down and apprehending the Maoists as well as persuading them to surrender, BSF has also succeeded in winning confidence of the local tribals.

24 brave jawans / officers of BSF made supreme sacrifice during the vigorous counter offensive operations. In the thirteen years of its deployment, BSF has achieved dominance in major portion of Kanker and lowered the influence of left-wing ultras to great extent, said DIG Sumandher Dabas (Principal Staff Officer, BSF) while addressing media persons here at Tactical BSF's Headquarters in Risali on

Thursday.

(Special Chhattisgarh was established on January 18, 2013 and it started operations on February 07, 2013. At present, the anti-naxal operations are being conducted by eight battalions of BSF which are working under two sector Headquarters

Now the BSF is shifting its Sector Headquarters of Bhilai and Durg to the Kanker district for enhancing the coordination with state forces and intensifying the counter-insurgency operations.

It needs to be mentioned here that Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee of red-rebels is active in Kanker district. According to intelligence reports, about 200-250 naxals are still active in this area. They are from the Pratappur area sub-com-

mittee, RKB division, Gadhchiroli division, Mandh division and other sub-divisions of the Maoist organisation.

BSF has dominated the major portion of Kanker but few difficult terrains are yet to be conquered. DIG Dabas stated that they are gradually moving into and establishing the Company Operated Bases (COBs) in the left over areas of Kanker. He claimed that the naxal terror will be wiped out soon from the district.

He further informed that BSF has played a vital role in persuading 102 hardcore naxals to surrender and join the main stream. Till now, nine ultras have been gunned down and 1082

have been apprehended. BSF prevented casualties of security forces and civilians by tracing and unearthing over Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) which were planted by the naxals. BSF paid a huge price for this success as the force its 24 brave jawans / officers in gency operations.

about the frequent incidents of security personnel committing suicide, the Principal Staff Officer stated that such incidents are generally the outcome of family of personal problems.

He added that iortunate incident

has occurred in BSF. He further informed that they have established an effective Grievance Redressal System and are taking care of the morale of the iawans.

The senior officers are available for the jawans on telephone and are always ready for help and resolving their problems. Further, they are very liberal in sanctioning leaves to the jawans so that they remain stress free.

As the naxal menace is the outcome of an ideologv. strategic working is being done to win the confidence of locals. BSF has been very friendly and helpful for the tribals in Chhattisgarh.

In the year 2021 only. Civic Action Programmes were conducted in 40 places during which necessary items were distributed among the locals. Tree plantation campaigns were conducted at seven places.

Medical camps were or ganised at 24 places and necessary items worth Rs 52.52 lakhs were distributed among school students. BSF is also conducting skills development programmes for local youth; arranging tours to other states for local youth under the Youth Exchange Programme; etc.

BSF is also guarding the development projects in Kanker. With increased road connectivity and communication facilities, the locals are witnessing development, he said.

Covid Jagrukta Rath' of Public Health Department BSP flagged off



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jan 20: On Thursday the Public Health Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant flagged off the "Jagrukta Rath" to spread awareness among residents about how to guard against Covid and Omicron variants. This awareness chariot of BSP will roam in different areas of the township and make people aware about corona through loudspeakers.

Through this awareness chariot, people are being encouraged to use masks to protect against Covid, avoid crowding, maintain social distancing, wash hands regularly with soap, use sanitizer as per requirement, keep away from social media rumours. An appeal is being made to be

careful. Along with this, people are also being motivated to take both the doses of vaccination. Through this Jagrukta Rath (awareness chariot) people will be made aware by disseminating the message to prevent Covid infection. This aware ness campaign is being run under the guidance of Chief General Manager of Town Services Department UK Jha and under the guidance of General Manager Radhika Srinivasan General Manager Dr GK Dubey, Assistant General Manager (PhD) Sunil Chaurasia. The awareness chariot (Jagrukta Rath) was flagged off by Radhika Srinivasan, Manager: General Manager Dr GK Dubey and Manager VK Bhondekar were present on the occasion.

Nodal and in-charge officers appointed for coordination and monitoring of Covid 19

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai. Jan Collector Additional Padmini Bhoi has appointed Nodal officers for coordination and monitoring of private hospitals for prevention, control and treatment of Covid 19 infection. This arrangement has been also made for redressal of complaints about overcharging by private hospitals and for providing government facilities to private hospitals.

For HiTek Hospital Junwani, Nodal Officer Rohitash Khanduja (808544444) and Officer-in-Charge will be Mishra (911171000); for Sparsh Multispeciality Hospital

Officer Akhil Madame (7773010934) and Officer-in-Charge Vipin Jain (9826149606); for Mittal Hospital Junwani Bhilai -Nodal Officer - Rishi Agarwal (9893221728) and Officer-in-Charge - Suresh Thakur (9425597714); for Shri Shankaracharya Institute of Medical Science Junwani Bhilai -Nodal Officer - Jeevan Lal Sinha (6263117917) and Officer-in-Charge - DS Verma (9755986280); I.M.I. Hospital Khursipar Bhilai - nodal officer Rajesh Kumar (7999546011 and incharge officer - Donar Thakur Singh (7587842145); SR Hospital

and Research Center

Chikhali Durg - nodal offi-

Sanjay

Tiwari

Kurre

(920000214) and in-charge officer Sachin Bhowmik(9907802233). Hospital Navieevan Chikhali Durg - Nodal Officer - Irsad Ahmed (9685053786) and in-charge SK Behra; VY Hospital Padmanabhpur Durg -Officer Nodal Vishwanath (8602164479) and in-charge officer - Dr Anita Sawant (968595423); Vardhman Hospital, Rajendra Park Chowk, Durg - Nodal Officer - Dr Prafulla Jain (9827112151) and in-charge officer - Priyamvada Ramteke (7898791489); Steel City Hospital, Maharaja Chowk, Durg -

Nodal Officer Vishwakant

Pandey (9329527000) and

Officer-in-Charge RK

(9407610778.

Memorial Hospital, Nehru Nagar Bhilai -Nodal Officer - Dr Sangya (9992561514) and the officer in charge - Simon Ekka (7000615954); Amrit Kalash Hospital Kadambari Nagar Durg -Nodal Officer - Dr Anup Agarwal (9329063637) and in-charge officer SK Patel (9424225338); Sunshine Hospital Bhilai - Nodal Officer Keyur Dewangan (9589081934) and Officerin-Charge - SK Patel (9424225338); Suvidha Hospital Khedamara Jamul - Nodal Officer -Faizal Khan Shah (9329788315) and Officerin-Charge Shyamal Das (989385047); Jeevan Dayini Hospital - Nodal Officer -Anand Talole (8878474410)

Patel (9424225338); AUM Hospital Malviya Nagar Durg - Nodal Officer Suchi Tiwari (9920267493) and in-charge officer -Bhowmik (9907802233); Nursing Home - Nodal Officer Topendra Shukla (9926116711 and Officer-in-Charge - KK Dwivedi (942555730); BM Shah Hospital Bhilai - Nodal SVRahul Officer (9630019826) and in-charge officer - Vipin Jain (9826149606); City Care Hospital Bhilai-3 - Nodal Officer Tarun Dhruv (7869677670) and in-charge officer - Astosh Dadsena; GBR Hospital Jevra Sirsa Dhamdha - Nodal Officer G Gautam (942510909) and in-charge SK Patel

Hospital Pulgaon - Nodal Officer Aanchal Chandrakar (96179899868) and in-charge officer -Agarwal Amit (9424224338); Jamul Hospital - nodal officer Radhunandan Sharma (9300297337) and in-charge officer - Sudha Das (9893298056); Gurunath Cardiac Center Supela Bhilai - Officer-in-Charge Agarwal Amit (9424224338); Sai Jyoti Hospital Sirsagate Bhilai - Nodal Officer Lakshmi (7079828129) and incharge officer ML Kunjam (9424163444); Devika Nursing Home Sindhi Colony, Durg Nodal Officer Bhagat Ratnani (9827935577) and in-charge officer - Ram

Jamul Nursing Home nodal officer Shekhar (9893159990) and incharge officer - Pradeep Kumar Dewangan (942425204987);Sanjeevani Hospital Utai - Nodal Officer - Santosh (9827057204) and incharge officer -Pradeep Kumar Devangan (942425204987. Mahima Hospital Kadambari Nagar Durg - Nodal Officer Ajay (9893360103) and officer in-charge -(9424209025); Shri Sai Hospital, Kelabari Durg -Nodal Officer Arun Sharma (9300999699) and in-charge officer Surendra Pandey (7999545826); Gangotri Hospital Aryanagar

Durg - Nodal Officer Shiv Kumar Sahu (9617829077) and in-charge officer -Surendra (7999545826); Hospital - nodal officer Dr Pramod Binayake (9407983505) and the incharge officer - Mukesh Rawate; AM Hospital Bhilai-3 Charoda - Nodal Officer Kaushal Kumar Sahu (7045704123) and the in-charge Ashutosh Dadsena; Pulse Hospital Nehru Nagar Bhilai - Nodal Officer Devesh (9303071764) and incharge officer - Nohar Singh Thakur (9407956255); Om Hospital Malviya Nagar Durg Stuti Tiwari (9920267493) and the in-charge officer is Prateek Dixit.

About 70% voters

exercise their fran-

3 lakh 4 thousand

votes to elect 3 dis-

trict panchayat

members, 27 dis-

trict members, 152

sarpanches and 733

Raipur, Jan 20: Polling

under three-tier panchay-

at general and by-elections

was held today for three

District Panchayat mem-

bers, 27 Janpad members,

152 Sarpanch and 330

Panch posts. According to

information available 70%

voting was recorded in all

Election Commissioner

Thakur Ram Singh said

that the polling went off

peacefully and no unto-

ward incident took place

at any place. He also appre-

ciated all the officers and

employees involved in the

election work for smoothly

completing the election

work with full responsibil-

During polling, the

Covid-19 guidelines were

followed in all the polling

stations. Apart from

youth, elderly and differ-

ently-abled voters also par-

ticipated actively in the

Total 4 lakh 37 thousand

ity and hard work.

the places of the state.

Chhattisgarh

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panchs

Three-tier panchayat

Budget session to be held in March

in the month of

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Raipur, Jan 20: Budget session of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly is likely to be held from second week of March till the month-end.

Although traditionally the Budget session of Legislative Assembly begins in the month of February but with third wave of Covid 19 infecting large number of people across the country, the scheduled session is likely to be held in the month of

C h h a t t i s g a r hLegislative Assembly Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant has already held discussions on the issue with the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel as well as Parliamentary Affairs Ravindra Secretary Choubey. Sources stated that the Budget session is likely to begin from March

BJYM to launch

Raipur,

agitation against

Jan

Submits memoran-

Minister regarding

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jan 20: Central

Committee for EPS95

Pensioners have issued in-

structions to all its State

Chhattisgarh to stage sit-

in dharna and protest

demonstrations in front of

EPFO offices and submit

memorandum to the

Prime Minister with the

following long pending de-

mands of EPS95 pension-

ers - Minimum pension

under Employees Pension

Scheme1995 be raised to

Rs. 7500.00 per month with

DA from the present

Higher pension on actu-

Agitation

dum to Prime

long pending

demands

National



in the month of February. after the notification is issued from Assembly the fiscal 2022-23 by the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel who also holds the portfolio. Upcoming Budget would be crucial for the incumbent government as it would be the last opportunity before the next schemes for the welfare of people as well as the implementation of election manifesto. Minister Bhupesh Baghel

Ministers over Finance Department has the Budget.

pal opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would also find it an opportunity to corner the ruling Congress government on key issues. So far the last two sessions have been of very short duration but the Budget session would give them an ideal platform to highlight the alleged failure of Treasury bench. In the present scenario, the upcoming Budget session is likely to



REHEARSAL

Full-dress rehearsal for R-Day parade is going on at Police Parade ground here on Thursday.

Unidentified fraud dupes woman of Rs 1,00,990

Raipur, Jan 20: In a strange instance of cyber fraud, Rs 1,00,990 was siphoned from the complainant's bank account.

According to police, complainant Chitrarekha Sahu recently received a call

from phone number 75850-043810 wherein the caller told him that he needs to perform couple of e-transactions. Saying so, the fraud took from him his bank details and then transferred Rs 2, 2 in two separate installments. However, immediately the fraud siphoned

account in two separate installments.

Gudhiyari police meanwhile have registered an offence under Section 420 IPC against the holder of the above mentioned phone number and further investiga-

Multi-media text material for class 9th to 12th

terial can be seen on terial has been prepared

Class-wise course

YouTube https://youtube.com/c/PT D Chhattisgarh. SCERT Director Rajesh

Singh Rana has asked all the District Education Officers in this regard to direct the Principals of all High School and Higher Secondary Schools in the district to inform the teachers about this and encourage more and more students to study these text materials.

students are not able to

for the students to study. Apart from better visualization, animation, experiments, audio, video, board-YouTube's

voting. work, text reading materials have been used in 282 voters for the preparing these text mate-Panchayat elections inrials. Class wise course cluded 2 lakh 18 thousand material is available in 680 male, 2 lakh 18 thousand 600 female and 2 third Chhattisgarh channel. gender voters. As many as These multi-media materi-3 lakh 4 thousand 450 votals can also be used for ers including 1 lakh 55 teacher, online teaching or thousand 39 men and 1 classroom teaching. This course material will be very useful for the preparation of board and annual examination to be held

inspected the polling stations

Raipur: State Election Commissioner Ram Singh reached the polling booth of Gram Panchayat Gullu and Banarsi under Arang development block on Thursday. He inspected the process of voting for the Panchayat elections and directed the polling parties regarding transparency, wearing of masks and following the COVID guidelines including social distancing etc. The Commissioner also inquired about the fact that keeping in mind the corona infection in the polling



electronic devices, mobile phones has also been banned inside the booth. On this occasion Santosh Devangan Secretary, Abhishek Kumar Trainee IAS, Surai Sahu, Joint Collector and Tehsildar Meena Sahu

stations, health workers

रात को नींद में बिस्तर गीला कर देता है। उपचार लिखें। -रितेश कुमार, धमतरी. उ. उपरोक्त समस्या के लिए आप

सिरप २-२ चम्मच सुबह-शाम नियमित सिरप २-२ चम्मच दिन में दो बार पानी के रूप से सेवन करवा सकते हैं। साथ ही यरीनरी इंफेक्शन की जांच भी करवाएं।

प्र. मैंने शरीर प्रकृति की सुदृढ़ता के लिए प्र. मेरी पुत्री का शारीरिक विकास औसत कुछ दवाएं ली किन्तु लाभ नहीं मिला। उपचार बताएं। –अतुल, कवर्धा.

सुदृढ़ रखने के लिए कुछ विशेष रासायनिक योग की आवश्यकता होती है। आप पष्टिवर्धक आयर्वेदिक औषधियों से यक्त तक नियमित रूप से सेवन कर सकते हैं।

पाठक, रायपुर. उ. उपरोक्त समस्या हेतु आप उन्हें

'सुडोल' बॉडी टोनर कैप्सूल १-१-१ दिन में तीन बार, दूध के साथ नियमित ३ तक

विकास प्रभावित होता है। चाहें तो पाचन क्रिया ठीक कर ग्रंथियों को सक्रिय करने हेत् उन्हें '*हाईटॉप'* सिरप सेवन करवा सकते हैं। उन्हें रस्सी कूद या योगासन करवाएं।

साथ नियमित ३ माह तक सेवन कर सकते

ही है। कोई उपाय बताएं। -दीपशिखा

उ. हार्मोनल असंतुलन से भी शारीरिक

हैं। साथ ही अपना आत्मविश्वास बढ़ाएं।

प्र. मुझे बालों को काला, घना, चमकदार प्र. मेरी पत्नी के शरीर में उचित आकर्षण व स्वस्थ बनाने का उपाय बताएं। -एस. उ. आप नियमित अपनी बालों की जड़ में

'केश वरदान' हेयर रिवाइटलाइजर तेल नियमित प्रयोग कर सकते हैं। इस तेल से बालों की जड़ों में अच्छे-से मालिश कर माह सेवन करवा सकते हैं । साथ ही सकते हैं। अंकुरित अनाज, सभी प्रकार की बेहतर परिणामों हेतु 'सुडोल' बॉडी टोनर दालें, मौसमी फल, हरी सब्जियां, केला जैल दिन में दो बार नियमित रूप से प्रयोग आदि लें। बालों की सफाई के लिए रतन्स

नोट : उपरोक्त सलाह रोगियों के लक्षणों को ध्यान में रखकर दी गई है. दवाओं का प्रयोग वैद्यकीय मार्गदर्शन में करें.

क्या आप भी इस गीलेपन से परेशान हैं?

Employment opportunities: Sahu Employment Mission for employment in next five

EPS95 Pensioners stages dharna

scrapped forthwith.

EPS95 pensioners.

Widow pension to be

paid 100% from the pres-

ent 50% limit. Medical fa-

cilities free of cost to the

A c c o r d i n g l y, Chhattisgarh unit of 'NAC

for eps95 Pensioners'

under the chairmanship

of LM Siddiqui, on

Thursday organised dhar-

na and protest demonstra-

tion in front of Raipur

EPFO office and submit-

Sambalpur in Odisha and

Karim Ali of Newpada in

The seized bag con-

Nitrazipom and 360 nos.

tablets of Alprazolam. All

three were then booked

under Section 22 of NDPS

Act and further investiga-

760 nos. of

tained

paid to the pensioners who

would like to opt for it.

Supreme court Judgment

of 4-10-2016 in respect of

RC Gupta case and anoth-

er Supreme court judg-

ment dated 1-4-2019 dis-

missing the appeal of

EPFO be implemented in

EPFO letter dated 31-5-

2017 issued illegally dis-

criminating the pension-

ers into exempted and un-

explored categories be

3 drug peddlers arrested with huge

amount of psychotropic drugs

al addicts. Acting on a tip

off, police immediately

surrounded the locality

and soon nabbed them car-

rying the drugs in a bag.

All of them were soon

taken to the police station

where they were identified

Changorabhata,

Rohit Soni of

Mohammad Chand of tion is now underway.

letter and spirit.

mislead youth. state government Sahu termed it to unfortunate that the state gov-**Central Chronicle News** ernment has announced to create Employment Mission whereas the sen-Bharatiya Janata Yuva ior bureaucrats are giv-Morcha (BJYM) State Unit ing priority to the family members for employment President Amit Sahu on Thursday alleged that the with high remuneration. Chhattisgarh government Sahu claimed that the ofis misleading youth on the ficials would not dare to issue of employment. get their family members appointed on higher re-In a statement issued here, BJYM Chief said muneration unless and that the Congress had until they get patronage from the Chief Minister. came to power with the Instead of providing empromise to provide unemployment allowance to the ployment opportunities youth but during the last to youth, the Employment

years, is an attempt to

three years in office, the Mission would be a misleading step for the youth. state government has He said that BJYM failed to create employwould launch stage-wise ment opportunities for agitation to fight for the youth. He further added youth and employment that announcement of Chhattisgarh govern-

Govt misleading youth on

Transporter duped of Rs 27. 67 lakh

Raipur, Jan 20: In a blatant instance of breach of trust, an accused has reportedly duped a transporter owner of sent consignment worth Rs 27.67 lakh. According to pocomplainant Rahul Agrawal had recently sent a consignment worth Rs 42.67 lakh which was delivered to accused Shiv Koti Baba for sending it Visakhapatnam. While the consignment was duly sent from the complainant, the accused reportedly delivered the consignment valued only Rs 15 lakh and embezzled balance amount of Rs 27.67 lakh. Mana police meanwhile have registered an offence under Section 420 IPC against the absconding accused and further investiga-

material available for all subjects

Raipur, Jan 20: The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) has prepared selfstudy multi-media text material in Hindi medium in collaboration with the selected subject experts of the state to help students continue their studies. Videos of text material of all subjects from class 9th to 12th are available in PTD CG channel of YouTube. This course ma-

Due to Covid pandemic,

study regularly in the schools. In such a situation, multi-media text ma-

Thieves decamp with cash, ornaments worth Rs 70000

House burgled in Pandri

Daldal Seoni

The burglary came to light when house owner Daulat Verma arrived at his house and fond the main door broken and missing. Further inspection inside the house reveal that the intruders had taken away

ornaments, totaling Rs 70,000 that were kept in the unlocked almirah. Pandri police meanwhile have registered an offence under Section 457, 380 IPC against unidentified burgiars and further investi gation is now underway.

vaccination. At the same time,

68% have got both the doses

of vaccine. The first dose of

anti-coronavirus vaccine has

been given to more than 55%

of the adolescents in the age

group of 15 to 18 years in the

state. Precaution dose has

also been given to one lakh 47

So far (till January 19) a

total of three crore 38 lakh two

thousand 173 vaccines have

been administered to prevent

corona in the state. One crore

94 lakh seven thousand 335

people above 18 years of age

have been given the first dose

of corona vaccine in the state.

At the same time, one crore 33

lakh 41 thousand 649 citizens

have got both the vaccines.

Nine lakh six thousand 024

adolescents have been vacci-

nated so far in the state since

the start of vaccination for the

thousand 165 citizens.

camped with cash and or- cash Rs 20,000 and all the naments worth Rs 70,000.

Jan Unidentified burglars broke into a locked house in Avinash Sun complex in locality January 25 and 19 and de-

ted a memorandum ad-

dressed to the Prime

Minister incorporating

Ch'garh close to administering first vaccine dose to all citizens above 18

For protection against **Coronavirus**

More than 1.94 cr receive first dose, 68% get both the doses

More than 55% of 15 to 18 years get first dose

About 1.50 lakh people also applied for precaution dose

Raipur, Jan Chhattisgarh has come very

vaccine dose to all its citizens above 18 years of age for protection against Coronavirus. About 99% of people in this age group have had their first

close to administering the first

COVID-19: Ch'garh records 5,625 new cases, 9 deaths Raipur, Jan 20: Chhattisgarh's

the day, the official said. The state now has 32.021 active cases. Raipur district reported 1,547 new infections, taking the caseload to 1,78,606, including 3.166 deaths. The district has 8,183 active cases, the official said. Durg recorded 796 cases followed by Raigarh 525, Rajnandgaon 374, Korba 363, Bilaspur 299 and Janjgir-Champa 221, among other districts, he said. With 54,600 swab samples examined during the day, the number of COVID-19 tests in the state went up to 1,57,72,211, the official said.

Notification likely February

garding the upcoming session is likely to be issued Essential preparations for the session would begin Secretariat. It is learnt that the Budget session would begin with the Governor's Address which would be followed with the presentation of Budget for

has already held separate Budget for the fiscal 2022-23 after which the geared up preparations of

Several new schemes are likely to be introduced during the Budget session apart from presentation of amendments Bills during the monthlong session. Meanwhile, the princi-

the above demands. Since section 144 is already imposed in Raipur, only five persons were allowed to participate in dharna protest. They had put up posters displaying their demands on their bodies, shouting slogans. After submission of memorandum, local issues were also discussed with Abhishek Kumar, RPFC-1, Mr Azad, RPFC-2 and other officers. In addition to LM Siddiqui, President, CG Unit of NAC, other responsible Office bearers of NAC Mr GP Singh, BJ Patnaik, Ejazur Rahman, Kumar, Sujoy Varadarajan and others participated in agitation and discussions with EPFO officers, informs a

One arrested **under Excise Act**

release issued by LM

Siddiqui, State President,

NAC for EPS95 pension-

ers, Chhattisgarh state.

Raipur: Mandir Hasaud police on Wednesday arrested a man under Excise Act from near Rawanbhata locality where he was arrested carrying 49 bottles of country liquor. Identified as Vikesh Tandon was immediately taken to the Mandir Hasaud police station where he was later booked under Section 34-2 of Excise Act.

age group of 15 to 18 years from January 3.

COVID-19 count shot up to 10,75,529 on Wednesday with an addition of 5,625 fresh cases, while the death toll rose to 13,682 after nine more patients succumbed to the infection in the state, an official said. The state's positivity rate was 10.30 per cent, down from 11.17 per cent a day ago, he said. The rate indicates the percentage of people who test positive for the virus of those overall who have been tested. The number of recoveries reached 10,29,826 after 170 people were discharged from hospi-

ed their home isolation during tals, while 5,194 others complet-

general and by-elections go off peacefully 450 voters cast their

A 100 yr old Om Manikpuri exercised his franchise in panchayat by-poll at Potiyadih in Dhamtari district here on Thursday.

lakh 49 thousand 411 women exercised their franchise in the polling. Bilaspur district record-

59.74%

Gourela-Pendra-Marwahi district 84.82%, Mungeli district 63.87%, Janjgir-Champa district 68.66%, Korba district 83.57% Raigarh district 64.57% Surajpur district 62.50% Balrampur 66.34%, Surgujal district 75.32%, Koriya district 87.30%, Jashpur district 69.76%, Raipur district 74.88%, Balodabazar dis- $66.74\,\%$ Gariaband district record-61.50%polling Moreover 75.94% voters exercised their franchise in Mahasamund district, 78.04% in Dhamtari district, 72.04% in Bemetara district, 81.28% in Durg district, 80.06% in Balod district, 71.21%Rajnandgaon district, 77.28% in Kabirdham district, 72.72 in Kondagaon district, 77.64% in Bastar district, 83.19% in Kanker

district, 75.15%

Dantewada district and

State Election Commissioner



were present.

रतन्स आयुर्वेदिक समाधान प्र. मेरा ८ वर्षीय पुत्र वैसे तो स्वस्थ है, मगर प्र. मैं तुतलाहट की समस्या से ग्रसित हूं।

उपचार सझाएं। -किशन, रायगढ. उ. उन्हें आयुर्वेदिक तत्वों से युक्त 'बेडवेट' आयुर्वेदिक औषधि तत्वों से युक्त 'वॉईस'

उ. आयुर्वेदानुसार शरीर की मांसपेशियों को

'वेटलिफ्टर' मॉल्ट २-२ चम्मच रोजाना सुबह-शाम एक गिलास दूध के साथ ३ माह की कमी है, कृपया उपाय बताएं। -एक गुरनानी, जांजगीर-चांपा.

'सतरीठा' प्लस शैम्पू प्रयोग कर सकते हैं।

बल्कि यह मानसिक और भावनात्मक तनाव का कारण भी बन जाता है। बच्चों और बड़ों की इस समस्या में आराम हेतु प्रभावी आयुर्वेदिक इलाज है रतन आयुर्वेद का बेडवेट सिरप। प्रमुख आयुर्वेद एवं मेडिकल स्टोर्स पर उपलब्ध

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near Marine Drive after they were arrested carrying huge quantity of Psychotropic drugs while trying to sell them habitu-

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Telibandha police on

Wednesday night arrested

three drug peddlers from

Jan

Raipur Police makes it to Asia Book of **Records and India Book of Records**

For its Road Safety and Traffic **Awareness** Campaign

Raipur, Jan 20: Under the week-long road safety and traffic awareness campaign of Raipur Police, as many as 1,02,468 citizens took pledge for road safety in a single day, and this record pledge sign up has been recognized by the Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records. During this innovative campaign organized by Raipur Police on the theme 'Suno Raipur' from 26 December 2021 to 1 January 2022, aforementioned citizens of Raipur took a pledge for road safety in the new year by signing the road safety resolution letter on January 1.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has appreciated this innovative campaign of Raipur Police to create public awareness on road



Differently-abled children kind of bike stunts or Divyang speed driving should first Mahavidyalaya Mann also think about their family, gave a very sensible and friends and loved ones. emotional video message SSP also appealed the people to take 'following of road traffic safety' as the

to support the campaign 'Suno Raipur'. This campaign was launched by SSP Raipur Mr. Prashant Agrawal on the evening of December 26 at Magneto Mall Rainur.

Raipur SSP had appealed the people of Raipur to follow road safety rules and drive responsibly, as bypassing the safety rules can put them and others at risk. He said that people attempting any

■ More than one lakh citizens of Raipur made a record by taking a pledge for road safety on

■ Citizens sign road safety resolution letter

■ Road Safety and Traffic Awareness Campaign was organized for a week from Dec 26 to Jan 1, 2022 on the theme 'Suno Raipur

Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records have recognized this record for maximum number of road safety pledges signed in a day

Pamphlets, placards, handouts, video screens with interesting and educational under this campaign. The social media platforms of Raipur Police were also extensively used to create awareness on road safety

every year in India, nearly 1.5 lakh people die in road

die every year in Raipur district alone. The main reasons behind these deaths are speeding, not wearing seat belt and not wearing helmet. Some people even drive under the influence of alcohol and put their lives and others' lives at risk. Use of cell phones while driving is also a major cause of road accidents. Accidental deaths can be reduced by following basic road safety rules. The campaign was led by SSP Raipur Prashant Agarwal, ADSP Traffic MR Mandavi and DSP Traffic Satish Thakur. The campaign is supported by Raipur Auto Dealers Association, Indians, Surakshit Bhava Foundation, Sikh Care India, Abha Foundation, Awaaz Foundation, Sparsh Ek Prayas, Helping Hand Foundation, Kopal Vani, Mission Sambhav, Vataker Manch and Saubhagya Foundation, Suzuki Driving School, Pranjal Seva Samiti and volunteers of many other **HUGE RUSH**



Passengers coming out of the railway station platform No.1 are made to give their personal details along with phone number and other details as per corona guidelines.

CM Baghel pays tributes to martyr Gaind Singh

Raipur, Jan 20: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Thursday paid floral tributes to the portrait of Amar Shaheed Gaind Singh on his martyrdom day, at his residence office here.

Recalling the incomparable contribution of Amar Shaheed Gaind Singh, Baghel said that Singh had raised his voice



who fought for the rights of the Abujhmadia brothers and sisters of Bastar, was hanged in front of the palace of Paralkot on January 20, 1825.

Chief Minister Baghel said that the whole country, including Chhattisgarh, bows down to the brave son Shaheed Gaind Singh. His sacrifices will be

ed the officers to keep the

mission systematically. In

Akbar performs virtual Bhoomi Pujan of 7 different works worth Rs 10 cr

Road from Kawardha to **Bhoramdev temple** will be built at a cost of Rs 9 crore 60 lakh

Raipur, Jan 20: State Forest, Transport, Housing Climate Minister and Kawardha MLA Mr. Mohammad Akbar approved various works worth Rs.10 crore for development of district. Addressing the function, Mr. Akbar said that tourism facilities will be expanded after fulfilling the demand of construction of road Kawardha Bhoramdev temple, a place of major archaeological, religious, tourist and historical importance of the state. Good road facilities will be available for the tourists coming from different disricts of the state.

He said that every effort was being made under the



New Year's resolution for

During the week-long

Raipur", Raipur Police

teams and 300 active volun-

teers sensitized people

about traffic rules in vari-

ous public places, market

areas, main squares,

schools, educational insti-

tutions and commercial

the year 2022.

campaign of

to expand all the tourism facilities of Kabirdham district. 12 crore development works have been done for the development of Tribal Circle Tourism Sarodhadadar above Chilfi Valley, a major tourist destination of the district, which is giving a new direction to the proper development of tourism facilities

Minister Akbar said that today's Bhoomipujan of 7 different works has further added to the development of access road from Kawardha to the district. Member of Bhoramdev temple.

Board, Hari Patel while appreciating the efforts of Minister Akbar for giving a new direction to the proper development of places of archaeological importance in Kabirdham district, said that this will give more fame to the tourism of the district in the coming Kawardha Municipality President, Rishi Sharma said that he expressed his gratitude on behalf of Kawardha Nagar

program. Municipal President, Rishi Additional Collector, VS Public Works Department, Executive Engineer, BK Chauhan, SDO, BS Chaurasia, District Panchayat members, Mukhiram Markam, Pitambar Verma, Nagar Panchavat President Mrs. Savitri Sahu, Bodla in the program District President Mrs. Amita Praphati Markam, vice-President, Sanat Jaiswal and Azmat Ullah Khan will be present.

Chief Secretary gave instructions to the heads of departments to pre-

pare an action plan **Central Chronicle News**

Raipur, Jan 20: In Chhattisgarh, the process of making an action plan has started to create new employment opportunities and increase the income of the people through them. According to the intention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain took a meeting of senior officers of various departments related to employment mission here. In this high level meeting organized through video conferencing, Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain said that there is a lot of employment opportunities here in various sectors related to agriculture, horticulture, industry and forests. The



Employment Mission: Aim to create 10 to 15 lakh

new employment opportunities in next 5 yrs

prepare an action plan soon to create more and more employment opportunities. He said that Chhattisgarh Employment Mission has been formed to create employment opportunities in the state and to provide employment opportunities to the people in their area as per the local demands. Chief Secretary Jain said that under the Employment Mission, a target is to create 10 to 15 lakh new employment opportunities in the next five years. According to this

the people. In the meeting, he also directed the collectors of all the districts to prepare a district level action plan along with suggestions regarding new employment opportunities according to the circumstances of their districts. State Employment Mission's Executive Officer Dr. Alok Shukla gave guidance to the officers of various departments including Industry, Rural Development. Agriculture, Forest. Horticulture, Urban Tourism, Department, goal, all the departments should prepare an action plan keeping in mind to the preparation of the action plan and took suggestions from them. He direct provide employment to tions from them. He direct-

this meeting taken through conferencing Development Department Mrs. Renu Pillay, Principal Secretary, Department of Village Industries, Science and Technology Dr. Maninder Kaur Dwivedi, Principal Secretary Forest. Commerce and Industry Manoj Technical Education and Secretary of Employment Department, Ms. Shandilya, School Education Secretary Dr. Kamalpreet Finance Mangai D, Panchayat and Development Department Secretary Mr. Prasanna R, State Minor Director Mr. Saniay Shukla and officials from other de-

Trade association, chamber raises user charge issues

Mayor assures of solution

Raipur, Jan 20: State President of Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries Amar General Parwani, Secretary Ajay Bhasin, Treasurer Uttam Golchha, President Rajendra Jaggi, Vikram Singhdeo, Ram Mandhan, Manmohan Aggarwal informed that under the chairmanship of RMC Mayor Aiyaz Dhebar, a meeting of various trade unions including the representatives Chhattisgarh Chamber was held at Raipur Municipal Corporation office. The main topic of the meeting was regarding user charges, about which many trade organisations had complained in the chamber. While welcoming all the business representatives and keeping this point in this regard, Mayor informed about the implementation of it in the states by the Center, Mayor Mr. Dhebar said that this fee was published by the previous state government in the Gazette, which we have till now. He said that it was not implemented but now objection has been raised by the Accountant



General for not implementing it and the funds of Commission has been stopped. Therefore, now it is our obligation to levy user charge, he said that at present, if there is any problem regarding this, then we will listen to the side of the traders and if any practical change is possible, then we will try to

In this series, the traders demanded that the user charge fee be made more practical and it should be kept according to our neighboring states. Some trade representatives gave the example of low user charge of Indore and Nagpur also and talked about taking a decision on

Mayor Aiyaz Dhebar, while assuring the office bearers of Chhattisgarh Chamber, talked about making a proposal for reasonable user charge and talked about taking a decision on the proposal as soon as possible after discussion with the adminis-

Chamber State General Secretary, Ajay Bhasin told the Mayor that the administration has seriously resolved every problem of the business community for the last three years. Today there is also a need to amend the commercial sector in the user charge. For which we are looking at you with hopeful eyes. In his statement, the working president of the chamber, Vikram Singhdeo, while praising the cooperation given by the Mayor in the past, urged him to stand with the traders even in the present. The present plight of the traders of the Corona period is not hidden from anyone. In view of this situation, he urged RMC Mayor to make efforts to resolve the issue. The meeting was conducted by Chamber State General Secretary, Ajay Bhasin and vote of thanks was given by Chamber Working President,

Vikram Singhdeo.

IIT Bhilai construction project wins GRIHA **Council Awards**

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jan 20: The Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai permanent campus project made steady progress over the last few months. With respect to the latest onsite development, the structure works of most buildings are now completed. Work is on for installing the essential furniture, network, and audio-visual equipment.

At a function organ-

ized in New Delhi last month, the construction project, which is being handled by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), won two of GRIHA Council's 'Exemplary Performance Awards'. Not only did the project top in the category of 'Site Management (during construction)', but it was also ranked one in category 'Construction Workers Health & Safety (during construction)'. With the tireless attention to detail, the construction

work has now crossed 9

million safe man-hours.

Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change and Labour& Employment presented the awards to Shri Rohit Maheshwari, Executive Engineer - IIT Bhilai Project, CPWD during the event. 'Recognition of IIT Bhilai project through these awards indicates our endeavour to achieve quality in construction while being mindful for the sustainability and environment", said Prof Rajat Moona, Director, IIT

buildings

Ministry of New and

Renewable Energy, Govt

of India, since 2007.

awards, IIT Bhilai construction project has received five awards for River GRIHA Council, with Dantewada three awards received last year at the 12th GRIHA Council Summit. GRIHA is a rating tool that helps people assess a building's performance against na-The adventure park is benchmarks. It has been adopted as the national rating system for green

First adventure park of Bastar division to be developed

On the banks of **River Dankini in Dantewada**

Dantewada to promote adventure tourism to attract more tourists

Hard-to-resist adventure sports activities to be offered here for adventure thrill seekers

Raipur, Jan 20: In a bid to attract tourists and promote adventure tourism, the first adventure park of Bastar division is being developed on the bank of Dankini in district. Situated amidst luscious green surroundings and mountains, this tourist spot in Dantewada will soon become an attraction for the thrill seekers and children.

being developed by the district administration in collaboration with forest department using funds of District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMF). The adventure sports activities and training conducted at the adventure park will



provide significant benefits to the tourists and citizens in maintaining positive physical and psychological health.

According to the intention of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, this park, being developed under the guidance of Forest and Climate Change Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar, will prove to be a milestone in the field of tourism development of Dantewada district. Various fun-filled adventurous activities including zip line, cycle zip line are being developed here for the tourists. The tourists coming here will get to enjoy thrilling adventurous activities like zip line, cycle zip line, adventure swing, Burma Bridge, and adventure sports for kids. Latest information in this regard will also be provided by sports coaches and

sports scientists through

the park. Meanwhile, the tourism facilities are being expanded in popular and important tourist spots in and around Dantewada district including Dholkal and Satdhar. The 10th century old lord Ganesh idol, located atop of Dholkal hill in Dantewada, which is a world-famous tourist spot, will also get a facelift with better food and accommodation facilities. Tourists from all over the country and abroad come here for 'darshan'. A plan is being chalked out to provide better accommodation facilities for tourists in traditional style of Bastar and Chhattisgarh and to boost local employment through Gadhkalewa—a traditional style restaurant serving ethnic food. This will not only boost tourism here but will also help in preserving the rich culture and tradition of Chhattisgarh.

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CGSSS delegation submits memo to Jt. Director Education

■ In support of their just demands

Jagdalpur, Jan 20:

divisional spokesman of CG Shalay Shikshak Sangh(CGSSS) Kailash Chandra Ramteke informed that a delegation of divisional representatives of CGSSS met Joint Director Education Hemanth Upadhyay last on Jan 12 and submitted a memorandum to him for sorting out mistake in the teacher's LB Cadre seniority list and other demands.

Prominent among other demands in the memorandum included to start promotion into all the vacant posts under sub-rule (3) of Clause (6) of 'CG Lok Sewa



Paddonati Niyam 2003'; the seniority in all the teachers of 7 districts of Bastar has been considered equal as per different dates of merger and instead it should be equal for all the districts; in the sen-

ior list there are many junior teachers who have become seniors and so it is taking into account the date of birth as standard the seniority should be fixed; by obtaining consent of teachers of subject

Maths, English, Science they have been given fresh posting and so at the time 'Padgana' they should be considered teacher of the same subject so as to avoid situation of additional staff; in the promotion, the ject be given promotion treating him as one from social sciences; since 90% of the Bastar division is reserved, therefore the reservation rule should be taken into account and other demands.

It was after giving patient hearing to CGSSS demands, the Joint Director Education assured them to find out amicable solution soon. Among the teachers present to submit memorandum included District President Kanker

Hemant Karnial Singh Rajput; District president Bastar Jogendra Yadav, District president Sukma Yashwant Ramarao and they all granted their consent for the demands.

memorandum statement

of all three accused,

seized items and equip-

ments from the accused:

documents and inspec-

tion report of the Food

Officer and other impor-

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Director Indian Gas

Agency Kabirdhaam was

taken into arrest and pro-

duced in the Court. The

accused used to get the

LPG cylinders kept in his

godown filled through

stolen LPG gas refilling

capsules and sell it to

urban and rural cus-

tomers through 'number

BJP fearful of good response to Cong campaign in UP: Singh



Takathpur, Jan 20:

MLA and parliamentary secretary Rashmi Ashish Singh said that the way there is an open murder of democracy in UP and the Election Commission instead of showing biased approach has filed FIR against CM Bhupesh Baghel and this clearly shows that UP government is fearful of Congress campaign and is making all efforts to stop it from coming to power.

An effigy of CM of UP Yogi Adityanath was burnt near Old Bus Stand by NSUI party workers on charges of filing of FIR against CM Baghel and it was demanded on part of EC to work in a free & fair man-

District Panchayat speaker Jitendra Pandev said that BJP has become fearful in case of massive campaigning Congress under leadership of party leader and

Priyanka

ence of CM Baghel in the campaigning that BJP has filed this FIR. but this is not going to stop the efforts by Congress. In this effigy burning

Munna President Dewangan; DCCKara. President Dewangan, Dewangan, Raju Thakur,

EC had even banned Yogi Adityanath as well: Harshita

During the last VS polls in UP, Yogi Adityanath was also banned from campaigning for three days and at that time no questions were asked against the EC or the Opposition by the BJP and gave due respect to Commission's decision, says former CG Women's Commission Chairperson Harshita Pandey. This is a democracy and here the political decisions should be given due respect. Congress would not even be able to cross the ten seat's mark in UP and she questioned as to why Congmen create so much of hue and cry over such petty issues, she added.

Gandhi. It is in order to stop the effective influ-

programme, Nagar Palika President's rep-Sriwas: Harwinder Singh Hura; former Nagar Palika Tekchand (urban) Bihari Kailash Dewangan, Sunil Ahuja, Prakash

Police foils the efforts:

No sooner the NSUI workers tried to burn effigy of UP's CM, the police was on the alert and snatched it from workers' and took it away and dipped in water and dowsed the fire and took it away in a vehicle.

Rajvir Hura, Omprakash Nirmalkar, Hojefa Bharmal. Sukhdev Kurre, Ajay Dhruv and other party workers were present in large number.

Three accused, Director of Gas Agency sent to jail

Kabirdhaam, Jan 20:

With instructions by SP Kabirdhaam Dr Lal Umed Singh and Addl. SP Manisha Thakur, the police department received about theft of gas from LPG Gas vehicle going to MP from highway. On this SP and Addl. SP asked to put a check on movement vehicles passing. So it was on Jan 3 a LPG gas tanker was found in abandoned condition near the road and so the Bodala police team gheraoed and conducted search and found three suspects near the tanker. All three accused viz. Binaram S/o Baburam (27), Naresh Kumar S/o Manshuram (30) and Manoj S/o Chanram Bishnoi (22) (all On charges of getting refilling of cylinders using stolen gas from big **LPG** gas tankers

three from Bikaner Rajasthan) and were presetly staying

On conducting search the police found 2 fourwheelers, 72 empty cylinders; 8 filled cylinders; nozzle pipe-3 no's; Gas regulator, torch, mobile and other items and seized a capsule -type tanker, filled and empty cylinders, pick-up vehicle and a Maruti and Ertiga car from the site. On inquiry the three accused



informed that they are involved in refilling of small cylinders with nexus of gas-truck drivers between Kawardha to Mandla National Highway in big cities at different places. On this

acceptance, Bodala thana filed a case under section 407 411, 285, 34 of IPC and 3, 7 of EC Act (Essential Commodities Act) and taken the matter under investigation. In the in-

parchi' earning huge profit and causing financial loss to the government. So taking prompt action, the Director of Indian Gas Agency was

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

List of pledges:-

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 16/02/2022 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.

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Students of Aastha Vidya Mandir to be trained in chess

Pawan Gupta

Dantewada, Jan 20: Dantewada, renowned for Naxal activities, and orphans left, due to the outcome, has always been a challenge for the government and administration in terms of educating and upbringing the

To meet the situation. Aastha Vidya Mandir has been established by the Chhattisgarh government for such orphan children in the district headquarters and the main objective of the school is to provide protection to the children affected by Naxalite attacks and connect them with the main stream of the society.

Under the ambitious scheme of the Chess **Federation of India**

With the inspiration and efficient guidance of Dantewada Collector IAS Deepak Soni, now the future of these children is shining even more, as for the intellectual and mental development of these students studying in Aastha Vidya Mandir, with the special cooperation of the administration, the said school is being linked with Chess training in schools program so that children can do chess course in the form of diploma.

Vinod Rathi, general secretary of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Chess Association, inter-

acted with the school children undergoing training during their stay in Dantewada and called upon the children of all the schools of the state to join the game of chess. Giving information, Mr. Rathi said that in the month of November last. under the leadership of Gurucharan Singh Hora, Patron Chhattisgarh State Chess Federation and Secretary the Association, Secretary Bharat Singh Chouhan

Olympic and state union officials had a courtesy call on Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel about the im-

Bastar division. In which Mr. Baghel had expressed his intention to provide as much cooperation as possible at the government and administration level. Santosh Pradhan, the head of the institution, expressed his happiness

mense possibilities of de-

velopment of chess in

and said that it is possible only with the inspiration and guidance of the Collector, Deepak Soni, that we are going to join Chess in Schools, one of the ambitious scheme of the Chess Federation of India. Chess trainer Anish Ansari is giving special training in chess to school children, which will be of 15-15 days per month.

Effective Lecture Series for refresher courses in CU

leadership and able guidance of Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, three Refresher Courses were started in a grand manner at Guru Ghasidas Vishavidhyalaya (a Central University) which are being organized by Department of History, Department of Commerce, and Department of Physical Education with UGC-HRDC, Guru Ghasidas Vishavidhyalaya, Bilaspur from 10 January 2022. The first lecture of the tomer Relationship" was delivered by Dr. Harish Kumar, Professor, Business Administration, Guru Ghasidas Vishavidhyalaya Bilaspur (C.G.). He started by defining consumerism and negative aspects of consumerism like poor health, pollution, resource depletion, problem of waste disposal and so on. He explained social responsibility of business of consumer/ customer, maintenance of quality and quantity ensuring fair price business ethics and advertising etc. By telling interesting stories he also explained time management. He highlighted quotes related to the value of customer like "your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning" by Bill Gates. He also explained sympathy and empathy and explain the duty of a businessperson. The second lecture the session on "Customer Relationship Management" was delivered by Dr. Harish Kumar, Prof. Administration Ghasidas Vishavidhvalava Bilaspur (C.G.). He explained about customer relationship management, which is a technology used to manage interactions with customers and potential customers. A CRM system helps organization build customer relationship and streamline the process so

they can increase sales and improve

and increase customer service. He

importance and communication gap. Later, he explained the dimensions of CRM like information sharing, customer involvement and empowerment, customer care, consistent communication, and customer loyalty Customer satisfaction survey is one of the most important functions of CRM. He told how to design questionnaire and told about indicators of poor CRM like maintaining negative attitude. He said 'Make your customer feel specia and involved and have effective feedback and follow up'.

The third topic of the session was "Commerce, E-Commerce and Ouick Commerce" and the lecture was deliv-Department of Commerce faculty of Management Indira Gandhi Nationa Tribal University, Amarkantak MP. He explained the terms 'business', 'commerce' and 'trade'. In business there are maximum risks, commerce is less risky and in trade there is the least

Then he explained about E-commerce. In E-commerce companies are trying to provide 24 hours' delivery or services. Many companies are using Ecommerce to reach out to customers worldwide and increase their sales. Ecommerce operates in four major mar kets and can be conducted over computers, tablets, smartphones, and other smart devices. He explained about quick commerce and methodology. E-economy is an economy that is based on digital computing technology and it is perceived as a means of conducting business through market based on internet and www. He also explained the supply chain management and regulation of e commerce and new amendment policy.? In the fourth session examination was conducted. All the participants were given

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Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

ead with Rule 3 of the Rules already issued detailed Demand Notice dated below under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) (al singularly or together referred to "Obligors")/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) listed ereunder, to pay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice, within 60 days rom the date of the respective Notice, as per details given below. Copies of the said Notice are served by Registered Post A.D. and are available with the undersigned, and the said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect th espective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours. In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Obligor(s Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) to pay to TCHFL, within 60 days from the date of the

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Date: 21.01.2022, Place: Raipur

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Found

■ Pune: A four-year-old boy who had been allegedly abducted from the city eight days ago was found in the Pimpri Chinchwad area near here, police said. He was in good health, they said. Swarnav Chavan, son of a medical professional, was abducted from the plush Balewadi area here by an unidentified man who came on a twowheeler, as per his family. The boy was found at a construction site in Punawale. He was reunited with family.

Robbery

Ahmedabad: A man named in several cases of illegal cattle slaughter robbed 11 buffaloes worth Rs 6.5 lakh from a cattle owner in Ahmedabad district last week. The Sarkhej police in Ahmedabad city managed to recov er seven of the 11 animals, while main accused Mohammad Azhar Maniyar (19) and his brothers Naeem Manivar and Nadeem Manivar were still at large.

Seized

Noida: The Noida Police seized Rs 4.72 lakh in cash from two people who were transporting the "unaccounted money" in an SUVy, days ahead of the Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh. The incident comes a day after police briefly detained two persons and recovered Rs 99 lakh unaccounted cash from them. Security has been heightened across Noida and Greater Noida in Gautam Buddh Nagar, which

Swallows

borders Delhi

New Delhi: A 29-yearold inmate of Tihar Jail swallowed a mobile phone out of fear of getting caught by prison officials during checking. The device was removed from his body after an endoscopy. A purported video of an X-ray of the inmate's abdomen with the phone in his stomach has emerged According to Director General (Delhi Prisons) Sandeep Goel, the incident took place when the jail staff was conducting

Duped

■ **Ahmedabad:** The **Economic Offences** Wing (EOW) of the Ahmedabad city crime branch has arrested a brother-sister duo for allegedly duping several people of Rs 2.92 crore through ponzi schemes. Although the mastermind of the racket, Mahesh Bhadra, is yet to be nabbed, the crime branch has arrested his son Chirag Bhadra (29) and daughter Mamata Bhadra (24), who lived in an apartment in Naroda area of Ahmedabad.

Stranded

Ranchi:

Arrangements have been made to bring back 33 labourers who are stranded in the Maldives, following the intervention of Chief Minister Hemant Soren. The labourers from Jharkhand's Giridih and Hazaribagh districts are stranded in Maldives' capital Male for quite some time, they said.

AAP, Trinamool, Shiv Sena fared poorly in previous Goa polls



AAP projected CM candidate, Amit Palekar seeking blessings at 'havan' for upcoming assembly election in

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

Goa appears set for a multi-cornered contest where a fractured opposition is attempting to overthrow the BJP, which has been in power in the coastal state for the past 10 years. Congress has

been insisting that it is the key challenger to the BJP and other parties -Trinamool, AAP, NCP-Shiv Sena - in the frav after failed talks for an alliance could only end up muddying its chances. A look at the previous election results shows that the

BJP had polled the maximum votes - 32.48 per cent - to emerge victorious on 13 seats in the 40-member assembly, while the Congress had garnered 28.35 per cent votes and won 17 seats.

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In percentage terms, Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP) had polled 11.27 per cent votes and managed to win three seats, while 58 Independent candidates had together garnered 11.12 per cent votes and three had emerged victo-

The AAP, which has unveiled grand plans for Goa declared Amit Palekar as its chief ministerial face, had polled 6.27 per cent votes in the 2017 elections and failed to open its account, while Sharad Pawar-led NCP had managed to garner 2.28 per cent of the total valid votes and won one



EXERCISE AT PARK

A woman exercises at a park on a cold winter morning in New Delhi, Thursday.

Order to cancel title deeds triggers political controversy in Kerala

Idukki, Jan 20 (PTI):

The Kerala Revenue Department's recent order to cancel the title deeds, issued illegally in this high range district, has triggered a political controversy as MM Mani, a strongman of the ruling CPI(M), openly expressed displeasure, saying the move would be dealt with "legally" and politically.

Known as "Raveendran Pattayam" in general, the title deeds were allegedly issued illegally by MA Raveendran, the then Devikulam Taluk Devikulam Additional Tehsildar during the regime of the Left government in 1990s.

The Raveendran title deeds have been the centre of political controversy

here since then as critics charge that they have no legal validity as they had been issued flouting all legal norms.

However, Mani rubbished the charges and said the title deeds were issued to the people at a 'pattaya mela' (title deed fair) conducted by the government after it was approved by a panel headed by the

then MLA.

He also wanted the Revenue department under the CPI, the second largest coalition partner in the government, and its minister and senior party leader K Rajan to explain why such land deeds should be cancelled now.

An MLA and former minister, Mani also made it clear that no one would

be allowed to touch the CPI(M) party office, located in a land here under the Raveendran title deed. "I do not agree with the decision. It will be dealt with legally and politically. People bought the title deeds by applying and paying money at a fair conducted by the officials. Our party office will remain there itself and no one will be allowed to touch it," he told reporters here.

The party veteran also said the government order only says to cancel the title deeds and not to confiscate the lands.

However, Rajan told reporters here that the order should not be taken wrongly and a detailed explanation would be given

Pregnant woman forest guard

MPWC slams aid decision to women disabled due to domestic violence

As per NCRB, MP ranks third in crime against women in India

Bhopal, Jan 20 (PTI):

Pradesh Madhya Commission Women's chairperson Shobha Oza on Thursday slammed the state government's decision to provide financial assistance to women suffering disability due to domestic violence, citing that it was "impractical" and "added salt to the injury of victims". The Madhya Pradesh cabinet had on Tuesday approved a scheme for providing financial assistance to women who have become handicapped due to domestic violence. The Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led government's decision to provide financial assistance to vyaang (disabled) due to



domestic violence, despite having empty coffers, is nothing but a jumla (false promise), Oza said. It is a totally impractical decision and is like adding salt to the injury of women, she said. The move also proves that the state government was trying to cover up for its failure of not being able to control the atrocities against women, she said. Oza fur-

ther said that no amount of compensation will be sufficient for a woman who was a victim of mental and physical torture. Instead, it would have been better if the state government had taken some concrete and effective measures to curb crimes against women, she

Oza also criticised the state government for not allowing the women's commission to discharge its duties by getting it embroiled in a legal conflict since the state government changed in March 2020. The Madhya Pradesh government had on Tuesday approved a scheme for providing financial assistance to women suffering disability due to domestic vio-

NPP leader sentenced to life imprisonment for murder



Nidamon Chullet

Shillong, Jan 20 (PTI):

A senior leader of the ruling National People's Party (NPP) in Meghalava was sentenced to life imprisonment by a court in West Jaintia Hills district for murdering a 25-year-old man during a drunken brawl. District Session Judge B Khriam convicted NPP working president of Jaintia Hills region

Nidamon Chullet under section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and sentenced him to life imprisonment. The court also imposed a Chullet's aide Koming Rabon was convicted under IPC section 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence) for disposing of the body. He was sentenced to seven years in jail, besides a fine of Rs 10,000 was imposed on him. Chullet is known to be a close associate of Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma. Chulllet and another accused, who died during the course of the trial in 2019, attacked Ewanmidoo Lhuid with a dao (traditional sword) under the influence of alcohol following a brawl while they were playing cards at a shop in Jowai. The incident happened in February 2008. Rabon later disposed of the

body, as per the prosecution.

beaten up by couple, duo held Minister promises strict action

Pune, Jan 20 (PTI): former

sarpanch and his allegedly thrashed a woman forest guard, who is three months pregnant, along with her husband at a village in Satara district Maharashtra, following which the accused couple

has been arrested, police said on Thursday. The incident took place at Palsawade village in the western Maharashtra district, located around 120 kms from here, they said.

According to police, the accused man, who is a member of the local forest management committee, was angry with the woman for est guard for taking the contractual forest labourers along with her "without his permission". A video of the assault incident has gone viral on social media. Sharing the video on his handle Twitter Thursday, Maharashtra Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray said, 'The accused has been arrested and will face the law at its strictest. Such acts will not be tolerated.'

Satara Superintendent of Police (SP) Ajay Kumar Bansal said the accused man is a former sarpanch of the village and a member of the local forest management committee.

Jerri hamlet declared as 'milk village' in J&K farms, the women of the

Farmers to form their farmer producer organisations

Jammu, Jan 20 (PTI):

Jammu Kashmir administration has declared Jerri settlement in Reasi district as the first 'milk village' of the Union Territory and sanctioned 57 more dairy farms under Integrated dairy development scheme (IDDS) for the hamlet, officials said.

The milk village, which houses 73 individual dairy units with 370 cows, will give financial security to the local farmers, they said. Taking a lead to carving out a hamlet of dairy

settlement have formed a cooperative of 11 females for collecting milk from the dairy farms and nousenoias ior iurtner transportation to the milk selling plants or other establishments.

'We have carved out this village into a dairy or milk hamlet, as local farmers of DC Reasi inspect dairy farms," a local farmer Dheeraj said. After being declared as 'milk village', a total of 57 units have been sanctioned under the IDDS for the village, Agriculture Department officials said.

Under the integrated development scheme, dairy units of five animals are provided with a 50 per cent sub-

Corruption Act, 1988

named

the

former

Both lives and livelihood will be **DVAC raids at 57 premises CISF ASI commits suicide in Delhi** considered regarding COVID curbs linked to former TN Minister New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI): An assis-

Bengaluru, Jan 20 (PTI):

A day ahead of the Karnataka government deciding about the future of COVID-19 curbs that are in place across the state, Revenue Minister R Ashoka on Thursday said both lives and livelihood of the people will be considered, while arriving at any

decision. Clarifying that there was no confusion within the government regarding the curbs, the Minister said views expressed by leaders of all political parties and several organisations will also be taken into account, before taking

the decision. "Regarding COVID guidelines, the Chief Minister has called an im-



portant meeting with senior Ministers. Opinions expressed by leaders of various political parties and

organisations regarding the curbs that are in place, and the centre's guidelines will also be taken into consideration," Ashoka said. Speaking to reporters here, he said there are

about 15-20 districts in the

state where cases are low, while in cities like Bengaluru and Mysuru

the numbers are rising. 'While protecting the lives of people, the government will also have to facilitate for their livelihood, especially of poor and daily wage workers, keeping all this in mind, we will arrive at a decision. I'm confident that the Chief Minister will announce a decision that will be good for the people," he

Minister Basavaraj Bommai had said his governnment will re-examine the COVID-19 curbs that are in place, and will take a decision regarding relaxation, including the weekend curfew on

tant sub inspector posted with the Central Industrial Security Force allegedly hanged himself to death at his barrack in Outer Delhi's Narela Industrial Area, police said on Thursday. The deceased has been identified as Praveen Kumar (51). He hailed from Sonipat in Harvana and had ioined the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) as head constable. No suicide note was found from the spot, police said, adding that no foul play is susso far. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer North) Bijendra Singh Yadav said at about 9:35 pm on Wednesday. an information was received through Sub Inspector Sumer Singh, in-charge of CISF campus, Narela Industrial Area that ASI Kumar had committed suicide. When police reached the spot, they found that the victim had hanged himself from the ceiling

fan using a bedsheet in the new

barrack of CISF campus, he said.

Chennai, Jan 20 (PTI): Vigilance raids were conducted on Thursday in different parts of Tamil Nadu at the premises of AIADMK leader and for-Minister Anbalagan in connection

with a disproportionate

assets case. Anbalagan was the Education Higher Minister in the previous AIADMK government in the state. The Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Dharmapuri, registered a disproportionate assets case against the Minister and four of his close family members, even as sleuths simultaneously raided 57 premises linked to him in Dharmapuri,



KP Anbalagan

Salem and Chennai dis-

Anbalagan is the sixth former AIADMK Minister to come under the scanner of the DVAC. The FIR, registered by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, DVAC, under various sections of Prevention of

Minister Anbalagan and accused him of being involved in "corrupt activities and intentionally enriching himself illicitly and acquiring properties and pecuniary resources on his name and on the names of his family members, disproportionate to his known source of income." The case pertains to his acquisition during his term in office as Minister between 2016 and 2021. Anbalagan, aged 62, is accused of "illicitly enriching" himself to the tune of Rs 11,32, 95,755 on his name and on the name of his family members and others, disproportionate to their known sources of income.

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BRIEF

COVAX

■ Geneva: The global initiative to share coronavirus vaccines equally between rich and poor countries asked for USD 5.2 billion in funds to be able to keep buying doses in coming months. The UN-backed programme known as COVAX has delivered just over 1 billion doses since shipments started nearly a year ago. The initial goal was to deliver 2 billion doses by the end of 2021, but COVAX's lack of cash gave it a late start last year.

Used

■ **Dubai:** Yemen's rebels used cruise missiles, ballistic missiles and drones in an attack on Abu Dhabi this week that killed three people and set off fires at a fuel depot and an international airport, the Emirati ambassador to the United States said. The remarks by Ambassador Yousef Al-Otaiba marked an official acknowledgement that missiles and not just drones were used in Monday's attack, claimed by the Iran backed Houthis.

Sentenced

■ Islamabad: A Pakistani court sentenced to death a woman for sending 'blasphemous messages' to her estranged friend. Anika Attique was convicted by a court in Rawalpindi on the complaint of Farooq Hassanat, who had filed a case against her in 2020. She was charged with committing blasphemy against the prophet, insulting Islam and violating the cybercrime laws.

Arrests

■ Rome: Police in Italy and Albania have arrested more than 20 people accused of cashing in several hundred million euros to smuggle hundreds of refugees and migrants into the European Union from Turkey on rented vachts and other leisure vessels. Two brothers who are Iraqi citizens are accused of masterminding a smuggling ring that mostly involved people fleeing Iraq and Syria. The men were arrested without incident

Ban

near Venice.

Paris: The French Senate has voted in favor of banning the wearing of headscarves in sports competitions, arguing that neutrality is a requirement on the field of play. The French upper legislative house voted in favour of amending a proposed law stipulating that the wearing of conspicuous religious symbols is prohibited" to take part in events and competitions.

Launches

Johannesburg: South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has opened a new vaccine manufacturing facility that he says will boost the country's capacity to make its own inoculations for diseases including COVID-19. The plant in Cape Town a partnership between a US-based biotechnology firm, the government and South African universities will help improve Africa's ability to produce vaccines. The pandemic has revealed

the huge disparities.

Security scanners across Europe tied to China Govt, military

China can gather data about trade flows or passenger information

Berlin, Jan 20 (AP):

At some of the world's most sensitive spots, authorities have installed security screening devices made by a single Chinese company with deep ties to China's military and the highest levels of the ruling Communist Party.

The World Economic Forum in Davos. Europe's largest ports. Airports from Amsterdam to Athens. NATO's borders with Russia. All depend on equipment manufactured by Nuctech, which has quickly become the world's leading company, by revenue, for cargo and vehicle scanners.

Nuctech has been frozen out of the US for years due to national security concerns, but it has made deep inroads across Europe, installing its de-



Chinese made security scanners at an airport in Europe.

vices in 26 of 27 EU member states, according to public procurement, government and corporate records reviewed by The Associated Press

The complexity of ownership structure and its expanding global footprint have raised alarms on both sides of the Atlantic.

A growing number of Western security officials and policymakers fear that China could exploit Nuctech equipment to sabotage key transit points or

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get illicit access to government, industrial or personal data from the items that pass through its de-

Nuctech's critics allege the Chinese government has effectively subsidized the company so it can undercut competitors and give Beijing potential sway over critical infrastructure in the West as China seeks to establish itself as a global technology super-

data being processed by these devices

sonal data, military data, cargo data. It might be trade secrets at stake. You want to make sure it's in right hands,' said Bart Groothuis, director of cybersecurity at the Dutch Ministry of Defense before becoming a member of the European Parliament. 'You're dependent on a foreign actor which is a geopolitical adversary and strategic rival.'

He and others say Europe doesn't have tools in place to monitor and resist such potential encroachment. Different member states have taken opposing views Nuctech's security risks. No one has even been able to make a comprehensive public tally of where and how many Nuctech devices have been installed across the continent.

Nuctech dismisses those concerns, countering that Nuctech's European operations comply with local laws, including strict security checks and data priva-

First aid flights arrive in Tonga after big volcano eruption

Wellington, Jan 20 (AP):

The first flights carrying fresh water and other aid to Tonga finally arrived Thursday after the Pacific nation's main airport runway was cleared of ash left by a huge volcanic eruption.

Zealand Australia each sent military transport planes that were carrying water containers, kits for temporary shelters, generators, hygiene supplies communications equipment. The Australian plane also had a special sweeper to help keep the runway clear.

The deliveries were dropped off without the military personnel coming in contact with people at the airport in Tonga. That's because Tonga is desperate to make sure foreigners don't bring in the coronavirus. It has not had any outbreaks of COVID-19 and has reported just a single case since the pandemic began. 'This assistance will help our partners, the Tongan government, meet the Tongan community's needs and support immediate clean-up efforts. Australian Foreign Affairs

Minister Marise Payne said in a release. 'Many homes have been destroyed and many people displaced by the tsunami.

Japan also said it would send emergency relief, including drinking water and equipment for cleaning away volcanic ash. Two Hercules aircraft and a transport vessel carrying two CH-47 Chinook helicopters would leave possibly Thursday, the Defense Ministry said.

Nobuo Kishi told reporters that his ministry 'will do everything we can for the disaster-hit people of Tonga. UN humanitarian officials report that about 84,000 people more than 80% of Tonga's population have been impacted by the volcano's eruption, spokesman Dujarric said, pointing to three deaths, injuries, loss of homes and polluted water.



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Tender Enquiry No: HO(Contracts)/NISP/LDCP(Bal Work)/RT/2022/130, Dated: 21-01-202 NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry o Steel, Govt. of India, invites online bids from prospective domestic bidders fo Completion of Balance work of Lime & Dolomite Calcination plant (2 Nos. of 500 TPD Capacity Lime Kilns and 1 No. of 300 TPD Capacity Dolomite Kiln with one Lime Sizing Unit of 25 t/hr capacity) for 3.0 MTPA Integrated Steel Plant at Nagarnar near Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh State" on divisible urnkey basis from experienced, reputed and competent Tenderers. MECON imited is the consultant for this package.

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For Accessing the Bid doucment from NMDC website, the bidder has to registe mdctender/default.aspx. For accessing the bid document from MSTC, bidders to visit website link

http://www.mstcecommerce.co.in/eprochome/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp and search Tender Event No. NMDC/HO/75/21-22/ET/369. Bidders ar equested to register as 'New Vendor' for downloading the tender document For further help refer to 'vendor guide' given in MSTC website The bidders are requested to submit their bids through online mode and details

of submission of bid through online are given in NIT The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website / CPF Portal / MSTC website for corrigendum, if any, at a future date For further clarification, the following can be contacted:

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US military options to help **Ukraine in case Russia invades**



Ukraine military trained by US.

Washington, Jan 20 (AP):

President Joe Biden is not planning to answer a further Russian invasion of Ukraine by sending combat troops. But he could pursue a range of less dramatic yet still risky military options, including supporting a post-invasion Ukrainian resistance The rationale for not directly joining a Russia-Ukraine war is simple. The United States has no treaty obligation to Ukraine, and war with Russia would be an enormous gamble, given its potential for expanding in Europe, destabilizing the region, and escalating to the frightening point of risking a nuclear exchange. Doing too little has

its risks, too. It might suggest an acquiescence to future Russian moves against other countries in eastern Europe, such as the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, although as NATO members those three have security assurances from the United States and the rest of the alliance. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who is in Europe this week to speak with officials in Ukraine, consult NATO allies and then meet Friday with his Russian counterpart, has asserted 'an unshakable US commitment to Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.'

Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Ltd **Public Notice**

In compliance to section 62 and 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and relevant provision of Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for determination of tariff according to Multi-Year Tariff principles and Methodology and Procedure for determination of Expected revenue from Tariff and Charges) Regulations, 2021, Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Ltd. (CSPGCL) has filed a Petition No.73 of 2021 before the Hon'ble Chhattisgarh Electricity Regulatory Commission (CSERC) for approval of Capital Investment Plan for control period FY 22-23 to FY 24-25. The petition includes various capital schemes amounting around

Copies of the tariff petition is available at O/o Executive Director (C&RA), CSPGCL, Dangania, Raipur and CSERC office, Irrigation Colony, Shanti Nagar, Raipur which can be purchased on any working day between 11:00 am to 4:00 pm after making payment of Rs 50/- or by post on additional payment of Rs. 50/-. The notice & petition will also be available on the company's website www.cspc.co.in as well as the CSERC's website www.cserc.gov.in

Objections/suggestions may be submitted within 21 days from the publication of this Notice either in person or by post to the Secretary, CSERC, Irrigation Colony, Shanti Nagar, Raipur Pin – 492001 Fax 0771-4073553 and/or Executive Director (C&RA), CSPGCL Dangania, Raipur, Pin - 492013 Fax - 0771-2574806. Advance copies of objection/suggestion may also be e-mailed to cserc.sec.cg@nic.in and/or ce.cncp@gmail.com Executive Director (C&RA) //SAVE ELECTRICITY// S-31184/1 CSPGCL, Raipur

Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd., Raipur (A Govt. of Chhattisgarh Undertaking)

PUBLIC NOTICE

In pursuance to relevant provisions of CSERC (Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for determination of tariff according to Multi-Year Tariff principles and Methodology and Procedure for determination of Expected revenue from Tariff and Charges) Regulations 2021, Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd. has submitted proposal for approval of Capital Investment Plan for three (03) year control period i.e. FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25, before State Commission which is registered as Petition No. 04/2022. The year wise summary of proposed Capital Investment Plan is given in the table below:

CSPDCL: Raipur

S.No.	Particulars	FY 2022- 23	FY 2023- 24	FY 2024- 25	Total
01	Government Funded Schemes	5629.02	2380.52	2146.66	10156.20
02	Partly or Fully CSPDCL Funded Scheme	411.80	434.92	419.68	1266.40
03	Fully Funded by Consumer	150.00	150.00	150.00	450.00
	Total	6190.82	2965.44	2716.34	11872.60

Through this notice it is to inform that interested persons can purchase copy of petition on any working day on payment of Rs. 100/- from Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Irrigation colony, Shanti Nagar, Raipur and Executive Director (RA&PM), 4th Floor, Vidhyut Sewa Bhawan, CSPDCL, Raipur The copy of petition can also be obtained by post from aforesaid offices on additional payment of Rs. 50/-The petition is also available at www.cserc.gov.in and www.cspdcl.co.in. free of cost.

Persons intending to file objections/suggestion on aforesaid petition may send their objections directly to Executive Director (RA&PM) or Secretary, CSERC within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objections/suggestion may also be sent through fax to ED RA&PM at 0771-2574442 or to Secretary, CSERC at 0771-4073553.

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The Commission may provide opportunity of personal hearing to interested person for which late shall be notified by Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission separately. **Executive Director (RA&PM)**

Israel hopes UN will unanimously condemn Holocaust denial

Family members of Tamiko Talbert-Fleming and volunteers distribute flyers seeking

information about her murder in the Chicago Lawn neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois, US.

United Nations, Jan 20 (AP):

Israel is hoping the UN General Assembly will unanimously adopt a resolution rejecting and condemning any denial of the Holocaust and urging all nations and social media companies to take active measures to combat antisemitism and Holocaust denial or dis-

tortion. The 193-member world body is scheduled to vote Thursday on the resolution, which is strongly supported by Germany.

Holding the vote on Jan. 20 has special significance: It is the 80th anniversary of the Wannsee Conference at a villa on the shores of Berlin's Wannsee Lake in 1942 during World War II where Nazi leaders coordinated plans for the so-

called Final Solution of the Jewish Question. The result was the establishment of Nazi death camps and the murder of nearly six million Jews, comprising one-third of the Jewish

people. In addition, mil-

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lions of people from other nationalities, minorities and targeted groups were killed, according to the draft resolution.

reporters.

We hope it is going to be adopted in a consensus, Israel's UN Ambassador Gilad Erdan told several

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5G interference

ir India has resumed B777 flight operations after A approval from the United States (US) authority according to the airline officials. The decision by Air India came after US Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) gave approval which include most Boeing and Airbus SE airliner aircrafts, including Boeing's 777, which was left off of the list. The expansion occurred because three additional models of altimeters were found to be resistant to interference from 5G, the FAA said. It had earlier cleared two altimeter models. Interference by 5G signals may also offer a lesson to authorities in India. It is hoped that Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will coordinate 5G rollout in India carefully to avoid the problems seen in US. C-Band frequencies primarily range from $3.7\,$ to 3.98 GigaHertz (GHz), airlines are concerned these mid-band waves may impact the radio altimeters that pilots use to know how far planes are from the ground. It's unclear whether 5G is an issue for these altimeters. After all, 5G itself isn't exactly new. 5G smartphones have been on the market since 2019, and last year, nearly 90 million of these devices were shipped in the United States alone. Wireless carriers have promised that the technology won't just offer higher speeds but also lower latency, which will make activities like streaming media and video calls achievable without lag. But to make 5G a reality, wireless companies in US spent over USD 81 billion to buy the rights to use certain parts of the radio spectrum specifically, the C-band frequencies between 3.7 and 3.98 GHz. Wireless providers use a range of frequencies to send data between smartphones and base stations. Each band of frequencies comes with its own advantages and disadvantages. C-band is considered a sweet spot on the spectrum and is a critical part of wireless companies' 5G ambitions. 5G phones can already connect to what's called millimetre wave spectrum, which operates at a very high frequency.

The millimetre wave frequency band supports very high speeds and can carry a lot of data but doesn't stretch very far. 5G phones can also connect to low-band spectrum, which operates at a much lower frequency. Low-band frequencies can cover large areas but can only support a small amount of data, which makes it slower. C-band is essentially a middle ground between low-band and millimetre wave, so it covers a good amount of area with pretty high speeds. Once they're turned on, these frequencies should be enough to finally start to see a real difference between 5G and 4G. Flight regulators are very nervous about this C-band update because of how it might affect certain aircraft's radio altimeters. This device transmits radio waves from an airplane toward the ground in order to help measure a plane's altitude. Altimeters are especially useful on a cloudy day or in a mountainous area, when pilots can't see where they're landing. The problem is altimeters rely on parts of the spectrum that neighbour the airwaves used by the Cband. In a nightmare scenario, signals sent over C-band could interfere with these altimeters, specifically older altimeters, creating a potential safety issue. In November last year, Canada placed restrictions on 5G transmitters. These include 'exclusion zones' around 26 airports where outdoor 5G base stations would not be permitted to operate: 'protection zones' where 5G operations would operate with restricted power; and a requirement that 5G antennas tilt down, rather than horizontally or upward, so as not to interfere with radio altimeters. Perhaps authorities in India may also follow this decision to not allow 5G base station towers near airports.

Digital growth story

ndia has experienced an unusually rapid expansion of digital connectivity and access to services. This has had a positive impact on the inclusiveness of economic growth on efficiency and productivity in retail, supply chains, and finance and on entrepreneurial activity. India's engagement with digital growth story dates to the late 1980s. Major investments in computer science and education were made under Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government. And with the expansion of internet access in the 1990s, India became home to many major outsourcing companies in IT administration, business processes, and customer service. But because the infrastructure needed for widespread mobile-internet access remained deficient, penetration lagged and data costs for mobile users ended up being among the highest in the world. The combination of higher speeds and low costs led to rapid growth in internet use in multiple sectors, including e-commerce, social media, streaming video, and other forms of digital content. Last year, 38 Indian startups have achieved unicorn status (meaning they are privately valued at over USD 1 billion) in sectors such as social commerce, education, financial services, and health care. And though there have been a few disappointing IPOs by Indian digital-services firms in recent weeks, overall funding has accelerated as global capital flows are diverted away from China, owing to that country's regulatory tightening.

It is instructive to compare India's digital growth story with that of Mexico, where per capita income (adjusted for purchasing power parity) is three times higher. It took Mexico more than 16 years to reach internet penetration of about 72 percent, whereas India expanded its coverage from 16.5 percent to 41 percent in the space of just five years. More chapters in the Digital India story will be written in the coming years. But the country already offers important lessons for understanding and adapting development models to an era in which traditional sources of employment, especially manufacturing will be displaced by automation and artificial intelligence. Internet-based digital technologies are crucial to economic and financial inclusion. India's experience shows that the rapid expansion of the mobile internet creates opportunities for employment, value creation, and growth far exceeding the returns to investors. Some of those additional benefits can be captured by forward integration into the digital-services opportunities that open with the mobile internet's expansion and upgrading in terms of speed. Up-front investments are substantial, and the returns may not be realized for many years.

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SNOW AT REFUGEE CAMP



Children play in the snow at refugee camp for internally displaced Syrians near Afrin city in Aleppo province, of Syria.

Untapped potential of effective non-drug treatments



n 2017, while travelling around rural India, Rae Thomas's adolescent daughter began experiencing dizziness and nausea lasting for several hours. Rae recalled hearing that a head rotation procedure could help with the most common cause of persistent dizziness. Using her mobile phone she found a description of the Epley manoeuvre (or canalith repositioning) on the HANDI (Handbook of NonDrug Interventions) website, watched the linked video a few times, and performed the procedure. Her daughter's relief was immediate - though it needed repeating over the next few days. Rae was aware of this option only because she worked at the same university as the developers of HANDI. The Epley manoeuvre is just one of dozens of effective 'non-drug' treatments which are under-used by doctors and patients. Some have substantial, researchsupported effects: exercise (as part of 'pulmonary rehabilitation') for patients with chronic airways disease can prevent 70 percent of hospital re-admissions and deaths; daily sunscreen can cut invasive melanoma rates by 50 percent; and 'external cephalic version', turning an in-utero baby by pushing on the mother's abdomen, can avoid 50 percent of dangerous breech births.

If there were drugs that were similarly effective, doctors and patients would clamour for access; companies would set high prices. But unlike their pharmaceutical brethren, these non-drug treatments are less intensively researched, poorly described in that research, weakly regulated, and unmarketed - especially when free or cheap. One explanation for their relative neglect has been the lack of a respected compendium, equivalent to the pharmacopoeias (drug handbooks) which doctors look up when prescribing. Instead, the trials of effective non-drug treatments are widely scattered in the vast oceans of research literature. There is no regulatory body (such as the TGA in Australia or FDA in the USA) to pass judgment on which are effective. And usually no company has an interest in marketing them. Non-drug treatments fall into several generic classes: exercise (general and specific), diet, cognitive behavioural therapy, physical manoeuvres, but also a wide range of others.

Perhaps the most neglected nondrug 'treatment' is exercise for chronic illness - lung disease, heart failure, cancer fatigue, diabetes, depression, and so on. While exercise is often promoted for prevention in healthy people, ill people have the most to gain, but are often fearful of exercise. Exercise can bring on symptoms such as breathlessness and fatigue, but, with persistence, will improve function and quality of life, and often reduce relapses and improve survival. In the past decade, we recognised that specific exercises can often overcome functional deficits. Some of these are described in Norman Doidge's popular book The Brain that Changes Itself which sets out the discovery and impact of brain plasticity for rehabilitation. One clinical example is 'mirror therapy' where patients perform activities via feedback from a mirror successfully used to treat phantom limb pain and regional pain syndromes after stroke. When reading research about a medication, doctors often assume that if they give the same drug in the same dose, they can expect more-or-less the same effect each time. But for nondrug treatments, the precise operational description of the intervention used in those trials becomes of paramount importance. For instance, physical exercise to improve circulation - also known as aerobic training - has been shown to be beneficial for heart failure. It helps improve symptoms and decrease the number of heart-related hospitalisations. But how much is needed? Before doctors can use this with their patients they will need to know how often and how intense the training should be. They will also need to know if there are patients at particular risk who should not do the training.

To address the lack of a compendium, in 2013 Australia's Royal College of General Practitioners (RACGP) began to compile effective non-drug interventions relevant to primary care. Based on the format of modern drug handbooks, each HANDI entry includes indications, contraindications and 'dosing'. The aim is to make 'prescribing' a nondrug therapy almost as easy as writing a prescription for a drug. It enables clinicians to offer a greater choice of interventions to a patient, who may wish to avoid drugs and the risks and lifestyle changes often associated with drug treatment regimes. Since its launch in 2015 HANDI has become steadily more popular with Australian GPs, and has been incorporated into many local 'clinical pathways', but it is underused compared with drug-based options. HANDI is one step towards improved non-drug interventions, but other problems are yet to be tackled. One issue is how poorly

non-drug treatments are described in current medical trials, one study showed less than half are sufficiently clearly described to allow replication in follow-up studies; this also creates problems in reviewing the evidence and making recommendations. Another barrier is the lack of inclusion in medical training pharmacology is taught but not as much 'non-pharmacology'. But perhaps the most important problem is that many of these non-drug treatments are free or cheap and have no copyright, so there is no one to profit other than the patient. The pandemic has taught us the important role of non-drug interventions - such as social distancing, avoiding crowds, better ventilation, and masks. Let's hope that lesson is not forgotten.

The HANDI development process includes the RACGP's HANDI working group meeting six times per year, collecting possible topics from a variety of sources. Each potential HANDI entry then goes through a three-step process before being published. In step one, assessing the evidence and relevance The group assesses the proposed non-drug intervention, by considering two questions: Is the evidence strong enough? and is the intervention relevant to and practical for general practitioners? Treatment must be supported by at least two positive, good-quality randomised controlled trials (RCTs) with patient-relevant outcomes, or one RCT with strong supportive evidence for the causal connection under investigation. In step two, drafting the HANDI entry. Next a group member works with a medical writer to develop a detailed 'how to' guide for the use of the nondrug intervention which includes indications, contraindications, precautions, adverse effects, availability and description of intervention, plus consumer resources. In the final review and posting, the draft entry is reviewed at a subsequent committee meeting prior to finalisation and publication onto the HANDI website.

Don't allow

There have been cases including amongst celebrities and politicians where new-to-be wed couple joined Islam symbolically for a day for having a second wife, because first wife refused to sign divorce-papers. This is nothing but cruelty to the first wife who thereafter remains totally isolated and neglected for rest of the like. Legislation must be passed so that no person having adopted Islam may be allowed to have a second wife. Rather India should follow those Islamic countries by allowing only one wife even for Muslims. There have been cases including even hi-fi politicians and celebrities where husband gets married to a second wife by somehow managing divorce-papers signed from an illiterate first wife who usually keeps worshipping the husband as a life-time partner till death being totally unaware of her being officially divorced because of her being illiterate. This is again cruelty to such isolated and ignored first wife. Necessary steps should be taken to stop such menace by all means including social and political boycott of those responsible for inhumanity and cruelty to their first wives. Unfortunately such persons including husbands and second wives are given undue respect even in political circles and at state-level. National Commission for Women should take initiative in persuading central government for taking all necessary steps to prevent injustice to first wives by having second wives only for sake of love and pleasure. It must be ensured that such neglected and ignored first wives may get equal rights and share in property of deceased husbands.

Subhash Chandra Agrawal, via email **Declining values**

The heinous murders recently of educated people must have saddened every sensible person. In fact, in our society, there is a need to seriously discuss the psychological reasons behind such killings. I would say directly that such moral policing is in fact a social ill. This is a socio-psychological issue, of course. The brain infrastructure of a person who frequently commits crimes and gets brutal pleasure by torturing human beings is inconsistent to some extent. According to Neuroscience, the human brain contains a number of specialized nerve cells that help maintain human values. The function of these nerve cells is imsistency of the brain infrastructure of the criminals. And as a result, criminals can commit one crime after another. Even these people can commit inhumane acts like murder. Due to the inconsistency of the brain infrastructure, the human qualities like kindness, compassion, empathy, etc., of the criminals towards human beings are comparatively much less than that of good human beings. In fact, people who have always grown up in a negative environment usually have no qualms about committing a crime like murder. Their brains are left to their own devices to figure out what the outcome of the murder will be. Recently, in the society in which we live, the stress of human beings has been gradually increasing for various reasons. The biggest concern is that in tv. science and technolo gy, the transformation of private sector enterprises is taking place at an unimaginable pace. There are some unwanted changes in it, which make many people feel uncomfortable adapting to the change. In fact, the people in our society do not have enough time to adapt to this change. In all cases, Darwin's adaptation theory -'Survival of the fittest is not applicable. On the other hand, human beings are unable to cope with certain situations. This has led to an increase in stress among people. The result of

this stress is intolerance. Heramba, via email



Mohar Basu@MoharBasu

The warmest, most welcoming city

have ever lived in. It's just a plus that

as a woman, I can take a walk on the

road alone at 3 am without thinking

twice. In a world where safety is a lux-

ury for women, I think a city offering

Elite Predators@elitepredatorss

A different game is going on between Ukrain and Russia, a multi

axis conflict seems a spark away.

NATO aircrafts hauling to smell the

danger but Russian EW isn't even

started vet, very interesting devel-

opment and a situation which has

very important lessons.

me that wins big time!

Never in my whole adult life did I hear the filth that I have heard in the past 7-8 months. And I studied in Delhi university so that's saying something. My vocabulary really didn't need an upgrade. Just so sick of the rot in this society.

Hana Mohsin

@airlpilot

(Paul Glasziou is chair of HANDI project and Professor at Bond University, Australia.)

Vikram@w karve

#JustSaying If patriotism was the main reason for people joining the military most politicians would have joined the armed forces instead of pol-Presumption democracy - politicians are the most patriotic citizens #humor #politics #military #patriotism #job.







Vertigo_Warrior@VertigoWarrior

Every corner of my great Bharat is divine..!



Kenter J@kenterjoya

My two cents: How is the Covid night curfew in Itanagar even helping? It's not like Itanagar has a happening nightlife it can boast of. Better focus on violations like not wearing masks, gatherings etc instead of restricting movement in general.

Sonali Gogate@Sonali_Gogate

bunked my Yoga class today because I decided to sleep in. Just now I found out that the class didn't take place today! So as it happens I didn't bunk it after all! And I was the only one who slept in. Really happy that I got to sleep in and didn't miss yoga! Grinning face #yoga #sleep.

BUSINESS

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BRIEF

Acquires



Herbals on Thursday said it has acquired a 25 per cent stake in di rect to consumer brand Conscious Chemist. Lotus Herbals JMD Nitin Passi said the investment aligns with the company's strategy for accelerating growth in direct to consumer space.

MoU

Kochi: Maker Village, one of the largest electronic hardware incubators in the country, has signed a memorandum of understanding with Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) for the development of indigenised technology and related aspects in the marine engi-

Jewellery



New Delhi: Silver iew ellery startup GIVA has raised around Rs 74 crore from investors including Sixth Sense Ventures to grow its business through offline and online mode. Founder Ishendra Agarwal said it is driven by a tectonic shift in consumption patterns of consumers.

Majority

New Delhi: Exxelia, a leading designer and manufacturer of high performance passive components and subsystems, on Thursday said it has acquired a majority stake in Alcon Electronics for nearly USD 100 million. Exxelia completed the majority acqui sition of Alcon Electronics on December 29, 2021.



■ New Delhi: Pixis (formerly known as Pyxis One) on Thursday said it has raised USD 100 million (about Rs 743.8 crore) in funding, led by SoftBank Vision Fund 2. CEO Neel Pandya said it is on a rapid growth trajectory and fresh funds will help us exceed timelines.

Produce

■ New Delhi: LML Electric on Thursday said it has entered into a strategic partnership with Saera Electric Auto — the former manufacturing partner of Harley Davidson in India to produce its electric two-wheelers. Under the partnership, Saera's facility located at Bawal in Haryana will produce a whole range of upcoming LML Electric vehicles. The manufacturing plant spread over 2,17,800 square feet has a capacity of

18,000 units.

FDI flows to India slip 26% in 2021 as per UNCTAD

Time lag between recovery and new investment

United Nations. Jan 20 (PTI):

Direct

Foreign

Investment (FDI) flows to India in 2021 were 26 per cent lower, mainly because large M&A deals recorded in 2020 were not repeated. the UN trade body has said. The UN Conference Trade Development (UNCTAD) Trends Investment Monitor said global foreign direct investment flows showed a strong re-

bound in 2021, growing 77 per cent to an estimated USD 1.65 trillion, from USD 929 billion in 2020, surpassing their pre-COVID-19 level. Recovery of investment

flows to developing countries is encouraging, but the stagnation of new investment in the least de-

In India veloped countries in inper cent to nearly USD 870 dustries important for probillion, with a growth acductive capacities, and key celeration in East and Sustainable Development South-East Asia (+20 per Goals (SDG) sectors - such cent), a recovery to near

as electricity, food or

health - is a major cause

for concern, said UNCTAD

Secretary-General Rebeca

Grynspan. The report said

developed economies saw

the biggest rise by far, with

FDI reaching an estimated

USD 777 billion in 2021 -

three times the exception-

ally low level in 2020. FDI

economies increased by 30

in developing

in West Asia. FDI flows to South Asia decreased 24 per cent to USD 54 billion in 2021 from USD 71 billion in 2020.

pre-pandemic levels in

Latin America and the

Caribbean, and an uptick

FDI in the United States the largest host economy increased by 114 per cent to USD 323 billion, and cross-border M&As almost

tripled in value to USD 285 billion. Flows to India were 26 per cent lower, mainly because large M&A deals recorded in 2020 were not repeated, it said. China saw a record USD 179 billion of inflows a 20 per cent increase driven by strong services

Of the total increase in global FDI flows in 2021 (USD 718 billion), more than USD 500 billion, or almost three quarters, was recorded in developed economies. Developing economies, especially least developed (LDCs), saw more modest recovery growth, the report said.

The World Investment Report by UNCTAD released in June last year had said that amid the pandemic, India received USD 64 billion in foreign direct investment in 2020. the fifth-largest recipient

traders said. The 30-share BSE index countries Bajaj Finserv was the

> HDFC Industries.

On the other hand, PowerGrid, Bharti Airtel, Asian Paints, Maruti and ICICI Bank were among

Sensex sinks 634 pts to end below 60k

Mumbai, Jan 20 (PTI):

Falling for the third straight session, equity benchmark Sensex tumbled 634 points on Thursday to close below 60,000-mark, tracking losses in index majors Infosys. TCS and RIL amid a fresh sell-off in European markets. The continued flight of foreign capital from Indian markets also affected the market sentiment,

ended 634.20 points or 1.06 per cent lower at 59,464.62. Similarly, the NSE Nifty plunged 181.40 points or 1.01 per cent to 17,757.00.

top loser in the Sensex pack, shedding 4.57 per cent, followed by Infosys, TCS, Sun Pharma, HCL Tech, HUL, Dr Reddy's, and Reliance

S&P = 59,464.62 -634.20 -1.06%

the gainers. Meanwhile, Asian Paints' consolidated net profit fell 18.5 per cent to Rs 1,031.29 crore for the third quarter December 2021.

In other Asian markets, bourses in Hong Kong, Seoul and Tokyo ended with gains, while Shanghai closed in the red. Stock exchanges in Europe were witnessing intense selling pressure in mid-session deals.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital market, as they sold shares worth Rs 2,704.77 crore on Wednesday, according to stock exchange data. In early trading, the FTSE 100 in London gained 0.1%

7,602.94 Frankfurt's DAX shed less than 0.1% to 15,802.96. The CAC 40 in Paris lost 0.2% to 7,157.90. In Asia, the Shanghai Composite Index lost less than 0.1% to 3,555.06 and the Hang Seng in Hong Kong advanced 3.4% to 24,952.35.

The Nikkei 225 in Tokyo gained 1.1% to 27,772.93 after December exports rose 17.5% over a year earlier. Growth in auto exports accelerated to 17.5% from November's 4.1%.

The Kospi in Seoul added 0.7% to 2,862.68 while Sydney's S&P ASX 200 gained 0.1% to 7.342.40. New Zealand declined while Southeast Asian

Amazon signs an MoU with NIF Incubation and **Entrepreneurship Council**

Mumbai, Jan 20:

Amazon India signed a Memorandum Understanding (MoU) with the Incubation Entrepreneurship Council (NIFientreC), a Technology Business Incubator hosted by **National Innovation Foundation** (NIF), an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, to accelerate grassroots innovation, local economy, and livelihoods across rural India. In line with the vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the partnership aims to encourage innovation and create livelihood opportunities for lakhs of people across India. The MoU follows just days after Hon'ble Prime Minister's declared 16th January as the National Startup Day to enable Startups to

country. As part of this pro-NIFientreC, Amazon's help will bring together experts from various fields, particularly from the Direct-To-Customer (D2C) industry to hold masterclasses, workshops, and other interactive training programmes on all aspects of product distribution and its availability for the enduser in the most convenient Dr. GulshanRai, Chairperson, NIFientreC, said, "With the fast-paced digital transformation that's happening in the country right now, there could not be a better time for grassroots entrepreneurs to consider taking their innovations directly to the consumers all over India." "At Amazon, we remain committed to our pledge of digitizing 10 million MSMEs in India by 2025 and contribute to the vision of

India Ratings projects economy to grow at 7.6% in FY-23 Households savings

have declined

Mumbai, Jan 20 (PTI):

India Ratings and Research on Thursday said the country's economy is likely to grow at 7.6 per cent year-on-year in 2022-23. The agency said after a gap of two years, the Indian economy will show a meaningful expansion, as the real GDP in 2022-23 is expected to be 9.1 per cent higher than that in 2019-20 (pre-COVID level). "However, the size of the Indian economy in FY23 will be 10.2 per cent lower than the FY23 GDP trend value. A continued weakness in private consumption and investment demand is estimated to



contribute 43.4 per cent and 21 per cent, respectively, to this shortfall, the agency said in a report.

It said if the impact of Omicron on the fourth quarter growth turns out to be greater than its estimate, then there could be some upside to 2022-23 growth originating from

Earlier this month, the National Statistical Office estimate said gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to grow at 9.2 per cent in 2021-22. The economy had contracted 7.3 per cent in the previous financial year.

Speaking to reporters, India Ratings' Principal Economist and Director Public Finance Sunil Kumar Sinha said the government and the RBI are expected to support the

Over 75% HNIs

want to buy over

Rs 5 cr properties

Rupee slips 7 paise at 74.51 against USD, gold rallies Rs 415 Mumbai, Jan 20 (PTI): rencies, was trading 0.02 per

The rupee on Thursday slipped 7 paise to close at 74.51 (provisional) against the US dollar, tracking a lacklustre trend in the domestic equity market. Forex traders said sus-

tained foreign fund outflows and firm crude oil prices weighed on the local unit. Moreover, investors remained cautious ahead of the US Federal Reserve's meeting due next week. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 74.43 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.29 and a low of 74.53 during the session. The rupee finally settled at 74.51, down 7 paise over its previous close of 74.44. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six cur-Demand for luxury real

cent up at 95.53. Gold prices rose by Rs 415 to Rs 48.327 per 10 gram in the national capital on Thursday, reflecting overnight gains in the international precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the precious metal had settled at Rs 47,912 per 10 gram. Silver prices also soared by Rs 858 to Rs 64,429 per kg from Rs 63,571 per kg in the previous trade. In the international market, gold was trading with gains at USD 1,841 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 24.13 per ounce. "Spot gold prices for 24 carat gold at Delhi surged by Rs 415, reflecting overnight gains in COMEX gold prices despite rupee appreciation," **HDFC Securities Senior** Analyst (Commodities)

Toyota Kirloskar drives in Hilux brand to India

Deliveries to begin in April

New Delhi, Jan 20:

Toyota Kirloskar Motor on Thursday launched the iconic SUV model Hilux in the country. The automaker, which is a joint venture between the Japanese Toyota Motor Company and Kirloskar Group, has commenced bookings for the model, with deliveries expected to begin in April.

The company noted that the vehicle would come with a 2.8 diesel powertrain mated to both manual and automatic transmissions. The model comes with a 4X4 drive and a water wading capacity of 700 mm among other safety and convenience fea-



tures. Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) is expected to reveal the price of the model next month. "We begin an amazing journey with the launch of an iconic vehicle known for extreme toughness across terrains of the world. The name Hilux needs no introduction, as its global sales have already surpassed 20 million units. This muchawaited lifestyle vehicle is best suited for off-roading adventures and daily city drives," TKM Managing Director Masakazu Yoshimura told reporters in an online event. Today, as India continues to make larger economic strides, many customers are seeking a sophisticated lifestyle vehicle that delivers exceptionally on and off-road prowess and fulfil their daily urban mobility

needs, be it work or pleasure, he noted. "The Hilux will cater to these customer demands and hopefully spawn a new genre in the country. Further, this launch will set the path for us in India to welcome many more new customers to the Toyota family,' Yoshimura stated. The model is being produced at the company's Bidadi plant in Karnataka with around 30 per cent of lo-Elaborating on the new product, TKM Executive Vice President of Sales and Customer Service Tadashi Asazuma told PTI that considering the customer expectations around

New Delhi. Jan 20 (PTI): Around 75 per cent wealthy people will look to buy luxury properties, worth more than Rs 5 crore, over the next two years in big cities as content. well as holiday destinations, according to a sur-India Sotheby's

International Realty, one of the leading brokerage firms in luxury real estate space, has conducted a survey of over 200 HNIs (High Net worth Individuals) and ultra-



HNIs to gauge the mood of the luxury real estate buyers across India's top 8 cities/regions — Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, Chennai, and Goa.

"An overwhelming 76 per cent respondents said they would look to buy real estate in the coming two years," according to the report

Outlook-2022'. This sig nals a very strong turnaround in sentiments for real estate amongst the wealthy in India, it added. Out of the 76 per cent wanting to buy real estate, 89 per cent would prefer luxury homes (city apartments, city bungalows and holiday homes), while the rest 11 per cent prefer premium commercial real estate.

As per the report, around 26 per cent of the respondents did purchase real estates during the last 18 months, mainly to upgrade their lifestyle and encash good investment oppor-

The front feature adap-

Corporate funding in solar sector nearly doubles to USD 27.8 bn



New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

The global solar sector has witnessed total corporate funding of USD 27.8 billion in 2021, the highest in the last 10 years, accordvate equity (VC), debt financing, and public mar-

ket financing. In its latest report, the global clean energy con-

sulting firm said the total

worldwide corporate fund-

ing in the solar sector in January-December 2021 soared to USD 27.8 billion compared to USD 14.5 billion raised in 2020. Corporate funding in 2021 was the highest in ten

Mercom Capital Group CEO Raj Prabhu said 2021 was the best year for solar corporate funding and mergers and acquisitions since 2010. Financing activity bounced strongly, following COVID-19-affected 2020.

There was more money than ever chasing deals, and more demand than supply of attractive companies and assets as organisations and funds look to fulfil their ESG and clean energy mandates, he

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

the SUV and the segment,

this seems to be a good

time to introduce Hilux in

the country.

German luxury carmaker BMW on Thursday launched the new version of its X3 SUV in India with a price starting at Rs 59.9 lakh (ex-showroom).

The two locally propetrol-powered trims of the model are priced at Rs 59.9 lakh and Rs 65.9 lakh, respectively.

The successful sports activity vehicle (SAV) is now sportier and more modern with its comprehensive refreshed look, premium interior with new equipment features and updated infotainment, the automaker said in a statement.

The diesel variant of the model would be launched later, it added.

"The new evolved thirdgeneration BMW X3 is here to continue the The car accelerates from 0



model's trailblazing success in the premium midsize SAV segment. The refreshed design and driving performance make BMW X3 a luxurious and practical car that is agile on and off-road," BMW Group India President Vikram Pawah noted.

The two-litre four-cylinder petrol engine of the X3 xDrive30i produces an output of 252 hp and a maximum torque of 350 Nm.

-100 km/hr in just 6.6 seconds with a top speed of 235 km/h.

The design of the new BMW X3 makes a sportier orientation. With the redesigned BMW kidney grille, flatter headlights and the new front apron, the new BMW X3 flaunts an absolutely refreshed design appearance. More strikingly shaped and larger BMW kidney grille now comprising of a singlepiece frame.

tive LED headlights with Matrix function. A black border gives the full LED rear lights a more precise appearance, while the narrower light graphic now includes a three-dimensionally modelled pincer contour and horizontal turn signals integrated in filigree style. The new, flush-fitting free-form tailpipe trims are larger and sportier, conveying a more powerful presence. In the M Sport package, front apron features larger air inlets finished in highgloss black and air curtains. The sportier rear bumper includes a diffuser finished in Dark Shadow. The M Sport trim includes the new 19-inch Y-Spoke 887M alloy wheels. However, 20-inch M alloy wheels are also available as an early bird offer.

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Sushmita Sen

elated on winning

International

Association of

Working Women Award for 'Aarya 2'

Child Day is celebrated on

the 24th of January every year to promote

rights of girl child, their education and

curb gender biases. On this occasion, &TV ac-

tors Vishal Nayak (Manish

Agarwal, GharEk Mandir-

Kripa Argrasen Maharaja

Ki), Farhana Fatema

(Shanti Mishra, Aur Bhai

Kya Chal Raha Hai?),

Ambrish Bobby (Ramesh

Prasad Mishra, Aur Bhai

Kya Chal Raha Hai?),

Aasif Sheikh (Vibhuti

BhabijiGhar Par Hai),

BhabijiGhar Par Hai),

ShubhangiAtre

(AngooriBhabi,

BhabijiGhar Par Hai), ex-

Aguarius: Jan 21 – Feb 18

Today, you will wish there were two of

you! You are deluged with pending work,

and even doubling up efforts will not

seem enough. You may even cancel you

movie date, deciding to deal with your

sweetheart's tantrums later. It's vour

boss you are worried about, says

Gemini: May 22 – June 21

Routine work bores you, and today you

will go all out to break free from the

shackles of boredom. The results, howev-

er, may not be as dramatic. You will have

to depend on your children, if any, to res-

cue you from the tyranny of routine

Monetary gains can be expected either in

erty or as increment in your basic salary.

Libra: Sept 23 – Oct 23

Mishra,

Gaur

Tiwari,

awareness

Narayan

Rohitashv

(Manmohan

ollywood actress and former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen is elated on being conferred the International Association of Working Women Award for an outstanding performance by a female actor in a TV series for her show 'Aarya 2'. The award is presented by the DC South Asian Film Festival

(DCSAFF), which is currently underway virtually starting from January 16 to January 30.

The actress credits the team of 'Aarya' for working tirelessly for the show that is now gaining global recognition. Sharing her excitement, the actress said in a statement, "I am overwhelmed with all the love and appreciation being showered on 'Aarya 2'. The entire team has worked strenuously to put together a work of art that would be loved by

> "It's euphoric to win the International Association of Working Women Award for an outstanding performance by a female actor in a television series. I would like to thank the organisers of the DC South Asian Film Festival for bestowing this honour on me and the entire team. This is surreal!" the statement

Talking about DCSAFF, the film fest which started in 2012 featuring Shyam Benegal's classic film 'Mammo' as the opening title, is currently in its 10th edition and will feature films from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Canada, and the US and many regional languages.

The 2022 edition of the film fest opened with a book discussion with writer, director, and actor Ananth Mahadevan about his new book 'Once Upon A Prime Time' and the Nepali feature film 'Mahanagar/One Night in



&TV actors express pride in having a daughter

press how proud they are of their daughters and wish best for all the daughters of the country.

Farhana Fatema aka Shanti Mishra from Aur Bhai Kya Chal Raha Hai? shares."I am a proud mother of a 10-year-old daughter, with whom I share a special bond. My relationship with her is evolving into a beautiful friendship as she grows older. On this day, I would like to tell all the parents

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

Bright prospects will greet whatever new

says Ganesha. It is a good time to imple-

ment your plans. Apart from short-term

monetary gains, you may also find yoursel

pursuing activities which bring you intan-

Cancer: June 22 – July 22

gible rewards, like goodwill for example.

out there that our daughters are no less than boys. so we must educate and nurture them just as we for our boys. Eradicating gender bias will help us making the world a much better place to live."Ambrish Bobby Ramesh Prasad Mishra from Aur Bhai Chal Hai?says,"Daughters are a

blessing. We have an ex-

ceptional bond, and I

learn so much from my

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you will feel the communication of

new power in yourself. But because o

this you can become a little arrogant and

especially self-confident. Ganesha says that take care that ego and special self-

confidence do not become a hindrance in

the way of achieving your goal. If you try

daughter every day. My day is incomplete unless I talk to her. The world is incomplete without girl children, so they should be given equal rights and opportunities to grow".

Tune in to watch GharEk Mandir-Kripa Agrasen Maharaja Ki at 9:00 PM, Aur Bhai Kya Chal Raha Hai? at 9:30 PM and BhabijiGhar Par Hai at 10:30 PM, airing every Monday to Friday only on

This day you will tend to be too bossy, too and end up making them miserable as well as hostile. Their insubordination could corrode the respect you get and, in addition make things unworkable. This acrimony and ill will is sure to spread and foul up your larger professional connections and interests.

Leo: July 23 – Aug 23

You will see some change in your daily schedule today. It is a good day to start a new job or business activity. You focus more attention on your personality today. You will try to improve yourself and bring your hidden talents to the fore. the most of this opportunity to ement your plans, says Ganesha

Ganesha says today you will use you mental competency to complete all your work on time. You may not give complete attention to your family as you will be spending time in the office or at work. showcased at work today. Ganesha says do not forget your family which has played a huge role in your success.

to please the family, then you will be able to get the blessings of elders.

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You wish to display your social prestige and monetary clout in front of your rel-atives. But you have to pay a heavy price for that. Your past experience wil teach you something, which will stand in good stead for future dealings.

Scorpio: Oct 24 – Nov 22

Try to take a chill pill as you may be wor ried about petty issues today. Do not let them hinder your happiness and take a toll on your health. However, the day looks promising towards the end. Friends are just a phone call away, call them and set out for a destination unknown to destress

Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 21

It's time for some entertainment. Movies, picnics and dining out is on your mind. Invite your beloved and enjoy quality time with each other. Also, you will spend time with you family and friends, and attend a music concert

Taurus: Apr 21 – May 21

Virgo: Aug 24 – Sept 22

Ganesha says you realise the impor tance of family matters today. You have tions, and you will use them in settling disputes amicably. Ganesha says you have learned the lessons of life on staying level-headed, and that you keenly ieve that opposition eventually leads to progress.

Capricorn: Dec 22 – Jan 20

Though you leave no stone unturned to identify the opportunities coming your way, you need to keep your guards on whenever you are a part of a legal matter. Financially, you're likely to bear some heavy losses, and if you're a dealer or a broker, the chances of suffering from them are even higher. Take some precautionary measures well in advance, advises Ganesha.

Vishal's 'Veerame Vaagai Soodum' trailer garners 1 million views

he trailer of director Thu Pa Saravanan's action entertainer 'Veerame Vaagai Soodum', featuring Vishal and Dimple Hayathi in the lead, has garnered an impressive one million views in a matter of just six hours of being released on YouTube.

The trailer, which was released on Wednesday evening, shows Vishal as a cop who thinks out of the box. The dialogues showcased in the trailer seem to be deep. A case in point would be a dialogue that goes, "There's a lot of difference between one who kills to save oneself and another who kills others and makes a living out of it."

The trailer gives the impression that the film will provide a feast to action lovers. Several celebrities also complimented Vishal for the trailer. Comedian Soori complimented Vishal on Twitter, saying, "The trailer looks awesome. My best wishes for the film to succeed." Producer Dhananjayan also seemed to be impressed by the



"Vishal's trailer. He tweeted. 'Veeramae Vaagai Soodum' trailer is superb with fantastic dialogues." Over for Republic Day.

85,000 people have liked the trailer of the film, which releases on January 26

person and not the kind of

a person who would joke

around and speak some-

thing silly. Basically, he

came across as a person

whom you would think

twice before joking about

something.

Aetashaa shares her thoughts on 'Punyashlok Ahilyabai'

etashaa Sansgiri is ruling the television screen with performance Ahilyabai in Sony TV's popular historical drama series Punyashlok Ahilyabai. She made her television debut with this show as a lead and has proved her mettle through her acting chops.Playing such a pivotal and different role in a debut show is not everyone's cup of tea, but Aetashaa has managed to pull it off really well.

The actress has managed to win the hearts of the audiences and has built a good fan following for herself.

Excerpts from the in-

The show has completed a year. How is it to be associated with such a great project? How has the journey been so far?

Yes, the show as completed one year, but this question should be asked to the people who have been associated with the



entered the show post the leap so I can talk only about the last four-five months. On 4 January, our show completed one year. I was on the set and could see how everyone was happy and celebrating it like a family.

We spend so much time together that we have become like family. We help each other and are there for one another through the ups and downs of life. The journey since my

entry in the show has been great and commendable. For me, the entire team was new and I was trying to adapt to the character, costumes, etc. Now, I feel I am well settled here and I have understood things

I have also made some great friends on the sets of the show, so the journey has been peaceful and amazing.

What was your first impression of your co star Gaurav?

I met Gaurav for the first time during the look test and audition, but the actual time when we spoke to each other was during the promo shoot. The whole day, we were talking to each other and getting to know each other and our journeys.

At first, he appeared to be a very

Parineeti Chopra is grateful to directors who have brought the best out of her

Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra feels lucky to have worked with filmmakers who have brought the best out of her and helped her in honing her craft.

In her opinion, it's important to collaborate with people who push an artiste to do better.

Parineeti says, "I'm lucky to have been directed by some of the best cinematic geniuses in Indian cinema. Such experiences have only enriched me and made me a better performer. As an actor, one needs to constantly evolve and collaborate with people who can push you to excel, who can open horizons for you and make your craft better."

She adds, "From being groomed by

Aditya Chopra, to working with filmmakers like Rohit Shetty (Golmaal Again), Maneesh Sharma (Shuddh Desi Romance), Dibakar Banerjee (Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar), Amole Gupte (Saina), Habib Faisal (Ishaqzaade), Vinil Mathew (Hasee Toh Phasee), Anurag Singh (Kesari), Ribhu Dasgupta (The Girl On The Train), I couldn't have imagined a more fulfilling journey in cinema for myself." This year, the actress will be seen in two big-ticket releases: Sandeep Reddy Vanga's 'Animal' opposite Ranbir Kapoor and Sooraj Barjatya's 'Uunchai' in which she will be seen with Amitabh Bachchan, Anupam Kher and Boman Irani.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Animals' homes

6. Keats poems 10. Beach feature

15. Connect 16. Petition 17. Rear

14. Concur

18. Pointed out 20. Main point

Lost You'

22. Bloopers

23. Improve 25. Time periods 26. Having rows

28. Moderately warn Anderson of "Baywatch

35. Agreeable 37. Fuss 38. Not new

39. Must, slangily

42. Hamilton bill

41. Distance measure

5. Comprehend 6. "____ To The Teat well 8. Conclude 9. Slalom participant

10. Scanty 11. Chorus voice 12. Not ever, in verse 13. June honorees

21. Cold era (2 wds.)

24. Nothing

43. Insignificant

44. Paring tool

50. Train track

56. Emphasize

59. Golf peg

61. Grouped

65. Flour factory

66. Encouraged

68. Shoe part

69. Shabby

DOWN

2. Once more

3. From Dublin

4. Paraphrased

48. Mr. Schwarzenegge

63. Flat-bottomed boat

193 25. Correct copy 27. Join in 29. Beach toy 30. Loafing 31. Active person 32. Golf stroke

34. Waiter's handout 36. "Scarface" gangster 40. Aloud

33. On a ship

41. Government health program 43. Intended

45. House extension 47. Adjusted beforehand

49. Sewing item 51. Things 53. Brink

54. Trimmed the border 55. In want 56. Drama divisions

58. Castro's land 59. Narrate

62. Mexican waterway



Muguruza knocked out by Cornet

Australian Open

Melbourne, Jan 20:

Wimbledon Former champion Garbine Muguruza crashed out of the Australian Open on Thursday as she succumbed to a surprise second round 6-3, 6-3 loss to France's Alize Cornet. Cornet gave the Spanish number three seed little respite throughout her straight sets win to advance to the next round, where she will face either Watson or Heather Tamara Zidansek. "I feel amazing and I think I played a great match out there today," said Cornet. "My state of mind was perfect, I was super focused on what I had to do. "I felt like in a bubble and you always have to play a super good match to beat Garbine as she's such a fighter."

Murray mauled by Daniel; Muguruza out

Andy Murray's longawaited return to the Australian Open was brought to a disappointing end in the second round on Thursday when the three-times Grand Slam champion was ush-



ment 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 by world number 120 Taro Daniel.

Perhaps still feeling the effects of his gruelling five-set battle in the opening round on Tuesday, the 34-year-old Scot looked out of sorts as his inspired opponent bounced along the baseline firing winner after winner. Former world number one Murray showed no more than flashes of the brilliant tennis that got him to five Australian Open finals as he made 34 unforced errors over the first two sets on John Cain Arena. To the delight of the crowd, Murray edged ahead at 2-0 in the third set but Daniel broke back immediately and 45 minutes later had booked his first Grand Slam third-round tie against Steve Johnson or Jannik Sinner.

Tsitsipas toils past Baez to seal third-round

World number four Stefanos Tsitsipas was made to work hard by Sebastian Baez Thursday before raising his game to beat the upcoming Argentinian 7-6(1),

third round of the Australian Open. In the first clash between two former world number one juniors, Tsitsipas - a twotime Australian Open semi-finalist - dominated proceedings early on but the 21-year-old Baez, ranked 88th and making his Grand Slam debut, then showed why he is rated so highly. "It wasn't easy. I'm glad I overcame that obstacle today,' Tsitsipas said on court. "Lot's of fighting, a little bit of swearing but glad to be in the third round. "It was a pretty hot day today playing here but I tried to play with heart and it paid off in the end." Baez, who won six Challenger-level titles in 2021, came back from 0-40 down to hold his first two service games and then fought toe-to-toe with the French Open finalist to level the match at 1-1 after two tiebreakers. The Argentine's big forehand troubled Tsitsipas, but the 23-year-old Greek found solutions and broke Baez's serve three times in the third and fourth sets to seal the contest with an unreturned serve on his second matchpoint on at the

2nd ODI vs SA: India aims at improved batting show with series on line

Paarl, Jan 20 (PTI):

KL Rahul will have to show drastically improved leadership acumen when he leads India against a buoyant South African side in the second ODI on Thursday, with the threematch series and his longterm Test captaincy ambitions both at stake.

Rahul was at best mediocre in terms of "onvour-feet-thinking", something that's basic to art of captaincy, and also didn't look the part with the bat in a deflating 31-run defeat in the opening ODI where India were outplayed for the better part of the game.

The middle-order, which had been a problem since Virat Kohli's heady days as captain, is still sticking out like a sore thumb and no one knows what exactly the solution is.

Once again, it was a case of one opener -- Shikhar Dhawan on this occasion -and the indomitable Kohli holding fort before the middle-order caved in on a slower pitch where there was turn and the ball gripped, making a run-ofthe-mill seamer Andile Phehlukwayo look formi-South Africa crushed India both strategically as well as on skills and therein lay serious questions about Rahul's wares as captain. The most dominant query was what exactly was Venkatesh Iyer doing in the team if he was not bowling at least four to five overs as the bowler Yuzvendra Chahal and Shardul Thakur were being taken to the cleaners by Rassie van der Dussen

and Temba Bavuma? If Venkatesh is playing as a specialist batter at No.6 then why not use Suryakumar Yadav, who is more experienced with a better range of strokes under pressure?

The next question that arose was whether Rahul spoke to Chahal or Ashwin when Van der Dussen and Bavuma started playing the sweep shots -- both conventional and reverse

sweep on a good batting strip. There wasn't a singular inspired bowling change unlike Proteas who Aiden introduced Markram's off-breaks firstup and bottled up the Indian skipper.

When India batted, the game was lost at the halfway stage Dhawan and Kohli were out in quick succession following their 90-plus stand. Suddenly, the strip where batting looked easy became difficult. Shreyas Iyer's well-documented struggles against the short ball were again exposed on day and the the Mumbaikar would know that a place in the Indian playing XI comes at a premium and he can't go on wasting chances like a mil-

Angriksh found 10 bound-

Nishant Sindhu (36 off 34;

5x4s) and Raj Bawa (42 off

64; 2x4s; 1x6) then shared a

64-run stand for the third

As big hits dried up to-

the

Rajvardhan Hangargekar

struck five sixes, including

a hat-trick of maximums

in the last over, in his fiery

17-ball 39-run unbeaten

cameo that took India past the 300-run mark.

Harnoor, who has been

in sparkling form, drove

the ball elegantly. If it was

pitched up on the middle

and leg, the left-hander

from Jalandhar flicked it

exquisitely. The ones

pitched up on the off-side

were driven in the cover

region as Harnoor ticked

In contrast, Angriksh

chose to muscle the ball

the board nicely.

aries and two sixes

Stand-in

Rohit, Pant and Ashwin feature in ICC's 'Test Team of Year' but no Indian in ODI XI

Dubai, Jan 20 (PTI):

The flamboyant Rohit Sharma featured as opener, Rishabh Pant as wicketkeeper and R Ashwin as the lone specialist spinner in the ICC men's 'Test Team of the Year' but no Indian player was included in the global body's ODI XI for 2021.

After going unrepresented in the ICC men's 'T20 Team of the Year' due to a disastrous World Cup campaign in the UAE, it was no surprise to see the Indians miss out in the apex body's ODI side as well after playing just six matches, even as the list featured two players from minnows Ireland.

India, the world number one in Tests, however have three representatives in the year's best team for the game's longest format, with New Zealand talisman Kane Williamson as

its skipper. Overall, India played 14 Tests in 2021 and managed to win eight out of them. They lost three Tests last year, including the heartbreaking defeat in the World Test Championship

London, Jan 20 (AP):

staged a second-half turn-

around as goals from

Anthony Elanga, Mason

Greenwood and Marcus Rashford earned a 3-1 win

at Brentford to boost the

team's top-four ambitions

It was another less-than-

convincing display from

United on Wednesday,

though, with Cristiano

Ronaldo ostensibly far from

impressed at being substi-

Elanga, a 19-year-old

tuted with 20 minutes left.

in the Premier League.

Manchester



(WTC) final against New

Rohit, who was recently elevated as India's whiteball captain as Virat Kohli's successor, cracked 906 runs in the calendar year at an average of 47.68 with two centuries.

Both of Rohit's centuries were memorable knocks in contrasting conditions against England -one in Chennai and the other in overcast conditions away from home at the Oval.

Pant, who established himself as India's firstchoice wicketkeeper-batter in all the three formats, scored 748 runs in 12 matches at an average of 39.36 with one memorable ton against England at Ahmedabad. He also ac-

Man United beats Brentford

3-1 after 2nd-half turnaround

counted for 39 dismissals in 23 innings, with his glovework continuing to

improve.

The seasoned Ashwin scalped 54 wickets in nine matches at an average of 16.64, making a big impact in the home series against England and New Zealand. He also chipped in with 355 runs at an average of 25.35, which included a vital century agaınst England in Chennai.

Besides the Indian trio and Williamson, the ICC Test team has one Sri Lankan in Karunaratne, Australian in Marnus Labuschagne, England captain Joe Root, New Zealand's Kyle Jamison and three Pakistanis in Fawad Alam, Hasan Ali and Shaheen Afridi.

Leading the 2021 ICC Test Team of the Year, Williamson was an influential captain for New Zealand, leading them to glory at the inaugural World Test Championship Final against India in Southampton.

He was also steady with the bat, scoring 395 runs in 4 matches at an average of 65.83 with one century.

Besides the absence of India players, the ODI team also doesn't have anyfrom Australia. English, New Zealand or West Indies.

The team, which has Pakistan's Babar Azam as its captain, has two of his team-mates, including Fakhar Zaman.

Janneman Malan and Rassie van der Dussen, Bangladeshis Shakib Al Hasan. Mustafizur Rahaman and Mushfiqur Rahim, who is also the designated wicketkeeper, Sri Wanindu Lankans Hasaranga Dishmantha Chameera along with Irishmen Paul

Stirling and Simi Singh

form the rest of the squad.

U19 WC: COVID-hit India stroll into QFs after beating Ireland his 101-ball knock while

Tarouba, Jan 20 (PTI):

Margaret Court Arena.

Record four-time champions and title contenders India stormed into the Super League quarterfinals of the U-19 World Cup after thrashing minnows Ireland by 174 runs in a league game here, in which they barely managed to field a playing XI.

India started their campaign on a winning note, beating South Africa by 45 runs on last Saturday and the win on Wednesday by such a huge margin is significant as the team fielded only available 11 players after six members of the side were forced into isolation after testing COVID positive.

Put into bat at the Brian Lara stadium, India first rode on Harnoor Singh's brisk 88 and his opening partner Raghuvanshi's run-a-ball 79 to post a challenging 307 for five.

The Hrishikesh Kanitkar-coached side then bundled out the opposition for 133 in 39 overs to register a comfortable



Angkrish Raghuvanshi celebrates his half-century with Harnoor Singh.

win. Skipper Yash Dhull and his deputy Sheikh Rasheed were among those isolated after testing positive as Nishant Sindhu led the side.

Left-handed Harnoor and Angriksh stitched a 164-run stand at the top to ensure Indian bowlers had a decent total to defend. Harnoor hit 12 fours in

around. He cut, pulled and also drove in an aggressive

manner as none of the Ireland bowlers could trouble the Indian open-

Sindhu eases into Syed Modi quarterfinals Lucknow, Jan 20 (PTI):

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu stormed into the women's singles quarterfinals of the Sved Modi International badminton tournament after registering a straightgame win over American Lauren Lam here on Thursday.

Top seed Sindhu took just 33 minutes to get the better of her American rival 21-16 21-13 in her second-round match. Sindhu will take on sixth-seeded Thai shuttler Supanida Katethong in the last-eight



stage. Sindhu had earlier defeated compatriot Tanya hemanth 21-9 21-9 in her campaign-opener.

In another women's singles second round match, Samiva Imad Farooqui entered the quarterfinals after beating compatriot Kanika Kanwal 21-6 21-15. Anupama Upadhyaya beat Smit Toshniwal 21-12 21-19 to set up a clash against Farooqui.

India drop to third place in ICC Test rankings, Australia on top after dominant Ashes

Dubai, Jan 20 (PTI): Australia displaced India from the top of the Test rankings after their 4-0 drubbing of England in the recently-concluded Ashes series, even as the Virat Kohli-led side squandered a 1-0 lead to go down against South Africa. After suffering a 1-2 series loss in South Africa, India dropped to the third spot

while inaugural World Test Championship (WTC) winners New Zealand held onto their second position after a 1-1 drawn series at home against Bangladesh, which included the hosts' first ever loss to Bangladesh at home across formats. South Africa's 2-1 win over India at home took them one spot up to fifth place, while England were in

fourth position after a disastrous Ashes campaign Down Under. India lost the top spot by losing the second and third Tests after winning the first in Centurion. Australia, with 119 points, are three ahead of India in the rankings

Overall, India played 14 Tests in 2021 and managed to win eight out of them.

Sania-Ram pair moves into **Australian Open mixed** doubles second round



Melbourne, Jan 20 (PTI):

Sania Mirza and her American partner Rajeev Ram moved into the mixed doubles second round of the Australian Open with a confident straight-set win over the Serbian team of Aleksandra Krunic and Nikola Cacic, here on Thursday. Ram came out serving big and also stayed like a rock at the net as he anchored the 6-3 7-6(3) win in the opening round that lasted 69 minutes. Ram is a defending champion in the event. He had won the mixed title here with Czech partner Barbora Krejcikova in 2021. Mirza, who will retire after the 2022 season, also served well in the contest. They had a chance to go up as early as in the second game but Mirza buried a forehand into the net on the deciding point. The team got another chance on the serve of Krunic but that chance also went abegging when Mirza could not finish the point with a volley. However, they got the break on the deciding point. Ram then served out the next game at love for a 4-1 lead. Mirza too made a lot of first serves as the team cruised towards a first-set lead. Ram's solid serving and Mirza's smooth volleys sealed the set for the Indo-American team. Mirza unleashed her big forehand to Krunic on a weak return from Cacic to earn the first break chance of the second set. But the Indian hit the forehand long on the deciding point.

winger starting only his fourth Premier League match, broke the deadlock in the 55th minute by latching onto Fred's pass behind Brentford's defense and then nodding the ball into the corner. Brentford, by then, had wasted a host of Brentford's English-born Jamaican defender Ethan Pinnock (L) tack-

United

Greenwood then notched his first Premier League goal since October, tapping in from Bruno Fernandes' pass, to make it 2-0 in the 62nd. Rashford climbed off

chances to take the lead in

the first half.

the bench to add the third again off a pass from Fernandes in the 77th for a

"First half was not good in all aspects of the game,' United manager Ralf first league win of 2022. Rangnick said.

les Manchester United's Swedish striker Anthony Elanga during the

English Premier League football match between Brentford and

Manchester United at Brentford Community Stadium in London.

CENTRAL CHRONICLE, RAIPUR, FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

'Don't go ahead with amendment to IAS (Cadre) Rules'

Kolkata, Jan 20 (PTI):

West Bengal Minister Banerjee on Thursday wrote yet another letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging him to withdraw the proposal to amend IAS (Cadre) Rules, 1954, as it would "create a fear psychosis among officers and impact their performance". In the letter to the PM on the issue, her second in a week, Banerjee said the amendment will "destroy" the federal polity and basic structure of the Constitution.

She warned him of 'greater movements" in case the Centre does not reconsider its decision. "I humbly urge you to kindly reconsider this move by the central government and not to go ahead with



and request you not to push us to the points of greater movements on this issue to protect the soul of this great democracy that India is and has been (sic)," the CM wrote. Banerjee also said that the proposed changes, if implemented, will "irreparably damage the spirit of mutual accommodation between the Centre and the state". The Union government has proposed an amendment to ĪAS (Cadre) rules, which

officers on central deputation, bypassing reservations of state governments. On January 13, too, the CM had written to Modi, requesting him not to go ahead with the

amendment. "I'm constrained to invite your kind attention to the issue of IAS Cadre management yet again, twice in a week's time. I had written to you on this, conveying my reservations... but I had to write my points, because the central government has, meanwhile, further accentuated its stand, proposing yet another revised draft, taking the matter to furnon-federal tremes," she wrote in her letter to Modi on Thursday.

The CM pointed out that

the proposal's "very grain is against the foundations of our great federal polity and the basic structure of India's Constitutional scheme". "It will create fear psychosis and impact their performance, effectiveness and accountability to the state government. This will destroy the fundamental principle of the Services which postulates that an officer serving in connection with the affairs of the state is accountable to the state government alone," Banerjee

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



Men ride a modified bicycle to raise awareness about organ donation, in Moradabad, Thursday.

SC to hear plea of journalist **Tejpal for in-camera hearing**

Of appeal in sexual assault case

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

The Supreme Court would hear on Friday the appeal of journalist Tarun Tejpal against the Bombay High Court's order rejecting his plea for an in-camera hearing of the proceedings challenging his acquittal in a 2013 rape case.

A bench comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai has listed for hearing the plea of Tejpal whose application for conducting an incamera hearing of the proceedings under section 327 of the CrPC was rejected by the Goa bench

of the Bombay High Court on November 24,

last year. The acquittal of the former editor-inchief of Tehelka magazine, who was accused of sexually assaulting his then-woman colleague in the lift of a five-star hotel in Goa in November 2013, by a sessions court in May 2021 was challenged in the Goa bench of the high court by the state government.

Senior advocate Amit Desai, who had appeared for Tejpal, had referred to the Law Commission and various judgements of high courts supporting his application for an

in-camera hearing. The high court, however, had rejected the submissions.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Goa government, had argued that the judgement (of acquittal of Tejpal) by the district court is in the public domain.

Section 327 applies for the purpose of inquiring into or trying any offence. It has limited application during inquiry or trial. The appeal is something very clear. Appeals, revisions, etc are neither investigation nor inquiry nor a trial, Gehlot asks officials to stop it

Jainur. Jan 20 (PTI):

BKU leader Rakesh Tikait on Thursday met in Rajasthan's Dausa farmers whose lands have been auctioned by commercial banks over the non-payment of loans, while peasants led by BJP MP Kirodi Lal Meena protested against the action outside the chief minister's residence. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot asked officials to stop the auction of agricultural land of farmers.

Land attachment and auction is being undertaken by banks that are controlled by the Reserve Bank of India, he said,

urging the Centre to waive farmers' loans. Notably. many instances of land auction notices being issued to farmers who have been unable to pay back their loans have come to the fore recently.

Tikait, who is the spokesperson of the Bharatiya Kisan Union, met farmers in Ramgarh Pachwara in Dausa district whose lands were auctioned by banks after they failed to repay their

Talking to reporters, Tikait said, "Why was the auction done? An investigation should be carried out against bank officials and a case registered. You cannot auction a farmer's entire land for a small loan. It was an illegal auction. The land mafia have

their eyes on prime land." He claimed several farmers have received land auction notices. "We will meet bank officials on the issue and decide the future course of action," the BKU leader said. Separately, a group of

Uproar over auction of farmers' lands in Raj

farmers from Dausa led by BJP MP Dr Kirodi Lal Meena managed to reach the high-security zone near Gehlot's residence here, demanding action against bank officials and cancellation of the land auction process. However, the protesters were dispersed and Meena was taken away in a bus by police officials.

"Approximately 15 lakh farmers in the state have taken loans worth Rs 10,000 crore from cooperative banks and they are

cials from the Chief not being waived. The Minister's Office (CMO). farmers who have come here have less than 5.5 acres of land and have received land auction notices," Meena told reporters from inside the bus. Recently, a farmer committed suicide in Ramgarh Pachwara and

tered a case in the matter, he alleged. A protesting farmer said, "My father had taken a loan from the Rajasthan Grameen Bank. Bank officials harassed my father, who committed suicide two months ago. Still, the bank auctioned 15 bighas land for Rs 45 lakh a couple of days ago. We had taken a loan of Rs 3.5 lakh." Meena was later taken to the Secretariat

the police have not regis-

here, where he met offi-

according to a statement He handed over a memo randum to the CMO offi-

cials seeking a complete waiver of farm loans, the statement issued by Meena's office said. State BJP president Satish Poonia hit out at Gehlot, saying he is busy writing letters while farmers are being forced to commit suicides.

"Due to the promise made by Rahul Gandhi ji in 2018, lands of farmers of Rajasthan are being auctioned. Farmers are being forced to commit suicide. CM Gehlot is busy writing letters," he said. If the government has any honesty left, then it should waive loans of all farmers, he

KEEPING AWAY COLD



People warm themselves around a small fire on a cold winter morning, in Agartala.

Book on story behind creation of India's private forest sanctuary

To release on Jan 24

New Delhi. Jan 20 (PTI):

A new book, "From the inspiring story of a couple transforming over 300 acres of barren land into India's only private wildlife sanctuary.

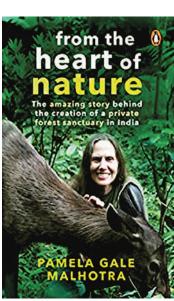
The book, written by Pamela Gale Malhotra, is published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI) and will hit the stands on January 24.

Coming from two rich wisdom cultures, one Native American and one Indian, Pamela and her husband Malhotra made it their mission to salvage what they could in Kodagu, Karnataka, where years of coffee-growing had ravaged and denuded the

Today, in its nearoriginal form, the SAI (Save Animals Initiative) sanctuary boasts a rich variety of indigenous trees and plants as well as numerous rare and threatened species of animals, some found nowhere else on the planet.

"It (the book) is the story of my sanctuary, of our sanctuary, and of the struggles my husband, Anil, and I have had to endure, the obstacles we had to overcome to turn my dream into the living sanctuary of life that it is today;

a story of the sorrows and joys, the wonders and aweinspiring experiences I have been privileged to have living here in the heart of Nature. "The sanctuary itself is dedicated to



the Universal Divine Mother, that is Mother Nature," writes Pamela in the introduction of the hook. In 2017, the then president Pranab Mukherjee in conjunction with the

Union Ministry for Women and Child Development presented Pamela the Nari Shakti Puraskaar for 'Outstanding Contribution to Women's Empowerment' at Rashtrapati Bhawan

According to the pub lishers, in this deeply fascinating and inspiring personal narrative, Pamela recounts how she connected and communicated with animals and trees at both physical and spiritual levels, and "how the only way to save humanity is through understanding and preserving nature".

"Pamela's goal is to inspire others to join the mission of protecting Mother Nature and rewilding the Earth for the benefit of the present and future generations," they said in a statement. The book, priced at Rs 364, is presently available for preorder online.

Kerala govt order to cancel title deeds triggers row

Minister justifies

Thiruvananthapuram/

Idukki, Jan 20 (PTI):

The Kerala Revenue Department's recent order to cancel title deeds, allegedly issued illegally in high range Idukki district, has triggered a political row with ruling CPI(M) strongman M M Mani openly expressing displeasure, even as Revenue Minister K Rajan justified it but assured that no one would be evicted from

their land over the order. Indicating that the department would go ahead with the cancellation move, the minister said the order was issued as

procedures of a government decision taken in 2019 and its objective was to give authentic title deeds to deserved persons and to cancel those possessed by undeserving individuals. CPI(M) state secretary

Kodiyeri Balakrishnan also came in support of the minister saying that no one would be evicted from their land and new title deeds would be issued after conducting a legal scrutiny.

Known as "Raveendran Pattayam" in general, the controversial title deeds, which the government has decided to cancel now, were allegedly issued illegally by M A Raveendran, the then Devikulam Taluk

part of continuation of Additional Tahsildar, during the rule of the Left government in the 1990s.

The Raveendran title deeds have been at the centre of a political row here since then as critics allege that they have no legal validity as they had been issued flouting all legal

Justifying the decision to cancel them, the minister said those title deeds were just "useless" as its holders were facing difficulty to avail loans over the land, sell it or remit tax as the deeds had been issued illegally.

"Raveendran had issued the title deeds illegally overpassing his jurisdiction. The government took the decision to cancel them for the sake of common people. It is not a government which treats the encroachers and the set-

tlers equally," Rajan said. He reiterated that the government's decision was not to evict anyone but to give the deserved persons actual and renewed title deeds.

Terming the controversies as "unwanted", Rajan said what the government did now was just to speed up the ongoing procedures to give the deserved persons a chance to become the actual owners of their When asked about

Mani's criticism over the matter, the minister said he was not going to give a reply to anyone. He also said the CPI(M)'s party office in Idukki had received

the title deed as it might have deserved it.

However, Mani said in Idukki that the controversial title deeds were issued to the people at a 'pattaya mela' (title deed fair) conducted by the government after it was approved by a panel headed by the then MLA.

He also wanted the Revenue department under the CPI, the second largest coalition partner in the government, and its minister, Rajan, to explain why such land deeds should be cancelled now.

An MLA and former minister, Mani also made it clear that no one would be allowed to touch the CPI(M) party office, located in Idukki, under the Raveendran title deed.

CHECKING COVID-19

Telangana govt to undertake door-to-door survey for fever

Hyderabad, Jan 20 (PTI):

The Telangana government would undertake a door-to-door fever survey in the State from Friday as part of measures to check the spread of COVID-19.

The survey would help in controlling the spread by identifying those suffering from fever and others, State Health Minister T Harish Rao told reporters here on Thursday.

Some people are asymptomatic despite testing positive for the infection, while some others are not getting themselves tested

in spite of having symptoms like fever, he said. The survey would help address such issues. He said a home-isolation kit, comprising medicines and others, would be provided to those with symptoms.

Observing that a similar survey and the provision of the same kits helped save many lives during the second wave of COVID-19, he said this has received appreciation from the NITI Ayog. The State government

is geared up to deal with the third wave as Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao had

ordered procuring two crore testing kits and one crore home-isolation kits, he said.

The Minister said 27,000 hospital beds have been provided with oxygen supply. Oxygen generation plants have been established in 76 hospitals and the generation capacity has increased to 340 MTs from about 130 MTs during the second wave.

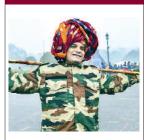
The capacity would be enhanced to 500 MTs, he said. While 56,000 COVID beds are available in the State, the bed occupancy rate is below one per cent

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BRIEF



An artist poses for the media during rehearsals for the upcoming Republic Day parade, on a cold winter morning at Vijay Chowk in New Delhi. Thursday.

ED arrests

■ New Delhi: The **Enforcement Directorate** (ED) on Thursday said it arrested an Indian man with "Chinese links" who is alleged to have cheated depositors to the tune of Rs 84 crore through "fraud" mobile applications. Anas Ahmed was lodged in judicial custody at the Puzhal central prison, Chennai, after he was arrested by the crime branch CID of the Chennai Police sometime

Arrested

back, it said.

■ Srinagar: Security forces on Thursday arrested a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant in Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir and seized arms and ammunition from his possession, police said. A police official said security forces launched a search operation in the Chadoora area of Budgam in the morning after learning about the presence of an ultra there.

Mill fire

■ Bardoli: Three persons were killed in a massive fire which broke out at a textile dyeing-and- printing mill located near Bardoli town of Gujarat on early Thursday morning, an official said. While ten workers were rescued from the three-storev building, charred bodies of three persons, hired for a carpentry job, were found on the first floor, said Bardoli's chief fire officer P B Gadhvi.

Mishap

Jalpaiguri: A woman was killed and three others were injured on Thursday after being hit by a private car on a rural hospi tal campus in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district, police said. The accident took place around 1 pm when the driver of the four-wheeler lost control over it and the vehicle rammed into a group of people on the Maynaguri rural hospital campus, a senior officer said.

Drug smuggler

Jaipur: An alleged smuggler was arrested with 5 kg marijuana (charas) worth Rs 1 crore in the international market on Thursday in Chomu town of Jaipur district, police said. Mohammad Arif Ali, the accused, was arrested in **Chaumun Police Station** area on Thursday by a team of CID Crime Branch of Rajasthan Police. Arif, a resident of Ajmer, was travelling in a private bus coming from Amritsar to Jaipur and was intercepted at Chomu tool booth, **Additional Director General** of Police Crime Ravi



Prakash said.

SILVER

SENSEX 59,464.62 **BULLION** GOLD 48,510

ceived their first dose of

MAJOR HAUL

3.33 kgs foreign origin gold worth Rs 1.65 cr seized

By DRI Raipur unit from a person at **Raipur Rly Station**

Raipur, Jan 20:

Gold smugglers are not stopping smuggling even in peak Covid time and (Directorate of Revenue Intelligence) officers are committed to check smuggling of foreign gold. Based on specific intelligence, Officers of DRI apprehended one person carrying foreign origin smuggled gold by train from Kolkata to Nagpur at Raipur Railway Station with the assistance of Raipur RPF Staff here on Thursday. Foreign marked gold bars weighing 3.33 Kgs were recovered from that person after his ar-

Lucknow, Jan 20 (PTI):

Party MLA Pramod

Gupta, relative of the

party patriarch Mulayam

Singh Yadav and Priyanka

Maurya, the face of Congress' 'Ladki Hoon,

Lad Sakti Hoon' poster in

Uttar Pradesh, joined the

day after Yadav's daughter-

in-law Aparna Yadav

Janata Party in Delhi on

The duo joined the

party in the presence of

former state unit presi-

dent, and head of the BJP

Laxmikant Bajpai. "An

important political name

and a member of

Samajwadi Party family

the Bharatiya

Committee,

and former MLA of and you all know the

Gupta's joining comes a

BJP here on Thursday.

Former

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Wednesday.

Samajwadi



rest. The gold bars were found to have been concealed inside his clothing by strapping it on the waist, with help of a cloth belt. The said foreign origin gold bars along with the packing material have been seized under the Customs Act, 1962. In the present case, as of now role of five members

EXCHANGE OF LEADERS

Mulayam's brother-in-law, Cong's

'ladki hoon' poster girl join BJP

Auraiya, Pramod Guptaji

is joining the BJP family

today," Bajpai said wel-

from the family of

Mulayam Singhji who is

respected by all of us...

after his 'samdhi' Hariom

Yadavji, daughter-in-law

Aparna Yadav and today

his 'saadho' (brother-in-

law) Pramod Guptaji is

joining the BJP family

"I want to remind that

coming Gupta.

revealed. In past also this syndicate has indulged in smuggling of gold of foreign origin in huge quantities for which the payment has been made through Hawala channels. Further investigation in the matter is underway. DRI officers have been conducting intelligence based operations against continuous of the syndicate has been inflow of smuggled gold of

value of 'saadho' in a fami-

Bajpai said she is the

poster girl of the Congress

leader Priyanka Vadra

Gandhi and exuded confi-

dence that she will now

use her power and capabil-

ities in giving strength

and momentum to the

election campaign of the

Maurya is a homeopath

and a social activist having

a large following on

Facebook, Twitter and

Ayodhya's folk singer Vandana Mishra also

with

Speaking to media per-

sons, Gupta alleged "No one

is being allowed to meet

Mulayam Singh Yadav, who

has been kept as hostage by

them,

Instagram, Bajpai said.

Along

joined the BJP.

Akhilesh Yadav."

Maurya,

Bajpai

Introducing

foreign origin by syndibased in West Bengal. who operate across the land border with Bangladesh and which is threatening the financial security of the na-

DRI also remains committed to combating the illicit drug menace, besides its work of anti-smuggling, and detection and investigation of import-export frauds. Under this mandate, in the current financial year, officers of DRI's Indore Zonal Unit in various operations seized approximately 8,300 kg of Ganja (Cannabis) apart from Foreign origin gold, silver, smuggled cigarettes and electronic cigarettes, smuggled electronics items, cash earned by sale of smuggled goods, etc.

India test-fires Brahmos missile



Balasore, Jan 20:

India successfully testfired supersonic cruise missile Brahmos off the Odisha coast in Balasore on Thursday, Defence Research Development

Organisation sources said. With new added technologies, including the control system, the missile was test-fired from the Integrated Test Range

pad-III launch Chandipur around 10.45 am, said a source at the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

The detailed data is being analysed analysis,

'Merit cannot be reduced to narrow definitions of performance'

■ SC upholds OBC **quota in NEET**

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

Merit cannot be reduced to narrow definitions of performance in an open competitive examination which only provides formal equality of opportunity, the Supreme Court said on Thursday as it upheld 27 per cent Other Backward Classes (OBC) reservation in All India Quota (AIQ) seats in the NEET for UG and PG medical courses.

Justifying quota for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) on existing quota for current academic year, the bench said, We are still in the midst of the pandemic and any delay in the recruitment of doctors would impact the ability to manage the pandemic. Hence, it is necessary to avoid any further delays in the admis-

counselling to begin im mediately.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna passed order detailing reasons for upholding the 27 per cent OBC reservation and allowing 10 per cent EWS quota on existing criteria for this year. "In view of the discussion above we hold that the reservation for OBC candidates in the AIQ seats for UG and PG medical and dental courses is constitutionally valid..,

the bench said. Dealing with the validity of OBC quota, the bench said. Merit cannot be reduced to narrow definitions of performance in an open competitive examination which only provides formal equality of

'System created where there is no place for any discrimination'

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

Asserting that an India whose thinking and approach are innovative and decisions progressive is emerging, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that a system is being created in which there is no place for any discrimination.

Delivering the keynote address at the national launch ceremony of 'Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ke Ore' virtually, Modi noted that one's progress is aligned with the nation's progress and stressed the need for giving importance to one's duties for the country's

He also spoke about efforts being made to tarnish India's image, including at the international level, and said there was a

Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivers the keynote address at the National launch ceremony of 'Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ke Ore', through video conferencing, in New Delhi on Thursday.

India-assisted projects in Mauritius inaugurated

Cooperation between India and Mauritius, including in maritime security, has translated the vision of SAGAR - Security and Growth for All in the Region - into action, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday. Modi made these remarks after he along with his Mauritian counterpart Pravind Jugnauth iointly inaugurated India-assisted social housing units project in Mauritius virtually. They also launched the Civil Service College and the 8MW Solar PV Farm projects in Mauritius that are being undertaken under India's development support.

need to counter them and present a proper picture of Emphasising on duties.

he said, "We also have to admit that in the 75 years after Independence, a malaise has afflicted our society, our nation and us all. The malaise is that we turned away from our duties and did not give them primacy.'



People not adhering to social distancing norms visit the Heritage street near the Golden temple, amid concern over rising cases of Omicron variant of COVID-19, in

HIGHEST EVER FIGURE Kerala Covid TPR

touches 40%

Thiruvananthapuram, Jan 20 (PTI):

Kerala on Thursday reported 46,387 new Covid-19 cases with test positivity rate soaring to 40.2 per cent, which is the highest ever figure since the onslaught of the pandemic. The state tested 1,15,357 samples in the last 24 hours. The worst-hit capital district of Thiruvananthapuram has 9720 new cases with a test positivity rate of 46.68 per cent. In the districts of Ernakulam and Kozhikode also TPR has gone up to 45.6 per cent and 42 per cent respectively. As many as 32 new Covid-19 deaths were reported, 309 other deaths have been included in the Covid-19 death tally after admitting appeals, taking the total num-SC ropes in SLSA to facilitate payment

Three-eyed calf dies week after birth

Rajnandgaon, Jan 20:

A rare calf born with three eyes and four nostril holes died a week after its birth in a village in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon district on Thursday.

The female calf was born to a jersey cow owned by farmer Hemant Chandel (44) of Nawagaon Lodhi village under Chhuikhadan police station limits, on January 13.

A large number of people had been queuing up at the farmer's house to worship the calf, calling it an "incarnation of God", it was stated.

As the news spread about its death, locals

reached Chandel's house to pay last respects to the calf. Talking to PTI, Chandel said, The calf died around 9 am, following which it was cremated at gowthan (the place

where bovines are housed

I can't say what I am feeling now. We feel that the almighty had come to our house for a short period of

in the village).'

time, the grieving farmer said. The calf was born with an additional eye in the middle of her forehead, four nostril holes, while its tail was like a 'jata' (a heap of matted hair) and its tongue was also longer than normal calves. Citing a veterinarian, the farmer had earlier said that the health condition of the calf was good.

FIGHT AGAINST OMICRON

'Don't link incidents with faith or superstition'

Dr Dinesh Mishra, who heads the Andhashraddha Nirmulan

Samiti, had earlier said that people should not link such inci-

dents with faith or superstition. "In many incidents, it has been

seen that people, particularly from rural areas, worship such

animals with deformities due to lack of awareness. People need

to be explained scientifically about such deformities in animals

so that they take care of their livestock properly, he had said.

Sputnik provides two times higher antibodies than Pfizer vaccine'

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

A study has found that two doses of Sputnik V provide two times higher virus neutralising antibodies against the Omicron variant of COVID-19 than two doses of the Pfizer vaccine, **Gamaleya National Research** Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology and the Russian **Direct Investment Fund (RDIF)**

said on Thursday. The study was conducted at the Italian Spallanzani Institute on comparable groups of sera from

individuals vaccinated with Sputnik V and Pfizer. "The joint study by the **Gamaleva Center and** Spallanzani Institute confirmed



the results obtained in our sepa rate study published in December 2021.

"The hard scientific data proves Sputnik V has higher virus neutralizing activity against Omicron as compared to other vaccines and will play a major role in the global fight against this new contagious variant," **Gamaleya Center Director** Alexander Gintsburg said in a statement.

'Deaths less in 3rd Covid wave in comparison to 2nd wave' Covid vaccine.

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

Deaths are significantly less in the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in comparison to the second wave, and the current surge is not witnessing increase in severe illness or death following high vaccination uptake, the government said Thursday.

It said that 94 per cent of India's adults have been administered first dose of Covid vaccine, while 72 per cent are fully vaccinat-

For the 15-18 years age group, the government said 52 per cent have re-

Eleven states and union territories have more than 50,000 active COVID-19 cases and 515 districts are reporting a weekly case positivity of over five per cent, it said.

On the Covid situation in Delhi, it said bed occupancy or hospitalisation is significantly lower in the third Covid wave as compared to the second wave. In Delhi, upper respira-

tory tract infection is common symptom among those in 11-18 years, while around 99 per cent adult Covid patients have common symptoms of fever, cough, irritation in throat, the government said.

Taking a cue from the

Gujarat High Court order passed in the aftermath of the 2001 earthquake in the State, the Supreme Court has directed all the States to share the particulars of registered death due to COVID along with details of payment of compensation with State Legal Services Authorities(SLSA) to reach out to the affected families. The top court said that

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

the member secretary of the State Legal Services Authority shall act as an Ombudsman and as the facilitator. It asked the States cross-check/verify whether with respect to all the deaths recorded/registered, the claims are re■ Of COVID ex-gratia to families

ceived or not and if it is found that with respect to some of the deaths recorded/registered, no payment has been made to the affected families its official must try to reach out to them.

A bench of Justices MR Shah and Sanjiv Khanna passed a detailed order on Thursday and said, We also direct all the States to furnish full particulars/ information to the concerned State Legal Services Authorities with respect to deaths recorded/registered and also the particulars whether the payment of compensation with respect

made or not . It made it clear that the said exercise of sharing of details of recorded death and particulars of payment of ex-gratia to the family member or kin shall be completed by the concerned States, within ten days.

If it is found by the Member Secretary of the concerned State Legal Services Authority that with respect to deaths recorded, the claims are not received and/or the amount of compensation is not paid, in that case, the concerned State Legal Services Authority through the concerned District Legal Services Authority and/or Taluka Legal Services Authority, the to those deaths have been bench said.

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BJP fearful of good response

to Cong campaign in UP: Singh

CGSSS delegation submits memo to Jt. Director Education

■ In support of their just demands

Jagdalpur, Jan 20:

divisional spokesman of CG Shalay Shikshak Sangh(CGSSS) Kailash Chandra Ramteke informed that a delegation of divisional representatives of CGSSS met Joint Director Education Hemanth Upadhyay last on Jan 12 and submitted a memorandum to him for sorting out mistake in the teacher's LB Cadre seniority list and other demands.

Prominent among other demands in the memorandum included to start promotion into all the vacant posts under sub-rule (3) of Clause (6) of 'CG Lok Sewa



Paddonati Niyam 2003'; the seniority in all the teachers of 7 districts of Bastar has been considered equal as per different dates of merger and instead it should be equal for all the districts; in the sen-

ior list there are many junior teachers who have become seniors and so it is taking into account the date of birth as standard the seniority should be fixed; by obtaining consent of teachers of subject

Maths, English, Science they have been given fresh posting and so at the time 'Padgana' they should be considered teacher of the same subject so as to avoid situation of additional staff; in the promotion, the ject be given promotion treating him as one from social sciences; since 90% of the Bastar division is reserved, therefore the reservation rule should be taken into account and other demands.

It was after giving patient hearing to CGSSS demands, the Joint Director Education assured them to find out amicable solution soon. Among the teachers present to submit memorandum included District President Kanker

Hemant Karnial Singh Rajput; District president Bastar Jogendra Yadav, District president Sukma Yashwant Ramarao and they all granted their consent for the demands.

memorandum statement

of all three accused,

seized items and equip-

ments from the accused:

documents and inspec-

tion report of the Food

Officer and other impor-

tant evidence the Asst.

Director Indian Gas

Agency Kabirdhaam was

taken into arrest and pro-

duced in the Court. The

accused used to get the

LPG cylinders kept in his

godown filled through

stolen LPG gas refilling

capsules and sell it to

urban and rural cus-

tomers through 'number

parchi' earning huge

profit and causing finan-

cial loss to the govern-

ment. So taking prompt

action, the Director of

Indian Gas Agency was

Takathpur, Jan 20:

MLA and parliamentary secretary Rashmi Ashish Singh said that the way there is an open murder of democracy in UP and the Election Commission instead of showing biased approach has filed FIR against CM Bhupesh Baghel and this clearly shows that UP government is fearful of Congress campaign and is making all efforts to stop it from coming to power.

An effigy of CM of UP Yogi Adityanath was burnt near Old Bus Stand by NSUI party workers on charges of filing of FIR against CM Baghel and it was demanded on part of EC to work in a free & fair man-

District Panchayat speaker Jitendra Pandev said that BJP has become campaigning

fearful in case of massive Congress under leadership of party leader and Priyanka

EC had even banned Yogi Adityanath as well: Harshita

During the last VS polls in UP, Yogi Adityanath was also banned from campaigning for three days and at that time no questions were asked against the EC or the Opposition by the BJP and gave due respect to Commission's decision, says former CG Women's Commission Chairperson Harshita Pandey. This is a democracy and here the political decisions should be given due respect. Congress would not even be able to cross the ten seat's mark in UP and she questioned as to why Congmen create so much of hue and cry over such petty issues, she added.

Gandhi. It is in order to stop the effective influence of CM Baghel in the campaigning that BJP has filed this FIR. but this is not going to stop the efforts by Congress. In this effigy burning

programme, Nagar Palika President's rep-Munna Sriwas: Harwinder Singh Hura; former Nagar Palika President Tekchand Dewangan; DCC(urban) Kara. President Bihari Dewangan, Kailash Dewangan, Sunil Ahuja, Prakash Dewangan, Raju Thakur,

the efforts: No sooner the NSUI workers tried to burn

Police foils

effigy of UP's CM, the police was on the alert and snatched it from workers' and took it away and dipped in water and dowsed the fire and took it away in a vehicle. Rajvir Hura, Omprakash

Nirmalkar, Hojefa Bharmal. Sukhdev Kurre, Ajay Dhruv and other party workers were present in large number.

Three accused, Director of Gas Agency sent to jail

Kabirdhaam, Jan 20:

With instructions by SP Kabirdhaam Dr Lal Umed Singh and Addl. SP Manisha Thakur, the police department received about theft of gas from LPG Gas vehicle going to MP from highway. On this SP and Addl. SP asked to put a check on movement vehicles passing. So it was on Jan 3 a LPG gas tanker was found in abandoned condition near the road and so the Bodala police team gheraoed and conducted search and found three suspects near the tanker. All three accused viz. Binaram S/o Baburam (27), Naresh Kumar S/o Manshuram (30) and Manoj S/o Chanram Bishnoi (22) (all

On charges of getting refilling of cylinders using stolen gas from big **LPG** gas tankers

three from Bikaner Rajasthan) and were presetly staying

On conducting search the police found 2 fourwheelers, 72 empty cylinders; 8 filled cylinders; nozzle pipe-3 no's; Gas regulator, torch, mobile and other items and seized a capsule -type tanker, filled and empty cylinders, pick-up vehicle and a Maruti and Ertiga car from the site. On inquiry the three accused



informed that they are involved in refilling of small cylinders with nexus of gas-truck drivers between Kawardha to Mandla National Highway in big cities at different places. On this

acceptance, Bodala thana filed a case under section 407 411, 285, 34 of IPC and 3, 7 of EC Act (Essential Commodities Act) and taken the matter under investigation. In the in-

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For Manappuram Finance Ltd

Students of Aastha Vidya Mandir to be trained in chess mense possibilities of de-

Pawan Gupta

Dantewada, Jan 20: Dantewada, renowned for Naxal activities, and orphans left, due to the outcome, has always been a challenge for the government and administration in terms of educating and upbringing the

To meet the situation. Aastha Vidya Mandir has been established by the Chhattisgarh government for such orphan children in the district headquarters and the main objective of the school is to provide protection to the children affected by Naxalite attacks and connect them with the main stream of the

Under the ambitious scheme of the Chess **Federation of India**

With the inspiration and efficient guidance of Dantewada Collector IAS Deepak Soni, now the future of these children is shining even more, as for the intellectual and mental development of these students studying in Aastha Vidya Mandir, with the special cooperation of the administration, the said school is being linked with Chess training in schools program so that children can of do chess course in the form of diploma.

Vinod Rathi, general secretary of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Chess Association, inter-

acted with the school children undergoing training during their stay in Dantewada and called upon the children of all the schools of the state to join the game of chess. Giving information, Mr. Rathi said that in the month of November last. under the leadership of Gurucharan Singh Hora, Patron Chhattisgarh State Chess Federation and Secretary Olympic the Association, Secretary Bharat Singh Chouhan and state union officials had a courtesy call on Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel about the im-

Bastar division. In which Mr. Baghel had expressed his intention to provide as much cooperation as possible at the government and administration level.

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Santosh Pradhan, the head of the institution, expressed his happiness and said that it is possible only with the inspiration and guidance of the Collector, Deepak Soni, that we are going to join Chess in Schools, one of the ambitious scheme of the Chess Federation of India. Chess trainer Anish Ansari is giving special training in chess to school children, which will be of 15-15 days per

Effective Lecture Series for refresher courses in CU

Bilaspur, Jan 20:

Under the effective leadership and able Viceguidance of Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, three Refresher Courses were started in a grand manner Guru at G h a s i d a s Vishavidhyalaya Central University) which are being organized by Department of History, Department of Commerce. and Department of Physical Education with UGC-HRDC, Guru Ghasidas Vishavidhyalaya, Bilaspur from 10 January 2022. The first lecture of the session "Consumerism through customer Relationship" was delivered by Dr. Harish Kumar, Business Professor. Administration, Guru Ghasidas Vishavidhyalaya Bilaspur (C.G.). He started by defining consumerism and negative aspects of consumerism like poor health, pollution, resource depletion, problem of waste

disposal and so on. He

explained social respon-

consumer/ customer, maintenance of quality and quantity ensuring fair price business ethics and advertising etc. By telling interesting stories he also explained time management. He highlighted quotes related to the value of customer like "your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning" by Bill Gates. He also explained sympathy and empathy and explain the duty of a businessperson. second lecture of the session on "Customer Relationship Management" was delivered by Dr. Harish Kumar, Prof. Business Administration Guru Ghasidas Vishavidhyalaya Bilaspur (C.G.). He explained about customer relationship management, which is a technology used to manage interactions with customers and potential customers. A CRM system helps organization build customer relationship and streamline the process so they can in-

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prof. Dr. S.K. Baral,

Commerce faculty of

Management Indira

Gandhi National Tribal

University, Amarkantak

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about E-commerce. In Ecommerce companies are trying to provide 24 hours' delivery or services. Many companies are using E-commerce to reach out to customers worldwide and increase their sales. Ecommerce operates in four major markets and can be conducted over computers, tablets, smartphones, and other smart devices. He explained about quick commerce and methodology. E-economy is an economy that is based on digital computing technology and it is perceived as a means of conducting business through market based

He also explained the supply chain management and regulation of e commerce and new amendment policy.? In the fourth session examination was conducted. All the participants were given 20 MCQ's.

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5G interference

ir India has resumed B777 flight operations after A approval from the United States (US) authority according to the airline officials. The decision by Air India came after US Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) gave approval which include most Boeing and Airbus SE airliner aircrafts, including Boeing's 777, which was left off of the list. The expansion occurred because three additional models of altimeters were found to be resistant to interference from 5G, the FAA said. It had earlier cleared two altimeter models. Interference by 5G signals may also offer a lesson to authorities in India. It is hoped that Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will coordinate 5G rollout in India carefully to avoid the problems seen in US. C-Band frequencies primarily range from $3.7\,$ to 3.98 GigaHertz (GHz), airlines are concerned these mid-band waves may impact the radio altimeters that pilots use to know how far planes are from the ground. It's unclear whether 5G is an issue for these altimeters. After all, 5G itself isn't exactly new. 5G smartphones have been on the market since 2019, and last year, nearly 90 million of these devices were shipped in the United States alone. Wireless carriers have promised that the technology won't just offer higher speeds but also lower latency, which will make activities like streaming media and video calls achievable without lag. But to make 5G a reality, wireless companies in US spent over USD 81 billion to buy the rights to use certain parts of the radio spectrum specifically, the C-band frequencies between 3.7 and 3.98 GHz. Wireless providers use a range of frequencies to send data between smartphones and base stations. Each band of frequencies comes with its own advantages and disadvantages. C-band is considered a sweet spot on the spectrum and is a critical part of wireless companies' 5G ambitions. 5G phones can already connect to what's called millimetre wave spectrum, which operates at a very high frequency.

The millimetre wave frequency band supports very high speeds and can carry a lot of data but doesn't stretch very far. 5G phones can also connect to low-band spectrum, which operates at a much lower frequency. Low-band frequencies can cover large areas but can only support a small amount of data, which makes it slower. C-band is essentially a middle ground between low-band and millimetre wave, so it covers a good amount of area with pretty high speeds. Once they're turned on, these frequencies should be enough to finally start to see a real difference between 5G and 4G. Flight regulators are very nervous about this C-band update because of how it might affect certain aircraft's radio altimeters. This device transmits radio waves from an airplane toward the ground in order to help measure a plane's altitude. Altimeters are especially useful on a cloudy day or in a mountainous area, when pilots can't see where they're landing. The problem is altimeters rely on parts of the spectrum that neighbour the airwaves used by the Cband. In a nightmare scenario, signals sent over C-band could interfere with these altimeters, specifically older altimeters, creating a potential safety issue. In November last year, Canada placed restrictions on 5G transmitters. These include 'exclusion zones' around 26 airports where outdoor 5G base stations would not be permitted to operate: 'protection zones' where 5G operations would operate with restricted power; and a requirement that 5G antennas tilt down, rather than horizontally or upward, so as not to interfere with radio altimeters. Perhaps authorities in India may also follow this decision to not allow 5G base station towers near airports.

Digital growth story

ndia has experienced an unusually rapid expansion of digital connectivity and access to services. This has had a positive impact on the inclusiveness of economic growth on efficiency and productivity in retail, supply chains, and finance and on entrepreneurial activity. India's engagement with digital growth story dates to the late 1980s. Major investments in computer science and education were made under Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government. And with the expansion of internet access in the 1990s, India became home to many major outsourcing companies in IT administration, business processes, and customer service. But because the infrastructure needed for widespread mobile-internet access remained deficient, penetration lagged and data costs for mobile users ended up being among the highest in the world. The combination of higher speeds and low costs led to rapid growth in internet use in multiple sectors, including e-commerce, social media, streaming video, and other forms of digital content. Last year, 38 Indian startups have achieved unicorn status (meaning they are privately valued at over USD 1 billion) in sectors such as social commerce, education, financial services, and health care. And though there have been a few disappointing IPOs by Indian digital-services firms in recent weeks, overall funding has accelerated as global capital flows are diverted away from China, owing to that country's regulatory tightening.

It is instructive to compare India's digital growth story with that of Mexico, where per capita income (adjusted for purchasing power parity) is three times higher. It took Mexico more than 16 years to reach internet penetration of about 72 percent, whereas India expanded its coverage from 16.5 percent to 41 percent in the space of just five years. More chapters in the Digital India story will be written in the coming years. But the country already offers important lessons for understanding and adapting development models to an era in which traditional sources of employment, especially manufacturing will be displaced by automation and artificial intelligence. Internet-based digital technologies are crucial to economic and financial inclusion. India's experience shows that the rapid expansion of the mobile internet creates opportunities for employment, value creation, and growth far exceeding the returns to investors. Some of those additional benefits can be captured by forward integration into the digital-services opportunities that open with the mobile internet's expansion and upgrading in terms of speed. Up-front investments are substantial, and the returns may not be realized for many years.

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SNOW AT REFUGEE CAMP



Children play in the snow at refugee camp for internally displaced Syrians near Afrin city in Aleppo province, of Syria.

Untapped potential of effective non-drug treatments



n 2017, while travelling around rural India, Rae Thomas's adolescent daughter began experiencing dizziness and nausea lasting for several hours. Rae recalled hearing that a head rotation procedure could help with the most common cause of persistent dizziness. Using her mobile phone she found a description of the Epley manoeuvre (or canalith repositioning) on the HANDI (Handbook of NonDrug Interventions) website, watched the linked video a few times, and performed the procedure. Her daughter's relief was immediate - though it needed repeating over the next few days. Rae was aware of this option only because she worked at the same university as the developers of HANDI. The Epley manoeuvre is just one of dozens of effective 'non-drug' treatments which are under-used by doctors and patients. Some have substantial, researchsupported effects: exercise (as part of 'pulmonary rehabilitation') for patients with chronic airways disease can prevent 70 percent of hospital re-admissions and deaths; daily sunscreen can cut invasive melanoma rates by 50 percent; and 'external cephalic version', turning an in-utero baby by pushing on the mother's abdomen, can avoid 50 percent of dangerous breech births.

If there were drugs that were similarly effective, doctors and patients would clamour for access; companies would set high prices. But unlike their pharmaceutical brethren, these non-drug treatments are less inten-

sively researched, poorly described in that research, weakly regulated, and unmarketed - especially when free or cheap. One explanation for their relative neglect has been the lack of a respected compendium, equivalent to the pharmacopoeias (drug handbooks) which doctors look up when prescribing. Instead, the trials of effective non-drug treatments are widely scattered in the vast oceans of research literature. There is no regulatory body (such as the TGA in Australia or FDA in the USA) to pass judgment on which are effective. And usually no company has an interest in marketing them. Non-drug treatments fall into several generic classes: exercise (general and specific), diet, cognitive behavioural therapy, physical manoeuvres, but also a wide range of others.

Perhaps the most neglected nondrug 'treatment' is exercise for chronic illness - lung disease, heart failure, cancer fatigue, diabetes, depression, and so on. While exercise is often promoted for prevention in healthy people, ill people have the most to gain, but are often fearful of exercise. Exercise can bring on symptoms such as breathlessness and fatigue, but, with persistence, will improve function and quality of life, and often reduce relapses and improve survival. In the past decade, we recognised that specific exercises can often overcome functional deficits. Some of these are described in Norman Doidge's popular book The Brain that Changes Itself which sets out the discovery and impact of brain plasticity for rehabilitation. One clinical example is 'mirror therapy' where patients perform activities via feedback from a mirror successfully used to treat phantom limb pain and regional pain syndromes after stroke. When reading research about a medication, doctors often assume that if they give the same drug in the same dose, they can expect more-or-less the same effect each time. But for nondrug treatments, the precise operational description of the intervention used in those trials becomes of paramount importance. For instance, physical exercise to improve circulation - also known as aerobic training - has been shown to be beneficial for heart failure. It helps improve symptoms and decrease the number of heart-related hospitalisations. But how much is needed? Before doctors can use this with their patients they will need to know how often and how intense the training should be. They will also need to know if there are patients at particular risk who should not do the training.

To address the lack of a compendium, in 2013 Australia's Royal College of General Practitioners (RACGP) began to compile effective non-drug interventions relevant to primary care. Based on the format of modern drug handbooks, each HANDI entry includes indications, contraindications and 'dosing'. The aim is to make 'prescribing' a nondrug therapy almost as easy as writing a prescription for a drug. It enables clinicians to offer a greater choice of interventions to a patient, who may wish to avoid drugs and the risks and lifestyle changes often associated with drug treatment regimes. Since its launch in 2015 HANDI has become steadily more popular with Australian GPs, and has been incorporated into many local 'clinical pathways', but it is underused compared with drug-based options. HANDI is one step towards improved non-drug interventions, but other problems are yet to be tackled. One issue is how poorly

non-drug treatments are described in current medical trials, one study showed less than half are sufficiently clearly described to allow replication in follow-up studies; this also creates problems in reviewing the evidence and making recommendations. Another barrier is the lack of inclusion in medical training pharmacology is taught but not as much 'non-pharmacology'. But perhaps the most important problem is that many of these non-drug treatments are free or cheap and have no copyright, so there is no one to profit other than the patient. The pandemic has taught us the important role of non-drug interventions - such as social distancing, avoiding crowds, better ventilation, and masks. Let's hope that lesson is not forgotten.

The HANDI development process includes the RACGP's HANDI working group meeting six times per year, collecting possible topics from a variety of sources. Each potential HANDI entry then goes through a three-step process before being published. In step one, assessing the evidence and relevance The group assesses the proposed non-drug intervention, by considering two questions: Is the evidence strong enough? and is the intervention relevant to and practical for general practitioners? Treatment must be supported by at least two positive, good-quality randomised controlled trials (RCTs) with patient-relevant outcomes, or one RCT with strong supportive evidence for the causal connection under investigation. In step two, drafting the HANDI entry. Next a group member works with a medical writer to develop a detailed 'how to' guide for the use of the nondrug intervention which includes indications, contraindications, precautions, adverse effects, availability and description of intervention, plus consumer resources. In the final review and posting, the draft entry is reviewed at a subsequent committee meeting prior to finalisation and publication onto the HANDI website.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

Don't allow

There have been cases including amongst celebrities and politicians where new-to-be wed couple joined Islam symbolically for a day for having a second wife, because first wife refused to sign divorce-papers. This is nothing but cruelty to the first wife who thereafter remains totally isolated and neglected for rest of the like. Legislation must be passed so that no person having adopted Islam may be allowed to have a second wife. Rather India should follow those Islamic countries by allowing only one wife even for Muslims. There have been cases including even hi-fi politicians and celebrities where husband gets married to a second wife by somehow managing divorce-papers signed from an illiterate first wife who usually keeps worshipping the husband as a life-time partner till death being totally unaware of her being officially divorced because of her being illiterate. This is again cruelty to such isolated and ignored first wife. Necessary steps should be taken to stop such menace by all means including social and political boycott of those responsible for inhumanity and cruelty to their first wives. Unfortunately such persons including husbands and second wives are given undue respect even in political circles and at state-level. National Commission for Women should take initiative in persuading central government for taking all necessary steps to prevent injustice to first wives by having second wives only for sake of love and pleasure. It must be ensured that such neglected and ignored first wives may get equal rights and share in property of deceased husbands.

Subhash Chandra Agrawal, via email Declining values

The heinous murders recently of educated people must have saddened every sensible person. In fact, in our society, there is a need to seriously discuss the psychological reasons behind such killings. I would say directly that such moral policing is in fact a social ill. This is a socio-psychological issue, of course. The brain infrastructure of a person who frequently commits crimes and gets brutal pleasure by torturing human beings is inconsistent to some extent. According to Neuroscience, the human brain contains a number of specialized nerve cells that help maintain human values. The function of these nerve cells is imsistency of the brain infrastructure of the criminals. And as a result, criminals can commit one crime after another. Even these people can commit inhumane acts like murder. Due to the inconsistency of the brain infrastructure, the human qualities like kindness, compassion, empathy, etc., of the criminals towards human beings are comparatively much less than that of good human beings. In fact, people who have always grown up in a negative environment usually have no qualms about committing a crime like murder. Their brains are left to their own devices to figure out what the outcome of the murder will be. Recently, in the society in which we live, the stress of human beings has been gradually increasing for various reasons. The biggest concern is that in tv. science and technolo gy, the transformation of private sector enterprises is taking place at an unimaginable pace. There are some unwanted changes in it, which make many people feel uncomfortable adapting to the change. In fact, the people in our society do not have enough time to adapt to this change. In all cases, Darwin's adaptation theory -'Survival of the fittest is not applicable. On the other hand, human beings are unable to cope with certain situations. This has led to an increase in stress among people. The result of this stress is intolerance.

lerance. Heramba, via email

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The warmest, most welcoming city I have ever lived in. It's just a plus that as a woman, I can take a walk on the road alone at 3 am without thinking twice. In a world where safety is a luxury for women, I think a city offering me that wins big time!

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A different game is going on between Ukrain and Russia, a multi axis conflict seems a spark away. NATO aircrafts hauling to smell the danger but Russian EW isn't even started yet, very interesting development and a situation which has very important lessons.



Hana Mohsin @girlpilot_

(Paul Glasziou is chair of HANDI project and Professor at Bond University, Australia.)

Never in my whole adult life did I hear the filth that I have heard in the past 7-8 months. And I studied in Delhi university so that's saying something. My vocabulary really didn't need an upgrade. Just so sick of the rot in this society.

Commander Vikram@w karve

#JustSaying If patriotism was the main reason for people joining the military - then - most politicians would have joined the armed forces instead of politics. Presumption In democracy - politicians are the most patriotic citizens #humor #politics #military #patriotism #job.





Kenter J@kenterjoya

My two cents: How is the Covid night curfew in Itanagar even helping? It's not like Itanagar has a happening nightlife it can boast of. Better focus on violations like not wearing masks, gatherings etc instead of restricting movement in general.

Sonali Gogate@Sonali_Gogate

I bunked my Yoga class today because I decided to sleep in. Just now I found out that the class didn't take place today! So as it happens I didn't bunk it after all! And I was the only one who slept in. Really happy that I got to sleep in and didn't miss yoga! Grinning face #yoga #sleep.



Vertigo_Warrior@VertigoWarrior Every corner of my great Bharat is divine..!



'Don't go ahead with amendment to IAS (Cadre) Rules'

Kolkata, Jan 20 (PTI):

West Bengal Minister Banerjee on Thursday wrote yet another letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging him to withdraw the proposal to amend IAS (Cadre) Rules, 1954, as it would "create a fear psychosis among officers and impact their performance". In the letter to the PM on the issue, her second in a week, Banerjee said the amendment will "destroy" the federal polity and basic structure of the Constitution.

She warned him of 'greater movements" in case the Centre does not reconsider its decision. "I humbly urge you to kindly reconsider this move by the central government and not to go ahead with



and request you not to push us to the points of greater movements on this issue to protect the soul of this great democracy that India is and has been (sic)," the CM wrote. Banerjee also said that the proposed changes, if implemented, will "irreparably damage the spirit of mutual accommodation between the Centre and the state". The Union government has proposed an amendment to ĪAS (Cadre) rules, which

The CM pointed out that officers on central deputation, bypassing reservations of state governments. On January 13, too,

to go ahead with the amendment. "I'm constrained to invite your kind attention to the issue of IAS Cadre management yet again, twice in a week's time. I had written to you on this, conveying my reservations... but I had to write

the CM had written to

Modi, requesting him not

my points, because the central government has, meanwhile, further accentuated its stand, proposing yet another revised draft, taking the matter to furnon-federal tremes," she wrote in her letter to Modi on Thursday.

the proposal's "very grain is against the foundations of our great federal polity and the basic structure of India's Constitutional scheme". "It will create fear psychosis and impact their performance, effectiveness and accountability to the state government. This will destroy the fundamental principle of the Services which postulates that an officer serving in connection with the affairs of the state is accountable to the state government alone," Banerjee

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



Men ride a modified bicycle to raise awareness about organ donation, in Moradabad, Thursday.

SC to hear plea of journalist **Tejpal for in-camera hearing**

Of appeal in sexual assault case

New Delhi, Jan 20 (PTI):

The Supreme Court would hear on Friday the appeal of journalist Tarun Tejpal against the Bombay High Court's order rejecting his plea for an in-camera hearing of the proceedings challenging his acquittal in a 2013 rape case.

A bench comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai has listed for hearing the plea of Tejpal whose application for conducting an incamera hearing of the proceedings under section 327 of the CrPC was rejected by the Goa bench

of the Bombay High Court on November 24,

last year. The acquittal of the former editor-inchief of Tehelka magazine, who was accused of sexually assaulting his then-woman colleague in the lift of a five-star hotel in Goa in November 2013, by a sessions court in May 2021 was challenged in the Goa bench of the high court by the state government.

Senior advocate Amit Desai, who had appeared for Tejpal, had referred to the Law Commission and various judgements of high courts supporting his application for an

in-camera hearing. The high court, however, had rejected the submissions.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Goa government, had argued that the judgement (of acquittal of Tejpal) by the district court is in the public domain.

Section 327 applies for the purpose of inquiring into or trying any offence. It has limited application during inquiry or trial. The appeal is something very clear. Appeals, revisions, etc are neither investigation nor inquiry nor a trial,

Gehlot asks officials to stop it

Jaipur, Jan 20 (PTI):

BKU leader Rakesh Tikait on Thursday met in Rajasthan's Dausa farmers whose lands have been auctioned by commercial banks over the non-payment of loans, while peasants led by BJP MP Kirodi Lal Meena protested against the action outside the chief minister's residence. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot asked officials to stop the auction of agricultural land of farmers.

Land attachment and auction is being undertaken by banks that are controlled by the Reserve Bank of India, he said,

urging the Centre to waive farmers' loans. Notably. many instances of land auction notices being issued to farmers who have been unable to pay back their loans have come to the fore recently.

Tikait, who is the spokesperson of the Bharatiya Kisan Union, met farmers in Ramgarh Pachwara in Dausa district whose lands were auctioned by banks after they failed to repay their

Talking to reporters, Tikait said, "Why was the auction done? An investigation should be carried out against bank officials and a case registered. You cannot auction a farmer's entire land for a small loan. It was an illegal auction. The land mafia have

their eyes on prime land." He claimed several farmers have received land auction notices. "We will meet bank officials on the issue and decide the future course of action," the BKU leader said. Separately, a group of

Uproar over auction of farmers' lands in Raj

farmers from Dausa led by BJP MP Dr Kirodi Lal Meena managed to reach the high-security zone near Gehlot's residence here, demanding action against bank officials and cancellation of the land auction process. However, the protesters were dispersed and Meena was taken away in a bus by police officials.

"Approximately 15 lakh farmers in the state have taken loans worth Rs 10,000 crore from cooperative banks and they are not being waived. The farmers who have come here have less than 5.5 acres of land and have received land auction notices," Meena told reporters from inside the bus. Recently, a farmer committed suicide in Ramgarh Pachwara and

A protesting farmer said, "My father had taken a loan from the Rajasthan Grameen Bank. Bank officials harassed my father, who committed suicide two months ago. Still, the bank auctioned 15 bighas land for Rs 45 lakh a couple of days ago. We had taken a loan of Rs 3.5 lakh." Meena was later taken to the Secretariat here, where he met offi-

the police have not regis-

tered a case in the matter,

he alleged.

cials from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO). according to a statement He handed over a memo

randum to the CMO officials seeking a complete waiver of farm loans, the statement issued by Meena's office said. State BJP president Satish Poonia hit out at Gehlot, saying he is busy writing letters while farmers are being forced to commit suicides.

"Due to the promise made by Rahul Gandhi ji in 2018, lands of farmers of Rajasthan are being auctioned. Farmers are being forced to commit suicide. CM Gehlot is busy writing letters," he said. If the government has any honesty left, then it should waive loans of all farmers, he

KEEPING AWAY COLD



People warm themselves around a small fire on a cold winter morning, in Agartala.

Book on story behind creation of India's private forest sanctuary

To release on Jan 24

New Delhi. Jan 20 (PTI):

A new book, "From the inspiring story of a couple transforming over 300 acres of barren land into India's only private wildlife sanctuary.

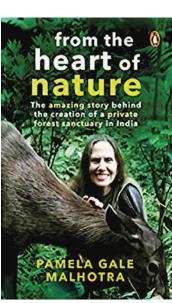
The book, written by Pamela Gale Malhotra, is published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI) and will hit the stands on January 24.

Coming from two rich wisdom cultures, one Native American and one Indian, Pamela and her husband Malhotra made it their mission to salvage what they could in Kodagu, Karnataka, where years of coffee-growing had ravaged and denuded the

Today, in its nearoriginal form, the SAI (Save Animals Initiative) sanctuary boasts a rich variety of indigenous trees and plants as well as numerous rare and threatened species of animals, some found nowhere else on the planet. "It (the book) is the

story of my sanctuary, of our sanctuary, and of the struggles my husband, Anil, and I have had to endure, the obstacles we had to overcome to turn my dream into the living sanctuary of life that it is today;

a story of the sorrows and joys, the wonders and aweinspiring experiences I have been privileged to have living here in the heart of Nature. "The sanctuary itself is dedicated to



the Universal Divine Mother, that is Mother Nature," writes Pamela in the introduction of the hook. In 2017, the then president Pranab Mukherjee in conjunction with the

Union Ministry for Women and Child Development presented Pamela the Nari Shakti Puraskaar for 'Outstanding Contribution to Women's Empowerment' at Rashtrapati Bhawan

According to the pub lishers, in this deeply fascinating and inspiring personal narrative, Pamela recounts how she connected and communicated with animals and trees at both physical and spiritual levels, and "how the only way to save humanity is through understanding and preserving nature".

"Pamela's goal is to inspire others to join the mission of protecting Mother Nature and rewilding the Earth for the benefit of the present and future generations," they said in a statement. The book, priced at Rs 364, is presently available for preorder online.

Kerala govt order to cancel title deeds triggers row

Minister justifies

Thiruvananthapuram/

Idukki, Jan 20 (PTI):

The Kerala Revenue Department's recent order to cancel title deeds, allegedly issued illegally in high range Idukki district, has triggered a political row with ruling CPI(M) strongman M M Mani openly expressing displeasure, even as Revenue Minister K Rajan justified it but assured that no one would be evicted from

their land over the order. Indicating that the department would go ahead with the cancellation move, the minister said the order was issued as

procedures of a government decision taken in 2019 and its objective was to give authentic title deeds to deserved persons and to cancel those possessed by undeserving individuals.

CPI(M) state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan also came in support of the minister saying that no one would be evicted from their land and new title deeds would be issued after conducting a legal scrutiny.

Known as "Raveendran Pattayam" in general, the controversial title deeds, which the government has decided to cancel now, were allegedly issued illegally by M A Raveendran, the then Devikulam Taluk

part of continuation of Additional Tahsildar, during the rule of the Left government in the 1990s.

The Raveendran title deeds have been at the centre of a political row here since then as critics allege that they have no legal validity as they had been issued flouting all legal

Justifying the decision to cancel them, the minister said those title deeds were just "useless" as its holders were facing difficulty to avail loans over the land, sell it or remit tax as the deeds had been issued illegally.

"Raveendran had issued the title deeds illegally overpassing his jurisdiction. The government took the decision to cancel them for the sake of common people. It is not a government which treats the encroachers and the set-

tlers equally," Rajan said. He reiterated that the government's decision was not to evict anyone but to give the deserved persons actual and renewed title deeds.

Terming the controversies as "unwanted", Rajan said what the government did now was just to speed up the ongoing procedures to give the deserved persons a chance to become the actual owners of their

When asked about Mani's criticism over the matter, the minister said he was not going to give a reply to anyone. He also said the CPI(M)'s party office in Idukki had received

the title deed as it might have deserved it.

However, Mani said in Idukki that the controversial title deeds were issued to the people at a 'pattaya mela' (title deed fair) conducted by the government after it was approved by a panel headed by the then MLA.

He also wanted the Revenue department under the CPI, the second largest coalition partner in the government, and its minister, Rajan, to explain why such land deeds should be cancelled now.

An MLA and former minister, Mani also made it clear that no one would be allowed to touch the CPI(M) party office, located in Idukki, under the Raveendran title deed.

CHECKING COVID-19

Telangana govt to undertake door-to-door survey for fever

Hyderabad, Jan 20 (PTI):

The Telangana government would undertake a door-to-door fever survey in the State from Friday as part of measures to check the spread of

The survey would help in controlling the spread by identifying those suffering from fever and others, State Health Minister T Harish Rao told reporters here on Thursday.

Some people are asymptomatic despite testing positive for the infection, while some others are not getting themselves tested

in spite of having symptoms like fever, he said. The survey would help address such issues. He said a home-isolation kit, comprising medicines and others, would be provided to those with symptoms.

Observing that a similar survey and the provision of the same kits helped save many lives during the second wave of COVID-19, he said this has received appreciation from the NITI Ayog. The State government

is geared up to deal with the third wave as Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao had

ordered procuring two crore testing kits and one crore home-isolation kits, he said.

The Minister said 27,000 hospital beds have been provided with oxygen supply. Oxygen generation plants have been established in 76 hospitals and the generation capacity has increased to 340 MTs from about 130 MTs during the second wave.

The capacity would be enhanced to 500 MTs, he said. While 56,000 COVID beds are available in the State, the bed occupancy rate is below one per cent

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