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**MONEY LAUNDERING CASE** 

# **ED arrests Maha minister Nawab Malik**

Mumbai, Feb 23 (PTI):

Directorate Wednesday arrested Maharashtra Minority Affairs Minister Nawab Malik in a money-laundering case probe linked to the activities of fugitive gangster Dawood Ibrahim, his aides and the Mumbai underworld, officials said.

The 62-year-old NCP leader was taken into custody shortly before 3 PM after he was questioned for about six hours at the ED office in south Mumbai's Ballard Estate area. He was brought there by the agency at around 8 AM.

Malik raised a clenched fist, smiled and waved towards the waiting media

Amethi (UP), Feb 23 (PTI):

Senior Congress leader

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on

Wednesday said if her

party comes to power in

Uttar Pradesh, it will adopt

the Chhattisgarh govern-

ment's scheme to buy cow

dung to deal with the men-

Referring to a recent

speech by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi wherein he

promised voters that a new

policy will be introduced

after March 10 to tackle the

issue of stray cattle in Uttar Pradesh, Vadra said

Balod, Feb 23:

A special court

has sentenced a

man to 20 years of

rigorous imprison-

ment for abducting

and raping a five-year-

old girl in Balod dis-

Special POCSO judge

convicted

'Dynasts ignored problems of Muslim

women because of vote bank politics'

Mukesh Kumar Patre on

Ramkumar Salam (25), a

resident of Bhainsbod

under Balod police sta-

tion limits, of charges

under the Protection of

Barabanki (UP), Feb 23 (PTI):

Tuesday

ace of stray cattle.



NCP leader and Maharashtra Minister Nawab Malik being taken for a medical test after his arrest by the Enforcement Director (ED) in connection with a money laundering case involving Dawood Ibrahim, in Mumbai, Wednesday.

'Chh'garh govt's scheme in UP to solve stray cattle issue'

AICC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra waves at the people,

during a roadshow in support of Congress candidate Ashish Shukla

for the UP Assembly elections, in Amethi, Wednesday.

she is happy that he gestion. "copied" the Congress' sug-

Man sentenced to 20 years RI

taken away for a medical checkup by agency officials in a vehicle escorted

personnel before he was local police. He told the media from inside the vehicle: "We will fight and we will win. Will expose all." by CRPF personnel and Officials said his state-

#### 'Will fight and win, won't bow down'

Maharashtra Minority Affairs Minister Nawab Malik, who was on Wednesday arrested in a money laundering probe linked to the activities of the Mumbai underworld, said he won't bow down. Will fight and win. Won't bow down, Malik said waving to waiting media as he stepped out of the ED office in south Mumbai after spending eight hours there. Will expose all, he said, before being taken by ED officials in a vehicle for medical check-up. The minister later tweeted a video clip of him making those remarks. His office also tweeted, Main jhukega nahi! (won't bow down).

ment was recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and he was arrested under the same provisions as he "evasive" in his

He will be produced in a court in Mumbai where the agency is expected to seek his custody for at least seven days. Malik's

meeting in Jagdishpur

here, she said the Congress-

per kilogram. Initially peo-

ple mocked this scheme.

groups and by making ver-

was solved," she said.

solve this issue.

alleged links to some property deals with those convicted for the Mumbai blasts are said to be under the radar of the federal probe agency and hence his questioning was necessitated. His party and NCP leaders had said he was taken by ED officials from his residence

### around 6 AM. 'Six vehicles

Hyderabad. Feb 23:

set on fire'

led Chhattisgarh govern-Six vehicles engaged ment has shown how to in construction of a bridge were set on fire "It (Chhattisgarh governallegedly by some suspected Maoists in ment) started buying cow Bhadradri Kothagudem dung from people for Rs 2 bordering district Chhattisgarh Tuesday, police said. The incident happened in But then people started taking care of stray animals and sold cow dung to the Dummugudem mandal government, which utilised and the police was init by giving it to self-help formed about the incident by some locals, a micompost, fertiliser, gobar senior police official gas from it. The problem said adding they were

verifying into the matter.

# Naxalites set engine of goods train on fire



Around 150 naxalites stopped the good's train near Bhansi station

Dantewada, Feb 23:

It was on the night of Tuesday at 9:00 pm, more than about 150 Naxalites set a good's train engine on Visakhapatnam - KK Railway Line on fire. This group of naxalites comprised of naxals from West division Committee Bhairamgarh Committee.

As per information in this regard, a train bearing No. KMRSL-2/G9 MU Loco No. 33400/41553 was carrying iron ore from NMDC's Bacheli mine to Koraput and it was driven by Loco Pilot AK Patel and Asst. Loco Pilot RK Kumar. It was on reaching Bhansi railway station of Dantewada district. around more than 150 nax-

alits were found present on the track. Naxalites have flashed banners on the railway track and in view of likely incident, applied emergency brakes and stopped the good's train.

No sooner the good's train halted, the naxalites took both the Loco pilots into arrest and seized their mobile and walkie-talkie. After this the Naxalites torched the engine of the good's train and ran away towards the jungle. The place where the Naxalites torched the engine, there many a times the bogies of trains have got derailed. On Tuesday night also the armed Naxalite had come and left many brochures and naxal literature at the site of the incident mentioning with charges of loss to farmers, labourers, tribals, women and action against Muslim in the name of Nava Bharat. The Naxalites have also called for nation-wide strike on Feb 23-24.

#### BRIEF



marked with indelible ink after casting her vote, during the fourth phase of UP Assembly polls, in Pilibhit district, Wednesday.

#### **Dismiss**

■ Kochi: The Kerala High Court on Wednesday dismissed an appeal against a single judge order upholding the re-appointment of Gopinath Ravindran as the Vice Chancellor (VC) of Kannur University, saying it was done in accordance with the law and that he was not "an usurper to the post".

#### **Disburse**

■ Kolkata: The West Bengal government Wednesday began disbursal of compensation to consenting landowners in Deocha Pachami coal mining project area in Birbhum district and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee personally handed over compensation cheques and job appointment letters to six families concerned.

#### Air exercise

Force (IAF) will participate in a three-week multilateral air exercise at Waddington in the UK from March 6 with a fleet of five Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA). The IAF said on Wednesday that 'Cobra Warrior 22' exercise is aimed at providing operational exposure and sharing best practices amongst the participating air forces.

■ Agra (UP): Three people vere killed and five others injured as their van collided with a bus here, just a few kilometres wedding function they were going to attend, police said on Wednesday.



■ New Delhi: The Indian Air

Mishap away from the venue of  $\boldsymbol{a}$ 

降 Weather Prime Minister Modi Narendra Wednesday hit out at rivals, saying they only bothered about "vote-bank politics" and did not pay attention to the "mountain-like" problems faced by Muslim women due to evil practices like triple talaq. Addressing an election rally for Barabanki and Ayodhya districts, he **SILVER** 64,269 claimed that the opposi-

#### to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 3,500 was imposed on him.

The accused was sentenced

**About the verdict** 

According to the prosecution, in November 2021, accused Salam abducted the minor girl and sexually exploited her. The child returned home and narrated the entire incident to her parents. Taking swift action in the case, the police arrested Salam immediately and the chargesheet was produced in the court within 48

the poor people, who have benefited from various

welfare schemes including

free ration during coron-

avirus pandemic, are car-

rying the BJP's victory

flag. Increasing the safety

and dignity of daughters

has always been the priori-

ty of the double-engine

government, the prime

minister said and high-

lighted the large-scale re-

cruitment of women in

Uttar Pradesh Police as

well as in the paramilitary

#### to her parents. No end to

More troubles are likely

minister was earlier this week sentenced to five years in prison and slapped a fine of Rs 60 lakh by a special CBI court here in connection with the fifth fodder scam case involving embezzlement of over Rs 139 crore

The special court dicopy of the judgment, the FIR and the charge sheet

ered on February 21, CBI special judge Sudhanshu Kumar Shashi said "I find that the properties/assets created from the proceeds of the crime by the convicts and dead accused persons of this case could not be identified.'

He said it may be a subject for investigation under the Prevention of Resident Individual Policyholders of the Corporation having one or more

policies of the Corporation as on February 13, 2022 and Bid/Offer opening date are eligible.\*

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Har Pal Aapke Saath

# from Vijay Mallya, others: Govt

New Delhi, Feb 23:

An amount of Rs 18,000 crore has been returned to banks from fugitive tycoons Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi, the government has told the Supreme Court, which is hearing a batch of petitions challenging the wide scope of powers given to the Enforcement Directorate in connection to money laundering cases.

In India, 4,700 PMLA cases are being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate and the total proceeds of crimes pending before the court amounts to ? 67,000 crore, the Centre said.

Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta cited the figures to reflect how a large sum of money is still stuck and not crossing recovery stage due to the protection being granted by courts.

tion parties are rattled as

Rs 18,000 cr returned to banks

"Some of the people who have left the country duping thousands of crores are getting protection of the courts.So far, a tune of ? 67000 crores is held up by the Courts by granting non-coercive actions," he said.

Over the last weeks, several senior advocates, including Kapil Sibal, Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Mukul Rohatgi have made submissions in the Supreme Court, pointing to potential misuse of the recent amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act or PMLA.

The law has been criticised over a range of issues -stringent bail conditions, non-communication of grounds of arrest, arrest of persons without supply of ECIR (parallel to a First

Information Report filed by the police), the broadening of the definition of money laundering, proceeds of crime, and statements given by accused during investigation made admissible as evidence during trial.

A very small number of cases are being taken up for investigation under the PMLA in India, compared to the situation abroad, the Centre told a bench of Justices AM Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar.

#### Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and IPC, special public prosecutor Channu Lal Sahu said. The accused was sen-

Addressing a public

tenced to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 3,500 was im-

posed on him, he said. According to the prosecution, in November 2021 Salam abducted the minor girl and sexually

exploited her. The child returned home and narrated the entire incident

# Lalu's troubles

Ranchi, Feb 23 (PTI):

for the ailing RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, incarcerated in the Rs 950 crore fodder scam and now undergoing treatment in Rajendra Prasad Institute of Medical Science here, the Enforcement Directorate may confiscate assets created by those convicted in the scandal in line with the directions to CBI by a special

The former Bihar chief from Doranda treasury.

rected CBI to provide a of the fodder scam case to the ED for necessary ac-In the judgment deliv-

Money Laundering Act.

# SHGs shall work with goals of self-reliance and rapid economic development

Additional Chief Secretary Subrata Sahu and Agriculture Secretary Bharathidasan inspect gauthans

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai. Feb 23: Additional Chief Secretary Subrata Sahu and Agriculture

Bharathidasan inspected

Gauthans Dhamdha and Patan blocks in Durg district on Wednesday. They met women from self-help groups and inspected various livelihood activities in Gauthans Nardha, Arsanara, Kumhari and other places. The women of Arsanara in Patan block informed them that two self-help groups work here and have earned a profit of Rs 2.45 lakh through the pro-

They have also planted new era crops like broccoli. The ACS said that the specialty of the Gauthan in Arsanara is that the entire space has been utilized in a better way. Vegetables are being planted according to the season. This opens the way to have

duction at baadi.



income throughout the year. They also visited the Baadi at Limtara. Here, 21 acres of land is being developed as a community garden. The officials inspected the tomato crop in two acres of land.

The women informed that tomatoes are being sold every day and there has been a bumper production. The women of the group added that they

One lakh from the month of July till now by selling tomatoes. Officials informed that sprinklers are being installed in another five acres of land. The ACS asked the women that the government is providing infrastructure as well as technical guidance. SHGs have unlimited possibilities to move forward. The women said that initially they experimented with a small patch of land.

As the experiment was successful, they are going to expand the activities. Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure, SSP Badrinarayan Meena and District Panchavat CEO Ashwini Dewangan were also present during the inspection. The women of Bhagwati Self-Help Group in Arsanara informed that spices are being produced in Gauthan. ACS

price of spices and advised the women to keep a watch on the market prices. He added that the organic products of Gauthan will have a great demand in the urban market. He suggested to display the products in Cmart also.

Many livelihood activities are being run in Kumhari Gauthan. There is a big baadi of bananas and mangoes. The women

of SHG are producing chips from the bigger bananas. ACS also inspected the work of Jal Jeevan Mission in village Tarra, Kherdhi. He said that all the works of the district should be completed within the stipulated time frame while maintaining the quality. Along with the laying of pipelines, connections should also be provided so that there is no complaint of delay.

ACS highlighted the selection of different livelihood activities in different Gauthans. He said that self-reliance should not be the only goal but there should be a rapid increase in the income of self-help groups. He asked the officials to make such a model that people could work continuously with interest. At the same time, he suggested that one group should concentrate on one work for better results. He said that rapid production of Vermicompost is neces-

Along with this, its consumption in the market is also necessary. If both the works are done at a fast pace, the cycle of Godhan Nyay Yojana will get stronger and people will get more and more benefits. He asked the officials to expand the livelihood activities at Gauthans. He further asked the officials to teach the women of SHGs for maintaining ac-

#### **Selection for Inter-Steel Table Tennis tournament** from Feb 27

Bhilai, Feb 23: Intersteel plant Cricket tournament for Boys is being organised at IISCO Steel Plant from March 10-12, 2022. A team from SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant will also participate in the event.

In order to select the team from BSP for the Inter- Steel Plant table tennis tournament selection will be held in Indoor stadium, Civic Centre from February 27-28, 2022 from 17:30

Sportspersons from Bhilai who are BSP employees, youth from Bhilai's vicinity are eligible to participate in the selection trials.

Interested sportspersons should register their names with Selectors Dr SK Wahane and Umesh Goswami at Indoor stadium, Civic Centre from February 27 2022 before 17:30 hrs.

Abhijit Bhaumik, AM (SRG) will be Incharge of the selection process.

# Two arrested for stealing goods from truck

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai, Feb 23: Police have arrested two ruffians on charges of stealing goods from a truck. The third accused managed to escape. The accused had stolen car spare parts worth Rs 2 Chandrakar informed that Khursipar Police Station had received a complaint from one Ajay Kumar Yadav of Jarkhand regarding theft of goods from his

The victim was transporting car spare parts in his truck bearing registration number MH12-HD-2299. His truck broke down near Khursipar gate after which he took the vehicle to a nearby garage for repairs.

The driver slept in the ve-



morning he found that about 15 boxes of spare parts loaded in the truck were stolen. Unidentified thieves had cut the cover (talpatri) and had escaped with the goods.

On the directions of SSP Badri Narayan Meena,

Khursipar Police team led by Inspector Durgesh Sharma conducted investigations. Three suspects were seen in the footage of a CCTV Camera installed nearby. One of the suspects appeared to be suffering from paralysis in one of

the hands. On the basis of this information, a police team started searching and finally one Gangu alias Dharmendra and Sheikh Sahil were taken in cus-

During interrogation, they confessed to have

committed the crime. They disclosed that one Sonu also assisted them in the crime. Police have recovered the stolen booty worth Rs 2 lakhs from their possession.

The accused Sheikh Sahil (19) son of Sheikh Salim a resident of Dr Rajendra Prasad Nagar, Khursipar and Gangu alias Dharmendra Tondon (24) son of Lakhan Tondon a resident of Shivaji Nagar Khursipar have been booked under the provisions mentioned in section 379, 34 of IPC.

Sub Inspector Satish ASI Netam, Constables Rakesh Chaudharv. D Prakash. Rakesh Anna, Subhash Yadav and Chandan Singh played a vital role in arrest-

# **Eight arrested for ransacking hospital**

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai, Feb 23: Police have arrested eight persons on charges of ransacking a hospital. The incident had occurred on January 01, 222. Around 22:30 hrs, some people had brought the body of one Prince Dongre to Chandulal Chandrakar Memorial Hospital, Nehru Nagar. After examination. the doctors declared him brought dead.

The kin and friends of the deceased got angered after coming to know about the death. They misbehaved with the doctors and ransacked the hospital premises. On the complaint of Dr Ashwini Chandrakar, an FIR was lodged against the accused under sections 294. 427 of IPC and section 3 of



Nishad; Gun Sagar (25) son Property) Act 2010.Under of Haldhar Bagh; Abhijeet the directions of SSP Sonwani (25) son of MOtilal (Durg), the team of Supela Sonwani; and Manoj Senani Police Station searched the (30) son of Raodhar Senani, absconding accused and arall residents of Railway rested eight of them. The Colony, Sector 07 were araccused are identified as rested. Inspector Suresh Rakesh Senani (25) son of Dhruva (SHO, Supela); ASI Gunmat; Damru Mahanand Rajnikant Diwan; Head (26) son of Chandra: Constable Santosh Sharma. Manoranjan Senani (28) son Constables Surendra Giri and Shyamji Mishra played of Ram Prasad; Dilip Nishad (30) son of Ram vital role in arresting the

#### **AAP accuses INC Corporator NSUI and YC protest curtailment of health facilities** for non-disclosure of assets

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai, Feb 23: Accusing an elected Corporator of Indian National Congress for non-disclosure of assets in the nomination form, the Aam Admi Party has demanded to unseat her immediately. They have submitted a complaint letter to the District Collector and are also planning to approach judiciary. While addressing media persons here at Supela on Tuesday, AAP District President Meharban Singh informed that INC Corporator from Ward 49 (Khursipar) - M Laxmi has mentioned in the nomination form of election that she does not have house, shop or any business. However, a ration shop is allotted on her name. She is the president of Ujala Mahila Swasahayata Samooh and the PDS Shop is allotted to this SHG.



The ration shop was allotted on March 06, 2020. In the application for allotment, M Laxmi has mentioned that she is involved in collection / loan works. As per the provisions of ration shop allotment, the applicant has to produce Kisan Vikas Patra / National Saving Certificate worth Rs 5000. But these assets or work information has not been mentioned in the nomination form. Singh further informed that M Laxmi has disclosed information about loan of Rs 11 lakhs from Union Bank of India, Supela Branch. He guestioned that if M Laxmi does not have any proper-

ty then how the bank gave her the loan of Rs 11 lakhs. M Laxmi's SHG has a current account at HDFC Bank, Chikhli branch in which Rs 3,32,930 is deposited. She has not disclosed information about this account also. She has signed in Telugu in the application form for allotment of ration shop while she has signed in Hindi in the nomination for candidature in civic body polls of Bhilai. Singh informed. Meharban Singh, Waddu Alam, K Jyoti, Jaspreet, Rampal, Rajiv Sinha, Balvinder, Yogesh Dhruv and others were present in the press conference.

Bhilai. Feb 23: The re quirement of health facilities is increasing continuously across the globe but here in Bhilai Township, the health facilities are being curtailed by the BSP Management.

The reduction of health facilities has triggered resentment among the BSP workers and their families. NSUI and Youth Congress have condemned the SAIL management on this issue. They staged a peaceful demonstration and presented a flower bouquet along with the charter of demands to the concerned officials of BSP.

Spearheading demonstrators, MiC member Aditya Singh said that facilities are being cut con-



tinuously by the BSP management in the township. The health facilities have been reduced to great extent. Health centers located in various Sectors have been closed.

The BSP management is further planning to shut down the remaining health centers. Further,

the functioning health centers are facing shortage of doctors and medical staff. Moreover, adequate medicines are also not available at these centres.

As the health centers of various sectors have been closed, the number of patients is increasing in the Main Hospital, Sector 9.

tients are facing many problems. Singh alleged that the management has adopted a negligent attitude towards these issues.

He further said that the requirement of health facilities has increased during the Covid crisis. Due to the lack of health facilities, a large number of plant workers succumbed to the pandemic.

He added that a large number of employees are suffering from lifestyle diseases like blood pressure, diabetes, etc and have to visit the hospital every month for medicine refills. Right now, due to the closure of the health centers, patients have to visit the Main Hospital, Sector 9.

Aditya Singh further informed that on the instruc-

Minister, the District Collector had offered monetary assistance to BSP management from DMF for the recruitment of doctors and other arrangement in Sector 9. But till now, no action has been taken by the BSP manage-

Faraz Ahmed, Gurleen Singh, Sandeep Sao, Akash Kannojia, Palash Limesh, Akash Yadav, Amresh Giri, Shashikant Sao, Shubham Sharma, Shravan Manjhi, Rahul Singh, Ravi, Aman Soni, Sangam Yadav, Ayyub, Aman Rekhi, Arjun Sharma, Sharad Mishra, Vishesh Gautam, Rahul Mishra, Anupam Tripathi Naseem Khan and other activists of NSUI and YC were present.

# **SMS-II** creates New Casting Record Sequence in Bloom Caster

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai. Feb 23: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Steel Melting Shop 2 (SMS#2) has created yet another record of casting longest sequence ever of 266 heats in Bloom Caster#5, surpassing the previous best of 250 heats achieved in August 2020.

Director I/c BSP Anirban Dasgupta and ED (Works) Anjani Kumar visited Bloom Caster of SMS-II on February 22, 2022 to congratulate the SMS-II collective and associated shops and departments for achieving the unparalleled feat of casting 266 heats in single sequence of Bloom Caster. The Bloom Caster was started on February 06, 22 and after casting 266 heats (32,220 Tonnes), was taken for preventive maintenance. It may be mentioned here that Bloom Caster provides Blooms for production of Rails in Rails and Structural Mill. Uninterrupted operation of Bloom Caster is thus necessary to ensure continuous supply of Bloom for meeting the requirements in terms of quality and quantity to Indian Railways. This is ensured by running the Caster for long sequences by flying tundish and stopped only in case of losing a strand or any other such problem. There has been gradual upgradation in the caster as per requirement of Indian Railways which includes EMS system, slag detection system and AMLC. SMS-II has been breaking its own record of maximum heats cast on a consistent basis. A double century was cracked for the first time in Dec 2017 when 203 heats were cast in a sequence. The record was



again broken by casting 217 heats in March 2018. The record was again shattered in August 2020, when 250 heats were cast in a sequence. SMS 2 has been continuously striving towards excellence in all fronts under the leadership of Sushil Kumar CGM. New records have been established. The department added another feather to its cap when the record of 250 heats in a se-

quence in Bloom Caster was bro-

ken again on February 21, 2022.

Under the supervision of N

Shrikanth, GM (Continuous Casting Shop - Operations) the casting of this sequence was started on February 06, 2022 and terminated on February 22, 2022 after casting 266 heats in a sequence. This was made possible by diligent efforts by all the sec-

including (Operations), CCS (Mechanical), CCS (Electrical), Instrumentation group, Converter, SBS, KMC group, Sahicon Group and M/s

Protective General group.

Although many constraints and

bottlenecks propped up during this period, the team SMS-II promptly liquidated all the Addressing SMS 2 Team,

Anjani Kumar, ED (Works) said that this is just a precursor to the 3 MT production targeted for SMS-II next year. He said that SMS-II team is fully capable of delivering on this stretched target. Congratulating the team, Anirban Dasgupta, DIC, BSP said that SMS-II is performing well and must continue to break its own records so as to achieve higher targets. Present on this occasion were GM I/c (SMS-II), Sudhir Kumar, GM (Opr), SBS, Alok Tiwari, GM (Mech), CCS, Yogesh Shastri, GM (Opr), Convertor, Rajiv Kumar, GM (Elect), Convertor, PK Mishra, GM (Elect), GM (Mech), CCS, T

Govind and CCS, Saurabh Jain.

# **Ground-Breaking Ceremony for New Silica Reduction Plant at Dalli Mechanised Mines**

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai, Feb 23: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant has its own captive iron ore mines in Dalli-Rajhara Iron Ore Complex, situated about 80 kms from the Plant that has been meeting the iron ore requirement of the Plant for over six decades. As part of Bhilai Steel Plant's sustained efforts to improve the quality of iron ore from its Mines, a project for setting up a Silica Reduction Unit has been taken up.

Bhoomipujan or ground-breaking ceremony for the new Silica Reduction Unit at Dalli Mechanised Mines in Dalli-Rajhara Iron Ore Complex was performed by Director I/c Bhilai Steel Plant. Anirban Dasgupta on February 21, 2022. Being set up at an estimated cost of Rs 129 crore, the Silica Reduction Unit will reduce silica content in iron ore mines from Dalli Mechanised Mines and at the



same time, also help in stopping slurry to flow into Hitkasa pond. The new unit is being set up by M/s BSBK. Speaking on the occasion, Dasgupta stated that this new initiative will lead to improvement in quality of iron ore for Bhilai Steel Plant and at the same time will also lead to better environment conditions at the Mines. Exnected to be completed by the end of November 2022, the project for the new unit will consequently lead to development of the mining region and the state. Present on the occasion were Manas Biswas Executive Director (Mines & Rowghat), AK Bhatta, ED (Projects), Anurag Upadhyay, CGM (Centre for Engg & Technology) SAIL Tapan Technology) SAIL Tapan Sutradhar, CGM (Mines & Rowghat), Samir Swaroop, CGM (Rowghat), other senior officers and employees of Iron Ore Complex, union representatives and senior officers representing M/s BSBK.

**SANT-SAMAGAM** 

# Banned tablets, injections worth Rs 50 lakh seized

Main accused of inter-state gang of smugglers arrested from Odisha

Raipur, Feb 23:

The Raipur Police has succeeded in nabbing the main accused of interstate gang and smuggler from Odisha involved in supplying of banned tablets and drugs in the state and this is 5th major action against drug smugglers. It is notable here that few days back the Narcotics Cell



had nabbed 3 from near Hospital, Rajatalab in Raipur and seized large quantity of 'Ganja', 'Charas', and psychotropic tablets from their possession.. When the police held in-

Five accused arrested in two different cases

terrogation with the accused, then the accused disclosed name of Tapas Kumar Parida and Samir Kumar of Odisha and purchasing it from them. On this a 10-member team was dispatched to

Odisha and there they tried to get in touch with the accused as customers and gained their confidence. The team with strategy sent one of their persons to purchase banned tablets from the rest the main accused involved in it.

When both the accused were interrogated, they accepted about selling of banned tablets and injections roaming in their vehicles in Chhattisgarh and other neighbouring

The police seized total 5630 pieces of Nitrosen (10); 26,400 pieces of 'Gulkan' – banned injection; cash of Rs 10000 and all items worth Rs 50 lakhs. Case has been filed against the accused in Kotwali Thana and further action is in

Governor Anusuiya Uikey inaugurated 'Sant-Samagam' at ongoing Rajim Maghi Punni Mela in the presence of 'Sadhus-Sants' and performed prayers in the temple of Lord Shri Rajiv Lochan and offered prayers on the banks of Mahanadi and sought blessings for people of the state.





■ Police seizes 18 kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 1.50 lakh and banned **Nitro tablets** 

some place. On this as per instructions from senior officers, a combined team of Cyber Cell, Narcotics Cell and Tikrapara Thana police staff reached the site and arrested the two accused.

When the team members tried to inquire about details of the above two persons, they tied to run away and were caught after chas-

ing them. The two accused arrested are Mahendra Sriwas and Lalu Sriwas R/o Katni (MP). When the combined team members conducted search of the two, they found 18 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 1.50 lakh in their possession.

In another action, the Police seized banned Nitro-10 tablets and a total of 1070 pieces of Nitro Tablets were seized from three accused and in this case Anil Dadsena alias Golu R/o Khadan Basti Daganiya, Tunnu Agrawal R/o Odisha and Amjad Khan R/o Odisha.

Rainandgaon: The Rainandgaon Police has got a major breakthrough in its action against drug smugglers and narcotics and nabbed a person with 371 Kg 'Gania' worth Rs 22.26 lakh, 57 'tola' gold worth Rs 29 lakh and

cash of Rs 12.48 lakh from his

SP Rajnandgaon Santosh Singh making disclosure in this regard informed that it was on tip of an informer that the Police conducted raid in the house of history-sheeter Pukhraj Verma, of Tulsipur and seized huge quantity of drugs from his residence. For this the police formulated a strategy and then took to heels.

As per the strategy, on intervening night of Feb 22-23, the Police conducted raid in the house of Pukhraj Verma and seized 371 Kg 'Gania' and it was illegally and secretly hidden in his house and it is estimated to cost around Rs 22.26 lakh in the

Gold worth Rs 29 lakh seized: Along with 'Ganja' the Police also seized gold jewelleries worth Rs 29 lakh from his residence and cash of Rs 12 lakhs, totaling around Rs 63 lakhs. The Police seized the entire lot in a plastic bag.

SP Santosh Singh informed that accused Pukhraj Verma too has been arrested and he is already having 13 different crime cases registered against himself including that of murder, theft, beating, scolding and others. The Kotwali Police Rajnandgaon took this action formulating a well-

Governor launches

'Vigyan Sarvatra

Pujyate' program

Governor Ms. Anusuiya

Ulkey participated in the

Raipur, Feb 23:

#### **Summer vacation** to be cut short to bridge the learning gap of students

Raipur, Feb 23: Government's Education Department has decided to cut short the duration of summer vacation, in order to compensate the learning loss of the students. Parents and students are happy with this decision of the department. It is noteworthy that the school education has been in a disarray for a long time due to COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused major learning loss for the students. Keeping in view this loss, Education Department has decided to cut short the duration of summer vacations so as to bridge the learning gap for students. Parents and children have welcomed this decision of the Education Department. Meanwhile, teachers will be teaching the students while keeping in mind the learning loss during pandemic. This would help the students to participate in the next class with full enthusiasm. Efforts will be made to ensure 100% attendance of the students, but it will not be made compulsory. The time table of the schools will be prepared according to the season to avoid

#### Traders are also covid warriors: Smriti Irani speaking at the Conference

Raipur, Feb 23:

CAIT National Vice President Amar Parwani, chairman Mangelal Maloo, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, States Working President Vikram Singh Deo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu State Makhija, General Secretary Suriender Singh, Working General State Secretary Bharat Jain, State Treasurer Ajay Agrawal and state media incharge Sanjay Choubey informed Minister Shrimati Smriti Irani called upon the business community of the country to upgrade & modernise its existing business format under Digital India mission of PM Narendra Modi to live up to the expectations to meet global challenges. She was delivering a keynote address to top 150 trade leaders of the country who gathered at New Delhi for their two days National Traders Conference organised by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT). CAIT National Vice President Mr. Amar Parwani & State President Mr. Jitendra Doshi informed that

Mrs. Irani lauded the role of CAIT for consolidating the business community and imparting them awareness to adopt and accept new & innovative ways of conducting business activities. She said that traders of the country have given sacrifices every time whenever it was needed whether it was freedom struggle movement or socio economic development of the country or meeting the dire need of providing daily consumables to the people of India during the covid pandemic in last two years even at the cost of their own sufferings. She called upon the trade leaders to document the traders who have served the country in various capacities whether economical, social. Religious, educational or in any another field. The traders of India have a legacy of serving the country. Refereeing Bhamashah and Lala Lajpat Rai, she recalled various other people who did not leg behind in providing crucial support. She equated the traders as " Covid Warrirors"

#### **BJP** to gherao **Minister over Users'** charge today

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Raipur. Feb 23: Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) would the **Administration Minister Dr Shiv** Daharia on February 24 seeking withdrawal of Users' Charge from public. According to the information received, the BJP would hold demonstration under the leadership of Raipur City BJP President Shrichand Sundrani and Leader of Opposition in Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) Meenal Choubey to register protest against the increase in Users' charge from people by the Raipur Municipal Corporation. BJP have chalked out a strategy in this regard to gherao Minister Daharia, BJP would also raise the issue of promise the Congress had made in the election manifesto to reduce the Property Tax by 50% but no steps have been taken. Instead of reducing the Property Tax, the Congress government has now imposed User's Charge on Public which would be opposed, the BJP leaders stated. Choubey said that while the entire development works have been carried out through Raipur Smart City Limited fund, the RMC is unnecessarily creating financial burden for the Public by imposing Users' charge. All the BJP office-bearers as well as BJP Corporators have been asked to be present during the demonstration.

### Air passengers increased by more than 7000 Confederation of All India



50 new additional

Raipur, Feb 23: As the effect of corona infection dropped, the movement of air passengers has also started increasing. In the last seven days, the movement of passengers from Raipur airport has increased by more than seven thousand. Also, there was of more than 50 additional flights in these seven days. According to the information received from the aviation officials, a total of 38,608 air

passengers boarded from Swami Vivekananda Airport in the period from February 14 to February 20. This is 24 percent more than the previous week. Similarly, the movement of flights has also been 314, which is 20 percent more than its previous week. Aviation officials said that with the reduction of corona infection, now due to the relief given in the rules, air passengers have also started increasing. Due to the increase in the number of passengers, now the airlines have also started making new plans. As per

Traders (CAIT), traders are also demanding to start air service from Rainur to Surat and Jaipur. For this, proposals have also been given to airlines. Trade organizations said that air travelers will get more benefits as soon as flights start for these areas. In the last fifteen days, in the month of February, a total of 69.830 air passengers have flown from Raipur Airport. These days, due to the increase in the number of passengers, the number of flights is also being increased by the airlines. Along with this, plans are being made to start flying to new areas in the coming days. New atc tower will start soon. The construction of new ATC at Swami Vivekananda Airport is nearing its completion and it is about to start soon. As soon as it starts, the facilities of air travelers will increase further.

## Working Models presented by the B Voc students

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Raipur, Feb 23: Solar Fencing is one of the modern and non-traditional methods to ensure security of property, agriculture crop and industrial units which is not only effective but also ensure security. Above conclusion was drawn on the basis of the working model presented on Hybrid Solar Fencing System prepared by the stu-



dents of B Vocational studies of Ravishankar Shukla University here. Similarly, another group of students presented a project which highto generate electricity. Solar **Breaker Electricity Generation** System helps to generate electricity from the moving vehicle which would help Traffic Signals get electricity.

"Vigyan program Pujyate: Sarvatra Celebration of Science for All" organised in the auditorium of Pandit Ravi Shukla Shankar University under the aegis of Chief Scientific Adviser, Ministry of Culture and Office, Government of India under the Amrit Festival of Independence. She inaugurated the science and technology based poster exhibition. Governor Ms. congratulated Raipurians for being selected in the above event being organised in 75 cities of the country and while addressing the program said that from February 22 to 28, students through various ac-

tivities and competitions

based on science and tech-

nology. Along with this,

common people will get

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tion organised to know



Science based poster exhibition

will encourage students: Uikey

and understand the glory and glorious history of India in the field of science will not only encourage the students but will also contribute in the field of science and technology. She said that in the challenging times of Covid-19, people understood the usefulness and importance of science, when the scientists of the country prepared medical equipment at cheap rates. After doing quick research, the vaccine of Covid was prepared in the country itself. This success of Indian scientists is commendable and inspira-

tional, which will attract youth to work in the field of science and technology. Governor Ms. Uikey said that Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University has created such an environment in the last few years. due to which the interest of youth towards science has increased and research work is being done continuously.

She appreciated the work done by the students of the university for renewable energy and waste management and expressed confidence that in future also the students would do continuous re-

ence and would bring laurels to the country and the state. Rajendra Singh Sangwan, Director, CSIR-HRDC made a gradual mention of the growing scope and progress of science since numan origin. He said that human curiosity has encouraged new research work in the field of science, which is continuing continuously. With the increasing interest in science of our young generation, we should be hopeful that in the future India will have many such discoveries and researches, which will benefit and make the whole world proud.

Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Dr. K.L. Verma also addressed the program. Governor Ms. Uikey visited the science exhibition along with the Chancellor Professors University. On this occasion, Governor Ms. Uikey was honoured by the university management with a shawl-shriphal and a memento. University professors and students were present in the program. The Queer youth of Chh'garh in film 'Badhaai Do' share experience

The Vice Chancellor of

### License will be cancelled on not filling GST returns

Raipur, Feb 23: Traders who do not file returns will be strictly punished. Even the GST license of such people will be cancelled. GST officials said that frequent notices are also being sent to such traders. In this notice, they are being advised to file the return. Now even after this, if any trader is negligent, then the process of canceling his license will be done.

Strict action is also being taken by the department against the GST evaders. As per information in the financial year 2021-22 till January, the department has caught GST evasion of Rs 589.43 crore from 191 cases in the state. Out of this, recovery of Rs 224.48 crores has also been done. Similarly, in the financial year 2020-21 till January, out of total 151 cases, GST evasion of Rs 300.25 crore took place. Out of this, 289.41 crore has been recovered. According to the new rules of GST, now the GST officers can take recovery action without giving any notice. If wrong information is being given by the taxpayer in his return file. These days the department is seriously looking into such cases. This rule has been implemented from the month of January this year.

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Feb Raipur, Homosexuality has been a subject of shame, ridicule, and oppression in films. The scenario is gradually changing after the decriminalization of Section 377 from the penal code in 2018. Since then, a few movies have tried to tackle the otherwise taboo subject head-on- often using humor as a sweetener. The latest in the series of such movies is "Baadhai Do", starring Rajkummar Rao

and Bhumi Pednekar,

which talks about the practice of lavender marriage/ marriage of convenience (moc) between a gay man and lesbian. While the movie is winning hearts and doing good business at the box office, Chhattisgarh has its share of representation

Raipur-based Sidhant and Ankit Das can be seen making an appearance on screen. Both of them have been active in the state capital Raipur for the promotion of LGBTQ+ rights. Many in Raipur have seen



Ankit Das (front), Sidhant along with Director Harshvardhan Kulkarni 'Badhaai Do' on set Dehradun.

them performing flash-

witness them. Sidhant mobs for awareness, now says that it is a matter of the entire country is set to great delight that queer

people have finally been given a chance to play queer roles, even a little bit of screen time matters a lot. Ankit says that it was very fulfilling for him to be able to present the culture of Pride on the big screen. Through this film, we are sharing our culture of joy and resilience with millions of viewers in India and abroad.

The prime message both of them wished to convey was that being different is not a crime. It is very natural to be born as a person with nonbinary gender

ty, we must embrace and encourage everyone for being their true self. Despite decriminalization, queer persons are far from being accepted as equal and respectable members of family and society. Though it is only a matter of time for homosexual couples to get legal recognition of their communion like marriage, we must strive towards it. After all, only an inclusive society can optimize its human resources and progress.

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tive sexualities. As a socie-

# Akbar inaugurates office of Balodabazar TOA

Vehicle owners in Chhattisgarh have the facility to pay the tax of their vehicles in bulk

Raipur, Feb 23:

State Transport and Minister Mohammad Akbar gave important Balodabazar-Bhatapara district during his one-day stay. He inaugurated the new office of Balodabazar Truck Owners Association (TOA) located at Risda bypass in the district headquarters. Along with this, he announced land reservation for Permanent District Transport Officer and New Transport Office at District Headquarter Balodabazar. Addressing public, the general Transport Minister Mohammad Akbar said that transport also plays an important role in development. Every possible initiative is being taken to streamline and strengthen the transport system in the state. In this episode, a new facility has been provided by the Chhattisgarh Transport Department for the vehicle owners on the vehicle portal. Under this, vehicle owners can pay the



bulk. Similarly, another facility has been given by the Transport Department for the vehicle owners on the vehicle portal. Under this, vehicle owners can get permission online by paying fees for over-dimension vehicles. Apart from this, an important scheme named Tuhar Sarkar Tuhar Dwar is being operated by the Chhattisgarh Transport Department. Under this, people are being provided the benefits of 22 transport related services sitting at home. Transport Minister

Akbar also counted the important achievements of the State Government during this period. He said that the general public should get the direct benefits of the schemes of the government. That is why Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana and Rajiv Gandhi Bhumiless Krishi Mazdoor Yojana have been started. Today, through Godhan Nyay Yojana, it is working to make millions of families financially empowered by purchasing

we are moving towards organic agriculture with the use of vermi compost, which is also playing its important role in environmental balance. Similarly, where earlier seven forest produce were purchased in support price. We have increased that to 61. The Government of India has also felicitated the state of Chhattisgarh with 11 national awards, praising it. Chhattisgarh alone contributes to the purchase of about 78 percent of forest produce in India. On this

Secretary and Raipur West MLA, Vikas Upadhyay, Farmers Welfare Council President, Surendra Sharma, Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Text Corporation, Shailesh Nitin Trivedi, Shri Hitendra Thakur, Association President, Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Raipur Bastar Koraput President of Transport Association, Sukhdev Singh Sidhu, President of Chamber of Commerce, Jugal Kishore Bhattar, Senior citizens of the city, Vidyabhushan Shukla, Sudhir Agrawal, Ashok Jain, Gaurav Singh, Rajiv Prasad Lochan Shukla, District Panchavat member Parmeshwar Yadu, Mrs. Sumitra Dhritalhare, Janpad Panchayat member, Aryan Shukla. Corporator Rupesh Thakur including other public representatives and citizens were present in large numbers. The program was conducted by

occasion, Parliamentary

# QIP Centre for CU Bilaspur

Bilaspur, Feb 23:

Ghasidas University (GGU) has achieved new heights in the field of academics, research and investigation. As a result of the active and dedicated efforts of the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, the University is making steady progress in academic work. With the vision of Vice-Chancellor, Professor AK Chakrawal. the university is moving towards setting new stan-

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has provided a Quality Improvement Program (QIP) center to the School of Studies in Engineering Guru Technology, G h a s i d a s Vishwavidyalaya (a central university), Bilaspur. This is the second QIP center in Chhattisgarh NIT after Raipur. Admissions will be conducted from academic session 2022-23. The main objective of QIP is to upgrade the expertise and capabilities of the faculty members of diploma level and degree level institutes. This QIP center will enhance the research activities of the School of



Technology in particular and of the University in general. With the great effort of Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal, within a short span of time, GGV has been provided a QIP center by AICTE. This QIP center will provide an opportunity to the faculty members of AICTE affiliated Polytechnic Colleges Engineering Colleges/Universities across the country to pursue M.Tech. and Ph.D. procongratulated gram, thereby improving Registrar, the standard and quality of technical education in the institutions. This center will also be allowed to conduct a maximum of 20 short-term courses of one week or two weeks duration for the benefit of fac-Engineering ulty members of engineer-

ing institutes, for which AICTE will provide financial assistance to this centre. In addition, AICTE will offer 15000/- per month to faculty members for pursuing Ph.D. and Rs 5000/- for pursuing M.Tech. In addition to the contingency amount, AICTE will also provide financial assistance to the University for running the Chancellor has thanked AICTE for providing QIP center to GGV. HVC also Prof. Shailendra Kumar, Dean, Prof. TV Arjunan, the Coordinator, Dr. M. Chakradhar Rao, Co-coordinator, Dr. Amit Jain and the entire faculty fraterni-

## One arrested with illicit liquor



tax of their vehicles in

Khairagarh, Feb 23:

The Khairagarh Police arrested the youth involved in illicit sale and transportation of liquor from Dharampura chowk in city on Sunday. A combined team of police officers under leadership of TI Khairagarh Thana ing raid against the illicit liquor sellers and transporters. On Sunday, it was on tip from an informer the Police team reached Dharampura Chowk and the accused Ramesh Verma S/o Manrakhan Verma (42), R/o Godari with illicit liquor. The accused was carrying 42 quarter bottles of country liquor and cash of Rs 3360 in the dickey of his bike bearing No. CG 08

When inquired he accepted his crime and it was under section 34 (2) of Excise Act he was arrested and produced in the court and sent on judicial re-

# Kunbi community took out rally to make state polythene free

Raipur, Feb 23:

To save the environment and to make the state polythene free, Kunbi Community has started the initiative. It started on Sunday on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shivaji Chhatrapati Maharaj. The people of the community took a pledge that they would not use polythene and would make the people of all the society aware about using cloth bags. After taking the resolution, the Kunbi community took out a bike rally. In this, women flagged off the rally. The

■ In the bike rally of Kunbi community, women participated with enthusiasm by riding a bike, giving the message of women empowerment.

cally by riding a bike, giving the message of women empowerment. Under the leadership Chhattisgarh Community Mahasangathan, a goodwill awareness bike rally was taken out from Telibandha, Marine Drive on Sunday. State President Ranjit Bhau Muneshwar

participated enthusiasti-

rally reached the statue of Veer Shivaji at Tatyapara Chowk via Ghari Chowk. The rally reached Bharat Mata Chowk by garlanding the statue of Mother India. After garlanding the statue of Mother India, the rally ended at the social building in Gondwara. The people of the community appealed to take the thoughts

through Sadbhavna rally. Cloth bags were distributed at various places on the rally route. In the rally, senior members of the society SS Brahmankar, JN Godhunde, State Secretary of Kunbi Community Mahasangathan Amit Doye, Sanjay Brahmankar, **Durg District President** Madan Kuthe, Bhathapara President Prem Bhau Bohare, Dr. Sudhir Tichkule, besides Bilaspur, Mahasamund President and State Women President Sarita Gendekar presided over

## Three arrested under gambling act



Khairagarh, Feb 23: Three gamblers were arrested on charges of gambling under Jalbandha thana area here on Monday. A combined team of Cyber Cell and Police Chowki Jalbandha conducted raid on Feb 20 in Jalbandha area and nabbed three accused Ranjit Sahu AS/o Khorbahara Sahu (55), R/o Kukurmuda; Dinesh Verma, S/o Shivcharan Verma (30), R/o Pavantara Jalbandha and Trilok Jain S/o Preetamchand Jain

(35), R/o Pavantara and seized cash of Rs 17900 and six motorcycles and 2 piece mobiles. The police arrested all three accused under section 13 of Gambling Act and produced them in the court of SDM Khairagarh. In the above action. SI Pawan Patwa, Munnalal Bhandekar, head constable Balram Singh, from Cyber team- Manish Manikpuri, Manish Verma, Avadh Kishore Sahu gave valu-

# Renovation of Manikeshwar Shiva Temple underway

#### Devotees from three states make presence

Konta, Feb 23: The twoday 16th renovation of Sri Sri Manikeshwar Shiva Temple Konta Gayatri Pragya Peeth in Konta Nagar, situated on the banks of Triveni Sangam, was started with Kalash Yatra at 4 pm on Sunday evening. The Kalash Yatra, passing through the main road, was established back in the courtyard of the temple. On the second day, from 08 a.m. on 21.02.22, Jalabhishek in Gayatri temple, after worship, performed Navkundiya Gayatri Mahayagya in Manikeshwar temple premises. It was com-



pleted at 03 pm with the completion of the cere-

After that Bhandara was successfully organized by Manikeshwar Samiti Konta. The 500year-old Sri Sri Sri Manikeshwar Temple, Konta and Gayatri Pragya Peeth is considered a center of

faith for the city. Under the aegis of Shiv Mandir Committee, every festival of Sanatan Dharma is celebrated jointly by law. Every Monday, the entire Konta is transformed into a devotional atmosphere with Bhajan Kirtan.

Crowd of devotees gathered for faith in Kalash Shobha Yatra

This year also, on the first day of the two-day 16th restoration anniversary celebration of Sri Sri Sri Manikeshwar temple, under the supervision of learned Brahmins on behalf of Gayatri Shaktipeeth Sukma, hundreds of women took out the Kalash Shobha Yatra in

Konta Nagar by law irom the Shiva temple premises. Hundreds of women and men participated in Kalash Yatra. During this, the atmosphere of the entire Konta city remained devotional due to the annals of Gayatri Mata. During this, the temple complex resonated with the chants of Har Har Mahadev of the devotees. Gayatri Pragya Peeth's pundits in Shiv Mandir courtyard also offered prayers in Nav Kundali Gayatri Mahayagya program by men and women. After that Shiv Mandir Committee organized Bhandara from 3 pm onwards. In which hundreds of devotees of Konta Nagar received prasad as blessings.

## Sports is beneficial for all: Kashyap

#### **Concludes cricket** tournament

Kondagaon, Feb 23: In the finals of Cricket tournament in Puspal. Karanpur defeated Hasel and won the first prize of Rs 1000 and runner's up team won the cash prize of Rs 501. The chief guest of the concluding function was MLA Narayanpur and Chairman Chhattisgarh Handicraft Development Board (CHDB) Chandan Kashyap.

Addressing the players he said that sports is very much beneficial for all, as it teachers discipline, patience, ability to work and play with team-spirit and develops self-confidence and provides scope to de-

Under this

ment.



velop and better one's performance with double the efforts. If one regularly practices sports than one not only become more active, but remains healthy, both in mind and body, he added.

During this Sarpanch Sobi Ram Kashyap, Sunder Kashyap, Poyam, Sukhram Mardapal Block President,

Jagdev Baghel, Mehatar Nag, Anuk Mandavi Bhuwan Yadav, Hemdhar Vaidya, Shri Ram Baghel, Ram Baghel, Aagya Chowk Ram Baghel, Gadan Ram Baghel, Ramesh Mandavi, Baliram Sori, Umesh Yadav, Shal Kashyap, Mahadev Kashyap and others were present.

143 people have been test-

# One-week online FDP organized at CU

Bilaspur, Feb 23:

Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) Department of Civil Engineering, School of Engineering Technology, GGV organized the inaugural ceremony of AICTE Teaching and Learning Academy (ATAL) Sponsored oneweek online Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Sustainable **Construction Materials** and Technologies in virtual mode at 9:30 am on Feb 21. The FDP commenced on Feb 21 and

continued till Feb 25.

During the inauguration, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. AK Chakrawal participated as the Chief Guest and delivered the presidential address. Nemkumar Banthia, Professor and President of Canada Research, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada participated as the guest of honour and delivered the keynote address at the inaugural technical session. Registrar, Prof. Shailendra Kumar, Convener Correspondent, Prof. T.V. Arjunan, Dean, SOS Engineering

Technology, Kumar Parashar, Head, Civil Engineering, and Co-Coordinator, Pandev. Assistant Professor were also present on this occasion. During the inauguration ceremony, the Coordinator, Dr. M. Chakradhar Rao gave information about the FDP. The inauguration ceremony was also attended by Deans of various Schools of Studies, Heads of various departments, and faculty members of School of Engineering

Technology. About 150

faculty members and re-

search scholars from different parts of the country attended the inauguration. After the inauguration, Prof. Nemkumar Banthia delivered the inaugural technical address on Adaptive, Functional and Bio-mimicking Fibers for Modern Fiber Reinforced Concrete. Dr. Subhasis Pradhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, BITS Pilani and Dr. Dinkar P., Associate Professor. Department of Civil Engineering, Bhubaneswar gave technical talks after the inaugural technical talk.

#### Around 21.63 lakh people have availed the services In 1497 haat-bazaars of the state

Raipur, Feb 23:

Chief Minister Haat-Bazaar Clinic Scheme is being implemented in every district and every development block of Chhattisgarh. Under this scheme, people are being provided eight kinds of OPD-based services and various test facilities in Haat-Bazaars, and those diagnosed with ailments are also being provided free medicines as well. In case of major ailments, patients are referred to high-level health centers for better medical treat-

scheme, a number of medical facilities are being provided to the people of rural areas, through 356 dedicated branding vehicles and medical teams. So far, as many as 21 lakh 62 thousand 751 people have availed the health checkup and treatment facilities provided by medical teams of Health Department in the Haatbazaars of the forests and rural areas of Chhattisgarh. Nearly 19 lakh 60 thousand 270 patients have been provided free medicines after health checkup at these Haat-Bazaar clinics. It is noteworthy that till January 2022, Health Department has organized 64 thousand 401 Haat-Bazaar clinic camps in 1497 haat-bazaars across the state.

Besides the free healthcheckup, treatment, consultation and medicines, various test facilities including that of Malaria, HIV, VDRL, Diabetes, Anemia, TB, Leprosy, High Blood Pressure and Eye problems are being provided in the Mobile Medical units (under Haat-Bazaar Scheme). Here, facility of vaccination for infants and health checkup of pregnant women are also being provided.

Under this scheme launched in year 2019, so far 04 lakh 90 thousand ed for hypertension, 03 lakh 40 thousand 649 people have been tested for diabetes, 02 lakh 20 thousand 336 people have been tested for malaria, 01 lakh 03 thousand 831 people for. Anemia and 66 thousand 24 people have been tested for eye problems. In these Haat-Bazar clinics, TB test of 20 thousand 563 people, leprosy test of 06 thousand 340 people and HIV test of 12 thousand 639 people have also been conducted. Meanwhile, medical examination of 39 thousand 733 pregnant women, vaccination of 11 thousand 871 babies have been done in Haat-Bazar

# HC stays triple talaq order of Sharia court

#### **NOTICE - REGARDING CHANGE OF NAME**

that I am SANDEEP PANDEY Son of GULABCHANDRA PANDEY, Residence o BALAJI COLONY, MANDIR HASAUD, RAIPUR DIST. RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH that in the past I was known, recognized and called by the name of SANDEEP KUMAR

That the above name has been recorde in my educational and academic certificates I have changed my name as SANDEEP PANDEY due to which my present above name is recorded in my adhaar Card, Pan Card & other records issued in my name, now I will be known and called by the name of my present name SANDEEP PANDEY and in all future ocuments my present name SANDEEP PANDEY Son of GULABCHANDRA PANDEY should be recorded and this understood and validated regards is published. DATE: 23/02/2022

RAIPUR C.G. SANDEEP PANDEY Son of GULABCHANDRA PANDEY MANDIR HASAUD, RAIPUR DIST. RAIPUR. CHHATTISGARH

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Bilaspur, Feb 23: The Chhattisgarh High Court in Bilaspur has stayed a triple talaq order passed against a woman by a Sharia court operating in Raipur whose validity has also been challenged by her, the petitioner's counsel said on Tuesday.

A single bench of Justice P Sam Koshy on Monday ordered a stay on the effect and operation of the impugned order till the next date of hearing, said the counsel for the woman petitioner, Devershi Thakur.

The woman had filed a petition in the HC challenging the validity of 'Idara-E Shariya Islami Court' operating in Chhattisgarh' capital Raipur and a triple talaq order passed by it

Mob. No. 9754567734 शेन्द्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Central Bank of India

Branch - Bemetara

Our Bank branch premises is going to be shifted to New Premises at Pikari Talab, Bemetara Dist-Bemetara (C.G.). We would request all our valued customers to vacate the lockers allotted to them within two months from the date of this publication so as to avoid any damages to your goods kept inside the locker availed. You also have the option to surrender the Locker as per your desire.

Branch Address - Central Bank of India

# OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR 797/2, Shantikunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur (M.P.)-482001

RC/569/2020 **BANK OF BARODA** Versus

M/S VEERAM STEELS SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RAMPURIYA

(CD 2) SMT USHA DEVI RAMPURIYA NEAR OSHO BHAVAN ROAD GOSAI BADA

GUDHIYARI, RAIPUR, CG RAIPUR CHHATTISGARH -492011 (CD 3) SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RAMPURIYA NEAR OSHO BHAVAN ROAD GOSAI

Lakhs Forty Seven Thousands Four Hundred Forty Four Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @ 12.00 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 27/04/2019 till realization and costs of **Rs 40000 (Rupees Forty Thousands** 

. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 25/07/2022 at

In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 29/01/2022

"CENTRAL" TO YOU SINCE 1911 Region - Raipur

NOTICE

Your cooperation is highly appreciated. Please contact branch in case you have any

# Sunder Nagar, Raipur Road, Bemetara (C.G.) 491335

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTC' 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 196

To (CD 1) M/S VEERAM STEELS SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RAMPURIYA, RAIPUR

BADA GUDHIYARI, RAIPUR, CG RAIPUR CHHATTISGARH -492011 This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL JABALPUR

OA/608/2019 an amount of Rs 3747444.00 (Rupees Thirty Seven Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally). 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts

of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules

10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for

**DWFWU** annual

meeting for

regularisation

concludes

Birkoni, Feb 23: The an-

nual body meeting of

Workers Union Pt. No. 548

of district Mahasamund

concluded here calling

the need of regualrisa-

All the daily wage earn-

ers expressed concern

about them not regualrise

as per the promise to regularize the daily wage

earners in the public

manifesto of the present State government. As per

information, a order was

issued two and a half

years ago to set up a committee for regularization,

but the process is still to

It was also said that due

to lack of budget, salary

has not been paid to the daily wage earners since

last month, and in the

coming days the retired

officers, employees in the

forest department gener-

State Minor Forest Produce Association/g. c.

Work has been made

available in the State

Corporation, which is not

fair. On this occasion,

State General Secretary

Ramkumar Sinha, State

President Janaklal Sahu

Yadav and a large number

of office bearers were

Development

Bhoi, Dashrat

Member,

Place: Bhilai (C.G.)

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against her.

The Sharia court in January this year in a ruling granted triple talaq (a practice of instant divorce now banned under the law) to the woman (on basis of her husband's pronouncement) following which she filed a writ petition in the HC against the order, he said.

The woman argued that no opportunity was provided by the Sharia court to present her side, which was a violation of the right to life provided under the Constitution, Thakur said.

"Through the present petition, the petitioner had challenged the existence of the 'Idara-E Shariya Islami Court' which is in violation of the constitution, fundamental rights to life and liberty and the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act.

1986." said Thakur. The petitioner had complained at women's police station

here against her hus-

Name and Address

of the Borrower/s

band and in-laws, but the counselling at the 'One Stop Sakhi Centre' (which takes up women-related issues) failed to bring about a rapprochement between the two sides. An FIR was subsequently registered at the police station against the woman's husband and in-laws.

However, the respon-

dent/husband proceeded with triple talaq pronouncement and the Sharia court passed its order without providing an opportunity to the woman to present her side, Thakur said. The Centre enacted a law in 2019 which made the practice of instant triple talaq a criminal offence.

#### IN THE COURT OF RECOVERY OFFICER **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**

797-II SHANTIKUNJ SOUTH CIVIL LINES JABALPUR (VIDE SECTION 25 TO 29 OF THE RDDBFI ACT 1993 READ WITH RULE 2 OF II SCHEDULE OF INCOME TAX ACT 1961 READ WITH ORDER XXI RULE 220F CPC)

RC NO. 57/2019 **BANK OF BARODA** 

SMT. MANJU SINGH TANWAR

ORDER TO DECLARE ON AFFIDAVIT THE PARTICULARS OF ASSETS To, 1. **Smt. Manju Singh Tanwar,** W/o Shri Bhupendra Singh Tanwar, R/O MIG 883, Housing Board Colony, Tatibandh, Raipur (C.G.)-492099.

Whareas you the Certificate Debtor has failed to pay the sum of Rs. 24,85,847.00 alongwith pendentitlie and future interest @ 12% p.a sample from the date of filing of the Original Application and cost till the date of realization in full from in respect of Recovery Certificate drawnup by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur

It is ordered that you the said Certificate/Judgement Debtor is hereby directed to declare on affidavit the particulars of assets owned by you. It is further ordered that you should attend the Court of Recovery Officer, DRT, Jabalpur or thorugh Counsel duly instructed on 25-01-22 with affidavit of particular of assets owned by

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL AT JABALPUR THIS 7th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

SEAL

(SATISH SOLANKI), Recovery Officer Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur (M.P.



### CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

**Details of Property** 

Possessed

Corporate Office: No.2, Dare House, 1st Floor, NSC Bose Road, Chennal- 600 001. Branch Office: Shop No.- 416, 4th Floor National Corporate Park, Infront Of Maruti Business Park, G.E. Road, Raipur C.G-492001

#### POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8 (1) WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Compar

Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column (B) below on dates specified in Column (C) to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, noticE is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column ([E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges. Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including al costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale

Date of Outstanding

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NO.	and Loan Account No.	Notice		rossesseu	Dat
A	В	C	D	E	F
1.	Loan Account No. X0HERRH00002874358 and HE02RRH00000003554 1. Reshma Preety Virdi, 2. Abhishek Kumar Mishra, Both Add- B-19 Maruti Enclave. Near AllMS		₹ 43,12,958.48 and ₹ 8,79,870.00 totaling to ₹ 51,92,828.48 as on 20-11-2021	All the piece and parcel of property bearing Plot/House NoB-19, Part of Survey No176/7, Land area admeasuring - 1250 Sq. Ft. (together with construction thereon), situated at Maruti Residency (Presently Known as "Maruti Enclave"), Village-Dumartalab, P.H.NO T04/53, Pt. Ishwari Charan	
	Tatibandh. Raipur. Raipur- 4 Enterprises, Add- House Colony Tatibandh, Raipur, Ra	No. 37 S	Raipur (C. North by-	/ard No 14. City, Tahsii and District. G.) and bounded by as per sale deed: - Plot NoB-18, South by- Plot NoB-20, Other's property, West- Colony Road.	21.02.2022
2.	Loan Account No. X0HERRH00000881020 and X0HERRH00002780835 1. Govardhan Baghmar, 2. Banshi Baghmar, Both Add House No. 2/246 Ramdarbar Gate Ke Samne,	.2021	₹ 17,37,301.43 and ₹ 8,51,582.75 totaling to ₹ 25,88,884.18 as on 28-10-2021	All that piece and parcel of land under Part of Khasra No. <b>85/4</b> , admeasuring area <b>2178</b> Sq. Ft. situated at Mouza Kota, Shahid Manmohan Singh Bakshi Ward No. 12, P.C. No. 107, RIC- Raipur -1, Teh. & Dist. Raipur.	19.02.2022
	7. Raju Baghmar, All of Add	nghmar, 4. La I House No ghmar, Dhin	. 2/446, Kota, Stadiu narpara Kota Kota,F	Jagat Baghmar, 6. Balram Baghmar, ım Manmohan Mishra Se Kota, Raipur- Raipur – 492001, <b>9. Jagdev And Sons</b> ,	022

Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur (M.P.)

Date: 23.02.2022, Place: Raipur (C.G.)

# **UCO BANK**

Charoda, Satvam Complex, G.E. Road, BMY Charoda, Distt. Durg (C.G.). Tel.: 07826-255227, 255154

(A Government of India Undertaking)

**Honours Your Trust** 

#### SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of the Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI) read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

SI. No.	Borrowers & Guarantors with the address	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Recoverable Amount	Description of Properties	Price in Rs.Lakhs	Money in Rs. Lakhs
.	Borrowers: Mr. Shaikh Hadi and Mr. Shaikh Maroof Owner of Property: Mr. Sheikh Hadi S/o. Late Sheikh Hussain, Kh. No. 445/5, 446/6, 447/5, 445/3, 446/4, 447/3, 445/4. 446/5, 447/4, Ph No. 02, Ward No24, G.E. Road, Charoda, Tehsil-Patan, Dist-Durg (C.G.)	17.11.2021	28.01.2022	Rs. 1,42,26,077/- as on 31.10.2021 plus further interest and other incidental charges thereafter.	Mr. Sheikh Hadi S/o. Late Sheikh Hussain, Kh. No. 445/5, 446/6, 447/5, 445/3, 446/4, 447/3, 445/4. 446/5, 447/4 Ph No. 02, Ward No24, G.E. Road, Charoda, Tehsil-Patan, Dist-Durg (C.G.) Bounded: On the North by-G.E.Road, On the South by-10' Wide Gali, On the East by-Land belonging to Versha Shah, On the West by-Land belonging to purchaser Possession Type: Symbolic	249.32 Lakh	24.93 Lakh

Terms and condition: 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and conditions of the sale available/published in the following websites/web portal: I) https://ibapi.in/ II) https://mstcecommerce.com 2. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 4. The Sale will be done by the undersign provided at the Website https://www.mstcecommerce.com on 28.03.2022 from 11.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. 5. It is open to the Bank to appoint a representation. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE: The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following

further conditions. 1. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal https://www.mstcecommerce.com. 2. The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal https://www.mstcauction.com) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet by 25.03.2022 before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction. 3. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 mode i.e. NEFT/Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (https://www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (https://www.mstcecommerce.com) in bidders and such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest. 4. Platform (https://www.mstcecommerce.com) for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata-700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/ 411/ 413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-auction service provider's website https://www.mstcecommerce.com. This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal. 5. The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of sale is available / published in the following websites/web page portal: (1)http://www.mstcecommerce.com 6. The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction related to this e-Auction from e-B ऋच —IBAPI portal (https://www.ibapi.in). 7. Bidder"s Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding. 8. During the e-auction bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-see bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be as mention above to the last higher bid of the bidders. Ten(10) minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed. 9. It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly. In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (https://www.mstcecommerce.com/). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal. 10. After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorised Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider), 11. The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. 12. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favor of "The Authorized Officer, UCO Bank, Payable at Bhilai. In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property. 13. Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194-IA of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount. 14. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. 15. The sale certificate shall be issued in favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act. 16. It whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be minal. 13. The sale certinicate shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect the themselves about the asset a pecification before submitting the bid. The intending purchaser can inspect the property on 19.03.2022 between 11.00 AM and 1.00 PM. Please contact Mr. Pradeep Kumar Barla, Chief Manager, Mob-96197 58871. 17. All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaoser. 18. The Authorized Officer of the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc. 19. The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions.

Pradeep Kumar Barla Date: 24.02.2022

Chief Manager and Authorized Officer UCO Bank (Secured Creditor)

#### Notice under section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The Act) Particulars of Mortgaged Outstanding amount ( Rs.) Name of Borrower(s) property/properties (D) LOAN ACCOUNT NO. PLOT ADMEASURING 950 SQ FT Rs. 33,09,622.87/-BEING PART OF KH. NO.507/15, 508/16, PH. NO.109/39, WARD NO.27, MOUJA AMAN NAGAR, TEHSIL & (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Two and Paise Eighty Seven Only) **BIJI REJY** DIST RAIPUR CHHATTISGARH. RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001 PLOT NO 424 ADMEASURING 1800 Rs. 4,76,496.01/- (Rupees LOAN ACCOUNT NO. SQ FT. WHICH IS PART OF KHATA NO. 323 KHASRA NO. 96, LOTUS CITY, VILLAGE PARASADA, RIC BHILAI - 3, TAHSIL PATAN, BHILAI, Four Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six and One Paise UDAY PRATAP SINGH REETA SINGH Only) as on 29.11.2021 CHHATTISGARH - 490021 PLOT NO C-13 ADMEASURING 1500 SQ. FT., PROJECT SHRI TILAK VIHAR, KH NO 265/1, PH NO 17, Rs. 8,30,766.31/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Thousand Seven LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 11.04.2021 HHLRPR00210488 I. SHARAD RAM SHARMA Hundred Sixty Six and Paise Thirty One Only) as on 29.11.2021 **ANJANA SHARMA** VILLAGE SALONI, TEHSIL ABHANPUR RAIPUR That the above named borrower(s) have failed to maintain the financial discipline towards their loan account (s) and as per books of accounts maintained in the ordinary course of business by the Company, Column D indicates the outstanding amoun

Due to persistent default in repayment of the Loan amount on the part of the Borrower(s) the above said loan account has beer classified by the Company as Non Performing Asset (as on date in Column C) within the guidelines relating to assets classification issued by Regulating Authority. Consequently, notices under Sec. 13(2) of the Act were also issued to each of the borrower. In view of the above, the Company hereby calls upon the above named Borrower(s) to discharge in full his/their liabilities towards

the Company by making the payment of the entire outstanding dues indicated in Column D above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the Company shall be entitled to take ossession of the Mortgaged Property mentioned in Column B above and shall also take such other actions as is available to the Please note that in terms of provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, "A borrower can tender the enting

amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Secured Creditor only till the date of

publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Further it may also be noted that in case Borrower fails to redeem the secured asset within aforesaid legally prescribed time frame, Borrower may not be entitled to redeem the property." In terms of provision of sub-Section (13) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by

way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of his business) any of the secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of secured creditor.

(Trustee EARC Trust SC - 432)

Piramal

Capital & Housing Finance

Place: RAIPUR/BHILAI

PIRAMAL CAPITAL & HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (Formerly Known as Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.)
Unit No. 601, 6th Floor, Piramal Amiti Building,
Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction
Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (West), Mumbai 400 070

Regional Office: 41, Shakespeare Sarani, 1st. Floor, Duckback House, Kolkata - 700 017

APPENDIX - IV, [Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited under the Securitisation and

Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice (s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower (s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of PCHFL for an amour as mentioned herein under with interest thereon

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	Loan App No. 01209459 Loan Code No. 00002500 Branch: Raipur Branch Ashok Singh & Guddi Singh	All that piece and parcel of the Property Being No Khatian No. 220/15, P. H. No. 108/38 Mouja- Bhanpuri, Rameshwar Nagar, Ward No. 05, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Pin - 492001	24.09.2021 & Rs. 11,42,880.00	19.02.2022
	Loan App No. 01811269 Loan Code No. 00003571 Branch : Raipur Branch Rohit Kumar Agrawal, Pawan Agarwal, Pankaj Kumar Agrawal, Arvind Kumar Agrawal & Darshna Devi	All that part and parcel of Property Bearing: Khatian No. 244/7, Khata Sl. No. 878, Plot No. 04 New P. H. No. 109/39, Mouza - Dubey Colony, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Ward No. 27, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Pin - 492001	27.07.2021 & Rs. 51,21,630.00	19.02.2022
	Loan App No. 01586902 Loan Code No. 00003179 Branch : Raipur Branch Chandel Shikshan Samiti Ratanpur, Rajendra Prasad Singh, Viayratna Verma, Satbhavan Singh & Harish Chandra Singh	All that part and parcel of Property Bearing: Intellegent Public School, Khatian Nos. 610/1, 610/7 & 610/8, P. H. No 37, Gandhi Nagar, Ratanpur, Bilaspur Marvahi By Pass, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh, Pin - 495442	27.07.2021 & Rs. 1,15,85,129.00	18.02.2022
	Loan App No. 01288808 Loan Code No. 00002647 Branch : Raipur Branch Hari Sharan Agrawal, Annapurna Agrawal, Shree Vibgyor Offset Press, Shree Vibgyor Photo Express & Perfect Binder And Offset Printers	All that part and parcel of Property Bearing No. Block 2A, P. H. Nos. 1 & 9, Neheru Nagar, Ward No. 3, Bhilai, District - Durg, Chhattisgarh, Pin - 491001.	30.06.2021 & Rs. 5,91,49,392.00	21.02.2022

Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

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46/6 Nehru Nagar Branch, Bhilai, Dist.-Durg (C.G.)

Mail Id: bhineh@ucobank.co.in, PH No: 0788-4092598/2292898

#### DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 Date: 13.01.2022

Mr. Rizwan UL Haque Khan and Mrs. Najnin Khan ess: LIG 65, Industrial Estate. Post: Housing Board, Durg Industrial Area, Bhilai, PIN-490026

Sir(s)/Madam(s).

The undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of UCO Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of

Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, do hereby issue you the following notice: At your request, you have been granted by UCO Bank, through its Nehru Nagar Bhilai Branch from time to time various credit facilities by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities availed by you and the security agreement(s)/document(s) executed by you are stated in \*Schedule 'A' and 'B' of this notice respectively excluding pledge of movables. You have availed the financial assistance with an undertaking for repayment of the said financial assistance in terms of the said agreement(s)/document(s).

You have also created mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds/registered mortgages creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The documents relating to such mortgage are also stated in \*Schedule 'B'.

The relevant particulars of the secured assets are specifically stated in Schedule 'C'. You have also acknowledged subsistence of the liability in respect of the aforesaid credit facilities by executing confirmation of balances and revival letters and other documents from time to time. The operation of and conduct o the above said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular and the debt has been classified as non-performing asset on 31.12.2021 in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by youin repayment of the principal debt and

The said financial assistance is also secured by the personal guarantee of

Despite repeated requests, you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues / outstanding liabilities Therefore, the Bank hereby calls upon you u/s 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, by issuing this notice to discharge in full your liabilities stated hereunder to the Bank within 60 days from the date of this notice. Your outstanding liabilities (in aggregate) due and owing to the Bank are in the sum of Rs. 25,25,165 (Rupess Twenty Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Five Only) as on 13.01.2022 (inclusive of interest up to 31.12.2021). You are also liable to pay uture interest wef 01/01/2022 at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expens

cost, charges, etc. If you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of Rs. 25,25,165 (Rupess Twenty Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Five Only) as on 13.01.2022 (inclusive of interest up to 31.12.2021) with further interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice u/s 13(2) of the Act, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4) of Section 13 and under other applicable provisions of

You are also put on notice that in terms of sub-section 13 of Section 13 you shall not transfer by sale, lease or rwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule 'C' of this notice without obtaining written consent of the Bank The Bank reserves its rights to call upon you to repay the liabilities that may arise under the outstanding Bills

es and Letter of Credit issued and established on your behalf as well as other contingent liabilities. Your kind attention is invited to provision of sub section (8) of section 13 of SARFAESI Act where you can tender entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank only till the date publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction (including e-auction) by inviting quotations,

ender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank is not deposited before the publication of the sale notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction including e-auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s). The notice is issued without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it

deems necessary under any other applicable provisions of Law. It is clarified that in case of any contradiction in Hindi Version separately published in Naidunia Newspaper, Raipur Edition on 24.02.2022 and English version of the Notice, the English version of Notice will prevail Note: Copy of schedule A & B can be collected from UCO Bank, Nehru Nagar Bhilai Branch. You are requested to make the payment of the amount mentioned in the notice in terms of the guarantee

SCHEDULE - 'C' PART-1: NIL, PART-II: Name of Owner: Mr. Rizwan UL Haque Khan and Mrs. Najnin Khan

Patriculars of Property: Khasra No. 1021/1 (Part), PH No. 05, Rakba Area 3025 Sq ft., Mouja - Amleshwar, RNM Bhilai-3, PO & Teh - Patan, Dist- Durg (C.G.) Documents: Sale Deed No. 186 (B) Date 15/04/2015 Book No. A. Volume No. 30573, Page No. 24 to 36

Place : Nehru Nagar Bhilai (C.G.)

#### BRIEF

#### Revamped

■ New Delhi: Delhi government's official website is soon going to be available in a revamped form, bringing together portals of different departments on a single platform. Currently, the website having links of government departments fails to open despite repeated attempts. There are some other portals like that of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) which pose problems when a user tries to get any information.

#### Sick

■ **Bikaner:** Ninety-six people, including children, fell sick after consuming food served at a marriage function in Bikaner district's Sridungargarh area. They complained of pain in the abdomen

and vomiting after consuming snacks. juice and other items at the function. They were rushed to a nearby hospital for primary treatment, and nearly 24 of them were later admitted to the PBM Hospital.

#### Associate

■ Jammu: An alleged associate or over ground worker of The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit, was arrested by the police and a grenade recovered here. The timely arrest of the suspect foiled the terrorists' plan to carry out a grenade attack in the winter capital Jammu Shakir Ahmad Naikoo, a resident of Harpora village of south Kashmir's Shopian district, was picked up on specific

#### Held

information.

■ Gurugram: The Gurugram police busted an interstate gang of vehicle lifters from Jaipur, who had recently allegedly killed a cab driver in order to rob his car. The arrested accused are identified as gang leader Vishal, a resident of Delhi, his girlfriend Rekha, Vinod, Jitu, Ravi and Rahul, residents of Muana village in Jaipur.

#### **Fake**

Guwahati: A former police officer turned militant of Meghalaya who is also dabbling in politics was arrested by Assam Police in Guwahati with fake Indian currency notes. Two of his aides were also arrested in the operation carried out by Basistha Police Station of the city. Spl squad and an EGPD team from Basistha PS busted a FICN scam 3 persons, Champion Sangma, Gohanch Sangma and Cherian Momin all residents of Meghalaya.

#### Rescued

Pune: A leopard struggling to stay afloat in a 50-feet deep well has been rescued in the nick of time thanks to a swift operation involving volunteers and Forest officials in Parner tehsil of Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra. The male big cat was rescued from the well in Alkuti village after a three-hour operation involving members of Wildlife SOS, officials of the state forest department, and villagers.

# **Chandigarh residents at few** places still face power outages



A traffic cop directing traffic as traffic lights not functioning due to outage in Chandigarh on Wednesday.

Chandigarh, Feb 23 (PTI):

Residents of some parts of Chandigarh continued to face power outages on Wednesday with electricity supply remaining disrupted after the employees of the electricity department went on a three-day strike against privatisation. Harried residents of Chandigarh, which is the country's first planned

city, blamed the city administration for remaining a mute spectator, leaving them in lurch as the power outages crippled the city. Congress MP from Anandpur Sahib Manish Tewari sought intervention of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in the matter, saying there is chaos and anarchy and all essential services have come to a standstill. "Dear

Chandigarh has been without electricity for 36 hours. There is chaos & anarchy. All Essential Services are at a standstill. @ChandigarhAdmn has miserably failed to address the situation. Chandigarh is an Union Territory. Kindly intervene," said Tewari in a tweet on Wednesday. Chandigarh administration on Tuesday had invoked the Essential Services Maintenance Act, banning strikes by the electricity department for six months.

There were, however, reports that electricity supply was getting restored at some places. The outage since Monday night forced government hospitals in the union territory to reschedule elective surgeries, besides adversely affecting residential, industrial and commercial

### **DEMANDING JUSTICE**



ABVP members protest demanding justice for Lavanya, a minor who committed suicide allegedly after forced conversion, at Athwaget in Surat, Gujarat.

# We are alert, prepared for any potential threats: Army chief

**Bengaluru, Feb 23 (PTI):** 

Chief of the Army Staff General MM Naravane on Wednesday said that the Indian Army is committed to maintain peace and stability at the country's borders, and is alert and prepared for any potential threats.

Pointing at the changes in the way in which battles are fought today, he said the army has increased its efficiency with new weaponries and modern equipment.

The Army Chief was speaking after presenting the prestigious 'President's Colours', or 'Nishan' as popularly known in the Army, to four Parachute battalions



Special Force of Army Battalion conduct parachute parade during President's Colours event, at Parachute Regiment Training Center (PRTC), in Bengaluru, Wednesday.

challenging time, you are well aware of the developments at our borders. The

today is going through a maintain peace and stability at our borders. I want to definitely say that we army is committed to any potential threats,

General Naravane said. In his address, he said with changes in the area of battle, there are enough changes in the way in which the forces are organised, usage of weaponries and how the battles are fought.

'The army has increased its efficiency with new weaponries and modern equipment. Though this process of change is continuous, there is a new intensity and speed in these efforts, in the last two to three years,' he added.

The four battalions that were presented President's Colours are: 11 PARA (SPECIAL FORCE), PARA (SPECIAL FORCE), 23 PARA and 29

#### Harish Rawat claims video shows ballot tampering

**Dehradun, Feb 23 (PTI)** 

Congress general secretary Harish Rawat has posted a video on social media that purportedly shows one person at an Army centre ticking and signing several postal ballot papers.

Sharing the video on his Twitter handle and Facebook, Rawat said, "Sharing a short video for everyone's information. It shows how one man at an army centre is ticking and signing several ballot papers. Will the Election Commission take cognisance of this?

When asked about the tweet, Rawat's spokesman Surendra Kumar refused to disclose the source of the video but claimed that it is from Uttarakhand.

The party has not made a formal complaint to the

Video shot shared by Harish Rawat alleges ballot tampering.

this regard yet but it can take suo motu cognisance of it, he said. The Congress leaders termed it as a "mockery of democracy" and urged the Election Commission to take cognisance of the video and act against the guilty. The Congress has

retweeted Rawat's tweet.

**Uttarakhand** Assembly Pritam Singh said,"In this video that makes a mockery of democracy, a man at an army centre is seen ticking and signing several postal ballot papers in favour of the party of his choice." The Election Commission should take cognisance of it and act against the guilty, Singh said. Reacting to the tweet, the BJP termed it the Congress' frustration, saying the party is doing it as it can see its defeat in the recently held Assembly "The Congress is resort-

Leader of Opposition in

ing to such tactics as it is aware that it has failed to mislead people. In the face of its imminent defeat the party which was talking earlier about manipulation of EVMs is now talk-

# Heavy snowfall throws life out of gear in Srinagar



Snowfall in Srinagar on Wednesday.

**Srinagar, Feb 23 (PTI):** 

Life was thrown out of gear in Kashmir on Wednesday as most areas of the valley received snowfall - the season's first heavy fall in the plains - disrupting flight

and railway operations and leading to the closure of the vital Srinagar-Jammu national highway, officials here said.

Most areas of the valley received moderate to heavy snowfall which started in the night and was going on when last reports came in, they said. The areas in the higher reaches of the Union Territory received very heavy snowfall — around two feet or more, they

officials said Srinagar - the summer capital of the union territory - recorded about eight inches of snow till Wednesday. The authorities have pressed men and machinery into service to clear the snow off the roads, many of which, such as those leading to hospitals and other vital installations, are being cleared on priority, the officials said. The bad weather affected the flight operations to and fro the Kashmir valley.

### Manipur wants change: Ibobi Singh Imphal, Feb 23 (PTI):

Former Chief Minister and Congress leader Okram Ibobi Singh feels Manipur is ripe for a change of government as people are "fed up" with the current dispensation.

The ruling BJP's "divisive politics" both at national and state level are unlikely to succeed in any of the five states going to the polls, Singh told PTI in an interview.

"I believe that the people of Manipur are fed up with BJP. It is just that they have not been able to express it openly. The BJP has been telling lies and making hollow prom-

They have not converted any of their promises into action," he claimed. Asserting that BJP's



Former Manipur CM Ibobi Singh during a rally for Congress.

"systematic policy and plan both at national and state level" of indulging in divisive politics will not succeed, the veteran Congress leader said, "We will get to know about it with the outcome of the five state elections and in 2024 general elections. People are fed up with them.

Citing the example of Framework Agreement signed in 2015 between the Centre and Naga rebel group NSCN (IM), he pointed out that the deal has not yielded a final outcome. Singh added that it was a case of keeping people in the dark, which in turn has

led to erosion of trust.

"It's been so long that agreement was signed but no one knows what is in it. Neither have they shared with the public nor have they completed the talks...l believe that even the Naga people have lost trust in the BJP and its ability to solve the issue," he said.

When asked how confident is the Congress of coming back to power after the upcoming state assembly election, Singh said, "Out of the total candidates that we have put up (53), we know the potential of each one and we strongly believe in the winning capability of 40-45 of them.

However, he said, "In case if we fall short of majority, there will be post-poll alliance with like-minded parties.'

# 'Priyanka's slogan, Maurya's switch no impact on polls'

RPN did not make direct comment on Congress functioning

#### Kushinagar, Feb 23 (PTD:

Former Union minister RPN Singh, who recently crossed over to the BJP, said the ladki hoon' slogan coined by his old party will have no effect on the assembly polls, claiming that the Congress tickets have gone only to the wives of its leaders. He also dismissed the impact of UP minister and Other Backward Class leader Swami Prasad Maurya switching over to the Samajwadi Party and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has breached caste barriers with development schemes guided by the inclusive mantra of Sabka

Saath, Sabka Vishwas. Once a close aide of Rahul Gandhi, Ratanjit Pratap Narain Singh aka RPN said the Congress



BJP leader RPN Singh during door to door campaign in

now does not exist as a party or an ideology. Asked about Congress general Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's Ladki hoon, lad sakti hoon (I am girl and can fight) slogan, he mocked that a poster girl from that campaign had herself switched to the BJP. Every person gives a

the Congress has given a slogan it will have no effect in the election because the tickets have been given to the wives of Congress leaders," he told PTI in an interview at his ancestral home. RPN belongs to the erstwhile princely state of Padrauna and is the son of former Union Minister slogan in the election. If CPN Singh. He was elected

MLA from Padrauna for three consecutive terms beginning in 1996. This time he is out of the electoral race but campaigning for BJP candidates in his home district Kushinagar. Polling here will be held in the sixth phase of the UP Assembly elections on March 3. "I have clearly seen that Dalits, backwards, most backward and upper caste people have broken caste barriers after being motivated by the schemes, working style and efforts towards nation building of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said. Singh dismissed the suggestion that the BJP inducted him to compensate for the loss of support it suffered among the backward castes after Swami Prasad Maurya joined the SP.

# Two more held in Bajrang Dal activist murder case

Shivamogga, Feb 23 (PTI):

Two more persons were arrested in the Bajrang Dal activist murder case in Shivamogga, where district authorities have extended the prohibitory orders till Friday.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said on Wednesday that he has ordered an inquiry against the policemen posted in two police stations in this district headquarters town, in the backdrop of the incident.

Underlining the need to audit the performance of Kote and Doddapete police stations in Shivamogga, he said, "We need to ascertain how many police officers and personnel were there in these two police stations in the past five



A police drone handler set up a drone for surveillance of the riot-affected areas after section 144 was imposed in Shivamogga, Wednesday.

years and how they monitored these accused (those eight arrested) who have a huge criminal past."

He warned that "irresponsible" police officers will not be spared, which led to "the incidents". Shivamogga

BM Laxmi Prasad said six people have been booked in connection with the murder of the 28-year-old Harsha, who was stabbed with lethal weapons by a group of people here on Sunday night.

Superintendent of Police

#### BRIEF

#### Lake

■ Karbala: Iraq's Razzaza Lake was once a tourist attraction known for its beautiful scenery and an abundance of fish that locals depended on. Now, dead fish litter its shores and the once-fertile lands around it have turned into a barren desert. Razzaza is seeing a significant decline in water levels and has been hit by pollution and high levels of salinity.

#### Taken

Colombo: Sri Lanka has taken "substantial steps" with a view to "accountability, restorative justice and meaningful reconciliation" related to human rights and reconciliation, Foreign Minister GL Peiris said, as he briefed India-based diplomats ahead of 49th session of UNHRC. Peiris addressed the 83 Heads of Mission accredited to Sri Lanka who are based in New Delhi through virtual session and shared infor mation on measures

#### **Blocking**

Beirut: Canadian authorities are preventing a Canadian woman and a child detained in a camp in Syria from returning home to get life-saving medical treatment, contradicting policies that allow such repatriations, a prominent rights group said. Human Rights Watch identified the two gravely ill Canadians as Kimberly Polman, 49, and a child under age 12.

#### Deal

■ Manila: The Philippines signed a 32 billion-peso (624 million) deal to purchase 32 Black Hawk helicopters in the largest military aircraft acquisition contract under outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte, defense officials said. Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana signed the deal with Janusz Zakrecki, president of Poland-based aerospace manufacturer PZL Mielec, to acquire the S-70i Black Hawks, which can be used for troop transport.

#### Advises

■ Brussels: European Union member countries agreed that they should further facilitate tourist travel into the 27-nation bloc for people who are vaccinavirus or have recovered from COVID-19 antine requirements for people who received vaccines authorised in the EU or approved by the World Health Organisation.

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# **Chinese, Nepalese held in illegal loan scheme targeting Indians**



Kathmandu, Feb 23 (PTI):

Two Chinese and more than 100 Nepali nationals have been arrested in Nepal for their involvement in running an online fraud loan scheme targeting Indians, police said on Wednesday.

Nepal Police said in a press release that they arrested two Chinese and 115 Nepali nationals in two separate raids conducted Kathmandu and Bhaktapur districts in Kathmandu valley on Monday and Tuesday for their involvement in fraudulent cyber activi-

Acting on a tip-off, Kathmandu Metropolitan Police Range first detained a group of 37 individuals, including a Chinese from Old Baneshwor on Monday night. The Chinese national, identified as Chang Hu bao, operated illegal business activities targeting Indians with the help of Nepali youth.

"They had officially registered the company called Lewan Group to provide IT services for business houses in the capital, police said. The Nepali nationals arrested from

Kathmandu include 23 boys and 13 girls. After their arrest, the police also busted a larger racket in Sano Thimi Municipality of Bhaktapur district from where they arrested 80 people, including a Chinese national named Wang Zinao in the second raid carried on a threestorey office building.

The arrested Nepalese from Bhaktapur include 47 girls and 32 boys. A total of 48 laptops and 14 desktop PCs were also confiscated from the office.

The Chinese nationals, who reportedly started the business one and a half months Kathmandu Bhaktapur, used to lend short term loans to the Indians with 2.5 to 3.5 per cent interest rates online.

They provided loans amounting to Rs 3,000 to 30,000 to the borrowers in India, who were required to submit the photo copies of their ration card and

### **CLOISONNE ARTIFACTS**



Japanese Emperor Naruhito, left, and Empress Masako look at cloisonne artifacts in the collection of the San-no-Maru Museum at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Japan.

## Ukraine's economy is another victim of Russia's 'hybrid war'

US last week offered USD 1 billion loan guarantee

**Kyiv, Feb 23 (AP):** 

One by one, embassies and international offices in Kyiv closed. Flight after flight was cancelled when insurance companies balked at covering planes arriving in Ukraine. Hundreds of millions of dollars in investment dried up within weeks. With Russian troops en-

circling much of the country, Ukrainian businesses large and small no longer plan for the future they can barely foresee what will happen week to week.

It is Ukraine, not Russia, where the economy is eroding the fastest under the threat of war. Even before Russian troops rolled into rebel-held areas in the country's east and Russian President Vladimir Putin



Vendors wait for customers at their fruit market stall in downtown Kyiv, Ukraine.

recognised the independence of the separatist region. Ukraine was the biggest loser in the agonizing, slow-motion aggression. Why is it that we are suffering consequences already? And Russia, who is

Roofs ripped off houses as

another cyclone hits Madagascar

actually threatening the whole world, in Europe, is not suffering any consequences? asked Andrey Stavnitser, CEO of the port operator TIS Group.

squeezing Ukraine's economy is a

and unspoiled natural

treasures, has now been

hit by four major tropical

storms in the last month,

killing nearly 200 people

already and compounding

issues of food insecurity. A

drought in the south of the

country left around 400,000

at risk of starvation last

year, according to the UN

key destabilising tactic in what the government describes as hybrid warfare intended to eat away at the country from within.

The Ukrainian president is also juggling statesponsored cyberattacks, a Russia-backed separatist movement and the threat of 150,000 Russian soldiers surrounding his country on three sides.

The economic woes include restaurants that dare not keep more than a few days of food on hand, stalled plans for a hydrogen production plant that could help wean Europe off Russian gas and uncertain conditions for shipping in the Black Sea, where container ships must carefully edge their way around Russian mili-

#### **South Korea's** presidential race puts misogyny in spotlight

Seoul, Feb 23 (AP): As South Korea enters a bitter presidential race, Hong Hee-jin is one of many young women who feel that the country's politics has become dominated by discrimination against women, even outright misogyny.

Women are being treated like they don't even have voting rights, the 27year-old office worker in the capital, Seoul, said.

For years, South Korean women have made slow but steady progress in the workplace as they confronted an entrenched culture of male chauvinism and harassment.

But this extremely tight presidential race, which culminates March 9, has exposed the fragility of what's been won.

# Impending Iran nuclear

Jerusalem, Feb 23 (AP):

While the world's attention has been focused on Ukraine, tne Biden administration also has been racing with world powers toward restoring the 2015 international nuclear deal with Iran.

tions in Vienna, the various sides have indicated a new deal is close, perhaps in the coming days. But instead of the longer, stronger agreement originally promised by the US, the deal is expected to do little more than reinstate the original pact, whose key restrictions on Iranian nuclear activity expire in a few years. This modest accomplishment appears to be the best the

Biden administration can hope for at a time when it is restrained by Congress at home, and overwhelmed abroad with the Ukraine crisis and longer-term challenges such as China and climate change. But it is setting off alarm bells in Israel, whose leaders have grown increasingly vocal in their condemnations of a deal they fear will not prevent Iran from develop-

ing nuclear weapons. The emerging deal, as it by the deal and is prepared to attack Iran if needed.

# deal alarms Israel

After months of negotia-

seems, is highly likely to create a more violent, more volatile Middle East, Israeli **Prime Minister Naftali Bennett** said this week, repeating his threat that Israel is not bound

#### GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN, RAIPUR (C.G.)

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**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER** Water Resources Division, Kasdol for, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godawari Basin Water Resources Department, Raipur (C.G.)

# UN slams 'aggressive' formula milk marketing

Report did not name specific companies



Geneva, Feb 23 (AFP):

The United Nations

slammed baby formula

makers Wednesday for

"unethical" marketing

strategies, accusing them

of aggressively targeting

expecting parents and

health workers and put-

ting shareholder interests

before children's health.

It is widely recognised

that breastfeeding carries

huge health benefits. But

countries' failure to crack

down on the marketing of

breast milk substitutes

means far too many chil-

dren are still being reared

on formula, the World

Health Organization and

the UN children's agency

Unicef warned, in a new

report. It found that the

keting strategies, spending up to \$5 billion a year to sway parents' decisions on how to feed their in OUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE FOR ENGINEERING WORK (1) Tender Notice No.:E-R-T-82-21-22, Date: 18.02.2022. Name of

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Tender: 11.00 hours on 17.03.2022 For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above work please contact office of the Sr. DEN(Co.)/South East Central Railway, Raipur or refer/download tender document which is available on our website: www.ireps.gov.in Sr. Divisional Engineer(Line-I)

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#### **Antananarivo, Feb 23 (AP):**

Cyclone Emnati crashed into the southeastern coast of Madagascar in the early hours of Wednesday, ripping roofs off houses and raising fears of flooding and food shortages in a region still recovering from the destruction inflicted by another tropical storm just weeks ago. More than 30.000 people were moved to safe accommodation before Emnati arrived and Madagascar's National Office for Risk and Disaster Management esti-SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

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People outside ruined homes in Mananjary, Madagascar.

ate reports of deaths or injuries from Emnati, but local authorities reported es and other buildings in

Madagascar, an island off the east coast of Africa renowned for its wildlife

World Food Program. A string of aid agencies warned that Emnati will be a double blow for the eastern and southeastern regions that were hit by Cyclone Batsirai early this month. Batsirai ultimately left more than 120 people dead and displaced 143,000.

Office for Coordination Humanitarian Affairs said, and more than 21,000 people remain displaced.

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER SHIVNATH CIRCLE DURG (CHHATTISGARH)

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System Tender No.: 93346/NIT No.: 31/SAC/2021-22, Bemetara, Dated: 21.02.2022 Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 14.03.2022 at 17:30 Hour

Name of Work: RENOVATION OF HEAD WORK AND REPAIR OF WASTE WEIR OF LUK DIVERSION SCHEME AND REMODELLING AND LINING OF CANAL, CONSTRUCTION OF 03 NOS. VRB, 03 NOS. FALL AND REPAIR OF 01 NO. AT STRUCTURE IN BLOCK SAJA DISTRICT BEMETARA.

Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 117.78 Lakhs

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### **Cashless is digital jail**

anadian lawmakers have voted to extend the emergency powers that police can invoke to quell any potential restart of blockades by those opposed to COVID-19 restrictions. Lawmakers in the House of Commons voted 185 to 151 to affirm the powers. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said earlier that the powers were still needed despite police ending the occupation of the nation's capital by truckers over the weekend and police ending border blockades before that. The self-styled Freedom Convoy shook Canada's reputation for civility. Canadian government had morally lectured India during the farmer's protest, but is now acting in much more aggressive way to deal with protestors. But the main lesson for political movements in other countries from Canadian government measures is that cashless society is digital jail for citizens. The political activists in India should be thankful that the central and state governments in India did not invoke such financial sanctions on them, as cashless society is limited to urban areas only. The emergencies act in Canada allows authorities to declare certain areas as no-go zones. It also allows police to freeze truckers' personal and corporate bank accounts and compel tow truck companies to haul away vehicles. The move to a cashless society, which has been accelerated by COVID-19 restrictions, makes it almost impossible to function in society without a bank account and a credit card. You can't purchase many services with cash anymore. When some local shop's wireless service went down and they couldn't process digital payments, people offered to pay with cash. They didn't know what to do. Like many businesses, some shops in developed countries aren't set up to handle physical money. And that's assuming you have large cash reserves to begin with, as you can't withdraw money from a frozen bank account. Before the cashless society, you could probably still participate in society, albeit with some inconvenience, without a bank account.

Not so in 2022. Now, without a working bank account, you can't pay for a telephone or internet. You can't make car payments, rent, or travel. You also can't exercise most basic rights from freedom of speech to freedom of assembly. You can't even pay a lawyer to defend you. Think of it as digital jail. There may be no bars, but you are far from free. We need to adjust our assessment of government action to the realities of our new world. The government doesn't need to break down your door anymore to effectively remove you from society. They can do it with the press of a button. It also drives home just how powerful technology has made governments and the businesses that gatekeep our digital world. When they work together, whether it is to financially de-platform a political group or shut down disfavoured speech, there is literally no way to escape their reach, nowhere to hide. And when they act without due process, there is no way to defend yourself. The same technology that lets us buy dinner with a few clicks from bed also means the government can unperson us with a few clicks. The fact that weaponizing the financial system against nonviolent protestors and their distant supporters was the government's tool of first resort should worry anyone who understands the role of civil disobedience in democracy. We don't yet know how wide the government and the banks will cast their electronic dragnet, but the potential reach is enormous, which means the potential for overreach is significant. But one thing is already clear, that in an interconnected digital world, our freedom depends more than ever on the wisdom, good intentions, and forbearance of government and big business.

### Trekking risks

his week, a trekker who fell at least 200 feet into a gorge at Nandi Hill, about 60 km from Bengaluru, was rescued by the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the national and state disaster response forces. The 19-year-old victim from Delhi studying in an engineering college in Bengaluru fell into the gorge and got trapped. A few days ago, Kerala Forest Department had registered a case against trekker Babu, a youth who was recently rescued after being stranded in Kerala's Kurumbachi hills for nearly 48 hours. Babu and his friends have been charged for unauthorised trekking. Babu, along with his friends, went up the Kurumbachi hills in Cheradu, Palakkad district of Kerala on February 7. On their way down, Babu was exhausted and slipped on the rocks, ending up in a cavity in the hill. Being active and nature enthisuast is good, but breaking laws and taking risk is not good behaviour. Trekking is one of the best ways to get in touch with nature and enjoy the beautiful world around you. Trekking is an adventure sports which involves some kind of risk. One need to take proper precautions or it could be fatal. People should undertake trekking as well as hiking only after consulting a physical trainer and completing a formal course.

Statistics say that the outdoors is now nearly 70 percent of all leisure, vacation based travel, globally. This has massive ramifications in a country like India, where guidelines are available, but actual regulation, monitoring and implementation are abysmal. A hugely improved economy, increased and better road networks, the aviation revolution, internet and accessibility and a heightened need for fulfilment, aided by increased economic ability, have helped catapult adventure holidays to the fore. This is especially true for commercial trekking in places like Himalaya, an activity that has grown to four or five times its industry size over the last decade. India's adventure travel industry began with a handful of outdoorsmen and women but has grown to include shady travel agencies in absence of laws. With no regulatory barriers to entry, no checks and balances, individuals with no background in the adventure space began launching adventure travel companies. With no safety oversight, people are taking up adventure activities like trekking and raising possibilities of mishaps. The centre shall tell state governments to enact regulations for adventure sports, including trekking.

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TRADITIONAL CARPET SHOP

Traditional carpets are displayed at a shop in Tozeur in the Djerid region of south west Tunisia.

# Integrating learning, actualising inclusion with digital university



he education system has to be inclusive, dynamic and evolving so as to meet the ever-increasing needs and aspirations of a diverse group of learners. It should be able to embrace advancements in the field to remain current and relevant. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is a great enabler as well as a great disabler in this context, if we catch up with ICT, it becomes an enabler and if we lag-behind, it becomes a disabler. Digital or virtual education is emerging as a most-potent mode of the teachinglearning world over, especially after the corona pandemic. Learning loss owing to the closure of educational institutions was mitigated to a considerable extent due to online learning. In spite of limitations of high bandwidth internet connectivity and electronic gadgets, online learning helped avoid academic sessions becoming zero, and precious na pandemic prompted University Grants Commission (UGC) to increase percentage of online teaching components from 20 to 40. Several universities resorted to Learning Management System (LMS) customised by the IN-FLIBNET. In the process, teachers and students developed skills in online teaching-learning to a large extent. UGC uploaded a draft regulation on blended learning for suggestions from academia and permitted universities to offer online programmes. The Ministry of Education launched several ICT initiatives for improving equity, access, quality and GER. These include,

SWAYAM, ARPIT, SWAYAMPRABHA, NPTEL, NDL, e-PG Pathshala, Shodhganga, e-Shodhsindhu, e-Yatra, Shodh Shuddhi, Spoken Tutorials, Virtual Labs, VIDWAN etc. There is a need felt now to accelerate and scale up the above-mentioned and new efforts for leveraging the benefits of virtual learning.

Anticipating the future growth trajectory of the learning system, the central government announced several initiatives on 17th May, 2020 itself. These included the launch of PM e-Vidya programme for multimode access to digital education encompassing Diksha (one nation-one digital platform), one class-one channel (upto class-XII), special e-Contents for the differently-abled student community and use of radio, community radio and podcast and e-Tutoring for higher education. All this amply demonstrates that the governy ior a big pusi with respect to digital learning, which eventually happened on 1st February, 2022 with the announcement made by Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman for establishing a digital university. She informed that this university is intended to provide access to world-class quality universal education with personalised learning experiences to students across the country at their "hands". It will be set-up on a networked hub and spoke model. In this model, the knowledge will originate from a centralised hub and will digitally travel to spokes (smaller locations) for use. Here, the hub refers to the best public universities and institutions in India and the spokes refer to individual learners who will be beneficiaries of the digital mode of delivery of knowledge. This digital university will comply with ISTE standards for the use of technology in teaching-learning. The catch point is that each hub needs to develop a cutting-edge ICT system. The beauty of plan is that the knowledge originating at the hubs will be in different Indian Modes of instruction in a digital or

virtual university range from distance learning to live, interactive classes where students communicate with a teacher. In an asynchronous learning environment, the students are given the assignments from the self-paced courses to be completed within a timeframe. Students complete the assignments at their own pace and the interactions are limited to discussion boards, blogs, wikis etc. Oppositely, synchronous online study happens in real-time, whereby teachers and students all interact online simultaneously. This happens either through text, video, audio or in all modes. In addition to the scheduled class time, there are usually additional assignments to be completed. Therefore these lessons are socially constructed. In my view, the proposed digital university should embrace all three models of online learning to meet the needs of diverse sections of the student community dwelling in a widerange of socio-economic contexts. An graduate from their homes without ever dislocating themselves. Moreover, online resources function as a library, and with the facility for creating online study materials, the requirement of textbooks is also met with.

However, the caution is that it becomes extremely difficult to keep the learners' attention at the optimum level in the online learning ecosystem', making synchronous learning extremely difficult. Teachers have to find technology-enabled creative ways to keep students' attention focussed on the screen as they are in the comfort zone their home environment.

Individualising lessons and short breaks can help students to stay engaged. Moreover, in a synchronous learning environment, teachers and students have to be extremely disciplined and focused in order to avoid learning loss and make it as interactive as offline learning. Digital learners can be effectively engaged through gamification that provides learning material as games to bring clarity and enjoyment to students learning experience. Gamification can also assist students to increase their intrinsic motivation for accomplishing desired learning goals.

Thus, a digital university is a huge opportunity for the nation to integrate learning, actualise digital inclusion, and build the future of rich and poor alike. However, the mandate of the digital university should not be restricted to converting traditional course materials into digital forms and their delivery in online mode. Delivery of contents amounts only to having a set of data or information without knowing what to do with it. Analysis, synthesis, inference drawing, firming-up conclusions, application potential and validation of the knowledge created, and midcourse correction complete the learning cycle. How to ensure this, is the biggest challenge in online learning. Creative use of hybrid learning models may help overcome this deficiency. Hybrid learning, as understood, is not merely a mode of delivery of knowledge in a mix of online and offline appropriate blending of pedagogies for capacity building of learners like lecturing, tutorial, group discussion, debate, students' seminar, home assignment, dissertation, internship, case study, policy formulation, project evaluation, field study, survey, excursion, use of virtual labs etc. Digital University, if conceptualised and nurtured carefully, has the potential to transform current learning system as envisaged in National Education Policy.

> (Raghavendra P Tiwari is Vice-**Chancellor, Central University of** Punjab, Bathinda.)

#### Picnic season

The picnic season is on full swing. A picnic is a meal taken outdoors as part of an excursion, especially in scenic surroundings, such as parks, lakeside or other places. Picnickers use plates and cups made of plastic to serve food, water, tea and so on. And also it is often seen in picnics that people play music very loudly. What can cause noise pollution? People should avoid playing music loudly and also clean their picnic area before they leave. There is no need to upset the ecosystem with a large amount of junk left over after a picnic. Also, bins should be used to dump garbage, instead of littering the picnic spots. People should avoid using paper cups, plates, plastic spoons, forks which are used only once and thrown away. These are harmful to the environment. One can carry reusable cloth napkins instead of paper towels and tissue. And enjoy an eco-friendly picnic without doing any harm to the environment.

#### Parilina, via email Saluting Sun

It is appropriate to perform one of our ancient yogic practices of Surya Namaskar or Sun Salutation regularly. At a time when the entire world is suffering from the relentless onslaught of the Coronavirus, it is all the more significant that we train ourselves to practise Surya Namaskar for the body to withstand any kind of health hazard. Performing Surya Namaskar daily provides a lot of health benefits. It reduces tension, improves blood circulation, regulates breathing, and stimulates the central nervous system. It also helps to gain spiritual knowledge and wisdom, calms our mind and enables us to think clearly. Another impor-tant benefit of performing this yoga early in the morning is that during that time the ultraviolet rays are not harsh, and as a result, the skin doesn't get overexposed to the sun.

#### Ranganathan, via email Overcrowded

I like to bring it to your notice that the Covid protocol is still not followed in the city buses across India. Putting the safety of passengers at risk, private bus operators take overcrowded trips to various locations. The passengers in those buses hardly wear masks, making it easier for the deadly virus and its variants to spread. We are aware that the virus is spreading fast. So, to protect the masses, the government should make the Covid-19 regulations stricter. I request people also to be aware of the situation.

#### Jyotish, via email Request

Many citizens go for morning and/or evening walks to keep themselves fit, and healthy. However, walking briskly with masks is a big problem that walkers face, and this is unhealthy too. Given this, we request the authorities to allow morning and evening walkers to do their exercises, without a mask in noncrowdy places. This would be of great help. The authorities may fix designated timings like up to 9.30 am in the mornings and from

4 pm onwards in the evenings. Disha, via email



Umang Kalra@umkalra

once met an Indian kid in

Edinburgh with the fakest fake

accent I've ever heard, repeatedly

insisting that his name is 'Warren

even when I kept being like dude

I'm Indian tell me your real name.

Then I heard from someone else his

Nikita@glorious\_gluten

My neighbour recently asked me

"akeli rehti ho toh itna samaan

kiske live khareed rahi ho" while I

was buying vegetables. Love how

the mere existence of single

women is a threat to thekedars of

the institution of family.

name was Varun and I cried.

#### Vir Das@thevirdas

I have a simple rule. If we don't know each-other, are seated together on a flight. and you're holding your phone a foot away from your face talking on speakerphone. I'm joining the call and saying hi to the person on the

India's trade with US and its allies - \$300 bn (maybe even more). India's trade with Russia - \$10 bn (maybe even less). Do the math and see which side your bread is buttered. But the defence component muddies the equation quite a lot.

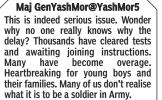




#### Lavanya@LavanyaBallal

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#### Gaurav Sabnis@gauravsabnis

Most bread rolls around the world either aren't soft enough for your fingers to meet in the middle. like a kaiser roll. And if they are soft, they are too soft to spring back, like a burger or hot dog bun. Hoagie breads in US are the least worst alternative to Bombay pav.12

#### **BRIEF**

#### **Raises**



■ New Delhi: Shipsy has raised USD 25 million in a Series-B round co-led by A91 Partners and Z3 Partners with existing investors Info Edge and Sequoia Capital India's Surge. CEO Soham Chokshi said our mission is enabling customers to achieve logistics excellence.

#### **Divests**

■ New Delhi: Adani Enterprises Ltd on Wednesday announced divestment of its entire stake in DC Development Hyderabad Pvt Ltd and Naida Data Center (NDCL) to AdaniConnex Pvt Ltd. Consequently, DC Development Hyderabad and NDCL have ceased to be wholly-owned subsidiaries of the company, a filing said.

#### Ropes



New Delhi: Beverage major Coca-Cola has signed Bollywood heartthrob Shah Rukh Khan as the brand ambassador for Thums Up. Earlier, Khan was associated with rival cola brand, Pepsi, for a long period of time. It will have integrated campaign across mediums

#### **Partnership**

Mumbai: Pricol Limited on Wednesday announced a strategic technology partnership with Sibros Technologies to deliver deep connected vehicle solutions in the domestic and ASEAN markets. The California-based Sibros provides Overthe-Air (OTA) connected vehicle software systems for OEMs worldwide.

#### **Maldives**



group's realty firm Tata Housing on Wednesday announced an investment of USD 36 million (around Rs 270 crore) to develop two luxury residential projects in Maldives. MD-CEO Sanjay Dutt said it will be pride of Male City and Maldives Citizens.

#### Unicorn

New Delhi: Hasura announced that it has secured USD 100 million in funding round led by Greenoaks with participation from existing investors Nexus Venture Partners, Lightspeed Venture Partners and Vertex Ventures. The round 'Series C' brings the total capital raised by Hasura to USD 136.5 million and the company's valuation to USD 1 billion, placing it in the 'unicorn' league. It will accelerate research

and development.

# Advertisers will put disclaimers for 'highly risky' cryptos

#### Celebrity endorsers asked to do due diligence

Mumbai. Feb 23 (PTI):

Advertisers will have to prominently carry a disclaimer for crypto products and non-fungible tokens mentioning that these products are "unregulated and can be highly risky", according to the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).

Besides, the self-regula tory has said that such advertisements should mention that there may be no regulatory recourse for any loss from such transactions

Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs), which are commonly referred to as crypto or Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs), will have to put the disclaimer in a

able" way in campaigns for products and services.

The announcement of the guidelines, done after consultations with industry stakeholders, government and financial regulators as well, comes as the advertising for the controversial products and services is on the upswing.

The government is yet to come out with a law on such assets but has proposed a tax on gains made from such transactions

proceed with caution," ASCI chairman Subhash Kamath said.

The guidelines say advertisers will have to carry the disclaimer -- "crypto products and NFTs are unregulated and can be highly risky. There may be no regulatory recourse for any loss from such transactions" -- in a prominent

A fifth of the advertising space in print or static ad should be devoted to the disclaimer, while in a video, it should be placed at the end against a plain background with a voice over reading out the text at normal speed, the ASCI said.

The disclaimer must remain on screen for at least while for long format ads of over two minutes it should be placed both in the starting and end of the ad.

Maruti Suzuki drives in new

#### **Rupee rallies 25 paise at 74.59** against USD, gold falls Rs 126

Mumbai, Feb 23 (PTI):

The rupee appreciated by 25 paise to 74.59 against US Wednesday due to a pullback in the greenback and crude oil prices after Western countries imposed several sanctions on Russia for sending troops into separatist-held regions in Ukraine.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 74.64 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.54 and a low of 74.73.

The rupee was quoted at 74.59 at 1530 hrs, registering a gain of 25 paise over its previous close. On Tuesday, the rupee depreciated by 29 paise to close at 74.84 against the US cur-

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, declined 0.17 per

Sensex, Nifty log 6th straight day of

loss amid lingering Ukraine crisis

Mumbai. Feb 23 (PTI)

S&P@35E 57,232.06 -68.62 -0.12%

Market gauges Sensex and Nifty extended their losing streak to the sixth session on Wednesday as lingering Ukraine crisis continued to dent investor sentiment.

The Sensex closed 68.62 points or 0.12 per cent lower at 57,232.06 and the Nifty ended 28.95 points or 0.12 per cent down at 17,063.25.

For better part of session, both indices traded in the positive territory tracking mostly higher Asian peers as investors hoped that Western sanctions on Russia after Moscow's troop movements near Ukraine border might soften Vladimir Putin defiant tone and leave some room to avoid war.

The Sensex breadth was equally divided between gains and losses.

NTPC, L&T, Nestle and ICICI Bank shares dropped the most on the index.

Elsewhere in Asia, bourses closed mostly higher, hoping that war in Ukraine can be avoided after the US Japan and European powers imposed sanctions on Russia. Stocks closed lower on Wall Street on Tuesday after Russia sent forces into Ukraine's eastern regions.

escalating tensions.

In early trading, the FTSE 100 in London rose 0.4 per cent to 7,523.96 and Frankfurt's DAX gained 0.7 per cent to 14,798.01. The CAC in Paris added 0.9 per cent to 6.845.85

### **ITI Mutual Fund launches ITI Conservative Hybrid Fund**

Mumbai, Feb 23:

**ITI Mutual Fund has** announced the launch of 'ITI Conservative Hybrid Fund' and the NFO opened on February 21, 2022 and closes on March 07, 2022. The Fund will invest into an array of high quality Debt Instruments and also into leading Nifty50 Index stocks. The fund will be jointly managed by Vikrant Mehta and

Pradeep Gokhale. The Fund seeks to generate regular income through investments in debt & money market instruments, along with capital appreciation through limited exposure to equity and equity related instruments. However, there can be no assurance that the investment objective of the scheme will be realized.

Announcing the launch of the NFO, George Heber Joseph,

Chief Investment Officer, ITI Mutual Fund says, "We are quite thrilled to offer ITI Conservative Hybrid fund to investors and we believe it has a very high potential to attract money from investors who are predominantly investing in traditional savings products. The fund will have minimum 75% of the exposure towards high quality debt securities and the remaining balance will be invested in equity & equity related instruments of companies belonging to NIFTY50 Index. Equity exposure will range between 10%-25% of the AUM and will be dynamically managed to give investors a smooth investment experience. This can be a wonderful value added product for distributors to help them

### Manual version delivers fuel efficiency

which has been welcomed

by the crypto players as a

move to legitimise the in-

dustry, while the RBI has

been firm in calling for a

complete ban on such ac-

tivities saying they are a

threat to financial stabili-

tv. "Advertising of virtual

digital assets and services

needs specific guidance.

considering that this is a

new and as yet an emerg-

ing way of investing.

Hence, there is a need to

make consumers aware of

**New Delhi, Feb 23 (PTI):** 

of 22.3 km per litre

The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Wednesday launched the all new version of its premium hatchback Baleno priced between Rs 6.35-9.49 lakh (ex-showroom). The manual trims of the

model are priced between Rs 6.35 lakh and Rs 8.99 lakh while the automatic variants (with auto gear shift technology) are tagged between Rs 7.69 lakh and Rs 9.49 lakh. Speaking at the launch, MSI Managing Director and CEO Kenichi Ayukawa said the auto major along with its vendor partners has invested



Maruti Suzuki India MD & CEO Kenichi Ayukawa during the launch of the new Maruti Suzuki Baleno car, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

around Rs 1,150 crore on the ors and special focus on development of the all new Baleno. "With focus on technology and innovation, the new-age Baleno is set to reenergise the premium hatchback segment with several first-in segment features. The new-age technology and features along with fresh look, premium interi-

safety will take the customer experience to a new high." he noted.

He further said: "Based on Baleno's popularity and customer feedback, we are now aiming to take it to the next level. New age Baleno is our approach towards the

### **Jaguar Land Rover announces** partnership with Nvidia

**Gaydon, Feb 23:** 

Jaguar Land Rover has formed a multi-year strategic partnership with NVIDIA, the leader in artificial intelligence (AI) and computing, to jointly develop and deliver next-generation automated driving systems plus AI-enabled services and experiences for its customers. Starting in 2025, all new Jaguar and Land Rover vehicles will be built on the NVIDIA DRIVE softwaredefined platform-delivering a wide spectrum of active safety, automated driving and parking systems as well as driver assistance systems. Inside the vehicle, the system will deliver AI features, including driver and occupant monitoring as well as advanced visualisation of the vehicle's environment. This full-stack solution is

based on NVIDIA DRIVE

**DRIVE Orin centralised AV** computers; DRIVE AV and DRIVE IX software; safety, security and networking systems: plus, surround sensors, DRIVE Orin is the AI brain of the car and runs the Jaguar Land Rover Operating System, while DRIVE Hyperion is the central nervous system. Thierry Bolloré, Jaguar Land Rover Chief Executive Officer, said: "Collaboration and knowledge-sharing with industry leader NVIDIA is essential to realising our Reimagine strategy, setting new benchmarks in quality, technology and sustainability. Jensen Huang, NVIDIA founder and CEO, said: "Next-generation cars will transform automotive into one of the largest and most advanced technology industries. Fleets of software-defined, programmable cars will offer new functionalities and services for the life of

# India can do USD 0.5 trillion green energy exports

onboard a new investor into

mutual fund universe and pro-

vide them a Ready, Steady and

#### ■ It took RIL 15 vears to become USD 1 billion company

New Delhi, Feb 23 (PTI):

As India shapes its energy transition to cleaner fuels, billionaire Mukesh Ambani on Wednesday said technological advancements will make India a global new energy leader, exporting half a trillion dollars worth of clean energy in two decades.

Ambani, who is helming a transition to green hydrogen production at its oil-dominant conglomerate, said India is today one of the most attractive opportunities for renewable energy investment anywhere in the world. But



the transition to clean, emission-free energy cannot happen overnight and India's dependence on coal and imported oil will continue for the next 2 to 3 decades, he said. "But, we must have a plan to eliminate that in the next 2-3 decades," he said. "Hence, in the near and mediumterm, we will have to follow low-carbon, and nocarbon strategies of development." And technology will help lower the costs of new and clean energy, he said speaking at Asia Economic Dialogue.

Ambani said the climate crisis is an existential crisis and energy transition will determine geopolitical transition in the 21st century.

Europe overtook India and China to emerge as the world leader when wood was replaced with coal. Similarly, with the emergence of oil, the US and West Asia outgrew others.

"When India becomes not only self-sufficient in green and clean energy, but also a large exporter, it will help India emerge as a global power." he said.

This transition will create green jobs as well as result in massive foreign ex-

#### Office space rented at about Rs 16 cr per year at record

New Delhi, Feb 23 (PTI):

Max group firm Max Ventures completely leased 1.05 lakh square feet space in its office complex at Okhla in the national capital and will earn a rental income of around Rs 16 crore annually.

MaxVIL, which is one of the

three listed companies of the USD 4-billion Max Group, said in a statement that the first phase of its commercial project 'Max House', comprising 1.05 lakh square feet, is now 100 per cent leased out to big domestic and international clients. Max House is the company's second commercial real estate offering by Max Estates, which is a subsidiary of MaxVIL. "Average rental rate for Max House Phase 1 now stands at around Rs 125 per square feet per month,' the statement said.

### PM inaugurates Garuda Aerospace **Kisan Drone Manufacturing Facilities** ■ Flags off Kisan

**Drone Yatra in** 100 Indian villages

New Delhi, Feb 23:

The Prime Minister virtually inaugurated Make In India drone startup Garuda Aerospace's facilities simultaneous in 2 locations on Feb 18th over video conferencing. The unique and innovative event also featured the Prime Minister pressing a Drona Button from his command center which resulted in 100 Kisaan drones simultaneously taking off in 100 villages to commence agriculture spraying operations in 16 different states to celebrate 75 years of Progressive India as part



of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Garuda's 110,000 sq feet manufacturing facility in Gurgaon set under a strategic partnership with Defsys Solutions equipped with Advanced Design and Prototype testing capabilities. The 2.5acre facility is a hub for drone software design,

hardware structural testmanufacturing capacity of 40 drones per day. It is to be noted that 33 Anti Drone systems procurement order from MOD is being manufactured at this facility. Garuda's proposed Chennai Plant is located on a 20-acre facility where mass volume manufacturing capacity of 100 drones per day and manufacturing of 1,00,000Kisaan drones are being planned over the next 2 years. The site is also proposed RPTO (Remote Pilot Training) Facility which aims to train aspiring drone pilots. Over 100 students and aspiring drone pilots welcomed the Prime Minister for the event at Agni College of Technology,

### **BharatPe sacks co-founder** Grover's wife over fin irregularities

New Delhi, Feb 23 (PTI):

BharatPe has sacked its head of controls Madhuri Jain Grover - wife of embattled co-founder Ashneer Grover - for alleged financial irregularities ranging from producing fake invoices to billing the company for personal beauty treatment and trips abroad.

While employee stock options (ESOPs).

Madhuri Grover did not immediately respond to an email sent seeking her



**Madhuri Jain Grover** comments. She was last

month sent on leave within days of her husband announcing a threemonth leave of absence following allegations of using abusive language against Kotak Mahindra Bank staff and fraudulent practices. Ashneer Grover has denied all allegations.

#### Femina Miss India 2022 exclusively partners with Moj to host digital auditions sent the best of Indians tal-

Mumbai, Feb 23:

Femina Miss India has exclusively partnered with Moj, India's number one short video app, to provide a digital platform for aspirants to showcase their talent and participate in the prestigious contest. The selection process of the state representatives will entail an online registration process inviting specific audition video task submissions only via the Moj App.

Miss India Organization translates its scouting operations into the digital media space, in pursuit of beauty ambassadors. Powered by a dynamic format, VLCC presents Femina Miss India 2022 is rooted in its vision to empower the youth and repre-

ents at international platforms. The pageant in its virtual format for the second time now, has launched a nationwide hunt effective 14th February 2022 to select representatives each from the 28 states and a representative from Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir besides a collective representative from the Union Territories making for a total of 31 finalists. To participate, every ap-

plicant needs to download the Moj App, create a profile and upload three audition videos that will include an introduction, talent showcase and a rampwalk. Once completed, the applicant will need to log onto www.missindia.com and fill in the requisite details.

■ Disaggregated data tell different story about economy Mumbai, Feb 23 (PTD: India Ratings has revised downwards its GDP

growth forecast for 2021-22

to 8.6 per cent from the con-

sensus 9.2 per cent project-

ed earlier.

The National Statistical Organisation (NSO), which has forecast 9.2 per cent real GDP growth for the year, will release the second advance estimate of national income on Monday. According to an India Ratings analysis, NSO is likely to peg the FY22 real gross domestic product growth at Rs 147.2 lakh crore. This translates



India Ratings pegs FY-22 GDP growth at 8.6%

8.6 per cent, down from 9.2 per cent forecast in the first advance estimate released on January 7, 2022.

The major reason for the likely downward revision is the upward revision of FY21 GDP to Rs 135.6 lakh crore in the first revised estimate of national income for FY21, which was released on January 31, 2022, the agency said.

As a result, GDP for FY21 is improved to (-) 6.6 per cent from the provisional estimate of (-)7.3 per into a GDP growth rate of cent released on May 31,

2021. Besides this, the second revised estimate of national income for FY20 stood at 3.7 per cent compared to 4 per cent projected earlier while the third estimate retained FY19 growth at 6.5 per cent. The growth rates of GDP

drivers from the demand side namely private final consumption expenditure, government's final consumption expenditure, gross fixed capital formation have undergone a change due to these revisions, and quarterly GDP growth numbers are also expected to undergo a change this year.

As FY20 growth has been revised downwards, the agency now expects GDP growth of all the four quarters of FY20 to be lower than present estimates.

company spokesperson confirmed the termination, sources with direct knowledge of the matter said BharatPe has cancelled all the 244 unvested and 56 vested



ollywood actress Alia Bhatt looked everyinch gorgeous dressed in a pristine white saree as she was seen promoting her forth-Gangubai Kathiawadi' in the capital.

Alia made heads turn on Tuesday as she was seen promoting the Sanjay Leela Bhansali's upcoming film on Tuesday. Dressed in mesh white saree, the actress was clicked pos ing for the shutter bugs next to a bright red vintage car.

The 28-year-old also did a signature 'namaste' pose from the film for the cameras. She completed her look with nude makeup, orange lips and a small bindi.

' G a n g u b a i Kathiawadi' tells the tale a young girl named Ganga who becomes Gangubai, a madame in the red Kamathipura. It is loosely based on the story G angubai Harjivandas, populary known as Gangubai Kothewali, whose life was documented in the book 'Mafia Queens of Mumbai' written by S. Hussain Zaidi. The film is scheduled to release on February 25

## Sanjay Dutt announces next film, tags astrologer

ollywood superstar Sanjay Dutt took to social media to announce his movie 'Ghudchadhi' -- that went on floors on Tuesday.

Dutt posted a picture on Twitter which shows him practising yoga in a garden. In the tweet, Dutt tagged Balu Munnangi, an astrologer, from whom Bollywood celebs like Karan Johar, Ajay Devgn and Dutt himself

@balu\_munnangi for | bringing your energy to this new beginning. Appreciate your presence," Dutt wrote.

Besides 'Ghudchadhi', which is being directed by Binoy Gandhi, the actor will also be seen as 'Adheera' in Yash starrer 'KGF Chapter 2' slated to release on April 14.

also 'Shamshera' 'Toolsidas Junior' in the pipeline.



# Vidhi sticks strong with her ambitions

Son Entertainment Television's show 'Mose Chhal Kiye Jaaye' narrates the story of love and ambition going hand-in-hand. Soumya Verma, a budding writer played by Vidhi Pandya, breaks the shackles of patriarchy to achieve her dream of becoming a writer in (played by Vijayendra Kumeria) company. The steps being taken by Soumya to not give in and pursue her dreams has been highly appreciated by the audience.

The upcoming episode includes a plan by Armaan to win Soumya back and manipulate her. Contrary to Harshvardhan's suggestions to forget Soumya, Armaan continues to believe that he can tame her. On the other hand, Malini is upset with Soumya for turning down a great proposal because she wants to become her idol instead of marry-Soumya, in her pur-

suit to clear things out with Armaan and explain the reasons behind her rejection, finds herself back in his office. To her surprise, he hires her and instructs to keep their personal and professional lives separate. At the same time, their proposal rejection angle is being aired on media as Soumya is shown as someone who plays cheap tricks because of rejecting Armaan's marriage proposal.

Armaan begins to ignore Soumya as per his



plan, following which see him in a different she visits his office and light? further follows him to a Watch Mose Chhal cafe where she's defend-

Kiye Jaaye every Monday to Friday at 9:00 P.M., only on Sony Entertainment Television.

# Shabir Ahluwalia to play new lead in 'Beyond Dreams'

tar Bharat has been Sentertaining its viewers by bringing in highly entertaining content over the last few months. In addition to the ongoing popular shows such as RadhaKrishn, Tera Mera Saath Rahe. Haathi Ghoda Paal Ki Jai Kanhaiya Laal Ki, and the recently announced show Woh Toh Hai Albela, the channel is all set to bring in another show produced by none other than the entertainer of Indian Television shows Yash Patnaiks' Beyond Dreams that will see televisions handsome hunk Shabir Ahluwalia playing the main lead.

While confirming the news, sources close to the



show said. "It feels great to take on a new journey with Star Bharats' upcoming new show and we couldn't think of anyone but Shabir to be well suited for the character. Shabirs' role in the show

is one of the most significant and powerful roles. The character has a great contribution to the show and I am sure that the people are going to love the character. It's his first stint with the channel

and he is looking forward to this journey."The show is slated to go on-air in March. Tune in to watch Shabir Ahluwalia come and entertain you on your screens only on Star Bharat.



# King of Hearts: Ayush Saxena is inspired by Shah Rukh Khan

Saxena known for featuring in television shows like 'Rudrakaal' and 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai', enjoys playing comic characters.

ed by Armaan when

Sushma insulted her.

Will be move of

Armaan make Soumya

He says: "As an actor I'm always open to essaying different characters that are challenging and promising, be it a positive or a negative role. But personally I really enjoy portraying comedy roles in the show. I want to make my audience laugh and over-

come their stress

Ayush while watching me. I want them to fall in love with  $my\ on\ screen$ character.'

Ayush also featured in Bollywood movie 'Khajoor Pe Atke'. He shares his memorable experience while playing a romantic role.

"In 'Rudrakaal', I essayed a romantic character Vivek. I really enjoyed it. As I'm all inspired by Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan, who is the romantic king of our entertainment industry. It was really a memorable experience.

29. Moved upward

32. Fragrant wood

34. Bert's buddy

40. Go-getter

43. Songbird

42. Spray cans

46. More transparent

51. Tibetan monk

52. Scheduled

57. On a ship

58. Secluded valley

59. Petty quarrel

61. Farm tower

64. Fish feature

54. Self-

48. December 24 and 31

30. Minimum

223

#### **HOROSCOPE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24**

#### Aguarius: Jan 21 – Feb 18

Today, you will battle clutter! You clean up and organise, and actually find the process therapeutic. You will also solve problems in a jiffy. There are decisions to be made, and Ganesha suggests that you research carefully before you make

#### Gemini: May 22 - June 21

You have been aching to arrange a family reunion or get-together at your house Well, today is the perfect day to do it. And why just family? You are also likely to invite some of your close friends and important business associates over to your place. Your spouse will enjoy the

#### Libra: Sept 23 – Oct 23

Gloom may settle upon you today when you face your financial situation, Libra. You may have had a lot of bills to pay, and thus your coffers could be a bit low for your liking. Still, this is only temporary, and it probably feels good to have the bills out of the way. Find something inexpensive, like reading, to keep you busy and get your mind off it. You're probably doing fine!

#### Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

All the dieting that you have been underwith compliments galore coming your way from your friends. Your energy and enthusiasm levels are likely to be high. A bright and beautiful day waits, says Ganesha.

#### Cancer: June 22 – July 22

You are likely start the day in the best of spirits today. Your enthusiasm and cheerfulness will be infectious, and you will be able to lift the mood wherever you go. However, your enthusiasm can be shortlived and pummelled under the weight of some bad news, leaving you distraught. Take a break in case you feel stressed out, advises Ganesha.

#### Scorpio: Oct 24 – Nov 22

It may have been on the cards for long and finally, you may end up buying a state-ofthe-art motor vehicle or a palatial house of your dreams today. In addition, your generous mood may also egg you on to buy an expensive gift for your life partner. If you do not let the generosity burn a hole through your pocket, you may have an overall satisfying day, says Ganesha.

#### Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

You will remain undecided today, which is quite unlike you, says Ganesha. This will lead to speculation, which is not a bad thing by itself, unless you put all your money into the bargain. Also, be careful not to take wild guesses in love and rela-

#### **Leo: July 23 – Aug 23**

"Show me the money!" Well, you might as well be saying that aloud, because today, you are going to be heard. Ganesha fore sees a fruitful day in money matters. Even professionally, you come to terms with enjoying the power of money. It is a good day for a bit of splurging, especially on

### Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 21

The artist in you will shine today, and how, says Ganesha. You'll be content with your possessions, which have been pre served over long years. Later in the day, your focus may shift to renovating or decorating your home by adding artifacts and

#### **Taurus: Apr 21 – May 21**

The planets are not well disposed towards chances of crossing swords with someone getting into a serious personality clash. Not good is come out of it. You may simply end in alienating those who are otherwise vell disposed towards you. Later in the ady the situation will ease out.

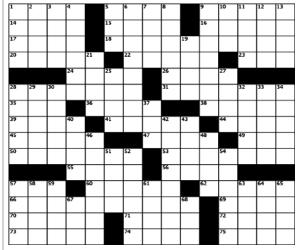
#### Virgo: Aug 24 – Sept 22

You will spend most of today in the company of family and friends, says Ganesha. nations and will learn to balance study and leisure time, in equal measure. It is a good day to buy real estate. Overall, a day to lie low and let your mind run free in its pursuit

#### Capricorn: Dec 22 – Jan 20

Don't be surprised if you get unexpected success in your financial dealings, it's all on the cards! You will be pliant, more than the usual, and will be sensitive to and understanding of others' problems, says demic growth is certain.

#### **CROSSWORD**



#### **ACROSS**

Moore of "G.I. Jane"

9. Confess (2 wds.)

15. Inner being

16. Awaken 17. Bound 18. Newt, e.g. 20. Storage spot

22. Transplant

23. NH time zone

14. Preacher's word

39. Incite 41. Drinking tube 44. Genesis location 45. Business gp.

24. Guvs' dates

26. Skier's surface

31. Pain in a hearing organ

28. Dieter's unit

35. Intense anger

36. Acapulco coin

38. Express scorn

47. Actor Richard

49. Renowned fighter

50. Narrates again 53. Opposite 55. Authentic 56. Change for a five

57. Classified 60. Pile up 62. Fawn's fathers

66. Detachment 69. Way out 70. Gladden

71. Model Fitzgerald of iazz 73. Church table 74. Medicinal amount

#### 75. Dissolve **DOWN**

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5. Mule's father

6. Roughest 7. Army masco 8. Pass, as time

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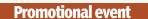
27. Subside

28. Havana expor

11. Naked 12. Consumes 19. Da Vinci's

21. Food fish 25. Untruths







Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma with Indian cricketer and husband Virat Kohli during a brand promotional event, in Mumbai, Wednesday.

#### **Injured Deepak Chahar, Suryakumar Yadav ruled out of SL T20Is**



Lucknow: Deepak Chahar and Suryakumar Yadav will miss the upcoming T20I series against Sri Lanka at home because of injuries. The two players picked up on-field injuries during the third T20I against West Indies in Kolkata on Sunday. Chahar has sustained a right quadriceps injury while bowling his second over in India's last T20I fixture, and left the field after bowling 1.5 overs. Suryakumar, Player of the Series for the T20Is, was standing in the slips when he suffered a hairline fracture in his hand in the second innings after scoring a 31-ball 65 in the first innings. They will both now be at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru for their recovery, a BCCI statement said.

#### **India eyes elusive medal at World Archery Para Championships**

Dubai: India's top para-archers, including Tokyo Paralympics bronze medallist Harvinder Singh, will return to action at the World Archery Para Championships that begins here on Wednesday. The nine-member Indian team arrived here after a twomonth training camp at the Sports Authority of India Centre in Sonipat and the archers are confident of a good show at the showpiece. India has won medals in almost every single event since 2017, except in the World Championships. Harvinder won a gold in 2018 Asian Para Games and bronze in the Tokyo Paralympic Games. Harvinder, who turned his farm in Punjab's Ajitnagar into a target practice venue before winning a historic Paralympic bronze in Tokyo, is focused on getting his job done -- shooting a perfect score and returning home with the elusive medal.

#### **Agarkar set to join Delhi Capitals** as assistant coach

New Delhi: Former India pacer Ajit Agarkar is set to join Delhi Capitals as assistant coach ahead of the upcoming Indian Premier League season. Agarkar will join the franchise after completing his commentating duties in the home series against Sri Lanka starting



February 24. The IPL is expected to begin in the last week of March. "He will be joining Delhi Capitals as assistant coach," an IPL source confirmed to PTI. Agarkar joining Delhi Capitals also ends speculation that he may join the Indian team as a bowling consultant. The 44-year-old played 26 Tests, 191 ODIs and four T20Is for India, taking an aggregate of 349 wickets. Delhi Capitals will be eyeing their maiden title this season after making the play-offs in the last three seasons.

#### **Praggnanandhaa finishes 11th in Airthings Masters, misses out on quarterfinals**



Chennai: Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa defeated Russia's Vladislav Artemiev in the 15th and final round of the prelim-

inary phase of the Airthings Masters, an online rapid chess tournament, but missed out

on qualifying for the quarterfinals. The 16-year-old started the final day of the preliminary rounds with a draw against German Vincent Keymer in round 13 before going down to Hans Mokko Niemann (USA) in the next. His stirring win over world champion Magnus Carlsen in the eighth round caused a flutter up-and-down performances Praggnanandhaa back.

#### Sri Lanka T201 series

# India's chance to give more game time to claimants

Lucknow, Feb 23 (PTI):

With the number of claimants increasing heading into T20 World Cup, there will be no let-up in India's willingness to experiment or their intensity in the three-match T20 series against Sri Lanka, beginning here Thursday.

Coming off a 3-0 whitewash of the West Indies, the in-form Indians will look to do an encore against the visiting Sri Lankans, and the Rohit Sharma-led squad has a realistic chance of achieving that.

But the endeavour to complete another clean sweep will not mean a climb-down from their keenness to give enough game time to as many players as possible in the lead-up to the World Cup, which will be held in Australia in October-November.

The absence of the team's established players, such as Virat Kohli and Rishbah Pant as well as KL Rahul, in the upcomthree Internationals will definitely translate into more opportunities for the likes of Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Samson.

Kohli not there means Shreyas Iyer will get a chance to settle down, play more overs, score some useful runs and stake a



Mohammed Siraj, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Avesh Khan tune up for the T201 series against Sri Lanka.

dle-order slots, though the former India captain will come back to claim his number three spot heading into the World Cup.

The duo of Gaikwad and Iyer failed in the third T20Is against the West Indies and they would hope that they impress against Sri Lanka. One of the highlights over the last week was

Venkatesh Iyer's ability to finish off matches and if he is able to continue in the same vein against the islanders, while managing to improve his bowling, the Indian team manage-

sustained during the home

Test series against New

in the Indian team. Really looking forward to playing

the T20 and Test series,'

Jadeja said in a video post-

ed by BCCI. "I am feeling

so good that finally after

two month, I will be play-

The 33-year-old said he

was eager to do his rehab

properly. "I was keen to do

my rehab properly. I have been working hard on my

fitness in NCA. I am very

excited for the series. I am

playing after more than

ing for India," he added.

"Good feeling to be back

Zealand last November.

#### **Match starts at 7PM IST.**

ment will have a worldclass all-rounder at its disposal going into the showpiece Down Under.

Now that Suryakumar Yadav has been ruled out of the series alongside Deepak Chahar due to injuries, Venkatesh will assume added responsibility when it comes to batting in the back 10.

Spinner Ravi Bishnoi also impressed in his maiden T20I series and he will look to march ahead with the same momentum.

Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has come back into the team to bolster the bowling attack and, along Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Siraj, will comprise a formidable pace bowling

Bhuvneshwar will take confidence from his fine showing against the West Indies, especially in the death overs.

As far as Sri Lanka are concerned, the side suffered a 1-4 defeat at the hands of Australia and was let down by batting time and again.

Skipper Dasun Shanaka would hope that their batting gets its act together against India.

The bowling will need to recover fast as star leg-Wanindu spinner Hasaranga has been ruled out of the series after failing to recover from his



### Medvedev, Nadal advance to second round at Mexican Open

Acapulco, Feb 23 (AP):

Daniil Medvedev continued his pursuit of the No. 1 ranking with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Benoit Paire to move into the second round at the Mexican Open. The 26-year-old Russian can overtake Novak Djokovic for top spot in the men's tennis rankings if he wins the title here. Medvedev, who won the 2021 U.S. Open and was a runner-up to Rafael Nadal last month at the Australian Open, is playing in Mexico for the first time. It's not

easy to come back after

who rallied from a break

some rest and some time off

competition, said Medvedev,

down in the second set for victory.

I managed to fight until the end against a very tough opponent and I'm happy that I managed to win. He next plays Pablo Andujar, who beat Alex Hernandez 6-

If he wins this tournament, or if he reaches the Acapulco final and Djokovic does not win the title at Dubai, The likely biggest challenge for Medvedev in Mexico could be fourth-seeded Nadal, who opened with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Denis Kudla. Nadal, who has won three titles in Acapulco (2005, 2013 and 2020), next faces Stefan Kozlov on Wednesdav.

# Feels good to play for India Manika Batra eyeing more after two months: Jadeja



Lucknow, Feb 23 (PTI):

pressed his delight after

his first practice session

All-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, who is making a comeback to the Indian side after two months, ex-

ahead of the opening T20I

against Sri Lanka. Jadeja missed India's last two series against South Africa and the West Indies as he was undergoing rehabilitation for a knee injury which he had

"I have been practising bowling, batting in Bengaluru. So I was in touch. Today, I felt very good after coming here for

my first practice session." India are slated to take on Sri Lanka in three T20Is starting here on Thursday, followed by a two-Test series.

two months."

# history at 2022 CWG, Asiad

#### New Delhi, Feb 23 (PTI):

Back in the top-50 of world rankings after three vears, star table tennis player Manika Batra wants to break the top-30 barrier in the near future and she knows she will have to work harder than ever to get

It is an important year for the 26-year-old who will defend her Commonwealth Games singles crown in Birmingham before travelling to Hangzhou to create more history at the Asian Games after winning a mixed doubles gold with Sharath Kamal in Jakarta The 2018 2018. Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast was a career defining moment for Manika who exceeded all expectations by winning as many as four medals, including gold in singles and team. She beat London Olympics bronze medallist Feng Tianwei twice in the



name in history books. Four years later, she feels she is a much improved player. "A lot changed for me after CWG. I have improved fitness wise and game wise significantly, especially in my movements, but this is not the end and need to keep working harder. Since I am tall, I had to work a lot on my strength and agility support my back and knees.

"This year, we have CWG and Asian Games. In my mind it is there I have to win but focus is on training," the

Manika was recently involved in a legal battle which led to an indefinite

suspension of the Table Tennis of Federation of India. She chose not to comment on the controversial subject but hoped that the suspension would not impact any player. Recently signed by

Adidas for its "Impossible is Nothing" campaign, Manika has also moved up to sixth and 10th in the doubles and mixed doubles rankings re-

# Mandhana, Jemimah among overseas players retained for 2022 Hundred

London, Feb 22 (PTI):

Indian stars Smriti Mandhana and Jemimah Rodrigues were among the overseas players retained by their respective franchises for the 2022 edition of the women's Hundred.

The three other Indian players -- Harmanpreet Kaur, Shafali Verma and Deepti Sharma -- who were part of the last edition have been released by their franchises and will be available for selection by other teams.

Rodrigues plays for the Northern Superchargers while Mandhana represents the Southern Brave in the 100-ball per innings match.

Birmingham Phoenix have released Shafali, London Spirit let go of Deepti Sharma while Manchester Originals did not retain Harmanpreet.

Last time, Mandhana ag-



gregated 167 runs from seven innings at a strike rate of 133.60 before she flew back home to spend time with her family before the Indian team's tour of Australia. Her best was a 52ball 78 against Welsh Fire, which was also her last match of the season.

# Time running out as Indian women look to avoid New Zealand clean sweep

**Queenstown, Feb 23 (PTI):** 

India will be desperate to gain some momentum heading into the World Cup but for that, their bowlers will have to raise their game as they seek to stop New Zealand from completing a 5-0 whitewash in the fifth women's ODI here on Thursday.

Having lost all matches played here so far, including the lone T20I, the Mithali Raj-led side is finding it difficult to stem the rot and faces the ignominy of a one-sided series defeat days ahead of the World Cup.

The series defeat is India's fourth in the last one year, having lost to South Africa, Ēngland and Australia earlier.

While the batters did raise their game in the

World Cup.

"Definitely have been



second and third ODIs trying a few combinawith a much-improved tions with the seam and performance, the bowling spin attack. Bowling attack is a concern going into the World Cup," unit has let the team down throughout the series, something that Mithali said. 'We are adapting to the Mithali admitted was a concern heading into the

conditions and to the open ground and the breeze. We have not been

very consistent in our bowling spells.'

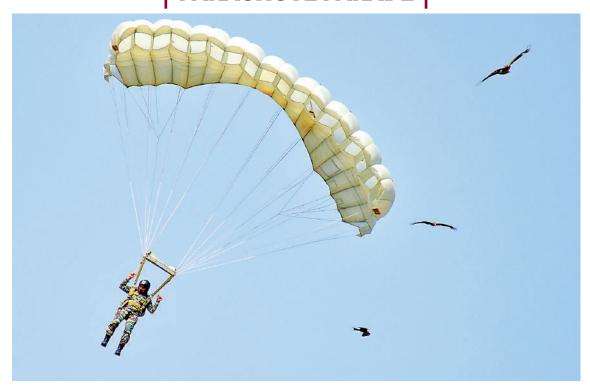
The Indian team hasn't performed as a cohesive unit. While the bowlers failed to defend 270 plus targets in two games, the batters were unable to chase 276 and 192 in 20 overs in the fourth ODI. The fielding has also been sub-standard.

New Zealand, on the other hand, will be delighted with how the series has panned out.

Their top batters have been impressive, with Amelia Kerr and Suzie Bates hitting a hundred each while Amy Satterthwaite has scored two fifties.

The lower-order has also shown it can finish games, snatching victory from the jaws of defeat in the third ODI.

PARACHUTE PARADE



Soldiers of Special Force of Army Battalion conduct a parachute parade during the Presidents Colours event, at Parachute Regiment Training Center (PRTC), in Bengaluru, Wednesday.

**TN urban civic polls 2022** 

# DMK emerges stronger, larger, diminishing AIADMK's presence

Chennai. Feb 23 (PTI):

The Tamil Nadu urban civic polls turned out to be a huge opportunity for the ruling DMK to consolidate its position, and emerge stronger and larger in the political landscape, diminishing the arch rival AIADMK's image further after trouncing it in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls and last year's Assembly elections.

While achieving the intended target, the MK Stalin-led dispensation also relegated its archrival to not only a distant second but also grabbed the majority of voteshare with a 60 per cent plus

local body formats. Chief Minister Stalin, also DMK President, asserted the sweeping victory was a "crowning moment" for the Dravidian model of governance.

The party has won a majority in all the 21 municipal corporations including the Greater Chennai Corporation and came out victorious in most of the 138 municipalities and 490 town panchavats.

The ruling party has won 952 wards in corporations, 2,360 in municipalities and 4,389 in town panchayats which includes local bodies in the home turf of AIADMK leaders score across different including former Chief

Amit Shah vows to end Kuki militancy

problem in Manipur in 5 years

Ministers K Palaniswami (Edappadi, Salem district) and Panneerselvam (Periyakulam, Theni district). While DMK's voteshare in corporations stood at 69.29 per cent, it was 61.41 per cent in municipalities, while the AIADMK, which was ex-

pected to put up a tough

challenge, had to contend

with scores of a measly

11.94 per cent and 16.60

per cent respectively. The polls not only saw AIADMK's fortunes ebb dismally, after enjoying power for a decade, but also saw the BJP expand its presence, prompting the party workers to emthe Dravidian heartland.

The DMK's spectacular win is attributed largely to Stalin's governance during the nine months in office. "People entrusted the government to us after reposing faith in us. We have safeguarded that trust," Stalin said in a

statement on Wednesday. "People have completely rejected the opposition parties and their arguments. They had campaigned that we had offered attractive promises to win the assembly polls but not implemented any of them," he said. However, 70 per cent of the assurances have been

#### **POSCO COURT OBSERVATION**

# 'Saying I love you' once not intentional insult to girl's modesty'

Mumbai. Feb 23 (PTI):

Saying "I love you" once to a girl is not an intentional insult to her modesty, at most it amounts to expressing a feeling of love, a special court here observed while acquitting a 23-year-old man booked under the POCSO Act. Special judge Kalpana Patil made the observation on Tuesday, and detailed order was made available on Wednesday.

As per the complaint lodged by the family of the 17-year-old victim, the accused had told the girl that he loved her near their residence in 2016. The complainant had further alstared and winked at the most amount to expressgirl, and also threatened her mother. Based on the complaint, the Wadala TT police had booked the accused under relevant provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. However, the court acquitted the accused of all the charges, as there was no sufficient material to prove his guilt.

"According to the victim, on the day of the incident, the accused had said 'I love you' to her. It is not the case that the accused had repeatedly followed her and said 'I love you',' the court said. "A single incident of saying I love you

ing the feeling of love of accused towards the victim. It cannot be said that this act was done with an intention to insult the modesty of the victim," it

It also held that the prosecution has not brought on record an overt act of the accused that amounted to insult to the modesty of the victim. The prosecution has also not brought on record any evidence establishing that the accused had committed any act with respect to the victim with sexual intent, or that he had given any kind of threat to the victim or her mother, the court said, PTI AVI

**Imphal, Feb 23 (PTI):** 

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said that the government will hold peace talks with all Kuki militant groups and their issue will be resolved in the next five years. As the problem of Bodo militancy was solved in neighbouring Assam, no Kuki youth will have to carry arms anymore, Shah said in an election rally in Manipur's Churachandpur district.

Militant outfits such as National Organisation and United People's Front were demanding a separate state for the Kuki tribe in Manipur. The government

has signed a Suspension of militancy in the North Operation (SoO) with them. "Have confidence in us, we will talk to all Kuki organisations, and a new life will be given to all Kuki youths to enable them to join the development of the nation, of the hills and of Manipur under PM Modi," Shah said.

He claimed that the Bodoland issue was solved in Assam. "We have brought them (Bodo rebels) to the path of development and today, no Bodo vouths have weapons in their hands. Instead, they have motorcycle keys, keys to industries and laptops," Shah said. The same has been done in Karbi areas and more than 9,500 people associated with

East have surrendered and joined the mainstream, the BJP leader said in the poll rally.

Urging the people to bring the BJP back in power for the second time in a row in Manipur, Shah claimed that Chief Minister N Biren Singh in the last five years has freed the state from bandhs and blockades and is leading the state to the path of peace and development.

attacked Congress claiming that the state was known for militancy, drugs and arms trafficking, blockades and corruption during its rule. Under the BJP, all these have been substituted with

development, connectivity. infrastructure, sports and industries, Shah said. "During the time of the Congress, there were three Is - Instability, Insurgency and Inequality. During the BJP rule, the Is are Innovation, Infrastructure and Integration," the Union minister said.

He claimed that the Congress wanted the people of the hills and the valley to fight against each other to suit its politics, whereas the BJP has led both to the path of development. Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants to make Manipur the best sports hub in the country, free the youths from drugs and arms and make them

Olympic gold medal winners. The National Sports University is being set up in the state, while a decision has been made to establish one Khelo India centre in each of the 16 districts of the state to tap local talents and provide them with a platform, Shah said. He said an 'Olympic Park'

spread over 10 acres will be built to provide training facilities to state-level players so that they become international athletes. He said that in the last five years, the BJP government has worked hard to bring an end to violence in Manipur and make it an ideal state and in the next five years, it will be the best state in the

# 'BJP govt's free ration scheme only a lollipop, will stop after Mar 10'



**Bhupesh Baghel** 

Barabanki, Feb 23 (PTI):

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Tuesday said the ration that is given free of cost by the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh is "only a lollipop" and it will be given only till March 10, after which it will stop.

Assembly polls in the state are being held in seven phases and results will be declared on March 10. Addressing an election meeting here, Baghel, a Congress leader, said, "The ration which is given free of cost by the BJP government is only a lollipop and it will be given only till March 10, after which the BJP government will stop it." Attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said, "Almost half the election has passed, and now the prime minister says that you have eaten our salt and you have to show your loyalty. All governments do something or the other for their people. They (BJP) say that one has to show its loyalty." Of the seven phases, three have been completed and the fourth is on Wednesday. Bhagel also claimed that the Congress is the only party that does not discriminate.



A snow-covered house after winter snowfall continued for the second at Rashel village, in Lahaul-Spiti, Wednesday,

# SC dismisses plea seeking cancellation of offline board exams

New Delhi, Feb 23 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Wednesday dismissed a of offline board examinations for classes 10 and 12 to be conducted by the CBSE and several other boards this year, saying such petitions give false hope and create confusion among students who are going to appear in these exams. The apex court observed that the petition is ill-advised and premature and the authorities are yet to take appropriate decision with regard to conducting exams of the various boards.

Such petitions give false hope to the persons who are going to appear in the examinations. Those students will be misled by

this petition. Let the authorities take decision. If the decision is wrong, challenge that decision. plea seeking cancellation Here, you want to preempt everytning, a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar told the lawyer appearing for the petitioners.

This creates not only false hopes, it creates confusion all over to students who are preparing, said the bench, also comprising Justices Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar. The counsel appearing for the petitioners said that most of the state boards have not yet declared the dates for examinations. Whenever examination is due, they will declare those dates, what

is the problem, the bench

ment's much ambitious Chiranjeevi Insurance Scheme from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh per year per family. He also announced that IPD and OPD services will be free-of-cost

in state-run hospitals. For electricity consumers, 50 units free elecstate has been appreciated

#### **ACIL DELAY HITS WELFARE PLAN**

# Over 40,000 tea garden workers in Assam battling for survival

Guwahati, Feb 23 (PTI):

Over 40,000 tea garden workers in upper Assam are being allegedly forced to live in dilapidated homes without access to proper healthcare and education due to an over three-year delay in fulfilment of welfare promises made by their employer -a major global conglomerate facing fraud and forgery charges.

The workers from adivasi communities are employed in 14 tea gardens of the 182-year-old Assam Company India Limited (ACIL), which was acquired by billionaire B R Shetty-owned BRS ventures in 2018 after approval from the National Company Law Tribunal.

The ACIL, however, refuted the allegations, saying the management was committed to improving the lives of workers and blamed the COVID-19 pandemic for the delay in the implementation of the proposed welfare plan. BRS ventures acquired

the stressed ACIL in 2018 after it submitted in the NCLT a resolution plan that along with the purchase money it will also spend Rs 150 crore within six months of acquisition for the welfare of garden

The plan involved renovation of staff quarters, building a multi-speciality hospital, drinking water facilities, labourers wel-



A woman on a raft in front of dilapidated staff quarters of tea garden workers of the Assam Company India Limited, in upper Assam, Wednesday.

fare, gratuity and proper provident fund according to the Plantation Labour Act, 1951. This act becomes mandatory for the government and the private companies to adhere to it when they venture

into this sector.

The workers claimed that they were given written assurances by the company about the elaborate welfare plan that it had chalked out for them and also included promoting tourism in the region.

However, abandoning their staff quarters and moving to higher land due to floods in the monsoon season and braving chilly winters inside their crumbling homes are a grim reality that they have to face every year.

Adding to their woes is the lack of fully-functioning community health centres and educational institutions for their children both assured by BRS ventures during the acquisi-

According to the leaders of unions representing the workers, BRS ventures, which is facing fraud and forgery charges in the UK and UAE, took over the tea

### Raj govt presents Budget with special focus on employment, health, education

Guarantee Act (MGNRE-

Jaipur, Feb 23 (PTI):

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday presented the Budget for the year 2022-23, with the main focus on sectors like health, education, infrastructure, social secuand tourism. Presenting the Budget in the Rajasthan Assembly, Gehlot during the almost three-hour-long speech announced the launch of the Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme with an aim to provide 100 days of employment in urban areas.

The Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme is in the lines of Mahatma Gandhi National

GA), for which a Rs 800 crore budget has been proposed. Another major announcement in the budget is to implement the old pension scheme from next year for all employees appointed on or after January 1, 2004.

"We all know that the employees associated with government services should feel secure about the future, only then they can make their invaluable contribution towards good governance during the service period. Therefore, for all the employees appointed on or after January 1, 2004, I propose to implement the old pension scheme," he said. Gehlot also proposed to increase the health cover under the state govern-

tricity for those using 100 units, Rs 3/per unit grant for all domestic consumers up to 150 units and Rs 2/unit grant for consumers of 150 to 300 units and above as per the slab. The state government will spend Rs 4,500 crore. "Like always, we have taken care of every section of the society in the Budget. Management of the corona crisis in the

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BRIEF



A labourer shows her finger marked with indelible ink after casting her vote, during the fourth phase of UP Assembly polls, in Pilibhit district, Wednesday.

#### **Dismiss**

■ Kochi: The Kerala High Court on Wednesday dismissed an appeal against a single judge order upholding the re-appointment of Gopinath Ravindran as the Vice Chancellor (VC) of Kannur University, saying it was done in accordance with the law and that he was not "an usurper to the post".

#### **Disburse**

■ Kolkata: The West Bengal government Wednesday began disbursal of compensation to consenting landowners in Deocha Pachami coal mining project area in Birbhum district and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee personally handed over compensation cheques and job appointment letters to six families concerned.

#### Air exercise

■ New Delhi: The Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in a three-week multilateral air exercise at Waddington in the UK from March 6 with a fleet of five Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA). The IAF said on Wednesday that 'Cobra Warrior 22' exercise is aimed at providing operational exposure and sharing best practices amongst the participating air forces.

#### Mishap

■ Agra (UP): Three people vere killed and five others injured as their van collided with a bus here, just a few kilometres away from the venue of  $\boldsymbol{a}$ wedding function they were going to attend, police said on Wednesday.



**SILVER** 64,269

New Delhi, Feb 23:

# **ED arrests Maha minister Nawab Malik**

Directorate Wednesday arrested Maharashtra Minority Affairs Minister Nawab Malik in a money-laundering case probe linked to the

activities of fugitive gang-

ster Dawood Ibrahim, his

aides and the Mumbai un-

derworld, officials said.

Mumbai, Feb 23 (PTI):

The 62-year-old NCP leader was taken into custody shortly before 3 PM after he was questioned for about six hours at the ED office in south Mumbai's Ballard Estate area. He was brought there by the agency at around 8 AM.

Malik raised a clenched fist, smiled and waved towards the waiting media



NCP leader and Maharashtra Minister Nawab Malik being taken

personnel before he was local police. He told the

#### 'Will fight and win, won't bow down'

Maharashtra Minority Affairs Minister Nawab Malik, who was on Wednesday arrested in a money laundering probe linked to the activities of the Mumbai underworld, said he won't bow down. Will fight and win. Won't bow down, Malik said waving to waiting media as he stepped out of the ED office in south Mumbai after spending eight hours there. Will expose all, he said, before being taken by ED officials in a vehicle for medical check-up. The minister later tweeted a video clip of him making those remarks. His office also tweeted, Main jhukega nahi! (won't bow down).

ment was recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and he was arrested under the same provisions as he "evasive" in his

He will be produced in a court in Mumbai where the agency is expected to seek his custody for at least seven days. Malik's

meeting in Jagdishpur

here, she said the Congress-

per kilogram. Initially peo-

ple mocked this scheme.

groups and by making ver-

was solved," she said.

solve this issue.

alleged links to some property deals with those convicted for the Mumbai blasts are said to be under the radar of the federal probe agency and hence his questioning was necessitated. His party and NCP leaders had said he was taken by ED officials from his residence around 6 AM.

#### 'Six vehicles set on fire'

Hyderahad, Feb 23:

led Chhattisgarh govern-Six vehicles engaged ment has shown how to in construction of a bridge were set on fire "It (Chhattisgarh governallegedly by some suspected Maoists in ment) started buying cow Bhadradri Kothagudem dung from people for Rs 2 bordering district Chhattisgarh Tuesday, police said. The incident happened in But then people started taking care of stray animals Dummugudem mandal and sold cow dung to the government, which utilised and the police was init by giving it to self-help formed about the incident by some locals, a micompost, fertiliser, gobar senior police official gas from it. The problem said adding they were verifying into the matter.

## Naxalites set engine of goods train on fire



Around 150 naxalites stopped the good's train near Bhansi station

Dantewada, Feb 23:

It was on the night of Tuesday at 9:00 pm, more than about 150 Naxalites set a good's train engine on Visakhapatnam - KK Railway Line on fire. This group of naxalites comprised of naxals from West division Committee Bhairamgarh

Committee. As per information in this regard, a train bearing No. KMRSL-2/G9 MU Loco No. 33400/41553 was carrying iron ore from NMDC's Bacheli mine to Koraput and it was driven by Loco Pilot AK Patel and Asst. Loco Pilot RK Kumar. It was on reaching Bhansi railway station of Dantewada district. around more than 150 nax-

alits were found present on the track. Naxalites have flashed banners on the railway track and in view of likely incident, applied emergency brakes and stopped the good's train.

No sooner the good's train halted, the naxalites took both the Loco pilots into arrest and seized their mobile and walkie-talkie. After this the Naxalites torched the engine of the good's train and ran away towards the jungle. The place where the Naxalites torched the engine, there many a times the bogies of trains have got derailed. On Tuesday night also the armed Naxalite had come and left many brochures and naxal literature at the site of the incident mentioning with charges of loss to farmers, labourers, tribals, women and action against Muslim in the name of Nava Bharat. The Naxalites have also called for nation-wide strike on Feb 23-24.

for a medical test after his arrest by the Enforcement Director (ED) in connection with a money laundering case involving Dawood Ibrahim, in Mumbai, Wednesday.

taken away for a medical checkup by agency officials in a vehicle escorted

media from inside the vehicle: "We will fight and we will win. Will expose all." by CRPF personnel and Officials said his state-

**MONEY LAUNDERING CASE** 

# 'Chh'garh govt's scheme in UP to solve stray cattle issue'

Amethi (UP), Feb 23 (PTI):

Senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday said if her party comes to power in Uttar Pradesh, it will adopt the Chhattisgarh government's scheme to buy cow dung to deal with the menace of stray cattle.

Referring to a recent speech by Prime Minister Narendra Modi wherein he promised voters that a new policy will be introduced after March 10 to tackle the issue of stray cattle in Uttar Pradesh, Vadra said



AICC General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra waves at the people, during a roadshow in support of Congress candidate Ashish Shukla for the UP Assembly elections, in Amethi, Wednesday.

she is happy that he gestion. "copied" the Congress' sug-

Addressing a public

# Man sentenced to 20 years RI

Balod, Feb 23:

A special court has sentenced a man to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for abducting and raping a five-yearold girl in Balod dis-

Special POCSO judge Mukesh Kumar Patre on Tuesday convicted Ramkumar Salam (25), a resident of Bhainsbod under Balod police station limits, of charges under the Protection of

**About the verdict** The accused was sentenced to 20 years of rigorous impris-

onment and a fine of Rs 3,500

was imposed on him. According to the prosecution, in November 2021, accused Salam abducted the minor girl and sexually exploited her. The child returned home and narrated the entire incident to her parents. Taking swift action in the case, the police arrested Salam immediately and the chargesheet was produced in the court within 48

Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and IPC, special public prosecutor Channu Lal Sahu said.

The accused was sentenced to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs 3,500 was imposed on him, he said.

According to the prosecution, in November 2021 Salam abducted the minor girl and sexually exploited her. The child returned home and narrated the entire incident to her parents.

#### 'Dynasts ignored problems of Muslim women because of vote bank politics'

Barabanki (UP), Feb 23 (PTI):

Prime Minister Modi Narendra Wednesday hit out at rivals, saying they only bothered about "vote-bank politics" and did not pay attention to the "mountain-like" problems faced by Muslim women due to evil practices like triple talaq. Addressing an election rally for Barabanki and Ayodhya districts, he claimed that the opposition parties are rattled as

the poor people, who have benefited from various welfare schemes including free ration during coronavirus pandemic, are carrying the BJP's victory flag. Increasing the safety and dignity of daughters has always been the priority of the double-engine government, the prime minister said and highlighted the large-scale recruitment of women in Uttar Pradesh Police as well as in the paramilitary

#### No end to Lalu's troubles

Ranchi, Feb 23 (PTI):

More troubles are likely for the ailing RJD supremo Lalu Prasad, incarcerated in the Rs 950 crore fodder scam and now undergoing treatment in Rajendra Prasad Institute of Medical Science here, Directorate may confiscate assets created by those convicted in the scandal in line with the directions to CBI by a special

minister was earlier this week sentenced to five years in prison and slapped a fine of Rs 60 lakh by a special CBI court here in connection with the fifth fodder scam case involving embezzlement of over Rs 139 crore

FIR and the charge sheet of the fodder scam case to the ED for necessary ac-In the judgment deliv-

ered on February 21, CBI special judge Sudhanshu Kumar Shashi said "I find that the properties/assets created from the proceeds of the crime by the convicts and dead accused persons of this case could

He said it may be a subject for investigation under the Prevention of

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banks from fugitive tycoons Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi, the government has told the Supreme Court, which is hearing a batch of petitions challenging the wide scope of powers given to the Enforcement Directorate in connection to money laundering cases. In India, 4,700 PMLA cases

An amount of Rs 18,000

crore has been returned to

are being investigated by the Enforcement Directorate and the total proceeds of crimes pending before the court amounts to ? 67,000 crore, the Centre said.

Appearing for the Centre, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta cited the figures to reflect how a large sum of money is still stuck and not crossing recovery stage due to the protection being granted by courts.

Rs 18,000 cr returned to banks

from Vijay Mallya, others: Govt

"Some of the people who have left the country duping thousands of crores are getting protection of the courts. So far, a tune of ? 67000 crores is held up by the Courts by granting non-coercive actions," he said.

Over the last weeks, several senior advocates, including Kapil Sibal, Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Mukul Rohatgi have made submissions in the Supreme Court, pointing to potential misuse of the recent amendments to the Prevention of Money Laundering Act or PMLA.

The law has been criticised over a range of issues -stringent bail conditions, non-communication of grounds of arrest, arrest of

persons without supply of ECIR (parallel to a First Information Report filed by the police), the broadening of the definition of money laundering, proceeds of crime, and statements given by accused during investigation made admissible as evidence during trial.

A very small number of cases are being taken up for investigation under the PMLA in India, compared to the situation abroad, the Centre told a bench of Justices AM Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar.

the Enforcement The former Bihar chief

from Doranda treasury. The special court directed CBI to provide a copy of the judgment, the

not be identified.'

Money Laundering Act.











Har Pal Aapke Saath

# SHGs shall work with goals of self-reliance and rapid economic development

Additional Chief Secretary Subrata Sahu and Agriculture Secretary Bharathidasan inspect gauthans

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai. Feb 23: Additional Chief Secretary Subrata Sahu and Agriculture

Bharathidasan inspected

Gauthans Dhamdha and Patan blocks in Durg district on Wednesday. They met women from self-help groups and inspected various livelihood activities in Gauthans Nardha, Arsanara, Kumhari and other places. The women of Arsanara in Patan block informed them that two self-help groups work here and have earned a profit of Rs 2.45 lakh through the pro-

They have also planted new era crops like broccoli. The ACS said that the specialty of the Gauthan in Arsanara is that the entire space has been utilized in a better way. Vegetables are being planted according to the season. This opens the way to have

duction at baadi.



One lakh from the month income throughout the year. They also visited the of July till now by selling tomatoes. Officials in-Baadi at Limtara. Here, 21 formed that sprinklers are acres of land is being debeing installed in another veloped as a community five acres of land. The garden. The officials inspected the tomato crop in ACS asked the women that the government is providtwo acres of land. The women informed ing infrastructure as well that tomatoes are being as technical guidance. sold every day and there SHGs have unlimited pos-

As the experiment was successful, they are going to expand the activities. Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure, SSP Badrinarayan Meena and District Panchavat CEO Ashwini Dewangan were also present during the inspection. The women of Bhagwati Self-Help Group in Arsanara informed that spices are being produced in Gauthan. ACS

price of spices and advised the women to keep a watch on the market prices. He added that the organic products of Gauthan will have a great demand in the urban market. He suggested to display the products in Cmart also.

Many livelihood activities are being run in Kumhari Gauthan. There is a big baadi of bananas and mangoes. The women

of SHG are producing chips from the bigger bananas. ACS also inspected the work of Jal Jeevan Mission in village Tarra, Kherdhi. He said that all the works of the district should be completed within the stipulated time frame while maintaining the quality. Along with the laying of pipelines, connections should also be provided so that there is no complaint of delay.

ACS highlighted the selection of different livelihood activities in different Gauthans. He said that self-reliance should not be the only goal but there should be a rapid increase in the income of self-help groups. He asked the officials to make such a model that people could work continuously with interest. At the same time, he suggested that one group should concentrate on one work for better results. He said that rapid production of Vermicompost is neces-

Along with this, its consumption in the market is also necessary. If both the works are done at a fast pace, the cycle of Godhan Nyay Yojana will get stronger and people will get more and more benefits. He asked the officials to expand the livelihood activities at Gauthans. He further asked the officials to teach the women of SHGs for maintaining ac-

#### **Selection for Inter-Steel Table Tennis tournament** from Feb 27

Bhilai, Feb 23: Intersteel plant Cricket tournament for Boys is being organised at IISCO Steel Plant from March 10-12, 2022. A team from SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant will also participate in the event.

In order to select the team from BSP for the Inter- Steel Plant table tennis tournament selection will be held in Indoor stadium, Civic Centre from February 27-28, 2022 from 17:30

Sportspersons from Bhilai who are BSP employees, youth from Bhilai's vicinity are eligible to participate in the selection trials.

Interested sportspersons should register their names with Selectors Dr SK Wahane and Umesh Goswami at Indoor stadium, Civic Centre from February 27 2022 before 17:30 hrs.

Abhijit Bhaumik, AM (SRG) will be Incharge of the selection process.

# Two arrested for stealing goods from truck

sibilities to move forward.

The women said that ini-

tially they experimented with a small patch of land.

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai, Feb 23: Police have arrested two ruffians on charges of stealing goods from a truck. The third accused managed to escape. The accused had stolen car spare parts worth Rs 2 Chandrakar informed that Khursipar Police Station had received a complaint from one Ajay Kumar Yadav of Jarkhand regarding theft of goods from his

The victim was transporting car spare parts in his truck bearing registration number MH12-HD-2299. His truck broke down near Khursipar gate after which he took the vehicle to a nearby garage for repairs.

The driver slept in the ve-

morning he found that about 15 boxes of spare parts loaded in the truck were stolen. Unidentified thieves had cut the cover (talpatri) and had escaped with the goods.

has been a bumper pro-

duction. The women of

the group added that they

On the directions of SSP Badri Narayan Meena,

Khursipar Police team led by Inspector Durgesh Sharma conducted investigations. Three suspects were seen in the footage of a CCTV Camera installed nearby. One of the suspects appeared to be suffering from paralysis in one of

the hands. On the basis of this information, a police team started searching and finally one Gangu alias Dharmendra and Sheikh Sahil were taken in cus-

During interrogation, they confessed to have

committed the crime. They disclosed that one Sonu also assisted them in the crime. Police have recovered the stolen booty worth Rs 2 lakhs from their possession.

The accused Sheikh Sahil (19) son of Sheikh Salim a resident of Dr Rajendra Prasad Nagar, Khursipar Gangu alias Dharmendra Tondon (24) son of Lakhan Tondon a resident of Shivaji Nagar Khursipar have been booked under the provisions mentioned in section 379, 34 of IPC.

Sub Inspector Satish ASI Netam, Constables Rakesh Chaudharv. D Prakash. Rakesh Anna, Subhash Yadav and Chandan Singh played a vital role in arrest-

# **Eight arrested for ransacking hospital**

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai, Feb 23: Police have arrested eight persons on charges of ransacking a hospital. The incident had occurred on January 01, 222. Around 22:30 hrs, some people had brought the body of one Prince Dongre to Chandulal Chandrakar Memorial Hospital, Nehru Nagar. After examination. the doctors declared him brought dead.

The kin and friends of the deceased got angered after coming to know about the death. They misbehaved with the doctors and ransacked the hospital premises. On the complaint of Dr Ashwini Chandrakar, an FIR was lodged against the accused under sections 294. 427 of IPC and section 3 of



Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Act 2010.Under the directions of SSP (Durg), the team of Supela Police Station searched the absconding accused and arrested eight of them. The accused are identified as Rakesh Senani (25) son of Gunmat; Damru Mahanand (26) son of Chandra: Manoranjan Senani (28) son of Ram Prasad; Dilip Nishad (30) son of Ram

Nishad; Gun Sagar (25) son of Haldhar Bagh; Abhijeet Sonwani (25) son of MOtilal Sonwani; and Manoj Senani (30) son of Raodhar Senani, all residents of Railway Colony, Sector 07 were arrested. Inspector Suresh Dhruva (SHO, Supela); ASI Rajnikant Diwan; Head Constable Santosh Sharma. Constables Surendra Giri and Shyamji Mishra played vital role in arresting the

## **AAP accuses INC Corporator** for non-disclosure of assets

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai, Feb 23: Accusing an elected Corporator of Indian National Congress for non-disclosure of assets in the nomination form, the Aam Admi Party has demanded to unseat her immediately. They have submitted a complaint letter to the District Collector and are also planning to approach judiciary. While addressing media persons here at Supela on Tuesday, AAP District President Meharban Singh informed that INC Corporator from Ward 49 (Khursipar) - M Laxmi has mentioned in the nomination form of election that she does not have house, shop or any business. However, a ration shop is allotted on her name. She is the president of Ujala Mahila Swasahayata Samooh and the PDS Shop is allotted to this SHG.



The ration shop was allotted on March 06, 2020. In the application for allotment, M Laxmi has mentioned that she is involved in collection / loan works. As per the provisions of ration shop allotment, the applicant has to produce Kisan Vikas Patra / National Saving Certificate worth Rs 5000. But these assets or work information has not been mentioned in the nomination form. Singh further informed that M Laxmi has disclosed information about loan of Rs 11 lakhs from Union Bank of India, Supela Branch. He guestioned that if M Laxmi does not have any proper-

ty then how the bank gave her the loan of Rs 11 lakhs. M Laxmi's SHG has a current account at HDFC Bank, Chikhli branch in which Rs 3,32,930 is deposited. She has not disclosed information about this account also. She has signed in Telugu in the application form for allotment of ration shop while she has signed in Hindi in the nomination for candidature in civic body polls of Bhilai. Singh informed. Meharban Singh, Waddu Alam, K Jyoti, Jaspreet, Rampal, Rajiv Sinha, Balvinder, Yogesh Dhruv and others were present in the press conference.

# **NSUI and YC protest curtailment of health facilities**

Bhilai. Feb 23: The re quirement of health facilities is increasing continuously across the globe but here in Bhilai Township, the health facilities are being curtailed by the BSP Management.

The reduction of health facilities has triggered resentment among the BSP workers and their families. NSUI and Youth Congress have condemned the SAIL management on this issue. They staged a peaceful demonstration and presented a flower bouquet along with the charter of demands to the concerned officials of BSP.

Spearheading demonstrators, MiC member Aditya Singh said that facilities are being cut con-

group, Sahicon Group and M/s

Protective General group.

Although many constraints and



tinuously by the BSP management in the township. The health facilities have been reduced to great extent. Health centers located in various Sectors have been closed.

The BSP management is further planning to shut down the remaining health centers. Further,

the functioning health centers are facing shortage of doctors and medical staff. Moreover, adequate medicines are also not available at these centres.

As the health centers of various sectors have been closed, the number of patients is increasing in the Main Hospital, Sector 9.

tients are facing many problems. Singh alleged that the management has adopted a negligent attitude towards these issues.

He further said that the requirement of health facilities has increased during the Covid crisis. Due to the lack of health facilities, a large number of plant workers succumbed to the pandemic.

He added that a large number of employees are suffering from lifestyle diseases like blood pressure, diabetes, etc and have to visit the hospital every month for medicine refills. Right now, due to the closure of the health centers, patients have to visit the Main Hospital, Sector 9.

Aditya Singh further informed that on the instruc-

Minister, the District Collector had offered monetary assistance to BSP management from DMF for the recruitment of doctors and other arrangement in Sector 9. But till now, no action has been taken by the BSP manage-

Faraz Ahmed, Gurleen Singh, Sandeep Sao, Akash Kannojia, Palash Limesh, Akash Yadav, Amresh Giri, Shashikant Sao, Shubham Sharma, Shravan Manjhi, Rahul Singh, Ravi, Aman Soni, Sangam Yadav, Ayyub, Aman Rekhi, Arjun Sharma, Sharad Mishra, Vishesh Gautam, Rahul Mishra, Anupam Tripathi Naseem Khan and other activists of NSUI and YC were present.

# **SMS-II** creates New Casting Record Sequence in Bloom Caster

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ken again on February 21, 2022.

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**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai. Feb 23: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Steel Melting Shop 2 (SMS#2) has created yet another record of casting longest sequence ever of 266 heats in Bloom Caster#5, surpassing the previous best of 250 heats achieved in August 2020.

Director I/c BSP Anirban Dasgupta and ED (Works) Anjani Kumar visited Bloom Caster of SMS-II on February 22, 2022 to congratulate the SMS-II collective and associated shops and departments for achieving the unparalleled feat of casting 266 heats in single sequence of Bloom Caster. The Bloom Caster was started on February 06, 22 and after casting 266 heats (32,220 Tonnes), was taken for preventive maintenance. It may be mentioned here that Bloom Caster provides Blooms for production of Rails in Rails and Structural Mill. Uninterrupted operation of Bloom Caster is thus necessary to ensure continuous supply of Bloom for meeting the requirements in terms of quality and quantity to Indian Railways. This is ensured by running the Caster for long sequences by flying tundish and stopped only in case of losing a strand or any other such problem. There has been gradual upgradation in the caster as per requirement of Indian Railways which includes EMS system, slag detection system and AMLC. SMS-II has been breaking its own record of maximum heats cast on a consistent basis. A double century was cracked for the first time in Dec 2017 when 203 heats were cast in a sequence. The record was

again broken by casting 217 Shrikanth, GM (Continuous heats in March 2018. The record Casting Shop - Operations) the casting of this sequence was was again shattered in August 2020, when 250 heats were cast started on February 06, 2022 and in a sequence. SMS 2 has been terminated on February 22, 2022 continuously striving towards exafter casting 266 heats in a secellence in all fronts under the quence. This was made possible leadership of Sushil Kumar CGM. by diligent efforts by all the sec-New records have been estabincluding lished. The department added (Operations), CCS (Mechanical), another feather to its cap when CCS (Electrical), Instrumentation the record of 250 heats in a segroup, Converter, SBS, KMC

bottlenecks propped up during this period, the team SMS-II promptly liquidated all the Addressing SMS 2 Team,

Anjani Kumar, ED (Works) said that this is just a precursor to the 3 MT production targeted for SMS-II next year. He said that SMS-II team is fully capable of delivering on this stretched target. Congratulating the team, Anirban Dasgupta, DIC, BSP said that SMS-II is performing well and must continue to break its own records so as to achieve higher targets. Present on this occasion were GM I/c (SMS-II), Sudhir Kumar, GM (Opr), SBS, Alok Tiwari, GM (Mech), CCS, Yogesh Shastri, GM (Opr), Convertor, Rajiv Kumar, GM (Elect), Convertor, PK Mishra, GM (Elect), GM (Mech), CCS, T Govind and CCS, Saurabh Jain.

# **Ground-Breaking Ceremony for New Silica Reduction Plant at Dalli Mechanised Mines**

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai, Feb 23: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant has its own captive iron ore mines in Dalli-Rajhara Iron Ore Complex, situated about 80 kms from the Plant that has been meeting the iron ore requirement of the Plant for over six decades. As part of Bhilai Steel Plant's sustained efforts to improve the quality of iron ore from its Mines, a project for setting up a Silica Reduction Unit has been taken up.

Bhoomipujan or ground-breaking ceremony for the new Silica Reduction Unit at Dalli Mechanised Mines in Dalli-Rajhara Iron Ore Complex was performed by Director I/c Bhilai Steel Plant. Anirban Dasgupta on February 21, 2022. Being set up at an estimated cost of Rs 129 crore, the Silica Reduction Unit will reduce silica content in iron ore mines from Dalli Mechanised Mines and at the



same time, also help in stopping slurry to flow into Hitkasa pond. The new unit is being set up by M/s BSBK. Speaking on the occasion, Dasgupta stated that this new initiative will lead to improvement in quality of iron ore for Bhilai Steel Plant and at the same time will also lead to better environment conditions at the Mines. Exnected to be completed by the end of November 2022, the project for the new unit will consequently lead to development of the mining region and the state. Present on the occasion were Manas Biswas Executive Director (Mines & Rowghat), AK Bhatta, ED (Projects), Anurag Upadhyay, CGM (Centre for Engg & Technology) SAIL Tapan Technology) SAIL Tapan Sutradhar, CGM (Mines & Rowghat), Samir Swaroop, CGM (Rowghat), other senior officers and employees of Iron Ore Complex, union representatives and senior officers representing M/s BSBK.

# Banned tablets, injections worth Rs 50 lakh seized

Main accused of inter-state gang of smugglers arrested from Odisha

Raipur, Feb 23:

The Raipur Police has succeeded in nabbing the main accused of interstate gang and smuggler from Odisha involved in supplying of banned tablets and drugs in the state and this is 5th major action against drug smugglers. It is notable here that few days back the Narcotics Cell



had nabbed 3 from near Hospital, Rajatalab in Raipur and seized large quantity of 'Ganja', 'Charas', and psychotropic tablets from their possession.. When the police held in-

terrogation with the accused, then the accused disclosed name of Tapas Kumar Parida and Samir Kumar of Odisha and purchasing it from them. On this a 10-member team was dispatched to

Odisha and there they tried to get in touch with the accused as customers and gained their confidence. The team with strategy sent one of their persons to purchase banned tablets from the rest the main accused involved in it.

When both the accused were interrogated, they accepted about selling of banned tablets and injections roaming in their vehicles in Chhattisgarh and other neighbouring

The police seized total 5630 pieces of Nitrosen (10); 26,400 pieces of 'Gulkan' – banned injection; cash of Rs 10000 and all items worth Rs 50 lakhs. Case has been filed against the accused in Kotwali Thana and further action is in



**SANT-SAMAGAM** 

Governor Anusuiya Uikey inaugurated 'Sant-Samagam' at ongoing Rajim Maghi Punni Mela in the presence of 'Sadhus-Sants' and performed prayers in the temple of Lord Shri Rajiv Lochan and offered prayers on the banks of Mahanadi and sought blessings for people of the state.

### Five accused arrested in two different cases



Cell of Raipur Police has taken another major action and seized 18 Kg 'Ganja' during a search and in another case, banned chotropic tablets worth lakhs. Along with this the police arrested total five accused including two inter-state smug-

The Narcotics Cell of capital police got information on Wednesday morning that two persons are waiting along with 'Ganja' at New Bus Stand in Bhatagaon and are likely to move to ■ Police seizes 18 kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 1.50 lakh and banned **Nitro tablets** 

some place. On this as per instructions from senior officers, a combined team of Cyber Cell, Narcotics Cell and Tikrapara Thana police staff reached the site and arrested the two accused.

When the team members tried to inquire about details of the above two persons, they tied to run away and were caught after chas-

ing them. The two accused arrested are Mahendra Sriwas and Lalu Sriwas R/o Katni (MP). When the combined team members conducted search of the two, they found 18 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 1.50 lakh in their possession.

In another action, the Police seized banned Nitro-10 tablets and a total of 1070 pieces of Nitro Tablets were seized from three accused and in this case Anil Dadsena alias Golu R/o Khadan Basti Daganiya, Tunnu Agrawal R/o Odisha and Amjad Khan R/o Odisha.

## 371 Kg 'Ganja', Gold jewelleries worth Rs 29 lakh seized



Rainandgaon: The Rainandgaon Police has got a major breakthrough in its action against drug smugglers and narcotics and nabbed a person with 371 Kg 'Gania' worth Rs 22.26 lakh, 57 'tola' gold worth Rs 29 lakh and cash of Rs 12.48 lakh from his

SP Rajnandgaon Santosh Singh making disclosure in this regard informed that it was on tip of an informer that the Police conducted raid in the house of history-sheeter Pukhraj Verma, of Tulsipur and seized huge quantity of drugs from his residence. For this the police formulated a strategy and then took to heels.

As per the strategy, on intervening night of Feb 22-23, the Police conducted raid in the house of Pukhraj Verma and seized 371 Kg 'Gania' and it was illegally and secretly hidden in his house and it is estimated to cost around Rs 22.26 lakh in the

Gold worth Rs 29 lakh seized: Along with 'Ganja' the Police also seized gold jewelleries worth Rs 29 lakh from his residence and cash of Rs 12 lakhs, totaling around Rs 63 lakhs. The Police seized the entire lot in a plastic bag.

SP Santosh Singh informed that accused Pukhraj Verma too has been arrested and he is already having 13 different crime cases registered against himself including that of murder, theft, beating, scolding and others. The Kotwali Police Rajnandgaon took this action formulating a well-

Governor launches

'Vigyan Sarvatra

Pujyate' program

Governor Ms. Anusuiya

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Raipur, Feb 23:

program

Sarvatra

#### **Summer vacation** to be cut short to bridge the learning gap of students

Raipur, Feb 23: Government's Education Department has decided to cut short the duration of summer vacation, in order to compensate the learning loss of the students. Parents and students are happy with this decision of the department. It is noteworthy that the school education has been in a disarray for a long time due to COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused major learning loss for the students. Keeping in view this loss, Education Department has decided to cut short the duration of summer vacations so as to bridge the learning gap for students. Parents and children have welcomed this decision of the Education Department. Meanwhile, teachers will be teaching the students while keeping in mind the learning loss during pandemic. This would help the students to participate in the next class with full enthusiasm. Efforts will be made to ensure 100% attendance of the students, but it will not be made compulsory. The time table of the schools will be prepared according to the season to avoid

### Traders are also covid warriors: Smriti Irani

Raipur, Feb 23:

CAIT National Vice President Amar Parwani, chairman Mangelal Maloo, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, States Working President Vikram Singh Deo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu State General Makhija, Secretary Suriender Singh, Working General State Secretary Bharat Jain, State Treasurer Ajay Agrawal and state media incharge Sanjay Choubey informed Minister Shrimati Smriti Irani called upon the business community of the country to upgrade & modernise its existing business format under Digital India mission of PM Narendra Modi to live up to the expectations to meet global challenges. She was delivering a keynote address to top 150 trade leaders of the country who gathered at New Delhi for their two days National Traders Conference organised by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT). CAIT National Vice President Mr. Amar Parwani & State President Mr. Jitendra Doshi informed that

speaking at the Conference Mrs. Irani lauded the role of CAIT for consolidating the business community and imparting them awareness to adopt and accept new & innovative ways of conducting business activities. She said that traders of the country have given sacrifices every time whenever it was needed whether it was freedom struggle movement or socio economic development of the country or meeting the dire need of providing daily consumables to the people of India during the covid pandemic in last two years even at the cost of their own sufferings. She called upon the trade leaders to document the traders who have served the country in various capacities whether economical, social. Religious, educational or in any another field. The traders of India have a legacy of serving the country. Refereeing Bhamashah and Lala Lajpat Rai, she recalled various other people who did not leg behind in providing crucial support. She equated the traders as " Covid Warrirors"

#### **BJP** to gherao **Minister over Users'** charge today

**Central Chronicle News** 

Raipur. Feb 23: Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) would the **Administration Minister Dr Shiv** Daharia on February 24 seeking withdrawal of Users' Charge from public. According to the information received, the BJP would hold demonstration under the leadership of Raipur City BJP President Shrichand Sundrani and Leader of Opposition in Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) Meenal Choubey to register protest against the increase in Users' charge from people by the Raipur Municipal Corporation. BJP have chalked out a strategy in this regard to gherao Minister Daharia, BJP would also raise the issue of promise the Congress had made in the election manifesto to reduce the Property Tax by 50% but no steps have been taken. Instead of reducing the Property Tax, the Congress government has now imposed User's Charge on Public which would be opposed, the BJP leaders stated. Choubey said that while the entire development works have been carried out through Raipur Smart City Limited fund, the RMC is unnecessarily creating financial burden for the Public by imposing Users' charge. All the BJP office-bearers as well as BJP Corporators have been asked to be present during the demonstration.

### Air passengers increased by more than 7000 Confederation of All India



50 new additional

Raipur, Feb 23: As the effect of corona infection dropped, the movement of air passengers has also started increasing. In the last seven days, the movement of passengers from Raipur airport has increased by more than seven thousand. Also, there was of more than 50 additional flights in these seven days. According to the information received from the aviation officials, a total of 38,608 air

passengers boarded from Swami Vivekananda Airport in the period from February 14 to February 20. This is 24 percent more than the previous week. Similarly, the movement of flights has also been 314, which is 20 percent more than its previous week. Aviation officials said that with the reduction of corona infection, now due to the relief given in the rules, air passengers have also started increasing. Due to the increase in the number of passengers, now the airlines have also start-

Traders (CAIT), traders are also demanding to start air service from Rainur to Surat and Jaipur. For this, proposals have also been given to airlines. Trade organizations said that air travelers will get more benefits as soon as flights start for these areas. In the last fifteen days, in the month of February, a total of 69.830 air passengers have flown from Raipur Airport. These days, due to the increase in the number of passengers, the number of flights is also being increased by the airlines. Along with this, plans are being made to start flying to new areas in the coming days. New atc tower will start soon. The construction of new ATC at Swami Vivekananda Airport is nearing its completion and it is about to start soon. As soon as it starts, the facilities of air travelers will increase further.

#### ed making new plans. As per Working Models presented by the B Voc students

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Raipur, Feb 23: Solar Fencing is one of the modern and non-traditional methods to ensure security of property, agriculture crop and industrial units which is not only effective but also ensure security. Above conclusion was drawn on the basis of the working model presented on Hybrid Solar Fencing System prepared by the stu-



dents of B Vocational studies of Ravishankar Shukla University here. Similarly, another group of students presented a project which highto generate electricity. Solar **Breaker Electricity Generation** System helps to generate electricity from the moving vehicle which would help Traffic Signals get electricity.

Pujyate: Celebration of Science for All" organised in the auditorium of Pandit Ravi Shukla Shankar University under the aegis of Chief Scientific Adviser, Ministry of Culture and Office, Government of India under the Amrit Festival of Independence. She inaugurated the science and technology based poster exhibition. Governor Ms. congratulated Raipurians for being selected in the above event being organised in 75 cities of the country and while addressing the program said that from February 22 to 28, students through various activities and competitions based on science and technology. Along with this,

common people will get

very important informa-

tion. The poster exhibi-

tion organised to know



Science based poster exhibition

will encourage students: Uikey

and understand the glory and glorious history of India in the field of science will not only encourage the students but will also contribute in the field of science and technology. She said that in the challenging times of Covid-19, people understood the usefulness and importance of science, when the scientists of the country prepared medical equipment at cheap rates. After doing quick research, the vaccine of Covid was prepared in the country itself. This success of Indian scientists is commendable and inspira-

tional, which will attract youth to work in the field of science and technology. Governor Ms. Uikey said that Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University has created such an environment in the last few years. due to which the interest of youth towards science has increased and research work is being done continuously.

She appreciated the work done by the students of the university for renewable energy and waste management and expressed confidence that in future also the students would do continuous re-

ence and would bring laurels to the country and the state. Rajendra Singh Sangwan, Director, CSIR-HRDC made a gradual mention of the growing scope and progress of science since numan origin. He said that human curiosity has encouraged new research work in the field of science, which is continuing continuously. With the increasing interest in science of our young generation, we should be hopeful that in the future India will have many such discoveries and researches, which will benefit and make the whole world proud.

Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Dr. K.L. Verma also addressed the program. Governor Ms. Uikey visited the science exhibition along with the Chancellor Professors University. On this occasion, Governor Ms. Uikey was honoured by the university management with a shawl-shriphal and a memento. University professors and students were present in the program. The Queer youth of Chh'garh in film 'Badhaai Do' share experience

identity or with alterna

tive sexualities. As a socie-

The Vice Chancellor of

### License will be cancelled on not filling GST returns

Raipur, Feb 23: Traders who do not file returns will be strictly punished. Even the GST license of such people will be cancelled. GST officials said that frequent notices are also being sent to such traders. In this notice, they are being advised to file the return. Now even after this, if any trader is negligent, then the process of canceling his license will be done.

Strict action is also being taken by the department against the GST evaders. As per information in the financial year 2021-22 till January, the department has caught GST evasion of Rs 589.43 crore from 191 cases in the state. Out of this, recovery of Rs 224.48 crores has also been done. Similarly, in the financial year 2020-21 till January, out of total 151 cases, GST evasion of Rs 300.25 crore took place. Out of this, 289.41 crore has been recovered. According to the new rules of GST, now the GST officers can take recovery action without giving any notice. If wrong information is being given by the taxpayer in his return file. These days the department is seriously looking into such cases. This rule has been implemented from the month of January this year.

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Feb Raipur, Homosexuality has been a subject of shame, ridicule, and oppression in films. The scenario is gradually changing after the decriminalization of Section 377 from the penal code in 2018. Since then, a few movies have tried to tackle the otherwise taboo subject head-on- often using humor as a sweetener. The latest in the series of such movies is "Baadhai Do", starring Rajkummar Rao

and Bhumi Pednekar,

which talks about the practice of lavender marriage/ marriage of convenience (moc) between a gay man and lesbian. While the movie is winning hearts and doing good business at the box office, Chhattisgarh has its share of representation

Raipur-based Sidhant and Ankit Das can be seen making an appearance on screen. Both of them have been active in the state capital Raipur for the promotion of LGBTQ+ rights. Many in Raipur have seen



Ankit Das (front), Sidhant along with Director Harshvardhan Kulkarni 'Badhaai Do' on set Dehradun.

them performing flash-

witness them. Sidhant mobs for awareness, now says that it is a matter of the entire country is set to great delight that queer

people have finally been given a chance to play queer roles, even a little bit of screen time matters a lot. Ankit says that it was very fulfilling for him to be able to present the culture of Pride on the big screen. Through this film, we are sharing our culture of joy and resilience with millions of viewers in India and abroad.

The prime message both of them wished to convey was that being different is not a crime. It is very natural to be born as a person with nonbinary gender

ty, we must embrace and encourage everyone for being their true self. Despite decriminalization, queer persons are far from being accepted as equal and respectable members of family and society. Though it is only a matter of time for homosexual couples to get legal recognition of their communion like marriage, we must strive towards it. After all, only an inclusive society can optimize its human resources and progress.

# Akbar inaugurates office of Balodabazar TOA

Vehicle owners in Chhattisgarh have the facility to pay the tax of their vehicles in bulk

Raipur, Feb 23:

State Transport and Minister Mohammad Akbar gave important Balodabazar-Bhatapara district during his one-day stay. He inaugurated the new office of Balodabazar Truck Owners Association (TOA) located at Risda bypass in the district headquarters. Along with this, he announced land reservation for Permanent District Transport Officer and New Transport Office at District Headquarter Balodabazar. Addressing public, the general Transport Minister Mohammad Akbar said that transport also plays an important role in development. Every possible initiative is being taken to streamline and strengthen the transport system in the state. In this episode, a new facility has been provided by the Chhattisgarh Transport Department for the vehicle owners on the vehicle portal. Under this, vehicle owners can pay the



bulk. Similarly, another facility has been given by the Transport Department for the vehicle owners on the vehicle portal. Under this, vehicle owners can get permission online by paying fees for over-dimension vehicles. Apart from this, an important scheme named Tuhar Sarkar Tuhar Dwar is being operated by the Chhattisgarh Transport Department. Under this, people are being provided the benefits of 22 transport related services sitting at home. Transport Minister

Akbar also counted the important achievements of the State Government during this period. He said that the general public should get the direct benefits of the schemes of the government. That is why Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana and Rajiv Gandhi Bhumiless Krishi Mazdoor Yojana have been started. Today, through Godhan Nyay Yojana, it is working to make millions of families financially empowered by purchasing

we are moving towards organic agriculture with the use of vermi compost, which is also playing its important role in environmental balance. Similarly, where earlier seven forest produce were purchased in support price. We have increased that to 61. The Government of India has also felicitated the state of Chhattisgarh with 11 national awards, praising it. Chhattisgarh alone contributes to the purchase of about 78 percent of forest produce in India. On this

occasion, Parliamentary Secretary and Raipur West MLA, Vikas Upadhyay, Farmers Welfare Council President, Surendra Sharma, Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Text Corporation, Shailesh Nitin Trivedi, Shri Hitendra Thakur, Association President, Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Raipur Bastar Koraput President of Transport Association, Sukhdev Singh Sidhu, President of Chamber of Commerce, Jugal Kishore Bhattar, Senior citizens of the city, Vidyabhushan Shukla, Sudhir Agrawal, Ashok Jain, Gaurav Singh, Rajiv Prasad Lochan Shukla, District Panchavat member Parmeshwar Yadu, Mrs. Sumitra Dhritalhare, Janpad Panchayat member, Aryan Shukla. Corporator Rupesh Thakur including other public representatives and citizens were present in large numbers. The program was conducted by

# QIP Centre for CU Bilaspur

Prof. Alok

Bilaspur, Feb 23:

Ghasidas University (GGU) has achieved new heights in the field of academics, research and investigation. As a result of the active and dedicated efforts of the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, the University is making steady progress in academic work. With the vision of Vice-Chancellor, Professor AK Chakrawal. the university is moving towards setting new stan-

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has provided a Quality Improvement Program (QIP) center to the School of Studies in Engineering Guru Technology, G h a s i d a s Vishwavidyalaya (a central university), Bilaspur. This is the second QIP center in Chhattisgarh NIT after Raipur. Admissions will be conducted from academic session 2022-23. The main objective of QIP is to upgrade the expertise and capabilities of the faculty members of diploma level and degree level institutes. This QIP center will enhance the research activities of the School of



Technology in particular and of the University in general. With the great effort of Vice-Chancellor, Kumar Chakrawal, within a short span of time, GGV has been provided a QIP center by AICTE. This QIP center will provide an opportunity to the faculty members of AICTE affiliated Polytechnic Colleges Engineering Colleges/Universities across the country to pursue M.Tech. and Ph.D. procongratulated gram, thereby improving Registrar, the standard and quality of technical education in the institutions. This center will also be allowed to conduct a maximum of 20 short-term courses of one week or two weeks duration for the benefit of fac-Engineering ulty members of engineer-

ing institutes, for which AICTE will provide financial assistance to this centre. In addition, AICTE will offer 15000/- per month to faculty members for pursuing Ph.D. and Rs 5000/- for pursuing M.Tech. In addition to the contingency amount, AICTE will also provide financial assistance to the University for running the Chancellor has thanked AICTE for providing QIP center to GGV. HVC also Prof. Shailendra Kumar, Dean, Prof. TV Arjunan, the Coordinator, Dr. M. Chakradhar Rao, Co-coordinator, Dr. Amit Jain and the entire faculty fraterni-

## One arrested with illicit liquor



tax of their vehicles in

Khairagarh, Feb 23:

The Khairagarh Police arrested the youth involved in illicit sale and transportation of liquor from Dharampura chowk in city on Sunday. A combined team of police officers under leadership of TI Khairagarh Thana ing raid against the illicit liquor sellers and transporters. On Sunday, it was on tip from an informer the Police team reached Dharampura Chowk and the accused Ramesh Verma S/o Manrakhan Verma (42), R/o Godari with illicit liquor. The accused was carrying 42 quarter bottles of country liquor and cash of Rs 3360 in the dickey of his bike bearing No. CG 08

When inquired he accepted his crime and it was under section 34 (2) of Excise Act he was arrested and produced in the court and sent on judicial re-

# Kunbi community took out rally to make state polythene free

Raipur, Feb 23:

To save the environment and to make the state polythene free, Kunbi Community has started the initiative. It started on Sunday on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shivaji Chhatrapati Maharaj. The people of the community took a pledge that they would not use polythene and would make the people of all the society aware about using cloth bags. After taking the resolution, the Kunbi community took out a bike rally. In this, women flagged off the rally. The

■ In the bike rally of Kunbi community, women participated with enthusiasm by riding a bike, giving the message of women empowerment.

cally by riding a bike, giving the message of women empowerment. Under the leadership Chhattisgarh Community Mahasangathan, a goodwill awareness bike rally was taken out from Telibandha, Marine Drive on Sunday. State President Ranjit Bhau Muneshwar

participated enthusiasti-

rally reached the statue of Veer Shivaji at Tatyapara Chowk via Ghari Chowk. The rally reached Bharat Mata Chowk by garlanding the statue of Mother India. After garlanding the statue of Mother India, the rally ended at the social building in Gondwara. The people of the community appealed to take the thoughts

through Sadbhavna rally. Cloth bags were distributed at various places on the rally route. In the rally, senior members of the society SS Brahmankar, JN Godhunde, State Secretary of Kunbi Community Mahasangathan Amit Doye, Sanjay Brahmankar, **Durg District President** Madan Kuthe, Bhathapara President Prem Bhau Bohare, Dr. Sudhir Tichkule, besides Bilaspur, Mahasamund President and State Women President Sarita Gendekar presided over

## Three arrested under gambling act



Khairagarh, Feb 23: Three gamblers were arrested on charges of gambling under Jalbandha thana area here on Monday. A combined team of Cyber Cell and Police Chowki Jalbandha conducted raid on Feb 20 in Jalbandha area and nabbed three accused Ranjit Sahu AS/o Khorbahara Sahu (55), R/o Kukurmuda; Dinesh Verma, S/o Shivcharan Verma (30), R/o Pavantara Jalbandha and Trilok Jain S/o Preetamchand Jain

(35), R/o Pavantara and seized cash of Rs 17900 and six motorcycles and 2 piece mobiles. The police arrested all three accused under section 13 of Gambling Act and produced them in the court of SDM Khairagarh. In the above action. SI Pawan Patwa, Munnalal Bhandekar, head constable Balram Singh, from Cyber team- Manish Manikpuri, Manish Verma, Avadh Kishore Sahu gave valu-

# Renovation of Manikeshwar Shiva Temple underway

Devotees from three states make presence

Konta, Feb 23: The twoday 16th renovation of Sri Sri Manikeshwar Shiva Temple Konta Gayatri Pragya Peeth in Konta Nagar, situated on the banks of Triveni Sangam, was started with Kalash Yatra at 4 pm on Sunday evening. The Kalash Yatra, passing through the main road, was established back in the courtyard of the temple. On the second day, from 08 a.m. on 21.02.22, Jalabhishek in Gayatri temple, after worship, performed Navkundiya Gayatri Mahayagya in Manikeshwar temple premises. It was com-



pleted at 03 pm with the completion of the cere-

After that Bhandara was successfully organized by Manikeshwar Samiti Konta. The 500year-old Sri Sri Sri Manikeshwar Temple, Konta and Gayatri Pragya Peeth is considered a center of

faith for the city. Under the aegis of Shiv Mandir Committee, every festival of Sanatan Dharma is celebrated jointly by law. Every Monday, the entire Konta is transformed into a devotional atmosphere with Bhajan Kirtan.

Crowd of devotees gathered for faith in Kalash Shobha Yatra

This year also, on the first day of the two-day 16th restoration anniversary celebration of Sri Sri Sri Manikeshwar temple, under the supervision of learned Brahmins on behalf of Gayatri Shaktipeeth Sukma, hundreds of women took out the Kalash Shobha Yatra in

Konta Nagar by law irom the Shiva temple premises. Hundreds of women and men participated in Kalash Yatra. During this, the atmosphere of the entire Konta city remained devotional due to the annals of Gayatri Mata. During this, the temple complex resonated with the chants of Har Har Mahadev of the devotees. Gayatri Pragya Peeth's pundits in Shiv Mandir courtyard also offered prayers in Nav Kundali Gayatri Mahayagya program by men and women. After that Shiv Mandir Committee organized Bhandara from 3 pm onwards. In which hundreds of devotees of Konta Nagar received prasad as blessings.

## Sports is beneficial for all: Kashyap

**Concludes cricket** tournament

Kondagaon, Feb 23: In the finals of Cricket tournament in Puspal. Karanpur defeated Hasel and won the first prize of Rs 1000 and runner's up team won the cash prize of Rs 501. The chief guest of the concluding function was MLA Narayanpur and Chairman Chhattisgarh Handicraft Development Board (CHDB) Chandan Kashyap.

Addressing the players he said that sports is very much beneficial for all, as it teachers discipline, patience, ability to work and play with team-spirit and develops self-confidence and provides scope to de-



velop and better one's performance with double the efforts. If one regularly practices sports than one not only become more active, but remains healthy, both in mind and body, he added.

During this Sarpanch Sobi Ram Kashyap, Sunder Kashyap, Poyam, Sukhram Mardapal Block President,

Varun Setia MLA's rep Jagdev Baghel, Mehatar Nag, Anuk Mandavi Bhuwan Yadav, Hemdhar Vaidya, Shri Ram Baghel, Ram Baghel, Aagya Chowk Ram Baghel, Gadan Ram Baghel, Ramesh Mandavi, Baliram Sori, Umesh Yadav, Shal Kashyap, Mahadev Kashyap and others were present.

143 people have been test-

ed for hypertension, 03

# One-week online FDP organized at CU

Bilaspur, Feb 23:

Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) Department of Civil Engineering, School of Engineering Technology, GGV organized the inaugural ceremony of AICTE Teaching and Learning Academy (ATAL) Sponsored oneweek online Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Sustainable **Construction Materials** and Technologies in virtual mode at 9:30 am on Feb 21. The FDP commenced on Feb 21 and

continued till Feb 25.

During the inauguration, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. AK Chakrawal participated as the Chief Guest and delivered the presidential address. Nemkumar Banthia, Professor and President of Canada Research, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada participated as the guest of honour and delivered the keynote address at the inaugural technical session. Registrar, Prof. Shailendra Kumar, Convener Correspondent, Prof. T.V. Arjunan, Dean, SOS Engineering

Technology, Kumar Parashar, Head, Civil Engineering, and Co-Coordinator, Pandev. Assistant Professor were also present on this occasion. During the inauguration ceremony, the Coordinator, Dr. M. Chakradhar Rao gave information about the FDP. The inauguration ceremony was also attended by Deans of various Schools of Studies, Heads of various departments, and faculty members of School of

Engineering

Technology. About 150

faculty members and re-

search scholars from different parts of the country attended the inauguration. After the inauguration, Prof. Nemkumar Banthia delivered the inaugural technical address on Adaptive, Functional and Bio-mimicking Fibers for Modern Fiber Reinforced Concrete. Dr. Subhasis Pradhan, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, BITS Pilani and Dr. Dinkar P., Associate Professor. Department of Civil Engineering, Bhubaneswar gave technical talks after the inaugural technical talk.

#### Around 21.63 lakh people have availed the services In 1497 haat-bazaars of the state

Raipur, Feb 23:

Chief Minister Haat-Bazaar Clinic Scheme is being implemented in every district and every development block of Chhattisgarh. Under this scheme, people are being provided eight kinds of OPD-based services and various test facilities in Haat-Bazaars, and those diagnosed with ailments are also being provided free medicines as well. In case of major ailments, patients are referred to high-level health centers for better medical treat-

ment. Under this scheme, a number of medical facilities are being provided to the people of rural areas, through 356 dedicated branding vehicles and medical teams. So far, as many as 21 lakh 62 thousand 751 people have availed the health checkup and treatment facilities provided by medical teams of Health Department in the Haatbazaars of the forests and rural areas of Chhattisgarh. Nearly 19 lakh 60 thousand 270 patients have been provided free medicines after health checkup at these Haat-Bazaar clinics. It is noteworthy that till January 2022, Health Department has organized 64 thousand 401 Haat-Bazaar clinic camps in 1497 haat-bazaars across the state.

Besides the free healthcheckup, treatment, consultation and medicines, various test facilities including that of Malaria, HIV, VDRL, Diabetes, Anemia, TB, Leprosy, High Blood Pressure and Eye problems are being provided in the Mobile Medical units (under Haat-Bazaar Scheme). Here, facility of vaccination for infants and health checkup of pregnant women are also being provided.

Under this scheme launched in year 2019, so far 04 lakh 90 thousand

lakh 40 thousand 649 people have been tested for diabetes, 02 lakh 20 thousand 336 people have been tested for malaria, 01 lakh 03 thousand 831 people for. Anemia and 66 thousand 24 people have been tested for eye problems. In these Haat-Bazar clinics, TB test of 20 thousand 563 people, leprosy test of 06 thousand 340 people and HIV test of 12 thousand 639 people have also been conducted. Meanwhile, medical examination of 39 thousand 733 pregnant women, vaccination of 11 thousand 871 babies have been done in Haat-Bazar

# **Story Telling Competition** in Gurukul Public School

Kawardha, Feb 23: Story telling competition was held at Gurukul Public School, Kawardha for classes 4 and 5th students .The objective of the event was to build up confidence in the children to stand in front of others and tell a story. All the students from different sections participated in this competition in a very great zeal and enthusiastic way.

The competition was held under the supervision of Mrs. Sonali Patra Vice Principal. The judges for judging this event were Dr Suryakant Bharti(MS Kawardha, Bhuneshwari Sahu, Subinspector Kawardha ,Shri



Chandra Shekhar Sharma Bureau Chief Central

They judged the performance of the students on the basis of the given criteria- Pronunciation .Fluencv Voice Modulation and Gesture

petition were from 4th class first position Komal Mahant (4th-F), second position Sarthak Tiwari (4th C), 3rd position Atika Fatima (4th B )and consolation prizes were given to Aarakshya Sahu(4th B)

(4th D) from class 5 first position Hriday Agarwal (5th C), second position Divyanshi Sahu (5th A), third position Ipsita Jain( 5th A) and consolation prizes were given to Anamika Patel (5th B) Alia Khan (5th D) further Subhadra Sahi incharge of classes 4 and 5 congratulated all the winners and appreciated their wonderful performance.

At last Chairman Mahavir Jain, Secretary Atul Deshlahara. Treasurer Santosh Bothra, V.K. Shrivastava (Principal) and Mrs.Sonali Patra (Vice Principal) congratulated all the students for their mesmerizing per-

# HC stays triple talaq order of Sharia court

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bilaspur, Feb 23: The Chhattisgarh Court in Bilaspur has stayed a triple talaq order passed against a woman by a Sharia court operating in Raipur whose validity has also been challenged by her, the petitioner's counsel said on Tuesday.

A single bench of Justice P Sam Koshy on Monday ordered a stay on the effect and operation of the impugned order till the next date of hearing, said the counsel for the woman petitioner, Devershi Thakur.

The woman had filed a

lenging the validity of 'Idara-E Shariya Islami Court' operating in Chhattisgarh' capital Raipur and a triple talaq order passed by it against her.

The Sharia court in January this year in a ruling granted triple talaq (a practice of instant divorce now banned under the law) to the woman (on basis of her husband's pronouncement) following which she filed a writ petition in the HC against the order, he said.

The woman argued that no opportunity was provided by the Sharia which was a violation of the right to life provided under the Constitution, Thakur said.

"Through the present petition, the petitioner had challenged the existence of the 'Idara-E Shariya Islami Court' which is in violation of the constitution, fundamental rights to life and liberty and the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986," said Thakur.

The petitioner had complained at a women's police station here against her husband and in-laws, but the counselling at the 'One Stop takes up women-related issues) failed to bring about a rapprochement between the two sides. An FIR was subsequently registered at the police station against the woman's husband and in-laws.

However, the respondent/husband proceeded with triple talaq pronouncement and the Sharia court passed its order without providing an opportunity to the woman to present her side, Thakur said. The Centre enacted a law in 2019 which made the practice of instant triple talaq a criminal offence.

# **CPI leader Manish Kunjanm** listens to problem of villagers



**Central Chronicle News** 

Konta, Feb 23: National President of Mahasabha and former MLA Manish Kunjam reached Kistaram village of Konta block. All the villagers of Kistaram reached the weekly local market, as soon as the villagers got information about their sudden arrival in the nearby area,

the villagers and got apprised of the public problems of the panchayat..

Villagers said that there are facing water problem. Further the villagers said that no one is getting old age pension, some people were getting it earlier. The villagers have said the need to build a street in the panchayat. After listening to the problem of Kistaram Gram

Kunjam immediately informed Sukma District Nandanwar about the problem of hand pump

through telephone.

Collector Nandanwar has asked to take immediate cognizance in this regard and discuss with the concerned department. AISF State President Mahesh Kunjam, Kosa Sodi Sarpanch was pres-

मिनी स्रेडियम निमाण में हरा

# Sikh men, women in large number attend 'Shabad Kirtan'

Organised at **Nanak Sagar** 

**Central Chronicle News** 

Pithora, Feb 23: In the 'Kirtan Samagam' of Sikh Samaj in district's Nanak Sagar, the Sikh men and women in large number were present in the 'Shabad Kirtan' programme. The first 'guru' of Šikhs - Guru Gurunanak Devji during his journey from Amarkantak to Puri has stopped at Nanak Sagar and with this the Sikh people have got loyalty and faith towards it.

After discussions on developing world-level 'Gurudwara' at this place, now the work of construction is going to start. On Sunday, at Nanak Sagar, a massive 'Shabad Kirtan' and 'Langar' was organised by the people of Šikh Samaj and in this the



formed 'Shabad Kirtan' from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and after this the 'Langar' was thrown open for all.

Prog to be organised

Gurudwara Nirman Samiti and office bearers informed that now on oc-

Kirtan' and 'Langar' will be oranised. In this programme, President State Minorities Commission Mahendra Singh Chabda, President Station Road Gurudwara Niranjan Singh Khanuja, working president Surendra Singh Chabda, President Gurudwara Baba Budhaji Harkrishna Singh Rajput, Rinku Raipur, Oberoi from Devendra Singh Anand from Delhi, head of Nanak Gadhfuljhar Gurudwara Committee Harjinder SinghHarju, Gurudwara Committee Basna - Manjit Singh Saluja, Lal Singh, Manjit Singh Chabda, Saluja from Saraipali, Jagjit Singh Mata from Pithora, Kulwant Singh Khanuia Sikh and Basna. brethren from Pithora, Saraipali, Sankara,

Road of Mahasamund district were present in large number. People thronging in

large number:

Right since the news about Nanak Sagar has come to fore, the devotees of Sikh Samaj are coming to pay obeisance to Guruji here in large number, not only from state, but from other parts of country and seeking blessings for peace and prosperity.

A woman from Raipur suffering with paralysis had come to this place with blessings to cure herbrought her on a chair and took her upto the programme.

Sampat Agrawal present whole-day

In the 'Shabad Kirtan' programme organised at Nanak Sagar, the founder of 'Neelanchal Sewa Samiti' Sampat Agrawal was present the whole day

# chool children deprived of sports facilities

As sports stadiums is being encroached

**Central Chronicle News** Dongargarh, Feb 23: In

order to carry out sports

activities in various Gram

**Panchavats** Dongargarh-block, half of the mini stadium was constructed years ago by the state government, but due to the negligence of the responsible staff and the people's representatives, in today's situation all the stadiums have reached a state of disrepair without

any use.

According to the information received from the State Government for the purpose of promoting sports activities among the rural youth and school children of major Gram Panchayats including LB Nagar, Musra, Kolhapuri (Musra) and Mohara of Vika Sakhand, mini stadiums were constructed.

Though the stadiums were constructed for students, it has been encroached by villagers and others for day to day work like making of cow dung like in the case of stadium of Koliyapuri, which is being used for storing fodder and feed for gauthans and other building materi-

According to Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Kolhapuri for the last 20 years people's representatives have been trying to remove the encroachment from time to time, but due to lack of administrative support, the encroachment could not be removed till date.

Meanwhile the stadium built in LB Nagar is in dilapidated condition without any use Sarpanch Tulsi Hira Soni informed that there is ample field space available for sports in LB Nagar area, but the stadium is in a state of disrepair due to lack of maintenance and improp-

Apart from this, a mini stadium can also be constructed by constructing a compound in the plains located in Kanya Higher Secondary School. For

this, it has been stated on behalf of the Chairman Block Congress Committee LB Nagar, Hira Soni that the MLA and the local administration should prepare a proposal and send it.

According to Nirmalkar, the young Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Musra, the stadium was constructed to promote sports activities among the youth and children, but it is not maintained by the Panchayat due to lack of adequate facilities for operation and maintenance of the stadi-

The construction of the mini stadium at Mudhiya was declared complete by the department after completing half of it and the field is surrounded by thorny bushes, and due to

the lack of proper access roads, cricketers face great difficulty in getting around in this occasionally used ground and the stadium is in a state of disrepair due to lack of maintenance.

Sarpanch of Gram Mudhia Panchayat Dinesh Verma said that in the past this stadium used to come under the jurisdiction Gram Panchavat Mohara, but in today's situation it comes under Gram Panchayat Mudhia.

According to the information received, the stadium has not been transferred to the Gram Panchayat by the department till date, due to which the Panchayat is not officially considering the maintenance and use of this stadium.



# Challan proceedings start as preparation for cleanliness survey 2022 begins

**Central Chronicle News** 

Korea, Feb 23: Under Survey 2022, District Collector Kuldeep Sharma has directed all the Municipal Corporations, Nagar Palika Parishads, Nagar Panchayats to work while being aware of cleanliness.

Acting on the use of banned plastic bags on the instructions of the Collector, 23 shops were inspected by the civic team under Municipal Corporation Chirmiri, where challan proceedings were taken on the use of banned single use plastic. A challan of Rs 15 hundred has been imposed on 6 shops by the

Along with challaning action on the sale and use of banned plastics, spot for throwing garbage in public places, recovery of user charges are being taken. Door-todoor garbage collection, source segregation, home

**Central Chronicle News** 

Birkoni, Feb 23: The annual body

meeting of Daily Wage Forest

Workers Union Pt. No. 548 of dis-

trict Mahasamund concluded

here calling the need of regualri-

All the daily wage earners ex-

pressed concern about them not

regualrise as per the promise to

regularize the daily wage earners

in the public manifesto of the

present State government. As per

information, a order was issued

two and a half years ago to set up

a committee for regularization,

but the process is still to begin.

sation of daily wagers.

composting is being done Manendragarh, got the through cleanliness didis first rank in the state in all the bodies and pan- and the national zone Sanitation chayats and people are ninth in the population being made aware about cleanliness by appointing brand ambassadors.

> Along with cleaning the ponds, drains, accessible toilets, the major squares and squares of the city have been marked and the Amrit Mahotsay Tiraha and Chauraha have been made. Wide publicity is also being done through wall painting, and public Munadi.

> In the cleanliness survey 2021, the first rank in the state among the cities with a population of 50 thousand to 01 lakh and in Municipal Corporation Chirmiri, which secured the third position in the National Zone, special attention is being paid to cleanliness to stay on the top position in 2022 as well

Chirmiri also got 01 star rank in GFC in the last survey. The same Nagar

It was also said that due to

lack of budget, salary has not

been paid to the daily wage earn-

ers since last month, and in the

coming days the retired officers,

employees in the forest depart-

State Minor Forest Produce

Association/g. c. Work has been

made available in the State

Forest Development Corporation,

which is not fair. On this occa-

sion, State General Secretary

Ramkumar Sinha, State

**Executive Member, President** 

Janaklal Sahu Sanat Bhoi, Dashrat

Yadav and a large number of of-

fice bearers were present.

ment general/g.c.

DWFWU annual meeting for regularisation concludes

of 25 thousand to 50 thousand.

Similarly, Nagar Palika Parishad Baikunthpur, which secured 6th position in State and National Zone in a body with a population of 25 thousand to 50 thousand, got 03 stars in GFC. It was also ranked 102 out of 133 cities.

Nagar Palika Parishad Shivpur-Charcha got 102nd rank in State and National Zone in cities with population less than 25 thousand. In the cities with population less than 10 thousand, Panchavat Nagar Jhagrakhand got the first rank in the state and 87 in the national zone.

In the State and National Zone, Nagar Panchayat Khongapani got 77th rank and Nagar Panchayat Nai Leatheri got 109th rank.

Form No. URC-2 Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI

[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of subtion (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, a slicitation has been made to the Registrar at Blaubanhattisgarh that Swargiya Usha Devi Educationalety is registered as per Section 20 of Society istration Act, 1913.

The principal objects of the proposed Company a

is follows:

To carry on the activities of promoting, setting up istabilishing, franchising, developing and running ducational institutions like schools, colleges, coaching tributions institutes, study centers, oral coaching classes where ir rofessional, technical, vocational or higher education ir very field of science, commerce, arts, management orgineering, law, banking, insurance, finance, medicine cospitality, tourism, computers, or any other type o ducation be imparted by conducting regular, part time and weekend classes as well as organize conferences eminars, workshops, educational update and exchange formation relating knowledge without profit motive. relating knowledge without profit motive

A copy of the draft Memorandum and Articles association of the proposed Company may be inspecte t the office at C/o Tagore Group of Institution, Turkadi ypass Road, Sakri, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh - 495001. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to lotice is hereby given usua any year oppositive them of the included may communicate their objection in writing I C, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot Ne. As Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgao rygana), Pin Code-122050 within 21 days from the of publication of this notice, with a copy to the

SWARGIYA USHA DEVI EDUCATIONA Kavita Vishwakarma Deepak Singh Rajpu

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and, Veraval, Gujerat - 362 266 | (T) -91 22 43567100 | (Toll free) 1800 270 700

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that w.e.f. 20th May, 2022, Aditya Birla Finance Limited, Raigarh Branch, shall be relocating its following premises

Closing Premises Address: 3rd Floor, Rahul Complex, Jagatpur, O. P. Jindal Road, Chhattisgarh - 496001

Place: Raigarh

To: New Office Address: 1st Floor, Rahul Complex Jindal Road, Jagatpur, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh - 496001

For ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LTD.

**Authorized Signatory** 

DOP: 24th February, 2022



#### BRIEF

#### Revamped

■ New Delhi: Delhi government's official website is soon going to be available in a revamped form, bringing together portals of different departments on a single platform. Currently, the website having links of government departments fails to open despite repeated attempts. There are some other portals like that of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) which pose problems when a user tries to get any information.

#### Sick

■ **Bikaner:** Ninety-six people, including children, fell sick after consuming food served at a marriage function in Bikaner district's Sridungargarh area. They complained of pain in the abdomen and vomiting after consuming snacks. juice and other items at the function. They

were rushed to a near-

by hospital for pri-

nearly 24 of them

the PBM Hospital.

mary treatment, and

were later admitted to

#### Associate

■ Jammu: An alleged associate or over ground worker of The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit, was arrested by the police and a grenade recovered here. The timely arrest of the suspect foiled the terrorists' plan to carry out a grenade attack in the winter capital Jammu Shakir Ahmad Naikoo, a resident of Harpora village of south Kashmir's Shopian district, was picked up on specific

#### Held

information.

■ Gurugram: The Gurugram police busted an interstate gang of vehicle lifters from Jaipur, who had recently allegedly killed a cab driver in order to rob his car. The arrested accused are identified as gang leader Vishal, a resident of Delhi, his girlfriend Rekha, Vinod, Jitu, Ravi and Rahul, residents of Muana village in Jaipur.

#### **Fake**

Guwahati: A former police officer turned militant of Meghalaya who is also dabbling in politics was arrested by Assam Police in Guwahati with fake Indian currency notes. Two of his aides were also arrested in the operation carried out by Basistha Police Station of the city. Spl squad and an EGPD team from Basistha PS busted a FICN scam 3 persons, Champion Sangma, Gohanch Sangma and Cherian Momin all residents of Meghalaya.

#### Rescued

Pune: A leopard struggling to stay afloat in a 50-feet deep well has been rescued in the nick of time thanks to a swift operation involving volunteers and Forest officials in Parner tehsil of Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra. The male big cat was rescued from the well in Alkuti village after a three-hour operation involving members of Wildlife SOS, officials of the state forest department, and villagers.

# **Chandigarh residents at few** places still face power outages



A traffic cop directing traffic as traffic lights not functioning due to outage in Chandigarh on Wednesday.

Chandigarh, Feb 23 (PTI):

Residents of some parts of Chandigarh continued to face power outages on Wednesday with electricity supply remaining disrupted after the employees of the electricity department went on a three-day strike against privatisation. Harried residents of Chandigarh, which is the country's first planned

city, blamed the city administration for remaining a mute spectator, leaving them in lurch as the power outages crippled the city. Congress MP from Anandpur Sahib Manish Tewari sought intervention of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in the matter, saying there is chaos and anarchy and all essential services have come to a standstill. "Dear

Chandigarh has been without electricity for 36 hours. There is chaos & anarchy. All Essential Services are at a standstill. @ChandigarhAdmn has miserably failed to address the situation. Chandigarh is an Union Territory. Kindly intervene," said Tewari in a tweet on Wednesday. Chandigarh administration on Tuesday had invoked the Essential Services Maintenance Act, banning strikes by the electricity department for six months.

There were, however, reports that electricity supply was getting restored at some places. The outage since Monday night forced government hospitals in the union territory to reschedule elective surgeries, besides adversely affecting residential, industrial and commercial

# **DEMANDING JUSTICE**



ABVP members protest demanding justice for Lavanya, a minor who committed suicide allegedly after forced conversion, at Athwaget in Surat, Gujarat.

# We are alert, prepared for any potential threats: Army chief

**Bengaluru, Feb 23 (PTI):** 

Chief of the Army Staff General MM Naravane on Wednesday said that the Indian Army is committed to maintain peace and stability at the country's borders, and is alert and prepared for any potential threats.

Pointing at the changes in the way in which battles are fought today, he said the army has increased its efficiency with new weaponries and modern equipment.

The Army Chief was speaking after presenting the prestigious 'President's Colours', or 'Nishan' as popularly known in the Army, to four Parachute battalions here. 'The Indian army



Special Force of Army Battalion conduct parachute parade during President's Colours event, at Parachute Regiment Training Center (PRTC), in Bengaluru, Wednesday.

challenging time, you are well aware of the developments at our borders. The

today is going through a maintain peace and stability at our borders. I want to definitely say that we army is committed to any potential threats,

General Naravane said. In his address, he said with changes in the area of battle, there are enough changes in the way in which the forces are organised, usage of weaponries and how the battles are fought.

'The army has increased its efficiency with new weaponries and modern equipment. Though this process of change is continuous, there is a new intensity and speed in these efforts, in the last two to three years,' he added.

The four battalions that were presented President's Colours are: 11 PARA (SPECIAL FORCE), PARA (SPECIAL FORCE), 23 PARA and 29

#### Harish Rawat claims video shows ballot tampering

**Dehradun, Feb 23 (PTI)** 

Congress general secretary Harish Rawat has posted a video on social media that purportedly shows one person at an Army centre ticking and signing several postal ballot papers.

Sharing the video on his Twitter handle and Facebook, Rawat said, "Sharing a short video for everyone's information. It shows how one man at an army centre is ticking and signing several ballot papers. Will the Election Commission take cognisance of this?

When asked about the tweet, Rawat's spokesman Surendra Kumar refused to disclose the source of the video but claimed that it is from Uttarakhand.

The party has not made a formal complaint to the

Video shot shared by Harish Rawat alleges ballot tampering.

this regard yet but it can take suo motu cognisance of it, he said. The Congress leaders termed it as a "mockery of democracy" and urged the Election Commission to take cognisance of the video and act against the guilty. The Congress has retweeted Rawat's tweet.

Assembly Pritam Singh said,"In this video that makes a mockery of democracy, a man at an army centre is seen ticking and signing several postal ballot papers in favour of the party of his choice." The Election Commission should take cognisance of it and act against the guilty, Singh said. Reacting to the tweet, the BJP termed it the Congress' frustration, saying the party is doing it as it can see its defeat in the recently held Assembly "The Congress is resort-

Leader of Opposition in

**Uttarakhand** 

ing to such tactics as it is aware that it has failed to mislead people. In the face of its imminent defeat the party which was talking earlier about manipulation of EVMs is now talk-

# Heavy snowfall throws life out of gear in Srinagar



Snowfall in Srinagar on Wednesday.

**Srinagar, Feb 23 (PTI):** 

Life was thrown out of gear in Kashmir on Wednesday as most areas of the valley received snowfall - the season's first heavy fall in the plains - disrupting flight

and railway operations and leading to the closure of the vital Srinagar-Jammu national highway, officials here said.

Most areas of the valley received moderate to heavy snowfall which started in the night and was going on when last reports came in, they said. The areas in the higher reaches of the Union Territory received very heavy snowfall — around two feet or more, they

officials said Srinagar - the summer capital of the union territory - recorded about eight inches of snow till Wednesday. The authorities have pressed men and machinery into service to clear the snow off the roads, many of which, such as those leading to hospitals and other vital installations, are being cleared on priority, the officials said. The bad weather affected the flight operations to and fro the Kashmir valley.

### Manipur wants change: Ibobi Singh Imphal, Feb 23 (PTI):

Former Chief Minister and Congress leader Okram Ibobi Singh feels Manipur is ripe for a change of government as people are "fed up" with the current dispensation.

The ruling BJP's "divisive politics" both at national and state level are unlikely to succeed in any of the five states going to the polls, Singh told PTI in an interview.

"I believe that the people of Manipur are fed up with BJP. It is just that they have not been able to express it openly. The BJP has been telling lies and making hollow prom-

They have not converted any of their promises into action," he claimed. Asserting that BJP's



Former Manipur CM Ibobi Singh during a rally for Congress.

"systematic policy and plan both at national and state level" of indulging in divisive politics will not succeed, the veteran Congress leader said, "We will get to know about it with the outcome of the five state elections and in 2024 general elections. People are fed up with them.

Citing the example of Framework Agreement signed in 2015 between the Centre and Naga rebel group NSCN (IM), he pointed out that the deal has not yielded a final outcome. Singh added that it was a case of keeping people in the dark, which in turn has

led to erosion of trust.

"It's been so long that agreement was signed but no one knows what is in it. Neither have they shared with the public nor have they completed the talks...l believe that even the Naga people have lost trust in the BJP and its ability to solve the issue," he said.

When asked how confident is the Congress of coming back to power after the upcoming state assembly election, Singh said, "Out of the total candidates that we have put up (53), we know the potential of each one and we strongly believe in the winning capability of 40-45 of them.

However, he said, "In case if we fall short of majority, there will be post-poll alliance with like-minded parties.'

# 'Priyanka's slogan, Maurya's switch no impact on polls'

RPN did not make direct comment on Congress functioning

#### Kushinagar, Feb 23 (PTD:

Former Union minister RPN Singh, who recently crossed over to the BJP, said the ladki hoon' slogan coined by his old party will have no effect on the assembly polls, claiming that the Congress tickets have gone only to the wives of its leaders. He also dismissed the impact of UP minister and Other Backward Class leader Swami Prasad Maurya switching over to the Samajwadi Party and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has breached caste barriers with development schemes guided by the inclusive mantra of Sabka

Saath, Sabka Vishwas. Once a close aide of Rahul Gandhi, Ratanjit Pratap Narain Singh aka RPN said the Congress



BJP leader RPN Singh during door to door campaign in

now does not exist as a party or an ideology. Asked about Congress general Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's Ladki hoon, lad sakti hoon (I am girl and can fight) slogan, he mocked that a poster girl from that campaign had herself switched to the BJP. Every person gives a

the Congress has given a slogan it will have no effect in the election because the tickets have been given to the wives of Congress leaders," he told PTI in an interview at his ancestral home. RPN belongs to the erstwhile princely state of Padrauna and is the son of former Union Minister slogan in the election. If CPN Singh. He was elected

MLA from Padrauna for three consecutive terms beginning in 1996. This time he is out of the electoral race but campaigning for BJP candidates in his home district Kushinagar. Polling here will be held in the sixth phase of the UP Assembly elections on March 3. "I have clearly seen that Dalits, backwards, most backward and upper caste people have broken caste barriers after being motivated by the schemes, working style and efforts towards nation building of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said. Singh dismissed the suggestion that the BJP inducted him to compensate for the loss of support it suffered among the backward castes after Swami Prasad Maurya joined the SP.

## Two more held in Bajrang Dal activist murder case

Shivamogga, Feb 23 (PTI):

Two more persons were arrested in the Bajrang Dal activist murder case in Shivamogga, where district authorities have extended the prohibitory orders till Friday.

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said on Wednesday that he has ordered an inquiry against the policemen posted in two police stations in this district headquarters town, in the backdrop of the incident.

Underlining the need to audit the performance of Kote and Doddapete police stations in Shivamogga, he said, "We need to ascertain how many police officers and personnel were there in these two police stations in the past five



A police drone handler set up a drone for surveillance of the riot-affected areas after section 144 was imposed in Shivamogga, Wednesday.

years and how they monitored these accused (those eight arrested) who have a huge criminal past."

He warned that "irresponsible" police officers will not be spared, which led to "the incidents". Shivamogga

BM Laxmi Prasad said six people have been booked in connection with the murder of the 28-year-old Harsha, who was stabbed with lethal weapons by a group of people here on Sunday night.

Superintendent of Police

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#### Lake

■ Karbala: Iraq's Razzaza Lake was once a tourist attraction known for its beautiful scenery and an abundance of fish that locals depended on. Now, dead fish litter its shores and the once-fertile lands around it have turned into a barren desert. Razzaza is seeing a significant decline in water levels and has been hit by pollution and high levels of salinity.

#### Taken

Colombo: Sri Lanka has taken "substantial steps" with a view to "accountability, restorative justice and meaningful reconciliation" related to human rights and reconciliation, Foreign Minister GL Peiris said, as he briefed India-based diplomats ahead of 49th session of UNHRC. Peiris addressed the 83 Heads of Mission accredited to Sri Lanka who are based in New Delhi through virtual session and shared infor mation on measures

#### **Blocking**

Beirut: Canadian authorities are preventing a Canadian woman and a child detained in a camp in Syria from returning home to get life-saving medical treatment, contradicting policies that allow such repatriations, a prominent rights group said. Human Rights Watch identified the two gravely ill Canadians as Kimberly Polman, 49, and a child under age 12.

#### Deal

■ Manila: The Philippines signed a 32 billion-peso (624 million) deal to purchase 32 Black Hawk helicopters in the largest military aircraft acquisition contract under outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte, defense officials said. Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana signed the deal with Janusz Zakrecki, president of Poland-based aerospace manufacturer PZL Mielec, to acquire the S-70i Black Hawks, which can be used for troop transport.

#### Advises

■ Brussels: European Union member countries agreed that they should further facilitate tourist travel into the 27-nation bloc for people who are vaccinavirus or have recovered from COVID-19 antine requirements for people who rerised in the EU or approved by the World Health Organisation.

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# **Chinese, Nepalese held in illegal loan scheme targeting Indians**



Kathmandu, Feb 23 (PTI):

Two Chinese and more than 100 Nepali nationals have been arrested in Nepal for their involvement in running an online fraud loan scheme targeting Indians, police said on Wednesday.

Nepal Police said in a press release that they arrested two Chinese and 115 Nepali nationals in two separate raids conducted Kathmandu and Bhaktapur districts in Kathmandu valley on Monday and Tuesday for their involvement in fraudulent cyber activi-

Acting on a tip-off, Kathmandu Metropolitan Police Range first detained a group of 37 individuals, including a Chinese from Old Baneshwor on Monday night. The Chinese national, identified as Chang Hu bao, operated illegal business activities targeting Indians with the help of Nepali youth.

"They had officially registered the company called Lewan Group to provide IT services for business houses in the capital, police said. The Nepali nationals arrested from

Kathmandu include 23 boys and 13 girls. After their arrest, the police also busted a larger racket in Sano Thimi Municipality of Bhaktapur district from where they arrested 80 people, including a Chinese national named Wang Zinao in the second raid carried on a threestorey office building.

The arrested Nepalese from Bhaktapur include 47 girls and 32 boys. A total of 48 laptops and 14 desktop PCs were also confiscated from the office. The Chinese nationals,

who reportedly started the business one and a half months Kathmandu Bhaktapur, used to lend short term loans to the Indians with 2.5 to 3.5 per cent interest rates online.

They provided loans amounting to Rs 3,000 to 30,000 to the borrowers in India, who were required to submit the photo copies of their ration card and

### **CLOISONNE ARTIFACTS**



Japanese Emperor Naruhito, left, and Empress Masako look at cloisonne artifacts in the collection of the San-no-Maru Museum at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, Japan.

## Ukraine's economy is another victim of Russia's 'hybrid war'

US last week offered USD 1 billion loan guarantee

**Kyiv, Feb 23 (AP):** 

One by one, embassies and international offices in Kyiv closed. Flight after flight was cancelled when insurance companies balked at covering planes arriving in Ukraine. Hundreds of millions of dollars in investment dried up within weeks. With Russian troops en-

circling much of the country, Ukrainian businesses large and small no longer plan for the future they can barely foresee what will happen week to week.

It is Ukraine, not Russia, where the economy is eroding the fastest under the threat of war. Even before Russian troops rolled into rebel-held areas in the country's east and Russian President Vladimir Putin



Vendors wait for customers at their fruit market stall in downtown Kyiv, Ukraine.

recognised the independence of the separatist region. Ukraine was the biggest loser in the agonizing, slow-motion aggression. Why is it that we are suffering consequences already? And Russia, who is

Roofs ripped off houses as

another cyclone hits Madagascar

actually threatening the whole world, in Europe, is not suffering any consequences? asked Andrey Stavnitser, CEO of the port operator TIS Group.

squeezing Ukraine's economy is a

key destabilising tactic in what the government describes as hybrid warfare intended to eat away at the country from within.

The Ukrainian president is also juggling statesponsored cyberattacks, a Russia-backed separatist movement and the threat of 150,000 Russian soldiers surrounding his country on three sides.

The economic woes include restaurants that dare not keep more than a few days of food on hand, stalled plans for a hydrogen production plant that could help wean Europe off Russian gas and uncertain conditions for shipping in the Black Sea, where container ships must carefully edge their way around Russian mili-

#### **South Korea's** presidential race puts misogyny in spotlight

Seoul, Feb 23 (AP): As South Korea enters a bitter presidential race, Hong Hee-jin is one of many young women who feel that the country's politics has become dominated by discrimination against women, even outright misogyny.

Women are being treated like they don't even have voting rights, the 27year-old office worker in the capital, Seoul, said.

For years, South Korean women have made slow but steady progress in the workplace as they confronted an entrenched culture of male chauvinism and harassment.

But this extremely tight presidential race, which culminates March 9, has exposed the fragility of what's been won.

### Impending Iran nuclear deal alarms Israel

Jerusalem, Feb 23 (AP):

While the world's attention has been focused on Ukraine, tne Biden administration also has been racing with world powers toward restoring the 2015 international nuclear deal with Iran.

After months of negotiations in Vienna, the various sides have indicated a new deal is close, perhaps in the coming days. But instead of the longer, stronger agreement originally promised by the US, the deal is expected to do little more than reinstate the original pact, whose key restrictions on Iranian nuclear activity expire in a few years. This modest accomplishment appears to be the best the

Biden administration can hope for at a time when it is restrained by Congress at home, and overwhelmed abroad with the Ukraine crisis and longer-term challenges such as China and climate change. But it is setting off alarm bells in Israel, whose leaders have grown increasingly vocal in their condemnations of a deal they fear will not prevent Iran from develop-

ing nuclear weapons. The emerging deal, as it seems, is highly likely to create a more violent, more volatile Middle East, Israeli **Prime Minister Naftali Bennett** said this week, repeating his threat that Israel is not bound by the deal and is prepared to attack Iran if needed.

# GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN, RAIPUR (C.G.) e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

(2<sup>nd</sup> Call)

System Tender No.: 93343/NIT No.: 05/SAC/2021-22, Kasdol, Dated: 21.02.2022 Online Tenders are Invited for The Following Works up to

14.03.2022 at 17:30 Hour (IST) :-

Name of Work: REMODELLING AND C.C. LINING FROM R.D.0 TO 18600 M OF DY. 1 R.D.0 TO 2640 M OF DY. 4, R.D.0 TO 2580 M OF DY. 10, R. D.0 TO 2040 M OF DY.11,2760 M IN PATCHES OF DY.12,4890 M IN PATCHES OF DY.14,R.D.0 TO 3330 M OF DY.21,R.D.1050 TO 1980 M OF DY 25, R.D.0 TO 2160 M OF HASUWA MINOR OF DY 1 AND R.D.0 TO 2400 M OF GIDHOURI MINOR ,R.D.0 TO 1500 M OF PULENI MINOR,R.D.0 TO 4530 M OF PULENI SUB MINOR OF DY. 4, CONSTRUCTION OF UNDER GROUND CANAL 1500M OF CHICHOLI MINOR OF DY.25, CONSTRUCTION OF 28 NO.STRUCTURE (12 NO.V.R.B., 3 NO.D.C., 5 NO. H.R., 07 NO. FALL, 1 NO.FALL CUM V.R.B.), 159 NOS.OUTLETS OF CHICHOLI MINOR OF JONK DIVERSION SCHEME OF BALODABAZAR-BHATAPARA

robable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 2387.96 Lakhs

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from Date 28.02.2022, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

NOTE: - All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the ntegrated e-procurement portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) and get approval or specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/ Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER** Water Resources Division, Kasdol for, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godawari Basin

# UN slams 'aggressive' formula milk marketing

Report did not name specific companies



Geneva, Feb 23 (AFP):

The United Nations

slammed baby formula

makers Wednesday for

"unethical" marketing

strategies, accusing them

of aggressively targeting

expecting parents and

health workers and put-

ting shareholder interests

before children's health.

It is widely recognised

huge health benefits. But

countries' failure to crack

down on the marketing of

means far too many chil-

dren are still being reared

on formula, the World

Health Organization and

the UN children's agency

Unicef warned, in a new

report. It found that the

deploys aggressive marketing strategies, spending up to \$5 billion a year to sway parents' decisions on how to feed their in OUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

industry systematically

# TENDER NOTICE FOR ENGINEERING WORK

(1) Tender Notice No.:E-R-T-82-21-22, Date: 18.02.2022. Name of Work: (1) Construction of RUB at KM. 800/21-23 in lieu of manned level crossing No. 403 between Baikunth -Silyari section in Howrah - Mumba main line (by Pushing Technique), (2) Construction of RUB at KM. 802/21-404 between Baikunth - Silvari section Pushing Technique), (3) Construction manned level crossing No. 407 between Silyari- Mandhar section in Howrah - Mumbai main line (by Pushing Technique). Tender Value: that breastfeeding carries ₹ 29,48,42,992/-. Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 16,24,200.00. Submission of Tender: Upto 11.00 hours on 17.03.2022. Opening of breast milk substitutes Tender: 11.00 hours on 17.03.2022

For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above work please contact office of the Sr. DEN(Co.)/South East Central Railway, Raipur or refer/download tender document which is available on our website: www.ireps.gov.in Sr. Divisional Engineer(Line-I)

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3	508/18.02.2022 93122	विकासखण्ड कुनकुरी के ग्राम थेथेटांगर के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 221 नग	55.37	41550/-
4	50918.02.2022 93123	विकासखण्ड कृनकुरी के ग्राम अम्बाचुआ, जुडवाईन एवं कमतरा के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 368 नग	222.20	150000/-
5	510/18.02.2022 93124	विकासखण्ड कुनकुरी के ग्राम फरसाकानी एवं खरवाटोली के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 238 नग	115.84	86890/-
6	511/18.02.2022 93126	विकासखण्ड फरसाबहार के ग्राम पण्डरीपानी के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 271 नग	105.21	78950/-
7	512/18.02.2022 93127	विकासखण्ड बगीचा के ग्राम नटकेला के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 214 नग	116.83	87650/-
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9	514/18.02.2022 93130	विकासखण्ड बगीचा के ग्राम सामरबार के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 215 नग	148.59	111450/-
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11	516/18.02.2022 93211	विकासखण्ड पत्थलगांव के ग्राम पालीडीह के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 646 नग	270.90	150000/-
2	517/18.02.2022 93213	विकासखण्ड पत्थलगांव के ग्राम शिवपुर के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 278 नग	115.29	86500-
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15	520/18.02.2022 93333	विकासखण्ड फरसाबहार के ग्राम कुम्हारबहार एवं कुल्हारबुड़ा के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 80 नग	46.68	35050/-
6	521/18.02.2022 93334	विकासखण्ड फरसाबहार के ग्राम घवरासांड के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 93 नग	60.78	45600/-
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9	524/18.02.2022 93217	विकासखण्ड पत्थलगांव के ग्राम कुडकेलखाजरी एवं बगईझरिया के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 184 नग	122.37	91800/-
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21	526/18.02.2022 93219	विकासखण्ड कांसाबेल के ग्राम केनाडांड़ के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 180 नग	119.39	89600/-

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Testing Commissioning of Control

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Cyclone Emnati crashed into the southeastern coast of Madagascar in the early hours of Wednesday, ripping roofs off houses and raising fears of flooding and food shortages in a region still recovering from the destruction inflicted by another tropical storm just weeks ago. More than 30.000 people were moved to safe accommodation before Emnati arrived and Madagascar's National Office for Risk and Disaster Management esti-

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mates more than 250,000 people could be impacted by the latest cyclone.

People outside ruined homes in Mananjary, Madagascar.

There were no immediate reports of deaths or injuries from Emnati, but local authorities reported extensive damage to houses and other buildings in at least one southeastern

Madagascar, an island off the east coast of Africa renowned for its wildlife

storms in the last month, killing nearly 200 people already and compounding issues of food insecurity. A drought in the south of the country left around 400,000 at risk of starvation last year, according to the UN World Food Program. A string of aid agencies

and unspoiled natural

treasures, has now been

hit by four major tropical

warned that Emnati will be a double blow for the eastern and southeastern regions that were hit by Cyclone Batsirai early this month. Batsirai ultimately left more than 120 people dead and displaced 143,000. More than 20,000 houses were destroyed or damaged by Batsirai, the UN Office for the Coordination

Humanitarian Affairs said, and more than 21,000 people remain displaced.

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER SHIVNATH CIRCLE DURG (CHHATTISGARH)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in (1st CALL)

System Tender No.: 93346/NIT No.: 31/SAC/2021-22, Bemetara, Dated: 21.02.2022 Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 14.03.2022 at 17:30 Hour

Name of Work: RENOVATION OF HEAD WORK AND REPAIR OF WASTE WEIR OF LUK DIVERSION SCHEME AND REMODELLING AND LINING OF CANAL, CONSTRUCTION OF 03 NOS VRB, 03 NOS. FALL AND REPAIR OF 01 NO. AT STRUCTURE IN BLOCK SAJA DISTRICT BEMETARA.

Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 117.78 Lakhs

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Governmen of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from Date 28.02.2022, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

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Annexure A) from RDSO approved source.

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### **Cashless is digital jail**

anadian lawmakers have voted to extend the emergency powers that police can invoke to quell any potential restart of blockades by those opposed to COVID-19 restrictions. Lawmakers in the House of Commons voted 185 to 151 to affirm the powers. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said earlier that the powers were still needed despite police ending the occupation of the nation's capital by truckers over the weekend and police ending border blockades before that. The self-styled Freedom Convoy shook Canada's reputation for civility. Canadian government had morally lectured India during the farmer's protest, but is now acting in much more aggressive way to deal with protestors. But the main lesson for political movements in other countries from Canadian government measures is that cashless society is digital jail for citizens. The political activists in India should be thankful that the central and state governments in India did not invoke such financial sanctions on them, as cashless society is limited to urban areas only. The emergencies act in Canada allows authorities to declare certain areas as no-go zones. It also allows police to freeze truckers' personal and corporate bank accounts and compel tow truck companies to haul away vehicles. The move to a cashless society, which has been accelerated by COVID-19 restrictions, makes it almost impossible to function in society without a bank account and a credit card. You can't purchase many services with cash anymore. When some local shop's wireless service went down and they couldn't process digital payments, people offered to pay with cash. They didn't know what to do. Like many businesses, some shops in developed countries aren't set up to handle physical money. And that's assuming you have large cash reserves to begin with, as you can't withdraw money from a frozen bank account. Before the cashless society, you could probably still participate in society, albeit with some inconvenience, without a bank account.

Not so in 2022. Now, without a working bank account, you can't pay for a telephone or internet. You can't make car payments, rent, or travel. You also can't exercise most basic rights from freedom of speech to freedom of assembly. You can't even pay a lawyer to defend you. Think of it as digital jail. There may be no bars, but you are far from free. We need to adjust our assessment of government action to the realities of our new world. The government doesn't need to break down your door anymore to effectively remove you from society. They can do it with the press of a button. It also drives home just how powerful technology has made governments and the businesses that gatekeep our digital world. When they work together, whether it is to financially de-platform a political group or shut down disfavoured speech, there is literally no way to escape their reach, nowhere to hide. And when they act without due process, there is no way to defend yourself. The same technology that lets us buy dinner with a few clicks from bed also means the government can unperson us with a few clicks. The fact that weaponizing the financial system against nonviolent protestors and their distant supporters was the government's tool of first resort should worry anyone who understands the role of civil disobedience in democracy. We don't yet know how wide the government and the banks will cast their electronic dragnet, but the potential reach is enormous, which means the potential for overreach is significant. But one thing is already clear, that in an interconnected digital world, our freedom depends more than ever on the wisdom, good intentions, and forbearance of government and big business.

### Trekking risks

his week, a trekker who fell at least 200 feet into a gorge at Nandi Hill, about 60 km from Bengaluru, was rescued by the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the national and state disaster response forces. The 19-year-old victim from Delhi studying in an engineering college in Bengaluru fell into the gorge and got trapped. A few days ago, Kerala Forest Department had registered a case against trekker Babu, a youth who was recently rescued after being stranded in Kerala's Kurumbachi hills for nearly 48 hours. Babu and his friends have been charged for unauthorised trekking. Babu, along with his friends, went up the Kurumbachi hills in Cheradu, Palakkad district of Kerala on February 7. On their way down, Babu was exhausted and slipped on the rocks, ending up in a cavity in the hill. Being active and nature enthisuast is good, but breaking laws and taking risk is not good behaviour. Trekking is one of the best ways to get in touch with nature and enjoy the beautiful world around you. Trekking is an adventure sports which involves some kind of risk. One need to take proper precautions or it could be fatal. People should undertake trekking as well as hiking only after consulting a physical trainer and completing a formal course.

Statistics say that the outdoors is now nearly 70 percent of all leisure, vacation based travel, globally. This has massive ramifications in a country like India, where guidelines are available, but actual regulation, monitoring and implementation are abysmal. A hugely improved economy, increased and better road networks, the aviation revolution, internet and accessibility and a heightened need for fulfilment, aided by increased economic ability, have helped catapult adventure holidays to the fore. This is especially true for commercial trekking in places like Himalaya, an activity that has grown to four or five times its industry size over the last decade. India's adventure travel industry began with a handful of outdoorsmen and women but has grown to include shady travel agencies in absence of laws. With no regulatory barriers to entry, no checks and balances, individuals with no background in the adventure space began launching adventure travel companies. With no safety oversight, people are taking up adventure activities like trekking and raising possibilities of mishaps. The centre shall tell state governments to enact regulations for adventure sports, including trekking.

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### TRADITIONAL CARPET SHOP



Traditional carpets are displayed at a shop in Tozeur in the Djerid region of south west Tunisia.

# Integrating learning, actualising inclusion with digital university



he education system has to be inclusive, dynamic and evolving so as to meet the ever-increasing needs and aspirations of a diverse group of learners. It should be able to embrace advancements in the field to remain current and relevant. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is a great enabler as well as a great disabler in this context, if we catch up with ICT, it becomes an enabler and if we lag-behind, it becomes a disabler. Digital or virtual education is emerging as a most-potent mode of the teachinglearning world over, especially after the corona pandemic. Learning loss owing to the closure of educational institutions was mitigated to a considerable extent due to online learning. In spite of limitations of high bandwidth internet connectivity and electronic gadgets, online learning helped avoid academic sessions becoming zero, and precious na pandemic prompted University Grants Commission (UGC) to increase percentage of online teaching components from 20 to 40. Several universities resorted to Learning Management System (LMS) customised by the IN-FLIBNET. In the process, teachers and students developed skills in online teaching-learning to a large extent. UGC uploaded a draft regulation on blended learning for suggestions from academia and permitted universities to offer online programmes. The Ministry of Education launched several ICT initiatives for improving equity, access, quality and GER. These include,

SWAYAM, ARPIT, SWAYAMPRABHA, NPTEL, NDL, e-PG Pathshala, Shodhganga, e-Shodhsindhu, e-Yatra, Shodh Shuddhi, Spoken Tutorials, Virtual Labs, VIDWAN etc. There is a need felt now to accelerate and scale up the above-mentioned and new efforts for leveraging the benefits of virtual learning.

Anticipating the future growth trajectory of the learning system, the central government announced several initiatives on 17th May, 2020 itself. These included the launch of PM e-Vidya programme for multimode access to digital education encompassing Diksha (one nation-one digital platform), one class-one channel (upto class-XII), special e-Contents for the differently-abled student community and use of radio, community radio and podcast and e-Tutoring for higher education. All this amply demonstrates that the governy ior a big pusi with respect to digital learning, which eventually happened on 1st February, 2022 with the announcement made by Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman for establishing a digital university. She informed that this university is intended to provide access to world-class quality universal education with personalised learning experiences to students across the country at their "hands". It will be set-up on a networked hub and spoke model. In this model, the knowledge will originate from a centralised hub and will digitally travel to spokes (smaller locations) for use. Here, the hub refers to the best public universities and institutions in India and the spokes refer to individual learners who will be beneficiaries of the digital mode of delivery of knowledge. This digital university will comply with ISTE standards for the use of technology in teaching-learning. The catch point is that each hub needs to develop a cutting-edge ICT system. The beauty of plan is that the knowledge originating at the hubs will be in different Indian Modes of instruction in a digital or

virtual university range from distance learning to live, interactive classes where students communicate with a teacher. In an asynchronous learning environment, the students are given the assignments from the self-paced courses to be completed within a timeframe. Students complete the assignments at their own pace and the interactions are limited to discussion boards, blogs, wikis etc. Oppositely, synchronous online study happens in real-time, whereby teachers and students all interact online simultaneously. This happens either through text, video, audio or in all modes. In addition to the scheduled class time, there are usually additional assignments to be completed. Therefore these lessons are socially constructed. In my view, the proposed digital university should embrace all three models of online learning to meet the needs of diverse sections of the student community dwelling in a widerange of socio-economic contexts. An graduate from their homes without ever dislocating themselves. Moreover, online resources function as a library, and with the facility for creating online study materials, the requirement of textbooks is also met with.

However, the caution is that it becomes extremely difficult to keep the learners' attention at the optimum level in the online learning ecosystem', making synchronous learning extremely difficult. Teachers have to find technology-enabled creative ways to keep students' attention focussed on the screen as they are in the comfort zone their home environment.

Individualising lessons and short breaks can help students to stay engaged. Moreover, in a synchronous learning environment, teachers and students have to be extremely disciplined and focused in order to avoid learning loss and make it as interactive as offline learning. Digital learners can be effectively engaged through gamification that provides learning material as games to bring clarity and enjoyment to students learning experience. Gamification can also assist students to increase their intrinsic motivation for accomplishing desired learning goals.

Thus, a digital university is a huge opportunity for the nation to integrate learning, actualise digital inclusion, and build the future of rich and poor alike. However, the mandate of the digital university should not be restricted to converting traditional course materials into digital forms and their delivery in online mode. Delivery of contents amounts only to having a set of data or information without knowing what to do with it. Analysis, synthesis, inference drawing, firming-up conclusions, application potential and validation of the knowledge created, and midcourse correction complete the learning cycle. How to ensure this, is the biggest challenge in online learning. Creative use of hybrid learning models may help overcome this deficiency. Hybrid learning, as understood, is not merely a mode of delivery of knowledge in a mix of online and offline appropriate blending of pedagogies for capacity building of learners like lecturing, tutorial, group discussion, debate, students' seminar, home assignment, dissertation, internship, case study, policy formulation, project evaluation, field study, survey, excursion, use of virtual labs etc. Digital University, if conceptualised and nurtured carefully, has the potential to transform current learning system as envisaged in National Education Policy.

> (Raghavendra P Tiwari is Vice-**Chancellor, Central University of** Punjab, Bathinda.)

Picnic season The picnic season is on full swing. A picnic is a meal taken outdoors as part of an excursion, especially in scenic surroundings, such as parks, lakeside or other places. Picnickers use plates and cups made of plastic to serve food, water, tea and so on. And also it is often seen in picnics that people play music very loudly. What can cause noise pollution? People should avoid playing music loudly and also clean their picnic area before they leave. There is no need to upset the ecosystem with a large amount of junk left over after a picnic. Also, bins should be used to dump garbage, instead of littering the picnic spots. People should avoid using paper cups, plates, plastic spoons, forks which are used only once and thrown away. These are harmful to the environment. One can carry reusable cloth napkins instead of paper towels and tissue. And enjoy an eco-friendly picnic without doing any harm to the environment.

#### Parilina, via email Saluting Sun

It is appropriate to perform one of our ancient yogic practices of Surya Namaskar or Sun Salutation regularly. At a time when the entire world is suffering from the relentless onslaught of the Coronavirus, it is all the more significant that we train ourselves to practise Surya Namaskar for the body to withstand any kind of health hazard. Performing Surya Namaskar daily provides a lot of health benefits. It reduces tension, improves blood circulation, regulates breathing, and stimulates the central nervous system. It also helps to gain spiritual knowledge and wisdom, calms our mind and enables us to think clearly. Another impor-tant benefit of performing this yoga early in the morning is that during that time the ultraviolet rays are not harsh, and as a result, the skin doesn't get overexposed to the sun.

#### Ranganathan, via email Overcrowded

I like to bring it to your notice that the Covid protocol is still not followed in the city buses across India. Putting the safety of passengers at risk, private bus operators take overcrowded trips to various locations. The passengers in those buses hardly wear masks, making it easier for the deadly virus and its variants to spread. We are aware that the virus is spreading fast. So, to protect the masses, the government should make the Covid-19 regulations stricter. I request people also to be aware of the situation.

#### Jyotish, via email Request

Many citizens go for morning and/or evening walks to keep themselves fit, and healthy. However, walking briskly with masks is a big problem that walkers face, and this is unhealthy too. Given this, we request the authorities to allow morning and evening walkers to do their exercises, without a mask in noncrowdy places. This would be of great help. The authorities may fix designated timings like up to 9.30 am in the mornings and from 4 pm onwards in the evenings.

Disha, via email



Umang Kalra@umkalra

once met an Indian kid in

Edinburgh with the fakest fake

accent I've ever heard, repeatedly

insisting that his name is 'Warren

even when I kept being like dude

I'm Indian tell me your real name.

Then I heard from someone else his

Nikita@glorious\_gluten

My neighbour recently asked me

"akeli rehti ho toh itna samaan

kiske live khareed rahi ho" while I

was buying vegetables. Love how

the mere existence of single

women is a threat to thekedars of

the institution of family.

name was Varun and I cried.

#### Vir Das@thevirdas

I have a simple rule. If we don't know each-other, are seated together on a flight. and you're holding your phone a foot away from your face talking on speakerphone. I'm joining the call and saying hi to the person on the

India's trade with US and its allies - \$300 bn (maybe even more). India's trade with Russia - \$10 bn (maybe even less). Do the math and see which side your bread is buttered. But the defence component muddies the equation quite a lot.







#### Lavanya@LavanyaBallal

Ancestral home, more than 200 years old.



#### Maj GenYashMor@YashMor5 This is indeed serious issue. Wonder why no one really knows why the delay? Thousands have cleared tests and awaiting joining instructions. become

Heartbreaking for young boys and

their families. Many of us don't realise

Gaurav Sabnis@gauravsabnis

what it is to be a soldier in Army.

Most bread rolls around the world either aren't soft enough for your fingers to meet in the middle. like a kaiser roll. And if they are soft, they are too soft to spring back, like a burger or hot dog bun. Hoagie breads in US are the least worst alternative to Bombay pav.12

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ing Ukraine crisis continued

The Sensex closed 68.62

points or 0.12 per cent lower

at 57,232.06 and the Nifty

ended 28.95 points or 0.12 per

For better part of session,

both indices traded in the

positive territory tracking

mostly higher Asian peers

as investors hoped that

Western sanctions on Russia

cent down at 17,063.25.

to dent investor sentiment.

Sensex, Nifty log 6th straight day of

loss amid lingering Ukraine crisis

The Sensex breadth was

NTPC, L&T, Nestle and

ICICI Bank shares dropped

Elsewhere in Asia, bours-

es closed mostly higher, hop-

ing that war in Ukraine can

be avoided after the US

Japan and European powers

imposed sanctions on

Russia. Stocks closed lower

on Wall Street on Tuesday

after Russia sent forces into

Ukraine's eastern regions.

In early trading, the FTSE

100 in London rose 0.4 per

escalating tensions.

the most on the index.

equally divided between

gains and losses.

#### **BRIEF**

#### **Raises**



■ New Delhi: Shipsy has raised USD 25 million in a Series-B round co-led by A91 Partners and Z3 Partners with existing investors Info Edge and Sequoia Capital India's Surge. CEO Soham Chokshi said our mission is enabling customers to achieve logistics excellence.

#### **Divests**

■ New Delhi: Adani Enterprises Ltd on Wednesday announced divestment of its entire stake in DC Development Hyderabad Pvt Ltd and Naida Data Center (NDCL) to AdaniConnex Pvt Ltd. Consequently, DC Development Hyderabad and NDCL have ceased to be wholly-owned subsidiaries of the company, a filing said.

#### Ropes



New Delhi: Beverage major Coca-Cola has signed Bollywood heartthrob Shah Rukh Khan as the brand ambassador for Thums Up. Earlier, Khan was associated with rival cola brand, Pepsi, for a long period of time. It will have integrated campaign across mediums

#### **Partnership**

Mumbai: Pricol Limited on Wednesday announced a strategic technology partnership with Sibros Technologies to deliver deep connected vehicle solutions in the domestic and ASEAN markets. The California-based Sibros provides Overthe-Air (OTA) connected vehicle software systems for OEMs worldwide.

#### **Maldives**



group's realty firm Tata Housing on Wednesday announced an investment of USD 36 million (around Rs 270 crore) to develop two luxury residential projects in Maldives. MD-CEO Sanjay Dutt said it will be pride of Male City and Maldives Citizens.

#### Unicorn

New Delhi: Hasura announced that it has secured USD 100 million in funding round led by Greenoaks with participation from existing investors Nexus Venture Partners, Lightspeed Venture Partners and Vertex Ventures. The round 'Series C' brings the total capital raised by Hasura to USD 136.5 million and the company's valuation to USD 1 billion, placing it in the 'unicorn' league. It will accelerate research

and development.

# Advertisers will put disclaimers for 'highly risky' cryptos

#### Celebrity endorsers asked to do due diligence

Mumbai. Feb 23 (PTI):

Advertisers will have to prominently carry a disclaimer for crypto products and non-fungible tokens mentioning that these products are "unregulated and can be highly risky", according to the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).

Besides, the self-regula tory has said that such advertisements should mention that there may be no regulatory recourse for any loss from such transactions

Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs), which are commonly referred to as crypto or Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs), will have to put the disclaimer in a

Mumbai, Feb 23:

**ITI Mutual Fund has** 

announced the launch of 'ITI

Conservative Hybrid Fund' and

the NFO opened on February

21, 2022 and closes on March

07, 2022. The Fund will invest

Debt Instruments and also into

into an array of high quality

leading Nifty50 Index stocks.

The fund will be jointly man-

aged by Vikrant Mehta and

The Fund seeks to generate

regular income through invest-

ments in debt & money mar-

ket instruments, along with

capital appreciation through

equity related instruments.

However, there can be no

limited exposure to equity and

assurance that the investment

objective of the scheme will

Announcing the launch of the

■ It took RIL 15 vears

1 billion company

New Delhi, Feb 23 (PTI):

As India shapes its ener-

gy transition to cleaner

fuels, billionaire Mukesh

Ambani on Wednesday

said technological ad-

vancements will make

India a global new energy

leader, exporting half a

trillion dollars worth of

clean energy in two

a transition to green hy-

drogen production at its

oil-dominant conglomer-

ate, said India is today one

of the most attractive op-

portunities for renewable

energy investment any-

where in the world. But

Ambani, who is helming

decades.

to become USD

NFO, George Heber Joseph,

be realized.

Pradeep Gokhale.

able" way in campaigns for products and services.

The announcement of the guidelines, done after consultations with industry stakeholders, government and financial regulators as well, comes as the advertising for the controversial products and services is on the upswing.

The government is yet to come out with a law on such assets but has proposed a tax on gains made from such transactions

Chief Investment Officer, ITI

Conservative Hybrid fund to

investors and we believe it has

a very high potential to attract

money from investors who are

predominantly investing in tra-

ditional savings products. The

fund will have minimum 75%

of the exposure towards high

remaining balance will be

invested in equity & equity

nies belonging to NIFTY50

Index. Equity exposure will

range between 10%-25% of

the AUM and will be dynami-

investors a smooth investment

experience. This can be a won-

derful value added product for

mutual fund universe and pro-

vide them a Ready, Steady and

India can do USD 0.5 trillion

green energy exports

the transition to clean,

emission-free energy can-

not happen overnight and

India's dependence on coal

and imported oil will con-

tinue for the next 2 to 3

decades, he said. "But, we

must have a plan to elimi-

nate that in the next 2-3

decades," he said. "Hence,

in the near and medium-

term, we will have to fol-

low low-carbon, and no-

carbon strategies of devel-

opment." And technology

will help lower the costs of

distributors to help them

onboard a new investor into

cally managed to give

related instruments of compa-

quality debt securities and the

Mutual Fund says, "We are

quite thrilled to offer ITI

**ITI Mutual Fund launches ITI** 

**Conservative Hybrid Fund** 

proceed with caution," ASCI chairman Subhash Kamath said.

The guidelines say advertisers will have to carry the disclaimer -- "crypto products and NFTs are unregulated and can be highly risky. There may be no regulatory recourse for any loss from such transactions" -- in a prominent

A fifth of the advertising space in print or static ad should be devoted to the disclaimer, while in a video, it should be placed at the end against a plain background with a voice over reading out the text at normal speed, the ASCI said.

The disclaimer must remain on screen for at least while for long format ads of over two minutes it should be placed both in the starting and end of the ad.

#### **Rupee rallies 25 paise at 74.59** against USD, gold falls Rs 126

Mumbai, Feb 23 (PTI):

The rupee appreciated by 25 paise to 74.59 against US Wednesday due to a pullback in the greenback and crude oil prices after Western countries imposed several sanctions on Russia for sending troops into separatist-held regions in Ukraine.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 74.64 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.54 and a low of 74.73.

The rupee was quoted at 74.59 at 1530 hrs, registering a gain of 25 paise over its previous close. On Tuesday, the rupee depreciated by 29 paise to close at 74.84 against the US cur-

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, declined 0.17 per

#### cent to 7,523.96 and after Moscow's troop movements near Ukraine border Frankfurt's DAX gained 0.7 might soften Vladimir Putin per cent to 14,798.01. The defiant tone and leave some CAC in Paris added 0.9 per room to avoid war. cent to 6.845.85

**Jaguar Land Rover announces** 

partnership with Nvidia

**Gaydon, Feb 23:** 

Starting in 2025, all new

cles will be built on the

NVIDIA DRIVE software-

ty, automated driving and

driver assistance systems.

toring as well as advanced

This full-stack solution is

based on NVIDIA DRIVE

environment.

**DRIVE Orin centralised AV** Jaguar Land Rover has formed a multi-year strategic partnership with NVIDIA, the leader in artificial intelligence (AI) and computing, to jointly develop and deliver next-generation automated driving systems plus AI-enabled services and experiences for its customers. Jaguar and Land Rover vehidefined platform-delivering a wide spectrum of active safeparking systems as well as Inside the vehicle, the system will deliver AI features, including driver and occupant monivisualisation of the vehicle's

computers; DRIVE AV and DRIVE IX software; safety, security and networking systems: plus, surround sensors, DRIVE Orin is the AI brain of the car and runs the Jaguar Land Rover Operating System, while DRIVE Hyperion is the central nervous system. Thierry Bolloré, Jaguar Land Rover Chief Executive Officer, said: "Collaboration and knowledge-sharing with industry leader NVIDIA is essential to realising our Reimagine strategy, setting new benchmarks in quality, technology and sustainability. Jensen Huang, NVIDIA founder and CEO, said: "Next-generation cars will transform automotive into one of the largest and most advanced technology industries. Fleets of software-defined, programmable cars will offer new functionalities and services for the life of

# Maruti Suzuki drives in new Baleno starting at Rs 6.35 lakh

Manual version delivers fuel efficiency of 22.3 km per litre

which has been welcomed

by the crypto players as a

move to legitimise the in-

dustry, while the RBI has

been firm in calling for a

complete ban on such ac-

tivities saying they are a

threat to financial stabili-

tv. "Advertising of virtual

digital assets and services

needs specific guidance.

considering that this is a

new and as yet an emerg-

ing way of investing.

Hence, there is a need to

make consumers aware of

**New Delhi, Feb 23 (PTI):** 

The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Wednesday launched the all new version of its premium hatchback Baleno priced between Rs 6.35-9.49 lakh (ex-showroom).

The manual trims of the model are priced between Rs 6.35 lakh and Rs 8.99 lakh while the automatic variants (with auto gear shift technology) are tagged between Rs 7.69 lakh and Rs 9.49 lakh. Speaking at the launch, MSI Managing Director and CEO Kenichi Ayukawa said the auto major along with its vendor partners has invested

new and clean energy, he

said speaking at Asia

crisis is an existential cri-

sis and energy transition

will determine geopoliti-

cal transition in the 21st

and China to emerge as

the world leader when

wood was replaced with

coal. Similarly, with the

emergence of oil, the US

and West Asia outgrew

not only self-sufficient in

green and clean energy,

but also a large exporter, it

will help India emerge as a

This transition will cre-

ate green jobs as well as re-

sult in massive foreign ex-

global power." he said.

"When India becomes

Europe overtook India

Ambani said the climate

Economic Dialogue.

century.

others.



of the new Maruti Suzuki Baleno car, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

around Rs 1,150 crore on the ors and special focus on development of the all new Baleno. "With focus on technology and innovation, the new-age Baleno is set to reenergise the premium hatchback segment with several first-in segment features. The new-age technology and features along with fresh look, premium interi-

Office space rented

at about Rs 16 cr per

year at record

New Delhi, Feb 23 (PTI):

Max group firm Max Ventures

completely leased 1.05 lakh

complex at Okhla in the

crore annually.

square feet space in its office

national capital and will earn a

rental income of around Rs 16

MaxVIL, which is one of the

three listed companies of the

USD 4-billion Max Group, said

in a statement that the first

phase of its commercial proj-

ect 'Max House', comprising

1.05 lakh square feet, is now

domestic and international

estate offering by Max

100 per cent leased out to big

clients. Max House is the com-

pany's second commercial real

Estates, which is a subsidiary

of MaxVIL. "Average rental

rate for Max House Phase 1

now stands at around Rs 125

per square feet per month,'

the statement said.

safety will take the customer experience to a new high." he noted.

He further said: "Based on Baleno's popularity and customer feedback, we are now aiming to take it to the next level. New age Baleno is our approach towards the

# PM inaugurates Garuda Aerospace **Kisan Drone Manufacturing Facilities**

■ Flags off Kisan **Drone Yatra in** 100 Indian villages

New Delhi, Feb 23:

The Prime Minister virtually inaugurated Make In India drone startup Garuda Aerospace's facilities simultaneous in 2 locations on Feb 18th over video conferencing. The unique and innovative event also featured the Prime Minister pressing a Drona Button from his command center which resulted in 100 Kisaan drones simultaneously taking off in 100 villages to commence agriculture spraying operations in 16 different states to celebrate 75 years of Progressive India as part



of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Garuda's 110,000 sq feet manufacturing facility in Gurgaon set under a strategic partnership with Defsys Solutions equipped with Advanced Design and Prototype testing capabilities. The 2.5acre facility is a hub for drone software design,

hardware structural testmanufacturing capacity of 40 drones per day. It is to be noted that 33 Anti Drone systems procurement order from MOD is being manufactured at this facility. Garuda's proposed Chennai Plant is located on a 20-acre facility where mass volume manufacturing capacity of 100 drones per day and manufacturing of 1,00,000Kisaan drones are being planned over the next 2 years. The site is also proposed RPTO (Remote Pilot Training) Facility which aims to train aspiring drone pilots. Over 100 students and aspiring drone pilots welcomed the Prime Minister for the event at Agni College of Technology,

BharatPe has sacked its head of controls Madhuri Jain Grover - wife of embattled co-founder Ashneer Grover - for alleged financial irregularities ranging from producing fake invoices to billing the company for personal beauty treatment and trips abroad.

While company

(ESOPs). Madhuri Grover did not



**Madhuri Jain Grover** 

comments. She was last

month sent on leave within days of her husband announcing a threemonth leave of absence following allegations of using abusive language against Kotak Mahindra Bank staff and fraudulent practices. Ashneer Grover has denied all alle-

#### Femina Miss India 2022 exclusively partners with Moj to host digital auditions sent the best of Indians tal-

Mumbai, Feb 23:

Femina Miss India has exclusively partnered with Moj, India's number one short video app, to provide a digital platform for aspirants to showcase their talent and participate in the prestigious contest. The selection process of the state representatives will entail an online registration process inviting specific audition video task submissions only via the Moj App.

Miss India Organization translates its scouting operations into the digital media space, in pursuit of beauty ambassadors. Powered by a dynamic format, VLCC presents Femina Miss India 2022 is rooted in its vision to em-

power the youth and repre-

ents at international platforms. The pageant in its virtual format for the second time now, has launched a nationwide hunt effective 14th February 2022 to select representatives each from the 28 states and a representative from Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir besides a collective representative from the Union Territories making for a total of 31 finalists.

To participate, every applicant needs to download the Moj App, create a profile and upload three audition videos that will include an introduction, talent showcase and a rampwalk. Once completed, the applicant will need to log onto www.missindia.com and fill in the requisite details.

■ Disaggregated data tell different story about economy Mumbai, Feb 23 (PTD: India Ratings has re-

vised downwards its GDP growth forecast for 2021-22 to 8.6 per cent from the consensus 9.2 per cent projected earlier. The National Statistical

Organisation (NSO), which has forecast 9.2 per cent real GDP growth for the year, will release the second advance estimate of national income on Monday. According to an India Ratings analysis, NSO is likely to peg the FY22 real gross domestic product growth at Rs 147.2 lakh crore. This translates into a GDP growth rate of



8.6 per cent, down from 9.2 per cent forecast in the first advance estimate released on January 7, 2022.

The major reason for the likely downward revision is the upward revision of FY21 GDP to Rs 135.6 lakh crore in the first revised estimate of national income for FY21, which was released on January 31, 2022, the agency said.

As a result, GDP for FY21 is improved to (-) 6.6 per cent from the provisional estimate of (-)7.3 per cent released on May 31,

estimate retained FY19 growth at 6.5 per cent.

The growth rates of GDP drivers from the demand side namely private final consumption expenditure, government's final consumption expenditure, gross fixed capital formation have undergone a change due to these revisions, and quarterly GDP growth numbers are also

change this year. than present estimates.

#### India Ratings pegs FY-22 GDP growth at 8.6% 2021. Besides this, the second revised estimate of national income for FY20 stood at 3.7 per cent compared to 4 per cent projected earlier while the third

expected to undergo a

As FY20 growth has been revised downwards, the agency now expects GDP growth of all the four quarters of FY20 to be lower

#### **BharatPe sacks co-founder** Grover's wife over fin irregularities New Delhi, Feb 23 (PTI):

spokesperson confirmed the termination, sources with direct knowledge of the matter said BharatPe has cancelled all the 244 unvested and 56 vested employee stock options

immediately respond to an email sent seeking her gations.



ollywood actress Alia Bhatt looked everyinch gorgeous dressed in a pristine white saree as she was seen promoting her forth-Gangubai Kathiawadi' in the capital.

Alia made heads turn on Tuesday as she was seen promoting the Sanjay Leela Bhansali's upcoming film on Tuesday. Dressed in mesh white saree, the actress was clicked pos ing for the shutter bugs next to a bright red vintage car.

The 28-year-old also did a signature 'namaste' pose from the film for the cameras. She completed her look with nude makeup, orange lips and a small bindi.

' G a n g u b a i Kathiawadi' tells the tale a young girl named Ganga who becomes Gangubai, a madame in the red Kamathipura. It is loosely based on the story G angubai Harjivandas, populary known as Gangubai Kothewali, whose life was documented in the book 'Mafia Queens of Mumbai' written by S. Hussain Zaidi. The film is scheduled to release on February 25

## Sanjay Dutt announces next film, tags astrologer

ollywood superstar Sanjay Dutt took to social media to announce his movie 'Ghudchadhi' -- that went on floors on Tuesday.

Dutt posted a picture on Twitter which shows him practising yoga in a garden. In the tweet, Dutt tagged Balu Munnangi, an astrologer, from whom Bollywood celebs like Karan Johar, Ajay Devgn and Dutt himself

@balu\_munnangi for | bringing your energy to this new beginning. Appreciate your presence," Dutt wrote.

Besides 'Ghudchadhi', which is being directed by Binoy Gandhi, the actor will also be seen as 'Adheera' in Yash starrer 'KGF Chapter 2' slated to release on April 14.

also 'Shamshera' 'Toolsidas Junior' in the pipeline.



# Vidhi sticks strong with her ambitions

Son Entertainment Television's show 'Mose Chhal Kiye Jaaye' narrates the story of love and ambition going hand-in-hand. Soumya Verma, a budding writer played by Vidhi Pandya, breaks the shackles of patriarchy to achieve her dream of becoming a writer in (played by Vijayendra Kumeria) company. The steps being taken by Soumya to not give in and pursue her dreams has been highly appreciated by the audience.

The upcoming episode includes a plan by Armaan to win Soumya back and manipulate her. Contrary to Harshvardhan's suggestions to forget Soumya, Armaan continues to believe that he can tame her. On the other hand, Malini is upset with Soumya for turning down a great proposal because she wants to become her idol instead of marry-

Soumya, in her pursuit to clear things out with Armaan and explain the reasons behind her rejection, finds herself back in his office. To her surprise, he hires her and instructs to keep their personal and professional lives separate. At the same time, their proposal rejection angle is being aired on media as Soumya is shown as someone who plays cheap tricks because of rejecting Armaan's marriage proposal.

Armaan begins to ignore Soumya as per his



plan, following which see him in a different she visits his office and light? further follows him to a Watch Mose Chhal

Kiye Jaaye every Monday to Friday at 9:00 P.M., only on Sony Entertainment Television.

# Shabir Ahluwalia to play new lead in 'Beyond Dreams'

tar Bharat has been Sentertaining its viewers by bringing in highly entertaining content over the last few months. In addition to the ongoing popular shows such as RadhaKrishn, Tera Mera Saath Rahe. Haathi Ghoda Paal Ki Jai Kanhaiya Laal Ki, and the recently announced show Woh Toh Hai Albela, the channel is all set to bring in another show produced by none other than the entertainer of Indian Television shows Yash Patnaiks' Beyond Dreams that will see televisions handsome hunk Shabir Ahluwalia playing the main lead.

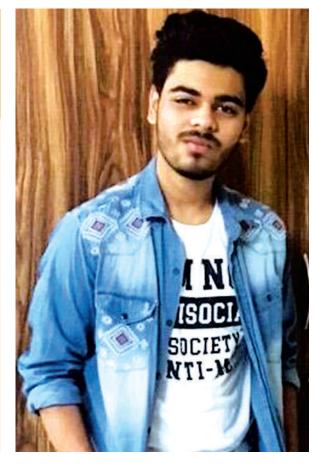
While confirming the news, sources close to the



show said. "It feels great to take on a new journey with Star Bharats' upcoming new show and we couldn't think of anyone but Shabir to be well suited for the character. Shabirs' role in the show

is one of the most significant and powerful roles. The character has a great contribution to the show and I am sure that the people are going to love the character. It's his first stint with the channel

and he is looking forward to this journey."The show is slated to go on-air in March. Tune in to watch Shabir Ahluwalia come and entertain you on your screens only on Star Bharat.



# King of Hearts: Ayush Saxena is inspired by Shah Rukh Khan

Saxena known for featuring in television shows like 'Rudrakaal' and 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai', enjoys playing comic characters.

cafe where she's defend-

ed by Armaan when

Sushma insulted her.

Will be move of

Armaan make Soumya

He says: "As an actor I'm always open to essaying different characters that are challenging and promising, be it a positive or a negative role. But personally I really enjoy portraying comedy roles in the show. I want to make my audience laugh and overcome their stress

Ayush while watching me. I want them to fall in love with  $my\ on\ screen$ character.'

Ayush also featured in Bollywood movie 'Khajoor Pe Atke'. He shares his memorable experience while playing a romantic role.

"In 'Rudrakaal', I essayed a romantic character Vivek. I really enjoyed it. As I'm all inspired by Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan, who is the romantic king of our entertainment industry. It was really a memorable experience.

29. Moved upward

32. Fragrant wood

34. Bert's buddy

40. Go-getter

43. Songbird

42. Spray cans

46. More transparent

51. Tibetan monk

52. Scheduled

57. On a ship

58. Secluded valley

59. Petty quarrel

54. Self-

48. December 24 and 31

30. Minimum

223

#### **HOROSCOPE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24**

#### Aguarius: Jan 21 – Feb 18

Today, you will battle clutter! You clean up and organise, and actually find the process therapeutic. You will also solve problems in a jiffy. There are decisions to be made, and Ganesha suggests that you research carefully before you make

#### Gemini: May 22 - June 21

You have been aching to arrange a family reunion or get-together at your house Well, today is the perfect day to do it. And why just family? You are also likely to invite some of your close friends and important business associates over to your place. Your spouse will enjoy the

#### Libra: Sept 23 – Oct 23

Gloom may settle upon you today when you face your financial situation, Libra. You may have had a lot of bills to pay, and thus your coffers could be a bit low for your liking. Still, this is only temporary, and it probably feels good to have the bills out of the way. Find something inexpensive, like reading, to keep you busy and get your mind off it. You're probably doing fine!

#### Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

All the dieting that you have been underwith compliments galore coming your way from your friends. Your energy and enthusiasm levels are likely to be high. A bright and beautiful day waits, says Ganesha.

#### Cancer: June 22 – July 22

You are likely start the day in the best of spirits today. Your enthusiasm and cheerfulness will be infectious, and you will be able to lift the mood wherever you go. However, your enthusiasm can be shortlived and pummelled under the weight of some bad news, leaving you distraught. Take a break in case you feel stressed out, advises Ganesha.

#### Scorpio: Oct 24 – Nov 22

It may have been on the cards for long and finally, you may end up buying a state-ofthe-art motor vehicle or a palatial house of your dreams today. In addition, your generous mood may also egg you on to buy an expensive gift for your life partner. If you do not let the generosity burn a hole through your pocket, you may have an overall satisfying day, says Ganesha.

#### Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

You will remain undecided today, which is quite unlike you, says Ganesha. This will lead to speculation, which is not a bad thing by itself, unless you put all your money into the bargain. Also, be careful not to take wild guesses in love and rela-

#### **Leo: July 23 – Aug 23**

"Show me the money!" Well, you might as well be saying that aloud, because today, you are going to be heard. Ganesha fore sees a fruitful day in money matters. Even professionally, you come to terms with enjoying the power of money. It is a good day for a bit of splurging, especially on

### Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 21

The artist in you will shine today, and how, says Ganesha. You'll be content with your possessions, which have been pre served over long years. Later in the day, your focus may shift to renovating or decorating your home by adding artifacts and

#### **Taurus: Apr 21 – May 21**

The planets are not well disposed towards chances of crossing swords with someone getting into a serious personality clash. Not good is come out of it. You may simply end in alienating those who are otherwise vell disposed towards you. Later in the ady the situation will ease out.

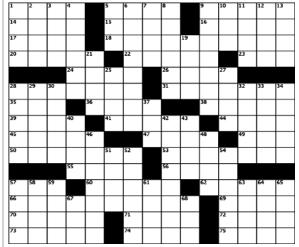
#### Virgo: Aug 24 – Sept 22

You will spend most of today in the company of family and friends, says Ganesha. nations and will learn to balance study and leisure time, in equal measure. It is a good day to buy real estate. Overall, a day to lie low and let your mind run free in its pursuit

#### Capricorn: Dec 22 – Jan 20

Don't be surprised if you get unexpected success in your financial dealings, it's all on the cards! You will be pliant, more than the usual, and will be sensitive to and understanding of others' problems, says demic growth is certain.

#### **CROSSWORD**



#### **ACROSS**

Moore of "G.I. Jane"

9. Confess (2 wds.)

14. Preacher's word 15. Inner being

16. Awaken 17. Bound 18. Newt, e.g.

20. Storage spot 22. Transplant 23. NH time zone

24. Guvs' dates 26. Skier's surface 28. Dieter's unit

31. Pain in a hearing organ 35. Intense anger

36. Acapulco coin

41. Drinking tube

45. Business gp.

47. Actor Richard

44. Genesis location

38. Express scorn 39. Incite

11. Naked 12. Consumes 19. Da Vinci's

28. Havana expor

49. Renowned fighter

56. Change for a five

50. Narrates again

53. Opposite

55. Authentic

57. Classified 60. Pile up

62. Fawn's fathers

Fitzgerald of iazz

66. Detachment

73. Church table

74. Medicinal amount

1. Computer fodder

69. Way out

70. Gladden

71. Model

75. Dissolve

**DOWN** 

2. Give forth

4. Deep blue

3. Come togethe

5. Mule's father 6. Roughest

7. Army masco

8. Pass, as time

9. Lecturers

27. Subside

10. Triumphed

21. Food fish 25. Untruths







Bollywood actress Anushka Sharma with Indian cricketer and husband Virat Kohli during a brand promotional event, in Mumbai, Wednesday.

#### **Iniured Deepak Chahar. Survakumar Yadav ruled out of SL T20Is**



Lucknow: Deepak Chahar and Suryakumar Yadav will miss the upcoming T20I series against Sri Lanka at home because of injuries. The two players picked up on-field injuries during the third T20I against West Indies in Kolkata on Sunday. Chahar has sustained a right quadriceps injury while bowling his second over in India's last T20I fixture, and left the field after bowling 1.5 overs. Suryakumar, Player of the Series for the T20Is, was standing in the slips when he suffered a hairline fracture in his hand in the second innings after scoring a 31-ball 65 in the first innings. They will both now be at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru for their recovery, a BCCI statement said.

#### **India eyes elusive medal at World Archery Para Championships**

Dubai: India's top para-archers, including Tokyo Paralympics bronze medallist Harvinder Singh, will return to action at the World Archery Para Championships that begins here on Wednesday. The nine-member Indian team arrived here after a twomonth training camp at the Sports Authority of India Centre in Sonipat and the archers are confident of a good show at the showpiece. India has won medals in almost every single event since 2017, except in the World Championships. Harvinder won a gold in 2018 Asian Para Games and bronze in the Tokyo Paralympic Games. Harvinder, who turned his farm in Punjab's Ajitnagar into a target practice venue before winning a historic Paralympic bronze in Tokyo, is focused on getting his job done -- shooting a perfect score and returning home with the elusive medal.

#### **Agarkar set to join Delhi Capitals** as assistant coach

New Delhi: Former India pacer Ajit Agarkar is set to join Delhi Capitals as assistant coach ahead of the upcoming Indian Premier League season. Agarkar will join the franchise after completing his commentating duties in the home series against



February 24. The IPL is expected to begin in the last week of March. "He will be joining Delhi Capitals as assistant coach," an IPL source confirmed to PTI. Agarkar joining Delhi Capitals also ends speculation that he may join the Indian team as a bowling consultant. The 44-year-old played 26 Tests, 191 ODIs and four T20Is for India, taking an aggregate of 349 wickets. Delhi Capitals will be eyeing their maiden title this season after making the play-offs in the last three seasons.

#### **Praggnanandhaa finishes 11th in Airthings Masters, misses out on quarterfinals**



Chennai: Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa defeated Russia's Vladislav Artemiev in the 15th and final round of the prelim-

inary phase of the Airthings Masters, an online rapid chess tournament, but missed out

on qualifying for the quarterfinals. The 16-year-old started the final day of the preliminary rounds with a draw against German Vincent Keymer in round 13 before going down to Hans Mokko Niemann (USA) in the next. His stirring win over world champion Magnus Carlsen in the eighth round caused a flutter up-and-down performances Praggnanandhaa back.

#### Sri Lanka T201 series

# India's chance to give more game time to claimants

Lucknow, Feb 23 (PTI):

With the number of claimants increasing heading into T20 World Cup, there will be no let-up in India's willingness to experiment or their intensity in the three-match T20 series against Sri Lanka, beginning here Thursday.

Coming off a 3-0 whitewash of the West Indies, the in-form Indians will look to do an encore against the visiting Sri Lankans, and the Rohit Sharma-led squad has a realistic chance of achieving that.

But the endeavour to complete another clean sweep will not mean a climb-down from their keenness to give enough game time to as many players as possible in the lead-up to the World Cup, which will be held in Australia in October-November.

The absence of the team's established players, such as Virat Kohli and Rishbah Pant as well as KL Rahul, in the upcomthree Internationals will definitely translate into more opportunities for the likes of Ishan Kishan, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Samson.

Kohli not there means Shreyas Iyer will get a chance to settle down, play more overs, score some useful runs and stake a



Mohammed Siraj, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Avesh Khan tune up for the T20I series against Sri Lanka.

dle-order slots, though the former India captain will come back to claim his number three spot heading into the World Cup.

The duo of Gaikwad and Iyer failed in the third T20Is against the West Indies and they would hope that they impress against Sri Lanka. One of the highlights

over the last week was Venkatesh Iyer's ability to finish off matches and if he is able to continue in the same vein against the islanders, while managing to improve his bowling, the Indian team manage-

#### **Match starts at 7PM IST.**

ment will have a worldclass all-rounder at its disposal going into the showpiece Down Under.

Now that Suryakumar Yadav has been ruled out of the series alongside Deepak Chahar due to injuries, Venkatesh will assume added responsibility when it comes to batting in the back 10.

Spinner Ravi Bishnoi also impressed in his maiden T20I series and he will look to march ahead with the same momentum.

Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has come back into the team to bolster the bowling attack and, along Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Siraj, will comprise a formidable pace bowling

Bhuvneshwar will take confidence from his fine showing against the West Indies, especially in the death overs.

As far as Sri Lanka are concerned, the side suffered a 1-4 defeat at the hands of Australia and was let down by batting time and again. Skipper Dasun Shanaka

would hope that their batting gets its act together against India.

The bowling will need to recover fast as star leg-Wanindu spinner Hasaranga has been ruled out of the series after failing to recover from his



### Medvedev, Nadal advance to second round at Mexican Open

Acapulco, Feb 23 (AP):

Daniil Medvedev continued his pursuit of the No. 1 ranking with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Benoit Paire to move into the second round at the Mexican Open. The 26-year-old Russian can overtake Novak Djokovic for top spot in the men's tennis rankings if he wins the title here. Medvedev, who won the 2021 U.S. Open and was a runner-up to Rafael Nadal last month at the Australian Open, is playing in Mexico for the first time. It's not easy to come back after

down in the second set for victory.

I managed to fight until the end against a very tough opponent and I'm happy that I managed to win. He next plays Pablo Andujar, who beat Alex Hernandez 6-If he wins this tournament, or if he reaches the Acapulco final and Djokovic does not

win the title at Dubai, The likely biggest challenge for Medvedev in Mexico could be fourth-seeded Nadal, who opened with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Denis Kudla. Nadal, who has won three titles in Acapulco (2005, 2013 and 2020), next faces Stefan Kozlov on Wednesdav.

# Feels good to play for India Manika Batra eyeing more after two months: Jadeja



Lucknow, Feb 23 (PTI):

ahead of the opening T20I against Sri Lanka.

All-rounder Ravindra Jadeja missed India's Jadeja, who is making a last two series against South Africa and the West comeback to the Indian side after two months, ex-Indies as he was undergoing rehabilitation for a pressed his delight after his first practice session knee injury which he had

"Good feeling to be back in the Indian team. Really

looking forward to playing the T20 and Test series,' Jadeja said in a video posted by BCCI. "I am feeling so good that finally after two month, I will be playing for India," he added. The 33-year-old said he

sustained during the home

Test series against New

Zealand last November.

was eager to do his rehab properly. "I was keen to do my rehab properly. I have been working hard on my fitness in NCA. I am very excited for the series. I am playing after more than two months."

"I have been practising bowling, batting in Bengaluru. So I was in touch. Today, I felt very good after coming here for my first practice session."

India are slated to take on Sri Lanka in three T20Is starting here on Thursday, followed by a two-Test series.

# history at 2022 CWG, Asiad

some rest and some time off

competition, said Medvedev,

who rallied from a break

New Delhi, Feb 23 (PTI):

Back in the top-50 of world rankings after three vears, star table tennis player Manika Batra wants to break the top-30 barrier in the near future and she knows she will have to work harder than ever to get

It is an important year for the 26-year-old who will defend her Commonwealth Games singles crown in Birmingham before travelling to Hangzhou to create more history at the Asian Games after winning a mixed doubles gold with Sharath Kamal in Jakarta The 2018 2018. Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast was a career defining moment for Manika who exceeded all expectations by winning as many as four medals, including gold in singles and team. She beat London Olympics bronze medallist Feng Tianwei twice in the



competition to etch her world number 49 told PTI. name in history books. Four years later, she feels she is a much improved player. "A lot changed for me after CWG. I have improved fitness wise and game wise significantly, especially in my movements, but this is not the end and need to keep working harder. Since I am pact any player. tall, I had to work a lot on my strength and agility support my back and knees.

"This year, we have CWG and Asian Games. In my mind it is there I have to win but focus is on training," the

Manika was recently involved in a legal battle which led to an indefinite

suspension of the Table Tennis of Federation of India. She chose not to comment on the controversial subject but hoped that the suspension would not im-Recently signed by

Adidas for its "Impossible is Nothing" campaign, Manika has also moved up to sixth and 10th in the doubles and mixed doubles rankings re-

# Mandhana, Jemimah among overseas players retained for 2022 Hundred

London, Feb 22 (PTI):

Indian stars Smriti Mandhana and Jemimah Rodrigues were among the overseas players retained by their respective franchises for the 2022 edition of the women's Hundred.

The three other Indian players -- Harmanpreet Kaur, Shafali Verma and Deepti Sharma -- who were part of the last edition have been released by their franchises and will be available for selection by other teams.

Rodrigues plays for the Northern Superchargers while Mandhana represents the Southern Brave in the 100-ball per innings match.

Birmingham Phoenix have released Shafali, London Spirit let go of Deepti Sharma while Manchester Originals did

not retain Harmanpreet. Last time, Mandhana ag-



gregated 167 runs from seven innings at a strike rate of 133.60 before she flew back home to spend time with her family before the Indian team's tour of Australia. Her best was a 52ball 78 against Welsh Fire, which was also her last match of the season.

# Time running out as Indian women look to avoid New Zealand clean sweep

**Queenstown, Feb 23 (PTI):** 

India will be desperate to gain some momentum heading into the World Cup but for that, their bowlers will have to raise their game as they seek to stop New Zealand from completing a 5-0 whitewash in the fifth women's ODI here on Thursday.

Having lost all matches played here so far, including the lone T20I, the Mithali Raj-led side is finding it difficult to stem the rot and faces the ignominy of a one-sided series defeat days ahead of the World Cup.

The series defeat is India's fourth in the last one year, having lost to South Africa, Ēngland and Australia earlier. While the batters did

raise their game in the

with a much-improved performance, the bowling unit has let the team down throughout the series, something that Mithali admitted was a concern heading into the World Cup.

second and third ODIs

"Definitely have been



trying a few combinations with the seam and spin attack. Bowling attack is a concern going into the World Cup," Mithali said. 'We are adapting to the

conditions and to the open ground and the breeze. We have not been

very consistent in our bowling spells.' The Indian team hasn't

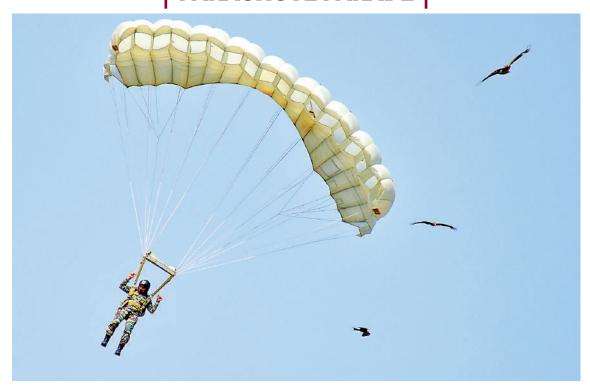
performed as a cohesive unit. While the bowlers failed to defend 270 plus targets in two games, the batters were unable to chase 276 and 192 in 20 overs in the fourth ODI. The fielding has also been sub-standard.

New Zealand, on the other hand, will be delighted with how the series has panned out.

Their top batters have been impressive, with Amelia Kerr and Suzie Bates hitting a hundred each while Amy Satterthwaite has scored two fifties.

The lower-order has also shown it can finish games, snatching victory from the jaws of defeat in the third ODI.





Soldiers of Special Force of Army Battalion conduct a parachute parade during the Presidents Colours event, at Parachute Regiment Training Center (PRTC), in Bengaluru, Wednesday.

#### **TN urban civic polls 2022**

# DMK emerges stronger, larger, diminishing AIADMK's presence

Chennai. Feb 23 (PTI):

The Tamil Nadu urban civic polls turned out to be a huge opportunity for the ruling DMK to consolidate its position, and emerge stronger and larger in the political landscape, diminishing the arch rival AIADMK's image further after trouncing it in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls and last year's Assembly elections.

While achieving the intended target, the MK Stalin-led dispensation also relegated its archrival to not only a distant second but also grabbed the majority of voteshare with a 60 per cent plus

local body formats. Chief Minister Stalin, also DMK President, asserted the sweeping victory was a "crowning moment" for the Dravidian model of governance. The party has won a

majority in all the 21 mu-

nicipal corporations including the Greater Chennai Corporation and came out victorious in most of the 138 municipalities and 490 town panchavats.

The ruling party has won 952 wards in corporations, 2,360 in municipalities and 4,389 in town panchayats which includes local bodies in the home turf of AIADMK leaders score across different including former Chief

Amit Shah vows to end Kuki militancy

problem in Manipur in 5 years

(Edappadi, Salem district) and Panneerselvam (Periyakulam, Theni district). While DMK's voteshare in corporations stood at 69.29 per cent, it was 61.41 per cent in municipalities, while the

AIADMK, which was ex-

pected to put up a tough

challenge, had to contend

with scores of a measly

Ministers K Palaniswami

11.94 per cent and 16.60 per cent respectively. The polls not only saw AIADMK's fortunes ebb dismally, after enjoying power for a decade, but also saw the BJP expand its presence, prompting

the party workers to em-

the Dravidian heartland.

The DMK's spectacular win is attributed largely to Stalin's governance during the nine months in office. "People entrusted the government to us after reposing faith in us. We have safeguarded that trust," Stalin said in a

statement on Wednesday. "People have completely rejected the opposition parties and their arguments. They had campaigned that we had offered attractive promises to win the assembly polls but not implemented any of them," he said. However, 70 per cent of the assurances have been

#### **POSCO COURT OBSERVATION**

# 'Saying I love you' once not intentional insult to girl's modesty'

Mumbai. Feb 23 (PTI):

Saying "I love you" once to a girl is not an intentional insult to her modesty, at most it amounts to expressing a feeling of love, a special court here observed while acquitting a 23-year-old man booked under the POCSO Act. Special judge Kalpana Patil made the observation on Tuesday, and detailed order was made available on Wednesday.

As per the complaint lodged by the family of the 17-year-old victim, the accused had told the girl that he loved her near their residence in 2016. The complainant had further alstared and winked at the most amount to expressgirl, and also threatened her mother. Based on the complaint, the Wadala TT police had booked the accused under relevant provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. However, the court acquitted the accused of all the charges, as there was no sufficient material to prove his guilt.

"According to the victim, on the day of the incident, the accused had said 'I love you' to her. It is not the case that the accused had repeatedly followed her and said 'I love you',' the court said. "A single incident of saying I love you

ing the feeling of love of accused towards the victim. It cannot be said that this act was done with an intention to insult the modesty of the victim," it

It also held that the prosecution has not brought on record an overt act of the accused that amounted to insult to the modesty of the victim. The prosecution has also not brought on record any evidence establishing that the accused had committed any act with respect to the victim with sexual intent, or that he had given any kind of threat to the victim or her mother, the court said, PTI AVI

**ACIL DELAY HITS WELFARE PLAN** 

in upper Assam, Wednesday.

**Imphal, Feb 23 (PTI):** 

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said that the government will hold peace talks with all Kuki militant groups and their issue will be resolved in the next five years. As the problem of Bodo militancy was solved in neighbouring Assam, no Kuki youth will have to carry arms anymore, Shah said in an election rally in Manipur's Churachandpur district.

Militant outfits such as National Organisation and United People's Front were demanding a separate state for the Kuki tribe in Manipur. The government

has signed a Suspension of militancy in the North Operation (SoO) with them. "Have confidence in us, we will talk to all Kuki organisations, and a new life will be given to all Kuki youths to enable them to join the development of the nation, of the hills and of Manipur under PM Modi," Shah said.

He claimed that the Bodoland issue was solved in Assam. "We have brought them (Bodo rebels) to the path of development and today, no Bodo vouths have weapons in their hands. Instead, they have motorcycle keys, keys to industries and laptops," Shah said. The same has been done in Karbi areas and more than 9,500 people associated with

East have surrendered and joined the mainstream, the BJP leader said in the poll rally.

Urging the people to bring the BJP back in power for the second time in a row in Manipur, Shah claimed that Chief Minister N Biren Singh in the last five years has freed the state from bandhs and blockades and is leading the state to the path of peace and development.

attacked Congress claiming that the state was known for militancy, drugs and arms trafficking, blockades and corruption during its rule. Under the BJP, all these have been substituted with

development, connectivity. infrastructure, sports and industries, Shah said. "During the time of the Congress, there were three Is - Instability, Insurgency and Inequality. During the BJP rule, the Is are Innovation, Infrastructure and Integration," the Union minister said.

He claimed that the Congress wanted the people of the hills and the valley to fight against each other to suit its politics, whereas the BJP has led both to the path of development. Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants to make Manipur the best sports hub in the country, free the youths from drugs and arms and make them

Olympic gold medal winners. The National Sports University is being set up in the state, while a decision has been made to establish one Khelo India centre in each of the 16 districts of the state to tap local talents and provide them with a platform, Shah said. He said an 'Olympic Park'

spread over 10 acres will be built to provide training facilities to state-level players so that they become international athletes. He said that in the last five years, the BJP government has worked hard to bring an end to violence in Manipur and make it an ideal state and in the next five years, it will be the best state in the

# 'BJP govt's free ration scheme only a lollipop, will stop after Mar 10'



**Bhupesh Baghel** 

Barabanki, Feb 23 (PTI):

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Tuesday said the ration that is given free of cost by the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh is "only a lollipop" and it will be given only till March 10, after which it will stop.

Assembly polls in the state are being held in seven phases and results will be declared on March 10. Addressing an election meeting here, Baghel, a Congress leader, said, "The ration which is given free of cost by the BJP government is only a lollipop and it will be given only till March 10, after which the BJP government will stop it." Attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said, "Almost half the election has passed, and now the prime minister says that you have eaten our salt and you have to show your loyalty. All governments do something or the other for their people. They (BJP) say that one has to show its loyalty." Of the seven phases, three have been completed and the fourth is on Wednesday. Bhagel also claimed that the Congress is the only party that does not discriminate.



A snow-covered house after winter snowfall continued for the second at Rashel village, in Lahaul-Spiti, Wednesday,

# SC dismisses plea seeking cancellation of offline board exams

The Supreme Court Wednesday dismissed a of offline board examinations for classes 10 and 12 to be conducted by the CBSE and several other boards this year, saying such petitions give false hope and create confusion among students who are going to appear in these exams. The apex court observed that the petition is ill-advised and premature and the authorities are yet to take appropriate decision with regard to conducting exams of the various boards.

Such petitions give false hope to the persons who are going to appear in the examinations. Those students will be misled by

this petition. Let the authorities take decision. If the decision is wrong, challenge that decision. plea seeking cancellation Here, you want to preempt everytning, a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar told the lawyer appearing for the petitioners.

This creates not only false hopes, it creates confusion all over to students who are preparing, said the bench, also comprising Justices Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar. The counsel appearing for the petitioners said that most of the state boards have not yet declared the dates for examinations. Whenever examination is due, they will declare those dates, what is the problem, the bench

## **Raj govt presents Budget with special** focus on employment, health, education

Over 40,000 tea garden workers in Assam battling for survival

#### Guwahati, Feb 23 (PTI):

Over 40,000 tea garden workers in upper Assam are being allegedly forced to live in dilapidated homes without access to proper healthcare and education due to an over three-year delay in fulfilment of welfare promises made by their employer -a major global conglomerate facing fraud and forgery charges.

The workers from adivasi communities are employed in 14 tea gardens of the 182-year-old Assam Company India Limited (ACIL), which was acquired by billionaire B R Shetty-owned BRS ventures in 2018 after approval from the National Company Law Tribunal.

The ACIL, however, refuted the allegations, saying the management was committed to improving the lives of workers and blamed the COVID-19 pandemic for the delay in the implementation of the proposed welfare plan.

after it submitted in the chase money it will also spend Rs 150 crore within six months of acquisition for the welfare of garden

The plan involved renovation of staff quarters, building a multi-speciality hospital, drinking water facilities, labourers wel-

BRS ventures acquired the stressed ACIL in 2018 NCLT a resolution plan that along with the pur-

> fare, gratuity and proper provident fund according to the Plantation Labour Act, 1951. This act becomes mandatory for the government and the private companies to adhere to it when they venture

into this sector.

A woman on a raft in front of dilapidated staff quarters of

tea garden workers of the Assam Company India Limited,

The workers claimed that they were given written assurances by the company about the elaborate welfare plan that it had chalked out for them and also included promoting tourism in the region.

However, abandoning their staff quarters and moving to higher land due to floods in the monsoon season and braving chilly winters inside their crumbling homes are a grim reality that they have to face every year.

Adding to their woes is the lack of fully-functioning community health centres and educational institutions for their children both assured by BRS ventures during the acquisi-

According to the leaders of unions representing the workers, BRS ventures, which is facing fraud and forgery charges in the UK and UAE, took over the tea Jaipur, Feb 23 (PTI):

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday presented the Budget for the year 2022-23, with the main focus on sectors like health, education, infrastructure, social secuand tourism. Presenting the Budget in the Rajasthan Assembly, Gehlot during the almost three-hour-long speech announced the launch of the Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme with an aim to provide 100 days of employment in urban areas.

The Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme is in the lines of Mahatma Gandhi National

Guarantee Act (MGNRE-GA), for which a Rs 800 crore budget has been proposed. Another major announcement in the budget is to implement the old pension scheme from next year for all employees appointed on or after January 1, 2004.

"We all know that the employees associated with government services should feel secure about the future, only then they can make their invaluable contribution towards good governance during the service period. Therefore, for all the employees appointed on or after January 1, 2004, I propose to implement the old pension scheme," he said. Gehlot also proposed to increase the health cover under the state government's much ambitious Chiranjeevi Insurance Scheme from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh per year per family. He also announced that IPD and OPD services will be free-of-cost in state-run hospitals.

For electricity consumers, 50 units free electricity for those using 100 units, Rs 3/per unit grant for all domestic consumers up to 150 units and Rs 2/unit grant for consumers of 150 to 300 units and above as per the slab. The state government will spend Rs 4,500 crore. "Like always, we have taken care of every section of the society in the Budget. Management of the corona crisis in the state has been appreciated across the world.

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