



BRIEF



An Indian national with her pet, evacuated from war-torn Ukraine, on her arrival at Jai Prakash Narayan airport, in Patna, Saturday.

Convicted

Madurai: An SC/ST special court here on Saturday convicted 11 people, including the prime accused, in the sensational Gokulraj murder case of 2015. The details of the sentencing will be delivered on March 8, Special Judge Sampath Kumar said. Gokulraj, a Dalit youth, was in a relationship with a woman from the dominant Gounder community despite strong opposition from the latter's family.

Shot dead

Kendrapara: A retired government official was shot dead and his wife injured in their residence in Odisha's Kendrapara district on Saturday, police said. The incident took place in Badabakpur village in Mahakalpada police station area. Three men came to the deceased's residence on a motorcycle in the afternoon, and one of them opened fire on the retired panchayat executive officer, identified as 62-year-old Arabinda Mishra, a police officer said.

Vaccinated

New Delhi: Over 3 crore youngsters between the 15-18 age group are now fully vaccinated against the novel coronavirus infection, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Saturday. He said young India is taking the world's largest vaccination drive to the next level. "What a great feat by our young warriors! Over 3 crore youngsters between 15-18 age group are now fully vaccinated against #COVID19. Young India is taking the world's largest vaccination drive to the next level! #SabkoVaccineMuftVaccine," Mandaviya tweeted.

Train fire

Meerut: Passengers on a train from Saharanpur to Delhi had a narrow escape on Saturday when a fire broke out in two of its coaches near the Daurala station here, many joining hands with the railway staff to quickly help pull the remaining bogies away from the engine that was also ablaze. The fire started in the train, which left Saharanpur at 5.30 am, on its way to Delhi.

Lifer to three

Jalna: A court in Ambad in Maharashtra's Jalna on Saturday sentenced three persons to life imprisonment for killing a 19-year-old trader. Nathasagar Ramnath Jadhav, Arun Kanifnath More and Aakash Ashok Ghode had called Govind Gagrani to an isolated place on August 27, 2017 and demanded Rs 10 lakh, said Special Public Prosecutor Somnath Ladda.

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RUSSIA CONTINUES SHELLING

Cease-fire in Ukraine fall apart

Lviv, Mar 05 (AP):

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Smoke rise after shelling by Russian forces in Mariupol, Ukraine.

corridor. Russia breached the deal in Volnovakha as well, Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk told reporters. We appeal to the Russian side to stop firing, she said. Meanwhile, Moscow outlet RIA Novosti carried a Russian defense ministry claim that the firing came from inside both cities against

Russian positions. The struggle to enforce the cease-fire showed the fragility of efforts to stop fighting across Ukraine as people continued to flee the country on the 10th day after Russian forces invaded.

"We are doing everything on our part to make the agreement work, Zelenskyy said.

This is one of the main tasks for today. Let's see if we can go further in the negotiation process.

Mariupol had been the scene of growing misery in recent days amid an assault that knocked out power and most phone service and raised the prospect of food and water shortages for hundreds of thousands of

people in freezing weather. Pharmacies are out of medicine, Doctors Without Borders said.

A top official in Mariupol, Pavlo Kirilenko, the head of the Donetsk military-civil administration that includes the city, had said the humanitarian corridor would extend to Zaporizhzhia, 226 kilometers (140 miles) away.

In comments carried on Ukrainian television, Mariupol Mayor Vadym Boychenko said thousands of people had gathered for safe passage out of the city and buses were departing when shelling began.

We value the life of every inhabitant of Mariupol and we cannot risk it, so we stopped the evacuation, he said.

Before Russia announced the limited cease-fire, Ukraine had urged Moscow to create humanitarian corridors to allow children, women and the older adults to flee the fighting, calling them question No. 1.

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'Focus now on evacuating Indian students from Sumy'

India on Saturday said its main focus now is on the evacuation of around 700 Indian students stranded in the eastern Ukrainian city of Sumy which has been witnessing bombings and airstrikes. At a media briefing, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India hopes to evacuate its citizens from Kharkiv and Piscohyn in the next few hours. "Our main focus is now on evacuating Indian students from Sumy. We are exploring multiple options for their evacuation," he said. Bagchi also reiterated India's call to Russia and Ukraine to go for a local ceasefire so that the Indians can be taken out of the conflict zones. "Our challenge in the evacuation of the Indians from Sumy is ongoing shelling and violence and lack of transportation," Bagchi said.

BOOSTER DOSE

Govt permit phase 3 trial of Sputnik Light vaccine

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

An expert panel of India's central drug authority has recommended the permission for conducting phase-3 clinical trial of single-dose COVID-19 vaccine 'Sputnik Light' as a booster dose, official sources said on Saturday.

The recommendations have been sent to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for final approval.

The DCGI had on February 4 granted emergency use permission to Sputnik Light vaccine in India, subject to certain regulatory provisions. Hyderabad-based Dr. Reddy's Laboratories had

presented its proposal to DCGI for conducting the phase-3 trial of Sputnik Light vaccine as booster dose. Sputnik Light is the same as component-1 of Sputnik V.

"The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) on COVID-19 of the CDSCO, which reviewed the application on Friday after detailed deliberation, recommended granting permission for the phase-3 clinical trial with condition to initiate the trial with Sputnik Light vaccine for which the firm is holding emergency use authorisation permission in the country subject to certain regulatory provisions," an official source said.

'Get petrol tanks filled before 'election offer' ends'

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI)

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday took a swipe at the Modi government over impending fuel price hike after assembly polls and asked people to get their petrol tanks filled as he said the "election offer" will end soon.

He took to Twitter to take a dig at the central government as campaigning for the last phase of assembly polls in five states ended on Saturday. "Quickly get your petrol tanks full. The 'Election' offer of the Modi government is going to end soon," Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi and used a picture of a petrol pump saying "Hike" and "Coming back soon to fuel stations near you".

MAOISTS ON RAMPAGE

Ultras set machines, vehicles on fire

At road construction project site

Kanker, Mar 05 (PTI):

Naxals set three machines and two vehicles engaged in a road construction project ablaze in Kanker district, police said on Saturday.

As per the preliminary information, nobody was injured in the incident.

The ultras video recorded the act and circulated the clip on social media, a senior police officer said. The incident occurred on Friday evening between Kalmuchhe and Marapi villages, where the road construction work is going on under Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY),

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launched a search operation to trace ultras. The video of the incident showed two trucks on fire while some men, clad in a Naxal 'uniform', are walking nearby. One of the ultras is seen video recording the burning trucks. In a banner put up at the spot, Naxals have asked to stop the construction works and threatened to kill road contractors if they take up the work without the approval of locals.

Naxals have frequently tried to disrupt road construction works in the Bastar division, which consists of seven districts, by launching attacks on security forces and damaging the roads, vehicles and machines used in the work, according to police.

SOOTHING TO EYES



A view of the snow-covered Himalayan mountain range, as seen from Shimla, Saturday.

NSE CO-LOCATION CASE

Ex-CEO Chitra Ramkrishna questioned by psychologist from CFSL

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI)

Former National Stock Exchange (NSE) CEO Chitra Ramkrishna was questioned by a senior psychologist of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), who said she was "evasive" in her responses related to the co-location scam case being probed by the CBI, officials said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted Ramkrishna's questioning for three days during which she allegedly did not give proper responses to the investigators, the officials said.

During the hearing of Ramkrishna's anticipatory bail application before a special CBI court here, the agency told the court that in order to extract the ac-

tual facts, the services of a senior forensic psychologist of the CFSL, CBI, New Delhi were also utilised.

"The senior forensic psychologist of the CFSL, CBI, New Delhi has observed that the applicant was evasive in her responses. She always attributed knowledge regarding matters to her lower functionaries," the agency told the court.

MANIPUR ASSEMBLY POLL

76.04 % turn out in final phase

Imphal, Mar 05 (PTI):

The turn out in the second and the final phase of Manipur Assembly poll on Saturday was recorded at 76.04 pc amid stray incidents of violence in some places before and after the beginning of voting, election department officials said.

Voting was held in 22 constituencies across six districts amid tight security and strict adherence to



Women show their fingers marked with indelible ink after casting their vote during the second phase of Manipur Assembly elections, Saturday.

COVID-19 protocol. Senapati district, where polling was held in three assembly constituencies registered the highest turn out of 82.02 per

cent followed by Thoubal district at 78 per cent. Thoubal has 10 constituencies, the officials said. Ukhrul and Chandel dis-

tricts which have three constituencies registered 71.57 and 76.71 per cent respectively while Tamenglong with three constituencies registered the least turn out with 66.40 per cent. Jiribam, the smallest district with only one constituency recorded 75.02 per cent polling. Polling was marred by violence in some places, as security forces deployed at Ngamju polling station in Karong assembly constituency in Senapati district allegedly shot at two people, the police said.

Modi interacts with intellectuals

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday interacted with intellectuals and other prominent personalities here and said if the BJP returns to power in Uttar Pradesh, the state will be at the forefront of economic development.

Modi, who represents Varanasi in the Lok Sabha, also stressed the need for a stable government in the state which can take bold decisions, according to the participants. Nearly 200 participants interacted with the prime minister at the 'Prabudh Varg Sammelan' held at Raman Niwas here.

Polls in UP 'pro-incumbency': PM

Varanasi, Mar 05 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday described the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls as "pro-incumbency", saying the people themselves are fighting for continuation of the government.

Addressing an election rally at Khajuri village in Varanasi, the prime minister said that due to their aversion towards him, "dynasts" were making fun of "vocal for local" and the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Even on the Ukraine issue, the opposition is busy doing politics and adding to the people's woes, Modi said.

In a swipe at the



Congress, he said the party which derived political mileage for years from Khadi now hesitates to even take its name.

Modi added that his government has made Khadi and yoga international brands.

Varanasi will vote in the last phase of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections on March 7.

State Govt creating REZs to bring enthusiastic change: Kshitij Chandrakar

Bhilai, Mar 05:

Chhattisgarh State Government led by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is working on the concept of Rural Economic Zones (REZs) in lines with the popular model of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) with the aim of increasing trade balance, employment, job creation etc. State's ambitious project "Narwa - Garuva - Ghuruva - Baadi" has set a brilliant example of rural development before the entire nation. Basically it is a Gandhian economic model of creating self sufficient villages or "Suraaji Gaon", said All India Professional Congress (AIPC) State President Kshitij Chandrakar while addressing a brain storming session hosted by APIC Bhilai Chapter here at Supela on Saturday.

Kshitij further said that the state government is promoting certain rural industries in the bigger Gauthans for increasing the income of villagers and at the same time generating employment opportunities especially for women. The state government has also initiated to find bigger markets for the products of rural industries by linking them with e-commerce platforms and other big players. Recollecting the memories of first lockdown after the outbreak of Coronavirus Pandemic, Kshitij said that while helping some migrated labourers who arrived at Durg from other states, he felt the need of creating employment opportunities locally to prevent the migration of people in search of employment. The state government is working to ensure that the youth of villages get proper employment at the village itself and contribute for the development of the state.

Dignitaries from different fields including education sector, industries, health sector and other professionals discussed the topic of brain drain from the country. Some of them emphasised on the need of preventing brain drain by creating opportunities and developing facilities within the country itself while some other counted the benefits of brain drain and termed the NRIs to be assets of the nation.

Mayor Neeraj Pal, District Congress Committee President Mukesh Chandrakar, Educationist IP Mishra, medical practitioner Dr AP Sawant and ex BSP MD VK Arora were present on the dais. Renowned educationist IP Mishra (Chairman, Shri Shankaracharya Group) said that the topic of discussion is of paramount importance after witnessing the Ukraine crisis. He highlighted the contributions of former Prime Minister Late Rajiv Gandhi, who is known as the father of Information technology and Telecom Revolution of India. Recollecting the memories of his service at Bhilai Steel Plant, Mishra described how the Information Technology and Telecommunication brought the enthusiastic changes in every field. He further said that after introduction of liberalisation and globalisation policies in the year 1994, a large number of Engineering Colleges were established with produced a huge force of engineers in the country. Initially they got employment within the country but later on these talents started migrating to other countries in search of better opportunities. Today, the engineering colleges are shutting down as the engineers are not getting suitable jobs in the country. Mishra added that the Indians are holding top positions in the world's leading IT companies and other sectors. There is a huge force of Indian IT professionals in USA and other nations. These talents could have worked for the development and progress of the nation if they have got opportunities within the country itself. Mishra emphasised that the depletion of sanskars was the root cause of brain drain. He added that Bhupesh Baghel government is working to con-

serve the cultural richness and traditions of the state. He hoped that these initiatives will bring about a significant change. Renowned medical practitioner Dr AP Sawant said that about 75 million Indians have migrated abroad for better employment and future. India is facing skill deficit because a generation of talents has shifted to other countries. He spoke about the causes of brain drain and also explained the measures that can be taken to prevent brain drain and promote brain gain. Former Managing Director of Bhilai Steel Plant, VK Arora emphasised on the need of establishing industries near the source of raw material. He said that Chhattisgarh has abundance of mineral resources which are the raw materials for various industries. Speaking about the price rise of edible oils after Russia - Ukraine war, he said that the climate of Chhattisgarh is favourable for cultivation of sunflower. Initiative in this direction can reduce nation's dependency on foreign countries for sunflower and other edible oils. He hoped that the Bhupesh Baghel government will take the state to new heights.

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Safety should be a Collective Responsibility: KK Dwivedy

National Safety Day celebrated at SAIL-BSP; Departments & Individuals awarded for Safety Performance



Bhilai, Mar 05:

Various prizes were given away on the occasion of National Safety Day at SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant by KK Dwivedy, Deputy Director, Industrial Health and Safety, Durg and chief guest at a function at HRD Centre on Saturday. Present on the occasion were Dr SK Issar, ED (M & HS), KK Singh, ED (P & A), Anjani Kumar, ED (Works), Dr AK Panda, CGM I/c (F & A) and other Senior officials from the

Plant. National Safety Day is celebrated on the Foundation Day of National Safety Council. The theme this year is 'Nurture young minds to develop Safety culture'. KK Dwivedy, Deputy Director, Industrial Health and Safety in his address stated that employees of Bhilai Steel Plant who take pride in their achievements must give equal importance to a safe working culture. Safety is a collective responsibility which needs continuity, he said, adding that heightened awareness to prevent accidents is a must to prevent accidents. Proper house-keeping, timely maintenance of equipment, adherence to SOPs and SMPs must be accorded top priority. Disciplined working plays a big role in prevention of accidents and hence should also be given due importance, Dwivedy said. Analyse risks and identify possible threats, he said. BSP's senior management is making sincere efforts towards safety and several studies and audits have been conducted, he said. Awareness about all factors that prevent accidents must be passed on to colleagues and subordinates on the shopfloor, he said.

In his address, Dr SK Issar, ED (M & HS) stated that in order to prevent accidents, it is essential that we do not bypass systems that are in place, adding that we all have to contribute to creating a safe work culture. KK Singh, ED (P & A) in his address stated that our first priority is accident-free production. While safety is our collective responsibility, we must specially focus on behaviour based safety and analysing cause of accidents, he said.



Anjani Kumar, ED (Works) in his address stated that we must avoid taking any shortcuts and strictly adhere to SoPs and zero-tolerance towards accidents so as to build a better safety culture in our Plant. Dr AK Panda, CGM I/c (F & A) is his address said that we must also use new techniques available so as to make our shopfloor safer. The Safety

Oath was administered to all present by Ajay Taloo, Mgr (Safety). At the outset, GP Singh, Acting CGM (Safety & FS) welcomed the dignitaries and the participants of the programme.

A Skit on Safety titled Coffee with Yamraj, written and directed by Umesh Oudhia, GM (SP 2) was staged on the occasion. KK Tiwari from MARS 1 presented a Safety song. Prizes were given away for different competitions like Skit, Safety Calendar, Best Safety Warrior, Individual exemplary award for Safety, best ZSO award, best DSO award, reporting of maximum near-miss case (individual and department), longest accident-free days, best accident reduction and sustenance award etc. Prizes were also given for house-keeping.

Citations of cross-functional teams were read out by Shovan Ghosh. The programme was compered by Satyawan Nayak, Senior Manager (PR). The Vote of Thanks was proposed by SK Agarwal, GM (Safety).

Last five days to send new designs of 'Logo'/'Mono' for BMC

नगर पालिक निगम, भिलाई के नए 'लोगो' / 'मोनो' डिजाइन हेतु प्रतिस्पर्धा
प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त करने वाले भागीदार को इच्छुक संस्था के माध्यम से 51000/- का पुरस्कार प्रदान किया जायेगा।
(अंतिम तिथि : 10 मार्च 2022)

Bhilai, Mar 05: For the creation of new designs of "Logo"/"Mono" of Bhilai Nagar Municipal Corporation, the corporation administration had announced a competition where everyone can prepare the design and send it to the mail id nigambhilai2022@gmail.com. The selected design would result in a prize money of Rs 51000/- through sponsor to the winner. Mayor Neeraj Pal and the members of the constituted committee, in view of the importance of creation of new "logo"/"mono", have prepared the rules and conditions for this and they have

given importance to citizen participation. Earlier the date was fixed till the last month of February for sending the designs, but now in view of the competition, the last date has been extended to March 10. Designs can be sent to the prescribed mail id of the corporation latest by the aforesaid date in March. There is a chance to win 51,000 prize money. While Nigam will get a new "Logo"/"Mono" with a new message Bhilai will get its own "Logo"/"Mono". Till date more than 100 designs have been received on mail id.

Obituary

Devender Kaur Bal

Bhilai: Malviya Nagar resident Sardarni Devender Kaur Bal, wife of Sukhpal Singh Bal left for heavenly abode at the age of 76 years on Saturday. Last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Harnabandha Muktidham around 12:30 hrs on March 06. She was the mother of Jaspreet Singh Bal, Harpreet Singh Bal and Preeti Ghumaan and mother-in-law of Sandeep Singh Ghumaan.

Ramesh Bhai Patel

Bhilai: Ramesh Bhai Patel left for heavenly abode on Saturday. Funeral procession will be taken out from his residence situated at 100/B, behind Utsav Bhavan, Sundar Nagar on March 06 around 11:00 hrs and last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He was the brother of Raju Bhai Patel and father of Dimple Bhai Patel and Heenal Bhai Patel.

On second day 85 of Dial 112 team benefit from health check-up camp

At SR Hospital Chikhali Durg

Bhilai, Mar 05: The health check up camp for Dial 112 team is underway at SR Hospital and Research Centre, Dhamdha Road, Chikhali, Durg. On Friday, the second day of the camp, 85 personnel from the Dial 112 reached the camp and took benefit of the check up camp.

Chief guest on the second day was Badrinarayan Meena, SP Durg. He inaugurated the second day camp by lighting the lamp. Thereafter, he inspected the entire camp site and appreciated the arrangements and efforts of the hospital. The SP also got his eye test done on this occasion.

In his brief address Meena praised the Hospital management for thinking of organising camp for Dial 112 drivers and their family members. He added that the drivers of Dial 112 are engaged in 24-hour service and get so busy in their work that they do not take care of their health. By holding such health camps from time to time, the workers also come to know about what kind of dis-



eases they have. Complete updates about health are available through health camps. He congratulated the Director of SR Hospital Sanjay Tiwari and expressed hope that in coming days also the Hospital would continue to organise such camps. Director Sanjay Tiwari informed that in the camp, Dr Ranjan Sengupta, vascular and cardiothoracic surgeon, burn and plastic surgeon Dr Vishwamitra B Dayal, paediatrician Dr SP Kesharwani, and Dr Anupam Lal, General Medicine specialist Dr Sushant Kande, Dr Balram Sahu from Gynaecology and Obstetrics department, Ophthalmologist Dr JS Bhatia, ENT Specialist Dr Ankita Joshi, Dr Shaheen Hamdani MDS from the Department of Dentistry etc rendered their services.

Police crackdown on organised betting racket

Bhilai, Mar 05: With the arrest of four bookies including a female, police claimed to have busted an organised racket of satta-patti betting in Durg city. They were operating the illegal betting activity of satta-patti in Apapura area of the city. Cash, betting records and rubber stamps were seized from them.

ASP (City) Sanjay Dhruv informed that on the instructions of SSP Badri Narayan Meena, Durg Police is continuously taking action against the illegal and banned activities of betting, gambling etc. In this sequel, a team led by CSP (Durg) Jitendra Kumar Yadav conducted raids at Apapura in Durg and rounded up four bookie while accepting bets on satta-patti. The team recovered Rs 79750 cash, betting records and slips and the rubber stamps from their possession. The accused used different rubber stamps for different days of the week. The accused are identified as



Vimla Sapha (45) a resident of Apapura Durg; Shyamal Trivedi (44) a resident of Village Mohlai; Keshav Katore (64) a resident of Luchkipara, Durg and Kuleshwar Prasad (61) a resident of Luchkipara, Durg. They have been booked under the provisions mentioned in section 4(a) of Gambling Act and prohibitory sections of IPC.

Inspector Bhushan Ekka, Head Constable Chetan Sahu, Constables Javed Khan, Pradeep Singh, Farukh Khan, Jaggi Singh, Keshav Sahu, Shaukat Hayat Khan, Ravindra Singh, Ajay Yadu, Dinesh Kumar, woman Constables Bhenu Thakur and Sunita Bharadwaj played vital role in arresting the accused.



Chhattisgarh budget to be presented on 9th March

Budget session to start with Governor's address on 7th March

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: Chhattisgarh budget for the year 2022 will be presented in State Legislative Assembly on March 9. The budget session will begin on March 7 with the address of Governor Anusuiya Uikey, informed the Assembly Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant at a press conference on Saturday. After discussion on Governor's address on March 8 and motion of thanks, Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel who is also holding Finance portfolio, will present the budget on March 9 at 12.30 pm. The discussion on the budget will start on March 10.

Dr Mahant told that the session would continue till March 25. There will be a total of 13 sittings of the House during the session. The number of questions for the budget session is 1682, in which there are 854 starred questions and 828 unstarred questions. In addition to this, 114 notices of calling attention, 10 notices of adjournment, 4 notices for discussion on a matter of urgent public importance under rule 139, 7 notices of non-official resolution, 16 notices of

zero hour and 45 notices of petition have been received.

The Speaker said that the general discussion on the budget would begin on March 10. The demands for grants will be discussed from March 11 to 23. Dr Mahant said that steps had been taken in the direction of paperless work in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly. Out of 1682 questions for the session 1499 have been received online, he said. The Speaker said that a study is being conducted in this regard from IIT Kharagpur and the first report of the institute has come, according to which there is a possibility of saving 45500 papers per year.

Balod SP Sadanand shifted to Narayanpur District

Three IPS Officers given fresh postings

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: In a minor reshuffle among Indian Police Services (IPS) Officers, the Balod District Superintendent of Police (SP) Sadanand Kumar has been shifted to Narayanpur District SP whereas IPS Officer Goverdhan Ram Thakur.

According to the information received, the Narayanpur SP Girija Shankar Jaiswal has been shifted to Kanker

as Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) in the reshuffle.

Similarly, the State Police Services (SPS) Officer Aditya Pandey has been posted as Additional SP Basaguda in Bijapur District whereas Rajesh Sharma has been shifted to Dantewada as Assistant Commandant 9th Battalion, Akik Khokhar as Assistant Commandant Bijapur, Anup Lakra has been transferred to Chhattisgarh Armed Forces Narayanpur and SAS Officer Ajay Lakra has been shifted to Bastar as Deputy Superintendent of Police Special Branch.

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in-charge party affairs in Chhattisgarh D Purandeswari on Saturday stressed on the need to have better co-ordination for Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) with the Organization as well as with Public.

She made it clear during the meeting with the MLAs in presence of senior leaders including the State BJP President Vishnu Deo Sai here. Providing the above information, the Leader of Opposition in Chhattisgarh Legislative



Assembly Dharmal Kaushik said that strategy for the upcoming session was discussed and added that the performance of MLAs would be on focus. He added that issues related with public would be taken up aggressively during the Budget Session of Assembly. Former Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh said that the party is focusing on strengthening at the Booth level and added that all leaders including the State BJP President

would be making frequent visits to the Booth. He added that the achievements of Central Government would be informed to people during the public interaction. D Purandeswari also held separate meeting with the Members of Parliament (MPs) during which majority of them were present. MPs too have been given the task for the upcoming days to highlight the achievements of Modi government.

Yashoda Hospital now leading healthcare provider: Dr Pavan Gorukanti

To launch the biggest hospital in private sector by June 1

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad coming with probably the biggest hospital in private sector in the country with State of Art international standard JCI accredited 2 million square feet facility to be inaugurated by June 1st. Yashoda Hospital now has established as one of the leading healthcare provider in the country with probably the highest number of critically ill patients requiring ventilator support during the covid



waves. Had more than 100 air ambulance transfer and ECMO usage with survival matching the best in the world. Similarly had more than 25 lung transplants after the second wave with good outcomes including many from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Hospital is well known for best in

class technology and expertise in various specialties like interventional pulmonology, more than 150 Liver transplants during the pandemic years, highest number of precision radiation (Rapid arc) in the world, more than 30,000 and similarly the latest in cardiology, oncology, gastro and other services.

Dr Pavan Gorukanti, Director of Yashoda Hospitals, himself a qualified Pulmonary/Critical Care Doctor having spent more than 10 years, participated in the Heart and Lung transplant conference on Saturday, March 05 at Raipur. He shared his experiences and latest advances in the field of Heart and Lung transplant with the delegates meeting. Addressing the scribes here Dr Pavan said that he was happy with the way medical healthcare was advancing in the country and with the new hospital coming up in hitech city area of Hyderabad was confident of closing any remaining gaps in treatment or technology. He said that the hospital with 2000 beds

and more than 4000 separate room critical care beds would be JCI accredited and will have all the facilities like any international hospital.

It would also have the country first installation of MR Linac radiation therapy for the absolute latest in precision radiation and will have dedicated helipad and Air ambulance service to serve the entire country and the world for full spectrum care from simple outpatient to tertiary level care with a dedicated team to look after every need of out of state patients. He said that we are planning to open a new hospital in Chhattisgarh in future. On the occasion Dr Vijay Kumar, COO, Yashoda Hospital and Dr Sunil Bidayat were also present.

Speaker releases diary



Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant today released the diary of the year 2022 of the Chhattisgarh

Legislative Assembly in the Assembly premises in presence of Raipur Development Authority Chairman Subhash Dhuppad, former MLA Gurmukh

Singh Hora, Principal Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Chandrashekar Gangrade and Assembly Secretary Dinesh Sharma.

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यदि सर्जरी ही आपके अत्यधिक मोटापे का इलाज है पर इसका खर्च घबराहट का कारण, तो अब समय है मेडिकलेम का सही लाभ उठाने का। बैरियाट्रिक सर्जरी की मदद से अपना वज़न घटाएं और खर्चा कवर करें अपने मेडिकलेम द्वारा। अब पैसा नहीं वज़न घटाएं, मेडिकलेम का सही फायदा उठाएं।

बैरियाट्रिक सर्जरी क्यों ज़रूरी है?

दरअसल, मोटापा असंतुलित लाइफस्टाइल से जन्म लेता है। इसका असर जिंदगी के सभी क्षेत्रों पर पड़ता है। वैज्ञानिक पद्धतियों में बैरियाट्रिक सर्जरी मोटापा एवं उससे जुड़े अन्य रोग जैसे ब्लड प्रेशर, जोड़ों में दर्द, स्लिप एपनिया, मधुमेह आदि से भी छुटकारा पाने का एक विश्वसनीय उपाय है।

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सर्जरी के चार से पांच घंटों के बाद मरीज़ चल फिर सकता है तथा तीसरे दिन अस्पताल से छुट्टी मिल जाती

है। उसके बाद मरीज़ अपनी दिनचर्या में लौट सकता है। वह अपने दफ्तर, स्कूल और कॉलेज के सभी कार्य कर सकता है। इस ऑपरेशन की खास बात यह है कि इसमें कोई बेड रेस्ट नहीं होता।

सर्जरी के बाद डाइट में क्या बदलाव होते है?

मरीज़ को केवल तीन हफ्तों तक अस्पताल द्वारा दी गई डाइट फॉलो करनी होती है। उसके बाद वह अपनी मनपसंद चीजें खा और पी सकता है और अपनी पुरानी लाइफस्टाइल में लौट सकता है।

सर्जरी के बाद क्या गर्भधारण में परेशानी होती है?

ये धारणा गलत है। बैरियाट्रिक सर्जरी वैज्ञानिक तौर पर प्रमाणित सर्जरी है। जो महिलाएं मोटापे के कारण मातृत्व सुख से वंचित रह जाती थीं, उन महिलाओं के लिए तो यह सर्जरी एक वरदान है।

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Chief Secretary reviews the status of distribution of organic fertilizers

● **Targets distribution of 19 lakh quintals of compost for Kharif-2022**

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain took a meeting of senior administrative officers of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Department at Mahanadi Mantralaya Bhawan to produce organic manure on a large scale in Gauthans. He directed the officers to ensure distribution of 6.50 lakh quintals of organic manure, including vermi compost and super compost, available in Gauthans to the farmers in the current month through societies. The Chief Secretary said that keeping in view the upcoming Kharif season 2022, the production of organic manure should be



to promote organic farming in the state, arrangements should be ensured for the production and distribution of organic manure on a large scale in Gauthans. He directed the officers to ensure distribution of 6.50 lakh quintals of organic manure, including vermi compost and super compost, available in Gauthans to the farmers in the current month through societies. The Chief Secretary said that keeping in view the upcoming Kharif season 2022, the production of organic manure should be

sustained so that farmers can use it as an alternative to chemical fertilizers. He directed the officers to prepare an action plan to make available 19 lakh quintals of compost manure in agricultural credit through the distribution societies in Kharif 2022. The Chief Secretary said that Vermi Compost is a better alternative to chemical fertilizers, DAP and Super Phosphate. Due to the lack of DAP last season, the farmers of the state used vermi compost for farming. He talked about promoting organic

farming for better farming at low cost as well as maintaining the fertility of the soil and production of non-toxic food grains. The Chief Secretary said that organic manure should be used in the crop demonstration in the field and the farmers of the area should also be given observation, this would motivate the farmers to use organic manure. It was informed in the meeting that so far 16.50 lakh quintals of organic manure has been produced by women self-help groups in the Gauthans of the state. Out

of which 10 lakh quintals of organic fertilizers have been sold. About 6.50 lakh quintals of organic manure is available for sale in Gauthans. By the month of July, production of about 19 lakh quintals of organic manure is possible. The Chief Secretary instructed the officers to get the distribution of organic fertilizers done to the farmers through the societies as per the action plan. Agriculture Production Commissioner Dr. Kamalpreet Singh, Secretary Agriculture Dr. S. Bharathidasan, Cooperative Secretary Himshikhar Gupta, Director Agriculture, Yashwant Kumar, Director Horticulture, Matheswaran V., Director Veterinary Services Mrs Chandan Tripathi, Joint Secretary Agriculture, K. C. Paikra, Joint Director Agriculture, RL Khare and other officials were present.

Negativity must be overcome: Devangan



● **Mahashivratri celebrated amid cultural programmes**

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: 'Lord Shiva has been worshiped since time immemorial. Just as Lord Shiva saved this world by consuming poison, in the same way we also have to spread positive thoughts in the world by removing poison of negativity from our surroundings.' This was stated by the Chairman of Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation, Girish Devangan at a programme organized on the

occasion of Mahashivratri by Nayi Disha Education Seva Samiti in collaboration with the Department of Culture at Adarsh Nursing College, Datrenga. Where there is faith, there is God, said former MLA Naveen Markandey who was present as special guest. Just as vehicle without brakes raises danger of accident similarly life without influence of God is ruined. Therefore, one needs to have discipline in the form of God to achieve success in life. Organising committee president Vijay Agrawal explained significance of Mahashivratri by narrat-

ing a story. College Principal Dr Abhilasha Rajak threw light on scientific basis of the festival of Mahashivratri and called for preserving this tradition and culture. Programme Convener Danshing Devangan said that Indian culture is better than western culture. Surta-Mor Mati's identity group enthralled the audience by presenting Shiv Aradhana, Shiv Shrotam. Students of Adarsh Nursing College mesmerized audience with a splendid performance of Shiv Tandav. Tamesh Verma anchored the programme and his group recited Bhajan.

Patel hands over trophies to winner and runner-up



● **Of State Level Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament**

Central Chronicle News

Raigarh, Mar 05: Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Umesh Patel attended the closing ceremony of the State Level

Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament held at Sarangarh in Raigarh district. He congratulated and gave best wishes to the winners, runners-up and best players of this competition during the prize distribution ceremony. Teams from other states of the country also participated in this tennis ball

cricket tourney organized at the Khelbhantha Stadium in Sarangarh. The final match was played between Sarangarh and Sambalpur (Orissa). Team Sambalpur emerged as winner of the tournament. Rs 1.11 lakh was given to the winning team along with the trophy and Rs 55,500 was given to the runner-up team along with trophy. Sports Minister Mr. Umesh Patel handed over trophies and prize money to the winner and runner-up teams. Sports Minister Mr. Patel congratulated organizers and players for a successful event. It is worth mentioning that Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament is being organized in Khelbhantha Stadium for the last 18 years.

State-level workshop today

Raipur, Mar 05: A state-level workshop on occasion of International Women's Day on the subject 'A Cyber Hygiene Workshop on Social Networking Sites', will be organized by VAYAM Foundation Raipur on March 6 at Vrindavan Hall, Raipur from 4:00 pm onwards. The speakers on the occasion will be Mohali Guha (Cyber Expert), Chanchal Tiwari ASP (IUCAW), Abhishek Mishra (Advocate) and Vishal Pandey (Counselor & Psychologist). This workshop is free of cost and later in the programme the women and institutions doing remarkable works in different fields will be felicitated.

CU students visit to Fly Ash Brick industrial farm

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Mar 05: A total of 47 students of 6th semester of Rural Technology and Social Development Department of Guru Ghasidas University (Central University) visited fly ash brick industrial farm at Ramtala on March 04, 2022. In the above excursion on the topic of how we are protecting the environment by using ash from electric plants in the manufacture of bricks, the students learned all the processes of making bricks from fly ash. Regarding the manufacture of fly ash, detailed information was given by the director of the industrial



farm, Mr. Shailesh Shukla about the use of raw lime along with sand and cement and their fixed quantities. He also told the practice of using lime in the construction of old forts and buildings. He also apprised about the working

of computer logic system for converting fly ash into brick by applying 30 ton of pressure and about the process of seasoning of manufactured bricks and changes in the quality of bricks due to the effect of weather. He also apprised

about how the water collected through rainwater harvesting is used in his unit for brick making. Students also asked a lot of questions related to their doubts and about the schemes being provided by the Government of India for industrial establishment to the Director, Shukla. In the said visit, the Head of the Department, Dr. Pushpraj Singh apprised the students about the contributions being made by Shailesh Shukla ji in the conservation of environment and wildlife. The tour was coordinated by Rakesh Kumar Ghritalhare, Assistant Professor, Rural Technology Department.

People are now proactive in getting themselves vaccinated: Bhagat

● **Webinar on 'Addressing gender-based Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy' organized**

As part of Int'l Women's Day celebration

Raipur, Mar 05: The Centre for Women Studies (CWS) Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University and MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity project organized a webinar on "Addressing gender based Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy" as part of International Women's Day celebration. The webinar was attended by State Immunization Officer Dr Vishwanath Bhagat, Chief Medical and Health Officer

Raipur Dr Meera Baghel, Dr Amita Pitre National Women's Rights Champion and Prof Reeta Venugopal, Director of CWS among others. Welcoming the guests and attendees Urmimala Sengupta, Communication officer of the project stated that the objective of the webinar is to dispel gender related COVID-19 vaccination hesitancy. Dr. Vishwanath Bhagat, Chief Guest on the occasion he stated that 100% first dose, 80% second dose of adult population and 67% 15 to 18 years age groups and 32% precaution dose has been administered in Chhattisgarh. He thanked all health workers and society at large for their contribution and participation in world's largest vaccination campaign. He added that now people are more proactive in getting themselves vaccinated. He appealed to the

organisers, participants and all citizens to champion the cause of COVID-19 vaccination specially for women. Dr. Meera Baghel, stated that there are women who fear losing their fertility and other complications owing to the vaccines. She said that pregnant women are prone to Covid since their immunity is weak during the nine months, therefore they should take vaccine immediately. It is the duty of the peer group, family members and local influencers to mobilize these women and encourage them to get vaccinated. Prof. Reeta Venugopal stated that owing to less studies in the field of Gender and Vaccinations, the myths continue to languish in the society. There is a need that more scientists and experts publish their findings on the topic of women

vis-a-vis Covid 19 and vaccinations. Dr Amita added that International Women's Day is necessary because it keeps the dialogue on women's rights and their struggles alive. There is very less research on women and their struggles with pregnancy, lactation, menstruation and vaccinations. These topics need to be widely studied and chronicled so that they can act as myth busters for the rest of the society. The webinar was attended by Prof. Priyamvada Shrivasta and Prof. Aditya Poddar Associate director CWS, Ms. Anikha Varoda, Research Associate, CWS, Dr. Anuradha Chakrabarty, guest lecturer, CWS and Dr. Anjan Chatteraj, State Project Manager of the MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation

and Equity project and others attended the webinar. Centre for Women Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University was established two decades back. It is one of 80 centers under the UGC. The centre is associated with UNESCO co-chair as Sangwari Hub. The MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity project is supported by USAID grant, John Snow India has been mandated to provide technical assistance to the Government of India and selected State governments including Chhattisgarh to identify challenges and facilitate feasible solutions to address them to rapidly ramp up COVID-19 vaccination in the state specially for the vulnerable and marginalized section of the society.

Shed built under MNREGA strengthens goat rearing business

Raipur, Mar 05: Champa Bai Batupali (B) Gram Panchayat of Sarangarh block. Her family has about five acres of land. Out of this, only three acres is cultivable land. In the post-cultivation period, the family earns as a labourer. Champa Bai started goat rearing to increase the income of the family but it was getting very difficult due to lack of proper infrastructure. She was unable to proceed with it systematically so she put her problem in meeting. On the advice of the group, she approached the gram panchayat for the construction of a shed on his private land under MNREGA. Under MNREGA, in the year 2020-21, administrative approval was received for the construction of a goat shed at Rs. 61 thousand on Champa Bai's private land as a beneficiary. After 15 days of continuous work, her shed was completed in December-2020. In this work, her family and another family of the village also got direct employment of 34 man-days, for which wages of about six and a half

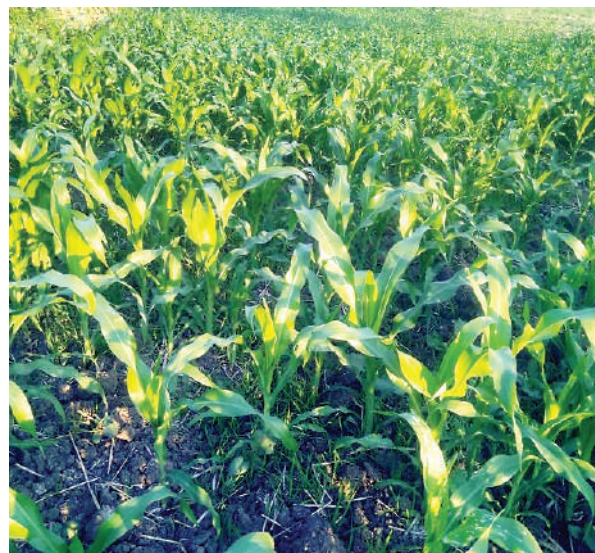
thousand rupees were paid. After the shed was built, Champa Bai got enough space for goat rearing and her business started gaining momentum. Before the construction of the Shed, Champa Bai had only four goats. After the shed was built, she bought four more goats. Currently, she has 26 goats. Out of these, by selling 15 goats, she has earned eighty nine thousand rupees in six months. She sells the female goat at the rate of Rs.5 thousand and the male goat at the rate of Rs.7 thousand. Champa Bai is happy with benefit from goat rearing in less time. This not only improved her financial condition, but she has also bought a new TV, fan and cupboard for her house. Mrs. Champa Bai wants to further grow her business of goat rearing. She says that if she did not get a shed from MNREGA for goat rearing, she will not be able to carry on with her work. Now she is encouraging other people of the village to take up goat rearing as a business.

Maize area increased 10 times in three years in Chhattisgarh

● **More farmers interested in maize cultivation with the commencement of a maize processing center in Kondagaon**

Raipur, Mar 05: In the last three-four years in the state of Chhattisgarh, the inclination of the farmers for the cultivation of maize has increased rapidly. Meanwhile, the area under maize cultivation has increased from 13 thousand hectares to one lakh 46 thousand hectares,

which is more than 10 times. With the purchase of maize at the rate of Rs 1870 per quintal on support price in the state and the establishment of a processing center in Kondagaon, farmers have started getting better prices for their produce. This has resulted in sharp increase in the area under maize. After getting permission from the centre, preparations are in full swing to set up a plant for the production of ethanol at Kondagaon Maize Processing Center. In the last Rabi season 2020-21, farmers had cultivated maize in 93 thou-



sand 200 hectares in the state, which has now been increased to one lakh 46 thousand 130 hectares in the current Rabi season. The increase in the area under maize by about 53,000 hectares in a year is a record in itself. It is worth mentioning that farmers of the state had cultivated maize in only 13 thousand 440 hectares of land in the Rabi season 2017-18. In the year 2016-17, maize was cultivated in only 12 thousand hectares in the Rabi season. Three to four years ago, there were a dozen districts in the state where maize cultivation was almost non-

existent. In current scenario, maize cultivation has been started by the farmers in all the districts except Koriya. This has resulted in increase in area under maize cultivation by more than 10 times. In comparison to the year 2016-17, the area under maize cultivation has increased by 130 times in the districts of Bilaspur division. Earlier, maize cultivation was done only in 680 hectares of land in the districts of Bilaspur division, which has increased drastically to 19 thousand 662 hectares today. Highest maize cultivation is being done in 45 thousand 880

hectares in Kondagaon district of the state. Earlier, maize cultivation was done in barely 9 thousand hectares here. Similar situation is there in Kanker district. In three-four years, the area under maize cultivation in Kanker district has increased from 8,000 hectares to more than 28,000 hectares. The area under maize cultivation has increased from 2300 hectares to 21 thousand hectares in the districts of Raipur division, from 1100 hectares to 8780 hectares in Durg division and from 680 hectares to 10690 hectares in Surguja divi-

sion and from 16,000 hectares to 85,800 hectares in Bastar division. This year maize cultivation is being done in 1,46,130 hectares in the state. Nakcheda Ram Naik, a farmer of village Bagdongri in Charama block of Kanker district said that now he is happy with the maize cultivation only as the profit is much higher than paddy cultivation. An income of about Rs 26 thousand is generated through maize cultivation in one acre. Last year, he cultivated maize in two acre and the produce was sold for Rs 50,000.

BRIEF

Booked

Pune: Six women have been booked for allegedly thrashing the landlady of a girls' hostel and hurling a slipper at some paying guests for wearing shorts, Pune police said. The incident took place in Rakshak Nagar in Kharadi area. The accused and the complainant live in the same lane and the former would often pick quarrels with her over petty issues such as parking. The accused barged into the premises on the issue of PGs.

NSA

Indore: The stringent National Security Act has been invoked in Indore in Madhya Pradesh against a 60-year-old man who has been accused of regularly stalking and teasing minor girls, an official said. District Collector Manish Singh has invoked NSA on Harjeet Singh Chabra aka Chotiwalla, so called for his long hair, who is in jail presently for harassing a 10-year-old girl last month. Chabra has been committing such offences since 2008.

Accidental

Ferozepur: A Punjab Police sub-inspector deployed for the security of electronic voting machines here died after his weapon went off accidentally. Sub-Inspector Baldev Singh (55) was posted as the incharge of the third layer of security at a centre in Fazilka. He was on duty guarding electronic voting machines at the counting centre at Government Senior Secondary School (Girls) in Fazilka district.

Arrested

Srinagar: Security forces arrested three overground workers of terror outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba from Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian. Incriminating materials, including arms and ammunition, were recovered from their possession.

Ten percent tree cover at residential, commercial sites proposed

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

The Environment Ministry has proposed that at least one tree be planted in every 80 square metres of land to ensure residential and commercial construction sites have at least 10 per cent of their plot area under tree cover.

The ministry issued a draft notification on "Building Construction Environment Management Regulations, 2022" on February 28 seeking public suggestions and objections on the proposal within 60 days. The regulations will be applicable on projects in-



volving construction of new building projects and expansion, renovation or re-

metres. "A minimum of one tree for every 80 sqm. of land should be planted and maintained so as to ensure at least 10 per cent of plot area under tree cover. The existing trees will be counted for this purpose," the draft notification read.

It said the topsoil should be stripped only up to a maximum depth of 20 cm from the areas proposed for buildings, roads, paved areas, and external services. It should be stockpiled appropriately in designated areas and reapplied during plantation of the proposed vegetation on site.

'Need to think about setting up more medical colleges'

Jaipur, Mar 05 (PTI):

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Saturday said the Ukraine crisis has presented an opportunity to consider increasing the number of medical colleges and seats in the country.

The future of thousands of students forced to return to India due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine is now uncertain. In such a situation, a positive decision needs to be taken keeping in mind the future of these students, he said.

Gehlot suggested that the Centre should change the rules of the Medical Council of India so that



Ashok Gehlot

both government and private sectors can open more medical colleges.

The Ukraine crisis has given an opportunity to consider the possibility of the central and the state governments working together to significantly increase the number of medical colleges and medical seats in the country, he said.

More than one lakh people visit Kolkata Book Fair every day

Kolkata, Mar 05 (PTI):

An estimated 6 lakh people have visited the 45th International Kolkata Book Fair since February 28, a senior official of the Publishers and Book Sellers Guild said.

On an average more than one lakh visitors have turned up at the book fair at Central Park ground Salt Lake on all five days with over 1.75 lakh turning up on March 2, the day of Maha Shivratri, Guild President Sudangshu Sekhar Dey told PTI.

He said while 24 lakh visitors had come to the book fair in 2020, this year

the turnout was expected to cross 20 lakh figure.

"The pandemic deprived book lovers of attending the biggest book carnival of the world last year. This is obvious from their response this year," he said.

The book fair which was inaugurated on February 28 will continue till March 13.

Guild secretary Tridib Chatterjee said the organisers are asking people to put on masks though some people may not be listening to the order. "The guild is doing everything to sensitise the people about the still existing threat of the pandemic," he said.

WB Govt seeks report on air turbulence during CM's flight

Kolkata, Mar 05 (PTI):

The West Bengal government on Saturday sought a report from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's aircraft encountering mid-air turbulence while returning from Varanasi, a top bureaucrat said.

The state government also wanted to know from the DGCA whether the route taken by the plane in which the chief minister returned to the city from Varanasi on Friday evening had been granted prior permission, he said.

Banerjee was returning



from Uttar Pradesh after campaigning for the Samajwadi party.

When contacted, an official of the DGCA said that they have already started working on the report.

"We conduct investigations in all such cases and accord priorities where VVIPs are involved. We have already started working on preparing our report in this connection," he told PTI.

On Friday evening, the

AGAINST DELIMITATION



Police personnel detains members of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC) during their protest march over the Delimitation Report, in Jammu, Saturday.

BJD's Mayor candidates for Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur announced

Bhubaneswar, Mar 05 (PTI):

Ending all speculations, ruling Biju Janata Dal president and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday announced the names of the party's candidates for the Mayor post in three municipal corporations of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Berhampur.

Sulochana Das will be the BJD's candidate for the Mayor post in Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), while for Cuttack Municipal Corporation it will be Subash Singh and Sanghamitra Dalei for the Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BeMC). The polling for the

state's three municipal corporations and 106 other Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are slated to be held on March 24 for which nomination filing process has started from March 2 and will continue till March 7.

While names of many prominent women were making rounds as the BJD candidate for the BMC mayor post, Patnaik finally picked up former journalist and State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Sulochana Das as the party candidate.

"I express my gratitude towards chief minister and BJD president for choosing me as the party's Mayor candidate.

Mumbai police chief seeks views on stopping towing of vehicles

Mumbai, Mar 05 (PTI):

Newly-appointed Mumbai police commissioner Sanjay Pandey has sought citizens' views on ending the practice of towing vehicles by traffic police.

Pandey added that this discussion doesn't anyway reflect the official position on the issue.

"Dear Mumbaiikars, I am overwhelmed with your response. As a first, we plan to stop towing vehicles. Experimental to start with and final if you comply. Let me know what you think," Pandey tweeted from his personal Twitter account.



Mumbai police towing a car from no-parking area.

Responding to his tweet, some citizens suggested that if traffic police in Mumbai do not allow any car to be parked on main roads, half of the illegal parking problems will end.

Another user suggested launching a dedicated

Twitter handle for traffic-related issues, saying the MTP App (Mumbai Traffic Police) is almost defunct.

"Give incentives for compliance with the law. Like parking discounts, privileges. Extra hour free coupons, etc. Assign

randomly. Like a contest in surprise zones. Will push people to adopt better behaviours", tweeted Gayatri, who identified herself as a poet and author.

Replying to her, Pandey said, "Thanks but we don't have any such monetised schemes. Max we can do is give them a pass for some social event. That too we will have to organise".

To this, she said tying up with the Mumbai civic body might help for getting parking slots.

A police official said that Pandey might have initiated the discussion on this issue as car own-

ers in Mumbai often face hassles over parking vehicles due to space crunch.

Many times, towing leads to altercations between car owners and Traffic police personnel.

In a bid to crack down on illegal parking in Mumbai, the civic body had started imposing a hefty fine of Rs 10,000 on cars parked within 500 meters of the public parking lot from 2019. This amount of penalty was revised later after criticism.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has been collecting a fine of more than Rs 2 lakh per day, the official added.

Celebrate the Essence of Womanhood!

On this International Women's Day, I am reminded of a beautiful quote by Diane Mariechild that says, "A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform." This quote aptly denotes the significant role and potential that a woman has in transforming the society. The international women's day reminds every woman that we need to celebrate the essence of womanhood and move ahead taking upon ourselves the great role of nurturing and developing our society. It is the day not only to celebrate the innumerable women achievers and many unsung women heroes with their enormous contribution to society, but also to encourage and revive women's hope that the future is safe and promising with equal rights, freedom and opportunity in every sphere to lead a dignified life.



their economic potential and corporate stature they possess. We witness a formidable change being brought about through women leadership and engagement.

The theme of the International Women's Day this year, "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow", highlights the urgency for the world to focus on gender equality in order to build a sustainable future for all. Over the decades efforts have been made but lots remains to be achieved when it comes to women safety, violence and discrimination. There is a need to ensure that every girl in the country gets equitable access to higher education, to research and development, as well as skill training in order to contribute immensely to the overall growth of our country. It is a high time for the nations of the world to come together and re-strengthen their efforts towards women empower-

ment, their rights and dignity.

Being a woman is a special calling with a God given purpose and potential to nurture and transform society. We have the power to change the world through the special traits and gifts of empathy, leadership, resilience, intuition, courage, persistence, multi-tasking and tremendous networking abilities that God has blessed us with. All that we need to do is to have the courage to break the glass ceiling and follow our dreams. Oprah Winfrey has wonderfully said, "The great courageous act that we must all do, is to have the courage to step out of our history and past so that we can live our dreams." I urge every woman to have faith in yourself, embrace your own individuality, believe in your own God-given abilities and accept your unique skills and talents and to use them optimally and fearlessly to contribute to the world around you. You are born to Win...Think Big...Dream Big...Achieve Big. Wishing you all a very Happy Women's Day!

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BRIEF

Stopped

Athens: Greece's coast guard said it has prevented five boats carrying more than 120 people in total from illegally entering Greek waters in the eastern Aegean Sea from Turkey.

Prison

London: Britain's first smart prison designed with smart technology and with no bars on windows opened as a project expected to drive down crime and more offenders into jobs.

Sentenced

Buenos Aires: An Argentine court sentenced a Roman Catholic bishop to 4 and half years in prison for abuse of two former seminarians in a major blow to Pope Francis, who had defended Gustavo Zanchetta following initial allegations.

Apologises

Abu Dhabi: A senior US diplomat apologised to thousands of Afghans stranded in the United Arab Emirates months after the fall of Kabul to the Taliban, promising to speed repatriation for some to America while acknowledging that authorities still do not know who some of them are.

Convicts

Stockholm: A 49 year old woman from Sweden was convicted of serious violation of international law and a war crime for not preventing her 12 year old son from being recruited as a child soldier on behalf of the Islamic State group in Syria.

China hikes defence budget by 7.1 percent to USD 230 billion

China will improve layout of defence technology and industry

Beijing, Mar 05 (PTD):

China on Saturday hiked its annual defence budget by 7.1 per cent to USD 230 billion from last year's USD 209 billion, three times that of India's military spending.



A Chinese stealth J-20 aircraft.

the country's parliament on Saturday. China's hike in defence spending comes amid the People's Liberation Army's growing incidents of muscle-flexing in the strategic Indo-Pacific region.

China's defence budget, which doesn't factor in the expenditure of much of its rapid modernisation of the navy, including the building of new aircraft carriers, air force and missile systems, is over three times that of India's defence budget of 5.25 lakh crore (about USD 70 billion) for 2022.

Besides the defence budget, China has a separate internal security budget which often surpasses the defence spending. China which continues to be the largest standing army despite downsizing its troops to two million from the earlier 2.3 million in 2017 is the second-biggest spender on defence after the US whose defence budget was over USD 600 billion.

Putin's Balkan narrative argument for Ukraine war

Belgrade, Mar 05 (AP):

Well before Russian tanks and troops rolled into Ukraine, Vladimir Putin was using the bloody breakup of Yugoslavia in the 1990s to ostensibly offer justification for the invasion of a sovereign European country.



A protest in support of Russia amid invasion of Ukraine, in Belgrade, Serbia.

appear to follow this line: If different ex-Yugoslav republics and the former Serbian province of Kosovo could become independent with Western backing and wars, why can't Ukraine's strategic Black Sea peninsula and the rebel-controlled, majority Russian areas in the east of the country split from their mother nations with Russian help?

With strong US support, ethnic Albanian dominated Kosovo seceded over Serbia's strong objections. Russia, a historic ally of the Serbs, argued then that this set a precedent that could trigger a series of statehood claims elsewhere in the world.

In July 2010, UN's highest court ruled that Kosovo's declaration of independence was legal but did not outright endorse Kosovo's claim to statehood. There are many differences between the Russian attack on Ukraine, seen in the West as one of the darkest moments for Europe since World War II, and the wars in the Balkans that left more than 120,000 people dead and millions homeless.

In Sri Lanka's interest that expectations of Tamils fulfilled: India

Geneva, Mar 05 (PTD):

India has told the UN that it is in Sri Lanka's own interest that expectations of Tamils for equality, justice, peace and dignity within a united country are fulfilled, underlining that as a friend and immediate neighbour, New Delhi has consistently called upon Colombo to fulfil its commitments on protecting the interests of the Tamils.

He said that as its friend and immediate neighbour, India has consistently called



Taliban Interior Minister Sirajuddin Haqqani reviews new Afghan police recruits at graduation ceremony at the police academy in Kabul on Saturday.

India has insisted that it would want Sri Lanka to pursue the 13th Amendment, also known as 13A, as the tool to address the concerns of the Tamils on devolution of power. The amendment is aimed at creating provincial councils in Sri Lanka and enable Sinhalese and Tamil as national languages while preserving English as the link language.

various aspects of the human rights situation and reconciliation issues in Sri Lanka. We would like such engagements and productive and purposeful dialogue to continue among the relevant stakeholders, he said. Pandey said the report raises important concerns on promoting, reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka.

No room in GOP for apologists of Putin: Pence hits Trump

Washington, Mar 05 (AP):

Former Vice President Mike Pence will urge Republicans to move on from the 2020 election, declaring there is no room in this party for apologists for Putin as he further cements his break from former President Donald Trump.

Pence, in a speech to the party's top donors in New Orleans, will take on those in his party who have failed to forcefully condemn Russian President Vladimir Putin for his unprovoked invasion of Ukraine.

Where would Russian tanks be today if NATO

had not expanded the borders of freedom? There is no room in this party for apologists for Putin, Pence will say, according to excerpts from the speech. There is only room for champions of freedom.

Pence does not directly reference the former president in excerpts shared ahead of his remarks. But Trump has repeatedly used language that has been criticized as deferential to Putin, including calling the Russian leader smart while insisting the attack never would have happened on his watch.

Pence will also continue to push back on Trump's lies about the 2020 election

as he lays the groundwork for a possible 2024 presidential run.

Trump, who has been teasing his own comeback bid that could potentially put the two in direct competition, has continued to falsely insist that Pence had the power to overturn the 2020 election, which he did not.

Elections are about the future," Pence will say. "My fellow Republicans, we can only win if we are united around an optimistic vision for the future based on our highest values. We cannot win by fighting yesterday's battles, or by relitigating the past.

Pence has been increasingly willing to challenge Trump a dramatic departure from his deferential posture as vice president.

Pence has said the two men will likely never see eye to eye on the Capitol insurrection of January 6, 2021, when Trump supporters stormed the building in an effort to stop certification of Joe Biden's election victory.

And last month, he directly rebutted Trump's false claims that he, as vice president, could have overturned the results, telling a gathering of lawyers in Florida that Trump was wrong. Still, he will join the oft-

stated view of Trump and others in the Republican Party in blaming President Biden for Putin's actions, accusing the current president of having squandered the deterrence that our administration put in place to keep Putin and Russia from even trying to redraw international boundaries by force.

It's no coincidence that Russia waited until 2022 to invade Ukraine, Pence will say, according to excerpts.

Weakness arouses evil, and the magnitude of evil sweeping across Ukraine speaks volumes about this president.

Pakistan vows to arrest masterminds of IS mosque attack

Peshawar, Mar 05 (AP):

Officials vowed Saturday to hunt down and arrest the masterminds behind a deadly mosque attack in Pakistan a day earlier claimed by an Islamic State affiliate. The assault killed 57 people and wounded nearly 200. IS said in a statement

the lone suicide bomber was from neighbouring Afghanistan. He shot two police guarding the Shiite Muslim mosque in north-west Peshawar before entering inside and exploding his device, it said. The attack took place as worshippers knelt in Friday prayer. The IS affiliate, known as IS in Khorasan

Province, is headquartered in eastern Afghanistan.

The Taliban rulers in Afghanistan, who have been fighting IS, condemned the attack. IS has proven to be the Taliban's greatest security threat since sweeping into power last August.

We condemn the bomb-

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Push for 'Atmanirbharta'

US President Joe Biden has announced his administration finalized a new Buy American rule aimed at helping to boost US domestic manufacturing, an increasingly important effort as the country strives to compete with China and create more resilient domestic supply chains. The Buy American rule change, which was first announced in July 2021, will require any goods purchased with taxpayer money to contain 75 percent US made content, up from the current 55 percent requirement. Manufacturing self-reliance is a key strategic capability. Dependence on China has dented prestige of US as decision push for US 'Atmanirbharta' by Joe Biden shows. Amid ongoing geopolitical tensions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that 'Make in India' was the need of the hour, and called upon India Inc to make efforts to reduce the import of goods that can be manufactured in the country. 'Atmanirbharta (self-reliance) is all the more important if we see from the prism of national security,' Modi said, speaking at a post-Budget webinar on 'Make in India'. He said manufacturers should move with a sense of removing dependencies on foreign sources in sectors such as semiconductors and electric vehicles. Similarly, there is a need to be focussed on indigenous manufacturing in areas such as steel and medical equipment. Encouraging industry leaders to boost defence manufacturing within the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that only if the country develops its own weapons, it can maintain uniqueness which is important for the nation's security. He urged them to view it as an 'act of patriotism' and 'service to the nation' and think about making the country stronger, and then about profits. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has called on industry to support domestic manufacturing and aim to boost India's share in global trade to 10 per cent and raise the share of exports in the GDP to 25 percent. As India progresses on its journey towards attaining 'Atmanirbharta' or self-reliance, it is the perfect time to rethink the country's manufacturing strategy. A robust manufacturing sector can act as a strong lever for economic advancement in these times. To build a self-sufficient manufacturing operation locally, we need to accelerate the pace of indigenisation by taking a quantum leap in the way it is approached to reach the aspired scale. With a calibrated approach, India's manufacturing sector can leapfrog traditional phases of development and achieve the country's self-reliance ambitions. According to data published by the United Nations Statistics Division, China accounted for 28.7 percent of global manufacturing output. That puts the country more than 10 percentage points ahead of the United States, which used to have the world's largest manufacturing sector until China overtook it in 2010. China needs Russia's resources of oil, wheat, and minerals. They know that they can be cut off from most other sources, but because of geography, and because Russia needs China, Russia is a safe supplier. In turn, China can let Russia into their SWIFT equivalent, finance them, and sell that almost every manufactured good they need, with a few exceptions. For almost 30 years now, globalisation has been the lynchpin of the New World Order. The top US companies slashed costs by moving to China where they could hire armies of low-cost workers. It sends a message to corporations that investing in foreign locales could be dangerous. For a long time now, global corporations and even smaller companies had made their blueprints for the future on the premise the world was their oyster. Now, manufacturing self-reliance has become a strategic security issue for countries. Desperate times require desperate measures including protectionism.

Shane Warne personified grit

With demise of Shane Warne, an era of cricket has ended. World cricket may not have produced another example of a charismatic cricketer who was as flawed as he was a genius at his art. Shane Warne wasn't just about the wickets, he was about setting up batsmen and asking them questions that seemingly felt out of the willowers' syllabus. He was temperamental, he showed his frustrations, smiled at batsmen and even got sullied in the process of sullying them but never gave up without a fight. Many believe Warne was the one who brought back the 'legacy' of leg-spin into international cricket. So, Warne can't be undermined despite some character flaws his career produced. What about cricket being about a man getting ready to bowl, half a lip tucked upright with the ferociously powerful hands twirling around the seam; as if the idea of approaching the crease was to merely run down a batsman? Warne would plot the downfall of batsmen in his mind first, only later would their defences be breached and their timber shattered. For some, it could be argued, seeing Shane Warne bowling was cricket presenting a live wire of a show. With Shane Warne bowling, it was about witnessing an unrelenting saga wherein it wasn't always that the bat had the final call. It would often lead to a thundering triumph of the ball, etched with a great dexterity of the fingers. He thumped Cullinan, outfoxed Flintoff, smashed Kallis and challenged Dravid. Warne also foxed Lara, often got the better of Tendulkar and interestingly, even got punched by both and was sent for plenty of runs, after which he would re-group with the fighter within him and come back and bowl at the greats of the modern era with an unflinching enthusiasm. Shane Warne personified grit, as also the triumph of perseverance. This was a saga that was championed by daring and guile. Like Muttiah Muralitharan and Sachin Tendulkar, Warne is an act apart. His peaks were more or less certain to survive every attempt to scale them. The same can be said of only four other cricketers, Don Bradman (batting average), Jack Hobbs (first-class runs and centuries), Jim Laker (wickets in a match) and Wilfred Rhodes (first-class wickets). Unlike the other members of cricket's modern holy trinity, let alone that unsurpassable quartet, Warne's troughs have been deep and conspicuous. Shane Warne will be missed.

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Aircraft engineers prepare Eviation Alice experimental electric aircraft for a taxi test in Arlington, Washington, US.

Battery storage to play key role in India's race to climate goals

SUMANT SINHA

India's historic transition to clean energy is upon us and the momentum driving the country forward to its climate goals is accelerating. Recent events show the nation is taking huge steps in its transformative shift: from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic commitment at COP26 to achieve 500 GW of non-fossil fuel installed electricity capacity by 2030 to the greenest budget a month ago and, more recently, the first phase of a Green Hydrogen policy.

The energy future is exciting but to reach it will require a strenuous and continuous multi-stakeholder effort including by renewable energy companies, policymakers, investors, the public sector, and financial institutions. The Centre has rightly identified energy storage as a distinct and crucial link in the energy value chain. This is key as India will be looking at increasing renewable energy (RE) generation from the current 12-13 percent to over a third of total generation to meet its climate goals. This is an unprecedented 300 GW addition of renewables in less than nine years.

Renewable energy depends on nature and on its vagaries and sudden changes. Therefore, to integrate this colossal amount of RE in a cost-effective, rapid and stable manner, we urgently need the unique capabilities of flexible storage systems to absorb, store and then reinject electricity as per the grid's requirements. The International Energy Agency (IEA) in its India Energy Outlook 2021 noted: 'India has a higher requirement for

flexibility in its power system operation than almost any other country in the world.' It further stated: 'Battery storage is particularly well suited to the short-run flexibility that India needs to align its solar-led generation peak in the middle of the day with the country's early evening peak in demand.' Over the past 10 years, India's renewable journey tells a very impressive tale. Looking at just solar alone, it soared from a mere 35 MW in 2011 to 35,000 MW in 2021. While industry played its part, smart, responsive and adaptive policymaking over the past decade deserves much credit. The battery storage sector looks for more of the same as RE becomes a critical part of the national grid. India, with one of the world's largest synchronized grids is witnessing increasing variable generation and ever-changing demand patterns and will face significant challenges in grid balancing. These imbalances in demand and supply come at both seasonal and daily level. While seasonal demands are best catered to by market forces, daily variations have to be addressed by battery storage.

Across the globe, battery is fast emerging as a 'jack-of-all trades' solution and becoming integral to grid management, as well as for planning by system operators/distribution utilities at various nodes of power sector: distribution, transmission and generation. Indian battery storage demand will see significant opportunities coming from electrified mobility, as well as from stationary storage requirements. As per NITI Aayog, India's battery storage market is expected to reach more than 1000 GWh by 2030, translating to a cumulative market size of USD 250 billion from extremely negligible today.

Out of the 1000 GWh, power sector demand alone is expected to be close to 150GWh, translating into USD 60 billion of capital investment in projects. For the total 1000 GWh capacity deployment, we will need a manufacturing investment of around USD 16.5 billion over the next five-to-six years.

This will translate into a capacity of around 150 GWh per annum, creating thousands of jobs in manufacturing and construction. The global capacity to manufacture battery storage grew sevenfold in the past decade. China holds 78% with much smaller shares with Japan and Korea. Europe is also fast emerging as a key investment destination for battery manufacturing. As India ramps up its unprecedented RE expansion in a race to net zero, battery storage will be a critical catalyst. To attract investment and promote an enabling ecosystem, it is essential that battery storage projects generate enough revenue to make the investments viable. World over, such projects are designed so as to capture multiple revenue streams like frequency management services, arbitrage from market operations, and controlling the variability of RE generation from the same asset. Energy storage is a non-generating asset and any initial investment to reduce its cost will improve its viability. While cell manufacturing and, subsequently, refining of raw materials for use in batteries have been largely addressed through the PLI scheme, the key challenge will be to have a grip on the raw material availability such as lithium, nickel, and cobalt in India. The effective use of storage lies not just with generation projects but at all levels of the power ecosystem, including transmission and distribution. Wherever battery storage is deployed, the key lies in using the full value stack of applications for maximum asset utilization. It is, therefore, critical that the right policies are formulated towards developing multiple application cases for energy storage and creating participatory markets for them. Just like the Centre presciently helped build a strong demand pipeline initially for RE generation through concessions or exemptions on custom duties and excise for capital equipment, something similar should be considered for battery storage. The government could consider a sourcing strategy for

critical minerals, which are used in manufacturing batteries. These could be in the form of strategic partnerships with countries like Australia. Another important aspect to consider is creating an ecosystem that enables the development of alternate storage technologies such as flow batteries, sodium ion, sodium sulphur, and compressed air energy systems. This is key as all these technologies use minerals like sodium, sulphur, vanadium, steel, and iron that are abundantly available in India. Moreover, this also negates the necessity, to a large extent, of emission-intensive sourcing. Storage technologies like sodium ion is used for short-to-mid duration storage while costing less than lithium in technology. For its part, sodium sulphur battery typically addresses the longer four-to-six hours energy peak shifting. And, compressed energy storage tackles the longer duration storage needs longer than six hours that is required for critical industries and can replace polluting large diesel backups. It is clear that battery storage is critical in India's shift to renewables. Against this context, policy makers need to continue with their inspiring run of policymaking as they have done with wind and solar over the years and, more recently, with the budget and green hydrogen. They need to assess what will ensure the stability of the grid when renewables make up a huge slice of the power pie. There are a number of options from flexibility to deciding use cases later to clear fiscal benefits, such as reduction of taxes and duties, as well as the creation of a local manufacturing eco-system. As it develops the battery eco-system, the government and industry should also be cognizant of adopting a sustainable approach. An all-stakeholder, all-in effort is required to ensure that battery storage plays its critical role in India's energy transition and decarbonization journey.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

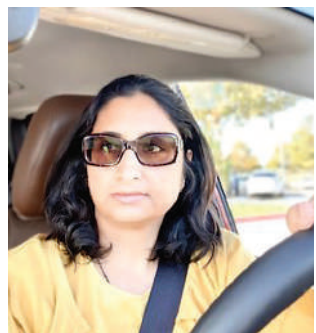
Struggle

When it comes to the word 'struggle', we always imagine a picture of how someone is dealing with his financial issues how someone overcomes a serious disease or how someone reaches a goal from the zero point etc. We always discuss the seen things. But do we ever think about the mental or emotional struggle that a person carries silently? Mostly, no. A person can be financially stable and physically fit, but still, he or she can be fighting with their trauma, anxiety, disorder etc. A person may be struggling hard to overcome the war inside him. The outcry, the anguish always reverberates in silence. The increasing cases of suicide turn into a horrible issue nowadays. Condemning a person who commits suicide doesn't solve the problem, rather people must find out why these cases are increasing. The major factor behind suicide is people cannot open up themselves or they don't find a safe environment to vent out their suffocation. The constant conflict inside someone results in the inability to adapt or to adjust to circumstances and it creates a permanent and major problem in one's mind. People lose control over their own life. There are many psychological victims and passive sufferers around us who are carrying giant volcanoes inside. If observed minutely, we'll see they fail to express their suppressed thoughts properly and later on get lost in the emotional baggage they carry in their lifetime. As easy as it is to talk about physical illness, it is not so easy to talk about our mental health in our society. Going to a psychiatrist is still a focus of rumours for many people in our society. When asked if we are well, even at the time of suffering from mental trauma or stress, we simply say "I am fine". After absorbing pain, disturbance, anxiety, pressure, a person starts losing mental balance at a time. The instability gradually turns into illness and people lose their balance when they get several mental injuries. In our simple language, they become 'insane'. It's so painful to see them still being mocked and rumoured by some of us in society. In a complex social matrix, the emotional or mental condition of a human being is now tragic and frustrated behind the mask. Sometimes it is absurd. The mental struggle should be brought out to light for a healthy life. Society should be supportive and normal if someone is fighting with any trauma, conflict or disorder. People need a wide environment to unlock their inner self as well as the help of mental health specialists.

Maman, via email

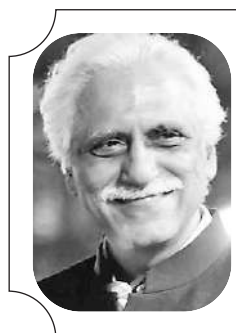


WHAT THEY TWEET!



Sunanda@sunandavashisht
Surreal morning as I found myself explaining to bunch of kids born in 2009 that Berlin Wall was a physical/ concrete wall that divided Germany. They didn't know there were two Germanys & didn't understand iron curtain'. Peace in Western Hemisphere had begun to be taken for granted

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Warne did so much on the cricket field. So many wickets, so many great spells... but the allure was not so much in the achievement as in the possibility. What could he do now? What all was possible? You waited for the genius to manifest. You knew it wouldn't take long



ricketwallah @cricketwallah
Warne was arguably the greatest spin bowler in the history of cricket. A wizard with his skills and a brilliant thinker, he bowled to take wickets, preying on the technique and minds of batsmen. His battles with Sachin Tendulkar is the stuff of cricket lore.

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Life doesn't give time. Time that we live belongs to us. What will happen next moment is not known to us. This uncertainty of life teaches us to be humble, kind & forgiving. We take nothing with us except karmas & leave nothing behind except for the legacy of our deeds & memories



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Snowy winter forest Chanchmarg Shupiyan, Kashmir



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Without a sound conviction in one's investments the ability to hold for long term gains is impaired. Sound conviction comes only after thorough research in the companies one is investing. There is no alternative but to learn basics of investing & do research to be a good investor

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I love our apartment, but syncing with our upstairs neighbour every night in an electric toothbrush harmony and hearing my other neighbour snoring at the end of his nap, while I'm doing yoga... feeling more and more like wanting to live in a cabin in the woods

BRIEF
Opens

New Delhi: Reliance Industries has announced the opening of India's largest convention centre at Jio World Centre in Mumbai. The convention centre has three exhibition halls spanning over an area of more than 1.61 lakh square feet and two convention halls of 1.07 lakh square feet. The convention centre has "hybrid and digital experiences enabled by 5G network", Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) said. RIL also dedicated Dhirubhai Ambani Square and 'Fountain of Joy' to the city of Mumbai at the Jio World Convention Centre. "Jio World Centre is a tribute to our glorious nation and a reflection of the aspirations of New India."

Acquires

New Delhi: Emami Ltd on Saturday said it has acquired 19 per cent equity stake in direct-to-consumer (D2C) nutrition firm Tru Native F&B Pvt Ltd. Tru Native F&B markets nutrition products under the brand TruNativ, targeted at health and fitness enthusiasts. Emami did not reveal financial details of the deal. Commenting on the acquisition, Emami Ltd Director Harsha V Agarwal said, "With health and wellness being the buzzword for consumers today, we see tremendous potential in the nutrition segment. 'TruNativ' product offerings are very unique as they are based on real consumer habits and issues."

Trials

Mumbai: Skye Air Mobility has started its 10-day trial of deliveries through drones in Noida, Greater Noida and Meerut for diagnostic sample collection as part of its partnership with Redcliffe Labs. On the first day of the trials at Noida, six flights were operated for sample collection, the drone delivery services provider said. Over the next 10 days, Skye Air will conduct BVLoS (Beyond Visual Line of Sight) trials in similar corridors before the commercial roll-out of the service in several semi-urban and remote locations in India, the company said.

Infuse

New Delhi: Promoter Vodafone plans to infuse up to Rs 3,375 crore into debt-ridden Vodafone Idea Ltd as part of the company's proposed raising of funds worth Rs 14,200 crore. Besides Vodafone, Aditya Birla Group plans to pump in up to Rs 1,125 crore, according to a regulatory filing. The telecom operator will seek shareholders' approval for raising up to Rs 14,500 crore as well as increase its authorised share capital to Rs 75,000 crore at its Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to be held on March 26. The board of Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) has already approved the fund raising plan, which includes Rs 4,500 crore coming in from Aditya Birla Group and Vodafone, while the remaining amount of Rs 10,000 crore would be mopped up by way of equity or debt instruments.

India looking for mass EV tech to build in India

Washington, Mar 05 (PTI):

India is looking for an electricity-based technology for mass rapid transportation that is cost effective and such as can be made in the country, Union minister Nitin Gadkari has said. The ministry plans to undertake the development of ropeways as an alternate transport solution in the hill and congested, urban areas.

Rope ways, cable car and particularly I'm very much clearly interested to work on the technology of light rail transport, Gadkari, the Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, said addressing a US audience here.

Some of the US companies have also approached him with the technology,



he said in his address on Rebuilding Infrastructure for India 2.0, a part of Reimagining India 2.0 series.

The series of dialogues a part of Silicon Valley monthly Dialogue (SVD) - has been launched by the Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS) on the occasion of India-at-75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

We are in search of the technology, which can be cost-effective and which we can make it in India for mass rapid transport (sys-

tem) on electricity, Gadkari said as he briefed Indian-Americans from Silicon Valley on the steps India is taking to bolster its physical infrastructure, in particular the transportation system.

The government, he said, is planning 11 ropeway projects to boost connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Sikkim.

Port connectivity projects are being implemented to enable swift movement of cargo connecting

all ports and inland water waste minerals to increase the efficiency of domestic and international trade routes, he said.

As many as 65 projects with a length of 2,050 kilometers are planned for port connectivity which are in various stages of development, he said.

He said India is also developing 29 emergency landing facilities for fighter planes on national highways. They are of strategic importance from a defence perspective. Gadkari urged US companies to come and invest in India.

Technocrats like you can participate in the drive to develop the best system for India, he said, adding that India is allowing 100 per cent FDI in the road sector and there are huge opportunities for joint ventures.

GSI DG calls for making India self-reliant in minerals

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

Geological Survey of India Director-General Rajendra Singh Garkhal has called for young officers to make use of the modern technologies for carrying out explorations and other geo-scientific activities and work tirelessly to make the nation self-reliant in the mineral sector.

Garkhal underlined the strides made by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) during the past 172 years and stressed the need to sustain the same through various initiatives that the organisation has taken up under its missions.

He pointed out that GSI has been instrumental in identifying mineral blocks and augmenting vast mineral resources of the nation, the mines ministry said in a statement.

Garkhal highlighted that GSI recently handed over more than 150 G2 and G3



Geological Survey of India (GSI) celebrates its 172nd foundation day.

mineral blocks as well as 152 G4 mineral blocks to various state governments for auctioning. GSI, the country's premier geological organisation, celebrated its 172nd Foundation Day across all the offices with great enthusiasm. The main function was held at the Central Headquarters of GSI, Kolkata, where Garkhal inaugurated the celebrations. The organisation was set up in 1851 pri-

marily to find coal deposits for the Railways. Over the years, GSI has not only grown into a repository of geo-science information required in various fields in the country but has also attained the status of a geo-scientific organisation of international repute. Its main functions relate to creating and updating national geo-scientific information and mineral resource assessment.

Joint study on India-Bangladesh trade pact to be finalised soon

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

India and Bangladesh will soon finalise a joint study on the prospects of entering into a bilateral free trade agreement, which aims at further strengthening economic ties between the countries, the commerce ministry said on Saturday.

The issue was discussed during a meeting between Commerce Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam and Bangladesh's Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Tapan Kanti Ghosh on March 4.

Both sides held extensive discussions on a variety of issues including the development of railway infrastructure, joint study on Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement



(CEPA), Border Haats, regional connectivity through multi-modal transportation, harmonisation of standards, mutual recognition agreement.

"CEPA study to be finalised at the earliest," the ministry said.

CEPA is a kind of comprehensive free trade pact under which two trading partners significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them. They also liberalise norms to facilitate trade in services and boost investments. Bangladesh is the sixth largest trade part-

ner of India. To facilitate bilateral trade between India and Bangladesh, several steps are underway including approval of a Detailed Project Proposal for developing container handling facility at Sirajganj Bazar.

Other steps include construction of a new 900 meter siding line at Benapole for running freight trains between India-Bangladesh; completion of construction of a loading and unloading platform at Darshana for allowing import of all commodities from India by rail, it said. Besides, there was a consensus over the use of returning empty railway wagons/containers by Bangladesh as this would reduce overall logistics cost of India's exports to Bangladesh.

Need new biz model for coal gasification in India

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

A suitable business model will ensure both public and private sectors' participation in setting up of coal gasification plants in the country, a senior government official said.

Addressing a webinar organised by the coal ministry, Coal Secretary Anil Kumar Jain stressed on a suitable business model so that not only public sector but private sector also takes role in setting up of coal gasification plants.

NITI Aayog member VK Saraswat, who was also one of the speakers at the webinar, emphasised on setting up of demonstration plants to scale up indigenous technology and introduction of a PLI (production-linked incentive) scheme for setting up coal gasification plants.

Saraswat also suggested rationalisation of pricing



of coal for gasification on the parameters such as taxation, state cess, transportation and handling charges and acceleration on the projects planned by Coal India Limited and subsidiaries preferably through EPC approach for production of chemicals and fuels, the coal ministry said in a statement.

"Four gasification projects will help in framing

up technical and financial viability of coal gasification." Prime Minister Narendra Modi said while inaugurating the webinar on Energy for Sustainable Growth here.

Coal gasification was one of the six topics that were deliberated in six concurrent sessions. This was the ninth webinar in the series of post-budget webinars addressed by the

prime minister.

During the session, highlights of both the existing plant of JSPL and an under-construction plant of TFL were shared by VR Sharma, Managing Director, Jindal Steel and Power Ltd and SN Yadav, Managing Director, Talcher Fertilizer Ltd (TFL). Further, Yadav pointed out key enablers of coal gasification such as development of indigenous technology, formulation of policy for consistent quality and uninterrupted supply of coal and challenges face by TFL.

The session was attended by more than 100 experts. Further, R&D of Thermax plant and BHEL plant were shared. CIL Chairman also expressed his readiness to join hands with BHEL in the development of indigenous coal gasification plants to produce ammonium nitrate.

Amway intensifies its fight against childhood malnutrition in India

Mumbai, Mar 05:

Around the world, Amway has been taking on the issue of malnutrition, helping thousands of children live better, healthier lives. In India, Amway is fighting childhood malnutrition through its globally renowned nutrition program - Power of 5, helping children under the age of six to lead a healthy life. Stepping up its efforts in nutrition education and intervention, the company has announced the launch of an innovative micronutrient supplement - Nutrilite Little Bits - providing daily essential vitamins and minerals to help manage micronutrient deficiency such as anemia.

Over the years, malnutrition has become a silent pandemic across geogra-

phies, which is now accelerated by the current health scenario. Talking about Amway's efforts in fighting malnutrition, especially among small children, Amway India CEO, Anshu Budhraj, said, "We believe in going beyond the traditional ways of doing business. In line with this thought and aligning with the Government of India's National Nutrition Mission, we initiated a nutrition education program, Power of 5 in 2018 that has so far benefitted over 130000 underprivileged people including 36000 children in India. Further, leveraging our expertise in the nutrition and wellness space, we have combined our products, resources, and operations with our values, to develop Nutrilite Little Bits.

DPIIT extends scheme for footwear, leather sector until FY-26

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has notified continuation of a central sector scheme - Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme (IFLDP) - with an approved expenditure of Rs 1,700 crore till March 31, 2026.

The department will also constitute an empowered committee, a steering committee and an advisory committee to ensure effective implementation of the sub-schemes under IFLDP, according to a notification by the department.

IFLDP aims at encouraging development of infrastructure for the



leather and footwear sector, addressing environment concerns specific to the leather and footwear sector, facilitating additional investments, employment generation and increase in production.

The six sub-schemes that would be implemented under IFLDP are - Sustainable Technology and Environmental Promotion (STEP); Integrated Development of Leather Sector (IDLS); Mega Leather, Footwear and Accessories Cluster Development (MLFACD);

Establishment of Institutional Facilities; Brand Promotion of Indian Brands in Leather and Footwear Sector; and Development of Design Studios.

The ten-member empowered committee will be chaired by DPIIT secretary. It would also consist of representatives from NITI Aayog, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Department of Commerce, Ministry of MSME, and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

The committee will monitor the implementation of Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme, it said.

Number of women fund managers marginally rise

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

The number of women fund managers have increased marginally even though they account for only 8 per cent of the total number of fund managers in country's asset management industry, a report by Morningstar showed. Of the 399 fund managers, the number of women fund managers stood at 32 or 8 per cent. The number of such female fund managers was 30 last year. Interestingly, the total number of fund managers saw a healthy increase this year, up from 376 managers seen last year. Women fund managers handled assets to the tune of Rs 4.55 lakh crore, which is 12 per cent of the total mutual fund assets of Rs 38 lakh crore. Last year, this number was 13.5 per cent.

BSE joins hands with M-TIPB to promote listing of MSMEs

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

Stock exchange BSE on Saturday announced its collaboration with the MSME Trade and Investment Promotion Bureau (M-TIPB), Government of Tamil Nadu, for promoting awareness among micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) of the state about the benefits of listing.

Through this association, M-TIPB will provide support in mobilising the SME representatives through district industries centres and will also help in mobilising state or regional associations to encourage their SME members to attend capacity



building programmes, the exchange said in a statement.

While, the BSE will provide the capacity building and soft support to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Tamil Nadu for fulfilling listing requirements.

Further, the BSE will also provide all intellectual and manpower support to create awareness among SMEs across Tamil Nadu, about benefits of listing.

"Through M-TIPB's deep reach and network, we aim to further increase awareness amongst MSMEs about the benefits of listing. The BSE will also appoint a nodal person as single point contact in Tamil Nadu for providing end-to-end solution and facilitating SMEs with respect to registration/listing on the platform," Ajay Thakur, head (BSE SME and Start-up), said.

Sakthivel S, general manager of M-TIPB, said the BSE has played a prominent role in developing the Indian capital markets. Tamil Nadu SMEs will get opportunity to raise funds through IPOs by listing in the BSE SME platform.

Having ruled the silver screen for long, Madhuri Dixit Nene recently made her debut on digital with the web series 'The Fame Game'. The series, a family thriller, sees the actress Madhuri essaying the role of a superstar Anamika Anand, who suddenly goes missing one day. As the narrative progresses forward, many dark secrets of the family are unearthed along its course thereby setting up an imagery that derives strengths from grey shades.

Madhuri and show creator-showrunner, Sri Rao spoke about the actress's digital debut, what went behind putting together the series, the lead character and the universe of 'The Fame Game'. The lead character is a broken soul and a lot of it comes from the people she loves or who are close to her. Revealing her process of extracting pain from the emotion of love, Madhuri says, "We see so many ups and downs in our lives, we see our loved ones leaving us."

"I think extracting pain from that is easy. A lot of artists and poets have transformed their pain into art. Since we feel it very often it is not so hard to portray it on-screen."

The series alternates between cool and warm shades of colours with regards to the past and present events. Explaining his approach to designing the series' look and feel, Sri Rao says, "It could be a bit tricky to follow the story but we wanted to make it very easy for people to understand and follow and we did it successfully by using different colour tones for different timelines. "The past timeline is very warm in colour and very comforting that embodies who she is as a character and the present timeline where she is not there encompasses a very cold feeling." He further sets the demarcation between the two timelines, "It's a subtle difference that some people might not even pick up on but it is something that will register in their minds subconsciously. We worked on this with the help of our brilliant cinematographer Manoj and equally brilliant production design team and also on the level of costume design." Ask him if he was in anyway inspired from Christopher Nolan's neo-noir mystery thriller 'Memento' and pat comes the reply, "I love 'Memento' as a film and I saw it in the theatre the day it came out but we weren't directly influenced by that film or any other film. It was more about the story as we wanted to guide the spectators on where the story is leading to."

Madhuri has reunited with her 90s co-actor Sanjay Kapoor for the show after a gap of more than 20 years. Sharing her feelings on working with the actor again, she says, "I've worked with Sanjay long back in 'Raja' and 'Mohabbat'. At that time I was a star and he was just a newcomer who did 2 or 3 films. When we met again and when we started shooting for 'The Fame Game', I realized what a fine actor he has turned into."

Madhuri: I've binged watched and loved 'The Queen's Gambit'

&TV artists cite their all-time favourite fairy tales

Fairy tales play a significant role in our childhood as a mode of infotainment. Such magical stories entertain, enhance imagination, and strengthen learning abilities for a growing child. National Tell a Fairy Tale Day is celebrated every year on February 26 to encourage everyone to read, tell, and listen to fairy tales worldwide. To celebrate this day, &TV artists - Shivya Pathania (Devi Parvati, Baal Shiv), Akansha Sharma (Sakina Mirza, Aur Bhai Kya Chal Raha

Hai?), Kamna Pathak (Rajesh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan) and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai) cite their all-time favourite fairy tales.

Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi) from &TV's Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai shares, "Fairy Tales are valuable stories for childhood. These stories are more than just happily ever after and taught us many virtues and things. Cinderella is my all-time favourite fairy tale, and interestingly it is my daughter's favourite too. It is our go-to fairy tale whenever we spend our mother-daughter time. I would wear a blue dress as a kid and act just like princess Cinderella. And I always looked around for my glass slippers but unfortunately never found them! (Laughs).



'Our show is a very unique ensemble of characters'

Actress Hima Singh, who played the character of Kanak in Sony Sab TV's serial 'Sab Satrangi', was earlier more associated with films and OTT platforms, although Hima also worked in Is. Talking about her character, Hima said that when this project came, I found its story very interesting. It was not like any other TV serial. The writing of this show was excellent as well as the script and characters of the serial really excited me a lot. That's why I said 'yes' to this project.



Excerpts from interview:
1. What intrigued you towards that show - that one USP that you saw, and you're like, No, I am going to do this show.

It was the character that was the biggest pull. Sab Satrangi is a story of not just one person, it's about the entire family and the relationship shared between them. This is indefinitely different from regular drama that we see, and that really interested me. It's not going to be slapstick, it will be a nice, situational comedy. Personally, I have a thing for these kinds of shows, so altogether, this project really intrigued me and I'm thrilled to be a part of it.

2. Say something about your character:

Kanak is the Maurya

family is matriarchal, Daadi and Kanak are the two women who keep the family together.

Arranged Marriage For Prabhas?

Telugu cinema's biggest superstar Prabhas, who will be seen in his new film Radhe Shyam next week, is all set to tie the knot.



It will be an arranged marriage. Rumours linking Prabhas with his co-star Anushka Shetty have been doing the rounds in Hyderabad for some years now.

But a star-wife who knows Prabhas well says he is all set for an arranged marriage, "Prabhas would never go against his family's wishes. He is a complete family man. He will marry the girl chosen by his mother and his elders." Apparently the girl Prabhas will marry has been finalised, though no detail is known as yet.

Payal Rohatgi slams makers of 'Lock Upp' in episode

Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut's hosted show 'Lock Upp' is filled with a lot of dramas and interesting fights. In one such incident, actress Payal Rohatgi slams the makers for locking her in the corridor for three hours. Payal said: "You cannot lock all the doors in any way. Our responsibility is in your hand".

To this, stand-up comedian Munawwar Faruqui added: "There is no door here that cannot be broken".

After this, Payal is seen trying to run away by climbing the watchtower. Apart from this, the love angle of Shivam Sharma and Ssara Khan is seen inside this lock up. For Sara Khan, Shivam is seen reciting poetry one after the other. While inside the jail, Babita Phogat is teaching wrestling to the participants.

'Lock Upp' streams on ALTBalaji and MX Player.



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Aquarius: Jan 21 - Feb 18

You will not need a reason to party today. Be it the news of a friend getting married or you buying a new car, you are in a mood to celebrate life like anything! Apart from this, you will have a smooth sailing through out the day, foresees Ganesha. If you are a businessman or a professional, you will move one step closer to your target.

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

Looking at your planetary positions for today, there is a likelihood that you will suffer from reversals in fortunes financially. Hence be wary when it comes to financial dealings.

Gemini: May 22 - June 21

Today, you may decide to get a little more conscious about your your health. Filled with positive drive, you may even plan to join a gymnasium or start taking a hard look at your calorie intake. Don't go overboard, though! You don't want to do it only today, and forget it tomorrow - plan and execute in a step-wise manner, so it doesn't get a bit too much.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

A string of domestic responsibilities awaits you; today, you are about to realise that it is a long, long string. Chances are that this sudden rise in work pressure may also lead to blood pressure problems. Ganesha advises you to stop presuming how people may react to everything; also, avoid being too proud to avoid excess heartache.

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 23

Ganesha says your children will gain achievements that will have you feel proud of them. You will get monetary benefit either by increment in salary or by inheritance. You will be able to gain substantial gains by investing in real estate or buying insurance policies.

Scorpio: Oct 24 - Nov 22

Investing in real estate could yield maximum profits today, says Ganesha. An unusual gain from speculative trade is also on the cards. But you may need to spend time in the waiting room, before a more profitable opportunity comes by. You may just reinvent yourself to a happier self and savour every moment of life, predicts Ganesha.

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

Go with the flow. At least that's what Ganesha suggests where relationships are concerned. You can be your assertive self some other time. Today, you can be large-hearted and fulfill your beloved's wishes, maybe even propose. What say?

Leo: July 23 - Aug 23

Nothing will overshadow your love for your kids today, and they will be the number one priority for you. It seems like a good day to take time out and monitor their progress in school; so, do not skip that PTA meeting. Remember, there are various ways to teach children, so consider taking them out on a small picnic or a field trip to help educate them better.

Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 21

The winds of fortune will usher in your dreams and make them come true. Be careful not to go overboard with your foresightedness, lest they be marked delusions, warns Ganesha. You must realise that the only thing permanent is change, and hence, you must overcome any disappointment with strong will and determination.

Taurus: Apr 21 - May 21

You are likely to get into arguments today, predicts Ganesha. You should avoid any open confrontation. Legal disputes may bother you as well. Try your hand at meditation or resort to music of your preference to relax and unwind. It is best if you delay the start of any important activity today, suggests Ganesha.

Virgo: Aug 24 - Sept 22

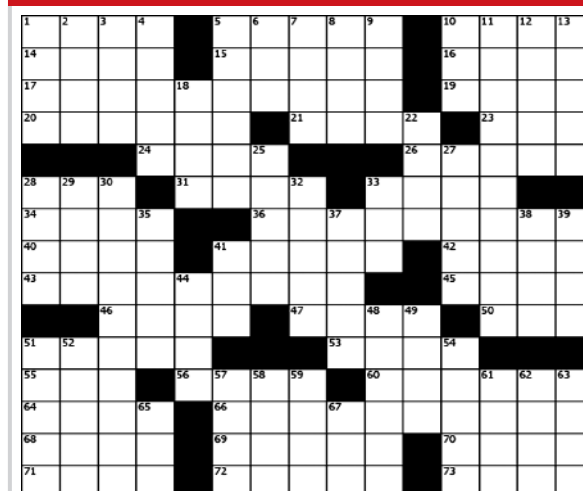
A fear of the unknown will keep lurking in your mind today, and they will be the number larger as the day progresses. You may find yourself spending too much on your foreign friends. Ganesha advises you to be cautious in this regard today.

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 20

You have sacrificed a lot on enjoyment with friends and family, done some backbreaking work and kept your focus to reach where you are right now. Ganesha gives you a pat on your back for all the hard work you've put in. Now, it is time to watch the tree bear fruits. With some additional responsibilities, promotion in terms of salary or position is on the cards for you.

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- Quiet
- Venomous snake
- Resorts
- Medicinal herb
- Antique
- Exam
- Slow down
- Opera tune
- Nova
- Foundation

DOWN

- Rascals
- A Baldwin brother
- Daft
- Convenes
- Make
- Atop, poetically
- Tattle
- Glamorous
- Top cards
- Bus depot (abbr.)
- Having rows of holes
- Thai, e.g.
- Declare
- Told fibs
- Heroic
- Tiny
- Robbery
- Lean's opposite
- Becomes firm
- Call up
- High explosive (abbr.)
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- Moore of "G.I. Jane"
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- Munitions, for short
- Thrill
- Wall support
- Highest price (2 wds.)

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Pakistan's Azhar Ali celebrates after scoring 150 runs.

AUSTRALIA TRAILS PAKISTAN BY 471 RUNS

Rawalpindi: Azhar Ali hit his fourth test hundred against Australia as Pakistan piled on 476-4 before declaring its first innings on the second day of the first test on Saturday. Ali missed out on a double century and got dismissed for 185 with Pakistan declaring under overcast conditions late in the final session. Australian openers Usman Khawaja (5 not out) and David Warner (0 not out) survived the only over from offspinner Sajid Khan to take Australia to 5-0 before umpires ended the day's play due to bad light with 15 overs still remaining. Australia is playing its first test in Pakistan in 24 years.

Andhra, Services register wins

Thiruvananthapuram: Uttarakhand finished on top of Elite Group E in the Ranji Trophy tournament despite going down to Andhra Pradesh by eight wickets in their final league match here on Saturday. Services thrashed Rajasthan by 10 wickets in the other match in the group. Uttarakhand finished with 12 points followed by Andhra (9) and Services (8). Rajasthan ended up last with 6 points. After dismissing Uttarakhand for 194, Andhra managed to secure a 32-run lead. Left-arm medium-pacer C V Stephen rocked Uttarakhand in the second innings with a five-wicket haul to send them crashing to 101 all out. Needing 70 runs for a win, Andhra eased home in 18 overs losing two wickets in the process. In the other match, Services, after taking a 209-run lead, shot out Rajasthan for 210 as Rahul Singh and Pulkit Narang bagged three wickets each. Services got the required two runs for a well-deserved win against Rajasthan, which faltered after starting the tournament with a victory.

Andy Murray brings back Ivan Lendl for coaching help

London: Andy Murray is bringing back Ivan Lendl as his coach, reuniting about 4 1/2 years after the pair split up for a second time. Murray's manager announced Friday that the 34-year-old from Scotland and Lendl have agreed to return to working together over the next few months. Their partnership produced three Grand Slam singles trophies and two consecutive Olympic gold medals in 2012 and 2016 for Murray, the only tennis player with more than one Summer Games singles title. I have great respect for what Andy is trying to accomplish and want to try to help him as much as I can, Lendl wrote in a text to The Associated Press. The two men now plan to hold a training block in the United States for several weeks after the Miami Open hard-court tournament, which ends on April 3.

Kerala look to seal semifinal berth with win over FC Goa

Bambolim: With destiny in their own hands, Kerala Blasters would look to secure their semifinal spot with a win over FC Goa when the two sides meet in an Indian Super League match here on Sunday. Kerala are placed fourth in the points table with 33 points, two more than fifth-placed Mumbai. If they win on Sunday, they will qualify for the semifinals as the fourth team irrespective of the result of the match between Mumbai City FC and Hyderabad FC on Saturday. A draw will also be enough for Kerala to advance given their better head-to-head record against the Islanders. Kerala have registered a double win over the defending champions this season.

India's mixed and women's doubles pairs win silver medals at WTT Contender Muscat

New Delhi: The Indian mixed doubles pair of Manav Thakkar and Archana Kamath clinched a silver medal after losing their final match, as did the women's doubles duo of Sutirtha Mukherjee and Ayhika Mukherjee at the WTT Contender tournament in Muscat on Saturday. The Thakkar-Kamath duo lost 3-11 3-11 6-11 to the Chinese pair of Wang Chuqin and Chen Xintong in the mixed doubles final while Sutirtha and Ayhika suffered a 6-11 11-8 10-12 7-11 defeat at the hands of Zhang Rui and Kuai Man, also from China, in the women's doubles summit clash. On Friday, Sreeja Akula and Selenadeepthi Selvakumar had won a women's doubles bronze after losing in the semifinals to Sutirtha and Ayhika. It was a creditable performance from both the mixed doubles and women's doubles pairs as they could finish on the podium while the likes of G Sathyan and Manika Batra failed to rise to the expectations.

'Rockstar Ravindra' puts India in driver's seat

Mohali, Mar 05 (PTI):

Ravindra Jadeja paid a fitting tribute to one of his earliest mentors Shane Warne with a majestic 175 not out



as India took complete command of the opening Test against Sri Lanka with a mammoth first innings total of 574/8 declared on the second day here.

Jadeja or the Indian team management didn't feel that the all-rounder needed to go for a double hundred as hosts declared their innings after quite literally batting Sri Lanka out of the game.

In the final session, Ravichandran Ashwin (61 off 82 balls, 2/21), having nicely warmed up with his 12th half-century, removed Lahiru Kumara and Dhananjaya De Silva to go past Sir Richard Hadlee's 431 victims.

Jadeja (1/30) later celebrated his hundred once again by trapping Sri Lanka's best player and skipper Dimuth Karunaratne (28) leg before.

Jasprit Bumrah (1/20) disposed off Angelo Mathews to leave them tottering at 108 for 4 as a three-day finish looked imminent. Sri Lanka still needs 267 runs to avoid follow-on.



Jadeja's career-best knock, his second ton in Test cricket, came less than 24 hours after the cricket world tried to come to terms with Warne's tragic end.

It was Warne, who first realised Jadeja's untapped batting potential during Rajasthan Royals' 2008

Indian Premier League campaign, where it was his late hitting that earned him the 'Rockstar' moniker from his mentor-captain.

Jadeja, over the years, has been one of the indispensable all-format players for India in Test cricket and more so for his batting abilities that make him a better package than Ashwin in overseas conditions.

On the day, he was at his imperious best as India scored 217 runs in two sessions because of his attacking batting. It did help that Sri Lanka were a pacer short with their fastest bowler Lahiru Kumara left indisposed due to a hamstring injury. He failed to complete his 11th over and over dependence on inexperienced Lasith Embuldeniya (46-3-188-2) also harmed their cause.

Jadeja, in all, batted for five and half hours, faced 228 balls and by the time he walked back to the pavilion, he had hit 17 fours and three sixes. A partnership of 130 with Ashwin for the seventh wicket and another 103 runs with Mohammed Shami (20 not out) for the unbroken ninth wicket basically nailed Sri Lanka.

Women's WC: Haynes, Lanning power Australia past England

Hamilton, Mar 05 (PTI):

Opener Rachael Haynes smashed a scintillating 130-run knock as Australia rode on a brilliant batting performance to eke out a 12-run win over defending champions England in a high-scoring ICC Women's World Cup match here on Saturday.

In another match, South Africa handed a 32-run defeat to Bangladesh in Dunedin. A minute's silence was observed before the start of the play to honour the memory of Australian legends Shane Warne and Rodney Marsh, who died on Friday within hours of each other.

Put in to bat, Australia posted a daunting 310 for 3 courtesy a 196-run stand between Haynes and skipper Meg Lanning (86). It was the highest total England had conceded in World Cups.

Haynes blazed away to almost a run-a-ball 130 off 131 balls, hitting the ball 14 times to the fence and once over it, with Lanning complementing her perfectly.

Nat Sciver, who remained unbeaten on 109, and star opener Tammy Beaumont (74) tried to rally England to victory but the defending champions fell short in an exciting match.



Rachael Haynes

South Africa start WC campaign with a win

Ayabonga Khaka's superb seam bowling helped South Africa win their opening match. Put in to bat, the South Africans were bundled out for a below-par 207 with Marizanne Kapp (42), Laura Wolvaardt (41) and hard-hitting Chloe Tryon (39) lifting them to a competitive total. Bangladesh made a steady start, reaching 69 for one before Khaka reduced them to 85 for four. Nigar Sultana (29) and Ritu Moni (27) tried to make a match of it but it was too late as Bangladesh were bowled out for 175. Earlier, Jahanara Alam's experience and Fariha Trisna's youth made for a pleasing new ball partnership for Bangladesh and it took Tazmin Brits 19 balls to get off the mark when she lifted the latter for a four over mid-on but the former world junior javelin champion departed for eight.

Wolvaardt and Lara Goodall (12) steadied the ship with the powerful opener profiting from the introduction of spin. Medium-pacer Moni got rid of Wolvaardt with Goodall departing in the next over. The experienced pair of Kapp and skipper Sune Luus (25) took control with three boundaries but were separated when the latter was run out. Tryon and Kapp then peppered the boundary in a brilliant 71-run stand. Tryon then looked to go big again but was caught at mid-off for 39, heralding a flurry of late wickets. The last four went down for 14 runs inside five overs.

India women begin elusive trophy search with World Cup opener against Pakistan

Mount Maunganui, Mar 05 (PTI):

The Indian women's cricket would hope that its bowlers find top form to complement a solid batting unit's efforts when it begins its quest for an elusive ICC World Cup trophy with the opening match against arch-rivals Pakistan here on Sunday.

Runners up in the 2017 and 2005 editions, India are eager to go one step ahead and claim the title that has eluded them, especially skipper Mithali Raj and veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami, who will be playing their last World Cup.

The Indian team reached New Zealand a month earlier in order to acclimatise to the conditions. However, the bowlers struggled compared to the batting unit,



which managed to score in excess of 250 runs five times in the seven 50 over outings, including two warm-up matches.

The bowling unit let the team down throughout the series against New Zealand, which India lost 1-4. It failed to defend 270 plus targets in two games

while conceded a mammoth 191 in 20 overs in a rain curtailed match of the ODI series.

They did put up a much improved performance in the fifth ODI and the two warm-up games and Raj will hope that both the batting and bowling units can fire in unison. "From the

past series or the warm up games, all we can take is confidence, and how you negotiate the conditions in the middle, how you play according to the situation is just very important," Raj in the pre-match press conference. The pace department will be led by the ever-reliable Goswami, who has continued to pick wickets for India regularly while the likes of Meghna Singh, Pooja Vastrakar and Renuka Singh would need to do more to complement the veteran quick.

Pakistan, on the other hand, are the lowest ranked team in the tournament. They qualified for the World Cup owing to their ranking after the qualifiers were cancelled midway last year due to COVID-19.

Bopanna-Sharan pair keeps India in World Group I



New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan saved three match points in an edge-of-the-seat thriller to prevail against a fighting Danish pair of Frederik Nielsen and Mikael Torpegaard as India kept its place in the Davis Cup World Group I by winning the Play-off tie 4-0, here on Saturday.

Sharan, playing his first Davis Cup tie since

February 2019, and Bopanna came from behind to win 6-7 (4) 6-4 7-6 (4) in one hour and 58 minutes. Yuki Bhambri and Ramkumar Ramanathan had given India a 2-0 lead on the opening day of the tie on Friday.

The tense win ensured that India will stay in World Group I for the 2022 season, while Denmark will now again go back to World Group II.

Shane Warne took the world for a spin and world loved him back



Mohali, Mar 05 (PTI):

The 163 gram red cherry was Shane Warne's muse. The 22-yard strip was his canvas and that supple yet strong right wrist was a paint brush. It was all that he needed to create not just art but moments of pure magic that built a connect transcending all cricket boundaries, a love affair that had you, me, John Doe and Jane Doe in his grip. It was a love story beyond cricket field, in life and

now in his death. Gone too soon at 52, he was an artist and the cricket world was a connoisseur of his art form, which was dying till he breathed life into it much like a magician who decided to caste his spell on a generation for a decade and half. Mike Gatting was embarrassed, Daryl Cullinan was bamboozled and Herschelle Gibbs was left in a daze during all those years when Warne took the cricket world for a spin. On March 4, it just spun out of control and left every-

one shattered. But then life of geniuses, like their art, is unpredictable. It could be beautiful one moment and brutal the other. Leg-spin is a difficult art to pursue and even more difficult to fall in love with. Richie Benaud, in the 1960s, was more precise and Abdul Qadir, with all his theatrics at bowling mark, was entertainment. But Warne was like that Pied Piper of Hamelin, who left you mesmerised and before you knew, you were a part of his journey.

Eight great moments in the career of legspinner Shane Warne

1. COLOMBO COMEBACK, 1992

Before the Mike Gatting Ball of the Century there was the miracle in Colombo that truly announced Warne on the world stage. Chasing 181 for victory, Sri Lanka was cruising at 127-2 when Australia's spinners came on. Greg Matthews took 4-37 and Warne 3-0 in his last 13 balls to win the match for Australia. Before that spell, in the second innings of his third test match, Warne had the career figures of 1-335. From there, Warne never looked back.

2. WEST INDIES MAYHEM, 1992-93

The moment most cricket fans realized the talent that had emerged. After missing the first test of the series, Warne took 7-

52 in the second innings at the Melbourne Cricket Ground to bowl Australia to victory against the West Indies. The success doubles as Warne's first match on his beloved MCG home ground, where he'd eventually take 56 test wickets.

3. THE GATTING BALL, 1993

Warne was the ultimate showman and he couldn't have scripted it better himself. With his first delivery in a test match in England, Warne drifted the ball across the right-handed Mike Gatting, had it dip, pitch outside leg, spin enough to beat the bat and clip the top of off-stump. Gatting's bemused face said it all.

4. THE HAT-TRICK, 1994-95

A month after destroying England again with figures of 8-71 in the first test at the Gabba in Brisbane, Warne claimed his famous hat-trick at the MCG when he removed Phil DeFreitas, Darren Gough and

Devon Malcolm with three consecutive deliveries. Warne finished the series with 27 wickets.

5. WORLD CUP HEROICS, 1999

Three years after helping engineer a comeback to put Australia into the 1996 final, Warne was at it again. He took 3-3 from his first three overs of the semifinal after South Africa was in control at 48-0 in pursuit of 214, before coming back late to finish 4-29 in the famous tie. He was then man-of-the-match in the final, taking 4-33 against Pakistan to help Australia to a lopsided victory.

6. PAKISTAN, 2002

An often forgotten example of Warne's dominance. In one of the most lop-sided series in history, Warne took 27 wickets at an average of 12.66. In doing so, he took almost half of the wickets available to him in the series and helped Australia wrap up a test inside two days in Sharjah.

7. ONE-MAN BAND, 2005

Australia's only Ashes series loss of Warne's career should have been a low point, but with Glenn McGrath in and out with injury the veteran legspinner truly stepped up to lead the bowling attack. He claimed 40 wickets at 19.92 for the series, the most by an Australian in a five-match Ashes series.

8. 700TH WICKET, 2006-07

Warne scripted the perfect ending by announcing he would retire at summer's end with Australia 3-0 up in the Ashes and himself on 699 wickets ahead of the MCG Boxing Day test. In the perfect farewell, Warne bowled Andrew Strauss to become the first to reach 700 test wickets before helping Australia to complete just the second 5-0 Ashes sweep in history. He also went past 1,000 international wickets in all forms of the game in his Sydney Cricket Ground farewell.

Bengal students narrate their ordeal of returning home from Ukraine

Kolkata, Mar 05 (PTI):

Students from West Bengal, enrolled in medical colleges in Ukraine, said they ran out of food and water in bunkers, made arrangements on their own to reach the border checkpoints, and walked in sub-zero temperatures as they recounted their struggles to return to their homeland from the war-torn eastern Europe country. Nur Hassan, a student from Kaliachak in Malda, recalled how he along with 50 other students from India, had to hire a bus on March 1 from his institute in Kyiv to reach the Romanian border after undergoing numerous checks by the Ukrainian army. "For

three days, we spent hours in a bunker at our medical college literally going without food and water and hearing sounds of constant bombardment. As time was running out, we requisitioned buses on our own and left for the Ukraine-Romanian border. We were stranded there for hours by the Ukraine army," he said. After crossing the border, the Indian embassy, with help from the Romanian government, facilitated their return journey to New Delhi.

Another student from Alipurduar in north Bengal, Gaurav Banik said "I feel so relieved after coming back to my native place on Thursday but feel worried about the safety of others who are stranded

there." Banik, a fifth-year student of Kharkiv National Medical University, said he along with others had to wait for an entire day before getting onto a bus. Despite having all the travel documents, the journey was delayed by several hours at the Ukraine-Poland border before we were finally allowed by the forces, to cross over to the other side. "It was a terrible sight - thousands of Ukrainian families, including elderly and women, scrambling to cross over along with the foreign nationals. The Ukrainian security forces were at times firing in the air to bring discipline among the people in the queue. We heaved a sigh of relief after boarding the

aircraft," he added. Student of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Tiyaisha Biswas, said she and five of her friends had set off from the institute but were forced to get down from the vehicle, 16 km from the Romania border. After covering the distance in 11 hours in sub-zero temperature, they had to wait for hours before crossing over to the other side. Happy to be back at my Barasat home but feeling exhausted. Don't know what lies in future, Tiyaisha said. Hamza Kabir, a third-semester student of Uzhhorod National University in Uzhhorod said he went without food and toilet facilities while waiting to cross over to Hungary.

JOY OF SUCCESS



Students celebrate after receiving their degrees during 116th Annual Convocation of Khalsa College, in Amritsar, Saturday.

FLOWER EXHIBITION



Women click a selfie in front of a flower butterfly during a 3-day long flower exhibition at Chandrashekhar Azad Park, in Prayagraj, Saturday.

OPS's brother expelled from AIADMK, a day after he met Sasikala

Chennai, Mar 05 (PTI):

A day after he called on V K Sasikala and held discussions with her over party related matters, O Raja, AIADMK top leader O Panneerselvam's (OPS) brother was on Saturday expelled from the party.

Raja was removed from the party's primary membership for violating party discipline and working against the party principles, AIADMK coordinator Panneerselvam and co-coordinator 'Edappadi' K Palaniswami (EPS) said in a joint party statement. When asked on his expulsion from the party, Raja asked, "who are they to expel me?" He claimed that his expulsion is 'not valid' adding he is in the AIADMK since the days of party founder M G Ramachandran. In a disciplinary action, three other functionaries, also belonging to Theni district like Raja were

dismissed by the AIADMK. Confidante of late AIADMK matriarch J Jayalalitha, Sasikala was eased out from the party years ago. Sasikala embarked on a two-day tour of southern Tamil Nadu on March 4 and her supporters have been visiting her. Raja called on her at the temple town of Tiruchendur on Friday and had discussions with her for about 30 minutes. Asked who is responsible for AIADMK's defeat in the recently concluded urban civic polls, Raja said, 'coordinator and joint coordinator', his elder brother OPS and EPS respectively.

He told reporters in southern Theni that as far as he was concerned it was Sasikala, who is the party's general secretary, the chief. On what transpired at the meeting with Sasikala, Raja said he and others requested her to lead the AIADMK and she expressed

happiness about it. She has spoken about unity and had not expelled anyone from the party, he said. She was only for strengthening the party and welcomed all leaders including OPS and EPS. On his further course of action, Raja said that it is all about Sasikala helming the AIADMK.

Asked if he informed OPS about his meeting with Sasikala, he shot back asking 'why he (OPS) should know?' Raja said he did not inform his elder brother OPS about his meeting with Sasikala and that he called on her in his capacity as a party worker.

On the second day of her southern Tamil Nadu tour, Sasikala was accorded a warm welcome by her supporters at many places including Kadayannallur and Ilanji near Tenkasi. She offered prayers at a number of temples as part of her visit.

TFRI to pass on tricho card technology to forest departments

Jabalpur, Mar 05 (PTI):

The Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI) here is keen on initiating transfer of technology for the production of tricho cards to forest departments in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh for pest control at teak plantations, an official said on Saturday.

The TFRI is one of the eight regional institutes under the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education.

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Sulabh International contribute to India's cleanliness movement

New Delhi, Mar 5 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday hailed the contribution of Sulabh International to the cleanliness movement in the country as the organisation celebrated its 52nd foundation day.

Sulabh founder Bindeshwar Pathak began the celebrations by honouring Arunoday Sharma from Himachal Pradesh with 'Dr Bindeshwar Pathak Sulabh International Sanitation and Human Rights Prize for Excellence' which carries a prize money of Rs 12.50 lakh. Sharma shot into limelight following his outstanding performance on the television show Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC) last year. Sulabh, on its foundation day, also felicitated some other chil-



Sulabh International founder Bindeshwar Pathak with Arunoday Sharma, who came to limelight for his outstanding performance at KBC last year, during the celebration of the 52nd Foundation Day of Sulabh International, at Sulabh Gram in New Delhi, Saturday.

dren and awarded them with awards and scholarships. "The contribution of Sulabh towards broad-based Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has been admirable. May the Foundation Day's celebrations inspire every member to work with renewed

vigour to serve various segments of the society, particularly the poor and the marginalised. Best wishes for all success of the 52 Foundation Day. I am sure that the photo exhibition will renew old memories of the organisation's admirable voyage."

Modi said in his message to Sulabh. The programme titled 'Swachhta & Swadhinta' was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture. It was attended by a large number of scholars from various universities of the country. Vice Chancellor

of Central University of South Bihar, Professor Kameshwar Nath Singh delivered the key note address on the occasion.

Yoga guru Baba Ramdev joined the event virtually from Haridwar and lauded the ongoing Swachhta campaign and the efforts taken by Pathak.

Meanwhile, the Sulabh founder appreciated the efforts of the prime minister for all-round development of the country, particularly in the field of sanitation.

"The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is about the prime minister's grand vision of India 2.0 as Aatmanirbhar Bharat that we all take pride in, and as Sulabh family, we affirm our faith in and resolve to work for, as also the profound vision and dream of Mahatma Gandhi for Swachh Bharat, Pathak said.

Luma World wins the prestigious 'National Startup Award 2021'

New Delhi, Mar 05: Luma World (Unnati Educare Pvt Ltd), a STEM certified start-up has always endeavoured to create awareness on the importance of STEM learning for children and help them acquire essential life skills. This experiential design company is creating waves by winning the National Startup Award 2021 by Startup India, an initiative of the Government of India. Last year, they were the win-



ners of Best Math Game award at Imagination Gaming Awards (United Kingdom) for their board game Xing. Luma World is

also a part of the United Nations Global Compact which is the largest corporate sustainable initiative in the world.

Delhi govt nod to streetscaping 4 more sample stretches

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

The Delhi government has provided administrative approval and estimate sanctions for streetscaping of four more sample stretches of Aurobindo Marg, Lodhi Road, Nelsan Mandela Road and Jagatpuri to Karkardooma stretch, officials said on Saturday.

According to Public Works Department (PWD) officials, these stretches are part of nine sample stretches on which Delhi's roads will be redesigned. Officials said since the approval has been granted by the government, the streetscaping and beautification work of these sample stretches is likely to begin soon. PWD officials said under the project, 600

metre stretch of Lodhi Road, 810 metre portion of Aurobindo Marg, 1km stretch of Nelson Mandela Road and 800 metre part of Jagatpuri-Karkardooma road will be redesigned and beautified.

This sample stretch is part of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's ambitious Redesigning and beautification of roads on European standards project.

In pursuance to the proposal of Engineer-in-Chief, PWD titled 'streetscaping of 1000 Metre of Nelson Mandela Road to make it Model Stretch of streetscaping project' with an estimated cost of Rs 19.16 crore I have been directed to convey the Administrative Approval & Expenditure

Sanction of Competent Authority for carrying out the above work, PWD Deputy Secretary (Works) said in a circular.

Similar circulars have been issued for other model stretches, including Lodhi Road, Aurobindo Marg and Jagatpuri-Karkardooma road.

Officials associated with the project said the government has sanctioned Rs 15.62 crore for streetscaping of Lodhi Road.

A sum of Rs 14.41 crore has been sanctioned for the beautification of 810 metre stretch of Aurobindo Marg, while Rs 15.55 crore has been set aside for streetscaping of Jagatpuri-Karkardooma stretch, a PWD official told PTI on Saturday.

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BRIEF



An Indian national with her pet, evacuated from war-torn Ukraine, on her arrival at Jai Prakash Narayan airport, in Patna, Saturday.

Convicted

Madurai: An SC/ST special court here on Saturday convicted 11 people, including the prime accused, in the sensational Gokulraj murder case of 2015. The details of the sentencing will be delivered on March 8, Special Judge Sampath Kumar said. Gokulraj, a Dalit youth, was in a relationship with a woman from the dominant Gounder community despite strong opposition from the latter's family.

Shot dead

Kendrapara: A retired government official was shot dead and his wife injured in their residence in Odisha's Kendrapara district on Saturday, police said. The incident took place in Badabakpur village in Mahakalpada police station area. Three men came to the deceased's residence on a motorcycle in the afternoon, and one of them opened fire on the retired panchayat executive officer, identified as 62-year-old Arabinda Mishra, a police officer said.

Vaccinated

New Delhi: Over 3 crore youngsters between the 15-18 age group are now fully vaccinated against the novel coronavirus infection, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Saturday. He said young India is taking the world's largest vaccination drive to the next level. "What a great feat by our young warriors! Over 3 crore youngsters between 15-18 age group are now fully vaccinated against #COVID19. Young India is taking the world's largest vaccination drive to the next level! #SabkoVaccineMuftVaccine," Mandaviya tweeted.

Train fire

Meerut: Passengers on a train from Saharanpur to Delhi had a narrow escape on Saturday when a fire broke out in two of its coaches near the Daurala station here, many joining hands with the railway staff to quickly help pull the remaining bogies away from the engine that was also ablaze. The fire started in the train, which left Saharanpur at 5.30 am, on its way to Delhi.

Lifer to three

Jalna: A court in Ambad in Maharashtra's Jalna on Saturday sentenced three persons to life imprisonment for killing a 19-year-old trader. Nathsagar Ramnath Jadhav, Arun Kanifnath More and Aakash Ashok Ghode had called Govind Gagrani to an isolated place on August 27, 2017 and demanded Rs 10 lakh, said Special Public Prosecutor Somnath Ladda.

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RUSSIA CONTINUES SHELLING

Cease-fire in Ukraine fall apart

Lviv, Mar 05 (AP):

What looked like a breakthrough cease-fire to evacuate residents from two cities in Ukraine quickly fell apart Saturday as Ukrainian officials said shelling had halted the work to remove civilians hours after Russia announced the deal.

The Russian defense ministry earlier said it had agreed on evacuation routes with Ukrainian forces for Mariupol, a strategic port in the southeast, and the eastern city of Volnovakha. The vaguely worded statement did not make clear how long the routes would remain open.

The Russian side is not holding to the cease-fire and has continued firing on Mariupol itself and on its surrounding area, said Kyrylo Tymoshenko, the deputy head of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office. Talks with the Russian Federation are ongoing regarding setting up a cease-fire and ensuring a safe humanitarian



Smoke rise after shelling by Russian forces in Mariupol, Ukraine.

corridor. Russia breached the deal in Volnovakha as well, Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk told reporters. We appeal to the Russian side to stop firing, she said. Meanwhile, Moscow outlet RIA Novosti carried a Russian defense ministry claim that the firing came from inside both cities against

Russian positions. The struggle to enforce the cease-fire showed the fragility of efforts to stop fighting across Ukraine as people continued to flee the country on the 10th day after Russian forces invaded.

"We are doing everything on our part to make the agreement work, Zelenskyy said.

This is one of the main tasks for today. Let's see if we can go further in the negotiation process.

Mariupol had been the scene of growing misery in recent days amid an assault that knocked out power and most phone service and raised the prospect of food and water shortages for hundreds of thousands of

people in freezing weather. Pharmacies are out of medicine, Doctors Without Borders said.

A top official in Mariupol, Pavlo Kirilenko, the head of the Donetsk military-civil administration that includes the city, had said the humanitarian corridor would extend to Zaporizhzhia, 226 kilometers (140 miles) away.

In comments carried on Ukrainian television, Mariupol Mayor Vadym Boychenko said thousands of people had gathered for safe passage out of the city and buses were departing when shelling began.

We value the life of every inhabitant of Mariupol and we cannot risk it, so we stopped the evacuation, he said.

Before Russia announced the limited cease-fire, Ukraine had urged Moscow to create humanitarian corridors to allow children, women and the older adults to flee the fighting, calling them question No. 1.

Evacuations halted in Ukraine

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'Focus now on evacuating Indian students from Sumy'

India on Saturday said its main focus now is on the evacuation of around 700 Indian students stranded in the eastern Ukrainian city of Sumy which has been witnessing bombings and airstrikes. At a media briefing, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India hopes to evacuate its citizens from Kharkiv and Piscohyn in the next few hours. "Our main focus is now on evacuating Indian students from Sumy. We are exploring multiple options for their evacuation," he said. Bagchi also reiterated India's call to Russia and Ukraine to go for a local ceasefire so that the Indians can be taken out of the conflict zones. "Our challenge in the evacuation of the Indians from Sumy is ongoing shelling and violence and lack of transportation," Bagchi said.

BOOSTER DOSE

Govt permit phase 3 trial of Sputnik Light vaccine

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

An expert panel of India's central drug authority has recommended the permission for conducting phase-3 clinical trial of single-dose COVID-19 vaccine 'Sputnik Light' as a booster dose, official sources said on Saturday.

The recommendations have been sent to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for final approval.

The DCGI had on February 4 granted emergency use permission to Sputnik Light vaccine in India, subject to certain regulatory provisions. Hyderabad-based Dr. Reddy's Laboratories had

presented its proposal to DCGI for conducting the phase-3 trial of Sputnik Light vaccine as booster dose. Sputnik Light is the same as component-1 of Sputnik V.

"The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) on COVID-19 of the CDSCO, which reviewed the application on Friday after detailed deliberation, recommended granting permission for the phase-3 clinical trial with condition to initiate the trial with Sputnik Light vaccine for which the firm is holding emergency use authorisation permission in the country subject to certain regulatory provisions," an official source said.

'Get petrol tanks filled before 'election offer' ends'

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI)

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday took a swipe at the Modi government over impending fuel price hike after assembly polls and asked people to get their petrol tanks filled as he said the "election offer" will end soon.

He took to Twitter to take a dig at the central government as campaigning for the last phase of assembly polls in five states ended on Saturday. "Quickly get your petrol tanks full. The 'Election' offer of the Modi government is going to end soon," Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi and used a picture of a petrol pump saying "Hike" and "Coming back soon to fuel stations near you".

MAOISTS ON RAMPAGE

Ultras set machines, vehicles on fire

At road construction project site

Kanker, Mar 05 (PTI):

Naxals set three machines and two vehicles engaged in a road construction project ablaze in Kanker district, police said on Saturday.

As per the preliminary information, nobody was injured in the incident.

The ultras video recorded the act and circulated the clip on social media, a senior police officer said. The incident occurred on Friday evening between Kalmuchhe and Marapi villages, where the road construction work is going on under Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY),

About the incident

The incident occurred on Friday evening between Kalmuchhe and Marapi villages, where the road construction work is going on under Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY). According to the preliminary information, a group of armed ultras stormed the construction site, located around 20 km from Kanker town and about 170 km from the state capital Raipur, and threatened the labourers to stop the work. They then set afire two trucks, two mixture machines and a JCB machine.

Maoists raise banner

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the state capital Raipur, and threatened the labourers to stop the work, he said.

They then set afire two trucks, two mixture machines and a JCB machine, the SP said. A police team reached the spot and

launched a search operation to trace ultras. The video of the incident showed two trucks on fire while some men, clad in a Naxal 'uniform', are walking nearby. One of the ultras is seen video recording the burning trucks. In a banner put up at the spot, Naxals have asked to stop the construction works and threatened to kill road contractors if they take up the work without the approval of locals.

Naxals have frequently tried to disrupt road construction works in the Bastar division, which consists of seven districts, by launching attacks on security forces and damaging the roads, vehicles and machines used in the work, according to police.

SOOTHING TO EYES



A view of the snow-covered Himalayan mountain range, as seen from Shimla, Saturday.

NSE CO-LOCATION CASE

Ex-CEO Chitra Ramkrishna questioned by psychologist from CFSL

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI)

Former National Stock Exchange (NSE) CEO Chitra Ramkrishna was questioned by a senior psychologist of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), who said she was "evasive" in her responses related to the co-location scam case being probed by the CBI, officials said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted Ramkrishna's questioning for three days during which she allegedly did not give proper responses to the investigators, the officials said.

During the hearing of Ramkrishna's anticipatory bail application before a special CBI court here, the agency told the court that in order to extract the ac-

tual facts, the services of a senior forensic psychologist of the CFSL, CBI, New Delhi were also utilised.

"The senior forensic psychologist of the CFSL, CBI, New Delhi has observed that the applicant was evasive in her responses. She always attributed knowledge regarding matters to her lower functionaries," the agency told the court.

MANIPUR ASSEMBLY POLL

76.04 % turn out in final phase

Imphal, Mar 05 (PTI):

The turn out in the second and the final phase of Manipur Assembly poll on Saturday was recorded at 76.04 pc amid stray incidents of violence in some places before and after the beginning of voting, election department officials said.

Voting was held in 22 constituencies across six districts amid tight security and strict adherence to



Women show their fingers marked with indelible ink after casting their vote during the second phase of Manipur Assembly elections, Saturday.

COVID-19 protocol. Senapati district, where polling was held in three assembly constituencies registered the highest turn out of 82.02 per

cent followed by Thoubal district at 78 per cent. Thoubal has 10 constituencies, the officials said. Ukhrul and Chandel dis-

tricts which have three constituencies registered 71.57 and 76.71 per cent respectively while Tamenglong with three constituencies registered the least turn out with 66.40 per cent. Jiribam, the smallest district with only one constituency recorded 75.02 per cent polling. Polling was marred by violence in some places, as security forces deployed at Ngamju polling station in Karong assembly constituency in Senapati district allegedly shot at two people, the police said.

Modi interacts with intellectuals

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday interacted with intellectuals and other prominent personalities here and said if the BJP returns to power in Uttar Pradesh, the state will be at the forefront of economic development.

Modi, who represents Varanasi in the Lok Sabha, also stressed the need for a stable government in the state which can take bold decisions, according to the participants. Nearly 200 participants interacted with the prime minister at the 'Prabudh Varg Sammelan' held at Raman Niwas here.

Polls in UP 'pro-incumbency': PM

Varanasi, Mar 05 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday described the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls as "pro-incumbency", saying the people themselves are fighting for continuation of the government.

Addressing an election rally at Khajuri village in Varanasi, the prime minister said that due to their aversion towards him, "dynasts" were making fun of "vocal for local" and the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Even on the Ukraine issue, the opposition is busy doing politics and adding to the people's woes, Modi said.

In a swipe at the



Congress, he said the party which derived political mileage for years from Khadi now hesitates to even take its name.

Modi added that his government has made Khadi and yoga international brands.

Varanasi will vote in the last phase of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections on March 7.

State Govt creating REZs to bring enthusiastic change: Kshitij Chandrakar

Bhilai, Mar 05:

Chhattisgarh State Government led by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is working on the concept of Rural Economic Zones (REZs) in lines with the popular model of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) with the aim of increasing trade balance, employment, job creation etc. State's ambitious project "Narwa - Garuva - Ghuruva - Baadi" has set a brilliant example of rural development before the entire nation. Basically it is a Gandhian economic model of creating self sufficient villages or "Suraaji Gaon", said All India Professional Congress (AIPC) State President Kshitij Chandrakar while addressing a brain storming session hosted by APIC Bhilai Chapter here at Supela on Saturday.

Kshitij further said that the state government is promoting certain rural industries in the bigger Gauthans for increasing the income of villagers and at the same time generating employment opportunities especially for women. The state government has also initiated to find bigger markets for the products of rural industries by linking them with e-commerce platforms and other big players. Recollecting the memories of first lockdown after the outbreak of Coronavirus Pandemic, Kshitij said that while helping some migrated labourers who arrived at Durg from other states, he felt the need of creating employment opportunities locally to prevent the migration of people in search of employment. The state government is working to ensure that the youth of villages get proper employment at the village itself and contribute for the development of the state.

Dignitaries from different fields including education sector, industries, health sector and other professionals discussed the topic of brain drain from the country. Some of them emphasised on the need of preventing brain drain by creating opportunities and developing facilities within the country itself while some other counted the benefits of brain drain and termed the NRIs to be assets of the nation.

Mayor Neeraj Pal, District Congress Committee President Mukesh Chandrakar, Educationist IP Mishra, medical practitioner Dr AP Sawant and ex BSP MD VK Arora were present on the dais. Renowned educationist IP Mishra (Chairman, Shri Shankaracharya Group) said that the topic of discussion is of paramount importance after witnessing the Ukraine crisis. He highlighted the contributions of former Prime Minister Late Rajiv Gandhi, who is known as the father of Information technology and Telecom Revolution of India. Recollecting the memories of his service at Bhilai Steel Plant, Mishra described how the Information Technology and Telecommunication brought the enthusiastic changes in every field. He further said that after introduction of liberalisation and globalisation policies in the year 1994, a large number of Engineering Colleges were established with produced a huge force of engineers in the country. Initially they got employment within the country but later on these talents started migrating to other countries in search of better opportunities. Today, the engineering colleges are shutting down as the engineers are not getting suitable jobs in the country. Mishra added that the



Indians are holding top positions in the world's leading IT companies and other sectors. There is a huge force of Indian IT professionals in USA and other nations. These talents could have worked for the development and progress of the nation if they have got opportunities within the country itself. Mishra emphasised that the depletion of sanskars was the root cause of brain drain. He added that Bhupesh Baghel government is working to con-

serve the cultural richness and traditions of the state. He hoped that these initiatives will bring about a significant change. Renowned medical practitioner Dr AP Sawant said that about 75 million Indians have migrated abroad for better employment and future. India is facing skill deficit because a generation of talents has shifted to other countries. He spoke about the causes of brain drain and also explained the measures that can be taken to prevent brain drain and promote brain gain. Former Managing Director of Bhilai Steel Plant, VK Arora emphasised on the need of establishing industries near the source of raw material. He said that Chhattisgarh has abundance of mineral resources which are the raw materials for various industries. Speaking about the price rise of edible oils after Russia - Ukraine war, he said that the climate of Chhattisgarh is favourable for cultivation of sunflower. Initiative in this direction can reduce nation's dependency on foreign countries for sunflower and other edible oils. He hoped that the Bhupesh Baghel government will take the state to new heights.



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Safety should be a Collective Responsibility: KK Dwivedy

National Safety Day celebrated at SAIL-BSP; Departments & Individuals awarded for Safety Performance

**Bhilai, Mar 05:**

Various prizes were given away on the occasion of National Safety Day at SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant by KK Dwivedy, Deputy Director, Industrial Health and Safety, Durg and chief guest at a function at HRD Centre on Saturday. Present on the occasion were Dr SK Issar, ED (M & HS), KK Singh, ED (P & A), Anjani Kumar, ED (Works), Dr AK Panda, CGM I/c (F & A) and other Senior officials from the

Plant. National Safety Day is celebrated on the Foundation Day of National Safety Council. The theme this year is 'Nurture young minds to develop Safety culture'.

KK Dwivedy, Deputy Director, Industrial Health and Safety in his address stated that employees of Bhilai Steel Plant who take pride in their achievements must give equal importance to a safe working culture. Safety is a collective responsibility which needs continuity, he said, adding that heightened awareness to prevent accidents is a must to prevent accidents. Proper house-keeping, timely maintenance of equipment, adherence to SOPs and SMPs must be accorded top priority. Disciplined working plays a big role in prevention of accidents and hence should also be given due importance, Dwivedy said. Analyse risks and identify possible threats, he said. BSP's senior management is making sincere efforts towards safety and several studies and audits have been conducted, he said. Awareness about all factors that prevent accidents must be passed on to colleagues and subordinates on the shopfloor, he said.

In his address, Dr SK Issar, ED (M & HS) stated that in order to prevent accidents, it is essential that we do not bypass systems that are in place, adding that we all have to contribute to creating a safe work culture. KK Singh, ED (P & A) in his address stated that our first priority is accident-free production. While safety is our



collective responsibility, we must specially focus on behaviour based safety and analysing cause of accidents, he said. Anjani Kumar, ED (Works) in his address stated that we must avoid taking any shortcuts and strictly adhere to SoPs and zero-tolerance towards accidents so as to build a better safety culture in our Plant. Dr AK Panda, CGM I/c (F & A) is his address said that we must also use new techniques available so as to make our shopfloor safer. The Safety

Oath was administered to all present by Ajay Taloo, Mgr (Safety). At the outset, GP Singh, Acting CGM (Safety & FS) welcomed the dignitaries and the participants of the programme. A Skit on Safety titled Coffee with Yamraj, written and directed by Umesh Oudhia, GM (SP 2) was staged on the occasion. KK Tiwari from MARS 1 presented a Safety song. Prizes were given away for different competitions like Skit, Safety Calendar, Best Safety Warrior, Individual exemplary award for Safety, best ZSO award, best DSO award, reporting of maximum near-miss case (individual and department), longest accident-free days, best accident reduction and sustenance award etc. Prizes were also given for house-keeping. Citations of cross-functional teams were read out by Shovan Ghosh. The programme was compered by Satyawan Nayak, Senior Manager (PR). The Vote of Thanks was proposed by SK Agarwal, GM (Safety).

Last five days to send new designs of 'Logo'/'Mono' for BMC

नगर पालिक निगम, भिलाई के नए 'लोगो' / 'मोनो' डिजाइन हेतु प्रतिस्पर्धा
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 (अंतिम तिथि : 10 मार्च 2022)

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नगर पालिक निगम, भिलाई

Bhilai, Mar 05: For the creation of new designs of "Logo"/"Mono" of Bhilai Nagar Municipal Corporation, the corporation administration had announced a competition where everyone can prepare the design and send it to the mail id nigambhilai2022@gmail.com. The selected design would result in a prize money of Rs 51000/- through sponsor to the winner. Mayor Neeraj Pal and the members of the constituted committee, in view of the importance of creation of new "logo"/"mono", have prepared the rules and conditions for this and they have

given importance to citizen participation. Earlier the date was fixed till the last month of February for sending the designs, but now in view of the competition, the last date has been extended to March 10. Designs can be sent to the prescribed mail id of the corporation latest by the aforesaid date in March. There is a chance to win 51,000 prize money. While Nigam will get a new "Logo"/"Mono" with a new message Bhilai will get its own "Logo"/"Mono". Till date more than 100 designs have been received on mail id.

Obituary**Devender Kaur Bal**

Bhilai: Malviya Nagar resident Sardarni Devender Kaur Bal, wife of Sukhpal Singh Bal left for heavenly abode at the age of 76 years on Saturday. Last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Harnabandha Muktidham around 12:30 hrs on March 06. She was the mother of Jaspreet Singh Bal, Harpreet Singh Bal and Preeti Ghumaan and mother-in-law of Sandeep Singh Ghumaan.

Ramesh Bhai Patel

Bhilai: Ramesh Bhai Patel left for heavenly abode on Saturday. Funeral procession will be taken out from his residence situated at 100/B, behind Utsav Bhavan, Sundar Nagar on March 06 around 11:00 hrs and last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He was the brother of Raju Bhai Patel and father of Dimple Bhai Patel and Heenal Bhai Patel.

On second day 85 of Dial 112 team benefit from health check-up camp

At SR Hospital Chikhali Durg

Bhilai, Mar 05: The health check up camp for Dial 112 team is underway at SR Hospital and Research Centre, Dhamdha Road, Chikhali, Durg. On Friday, the second day of the camp, 85 personnel from the Dial 112 reached the camp and took benefit of the check up camp.

Chief guest on the second day was Badrinarayan Meena, SP Durg. He inaugurated the second day camp by lighting the lamp. Thereafter, he inspected the entire camp site and appreciated the arrangements and efforts of the hospital. The SP also got his eye test done on this occasion.

In his brief address Meena praised the Hospital management for thinking of organising camp the Dial 112 drivers and their family members. He added that the drivers of Dial 112 are engaged in 24-hour service and get so busy in their work that they do not take care of their health. By holding such health camps from time to time, the workers also come to know about what kind of dis-



eases they have. Complete updates about health are available through health camps. He congratulated the Director of SR Hospital Sanjay Tiwari and expressed hope that in coming days also the Hospital would continue to organise such camps. Director Sanjay Tiwari informed that in the camp, Dr Ranjan Sengupta, vascular and cardiothoracic surgeon, burn

and plastic surgeon Dr Vishwamitra B Dayal, paediatrician Dr SP Kesharwani, and Dr Anupam Lal, General Medicine specialist Dr Sushant Kande, Dr Balram Sahu from Gynaecology and Obstetrics department, Ophthalmologist Dr JS Bhatia, ENT Specialist Dr Ankita Joshi, Dr Shaheen Hamdani MDS from the Department of Dentistry etc rendered their services.

Police crackdown on organised betting racket

Bhilai, Mar 05: With the arrest of four bookies including a female, police claimed to have busted an organised racket of satta-patti betting in Durg city. They were operating the illegal betting activity of satta-patti in Apapura area of the city. Cash, betting records and rubber stamps were seized from them.

ASP (City) Sanjay Dhruv informed that on the instructions of SSP Badri Narayan Meena, Durg Police is continuously taking action against the illegal and banned activities of betting, gambling etc. In this sequel, a team led by CSP (Durg) Jitendra Kumar Yadav conducted raids at Apapura in Durg and rounded up four bookie while accepting bets on satta-patti. The team recovered Rs 79750 cash, betting records and slips and the rubber stamps from their possession. The accused used different rubber stamps for different days of the week. The accused are identified as



Vimla Sapha (45) a resident of Apapura Durg; Shyamal Trivedi (44) a resident of Village Mohlai; Keshav Katar (64) a resident of Luchkipara, Durg and Kuleshwar Prasad (61) a resident of Luchkipara, Durg. They have been booked under the provisions mentioned in section 4(a) of Gambling Act and prohibitory sections of IPC.

Inspector Bhushan Ekka, Head Constable Chetan Sahu, Constables Javed Khan, Pradeep Singh, Farukh Khan, Jaggi Singh, Keshav Sahu, Shaikat Hayat Khan, Ravindra Singh, Ajay Yadu, Dinesh Kumar, woman Constables Bhenu Thakur and Sunita Bharadwaj played vital role in arresting the accused.



Chhattisgarh budget to be presented on 9th March

Budget session to start with Governor's address on 7th March

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: Chhattisgarh budget for the year 2022 will be presented in State Legislative Assembly on March 9. The budget session will begin on March 7 with the address of Governor Anusuiya Uikey, informed the Assembly Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant at a press conference on Saturday. After discussion on Governor's address on March 8 and motion of thanks, Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel who is also holding Finance portfolio, will present the budget on March 9 at 12.30 pm. The discussion on the budget will start on March 10.

Dr Mahant told that the session would continue till March 25. There will be a total of 13 sittings of the House during the session. The number of questions for the budget session is 1682, in which there are 854 starred questions and 828 unstarred questions. In addition to this, 114 notices of calling attention, 10 notices of adjournment, 4 notices for discussion on a matter of urgent public importance under rule 139, 7 notices of non-official resolution, 16 notices of

zero hour and 45 notices of petition have been received.

The Speaker said that the general discussion on the budget would begin on March 10. The demands for grants will be discussed from March 11 to 23. Dr Mahant said that steps had been taken in the direction of paperless work in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly. Out of 1682 questions for the session 1499 have been received online, he said. The Speaker said that a study is being conducted in this regard from IIT Kharagpur and the first report of the institute has come, according to which there is a possibility of saving 45000 papers per year.

Balod SP Sadanand shifted to Narayanpur District

Three IPS Officers given fresh postings

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: In a minor reshuffle among Indian Police Services (IPS) Officers, the Balod District Superintendent of Police (SP) Sadanand Kumar has been shifted to Narayanpur District SP whereas IPS Officer Goverdhan Ram Thakur.

According to the information received, the Narayanpur SP Girija Shankar Jaiswal has been shifted to Kanker

as Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) in the reshuffle.

Similarly, the State Police Services (SPS) Officer Aditya Pandey has been posted as Additional SP Basaguda in Bijapur District whereas Rajesh Sharma has been shifted to Dantewada as Assistant Commandant 9th Battalion, Akik Khokhar as Assistant Commandant Bijapur, Anup Lakra has been transferred to Chhattisgarh Armed Forces Narayanpur and SAS Officer Ajay Lakra has been shifted to Bastar as Deputy Superintendent of Police Special Branch.

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in-charge party affairs in Chhattisgarh D Purandeswari on Saturday stressed on the need to have better co-ordination for Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) with the Organization as well as with Public.

She made it clear during the meeting with the MLAs in presence of senior leaders including the State BJP President Vishnu Deo Sai here. Providing the above information, the Leader of Opposition in Chhattisgarh Legislative



Assembly Dharmal Kaushik said that strategy for the upcoming session was discussed and added that the performance of MLAs would be on focus. He added that issues related with public would be taken up aggressively during the Budget Session of Assembly. Former Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh said that the party is focusing on strengthening at the Booth level and added that all leaders including the State BJP President

would be making frequent visits to the Booth. He added that the achievements of Central Government would be informed to people during the public interaction. D Purandeswari also held separate meeting with the Members of Parliament (MPs) during which majority of them were present. MPs too have been given the task for the upcoming days to highlight the achievements of Modi government.

Yashoda Hospital now leading healthcare provider: Dr Pavan Gorukanti

To launch the biggest hospital in private sector by June 1

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad coming with probably the biggest hospital in private sector in the country with State of Art international standard JCI accredited 2 million square feet facility to be inaugurated by June 1st. Yashoda Hospital now has established as one of the leading healthcare provider in the country with probably the highest number of critically ill patients requiring ventilator support during the covid



waves. Had more than 100 air ambulance transfer and ECMO usage with survival matching the best in the world. Similarly had more than 25 lung transplants after the second wave with good outcomes including many from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Hospital is well known for best in

class technology and expertise in various specialties like interventional pulmonology, more than 150 Liver transplants during the pandemic years, highest number of precision radiation (Rapid arc) in the world, more than 30,000 and similarly the latest in cardiology, oncology, gastro and other services.

Dr Pavan Gorukanti, Director of Yashoda Hospitals, himself a qualified Pulmonary/Critical Care Doctor having spent more than 10 years, participated in the Heart and Lung transplant conference on Saturday, March 05 at Raipur. He shared his experiences and latest advances in the field of Heart and Lung transplant with the delegates meeting. Addressing the scribes here Dr Pavan said that he was happy with the way medical healthcare was advancing in the country and with the new hospital coming up in hitech city area of Hyderabad was confident of closing any remaining gaps in treatment or technology. He said that the hospital with 2000 beds

and more than 4000 separate room critical care beds would be JCI accredited and will have all the facilities like any international hospital.

It would also have the country first installation of MR Linac radiation therapy for the absolute latest in precision radiation and will have dedicated helipad and Air ambulance service to serve the entire country and the world for full spectrum care from simple outpatient to tertiary level care with a dedicated team to look after every need of out of state patients. He said that we are planning to open a new hospital in Chhattisgarh in future. On the occasion Dr Vijay Kumar, COO, Yashoda Hospital and Dr Sunil Bidayat were also present.

Speaker releases diary



Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant today released the diary of the year 2022 of the Chhattisgarh

Legislative Assembly in the Assembly premises in presence of Raipur Development Authority Chairman Subhash Dhuppad, former MLA Gurmukh

Singh Hora, Principal Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Chandrashekar Gangrade and Assembly Secretary Dinesh Sharma.

वज़न घटाने के आपके फैसले को हम बना रहे हैं और भी आसान!

बैरियाट्रिक सर्जरी का खर्च अब मेडिकलेम* एवं CGHS द्वारा।



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17,000 से अधिक सफल सर्जरी



लिम्का बुक में रिकॉर्ड दर्ज

यदि सर्जरी ही आपके अत्यधिक मोटापे का इलाज है पर इसका खर्च घबराहट का कारण, तो अब समय है मेडिकलेम का सही लाभ उठाने का। बैरियाट्रिक सर्जरी की मदद से अपना वज़न घटाएं और खर्चा कवर करें अपने मेडिकलेम द्वारा। अब पैसा नहीं वज़न घटाएं, मेडिकलेम का सही फायदा उठाएं।

बैरियाट्रिक सर्जरी क्यों ज़रूरी है?

दरअसल, मोटापा असंतुलित लाइफस्टाइल से जन्म लेता है। इसका असर जिंदगी के सभी क्षेत्रों पर पड़ता है। वैज्ञानिक पद्धतियों में बैरियाट्रिक सर्जरी मोटापा एवं उससे जुड़े अन्य रोग जैसे ब्लड प्रेशर, जोड़ों में दर्द, स्लिप एपनिया, मधुमेह आदि से भी छुटकारा पाने का एक विश्वसनीय उपाय है।

सर्जरी के बाद नॉर्मल लाइफ में कब तक लौट सकते हैं?

सर्जरी के चार से पांच घंटों के बाद मरीज़ चल फिर सकता है तथा तीसरे दिन अस्पताल से छुट्टी मिल जाती

है। उसके बाद मरीज़ अपनी दिनचर्या में लौट सकता है। वह अपने दफ्तर, स्कूल और कॉलेज के सभी कार्य कर सकता है। इस ऑपरेशन की खास बात यह है कि इसमें कोई बेड रेस्ट नहीं होता।

सर्जरी के बाद डाइट में क्या बदलाव होते हैं?

मरीज़ को केवल तीन हफ्तों तक अस्पताल द्वारा दी गई डाइट फॉलो करनी होती है। उसके बाद वह अपनी मनपसंद चीजें खा और पी सकता है और अपनी पुरानी लाइफस्टाइल में लौट सकता है।

सर्जरी के बाद क्या गर्भधारण में परेशानी होती है?

ये धारणा गलत है। बैरियाट्रिक सर्जरी वैज्ञानिक तौर पर प्रमाणित सर्जरी है। जो महिलाएं मोटापे के कारण मातृत्व सुख से वंचित रह जाती थीं, उन महिलाओं के लिए तो यह सर्जरी एक वरदान है।

रोबोटिक सर्जरी क्यों है लाभदायक

- सर्जरी किये जाने वाले अंगों तक आसान पहुंच
- दर्द, रक्त-श्राव, कॉम्प्लिकेशन व इन्फेक्शन, पोस्ट-सर्जिकल स्कार्स से बचाव
- न्यूनतम हॉस्पिटलाइजेशन विज़िट्स
- कैसर पीड़ितों के लिये सबसे उपयुक्त

रोबोट की विशेषताएं

- 360 डिग्री पर घूमने वाली चार आर्म्स, जिसमें एक आर्म पर कैमरा और शेष 3 आर्म्स हैं सर्जरी के लिये विशेष इंस्ट्रूमेंट्स
- थ्री-डायमेंशनल कंसोल से मिलती है सर्जन को बेहतर एवं सटीक पहुंच
- बिना किसी चीर-फाड़ 3 से 4 मि.मी. के छिद्र द्वारा होती है सर्जरी
- सर्जरी के पश्चात् यह छिद्र आमतौर पर दिखाई भी नहीं देता



192kg 99kg

सर्जरी से मिला स्वस्थ जीवन

सुबह से शाम भागवैड वाली जिन्दगी की टेंशन में मैंने बढ़ते वज़न पर ध्यान नहीं दिया। वज़न 192 किलो पहुंच चुका था, जिसके कारण मुझे स्लीप एपनिया, डायबिटीज़, हाइपरटेंशन जैसी गंभीर बीमारियाँ हो गईं। मैंने मोटापे की समस्या को गंभीरता से लेते हुए मोहक में सर्जरी कराने का फैसला लिया। आज मेरा वज़न 99 किलो हो गया है।

श्री शैलेश जायसवाल, जबलपुर, म.प्र.



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DR. MOHIT BHANDARI'S WEIGHT LOSS & DIABETES SURGERY CENTRE

Chief Secretary reviews the status of distribution of organic fertilizers

● **Targets distribution of 19 lakh quintals of compost for Kharif-2022**

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain took a meeting of senior administrative officers of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative Department at Mahanadi Mantralaya Bhawan to produce organic manure on a large scale in Gauthans. He directed the officers to ensure distribution of organic manure through Chief Secretary Jain said that the state of Chhattisgarh is moving fast towards organic and re-generative farming. According to the intention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel



to promote organic farming in the state, arrangements should be ensured for the production and distribution of organic manure on a large scale in Gauthans. He directed the officers to ensure distribution of 6.50 lakh quintals of organic manure, including vermi compost and super compost, available in Gauthans to the farmers in the current month through societies. The Chief Secretary said that keeping in view the upcoming Kharif season 2022, the production of organic manure should be

sustained so that farmers can use it as an alternative to chemical fertilizers. He directed the officers to prepare an action plan to make available 19 lakh quintals of compost manure in agricultural credit through the distribution societies in Kharif 2022. The Chief Secretary said that Vermi Compost is a better alternative to chemical fertilizers, DAP and Super Phosphate. Due to the lack of DAP last season, the farmers of the state used vermi compost for farming. He talked about promoting organic

farming for better farming at low cost as well as maintaining the fertility of the soil and production of non-toxic food grains. The Chief Secretary said that organic manure should be used in the crop demonstration in the field and the farmers of the area should also be given observation, this would motivate the farmers to use organic manure. It was informed in the meeting that so far 16.50 lakh quintals of organic manure has been produced by women self-help groups in the Gauthans of the state. Out

of which 10 lakh quintals of organic fertilizers have been sold. About 6.50 lakh quintals of organic manure is available for sale in Gauthans. By the month of July, production of about 19 lakh quintals of organic manure is possible. The Chief Secretary instructed the officers to get the distribution of organic fertilizers done to the farmers through the societies as per the action plan. Agriculture Production Commissioner Dr. Kamalpreet Singh, Secretary Agriculture Dr. S. Bharathidasan, Cooperative Secretary Himshikhar Gupta, Director Agriculture, Yashwant Kumar, Director Horticulture, Matheswaran V, Director Veterinary Services Mrs Chandan Tripathi, Joint Secretary Agriculture, K. C. Paikra, Joint Director Agriculture, RL Khare and other officials were present.

Negativity must be overcome: Devangan



● **Mahashivratri celebrated amid cultural programmes**

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: 'Lord Shiva has been worshiped since time immemorial. Just as Lord Shiva saved this world by consuming poison, in the same way we also have to spread positive thoughts in the world by removing poison of negativity from our surroundings.' This was stated by the Chairman of Chhattisgarh Mineral Development Corporation, Girish Devangan at a programme organized on the

occasion of Mahashivratri by Nayi Disha Education Seva Samiti in collaboration with the Department of Culture at Adarsh Nursing College, Datrenga.

Where there is faith, there is God, said former MLA Naveen Markandey who was present as special guest. Just as vehicle without brakes raises danger of accident similarly life without influence of God is ruined. Therefore, one needs to have discipline in the form of God to achieve success in life.

Organising committee president Vijay Agrawal explained significance of Mahashivratri by narrat-

ing a story. College Principal Dr Abhilasha Rajak threw light on scientific basis of the festival of Mahashivratri and called for preserving this tradition and culture. Programme Convener Danshing Devangan said that Indian culture is better than western culture.

Surta-Mor Mati's identity group enthralled the audience by presenting Shiv Aradhana, Shiv Shrotam. Students of Adarsh Nursing College mesmerized audience with a splendid performance of Shiv Tandav. Tamesh Verma anchored the programme and his group recited Bhajan.

Patel hands over trophies to winner and runner-up



● **Of State Level Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament**

Central Chronicle News

Raigarh, Mar 05: Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Umesh Patel attended the closing ceremony of the State Level

Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament held at Sarangarh in Raigarh district. He congratulated and gave best wishes to the winners, runners-up and best players of this competition during the prize distribution ceremony.

Teams from other states of the country also participated in this tennis ball

cricket tourney organized at the Khelbhantha Stadium in Sarangarh. The final match was played between Sarangarh and Sambalpur (Orissa). Team Sambalpur emerged as winner of the tournament. Rs 1.11 lakh was given to the winning team along with the trophy and Rs 55,500 was given to the runner-up team along with trophy. Sports Minister Mr. Umesh Patel handed over trophies and prize money to the winner and runner-up teams. Sports Minister Mr. Patel congratulated organizers and players for a successful event. It is worth mentioning that Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament is being organized in Khelbhantha Stadium for the last 18 years.

State-level workshop today

Raipur, Mar 05: A state-level workshop on occasion of International Women's Day on the subject 'A Cyber Hygiene Workshop on Social Networking Sites', will be organized by VAYAM Foundation Raipur on March 6 at Vrindavan Hall, Raipur from 4:00 pm onwards. The speakers on the occasion will be Mohali Guha (Cyber Expert), Chanchal Tiwari ASP (IUCAW), Abhishek Mishra (Advocate) and Vishal Pandey (Counselor & Psychologist). This workshop is free of cost and later in the programme the women and institutions doing remarkable works in different fields will be felicitated.

CU students visit to Fly Ash Brick industrial farm

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Mar 05: A total of 47 students of 6th semester of Rural Technology and Social Development Department of Guru Ghasidas University (Central University) visited fly ash brick industrial farm at Ramtala on March 04, 2022. In the above excursion on the topic of how we are protecting the environment by using ash from electric plants in the manufacture of bricks, the students learned all the processes of making bricks from fly ash. Regarding the manufacture of fly ash, detailed information was given by the director of the industrial



farm, Mr. Shailesh Shukla about the use of raw lime along with sand and cement and their fixed quantities. He also told the practice of using lime in the construction of old forts and buildings. He also apprised about the working

of computer logic system for converting fly ash into brick by applying 30 ton of pressure and about the process of seasoning of manufactured bricks and changes in the quality of bricks due to the effect of weather. He also apprised

about how the water collected through rainwater harvesting is used in his unit for brick making. Students also asked a lot of questions related to their doubts and about the schemes being provided by the Government of India for industrial establishment to the Director, Shukla. In the said visit, the Head of the Department, Dr. Pushpraj Singh apprised the students about the contributions being made by Shailesh Shukla ji in the conservation of environment and wildlife. The tour was coordinated by Rakesh Kumar Ghritalhare, Assistant Professor, Rural Technology Department.

People are now proactive in getting themselves vaccinated: Bhagat

● **Webinar on 'Addressing gender-based Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy' organized**

As part of Int'l Women's Day celebration

Raipur, Mar 05: The Centre for Women Studies (CWS) Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University and MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity project organized a webinar on "Addressing gender based Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy" as part of International Women's Day celebration. The webinar was attended by State Immunization Officer Dr Vishwanath Bhagat, Chief Medical and Health Officer

Raipur Dr Meera Baghel, Dr Amita Pitre National Women's Rights Champion and Prof Reeta Venugopal, Director of CWS among others. Welcoming the guests and attendees Urmimala Sengupta, Communication officer of the project stated that the objective of the webinar is to dispel gender related COVID-19 vaccination hesitancy.

Dr. Vishwanath Bhagat, Chief Guest on the occasion he stated that 100% first dose, 80% second dose of adult population and 67% 15 to 18 years age groups and 32% precaution dose has been administered in Chhattisgarh. He thanked all health workers and society at large for their contribution and participation in world's largest vaccination campaign. He added that now people are more proactive in getting themselves vaccinated. He appealed to the

organisers, participants and all citizens to champion the cause of COVID-19 vaccination specially for women.

Dr. Meera Baghel, stated that there are women who fear losing their fertility and other complications owing to the vaccines. She said that pregnant women are prone to Covid since their immunity is weak during the nine months, therefore they should take vaccine immediately. It is the duty of the peer group, family members and local influencers to mobilize these women and encourage them to get vaccinated.

Prof. Reeta Venugopal stated that owing to less studies in the field of Gender and Vaccinations, the myths continue to languish in the society. There is a need that more scientists and experts publish their findings on the topic of women

vis-a-vis Covid 19 and vaccinations.

Dr Amita added that International Women's Day is necessary because it keeps the dialogue on women's rights and their struggles alive. There is very less research on women and their struggles with pregnancy, lactation, menstruation and vaccinations. These topics need to be widely studied and chronicled so that they can act as myth busters for the rest of the society.

The webinar was attended by Prof. Priyamvada Shrivasta and Prof. Aditya Poddar Associate director CWS, Ms. Anikha Varoda, Research Associate, CWS, Dr. Anuradha Chakrabarty, guest lecturer, CWS and Dr. Anjan Chatteraj, State Project Manager of the MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation

and Equity project and others attended the webinar.

Centre for Women Studies, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University was established two decades back. It is one of 80 centers under the UGC. The centre is associated with UNESCO co-chair as Sangwari Hub.

The MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity project is supported by USAID grant, John Snow India has been mandated to provide technical assistance to the Government of India and selected State governments including Chhattisgarh to identify challenges and facilitate feasible solutions to address them to rapidly ramp up COVID-19 vaccination in the state specially for the vulnerable and marginalized section of the society.

Shed built under MNREGA strengthens goat rearing business

Raipur, Mar 05: Champa Bai Batupali (B) Gram Panchayat of Sarangarh block. Her family has about five acres of land. Out of this, only three acres is cultivable land. In the post-cultivation period, the family earns as a labourer. Champa Bai started goat rearing to increase the income of the family but it was getting very difficult due to lack of proper infrastructure. She was unable to proceed with it systematically so she put her problem in meeting. On the advice of the group, she approached the gram panchayat for the construction of a shed on his private land under MGNREGA. Under MNREGA, in the year 2020-21, administrative approval was received for the construction of a goat shed at Rs. 61 thousand on Champa Bai's private land as a beneficiary. After 15 days of continuous work, her shed was completed in December-2020. In this work, her family and another family of the village also got direct employment of 34 man-days, for which wages of about six and a half

thousand rupees were paid. After the shed was built, Champa Bai got enough space for goat rearing and her business started gaining momentum. Before the construction of the Shed, Champa Bai had only four goats. After the shed was built, she bought four more goats. Currently, she has 26 goats. Out of these, by selling 15 goats, she has earned eighty nine thousand rupees in six months. She sells the female goat at the rate of Rs.5 thousand and the male goat at the rate of Rs.7 thousand. Champa Bai is happy with benefit from goat rearing in less time. This not only improved her financial condition, but she has also bought a new TV, fan and cupboard for her house. Mrs. Champa Bai wants to further grow her business of goat rearing. She says that if she did not get a shed from MNREGA for goat rearing, she will not be able to carry on with her work. Now she is encouraging other people of the village to take up goat rearing as a business.

Maize area increased 10 times in three years in Chhattisgarh

● **More farmers interested in maize cultivation with the commencement of a maize processing center in Kondagaon**

Raipur, Mar 05: In the last three-four years in the state of Chhattisgarh, the inclination of the farmers for the cultivation of maize has increased rapidly. Meanwhile, the area under maize cultivation has increased from 13 thousand hectares to one lakh 46 thousand hectares,

which is more than 10 times. With the purchase of maize at the rate of Rs 1870 per quintal on support price in the state and the establishment of a processing center in Kondagaon, farmers have started getting better prices for their produce. This has resulted in sharp increase in the area under maize. After getting permission from the centre, preparations are in full swing to set up a plant for the production of ethanol at Kondagaon Maize Processing Center. In the last Rabi season 2020-21, farmers had cultivated maize in 93 thou-



sand 200 hectares in the state, which has now been increased to one lakh 46 thousand 130 hectares in the current Rabi season. The increase in the area under maize by about 53,000 hectares in a year is a record in itself. It is worth mentioning that farmers of the state had cultivated maize in only 13 thousand 440 hectares of land in the Rabi season 2017-18. In the year 2016-17, maize was cultivated in only 12 thousand hectares in the Rabi season. Three to four years ago, there were a dozen districts in the state where maize cultivation was almost non-

existent. In current scenario, maize cultivation has been started by the farmers in all the districts except Koriya. This has resulted in increase in area under maize cultivation by more than 10 times. In comparison to the year 2016-17, the area under maize cultivation has increased by 130 times in the districts of Bilaspur division. Earlier, maize cultivation was done only in 680 hectares of land in the districts of Bilaspur division, which has increased drastically to 19 thousand 662 hectares today. Highest maize cultivation is being done in 45 thousand 880

hectares in Kondagaon district of the state. Earlier, maize cultivation was done in barely 9 thousand hectares here. Similar situation is there in Kanker district. In three-four years, the area under maize cultivation in Kanker district has increased from 8,000 hectares to more than 28,000 hectares. The area under maize cultivation has increased from 2300 hectares to 21 thousand hectares in the districts of Raipur division, from 1100 hectares to 8780 hectares in Durg division and from 680 hectares to 10690 hectares in Surguja divi-

sion and from 16,000 hectares to 85,800 hectares in Bastar division. This year maize cultivation is being done in 1,46,130 hectares in the state. Nakcheda Ram Naik, a farmer of village Bagdongri in Charama block of Kanker district said that now he is happy with the maize cultivation only as the profit is much higher than paddy cultivation. An income of about Rs 26 thousand is generated through maize cultivation in one acre. Last year, he cultivated maize in two acre and the produce was sold for Rs 50,000.

Collector reviews works of the Electricity Department

Camps organised for rectification of erroneous electricity bills



Koriya, March 05:

District Collector Kuldeep Sharma reviewed the works of the Electricity Department, here and while discussing the meter reading and billing, he directed that under the new meter reading scheme, ensure the arrangement of spot billing so that the problem of billing should be resolved. He said that all junior engineers should also do surprise checks of spot billing being done by readers in their areas.

Janakpur and Sonhat. In the meeting, District Collector Shri Sharma took information about the reader to keep the spot billing system in place in the district. At present 104 readers are working in the district and there are 1 lakh 1 thousand 645 consumers.

On the subject of changing the transformer, the Collector said that it should be ensured to complete the work in two days in rural areas and in one day in urban areas and to avoid inconvenience in case of emergency, stock of 02 transformers should be kept in all the sub-divisions. Along with this, he inquired about the works under the Chief Minister Majratola Vidyutikaran Yojana. EE CSEB informed that 26 works of electrification are being done under the scheme in

He directed the EE CSEB to identify such village areas and give information where readers are required. In these rural areas, women of the village will be connected with the work of meter reading. EE CSEB said that every reader has to do 1000 readings in 15 days. In rural areas, the amount is paid to the reader at the rate of Rs 7 per reading. Similarly, in urban areas, the amount is available at the rate of Rs 5 per reading.

Parents Forum submit memorandum for teachers in SAGEMS

Mungeli, Mar 05: Parents of students studying in Primary Wing of Swami Atmanand English Medium School have submitted a memorandum to the Collector, citing the dearth of teachers in the school. After the instructions of the Collector, teachers from the Middle Wing were allotted classes in the Primary classes. The Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools started last year, were in much demand among parents and students and seats to the capacity of 40 received applications in thousands, which was than finally allotted through lottery system. After a few teachers gone on long leave and other few not joined after appointment has led to the dearth of teachers in the school, and the students paying the price. According to Principal IP Yadav, some teachers have not joined the institution while some are on leave, and after discussions with senior officials, middle school teachers have been appointed for the primary wing.

Thousands gather at Shri Manikeshwar Shiv Mandir fair

Konta, Mar 05: Triveni Sangam site, situated at the end of Chhattisgarh, the island of palm forests, the holy land of Sri Sri Manikeshwar, on the holy festival of Maha Shivratri in Kota, thousands gather since 5 am in the morning in Konta for the darshan and worship of Lord Shiva and get his blessings. Every year on the occasion of Maha Shivratri, a 5-day fair is organized under the auspices of Sri Sri Manikeshwar Shiv Mandir Trust. Thousands of devotees reach from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Odisha adjoining Chhattisgarh to enjoy it. At 5 o'clock in the evening, a grand procession was taken out in the entire Konta city, with Manikwana and Manikeshwar Swami being placed in a



prishabha vehicle, amidst fireworks and slogans of Har Har Mahadev. The beginning of the 5-day fair at 6 pm and the marriage ceremony of Manikeshwar Swami along with Manikamba was completed amidst the chanting of Veda pundits, music and murmuring sound from 10

pm onwards. After that Annabhishekam (Lingodbhavam) program was completed on Shivling at 12 o'clock in the night. The food offered on Shivling will be offered to all the devotees of the city in the form of Mahaprasad after worshipping it in the morning.

Devotees did the darshan of Shiva Parvati

In the Maha Shivratri festival, thousands of devotees from all the three states were thronging the Sri Sri Manikeshwar temple, Konta since morning for the darshan of Shiva Parvati. A different enthusiasm has been seen among Shiva devotees regarding this festival. This time the festival of Mahashivratri is special not only because on this day many great auspicious confluence is being formed with the combination of five planets, but it is also special because this festival has been celebrated without any restriction after two years. Since morning, devotees have worshiped the Shivling by anointing it with Bilva leaves, honey, milk, curd, sugar and Gangajal. The cover of the temple resonated with the sound of Har Har Mahadev. Bhandaras of fruits and vegetables were arranged in the temple and prasad was distributed.

'Majratola Vidyutikaran Yojana' to provide electricity to many villages

On the initiative of MLA Gulab Kamro



Manendragarh, Mar 05: Even after so many years of independence, basic facilities like electricity have not been restored in many unreachable areas of Bharatpur-Sonhat assembly constituency, but now with the meaningful efforts of regional MLA Gulab Kamro, lantern is about to end, and an amount of about Rs.5 crore has been sanctioned by the state government for electrification in 11 un-electrified villages under the assembly constituency, which has created an atmosphere of joy and enthusiasm among the villagers. MLA Kamro has expressed his gratitude to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Speaker of the Assembly Dr. Charan Das Mahant for sanctioning a huge amount for basic facilities

like electricity. Let us inform that since independence in the assembly constituency by Surguja Area Tribal Development Authority (Minister of State) and Bharatpur-Sonhat MLA Gulab Kamro, electricity facility has been provided under the electrification scheme in the electrified villages which are suffering from lack of basic facilities like electricity. On the demand of the MLA, Rs 4 crore 70 lakh 55 thousand 960 has been approved under the Chief Minister Majratola Vidyutikaran Yojana. With the sanctioned amount, electrification work will be done in 6 villages of Bharatpur block, 1 of Sonhat block and 11 villages of Manendragarh block.

Villages to be electrified
The villages which are to be electrified under Mukhyamantri Majratola Vidyutikaran Yojna include Mannaur, Mainpur, Karva, Murkil, Thiskoli and Neuer of Bharatpur, Sonhat development block, village Mendra and Padeva, Hanspur, Bodra Tola of Manendragarh development block. (Biharpur) and Nawadih. Here electrification works will be done on priority basis at a cost of Rs 4 crore 70 lakh 55 thousand 960.

Mahant inaugurates 'Amritdhara Mahotsav'

Archery competition held for the first time in Amritdhara festival



Koriya, Mar 05:

Amritdhara Mahotsav inaugurated by Dr. Charandas Mahant, on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri. The program was presided over by the MP Smt. Jyotsna Mahanta and on this occasion the chief guest Dr. Mahant greeted everyone on the occasion of Mahashivratri.

Praising the Amritdhara festival, he said that a wonderful blend of nature's beauty and of the regional spe-



cialty of traditional games along with devotion makes the festival unique. He also said that the district has immense tourism potential and continuous work is being done to develop Amritdhara Falls as a major tourist destination. He said that Mendra and Patna Chaurasi would also be developed as tourist destinations. Many cultural programs were organized in the Mahotsav from beginning to end in which the singing of bhajans by blind artists made the atmosphere devotional. At

the same time, various presentations were also given on Shiv Tandav and sports enthusiast, enthusiastically participated in traditional sports competitions like archery, bumblebee as well as spoon race, tug of war, matkaphod, volleyball, kabadi and many more. Member of Parliament Smt. Jyotsna Mahant and Savipra Vice-President and MLA Gulab Kamro also extended best wishes for Mahashivratri and Amritdhara Mahotsav. Collector Shri Kuldeep

Sharma welcomed the guests and the general public by giving a welcome address on the occasion of Amritdhara Mahotsav. Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat Shri Kunal Dudawat expressed his gratitude at the conclusion of the speech. A large number of people, including representatives of District Panchayat and Janpad Panchayat, dignitaries and representatives of print and electronic media, enjoyed the Amritdhara Mahotsav.

Police provides quick solution in Jandarshan

Missing searched and handed over to the relatives

Pandaria, Mar 05:

In Jandarshan program held here applicant Shatrughan Yadav, 45 years old resident of Baghrail Tola, made a complaint about the missing of his daughter-in-law to Police captain Kabirdham, Dr. Lal Umend Singh. In view of the sensitivity of the case, the Superintendent of Police, Police Sub-Divisional Officer, Pandaria Narendra Vental and Police Station-in-Charge Pandaria Inspector Mukesh Yadav were directed to immediately constitute a police team and search for the missing women. The team on being directed to send towards Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh,



Telangana, Karnataka, tried to locate the missing in all possible places with the help of cyber cell. The woman finally was traced from Thana Roja District Kalaburagi Karnataka Province on February 28. On Wednesday, March 02, the missing woman was handed over to her family members in the police station Pandaria. The missing woman and her family were elated to find each other and expressed their gratitude towards the police.

Special sanitation drive held

In ward No. 22 in HIG Colony, Shivajinagar and upto Kathal garden

Korba, Mar 05:

Under the ongoing 'Swachhata Abhiyan', special sanitation drive was carried out in ward No. 22 of HIG Colony and Shivajinagar to 'Kathal Garden' under 'Kosabadi' Zone of KMC here on Thursday. Along with cleaning, the denizens of the ward were asked for due cooperation in sanitation by visiting door-to-door and created awareness among people of ward about sanitation and cleanliness. Members of Rotary Club also gave participation in this special campaign and even took part in the sanitation and public awareness drive. It is worthwhile to mention here

that it is under guidance of Mayor Rajkishore Yadav and Commissioner Prabhakar Pandey, KMC has launched special sanitation drive in all wards of KMC from Feb 10 to March 31. In this series, the drains were cleaned from the bottom, all the shrubs and wild grass by the side of road was cleaned and C&D waste was lifted, the waste generated from drains and debris was also immediately lifted and disposed off.

Corporator Anuj Jaiswal, Upper Commissioner Khamjanchi Kumar, Zone Commissioner RK Maheshwari, Health officer Dr Sanjay Tiwari, Sunil Verma, Prakash Chandra, Vikram Agrawal, and their team and other members of Rotary Club and 'Swachhata mitrs' took part in cleaning activities.

Food license and registration camp held

On the initiative of Chamber of Commerce



Kharora, Mar 05:

On the demand by the Chamber of Commerce Kharora at Kharora for food license and registration, a camp was organized by the Department of Food and Drugs at Kharora, here. Traders who did not have food license in this camp, under the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006, from the competent authority to start food business.

Food Inspector Poonam

Manjhi told that according to the demand of Chamber of Kharora, a special camp has been organized for this, as according to provision there is punishment under the Food Act and Standard for doing business without a food license. All food items, vendors, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, hawkers, catering, transport, food products sellers in urban and rural areas, medical stores, hospitals, schools, canteens operated in colleges, can-

teens operated in hostels, state and private warehouses, liquor shops, milk vendors, dairy tea shops, fruit vegetables, mass egg vendors, haat markets, food businesses etc. have to take license before registration.

It has been told that they can apply for tatkal camp or email to get license or registration under the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006. Chamber of Commerce President Sanjay Aggarwal thanked the officers of the Food Department, where earlier people had to go to Raipur for the license and had to wait for hours, and today the camp in Kharora saved people's time and money.

License of 70 traders was also made and the old license holders were also renewed. Food Safety Officer Ashish Yadav, Vice President Chamber of Commerce Sachin Agarwal, Treasurer Chandrapal Motwani and others were present on the occasion.

Dispose off pending revenue cases within time limit: Collector



Bijapur, Mar 05:

District Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara here gave instructions to the revenue officers in the weekly time-limit meeting to resolve the pending cases under the provision of distribution, RRC recovery, public service guarantee within the time-limit.

While reviewing the development works being carried out in the district, he directed the officers to expedite the construction works and pay attention to the quality. While reviewing the progress of construction work of roads, culverts and buildings,

the Collector gave necessary instructions for the operation of Anganwadi, health center and school in remote areas and to operate Anganwadi school health center regularly in remote areas like Tarrem, Galgam, Bechupal.

Under the Chief Minister's announcement, to complete the development works seriously, he asked to work on a large scale on projects, Narva, Garuwa, under Suraji Gram Yojana and work of solar pump and bore excavation in Gauthans under Gurwa and Bari. For the implementation of the Chief Minister's Suposhan Abhiyan, he di-

rected to work by establishing mutual coordination to eliminate anemia and malnutrition from the root level.

During the meeting, the Collector also took stock about Jal-Jeevan Mission, Anganwadi School, running water in hostel health centers, solar sujala, solar dual pump, other crop production in lieu of paddy, employment oriented works operated under MNREGA, base camp, ration shop and ration card etc. CEO District Panchayat Ravi Kumar Sahu, SDM Bijapur Dvesh Kumar Dhruv and other officials were present in the meeting.



Corporator urges to keep land safe

Anwari, Mar 05:

The corporator ward No. 12 of Nagar Panchayat Bhakhara submitted a memorandum to the Nayab Tehsildar Bhupesh Chandrakar to keep the reserved land in Haat-Bazar of Bhakhara safe and secured.

In the application it

was mentioned that in the land kept reserved in 'Haat-Bazar' of Nagar Panchayat Bhakhara, some people have encroached upon and a complaint in this regard was lodged earlier also, but till date no firm action has been taken by the Nagar Panchayat administration. Despite having place in the



Kept reserved for 'Haat-Bazar' earlier

heard of Nagar panchayat Bhakhara in 'Haat-bazar' the market is being opened in general street and this is causing lot of resentment among the residents from Bhakhara to

Bhateli. As per information in this regard, the Nagar Panchayat Bhakhara instead of keeping the proposed land area of 'haat-bazar' safe and taking firm action against the encroachers, they are dilly-delaying the same and leaving scope open for encroachment by others.

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Booked

Pune: Six women have been booked for allegedly thrashing the landlady of a girls' hostel and hurling a slipper at some paying guests for wearing shorts, Pune police said. The incident took place in Rakshak Nagar in Kharadi area. The accused and the complainant live in the same lane and the former would often pick quarrels with her over petty issues such as parking. The accused barged into the premises on the issue of PGs.

NSA

Indore: The stringent National Security Act has been invoked in Indore in Madhya Pradesh against a 60-year-old man who has been accused of regularly stalking and teasing minor girls, an official said. District Collector Manish Singh has invoked NSA on Harjeet Singh Chabra aka Chotiwalla, so called for his long hair, who is in jail presently for harassing a 10-year-old girl last month. Chabra has been committing such offences since 2008.

Accidental

Ferozepur: A Punjab Police sub-inspector deployed for the security of electronic voting machines here died after his weapon went off accidentally. Sub-Inspector Baldev Singh (55) was posted as the incharge of the third layer of security at a centre in Fazilka. He was on duty guarding electronic voting machines at the counting centre at Government Senior Secondary School (Girls) in Fazilka district.

Arrested

Srinagar: Security forces arrested three overground workers of terror outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba from Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian. Incriminating materials, including arms and ammunition, were recovered from their possession.

Ten percent tree cover at residential, commercial sites proposed

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

The Environment Ministry has proposed that at least one tree be planted in every 80 square metres of land to ensure residential and commercial construction sites have at least 10 per cent of their plot area under tree cover.

The ministry issued a draft notification on "Building Construction Environment Management Regulations, 2022" on February 28 seeking public suggestions and objections on the proposal within 60 days. The regulations will be applicable on projects in-



volving construction of new building projects and expansion, renovation or re-

metres. "A minimum of one tree for every 80 sqm. of land should be planted and maintained so as to ensure at least 10 per cent of plot area under tree cover. The existing trees will be counted for this purpose," the draft notification read.

It said the topsoil should be stripped only up to a maximum depth of 20 cm from the areas proposed for buildings, roads, paved areas, and external services. It should be stockpiled appropriately in designated areas and reapplied during plantation of the proposed vegetation on site.

'Need to think about setting up more medical colleges'

Jaipur, Mar 05 (PTI):

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Saturday said the Ukraine crisis has presented an opportunity to consider increasing the number of medical colleges and seats in the country.

The future of thousands of students forced to return to India due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine is now uncertain. In such a situation, a positive decision needs to be taken keeping in mind the future of these students, he said.

Gehlot suggested that the Centre should change the rules of the Medical Council of India so that



Ashok Gehlot

both government and private sectors can open more medical colleges.

The Ukraine crisis has given an opportunity to consider the possibility of the central and the state governments working together to significantly increase the number of medical colleges and medical seats in the country, he said.

More than one lakh people visit Kolkata Book Fair every day

Kolkata, Mar 05 (PTI):

An estimated 6 lakh people have visited the 45th International Kolkata Book Fair since February 28, a senior official of the Publishers and Book Sellers Guild said.

On an average more than one lakh visitors have turned up at the book fair at Central Park ground Salt Lake on all five days with over 1.75 lakh turning up on March 2, the day of Maha Shivratri, Guild President Sudangshu Sekhar Dey told PTI.

He said while 24 lakh visitors had come to the book fair in 2020, this year

the turnout was expected to cross 20 lakh figure.

"The pandemic deprived book lovers of attending the biggest book carnival of the world last year. This is obvious from their response this year," he said.

The book fair which was inaugurated on February 28 will continue till March 13.

Guild secretary Tridib Chatterjee said the organisers are asking people to put on masks though some people may not be listening to the order. "The guild is doing everything to sensitise the people about the still existing threat of the pandemic," he said.

WB Govt seeks report on air turbulence during CM's flight

Kolkata, Mar 05 (PTI):

The West Bengal government on Saturday sought a report from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's aircraft encountering mid-air turbulence while returning from Varanasi, a top bureaucrat said.

The state government also wanted to know from the DGCA whether the route taken by the plane in which the chief minister returned to the city from Varanasi on Friday evening had been granted prior permission, he said.

Banerjee was returning



from Uttar Pradesh after campaigning for the Samajwadi party.

When contacted, an official of the DGCA said that they have already started working on the report.

"We conduct investigations in all such cases and accord priorities where VVIPs are involved. We have already started working on preparing our report in this connection," he told PTI.

On Friday evening, the

AGAINST DELIMITATION



Police personnel detains members of the Indian Youth Congress (IYC) during their protest march over the Delimitation Report, in Jammu, Saturday.

BJD's Mayor candidates for Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur announced

Bhubaneswar, Mar 05 (PTI):

Ending all speculations, ruling Biju Janata Dal president and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday announced the names of the party's candidates for the Mayor post in three municipal corporations of Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Berhampur.

Sulochana Das will be the BJD's candidate for the Mayor post in Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), while for Cuttack Municipal Corporation it will be Subash Singh and Sanghamitra Dalei for the Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BeMC). The polling for the

state's three municipal corporations and 106 other Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are slated to be held on March 24 for which nomination filing process has started from March 2 and will continue till March 7.

While names of many prominent women were making rounds as the BJD candidate for the BMC mayor post, Patnaik finally picked up former journalist and State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Sulochana Das as the party candidate.

"I express my gratitude towards chief minister and BJD president for choosing me as the party's Mayor candidate.

Mumbai police chief seeks views on stopping towing of vehicles

Mumbai, Mar 05 (PTI):

Newly-appointed Mumbai police commissioner Sanjay Pandey has sought citizens' views on ending the practice of towing vehicles by traffic police.

Pandey added that this discussion doesn't anyway reflect the official position on the issue.

"Dear Mumbaiikars, I am overwhelmed with your response. As a first, we plan to stop towing vehicles. Experimental to start with and final if you comply. Let me know what you think," Pandey tweeted from his personal Twitter account.



Mumbai police towing a car from no-parking area.

Responding to his tweet, some citizens suggested that if traffic police in Mumbai do not allow any car to be parked on main roads, half of the illegal parking problems will end.

Another user suggested launching a dedicated

Twitter handle for traffic-related issues, saying the MTP App (Mumbai Traffic Police) is almost defunct.

"Give incentives for compliance with the law. Like parking discounts, privileges. Extra hour free coupons, etc. Assign

randomly. Like a contest in surprise zones. Will push people to adopt better behaviours", tweeted Gayatri, who identified herself as a poet and author.

Replying to her, Pandey said, "Thanks but we don't have any such monetised schemes. Max we can do is give them a pass for some social event. That too we will have to organise".

To this, she said tying up with the Mumbai civic body might help for getting parking slots.

A police official said that Pandey might have initiated the discussion on this issue as car own-

ers in Mumbai often face hassles over parking vehicles due to space crunch.

Many times, towing leads to altercations between car owners and Traffic police personnel.

In a bid to crack down on illegal parking in Mumbai, the civic body had started imposing a hefty fine of Rs 10,000 on cars parked within 500 meters of the public parking lot from 2019. This amount of penalty was revised later after criticism.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has been collecting a fine of more than Rs 2 lakh per day, the official added.

Celebrate the Essence of Womanhood!

On this International Women's Day, I am reminded of a beautiful quote by Diane Mariechild that says, "A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform." This quote aptly denotes the significant role and potential that a woman has in transforming the society. The international women's day reminds every woman that we need to celebrate the essence of womanhood and move ahead taking upon ourselves the great role of nurturing and developing our society. It is the day not only to celebrate the innumerable women achievers and many unsung women heroes with their enormous contribution to society, but also to encourage and revive women's hope that the future is safe and promising with equal rights, freedom and opportunity in every sphere to lead a dignified life.



their economic potential and corporate stature they possess. We witness a formidable change being brought about through women leadership and engagement.

The theme of the International Women's Day this year, "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow", highlights the urgency for the world to focus on gender equality in order to build a sustainable future for all. Over the decades efforts have been made but lots remains to be achieved when it comes to women safety, violence and discrimination. There is a need to ensure that every girl in the country gets equitable access to higher education, to research and development, as well as skill training in order to contribute immensely to the overall growth of our country. It is a high time for the nations of the world to come together and re-strengthen their efforts towards women empower-

ment, their rights and dignity.

Being a woman is a special calling with a God given purpose and potential to nurture and transform society. We have the power to change the world through the special traits and gifts of empathy, leadership, resilience, intuition, courage, persistence, multi-tasking and tremendous networking abilities that God has blessed us with. All that we need to do is to have the courage to break the glass ceiling and follow our dreams. Oprah Winfrey has wonderfully said, "The great courageous act that we must all do, is to have the courage to step out of our history and past so that we can live our dreams." I urge every woman to have faith in yourself, embrace your own individuality, believe in your own God-given abilities and accept your unique skills and talents and to use them optimally and fearlessly to contribute to the world around you. You are born to Win...Think Big...Dream Big...Achieve Big. Wishing you all a very Happy Women's Day!

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BRIEF

Stopped

Athens: Greece's coast guard said it has prevented five boats carrying more than 120 people in total from illegally entering Greek waters in the eastern Aegean Sea from Turkey.

Prison

London: Britain's first smart prison designed with smart technology and with no bars on windows opened as a project expected to drive down crime and more offenders into jobs.

Sentenced

Buenos Aires: An Argentine court sentenced a Roman Catholic bishop to 4 and half years in prison for abuse of two former seminarians in a major blow to Pope Francis, who had defended Gustavo Zanchetta following initial allegations.

Apologises

Abu Dhabi: A senior US diplomat apologised to thousands of Afghans stranded in the United Arab Emirates months after the fall of Kabul to the Taliban, promising to speed repatriation for some to America while acknowledging that authorities still do not know who some of them are.

Convicts

Stockholm: A 49 year old woman from Sweden was convicted of serious violation of international law and a war crime for not preventing her 12 year old son from being recruited as a child soldier on behalf of the Islamic State group in Syria.

China hikes defence budget by 7.1 percent to USD 230 billion

China will improve layout of defence technology and industry

Beijing, Mar 05 (PTD):

China on Saturday hiked its annual defence budget by 7.1 per cent to USD 230 billion from last year's USD 209 billion, three times that of India's military spending.



A Chinese stealth J-20 aircraft.

the country's parliament on Saturday. China's hike in defence spending comes amid the People's Liberation Army's growing incidents of muscle-flexing in the strategic Indo-Pacific region.

China's defence budget, which doesn't factor in the expenditure of much of its rapid modernisation of the navy, including the building of new aircraft carriers, air force and missile systems, is over three times that of India's defence budget of 5.25 lakh crore (about USD 70 billion) for 2022.

Besides the defence budget, China has a separate internal security budget which often surpasses the defence spending. China which continues to be the largest standing army despite downsizing its troops to two million from the earlier 2.3 million in 2017 is the second-biggest spender on defence after the US whose defence budget was over USD 600 billion.

Putin's Balkan narrative argument for Ukraine war

Belgrade, Mar 05 (AP):

Well before Russian tanks and troops rolled into Ukraine, Vladimir Putin was using the bloody breakup of Yugoslavia in the 1990s to ostensibly offer justification for the invasion of a sovereign European country.



A protest in support of Russia amid invasion of Ukraine, in Belgrade, Serbia.

appear to follow this line: If different ex-Yugoslav republics and the former Serbian province of Kosovo could become independent with Western backing and wars, why can't Ukraine's strategic Black Sea peninsula and the rebel-controlled, majority Russian areas in the east of the country split from their mother nations with Russian help?

With strong US support, ethnic Albanian dominated Kosovo seceded over Serbia's strong objections. Russia, a historic ally of the Serbs, argued then that this set a precedent that could trigger a series of statehood claims elsewhere in the world.

In July 2010, UN's highest court ruled that Kosovo's declaration of independence was legal but did not outright endorse Kosovo's claim to statehood. There are many differences between the Russian attack on Ukraine, seen in the West as one of the darkest moments for Europe since World War II, and the wars in the Balkans that left more than 120,000 people dead and millions homeless.

No room in GOP for apologists of Putin: Pence hits Trump

Washington, Mar 05 (AP):

Former Vice President Mike Pence will urge Republicans to move on from the 2020 election, declaring there is no room in this party for apologists for Putin as he further cements his break from former President Donald Trump.

Pence, in a speech to the party's top donors in New Orleans, will take on those in his party who have failed to forcefully condemn Russian President Vladimir Putin for his unprovoked invasion of Ukraine.

Where would Russian tanks be today if NATO

had not expanded the borders of freedom? There is no room in this party for apologists for Putin, Pence will say, according to excerpts from the speech.

There is only room for champions of freedom. Pence does not directly reference the former president in excerpts shared ahead of his remarks.

But Trump has repeatedly used language that has been criticized as deferential to Putin, including calling the Russian leader smart while insisting the attack never would have happened on his watch. Pence will also continue to push back on Trump's lies about the 2020 election

as he lays the groundwork for a possible 2024 presidential run.

Trump, who has been teasing his own comeback bid that could potentially put the two in direct competition, has continued to falsely insist that Pence had the power to overturn the 2020 election, which he did not.

Elections are about the future," Pence will say. "My fellow Republicans, we can only win if we are united around an optimistic vision for the future based on our highest values. We cannot win by fighting yesterday's battles, or by relitigating the past.

Pakistan vows to arrest masterminds of IS mosque attack

Peshawar, Mar 05 (AP):

Officials vowed Saturday to hunt down and arrest the masterminds behind a deadly mosque attack in Pakistan a day earlier claimed by an Islamic State affiliate. The assault killed 57 people and wounded nearly 200. IS said in a statement

the lone suicide bomber was from neighbouring Afghanistan. He shot two police guarding the Shiite Muslim mosque in northwest Peshawar before entering inside and exploding his device, it said.

The attack took place as worshippers knelt in Friday prayer. The IS affiliate, known as IS in Khorasan Province, is headquartered in eastern Afghanistan. The Taliban rulers in Afghanistan, who have been fighting IS, condemned the attack. IS has proven to be the Taliban's greatest security threat since sweeping into power last August. We condemn the bombing of a mosque in Peshawar, Pakistan. There is no justification for attacking civilians and worshippers," Taliban Deputy Minister for Culture and Information Zabihullah Mujahid tweeted. He refused to comment on the IS claim that the suicide bomber was Afghan. Late into Friday night and early Saturday, Pakistanis buried their dead amid heavy security, with sniffer dogs deployed. Police carried out body searches of mourners who were then searched a second time by security provided by Pakistan's Shiite community.

In Sri Lanka's interest that expectations of Tamils fulfilled: India

Geneva, Mar 05 (PTD):

India has told the UN that it is in Sri Lanka's own interest that expectations of Tamils for equality, justice, peace and dignity within a united country are fulfilled, underlining that as a friend and immediate neighbour, New Delhi has consistently called upon Colombo to fulfill its commitments on protecting the interests of the Tamils.

India believes that it is in Sri Lanka's own interest that the expectations of Tamils in Sri Lanka for equality, justice, peace and dignity, within a united Sri Lanka, are fulfilled. This applies equally to the commitments made by the Sri Lankan Government on meaningful devolution, including through the 13th Amendment to the Sri Lankan constitution, he said.



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India has insisted that it would want Sri Lanka to pursue the 13th Amendment, also known as 13A, as the tool to address the concerns of the Tamils on devolution of power. The amendment is aimed at creating provincial councils in Sri Lanka and enable Sinhalese and Tamil as national languages while preserving English as the link language. The amendment brought in elected councils to each of Sri Lanka's nine provinces with a temporary merger of the north and eastern provinces which the LTTE, who led a bloody separatist campaign, called the Tamil heartland. Pandey said that the Indian delegation has taken note of the engagement by the government of Sri Lanka with the members of the international community and other relevant organisations on various aspects of the human rights situation and reconciliation issues in Sri Lanka. We would like such engagements and productive and purposeful dialogue to continue among the relevant stakeholders, he said. Pandey said the report raises important concerns on promoting, reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka. We call upon Sri Lanka to take the necessary steps to address the legitimate aspirations of the Tamil community, including by carrying forward the process of reconciliation and the implementation of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of Sri Lanka, to ensure that the fundamental freedoms and human rights of all its citizens are fully protected, he said.



Taliban Interior Minister Sirajuddin Haqqani reviews new Afghan police recruits at graduation ceremony at the police academy in Kabul on Saturday.

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Push for 'Atmanirbharta'

US President Joe Biden has announced his administration finalized a new Buy American rule aimed at helping to boost US domestic manufacturing, an increasingly important effort as the country strives to compete with China and create more resilient domestic supply chains. The Buy American rule change, which was first announced in July 2021, will require any goods purchased with taxpayer money to contain 75 percent US made content, up from the current 55 percent requirement. Manufacturing self-reliance is a key strategic capability. Dependence on China has dented prestige of US as decision push for US 'Atmanirbharta' by Joe Biden shows. Amid ongoing geopolitical tensions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that 'Make in India' was the need of the hour, and called upon India Inc to make efforts to reduce the import of goods that can be manufactured in the country. 'Atmanirbharta (self-reliance) is all the more important if we see from the prism of national security,' Modi said, speaking at a post-Budget webinar on 'Make in India'. He said manufacturers should move with a sense of removing dependencies on foreign sources in sectors such as semiconductors and electric vehicles. Similarly, there is a need to be focussed on indigenous manufacturing in areas such as steel and medical equipment. Encouraging industry leaders to boost defence manufacturing within the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that only if the country develops its own weapons, it can maintain uniqueness which is important for the nation's security. He urged them to view it as an 'act of patriotism' and 'service to the nation' and think about making the country stronger, and then about profits. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has called on industry to support domestic manufacturing and aim to boost India's share in global trade to 10 per cent and raise the share of exports in the GDP to 25 percent. As India progresses on its journey towards attaining 'Atmanirbharta' or self-reliance, it is the perfect time to rethink the country's manufacturing strategy. A robust manufacturing sector can act as a strong lever for economic advancement in these times. To build a self-sufficient manufacturing operation locally, we need to accelerate the pace of indigenisation by taking a quantum leap in the way it is approached to reach the aspired scale. With a calibrated approach, India's manufacturing sector can leapfrog traditional phases of development and achieve the country's self-reliance ambitions. According to data published by the United Nations Statistics Division, China accounted for 28.7 percent of global manufacturing output. That puts the country more than 10 percentage points ahead of the United States, which used to have the world's largest manufacturing sector until China overtook it in 2010. China needs Russia's resources of oil, wheat, and minerals. They know that they can be cut off from most other sources, but because of geography, and because Russia needs China, Russia is a safe supplier. In turn, China can let Russia into their SWIFT equivalent, finance them, and sell that almost every manufactured good they need, with a few exceptions. For almost 30 years now, globalisation has been the lynchpin of the New World Order. The top US companies slashed costs by moving to China where they could hire armies of low-cost workers. It sends a message to corporations that investing in foreign locales could be dangerous. For a long time now, global corporations and even smaller companies had made their blueprints for the future on the premise the world was their oyster. Now, manufacturing self-reliance has become a strategic security issue for countries. Desperate times require desperate measures including protectionism.

Shane Warne personified grit

With demise of Shane Warne, an era of cricket has ended. World cricket may not have produced another example of a charismatic cricketer who was as flawed as he was a genius at his art. Shane Warne wasn't just about the wickets, he was about setting up batsmen and asking them questions that seemingly felt out of the willowers' syllabus. He was temperamental, he showed his frustrations, smiled at batsmen and even got sullied in the process of sullying them but never gave up without a fight. Many believe Warne was the one who brought back the 'legacy' of leg-spin into international cricket. So, Warne can't be undermined despite some character flaws his career produced. What about cricket being about a man getting ready to bowl, half a lip tucked upright with the ferociously powerful hands twirling around the seam; as if the idea of approaching the crease was to merely run down a batsman? Warne would plot the downfall of batsmen in his mind first, only later would their defences be breached and their timber shattered. For some, it could be argued, seeing Shane Warne bowling was cricket presenting a live wire of a show. With Shane Warne bowling, it was about witnessing an unrelenting saga wherein it wasn't always that the bat had the final call. It would often lead to a thundering triumph of the ball, etched with a great dexterity of the fingers. He thumped Cullinan, outfoxed Flintoff, smashed Kallis and challenged Dravid. Warne also foxed Lara, often got the better of Tendulkar and interestingly, even got punched by both and was sent for plenty of runs, after which he would re-group with the fighter within him and come back and bowl at the greats of the modern era with an unflinching enthusiasm. Shane Warne personified grit, as also the triumph of perseverance. This was a saga that was championed by daring and guile. Like Muttiah Muralitharan and Sachin Tendulkar, Warne is an act apart. His peaks were more or less certain to survive every attempt to scale them. The same can be said of only four other cricketers, Don Bradman (batting average), Jack Hobbs (first-class runs and centuries), Jim Laker (wickets in a match) and Wilfred Rhodes (first-class wickets). Unlike the other members of cricket's modern holy trinity, let alone that unsurpassable quartet, Warne's troughs have been deep and conspicuous. Shane Warne will be missed.

ELECTRIC AIRCRAFT PREPARED



Aircraft engineers prepare Eviation Alice experimental electric aircraft for a taxi test in Arlington, Washington, US.

Battery storage to play key role in India's race to climate goals

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India's historic transition to clean energy is upon us and the momentum driving the country forward to its climate goals is accelerating. Recent events show the nation is taking huge steps in its transformative shift: from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic commitment at COP26 to achieve 500 GW of non-fossil fuel installed electricity capacity by 2030 to the greenest budget a month ago and, more recently, the first phase of a Green Hydrogen policy. The energy future is exciting but to reach it will require a strenuous and continuous multi-stakeholder effort including by renewable energy companies, policymakers, investors, the public sector, and financial institutions. The Centre has rightly identified energy storage as a distinct and crucial link in the energy value chain. This is key as India will be looking at increasing renewable energy (RE) generation from the current 12-13 percent to over a third of total generation to meet its climate goals. This is an unprecedented 300 GW addition of renewables in less than nine years. Renewable energy depends on nature and on its vagaries and sudden changes. Therefore, to integrate this colossal amount of RE in a cost-effective, rapid and stable manner, we urgently need the unique capabilities of flexible storage systems to absorb, store and then reinject electricity as per the grid's requirements. The International Energy Agency (IEA) in its India Energy Outlook 2021 noted: 'India has a higher requirement for

flexibility in its power system operation than almost any other country in the world.' It further stated: 'Battery storage is particularly well suited to the short-run flexibility that India needs to align its solar-led generation peak in the middle of the day with the country's early evening peak in demand.' Over the past 10 years, India's renewable journey tells a very impressive tale. Looking at just solar alone, it soared from a mere 35 MW in 2011 to 35,000 MW in 2021. While industry played its part, smart, responsive and adaptive policymaking over the past decade deserves much credit. The battery storage sector looks for more of the same as RE becomes a critical part of the national grid. India, with one of the world's largest synchronized grids is witnessing increasing variable generation and ever-changing demand patterns and will face significant challenges in grid balancing. These imbalances in demand and supply come at both seasonal and daily level. While seasonal demands are best catered to by market forces, daily variations have to be addressed by battery storage. Across the globe, battery is fast emerging as a 'jack-of-all trades' solution and becoming integral to grid management, as well as for planning by system operators/distribution utilities at various nodes of power sector: distribution, transmission and generation. Indian battery storage demand will see significant opportunities coming from electrified mobility, as well as from stationary storage requirements. As per NITI Aayog, India's battery storage market is expected to reach more than 1000 GWh by 2030, translating to a cumulative market size of USD 250 billion from extremely negligible today. Out of the 1000 GWh, power sector demand alone is expected to be close to 150GWh, translating into USD 60 billion of capital investment in projects. For the total 1000 GWh capacity deployment, we will need a manufacturing investment of around USD 16.5 billion over the next five-to-six years.

This will translate into a capacity of around 150 GWh per annum, creating thousands of jobs in manufacturing and construction. The global capacity to manufacture battery storage grew sevenfold in the past decade. China holds 78% with much smaller shares with Japan and Korea. Europe is also fast emerging as a key investment destination for battery manufacturing. As India ramps up its unprecedented RE expansion in a race to net zero, battery storage will be a critical catalyst. To attract investment and promote an enabling ecosystem, it is essential that battery storage projects generate enough revenue to make the investments viable. World over, such projects are designed so as to capture multiple revenue streams like frequency management services, arbitrage from market operations, and controlling the variability of RE generation from the same asset. Energy storage is a non-generating asset and any initial investment to reduce its cost will improve its viability. While cell manufacturing and, subsequently, refining of raw materials for use in batteries have been largely addressed through the PLI scheme, the key challenge will be to have a grip on the raw material availability such as lithium, nickel, and cobalt in India. The effective use of storage lies not just with generation projects but at all levels of the power ecosystem, including transmission and distribution. Wherever battery storage is deployed, the key lies in using the full value stack of applications for maximum asset utilization. It is, therefore, critical that the right policies are formulated towards developing multiple application cases for energy storage and creating participatory markets for them. Just like the Centre presciently helped build a strong demand pipeline initially for RE generation through concessions or exemptions on custom duties and excise for capital equipment, something similar should be considered for battery storage. The government could consider a sourcing strategy for

critical minerals, which are used in manufacturing batteries. These could be in the form of strategic partnerships with countries like Australia. Another important aspect to consider is creating an ecosystem that enables the development of alternate storage technologies such as flow batteries, sodium ion, sodium sulphur, and compressed air energy systems. This is key as all these technologies use minerals like sodium, sulphur, vanadium, steel, and iron that are abundantly available in India. Moreover, this also negates the necessity, to a large extent, of emission-intensive sourcing. Storage technologies like sodium ion is used for short-to-mid duration storage while costing less than lithium in technology. For its part, sodium sulphur battery typically addresses the longer four-to-six hours energy peak shifting. And, compressed energy storage tackles the longer duration storage needs longer than six hours that is required for critical industries and can replace polluting large diesel backups. It is clear that battery storage is critical in India's shift to renewables. Against this context, policy makers need to continue with their inspiring run of policymaking as they have done with wind and solar over the years and, more recently, with the budget and green hydrogen. They need to assess what will ensure the stability of the grid when renewables make up a huge slice of the power pie. There are a number of options from flexibility to deciding use cases later to clear fiscal benefits, such as reduction of taxes and duties, as well as the creation of a local manufacturing eco-system. As it develops the battery eco-system, the government and industry should also be cognizant of adopting a sustainable approach. An all-stakeholder, all-in effort is required to ensure that battery storage plays its critical role in India's energy transition and decarbonization journey. (Sumant Sinha is Chairman and CEO of ReNew Power and President designate of ASSOCHAM.)

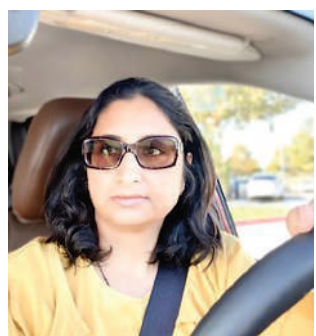
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Struggle

When it comes to the word 'struggle', we always imagine a picture of how someone is dealing with his financial issues how someone overcomes a serious disease or how someone reaches a goal from the zero point etc. We always discuss the seen things. But do we ever think about the mental or emotional struggle that a person carries silently? Mostly, no. A person can be financially stable and physically fit, but still, he or she can be fighting with their trauma, anxiety, disorder etc. A person may be struggling hard to overcome the war inside him. The outcry, the anguish always reverberates in silence. The increasing cases of suicide turn into a horrible issue nowadays. Condemning a person who commits suicide doesn't solve the problem, rather people must find out why these cases are increasing. The major factor behind suicide is people cannot open up themselves or they don't find a safe environment to vent out their suffocation. The constant conflict inside someone results in the inability to adapt or to adjust to circumstances and it creates a permanent and major problem in one's mind. People lose control over their own life. There are many psychological victims and passive sufferers around us who are carrying giant volcanoes inside. If observed minutely, we'll see they fail to express their suppressed thoughts properly and later on get lost in the emotional baggage they carry in their lifetime. As easy as it is to talk about physical illness, it is not so easy to talk about our mental health in our society. Going to a psychiatrist is still a focus of rumours for many people in our society. When asked if we are well, even at the time of suffering from mental trauma or stress, we simply say "I am fine". After absorbing pain, disturbance, anxiety, pressure, a person starts losing mental balance at a time. The instability gradually turns into illness and people lose their balance when they get several mental injuries. In our simple language, they become 'insane'. It's so painful to see them still being mocked and rumoured by some of us in society. In a complex social matrix, the emotional or mental condition of a human being is now tragic and frustrated behind the mask. Sometimes it is absurd. The mental struggle should be brought out to light for a healthy life. Society should be supportive and normal if someone is fighting with any trauma, conflict or disorder. People need a wide environment to unlock their inner self as well as the help of mental health specialists. Maman, via email

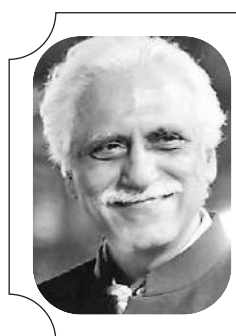


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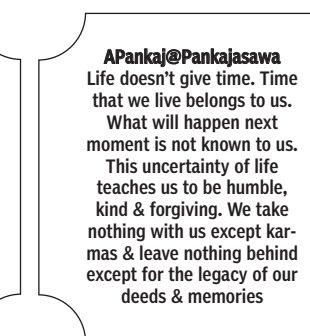


Sunanda@sunandavashisht
Surreal morning as I found myself explaining to bunch of kids born in 2009 that Berlin Wall was a physical/ concrete wall that divided Germany. They didn't know there were two Germanys & didn't understand iron curtain'. Peace in Western Hemisphere had begun to be taken for granted

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Warne did so much on the cricket field. So many wickets, so many great spells... but the allure was not so much in the achievement as in the possibility. What could he do now? What all was possible? You waited for the genius to manifest. You knew it wouldn't take long



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Warne was arguably the greatest spin bowler in the history of cricket. A wizard with his skills and a brilliant thinker, he bowled to take wickets, preying on the technique and minds of batsmen. His battles with Sachin Tendulkar is the stuff of cricket lore.



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Life doesn't give time. Time that we live belongs to us. What will happen next moment is not known to us. This uncertainty of life teaches us to be humble, kind & forgiving. We take nothing with us except karmas & leave nothing behind except for the legacy of our deeds & memories



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Without a sound conviction in one's investments the ability to hold for long term gains is impaired. Sound conviction comes only after thorough research in the companies one is investing. There is no alternative but to learn basics of investing & do research to be a good investor

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I love our apartment, but syncing with our upstairs neighbour every night in an electric toothbrush harmony and hearing my other neighbour snoring at the end of his nap, while I'm doing yoga... feeling more and more like wanting to live in a cabin in the woods

BRIEF

Opens

New Delhi: Reliance Industries has announced the opening of India's largest convention centre at Jio World Centre in Mumbai. The convention centre has three exhibition halls spanning over an area of more than 1.61 lakh square feet and two convention halls of 1.07 lakh square feet. The convention centre has "hybrid and digital experiences enabled by 5G network", Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) said. RIL also dedicated Dhirubhai Ambani Square and 'Fountain of Joy' to the city of Mumbai at the Jio World Convention Centre. "Jio World Centre is a tribute to our glorious nation and a reflection of the aspirations of New India."

Acquires

New Delhi: Emami Ltd on Saturday said it has acquired 19 per cent equity stake in direct-to-consumer (D2C) nutrition firm Tru Native F&B Pvt Ltd. Tru Native F&B markets nutrition products under the brand TruNativ, targeted at health and fitness enthusiasts. Emami did not reveal financial details of the deal. Commenting on the acquisition, Emami Ltd Director Harsha V Agarwal said, "With health and wellness being the buzzword for consumers today, we see tremendous potential in the nutrition segment. 'TruNativ' product offerings are very unique as they are based on real consumer habits and issues."

Trials

Mumbai: Skye Air Mobility has started its 10-day trial of deliveries through drones in Noida, Greater Noida and Meerut for diagnostic sample collection as part of its partnership with Redcliffe Labs. On the first day of the trials at Noida, six flights were operated for sample collection, the drone delivery services provider said. Over the next 10 days, Skye Air will conduct BVLoS (Beyond Visual Line of Sight) trials in similar corridors before the commercial roll-out of the service in several semi-urban and remote locations in India, the company said.

Infuse

New Delhi: Promoter Vodafone plans to infuse up to Rs 3,375 crore into debt-ridden Vodafone Idea Ltd as part of the company's proposed raising of funds worth Rs 14,200 crore. Besides Vodafone, Aditya Birla Group plans to pump in up to Rs 1,125 crore, according to a regulatory filing. The telecom operator will seek shareholders' approval for raising up to Rs 14,500 crore as well as increase its authorised share capital to Rs 75,000 crore at its Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to be held on March 26. The board of Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) has already approved the fund raising plan, which includes Rs 4,500 crore coming in from Aditya Birla Group and Vodafone, while the remaining amount of Rs 10,000 crore would be mopped up by way of equity or debt instruments.

India looking for mass EV tech to build in India

Washington, Mar 05 (PTI):

India is looking for an electricity-based technology for mass rapid transportation that is cost effective and such as can be made in the country, Union minister Nitin Gadkari has said. The ministry plans to undertake the development of ropeways as an alternate transport solution in the hill and congested, urban areas.

Rope ways, cable car and particularly I'm very much clearly interested to work on the technology of light rail transport, Gadkari, the Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, said addressing a US audience here.

Some of the US companies have also approached him with the technology,



he said in his address on Rebuilding Infrastructure for India 2.0, a part of Reimagining India 2.0 series'.

The series of dialogues a part of Silicon Valley monthly Dialogue (SVD) - has been launched by the Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS) on the occasion of India-at-75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

We are in search of the technology, which can be cost-effective and which we can make it in India for mass rapid transport (sys-

tem) on electricity, Gadkari said as he briefed Indian-Americans from Silicon Valley on the steps India is taking to bolster its physical infrastructure, in particular the transportation system.

The government, he said, is planning 11 ropeway projects to boost connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Sikkim.

Port connectivity projects are being implemented to enable swift movement of cargo connecting

all ports and inland water waste minerals to increase the efficiency of domestic and international trade routes, he said.

As many as 65 projects with a length of 2,050 kilometers are planned for port connectivity which are in various stages of development, he said.

He said India is also developing 29 emergency landing facilities for fighter planes on national highways. They are of strategic importance from a defence perspective. Gadkari urged US companies to come and invest in India.

Technocrats like you can participate in the drive to develop the best system for India, he said, adding that India is allowing 100 per cent FDI in the road sector and there are huge opportunities for joint ventures.

Joint study on India-Bangladesh trade pact to be finalised soon

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

India and Bangladesh will soon finalise a joint study on the prospects of entering into a bilateral free trade agreement, which aims at further strengthening economic ties between the countries, the commerce ministry said on Saturday.

The issue was discussed during a meeting between Commerce Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam and Bangladesh's Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Tapan Kanti Ghosh on March 4.

Both sides held extensive discussions on a variety of issues including the development of railway infrastructure, joint study on Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement



(CEPA), Border Haats, regional connectivity through multi-modal transportation, harmonisation of standards, mutual recognition agreement.

"CEPA study to be finalised at the earliest," the ministry said.

CEPA is a kind of comprehensive free trade pact under which two trading partners significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them. They also liberalise norms to facilitate trade in services and boost investments. Bangladesh is the sixth largest trade part-

ner of India. To facilitate bilateral trade between India and Bangladesh, several steps are underway including approval of a Detailed Project Proposal for developing container handling facility at Sirajganj Bazar.

Other steps include construction of a new 900 meter siding line at Benapole for running freight trains between India-Bangladesh; completion of construction of a loading and unloading platform at Darshana for allowing import of all commodities from India by rail, it said. Besides, there was a consensus over the use of returning empty railway wagons/containers by Bangladesh as this would reduce overall logistics cost of India's exports to Bangladesh.

Amway intensifies its fight against childhood malnutrition in India

Mumbai, Mar 05:

Around the world, Amway has been taking on the issue of malnutrition, helping thousands of children live better, healthier lives. In India, Amway is fighting childhood malnutrition through its globally renowned nutrition program - Power of 5, helping children under the age of six to lead a healthy life. Stepping up its efforts in nutrition education and intervention, the company has announced the launch of an innovative micronutrient supplement - Nutrilite Little Bits - providing daily essential vitamins and minerals to help manage micronutrient deficiency such as anemia.

Over the years, malnutrition has become a silent pandemic across geogra-

phies, which is now accelerated by the current health scenario. Talking about Amway's efforts in fighting malnutrition, especially among small children, Amway India CEO, Anshu Budhraj, said, "We believe in going beyond the traditional ways of doing business. In line with this thought and aligning with the Government of India's National Nutrition Mission, we initiated a nutrition education program, Power of 5 in 2018 that has so far benefitted over 130000 underprivileged people including 36000 children in India. Further, leveraging our expertise in the nutrition and wellness space, we have combined our products, resources, and operations with our values, to develop Nutrilite Little Bits.

Industry assures Govt of smooth cooking oil supplies

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

The edible oil industry has assured the government that it will ensure smooth supply of sunflower and other cooking oils for the next two months, amid concerns over possible disruption in supplies due to the Russia-Ukraine war, sources said. India imports a large quantity of sunflower oil from Ukraine.

A meeting chaired by Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal, reviewed the supply situation of cooking oils, including sunflower oil. According to the sources, the industry also informed the ministry about a de-



clining trend in edible oil prices in the last two days. Retail prices of mustard oil could further cool down on arrival of the new mustard crop, they added.

The meeting was attended by Solvent Extractors Association (SEA) President Atul Chaturvedi, Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA) Secretary General S P Kamrah and representa-

tives of leading refiners and importers, including Adani Wilmar, Ruchi Soya and Modi Naturals.

"During the meeting, the industry informed the minister that there is no shortage of sunflower oil. For March delivery, the first shipment of 1.5 lakh tonnes of sunflower oil had left Ukraine before the war itself and is expected to arrive soon," one of the sources said.

Out of the 18 lakh tonnes of edible oil consumption in a month in India, the share of sunflower oil is about 1.5-2 lakh tonnes. Only about 1 lakh tonnes of sunflower oil is required to meet the demand of hardcore consumers.

GSI DG calls for making India self-reliant in minerals

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

Geological Survey of India Director-General Rajendra Singh Garkhal has called for young officers to make use of the modern technologies for carrying out explorations and other geo-scientific activities and work tirelessly to make the nation self-reliant in the mineral sector.

Garkhal underlined the strides made by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) during the past 172 years and stressed the need to sustain the same through various initiatives that the organisation has taken up under its missions.

He pointed out that GSI has been instrumental in identifying mineral blocks and augmenting vast mineral resources of the nation, the mines ministry said in a statement.

Garkhal highlighted that GSI recently handed over more than 150 G2 and G3



Geological Survey of India (GSI) celebrates its 172nd foundation day.

mineral blocks as well as 152 G4 mineral blocks to various state governments for auctioning. GSI, the country's premier geological organisation, celebrated its 172nd Foundation Day across all the offices with great enthusiasm. The main function was held at the Central Headquarters of GSI, Kolkata, where Garkhal inaugurated the celebrations. The organisation was set up in 1851 pri-

marily to find coal deposits for the Railways. Over the years, GSI has not only grown into a repository of geo-science information required in various fields in the country but has also attained the status of a geo-scientific organisation of international repute. Its main functions relate to creating and updating national geo-scientific information and mineral resource assessment.

Need new biz model for coal gasification in India

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

A suitable business model will ensure both public and private sectors' participation in setting up of coal gasification plants in the country, a senior government official said.

Addressing a webinar organised by the coal ministry, Coal Secretary Anil Kumar Jain stressed on a suitable business model so that not only public sector but private sector also takes role in setting up of coal gasification plants.

NITI Aayog member VK Saraswat, who was also one of the speakers at the webinar, emphasised on setting up of demonstration plants to scale up indigenous technology and introduction of a PLI (production-linked incentive) scheme for setting up coal gasification plants.

Saraswat also suggested rationalisation of pricing



of coal for gasification on the parameters such as taxation, state cess, transportation and handling charges and acceleration on the projects planned by Coal India Limited and subsidiaries preferably through EPC approach for production of chemicals and fuels, the coal ministry said in a statement.

"Four gasification projects will help in framing

up technical and financial viability of coal gasification." Prime Minister Narendra Modi said while inaugurating the webinar on Energy for Sustainable Growth here.

Coal gasification was one of the six topics that were deliberated in six concurrent sessions. This was the ninth webinar in the series of post-budget webinars addressed by the

prime minister.

During the session, highlights of both the existing plant of JSPL and an under-construction plant of TFL were shared by VR Sharma, Managing Director, Jindal Steel and Power Ltd and SN Yadav, Managing Director, Talcher Fertilizer Ltd (TFL). Further, Yadav pointed out key enablers of coal gasification such as development of indigenous technology, formulation of policy for consistent quality and uninterrupted supply of coal and challenges face by TFL.

The session was attended by more than 100 experts. Further, R&D of Thermax plant and BHEL plant were shared. CIL Chairman also expressed his readiness to join hands with BHEL in the development of indigenous coal gasification plants to produce ammonium nitrate.

DPIIT extends scheme for footwear, leather sector until FY-26

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has notified continuation of a central sector scheme - Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme (IFLDP) - with an approved expenditure of Rs 1,700 crore till March 31, 2026.

The department will also constitute an empowered committee, a steering committee and an advisory committee to ensure effective implementation of the sub-schemes under IFLDP, according to a notification by the department.

IFLDP aims at encouraging development of infrastructure for the



leather and footwear sector, addressing environment concerns specific to the leather and footwear sector, facilitating additional investments, employment generation and increase in production.

The six sub-schemes that would be implemented under IFLDP are - Sustainable Technology and Environmental Promotion (STEP); Integrated Development of Leather Sector (IDLS); Mega Leather, Footwear and Accessories Cluster Development (MLFACD);

Establishment of Institutional Facilities; Brand Promotion of Indian Brands in Leather and Footwear Sector; and Development of Design Studios.

The ten-member empowered committee will be chaired by DPIIT secretary. It would also consist of representatives from NITI Aayog, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Department of Commerce, Ministry of MSME, and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

The committee will monitor the implementation of Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme, it said.

Number of women fund managers marginally rise

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

The number of women fund managers have increased marginally even though they account for only 8 per cent of the total number of fund managers in country's asset management industry, a report by Morningstar showed. Of the 399 fund managers, the number of women fund managers stood at 32 or 8 per cent. The number of such female fund managers was 30 last year. Interestingly, the total number of fund managers saw a healthy increase this year, up from 376 managers seen last year. Women fund managers handled assets to the tune of Rs 4.55 lakh crore, which is 12 per cent of the total mutual fund assets of Rs 38 lakh crore. Last year, this number was 13.5 per cent.

BSE joins hands with M-TIPB to promote listing of MSMEs

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

Stock exchange BSE on Saturday announced its collaboration with the MSME Trade and Investment Promotion Bureau (M-TIPB), Government of Tamil Nadu, for promoting awareness among micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) of the state about the benefits of listing.

Through this association, M-TIPB will provide support in mobilising the SME representatives through district industries centres and will also help in mobilising state or regional associations to encourage their SME members to attend capacity



building programmes, the exchange said in a statement.

While, the BSE will provide the capacity building and soft support to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Tamil Nadu for fulfilling listing requirements.

Further, the BSE will also provide all intellectual and manpower support to create awareness among SMEs across Tamil Nadu, about benefits of listing.

"Through M-TIPB's deep reach and network, we aim to further increase awareness amongst MSMEs about the benefits of listing. The BSE will also appoint a nodal person as single point contact in Tamil Nadu for providing end-to-end solution and facilitating SMEs with respect to registration/listing on the platform," Ajay Thakur, head (BSE SME and Start-up), said.

Sakthivel S, general manager of M-TIPB, said the BSE has played a prominent role in developing the Indian capital markets. Tamil Nadu SMEs will get opportunity to raise funds through IPOs by listing in the BSE SME platform.

&TV artists cite their all-time favourite fairy tales

Fairy tales play a significant role in our childhood as a mode of infotainment. Such magical stories entertain, enhance imagination, and strengthen learning abilities for a growing child. National Tell a Fairy Tale Day is celebrated every year on February 26 to encourage everyone to read, tell, and listen to fairy tales worldwide. To celebrate this day, &TV artists - Shivya Pathania (Devi Parvati, Baal Shiv), Akansha Sharma (Sakina Mirza, Aur Bhai Kya Chal Raha

Hai?), Kamna Pathak (Rajesh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan) and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai) cite their all-time favourite fairy tales.

Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi) from &TV's Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai shares, "Fairy Tales are valuable stories for childhood. These stories are more than just happily ever after and taught us many virtues and things. Cinderella is my all-time favourite fairy tale, and interestingly it is my daughter's favourite too. It is our go-to fairy tale whenever we spend our mother-daughter time. I would wear a blue dress as a kid and act just like princess Cinderella. And I always looked around for my glass slippers but unfortunately never found them! (Laughs).



Having ruled the silver screen for long, Madhuri Dixit Nene recently made her debut on digital with the web series 'The Fame Game'. The series, a family thriller, sees the actress Madhuri essaying the role of a superstar Anamika Anand, who suddenly goes missing one day. As the narrative progresses forward, many dark secrets of the family are unearthed along its course thereby setting up an imagery that derives strengths from grey shades.

Madhuri and show creator-showrunner, Sri Rao spoke about the actress's digital debut, what went behind putting together the series, the lead character and the universe of 'The Fame Game'. The lead character is a broken soul and a lot of it comes from the people she loves or who are close to her. Revealing her process of extracting pain from the emotion of love, Madhuri says, "We see so many ups and downs in our lives, we see our loved ones leaving us."

"I think extracting pain from that is easy. A lot of artists and poets have transformed their pain into art. Since we feel it very often it is not so hard to portray it on-screen."

The series alternates between cool and warm shades of colours with regards to the past and present events. Explaining his approach to designing the series' look and feel, Sri Rao says, "It could be a bit tricky to follow the story but we wanted to make it very easy for people to understand and follow and we did it successfully by using different colour tones for different timelines. "The past timeline is very warm in colour and very comforting that embodies who she is as a character and the present timeline where she is not there encompasses a very cold feeling." He further sets the demarcation between the two timelines, "It's a subtle difference that some people might not even pick up on but it is something that will register in their minds subconsciously. We worked on this with the help of our brilliant cinematographer Manoj and equally brilliant production design team and also on the level of costume design." Ask him if he was in anyway inspired from Christopher Nolan's neo-noir mystery thriller 'Memento' and pat comes the reply, "I love 'Memento' as a film and I saw it in the theatre the day it came out but we weren't directly influenced by that film or any other film. It was more about the story as we wanted to guide the spectators on where the story is leading to."

Madhuri has reunited with her 90s co-actor Sanjay Kapoor for the show after a gap of more than 20 years. Sharing her feelings on working with the actor again, she says, "I've worked with Sanjay long back in 'Raja' and 'Mohabbat'. At that time I was a star and he was just a newcomer who did 2 or 3 films. When we met again and when we started shooting for 'The Fame Game', I realized what a fine actor he has turned into."

Madhuri: I've binged watched and loved 'The Queen's Gambit'

'Our show is a very unique ensemble of characters'

Actress Hima Singh, who played the character of Kanak in Sony Sab TV's serial 'Sab Satrangi', was earlier more associated with films and OTT platforms, although Hima also worked in Is. Talking about her character, Hima said that when this project came, I found its story very interesting. It was not like any other TV serial. The writing of this show was excellent as well as the script and characters of the serial really excited me a lot. That's why I said 'yes' to this project.



Excerpts from interview:
1. What intrigued you towards that show - that one USP that you saw, and you're like, No, I am going to do this show.

It was the character that was the biggest pull. Sab Satrangi is a story of not just one person, it's about the entire family and the relationship shared between them. This is indefinitely different from regular drama that we see, and that really interested me. It's not going to be slapstick, it will be a nice, situational comedy. Personally, I have a thing for these kinds of shows, so altogether, this project really intrigued me and I'm thrilled to be a part of it.

2. Say something about your character:

Kanak is the Maurya

family is matriarchal, Daadi and Kanak are the two women who keep the family together.

Arranged Marriage For Prabhas?

Telugu cinema's biggest superstar Prabhas, who will be seen in his new film Radhe Shyam next week, is all set to tie the knot.



It will be an arranged marriage. Rumours linking Prabhas with his co-star Anushka Shetty have been doing the rounds in Hyderabad for some years now.

But a star-wife who knows Prabhas well says he is all set for an arranged marriage, "Prabhas would never go against his family's wishes. He is a complete family man. He will marry the girl chosen by his mother and his elders." Apparently the girl Prabhas will marry has been finalised, though no detail is known as yet.

Payal Rohatgi slams makers of 'Lock Upp' in episode

Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut's hosted show 'Lock Upp' is filled with a lot of dramas and interesting fights. In one such incident, actress Payal Rohatgi slams the makers for locking her in the corridor for three hours. Payal said: "You cannot lock all the doors in any way. Our responsibility is in your hand".

To this, stand-up comedian Munawwar Faruqui added: "There is no door here that cannot be broken".

After this, Payal is seen trying to run away by climbing the watchtower. Apart from this, the love angle of Shivam Sharma and Ssara Khan is seen inside this lock up. For Sara Khan, Shivam is seen reciting poetry one after the other. While inside the jail, Babita Phogat is teaching wrestling to the participants.

'Lock Upp' streams on ALTBalaji and MX Player.



HOROSCOPE SUNDAY MARCH 06

Aquarius: Jan 21 - Feb 18

You will not need a reason to party today. Be it the news of a friend getting married or you buying a new car, you are in a mood to celebrate life like anything! Apart from this, you will have a smooth sailing through out the day, foresees Ganesha. If you are a businessman or a professional, you will move one step closer to your target.

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

Looking at your planetary positions for today, there is a likelihood that you will suffer from reversals in fortunes financially. Hence be wary when it comes to financial dealings.

Gemini: May 22 - June 21

Today, you may decide to get a little more conscious about your your health. Filled with positive drive, you may even plan to join a gymnasium or start taking a hard look at your calorie intake. Don't go overboard, though! You don't want to do it only today, and forget it tomorrow - plan and execute in a step-wise manner, so it doesn't get a bit too much.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

A string of domestic responsibilities awaits you; today, you are about to realise that it is a long, long string. Chances are that this sudden rise in work pressure may also lead to blood pressure problems. Ganesha advises you to stop presuming how people may react to everything; also, avoid being too proud to avoid excess heartache.

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 23

Ganesha says your children will gain achievements that will have you feel proud of them. You will get monetary benefit either by increment in salary or by inheritance. You will be able to gain substantial gains by investing in real estate or buying insurance policies.

Scorpio: Oct 24 - Nov 22

Investing in real estate could yield maximum profits today, says Ganesha. An unusual gain from speculative trade is also on the cards. But you may need to spend time in the waiting room, before a more profitable opportunity comes by. You may just reinvent yourself to a happier self and savour every moment of life, predicts Ganesha.

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

Go with the flow. At least that's what Ganesha suggests where relationships are concerned. You can be your assertive self some other time. Today, you can be large-hearted and fulfill your beloved's wishes, maybe even propose. What say?

Leo: July 23 - Aug 23

Nothing will overshadow your love for your kids today, and they will be the number one priority for you. It seems like a good day to take time out and monitor their progress in school; so, do not skip that PTA meeting. Remember, there are various ways to teach children, so consider taking them out on a small picnic or a field trip to help educate them better.

Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 21

The winds of fortune will usher in your dreams and make them come true. Be careful not to go overboard with your foresightedness, lest they be marked delusions, warns Ganesha. You must realise that the only thing permanent is change, and hence, you must overcome any disappointment with strong will and determination.

Taurus: Apr 21 - May 21

You are likely to get into arguments today, predicts Ganesha. You should avoid any open confrontation. Legal disputes may bother you as well. Try your hand at meditation or resort to music of your preference to relax and unwind. It is best if you delay the start of any important activity today, suggests Ganesha.

Virgo: Aug 24 - Sept 22

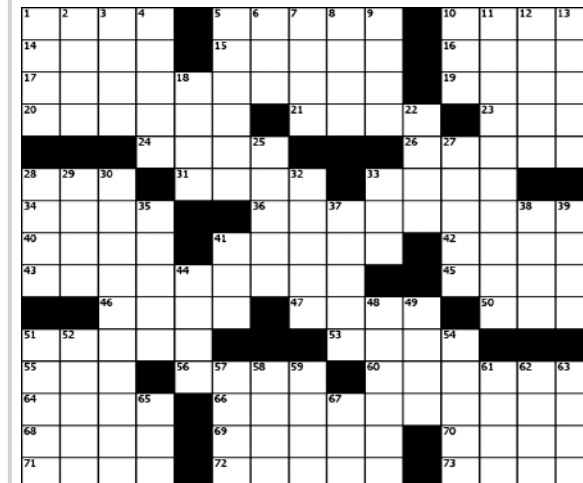
A fear of the unknown will keep lurking in your mind today, and they will be the number one priority for you. You may find yourself spending too much on your foreign friends. Ganesha advises you to be cautious in this regard today.

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 20

You have sacrificed a lot on enjoyment with friends and family, done some backbreaking work and kept your focus to reach where you are right now. Ganesha gives you a pat on your back for all the hard work you've put in. Now, it is time to watch the tree bear fruits. With some additional responsibilities, promotion in terms of salary or position is on the cards for you.

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ACROSS

- Quiet
- Venomous snake
- Resorts
- Medicinal herb
- Antique
- Exam
- Slow down
- Opera tune
- Nova
- Foundation

DOWN

- Rascals
- A Baldwin brother
- Daft
- Convenes
- Make
- Atop, poetically
- Tattle
- Glamorous
- Top cards
- Bus depot (abbr.)
- Having rows of holes
- Thai, e.g.
- Declare
- Told fibs
- Heroic
- Tiny
- Robbery
- Lean's opposite
- Becomes firm
- Call up
- High explosive (abbr.)
- Level
- Moore of "G.I. Jane"
- Obe
- Obe
- Colleague
- Munitions, for short
- Thrill
- Wall support
- Highest price (2 wds.)

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Bengal students narrate their ordeal of returning home from Ukraine

Kolkata, Mar 05 (PTI):

Students from West Bengal, enrolled in medical colleges in Ukraine, said they ran out of food and water in bunkers, made arrangements on their own to reach the border checkpoints, and walked in sub-zero temperatures as they recounted their struggles to return to their homeland from the war-torn eastern Europe country. Nur Hassan, a student from Kaliachak in Malda, recalled how he along with 50 other students from India, had to hire a bus on March 1 from his institute in Kyiv to reach the Romanian border after undergoing numerous checks by the Ukrainian army. "For

three days, we spent hours in a bunker at our medical college literally going without food and water and hearing sounds of constant bombardment. As time was running out, we requisitioned buses on our own and left for the Ukraine-Romanian border. We were stranded there for hours by the Ukrainian army," he said. After crossing the border, the Indian embassy, with help from the Romanian government, facilitated their return journey to New Delhi.

Another student from Alipurduar in north Bengal, Gaurav Banik said "I feel so relieved after coming back to my native place on Thursday but feel worried about the safety of others who are stranded

there." Banik, a fifth-year student of Kharkiv National Medical University, said he along with others had to wait for an entire day before getting onto a bus. Despite having all the travel documents, the journey was delayed by several hours at the Ukraine-Poland border before we were finally allowed by the forces, to cross over to the other side. "It was a terrible sight - thousands of Ukrainian families, including elderly and women, scrambling to cross over along with the foreign nationals. The Ukrainian security forces were at times firing in the air to bring discipline among the people in the queue. We heaved a sigh of relief after boarding the

aircraft," he added. Student of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Tiyaisha Biswas, said she and five of her friends had set off from the institute but were forced to get down from the vehicle, 16 km from the Romania border. After covering the distance in 11 hours in sub-zero temperature, they had to wait for hours before crossing over to the other side. Happy to be back at my Barasat home but feeling exhausted. Don't know what lies in future, Tiyaisha said. Hamza Kabir, a third-semester student of Uzhhorod National University in Uzhhorod said he went without food and toilet facilities while waiting to cross over to Hungary.

JOY OF SUCCESS



Students celebrate after receiving their degrees during 116th Annual Convocation of Khalsa College, in Amritsar, Saturday.

FLOWER EXHIBITION



Women click a selfie in front of a flower butterfly during a 3-day long flower exhibition at Chandrashekhar Azad Park, in Prayagraj, Saturday.

OPS's brother expelled from AIADMK, a day after he met Sasikala

Chennai, Mar 05 (PTI):

A day after he called on V K Sasikala and held discussions with her over party related matters, O Raja, AIADMK top leader O Panneerselvam's (OPS) brother was on Saturday expelled from the party.

Raja was removed from the party's primary membership for violating party discipline and working against the party principles, AIADMK coordinator Panneerselvam and co-coordinator 'Edappadi' K Palaniswami (EPS) said in a joint party statement. When asked on his expulsion from the party, Raja asked, "who are they to expel me?" He claimed that his expulsion is 'not valid' adding he is in the AIADMK since the days of party founder M G Ramachandran. In a disciplinary action, three other functionaries, also belonging to Theni district like Raja were

dismissed by the AIADMK. Confidante of late AIADMK matriarch J Jayalalitha, Sasikala was eased out from the party years ago. Sasikala embarked on a two-day tour of southern Tamil Nadu on March 4 and her supporters have been visiting her. Raja called on her at the temple town of Tiruchendur on Friday and had discussions with her for about 30 minutes. Asked who is responsible for AIADMK's defeat in the recently concluded urban civic polls, Raja said, 'coordinator and joint coordinator', his elder brother OPS and EPS respectively.

He told reporters in southern Theni that as far as he was concerned it was Sasikala, who is the party's general secretary, the chief. On what transpired at the meeting with Sasikala, Raja said he and others requested her to lead the AIADMK and she expressed

happiness about it. She has spoken about unity and had not expelled anyone from the party, he said. She was only for strengthening the party and welcomed all leaders including OPS and EPS. On his further course of action, Raja said that it is all about Sasikala helming the AIADMK.

Asked if he informed OPS about his meeting with Sasikala, he shot back asking 'why he (OPS) should know?' Raja said he did not inform his elder brother OPS about his meeting with Sasikala and that he called on her in his capacity as a party worker.

On the second day of her southern Tamil Nadu tour, Sasikala was accorded a warm welcome by her supporters at many places including Kadayannallur and Ilanji near Tenkasi. She offered prayers at a number of temples as part of her visit.

TFRI to pass on tricho card technology to forest departments

Jabalpur, Mar 05 (PTI):

The Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI) here is keen on initiating transfer of technology for the production of tricho cards to forest departments in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh for pest control at teak plantations, an official said on Saturday.

The TFRI is one of the eight regional institutes under the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education.

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52ND FOUNDATION DAY

Sulabh International contribute to India's cleanliness movement

New Delhi, Mar 5 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday hailed the contribution of Sulabh International to the cleanliness movement in the country as the organisation celebrated its 52nd foundation day.

Sulabh founder Bindeshwar Pathak began the celebrations by honouring Arunoday Sharma from Himachal Pradesh with 'Dr Bindeshwar Pathak Sulabh International Sanitation and Human Rights Prize for Excellence' which carries a prize money of Rs 12.50 lakh. Sharma shot into limelight following his outstanding performance on the television show Kaun Banega Crorepati (KBC) last year. Sulabh, on its foundation day, also felicitated some other chil-



Sulabh International founder Bindeshwar Pathak with Arunoday Sharma, who came to limelight for his outstanding performance at KBC last year, during the celebration of the 52nd Foundation Day of Sulabh International, at Sulabh Gram in New Delhi, Saturday.

dren and awarded them with awards and scholarships. "The contribution of Sulabh towards broad-based Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has been admirable. May the Foundation Day's celebrations inspire every member to work with renewed

vigour to serve various segments of the society, particularly the poor and the marginalised. Best wishes for all success of the 52 Foundation Day. I am sure that the photo exhibition will renew old memories of the organisation's admirable voyage."

Modi said in his message to Sulabh. The programme titled 'Swachhta & Swadhinta' was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture. It was attended by a large number of scholars from various universities of the country. Vice Chancellor

of Central University of South Bihar, Professor Kameshwar Nath Singh delivered the key note address on the occasion.

Yoga guru Baba Ramdev joined the event virtually from Haridwar and lauded the ongoing Swachhta campaign and the efforts taken by Pathak.

Meanwhile, the Sulabh founder appreciated the efforts of the prime minister for all-round development of the country, particularly in the field of sanitation.

"The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is about the prime minister's grand vision of India 2.0 as Aatmanirbhar Bharat that we all take pride in, and as Sulabh family, we affirm our faith in and resolve to work for, as also the profound vision and dream of Mahatma Gandhi for Swachh Bharat, Pathak said.

Luma World wins the prestigious 'National Startup Award 2021'

New Delhi, Mar 05: Luma World (Unnati Educare Pvt Ltd), a STEM certified start-up has always endeavoured to create awareness on the importance of STEM learning for children and help them acquire essential life skills. This experiential design company is creating waves by winning the National Start-up Award 2021 by Startup India, an initiative of the Government of India. Last year, they were the win-



ners of Best Math Game award at Imagination Gaming Awards (United Kingdom) for their board game Xing. Luma World is also a part of the United Nations Global Compact which is the largest corporate sustainable initiative in the world.

Delhi govt nod to streetscaping 4 more sample stretches

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

The Delhi government has provided administrative approval and estimate sanctions for streetscaping of four more sample stretches of Aurobindo Marg, Lodhi Road, Nelsan Mandela Road and Jagatpuri to Karkardooma stretch, officials said on Saturday.

According to Public Works Department (PWD) officials, these stretches are part of nine sample stretches on which Delhi's roads will be redesigned.

Officials said since the approval has been granted by the government, the streetscaping and beautification work of these sample stretches is likely to begin soon. PWD officials said under the project, 600

metre stretch of Lodhi Road, 810 metre portion of Aurobindo Marg, 1km stretch of Nelson Mandela Road and 800 metre part of Jagatpuri-Karkardooma road will be redesigned and beautified.

This sample stretch is part of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's ambitious Redesigning and beautification of roads on European standards project.

In pursuance to the proposal of Engineer-in-Chief, PWD titled 'streetscaping of 1000 Metre of Nelson Mandela Road to make it Model Stretch of streetscaping project' with an estimated cost of Rs 19.16 crore I have been directed to convey the Administrative Approval & Expenditure

Sanction of Competent Authority for carrying out the above work, PWD Deputy Secretary (Works) said in a circular.

Similar circulars have been issued for other model stretches, including Lodhi Road, Aurobindo Marg and Jagatpuri-Karkardooma road.

Officials associated with the project said the government has sanctioned Rs 15.62 crore for streetscaping of Lodhi Road.

A sum of Rs 14.41 crore has been sanctioned for the beautification of 810 metre stretch of Aurobindo Marg, while Rs 15.55 crore has been set aside for streetscaping of Jagatpuri-Karkardooma stretch, a PWD official told PTI on Saturday.

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