



Four-one for BJP including prize state UP

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):

The BJP raced towards a second straight win in politically crucial Uttar Pradesh and dominated the score chart in three other states while the Aam Aadmi Party announced its national presence with a landslide victory in Punjab, its triumph redrawing India's political map and diminishing the Congress even further.

As votes were counted on Thursday for elections to five states held over February and March, the possible four-one score for India's ruling party underscored its political prowess. The BJP was also ahead in Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa, according to trends and results on the Election Commission website.

The Congress' epitaph was written on the electoral battlefield. The party, now in power only in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, an all-time low, lost Punjab and was ahead in only two seats in Uttar Pradesh with a vote share of 2.3 per cent -- notwithstanding the high-decibel campaign by the Gandhi siblings Rahul and Priyanka.

But all eyes were on key electoral battleground Uttar Pradesh where the Yogi Adityanath-led government was pitching for a second consecutive term in power.

In trends and results available for the 403 seats, the ruling party was ahead in 250 seats, short of its earlier count of 312 but comfortably over the halfway mark in polls that come a year after the devastating second Covid wave. This will be the first time in over three decades that a party will get re-elected for a second term in the state.

The Samajwadi Party,



BJP supporters celebrate after party's victory in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, in Varanasi, Thursday.

Uttarakhand CM Dhami loses from Khatima seat

Dehradun: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami lost from the Khatima assembly seat on Thursday. The BJP leader was defeated by Congress' Bhuvan Chandra Kapri by 6,579 votes.

which made a vigorous bid for power with its leader Akhilesh Yadav attracting huge crowds at campaign rallies, was trailing with leads in 120 seats, a significant jump from the 47 last time. Enough to make it a vocal opposition but far removed from power even with the support of its allies, the RLD and the SBSP, which were ahead in 10 and four seats, respectively, analysts pointed out.

Adding to the saffron party's tally, BJP ally Apna Dal (Sonelal) was ahead in 12 seats. The BSP, which barely made a campaign splash, was leading in two seats with a vote share of 12.7 per cent.

Elections 2022, seen as a pointer to general elections two years away, were also the AAP's stepping stone out of Delhi. According to trends and results, the Arvind Kejriwal-led party was poised to win 92 of the 117 seats in Punjab, a three-fourths majority.

"Humbly accept the people's verdict. Best wishes to those who have won the mandate. My gratitude to all Congress workers and volunteers for their hard work and dedication. We will learn from this and keep working for the interests of the people of India," former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said on Twitter.



People buried politics of caste, religion: Yogi Adityanath

Lucknow: People have buried the politics of caste and religion by ensuring the victory of BJP and its allies in Uttar Pradesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Thursday. Addressing party workers at the state headquarters after the poll results and trends showed a clear BJP majority, he said the "misleading" campaign run by the Opposition over the past 2-3 days have been set aside by the people who reposed faith in the good governance of the BJP. He was apparently taking a dig at Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav for raising questions over EVMs. Adityanath greeted PM Modi, union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president J P Nadda and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for ensuring the return of the BJP for a second consecutive term in Uttar Pradesh. The chief minister was sprayed with gulal (dry colour) by state party president Swatantra Dev Singh and others to celebrate the party's victory in the elections.

Goa: BJP claims support of MGP, three Independents

Panaji: The BJP which is poised to retain power in Goa by winning half the seats claimed on Thursday evening that the MGP and three Independents have agreed to support it. The BJP has won 20 out of 40 seats, while the Maharashtra Gomantak Party (MGP) has won two seats. Speaking at a press conference after poll results became clear, Goa BJP chief Sadanand Tanavade said that the party had received letters of support from the MGP and three Independents. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant gave credit for the victory to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "We will go for government formation as per the party's decision," he said. The party managed to increase its vote share and seats in this election without entering into any alliance, Sawant noted.

Two current, five former CMs bite dust

New Delhi: The Assembly poll results announced on Thursday brought gloom for several political heavyweights, including two current and five former chief ministers, who lost the electoral battle from their respective seats. Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and his Uttarakhand counterpart Pushkar Singh Dhami lost the polls from the seats they held respectively. A similar fate awaited former Uttarakhand chief minister Harish Singh Rawat and former Punjab chief ministers Parkash Singh Badal and Amarinder Singh. Even though Dhami has lost the electoral battle, his party is heading for a victory in Uttarakhand. In Punjab, where the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is set to sweep the polls, as many as three former chief ministers -- Badal, Singh and Rajinder Kaur Bhattal -- have lost the election from their respective pocket boroughs.

AAP storms to power in Punjab

Chandigarh, Mar 10 (PTD):

The Aam Aadmi Party stormed into power in Punjab, winning 77 seats and leading in 15, according to the poll results declared by the Election Commission so far.

In the 117-member Assembly, a party needs to get 59 seats to form the government.

As per the data available at 5.15 pm, the Congress had won 13 seats and was leading in five, showing the ruling outfit performed poorly.

While the SAD won two seats and was leading in one, its ally BSP won one, and the BJP won two seats and one seat went to an Independent candidate.

AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal hailed the party's performance in



Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supporters celebrate as the party heads to a landslide victory in the Punjab Assembly elections, in Amritsar, Thursday.

Punjab as a "revolution." The AAP tsunami made several stalwarts,

including three former chief ministers, bite the dust. Apart from Chief

Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, who lost from his Chamkaur Sahib as well

Channi defeated from Bhadaur, Chamkaur Sahib

Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Thursday lost the electoral battle from both the assembly seats of Bhadaur and Chamkaur Sahib to the Aam Aadmi Party nominees. According to the website of the Election Commission, Channi was drubbed by AAP's political greenhorn Labh Singh Ugoke with a margin of 37,558 votes from Bhadaur seat. The incumbent chief minister also bit the dust from Chamkaur Sahib where he was defeated by AAP's Charanjit Singh by a margin of 7,942 votes.

as Bhadaur, former CMs Parkash Singh Badal, Amarinder Singh and Rajinder Kaur Bhattal were also among the heavyweights who were defeated.

India to operate 3 flights on Thursday to bring back 600 students evacuated from Ukraine's Sumy

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):

India will operate three flights on Thursday to bring back the last big group of 600 students evacuated from the northeastern Ukrainian city of Sumy.

The students had boarded a special train from Lviv for Poland. They reached Poland on Thursday.

The students reached Lviv in western Ukraine from Poltava on another special train.

According to the details shared by the students with PTI, three flights will be operated between 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm (local time) from the Rzeszow airport in Poland to bring them back.

The first flight at 4.30 pm (9 pm IST) is for first, sec-

ond and third year students. The second flight at 5.30 pm (10.30 pm IST) is for fourth and fifth year students and the third at 6.30 pm (11.30 pm IST) is for students with pets, fifth and sixth year students and for any other students who may have been left behind.

"We have reached Poland, from here we are expected to take the flight for India," said Jisna Jiji, a 25-year-old medical student.

Covering hundreds of miles across Ukraine, using multiple means of transport, the students were evacuated from the war-hit east European country after their two weeks of excruciating stay in beleaguered Sumy.

The Indian government is carrying out the most

delicate and challenging evacuation exercise under Operation Ganga to help stranded Indians leave Ukraine.

The operation to evacuate the 600 students from Sumy began on Tuesday morning.

The Indian nationals were taken from Sumy in a convoy of 13 buses escorted by the International Committee of the Red Cross to Poltava, Anshad Ali, a student coordinator, said.

The students endured a strenuous journey to escape the war-hit region. They were evacuated in the second attempt from Sumy, which has been witnessing heavy shelling and intense gunfire ever since the Russian offensive on Ukraine began last month.

Narayan Rane move HC seeking to quash FIR in Disha Saliyan case

Mumbai, Mar 10 (PTD):

Union minister Narayan Rane and his son Nitesh, a BJP MLA, on Thursday approached the Bombay High Court seeking to quash the FIR registered against them over certain statements about Disha Saliyan's death. Mumbai Police had recorded statements of Rane and his son in the case last week. In their plea in the HC, the Ranes claimed that the First Information Report registered against them for allegedly spreading false information about the death of Disha Saliyan, former manager of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, was politically motivated. The petition was filed through advocate Lokesh Zade. The high court

is yet to schedule it for hearing.

An FIR for alleged defamation was registered against Narayan Rane and Nitesh Rane following a press conference held by them on February 19. Saliyan's mother had filed a complaint against them.

Advocate Zade said that the Ranes, who recently secured interim protection from arrest from a lower court, have sought that the high court quash the FIR, and police be restrained from filing a chargesheet against them in the meantime. While the alleged offence took place on February 19, the FIR was registered only on February 26, which showed that it was politically motivated, the plea said.

Naxalite lays down arms

Medininagar, Mar 10 (PTI):

A self-styled area commander of banned ultra outfit Tritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee (TSPC) laid down arms and ammunition before government officials in Jharkhand's Palamu district on Thursday.

'Abhay ji' alias Sakendra Yadav surrendered with two .315 bore rifles and 14 live cartridges in Medininagar, the district headquarter, before Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan and Superintendent of Police Chandan Kumar Sinha, an official said.

The 28-year-old TSPC leader was involved in over half a dozen Naxal-related incidents. The TSPC is a splinter organisation of the Tritiya Prastuti Committee, another proscribed body. Yadav said he had joined the TSPC in 2014 following a land dispute in the family and surrendered under pressure from his wife. The deputy commissioner said Yadav would get all benefits as per the provisions of the government. The district police will now create pressure on Yadav's associates to surrender, the SP said.

Pakistani LeT militant killed in shootout

Srinagar, Mar 10 (PTD):

A Pakistani militant of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was killed in a brief shootout in Hazratbal area here on Thursday while a search was underway for two others who managed to flee, police said.

The trio tried to snatch weapons from the guard posted at the Hazratbal shrine on the banks of the famous Dal Lake. The shrine houses the relic of Prophet Mohammad.

Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said one of the militants was a Pakistani and termed his killing a "big success". "We were monitoring him. His aim was to attack

the shrine guard and snatch his weapon. He fired at the police party, which retaliated. In the firing, the Pakistani militant was killed," Kumar told reporters outside the shrine complex.

The slain ultra was identified as Manzoor alias Haider alias Hamza. He was affiliated with proscribed outfit LeT, the IGP said. "He was an associate of top LeT/TRF commander Mehran. His killing is a big success," he said. Kumar said Manzoor was active in Srinagar for the past six months. He was involved in several killings. A video in which he talked about attacking senior officials had gone viral.

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Lease holder to get land ownership after paying 22% of the market value

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Bhilai, Mar 10: Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure chaired a meeting to discuss the issues of allotment of government land in urban areas, management of encroached land and grant of land ownership rights and aspects related to Gauthan. Collector informed the officials that the government has issued guidelines for obtaining land ownership for the people of the lower classes.

The slum dwellers having pattas (lease) of their land can get the land ownership rights by paying 22 percent of the fixed market value. At the district level, a committee will be constituted to examine the government land allotment / settlement of encroachment land and present the report before the Collector. Additional Collector / Sub-Divisional Officer Revenue / Joint



Collector rank officer will be selected as the chairman of this committee.

Collector sought information about vacant government and gave necessary instructions to the officials. Keeping in mind the future use of government lands, the proposals for land allotment and settlement of encroachment land are to be prepared within one month and the same will be uploaded on the website of the district.

The officials will make proposal for such government land, which does not need to be kept protected

for public hindrance, health, safety, convenience, public purpose, environmental point of view. Allotment of land up to 7500 square feet and settlement of such encroached government land can be done.

He further threw light on the allotment of government land located in urban areas, the settlement of encroached land in urban areas and the rights of land owners to the leases granted in urban areas. In urban areas, the District Collector will have the

right to transfer land to the departments of the State and Central Government.

Under this, land will be allotted to government departments only when the department is able to protect the allotted land from encroachment through infrastructure like boundary wall.

All the slum dwellers in municipal corporations, municipal councils and nagar panchayats who hold pattas under Rajiv Gandhi Ashray Yojana / Chief Minister Abadi Patta Yojna, will be able to

get land ownership rights of the possessed land by paying 22% of the market value. In case of transfer of patta, the person having possession presently will have to pay 42% of the market value.

Apart from this, a special discussion was held regarding Gauthan. All the officials concerned have been asked to remain updated with the status of procurement of cow dung, vermi, compost manure etc. For the coming Kharif crop, more and more farmers are to be encouraged for using vermicompost.

Bank of Baroda celebrates International Women's Day

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Bhilai, Mar 10: On the occasion of International Women's Day, a special workshop was organized for the female staff members of Durg area at the Regional Office of Bank of Baroda, Durg. "Efficiency Tools", "Posture Management" and "Self Grooming" were the topic covered in the workshop. In order to promote accessible, easy and easy use of the official language in the branch, information about the Saksham Tool Kit was specially provided to all the female staff.

Dr Sakshi Srivastava, renowned physiotherapist of Durg and Juhi Vyas, grooming expert, were invited for conducting the sessions on posture management and self-grooming. In the self grooming session, Juhi Vyas explained to the women how working women can make themselves more presentable by sparing nominal time and money. In her session, she demonstrated the tricks of make-up as well as gave tips on how to make their skin more beautiful and attrac-



tive by staying connected with nature. Dr Sakshi Srivastava explained useful stretching exercises for working women. Women can practice these exercises while sitting in the office and acquire correct posture within a very short time. She said that the body posture depends on the seating, getting up and standing postures of the person. She suggested paying attention to body posture from the beginning to avoid health problems like back pain, knee pain, slipped disc etc, which are common in old age. About 60 female staff members of Bank of Baroda Durg area participated in this programme.

BSP's Plate Mill celebrates International Women's day

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Bhilai, Mar 10: International Women's day was celebrated at SAIL-BSP's Plate Mill department by organising a function at Plate Mill's Conference hall on March 08, 2022. RK Bisare, CGM (Plate Mill) was present on the occasion. The objective of the programme was to honour and felicitate the contribution of women employees at the workplace.

A film on women achievers was shown on the occasion. Jasgeet and Bhakti geet were presented by women employees. Slogans saluting the spirit of womanhood were collectively given by women. Meenu



Chouhan from Plate Mill's Personnel department sang a song on the occasion.

RK Bisare, CGM (Plate Mill) talked about women empowerment in the society and thanked the women employees for their contribution. He urged them to focus

on Safety at the workplace. He presented token gifts to the women employees.

MK Goyal, GM (Operation), SK Verma, GM (Electrical), Bhaskar Roy, GM (Operation), Himani, Manager (Operation) were present on the occasion. The pro-

gramme was compered by Anjali Pillay, SM (Pers) while the Vote of Thanks was given by MK Goyal, GM (Operation). Sukhchandra, ALWO, Meenu Chouhan, Shyamal Banerjee, Anand Rao contributed in making the programme successful.

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Bhilai, Mar 10: Karm Shiromani and Pali Shiromani awards were given away in SAIL-BSP's Wire Mill for August 2021 to October 2021. Ajay Bedi, CGM (Merchant Mill & Wire Rod Mill) was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Employees are shortlisted for this award for innovations, better resource utilisation, following Safety standards etc at the workplace. A certificate, letter of appreciation and a sweet packet was given to Karm Shiromani awardees while Pali Shiromani awardees are additionally presented with an Apron.

Employees of SAIL-



BSP's Wire Rod Mill were given the Karm and Pali Shiromani awards on March 05, 2022. Ajay Bedi, CGM (Merchant mill & Wire rod Mill) felicitated the Karm Shiromani awardees Ravindra Arora, Sr Tech (Elec) Nirmal Kumar Gupta, C/man cu, Sr Tech (Mech) and Rahul Shrivastava, Asst roller (WRM) for their exampla-

ry performance during August 2021, September 2021 and October 2021 respectively. Apurva Kumar, Assistant Manager (WRM) was given the Pali Shiromani award for July to September 2021.

Ajay Bedi, CGM (Merchant mill & Wire rod Mill) presented an appreciation letter, memento and sweets to the awardees in

the presence of Xavier Beck, GM (WRM), Sectional Incharges, Sr officials and Personnel officer of WRM.

Sr officials present highlighted the contribution of the awardees and wished them a bright future. The programme was compered by Rajeev Kumar, DGM (Pers-Mills Zone I).

BMS honours women who served needy during Covid crisis

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Bhilai, Mar 10: On the occasion of International Women's Day, Durg District unit of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) honoured the women those who served the needy and poor during the Corona crisis. The event at BMS District Office in Supela was presided by BMS District President Mithilesh Vishwakarma.

The women those who generously served the needy and poor during the Corona crisis by providing them food and other daily use items were honoured.

SM Pandey (I/c Mines and Durg District, BMS) threw light on the history of International Women's



Day and said that this day is dedicated in the honor of women. Today, women are playing vital role in every sphere of life. Former District Secretary and President of Bhilai Ispat Mazdoor Sangh, IP Mishra said that Gods live in places

where women get respect. He emphasised on removing discrimination and promoting women empowerment in every field. District Secretary Anjani Kumar Dwivedi extended IWD greetings to the women and spoke about the

IWD-2022 theme "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow". Speaking about the symbolic colours IWD, he said that purple symbolizes justice and dignity, green is the symbol of hope, and white is the symbol of peace and purity. The

purpose of celebrating Women's Day is to maintain continuous progress by remembering the achievements of women, their passion and their historical journeys.

Balmiki Singh, Devendra Chandrakar, Sharad Dubey and other senior office bearers of BMS were present. Mithilesh Vishwakarma, Sitakali Mishra, Shobha Dwivedi, Sashi Bharti, Kumud, Sugandha, Sarojini, Madhu, Neeta, Budhia Bai, Sunita Netam, Mansi and others were honored. District Secretary Anjani Kumar Dwivedi conducted the programme while Mithilesh Vishwakarma proposed the vote of thanks.

Student of Rungta Public School tops in Olympiad

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Bhilai, Mar 10: It was a proud moment of Rungta Public School that runs under the aegis of

Sanjay Rungta Group of Institutions when Omja Singh of Class-I has excelled in Smart Kid GK

Olympiad (SKGKo21) conducted by Silver Zone Olympiads. She has secured first position in State, Zonal as well as in the said Olympiad.

She is awarded Gold Medal (Olympiad Topper) and Special Achievement Certificate for her marvelous performance. Apart from her, Baran Fuskelay of Class-III, Sara Kapil and Ibrahim Khalid of Class-IV and Akshita Choudhary of Class-II

have scored excellent result. They are also proud recipients of Gold Medal and Special Achievement Certificate.

The Chairman of the SRGI group, Sanjay Rungta, Director, Saket Rungta, the CEO of the school, Arup Mukhopadhyay congratulated these achievers for their exemplary performance at a young age and extended blessings for their bright future.

State of the art kidney treatment available at Arogyam Urology and Lithotripsy Center



The important unit of kidney is the nephron, which acts like a sieve. Nephrologist Dr RK Sahu told that normally there are about 12 lakh nephrons in each kidney.

The duo added that among the main causes of kidney diseases are stones in kidney or urinary tract, enlargement of prostate gland, infection, cancer, congenital obstruction and high blood pressure, reading of sugar etc. Earlier the patients of this region used to go to other states for the treatment of kidney disease or stones, electrolyte but now these diseases can be treated here. Dr Daruka said that the most important thing is to keep blood pressure under control. Arogyam Urology and Lithotripsy Center provides all facility in the twin city (Bhilai-Durg). A free kidney check up camp is being organised on March 11.

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Bhilai, Mar 10: State of the art kid. ● Free kidney check up camp today

ney treatment is available at Arogyam Urology and Lithotripsy Center in Bhilai Nagar. Dr Naveen Daruka, Urologist at the Hospital said that humans have two kidneys. Its main function is the removal of harmful and toxic substances present in the blood in the form of urine, water, fluids and Mineral substances (sodium, potassium).

Shri Siddhachakra Mahamandal Vidhan begins Shri Triveni Jain Tirth



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Bhilai, Mar 10: Ten-day religious event of Shri Siddhachakra Mahamandal Vidhan began here at Shri Triveni Jain Tirtha Parasnath Digambar Jain Temple Sector 6 on Thursday with the Mangal Abhishek of Shri 1008 Shantinath Bhagwan. Under the guidance of Pradeep Ji Shastri, Arun and Akshat Jain Bakliwal conducted the Shantinathara.

On the occasion of Ashtanika Mahaparv, the devotees offered prayers to Shri 1008 Parasnath Bhagwan and invited Param Puja 105 Pratibha Mataji and Suyog Mati Mataji on the stage for conducting the Vidhaan Pujan. Committee Chairman Gyanchand Bakliwal, Secretary Prashant Jain, Media in-charge Pradeep Jain Bakliwal, Mukesh Jain, Varun Jain, Simpi, Jinesh Jain, Praveen Chhabra, Anil Kasliwal, Sandesh Jain, Sukamal

Jain, Ashish Jain, Sanjeev Jain, Nishant Jain and others were present. In the evening, women carried the holy pots on their forehead during the Ghat Yatra of Shri Siddhachakra Mahamandal Vidhan.

Raising slogans and holding flags, men also marched in the procession. The devotees received blessings of Param Puja Mata and Pradeep ji Shastri. Anil Neelima Kasliwal, Sudhir Manju Devi Sandesh Kasliwal and Gyanchand Bakliwal hoisted the flag and were welcomed with tilak and garland by Prashant Jain, Pradeep Jain Bakliwal, Praveen Chhabra, Mukesh Jain, Sanjeev Jain, Varun Jain, Suku Mal Jain and Jinesh Jain. In the next nine days, the religious events will commence at 07:00 hrs with Mangal Abhishek and Shantinathara in Shri Triveni Jain Tirth. Rituals of Vidhan Puja will be conducted under the guidance of Puja Mata ji.

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Speaker orders probe into charges by Cong MLA

Cong MLA claims husband booked in false case

Raipur, Mar 10: A Congress MLA on Thursday claimed in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly that her husband was arrested on false charges after she raised her voice against illegal sand mining in her area.

Members of the Opposition BJP and Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J) also showed her support and drew the attention of the House to the alleged threat to security and honour of public representatives under the Congress government.

Congress MLA Chhanni Sahu asked the Assembly Speaker if he wished to know why she had returned her security cover since last one month and how she has been visiting Naxal-affected areas to take part in programmes within her constituency without any protection.

The legislator from



Khujji constituency in state's Rajnandgaon district went on to ask the state home minister how her husband was booked on the charges of intimidation and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act on the basis of a false complaint.

In a serious case pertaining to the Atrocity Act, the offence was registered so hurriedly without a thorough investigation. Contrary to it, when I, along with thousands of people of my constituency, submitted evidence with all documents (in connection with her husband's matter) to the police and administration they failed to act on it for three

months and trying to save the culprits," Sahu claimed. The MLA alleged that she had even raised her grievance before the home minister but did not get justice, following which she returned her security cover.

As per the chief minister's intention, I am fighting against anti-social elements to stop illegal activities in my area. But corrupt officers are trying to spoil the image of the government by favouring people involved in such activities," Sahu claimed.

If a ruling party woman MLA was not safe, imagine the plight of the common women, she added.

On December 8 last year, Sahu's husband Chandu Sahu was booked under sections 294 (obscene acts) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC and provisions of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act with Chhuriya police station of Rajnandgaon district based on a complaint of a driver - Beersingh Uikey.

As per the complaint, on

December 4, Uikey was driving a sand-laden mini truck to Chhuriya from Job village and stopped at a place as the fuel was getting exhausted.

Chandu Sahu, who was passing the area with his wife, threatened and abused him, accusing him of being involved in illegal sand mining, despite the driver possessing a royalty permit for mineral transportation, the complaint stated. The Sahu's husband was arrested in February this year in connection with the case, while she refuted the allegations and claimed that the case was filed by the driver on the behest of the sand mafia. BJP members took the opportunity to shame the Congress and raised slogans.

Subsequently, JCC (J) MLA Pramod Sharma also claimed that he was similarly booked in a false case recently when he raised grievances of people of his area during a public hearing. BJP MLAs, including Leader of Opposition Dharamlal Kaushik, former chief

minister Raman Singh and Brijmohan Agrawal, termed it as a very serious issue and said the government had failed to ensure protection and secure the dignity of the members of the House. Speaker Charand Das Mahant later said the security of public representatives is important in a democracy to ensure that they can represent the people fearlessly.

The Speaker asked Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu to get the cases lodged against the MLA's husband and legislator Sharma reinvestigated and also probe if an appropriate enquiry was conducted before booking them under the Atrocities Act.

The Speaker asked the Home Minister to inform him about it on Friday before the House adjourns for the day, following which he will take further action accordingly.

Mahant also directed the minister to provide double security cover to Sahu and (normal) security to Sharma if he needed it.

VICTORY CELEBRATIONS



BJP party workers and leaders took out victory procession of party's victory in four out of five states for VS polls here on Thursday.

Central Bank celebrates Int'l Women's Day



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Raipur, Mar 10: Central Bank of India, Raipur organised various programmes on the occasion of International Womens' Day. The first one to start was Nari Shakti Rath flagged off by Mrs. Poppy Sharma, Sr. Regional Manager of the Bank. Through this Rath the Bank is trying to reach the

women folk by offering them attractive rates of interest on Housing and Vehicle Loans. The Bank had recently launched two schemes viz. Cent GrihLaxmi and Cent Vahini keeping only to honour the women of the country. Cent GrihLaxmi and Cent Vahini have been launched for women with very competitive rate of interest. Cent GrihLaxmi

Oppn MLAs stage walkout over irregularities in allocation of houses

Raipur, Mar 10: BJP MLA and leader of Opposition in VS Dharamlal Kaushik sought information about the action taken on complaint related to PM Aawas Yojana in Jagdalpur (urban). He questioned as to when the complaint was lodged and when FIR was lodged against the corporator involved in illegal recovery?

Minister Shiv Kumar Daharia in his reply informed the House that complaint about illegal recovery was made on 26 Jan 2022 and they got the complaint on 9 Feb 2022 and a case under section 420 was filed and he was arrested. Minister claimed that those who are eligible only are being provided houses

under PMAY. Failing to get satisfied with the reply, the BJP MLAs charged the Minister of giving wrong information and trying to save the accused.

BJP MLA directing it to the VS Speaker demanded action against the accused and demanded complete inquiry into the matter.

BJP also charged that persons who are not eligible have been allocated houses and questioned as to when the eligible will be allocated houses under PMAY. This led to conundrum in the House and members of both the ruling and Opposition started raising slogans. On this the BJP MLAs also started raising slogans and staged walkout.

IIT Bhilai hosts a talk on 'Reversible Photochromism'



Raipur, Mar 02: The Department of Chemistry at Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai hosted Dr Dipak Samanta for a talk on "Reversible Photochromism in the Cavity of a Flexible Metal-Organic Cage". The talk was conducted in online mode. Dr Dipak Samanta is an Assistant Professor at the School of Chemical

Sciences, NISER, Bhubaneswar.

In his talk, Dr Samanta discussed the synthesis of water-soluble, metal-organic cage and how this "breathable" cage is capable of not only accommodating and solubilizing in water a wide range of structurally diverse guests, it also provides an environment suitable for

the efficient, reversible photoisomerization of molecular switches, including spiropyrans and azobenzenes. He also described how they developed two novel time-sensitive information storage media: a paper, on which writing can be performed using water as the ink, and a gel, which can be reversibly patterned using light by taking advantage of these findings. In simpler words, this technology of organic photochromism enables the photochromic process to be used on plastic and other materials similar to the way sunglasses work. Their findings have paved the way towards synthesis of smart materials like inks, papers, paints, and textiles using molecular switching processes in confined environments.

Minister denies charges by BJP MLA

On massive irregularities in payment to registered labourers

Raipur, Mar 10: With start of fourth day of Budget session of VS here on Thursday, former Minister and MLA Brijmohan Agrawal raised a question about what all schemes are there for the registered construction labourers under 'Bhavan & Anya Sannirman Karmakar Kalyan Mandal' from 1 Jan 2019 to 10 Feb 2022.

Brijmohan Agrawal charged the state government of massive irregularities in payments to the

labourers by the state government and alleged scam of total of few crores under this scheme.

The Minister for Urban Administration Shiv Kumar Daharia in his reply informed the House that the Finance department on 12 May 2020 has stopped this scheme and had instead formed a samiti which carried out expenditure under this scheme.

Replying to MLA's charges, he denied the allegations and said that an amount of Rs 11 crore and above has been deposited into the account of 83 labourers. Dissatisfied with Minister's reply, the BJP MLAs staged walkout.

Int'l Women's Day at Ch'garh Rajya Gramin Bank

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 10: On the occasion of International Women's Day, a program was organized by the head office of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank at Hotel Marriott. The chief guest of the program was the Principal of Government Dudhadhari Bajrang Girls Postgraduate College, Mrs. Dr. Kiran Gajpal. Special guest of the program was Mrs. Gohil. The program was presided over by the Chairman of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank, Mr. IK Gohil. Addressing the function Chief Guest Mrs. Kiran Gajpal wished Happy International Women's Day to the women staff of Gramin Bank who are making their valuable contribution in the progress of the bank in a very good way. She said that I sincerely



thank the Chairman of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank Mr. IK Gohil and all the staff for inviting me. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank Mr. IK Gohil said that we are very happy that we have got the opportunity to felicitate Dr. Mrs. Kiran Gajpal who is an educationist. On this occasion, he congratulated and wished all the women on International Women's Day. He said that today there is almost no area where there is no partici-

ipation of women. He appreciated the contribution of women staff of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank towards the bank and exhorted them to work hard in every field of banking and make a separate identity for themselves and with their dedication towards their work, the bank will continue on the path of progress. He wished for the bright future of all the women staff of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank. He said that on this occasion, we took a pledge that not only for one day but throughout the year will unite and provide an opportunity to women to move forward by working for women empowerment.

On this occasion, special guest Mrs. Gohil and the invited guest speaker Mrs. Neha Aggarwal gave an eloquent speech which was appreciated by all.

Students in AIIMS creating awareness about Kidney Diseases on World Kidney Day

Raipur, Mar 10: To create awareness about kidney disease and bridge the knowledge gap for better kidney care, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur organized a two-day program on World Kidney Day. Experts from different departments assured patients that despite some health-related issues, they could live a normal life under the supervision of doctors. They can play, work and lead a happy life. Two new facilities were also inaugurated for better patient care.



Department of Nephrology has started a Telemedicine Unit for Dialysis patients undergoing hemodialysis in different districts hospitals of Chhattisgarh. With the help of the new facility, follow-up patients can call the given number and take the expert opinion on their query. The department also inaugurated Renal Supportive Clinic to provide symptom management and palliative support to kidney patients World Kidney Day is also marked by CME in hybrid mode. Prof. (Dr.) Nitin M. Nagarkar said that kidney disease is an area of concern for

health experts. 'AIIMS is focusing on the specific research on kidney disease, which can be helpful to provide health care in reference to Chhattisgarh. We provide training and support to other health care workers in the state. New facilities will add more strength to the department, he said. Eminent Nephrologist Prof. (Dr.) Vivekanand Jha discussed various methods to bridge the knowledge gap to better kidney

care. HoD Dr. Vinay Rathore said that even patients suffering from chronic kidney disease could live happy and productive life. They can play, walk and work as an average person. There is a need to create awareness about it. Prof. Vinay R. Pandit, Prof. Anil Goel, Dr. Atul Jindal, Dr. Sabah Siddique, Dr. Chinmay Kumar Panda, Dr. Varun Agrawal, and experts from different parts of the country discussed various challenging issues in kidney diseases. Earlier, students and faculty members of the College of Nursing and School of Public Health organized poster exhibition and created awareness among patients.

Pension Adalat on Mar 14

Raipur, Mar 10: Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office, Raipur, Chhattisgarh to organise 'Pension Adalat' programme for redressal of the grievances received from pensioners by the Regional P.F. Commissioner. The time schedule of the programme scheduled for March 15th, 2022 is for EPF Pensioner - 10.30 am to 1.00 pm at Conference Hall, 1st floor, Bhawishya Nidhi Bhawan, Pandri, Raipur. The concerned pensioners are requested to send their specific grievances on or before March 14, 2022 positively, to the postal address of the office, super scribing 'Pension Adalat' on the envelope. It should be noted that the complete PF Account number/PPO number and other necessary and relevant service details/particulars along with available documentary evidences in support of the grievance should explicitly be mentioned/enclosed.

आयुर्वेद से आयुर्वेदान रतन्स आयुर्वेदिक समाधान

प्र. मेरी आयु 42 वर्ष है, शरीर में कूलापन महसूस होता है, समस्या के लिए उपचार बताएं। - एन. विष्णुकर्मा, कोरवा.

उ. समस्या के लिए आप 'ओवेरिड' कैप्सूल 2-2 सुबह-शाम पानी के साथ सेवन कर सकते हैं। योगा या व्यायाम करें, मोटी एवं तली हुई चीजों से परहेज करें। कैप्सूल एवं नियमित 90 दिनों तक किया गया सेवन बहुत अच्छे परिणाम देता है।

प्र. मैं टीक से नहीं बोल पाती हूँ, हकलाहट की समस्या है। कृपया समस्या के लिए उचित उपचार बताएं। - रीना, धमलरी.

उ. समस्या हेतु आप आयुर्वेदिक औषधियों से युक्त 'वैडिस' सिरप 2-2 चम्मच दिन में दो बार पानी के साथ नियमित 3 माह तक सेवन कर सकते हैं। अथवा आत्मविश्वास भी बढ़ाएं।

प्र. मैं 20 वर्षीय हूँ, मुझे शरीर प्रकृति की सुदृढ़ता के लिए आयुर्वेदिक औषधोपचार बताएं। - अजय सिंह, सरायपाली.

उ. आप शक्तिवर्धक आयुर्वेदिक औषधियों से युक्त 'वैडिस' सिरप 2-2 चम्मच सुबह-शाम एक गिलास दूध के साथ नियमित तीन माह तक सेवन कर सकते हैं।

प्र. मैं शरीर में उचित आकर्षण नहीं होने से परेशान रहती हूँ, समस्या के लिए उपाय बताएं। - एकपाटिका, विलासपुर.

उ. उन्हें 'ब्रेडवेट' सिरप 2-2 चम्मच सुबह-शाम नियमित रूप से सेवन करा सकते हैं। साथ ही उनका भी आत्मविश्वास बढ़ाएं।

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

CM virtually inaugurates two children's homes



Raipur, Mar 10: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated two different Children's Homes for boys and girls built by Jindal Steel and Power Limited Foundation at Tamnar in Raigad district from his office room located in the assembly complex here. These houses in Savitri Nagar of Tamnar have been constructed by JSPL Foundation with CSR head. At present, there are 35 boys and girls in both these children's homes with a capacity of one hundred children. In these children's homes, such children will be admitted who do not have parents or who belong to weaker sections. Mr. Naveen Jindal, Chairman, JSPL and Mrs. Shalu Jindal, Chairperson of JSPL Foundation also joined the program through video

conference. The Chief Minister congratulated the Chairman Naveen Jindal for this constructive and good initiative of JSPL. He said that industrial development and social development are complement to each other. Under the social responsibility, Jindal Foundation has presented an excellent example in front of Chhattisgarh and the country through its work done in various fields including education, health. The Chief Minister said that the foundation is also working in skill development. Chairman Naveen Jindal said that many children had lost parents during Corona. Children home has been started for such children. He informed that old age home is also being built by the JSPL Foundation in Raigarh. School Education Minister Premsai Singh Tekam, JSPL Chairman Pradeep Tandon were also present on the occasion.

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DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
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Date: 11.03.2022
Place: Raipur

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Wastage of funds against construction of passenger waiting room

Dongargarh, Mar 10:

A case of wastage of lakhs of rupees has come to the fore in the name of passenger waiting room in the block. Situated on Acholi - Motipur road in Belgaum, the matter of wastage of lakhs of rupees by putting a tin shed on the platform in the name of the passenger waiting room constructed at a cost of 6 lakh 10 thousand was reflected in front of the investigating officers.



Similar irregularities are coming to the fore in dozens of other passenger waiting rooms built in the block, which is under investigation.

On the instructions of Chhattisgarh Government Panchayat Minister TS Singh Deo, the inquiry committee formed by the district administration investigated the various points lodged by the complainant, in which huge irregularities have come to the fore, which will be clear after the investigation report is prepared.

Services Division Rajnandgaon, are Departmental Officer Rural Engineering Services Sub Division Chhuria KR Soni, Sub Engineer Shreekanth Dewangan, and Surendra Kumar. Even during the construction of the passenger waiting room, the villagers had lodged a complaint with the local public representatives in-

cluding the district after seeing substandard construction material and construction being done against the given estimate. But at that time no action was taken by the department against the builder, nor was officers sent to inspect.

According to Sarpanch of Belgaum Gram Panchayat, Chhabel Sahu, the work was done

through the contractor under pressure from the government administration by making the Gram Panchayat a shield. But the investigating officers have rejected outright the words of the sarpanch, saying that according to the documents presented, the construction agency is the panchayat and not the contractor.

Tax evasion of thousands of rupees by showing fake bill levied by the

construction agency in the name of passenger waiting room, and lakhs of rupees bills were paid by showing fake bill without GST number. Due to this the government has to bear the loss of thousands of rupees in tax, not only this, by showing a fake bill, all the materials including sand, ballast, cement, rods have been shown in the same bill, which is the subject of investigation.

Naxalites set fire to a vehicle engaged in road construction



Dharmapenta. The name of the owner of the vehicle as told is Amar Contractor. Police force was dispatched for the spot. Sukma SP Sunil Sharma confirmed the arson incident.

What officer said: Sukma SP said that Naxalites do not want development to reach the tribal areas. The Naxalites involved in the arson are being chased. Soon the law will punish them, the criminals will not be spared.

Konta, Mar 10: In Konta block of Sukma district, Naxalites set fire to Hywa vehicle engaged in the construction of Dharmapenta road of Kistaram. The road is being built from Palodi to village Potkapalli and was carrying ballast for road construction work. Dharmapenta was going from Pyadaguda via Velakanguda. The vehicle was burnt by the Maoists in the middle of Pyadaguda and

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I Srirangam Sharada W/o Srirangam Srinivas want to inform to the public in general that I have changed my name from Srirangam Sharada Srinivas W/o Srirangam Srinivas to Srirangam Sharada W/o Srirangam Srinivas. So in future I should be recognised by my new name Srirangam Sharada in all government and other documents.

Smt. Srirangam Sharada, W/o Srirangam Srinivas, Age 42 years, Resident of Saptagiri, plot -2, Phase- 2, Maitri Kunj, Risali, Bhillai, Dist- Durg (C.G)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Know all men that Shri Vinay Kumar Harbansh S/o Late Chandrak Harbansh, R/o House No. 1911, Adarsh Nagar, Mowa, Raipur had purchased the property bearing Khasra No. 489/14 area admeasuring - 1260 Sq. Ft., situated at Mouza Gogaon, Vikas Nagar, Ramkishna Paramhansa Ward No. - 02, P.C. No. 107, Raipur, Tehsil and District - Raipur from Smt. Meena Sahu W/o Shri Dhaniram Sahu by means of a registered sale deed duly registered on 30.09.2016, vide Volume No. 71858, Serial No. 719 (G).

Previously the aforesaid property was purchased by said Smt. Meena Sahu from Shri Vinendra Kumar Dubey S/o Late Daman Lal Dubey by means of a Sale deed duly registered on 13.02.2014, vide Volume No. 61774, Serial No. 4004 (G) therefore the original sale deed which was registered on 13.02.2014 can not be handed over to State Bank of India.

I hereby invite objection upon the above declaration of loss of the aforesaid registered original sale deed within 07 days from the publication of this notice. It may be noted that any objection thereto to the above declaration in respect of the above referred property will have no bonafide and shall not be binding on the State Bank of India and disbursement of loan amount to Shri Vinay Kumar Harbansh by State Bank of India will remain unaffected.

Raipur (C.G.)
Date: 10.03.2022

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रिक्त शासकीय भू-खण्ड की नीलामी की सूचना
रा.प्र.क्र.ई-कोर्ट सं. नं. 202010100400485, अ-20 (1), 2020-21

एवंद द्वारा सर्व साधारण आम जनता को सूचित किया जाता है कि छ.ग. शासन राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग मंत्रालय महानदी घाट नवा रायपुर के पत्र क्रं. एक 04-07/71-1/2019 दिनांक 11.09.2019 एवं 26.10.2019 तथा सम्बन्धित सार्व निदेश पत्र क्रं. एक 04-07/सात-1/2019 नवा रायपुर अलग नगर दिनांक 24 फरवरी 2022 में जारी नदीनगर विभाग के अनुसूचित क्षेत्रों में आबकारी की शर्तों पर आबकारी विभाग के. वी. बाजोली निवासी - 84 बी.एच.पी. मार्केट रिसाली तहसील के द्वारा प्रस्तुत आवेदन के आधार पर जांचोपरांत जिला स्तरीय समिति की अनुसूचित दिनांक 15/1/2022 को श्रीमान कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा अनुमोदित किये जाने के द्वारा पर राजस्व पुस्तक परिपत्र खण्ड चार क्रमांक - 01 की कोटिका 21 के प्राधान्य के अनुसार आम रिसाली, प.ह.नं. राजस्व निरीक्षक मंडल रिसाली तहसील व जिला दुर्ग स्थित निम्नांकित शासकीय घाट रिक्त भूमि का खुला नीलामी किया जाना है। भूखण्ड एवं नीलामी का विवरण निम्नानुसार है :-

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It is informed to the general public that I, Hemant Singhania S/o Shri Lalit Kumar Singhania, resident of - "Manjusha" 15/480, Civil Lines, Near Rajbhawan Marg, Raipur (C.G.) have changed my old name Hemant Singhania S/o Shri Lalit Kumar Singhania, so in future I should be recognized by my new name that is Hemant Kumar Singhania S/o Shri Lalit Kumar Singhania in all government and other documents.

Hemant Kumar Singhania S/o Shri Lalit Kumar Singhania resident of - "Manjusha" 15/480, Civil Lines, Near Rajbhawan Marg, Raipur (C.G.)

भू-खण्ड की सीमाएं और अन्य ब्यौरे

2) भूमि का नक्शा और फार्म और परिशिष्ट - 2 जिसमें शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / बंटन दिया जाएगा। आवेदकों से बंद लिफाफा में प्रचलित गाईड लाइन दर (आजार मूल्य) अर्थात आफसेट मूल्य से अधिक का अफार प्राप्त किया जाएगा। उपरोक्त नीलामी प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु इच्छुक व्यक्ति/ संस्था इस न्यायालय में नीलामी की विस्तृत सूचना का अवलोकन कर नीलामी में भाग लेने के लिए आवेदन एवं निष्पत्ति अमानत राशि का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट को कलेक्टर दुर्ग को देवे हों, भू-खण्ड की सरकारी कीमत 70,31,360.00 रु. होगी। इस रकम से कम की बोली नहीं बोलेने दी जाएगी। आखिरी बोली शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमिस्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / बंटन की प्रीमियम मानी जाएगी। अंतिम तिथि 24.03.2022 समय शाम 5.30 बजे तक कार्यालयीन दिवसों एवं सप्ताहावधि में जमा कर सकते हैं। उपरोक्त सप्ताहावधि के बाद प्राप्त कोई भी आवेदन, अमानत राशि का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट स्वीकार्य नहीं होगा।

3) आवेदन हेतु अमानत राशि जमा करने वाले आवेदक को ही नीलामी प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने की पात्रता होगी। आवेदक को भी आवेदक तथा उनका अधिकारता सहित अधिकतम दो व्यक्ति नीलामी में उपस्थित हो सकते।

4) सबसे उंची बोली बोलेने वाला व्यक्ति अपनी बोली के दस प्रतिशत के हिस्से से, जिसका हिस्सा निकटतम रूपया तक लगाया जायेगा, बचाने की रकम नीलाम खरम होने के तुरंत बाद जमा करेगा तथा बोली की बकाया रकम और कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा भूमि के सीमांक और शिफ्टी का विभाजन करने में किए गए खर्च की सभी रकमों का भुगतान इस बात की सूचना प्राप्त होने के तीन माह के भीतर, कि शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमिस्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / बंटन की पुष्टि के पक्ष में की गई है, करेगा। इस रकम का भुगतान निष्पत्ति अर्थात के भीतर न किये जाने पर जमा रकम (इसमें से शिफ्टी और भूखण्ड के सीमांक का खर्च चुकाना करने के बाद) शासन द्वारा जब्त कर ली जायेगी और भूखण्ड फिर से नीलाम किया जायेगा और यदि चुक करने वाले खरीदार की बोली से नये नीलामी से प्राप्त रकम कम हो, तो अंतर की वसूली कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा उरसे भू-खण्ड की कबजा के रूप में की जा सकेगी। अंतिम तिथि 24.03.2022 समय शाम 5.30 बजे तक कार्यालयीन दिवसों एवं सप्ताहावधि में जमा कर सकते हैं। उपरोक्त सप्ताहावधि के बाद प्राप्त कोई भी आवेदन, अमानत राशि का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट स्वीकार्य नहीं होगा।

5) नीलामी का अनुमोदन नीलामी समिति के माध्यम से कलेक्टर महोदय दुर्ग द्वारा किया जायेगा।

6) अंतिम भू-खण्ड का बार्किंग भू-पाटक 21,095.00/- रु. होगी। (भू-पाटक एवं उस पर देय पर्यावण तथा अप्रोपेक्शन उपकर निगमानुसार देय एवं परिचयनीति होगी)

7) खरीदार द्वारा बोली की पूरी रकम और अन्य खर्चों का भुगतान कर दिये जाने के बाद जितनी जल्दी हो सके जितनी जल्दी परिशिष्ट-2 में एक शासकीय भूखण्ड की भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / बंटन तैयार किया जायेगा और छत्रीसगढ़ के राज्यपाल की ओर से समुचित अधिकारी द्वारा उस पर हस्ताक्षर कर दिये जाने पर उसके निष्पादन के लिए खरीदार को कहा जायेगा। यदि खरीदार बुकिंगक समय सीमा के भीतर अपनी ओर से शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमिस्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / बंटन निष्पादित न कर पाये और उसे पंजीयित न कर पाये, तो शासन न्यायालय में शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमिस्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / बंटन निष्पादित करवा सकेगा या भूमि को फिर से नीलाम करवा सकेगा और यदि फिर से किये गये नीलाम में प्राप्त रकम एक करने वाले खरीदार की प्रीमियम बोली से कम हो, तो अंतर की वसूली कलेक्टर द्वारा किये गये भुगतान में से की जायेगी।

8. नीलामी के अंतिम अधिकतम बोलीदार को छोड़कर शेष व्यक्तियों द्वारा जमा की गई राशि / डिमांड ड्राफ्ट नीलामी तिथि के 15 दिवस के भीतर बिना ब्याज के वापस की जायेगी।

9. नीलामी की कार्यवाही किसी भी स्तर पर कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा संशोधित / निरस्त किया जा सकेगा। आवेदन एवं नीलामी के संबंध में कलेक्टर महोदय दुर्ग का निर्णय अंतिम एवं सर्वान्य होगा।

10. भूमि को कबजा खरीदार की साधारणतया परिशिष्ट - 2 में यथाविधि निष्पादित और पंजीयित कर दिये जाने पर दिया जायेगा। भूमि का भाड़ा शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / बंटन से निष्पादित की तारीख के बाद आने वाली पहली अग्रेल से या खरीदार द्वारा जमीन का कब्जा किये जाने की तारीख से जो भी पहले की हो चुका जायेगा।

आज दिनांक 07/03/2022 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय के पट्टुद्वारा से जारी किया गया।

(रिक्त कुमार पोयाम)
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The reserve price will be Rs. 15,94,247.00/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Seven Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be Rs. 1,59,424.00/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Four Only). The last date of EMD deposit is 28.03.2022.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
ALL THAT PART AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY AT H No. Janta- 220/ 3 Sector- 3 RDA Raipur Devendra Nagar Mauza- Fafadih Rajeev Gandhi Ward no. 22 RNM Raipur-1, Part of kh. no. 210/ 2 & 218 P. h. no- 108, Shanker Nagar S.O, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH, INDIA - 492004 H No. Janta- 220/ 3 Sector- 3 RDA Raipur Devendra Nagar Mauza- Fafadih Rajeev Gandhi Ward no. 22 RNM Raipur-1, Part of kh. no. 210/ 2 & 218 P. h. no- 108, Total Area 430 SQFT

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- Nominations must be sent in the prescribed format either in Hindi or English only. (Nominations received in other than prescribed proforma will not be entertained)
 - Nomination form is available on the website of the Foundation <http://daic.gov.in/> and <https://socialjustice.nic.in/>
 - Hard copy of the application form duly recommended is to be sent to Director, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, 9th Floor, Jeevan Prakash building, 25, KG Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi, Delhi 110001
 - Soft Copy of the application form duly recommended is to be emailed to consultant.daf@nic.in
 - Last date for receipt of nominations - 27th March 2022
- Dr. Ambedkar Foundation**
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India
9th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Building, 25, KG Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi, Delhi 110001, India
Director
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Wastage of funds against construction of passenger waiting room

Dongargarh, Mar 10:

A case of wastage of lakhs of rupees has come to the fore in the name of passenger waiting room in the block. Situated on Acholi - Motipur road in Belgaum, the matter of wastage of lakhs of rupees by putting a tin shed on the platform in the name of the passenger waiting room constructed at a cost of 6 lakh 10 thousand was reflected in front of the investigating officers.



On the instructions received from the office of Panchayat Minister TS Singh Deo, the inquiry committee formed by the district administration investigated the various points lodged by the complainant, in which huge irregularities have come to the fore, which will be clear after the investigation report is prepared. Similar irregularities are coming to the fore in

dozens of other passenger waiting rooms built in the block, which is under investigation. On the instructions of Chhattisgarh Government Panchayat and Rural Development Department Office, the Inquiry Officer appointed by the Executive Engineer of Rural Engineering Services Division

Rajnandgaon, are Departmental Officer Rural Engineering Services Sub Division Chhuria KR Soni, Sub Engineer Shreekrant Dewangan, and Surendra Kumar.

Even during the construction of the passenger waiting room, the villagers had lodged a complaint with the local public

representatives including the district after seeing substandard construction material and construction being done against the given estimate. But at that time no action was taken by the department against the builder, nor was officers sent to inspect.

According to Sarpanch of Belgaum Gram Panchayat, Chhabee

Sahu, the work was done through the contractor under pressure from the government administration by making the Gram Panchayat a shield. But the investigating officers have rejected outright the words of the sarpanch, saying that according to the documents presented, the construction agency is the panchayat and not the contractor.

Tax evasion of thousands of rupees by showing fake bill levied by the construction agency in the name of passenger waiting room, and lakhs of rupees bills were paid by showing fake bill without GST number. Due to this the government has to bear the loss of thousands of rupees in tax, not only this, by showing a fake bill, all the materials including sand, ballast, cement, rods have been shown in the same bill, which is the subject of investigation.

Safety innovation award to NTPC Lara



Bilaspur, Mar 10:

NTPC Lara awarded with Safety Innovation Award 2021 by Institution of Engineers (I), Safety and Quality Forum New Delhi today in 18th Safety Convention. The award presented by Prof. (Dr) D P Agarwal, Former Chairman Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Dr H O Thakare, President, Institution of Engineers

(I). This award presented to NTPC Lara in Energy Sector Category for implementing Innovative Safety Management Systems at Workplace. The award was received by Harish Mittal, Sr. Manager (Safety) Lara received this award.

The 1600-megawatt power station of NTPC limited located at Raigarh is having the distinct features of first 800-megawatt Super Critical Technology plant of state-run power

utility NTPC Limited, coupled with the objective of providing eco-friendly and affordable electricity for nation building. 50 percent of generated electricity is provided to home state Chhattisgarh.

Alok Gupta, Executive Director (NTPC-Lara) and JSS Murty, GM (Operation & Maintenance) congratulated all the employees and associates for practicing all safety measures to get this national award.

Collector inspects Forest Drug Processing Center



Korba, Mar 10:

District Collector Ranu Sahu visited the Forest Drug Processing Center at Donganala and Mungadih during her stay in Pali, here.

After reaching the Forest Drug Processing Center in Donganala, she observed the process of manufacturing different types of medicines by the women group from raw forest products and also had a direct interaction with the women groups. In Forest Medicine Processing Center Donganala, 12 women of Hari Bol Self Help Group are engaged in making Vanashadhi products, which includes Herbal Facepack, Triphala Churna, Ashwagandha Churna, Amalaki Churna, Cold Khasi Nashak Churna etc. The women of the group told the Collector that last year a business of about Rs 44 lakh was done by the group, out of which the group had made a profit of Rs 20 lakh. Collector Mrs. Sahu expressed happiness on seeing the progress of the women of

the group and encouraged them to move forward. She also asked to make the forest medicines made by the women of the group available for sale in C-Mart and enjoyed herbal tea made by the women's group. During this, member of State Cow Service Commission Mr. Prashant Mishra, village sarpanch Mrs. Patrika Khursenga, SDM Pali Mrs. Mamta Yadav, CEO of Janpad Panchayat Pali Mr. VK Rathore and other officers were present. During the inspection of Donganala Vanashadhi Processing Center, Collector Mrs. Sahu honored the Sarpanch of Donga Nala, Mrs. Patrika Khursenga for initiating the treatment of a child of Birhor tribe. The sarpanch was felicitated by the Collector for the same.

Change of Name

I Srirangam Sharada W/o Srirangam Srinivas want to inform to the public in general that I have changed my name from Srirangam Sharada Srinivas W/o Srirangam Srinivas to Srirangam Sharada W/o Srirangam Srinivas. So in future I should be recognised by my new name Srirangam Sharada in all government and other documents.

Smt. Srirangam Sharada, W/o Srirangam Srinivas, Age 42 years, Resident of Saptagiri, plot -2, Phase-2, Maitri Kunj, Risali, Bhlai, Dist-Durg (C.G)

Employees express happiness over restoration of old pension scheme

Gaura-Pendra-Marwahi, Mar 10:

A wave of happiness spread among the employees due to the restoration of the old pension scheme in the budget announcement by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. Employees gathered at the block headquarters, danced and celebrated by applying Rang Gula. The employees have expressed their gratitude towards Bhupesh Sarkar. Here it needs a mention that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel presented the budget in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, in which he announced to restore the old pension scheme, fulfilling the biggest demand of all the NPS employees officers of the state. Teachers



Congress District President Surendra Singh Thakur described it as a historic decision taken in the interest of the employees. During this, employee leader Satya Narayan Jaiswal, District President of Contributory Pension Employees Welfare Association Piyush Gupta, District Convener of Sangharsh Morcha Mukesh Kori,

Durga Gupta, Mohan Mishra, Tarun Namdev, Dinesh Rathore, Om Prakash Sonwani, Rashmi Namdev, Ajay Chaudhary and many others were present. Responding to the restoration of the old pension scheme, employee leader Satya

Narayan Jaiswal said that with this decision of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the future of the employees of the state will be secured as well as the treasury of the government will be filled. He said that now billions of rupees deposited in

the NSDL account will come to the state government's treasury, due to which development work will be done at a faster pace in the state. He said that all the NPS staff officers of the state are grateful to Bhupesh Sarkar.

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The reserve price will be Rs. 16,20,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be Rs. 1,62,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty-Two Thousand Only). The last date of EMD deposit is 28.03.2022.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF Block No. A, Flat No. A, 401, 4th Floor, SHANTI ENCLAVE MOUJA RAIPURA KH NO 677/3, 678/3 678/4 680/2 (PART) PH NO 113/44 MADHAV RAO SAPRE WARD NO 68, RNM RAIPUR 1 TEHSIL & DIST RAIPUR (CG), Raipur, H.O., RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH, INDIA - 492001.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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Hemant Kumar Singhania S/o Shri Lalit Kumar Singhania resident of - "Manjusha" 15/480, Civil Lines, Near Rajbhawan Marg, Raipur (C.G.)

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The reserve price will be Rs. 10,25,000.00/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs and Twenty Five Thousand Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be Rs. 1,02,500.00/- (Rupees One Lakh Two Thousand and Five Hundred Only). The last date of EMD deposit is 28.03.2022.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
All that part and parcel of the property at Kh No 245/ 28245/ 29 Gokul Nagar Chandrashekar Azad Ward No 52, Near Simran City Phase 05, Kalibadi S.O, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH, INDIA - 492001. Part of Kh No 245/ 28, Area 495 Sq.Ft. Gokul Nagar Chandrashekar Azad Ward No 52, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH, INDIA - 492001

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Date: 11.03.2022
Place: Raipur

SD-
Authorised Officer
Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

Know all that Shri Vinay Kumar Harbansh S/o Late Chandrak Harbansh, R/o House No. 1911, Adarsh Nagar, Mowa, Raipur had purchased the property bearing Khata No. 489/14 area admeasuring - 1260 Sq. Ft., situated at Mouza Gogaon, Vikas Nagar, Ramkrishna Paramansu Ward No. - 02, P.C. No. 107, Raipur, Tehsil and District - Raipur from Smt. Meena Sahu W/o Shri Dhaniraj Sahu by means of a registered sale deed duly registered on 30.09.2016, vide Volume No. 71858, Serial No. 719 (G).

Previously the aforesaid property was purchased by said Smt. Meena Sahu from Smt. Vinendra Kumar Dubey S/o Late Daman Lal Dubey by means of a Sale deed duly registered on 13.02.2014, vide Book No. A/1, Volume No. 61774, Serial No. 4004 (G).

Presently Shri Vinay Kumar Harbansh applied financial assistance against the above said property from State Bank of India and he was expected to handover the above mentioned original sale deed registered on 30.09.2016 and 13.02.2014 but Shri Vinay Kumar Harbansh informed that a complaint had been lodged by him before Police station, Gudharyari on 09.03.2022 in respect of loss of original Sale deed which was duly registered on 13.02.2014, vide Volume No. 61774, Serial No. 4004 (G) therefore the original sale deed which was registered on 13.02.2014 can not be handed over to State Bank of India.

I hereby invite objection upon the above declaration of loss of the aforesaid registered original sale deed within 07 days from the publication of this notice. It may be noted that any objection thereon to the above declaration in respect of the above referred property will have no bonafide and shall not be binding on the State Bank of India and Disbursement of loan amount to Shri Vinay Kumar Harbansh by State Bank of India will remain unaffected.

Raipur (C.G.) (Devashish Dutta)
Date 10.03.2022
Advocate
56, Jalvihar Colony, Raipur (C.G.)
Mobile No. 9827160468

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The reserve price will be Rs. 15,94,247.00/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Seven Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be Rs. 1,59,424.00/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Four Only). The last date of EMD deposit is 28.03.2022.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
ALL THAT PART AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY AT H.No. Janta- 220/ 3 Sector- 3 RDA Raipur Devendra Nagar Mauza- Fafadih Rajeev Gandhi Ward/ no. 22 RNM Raipur- 1, Part of kh. no. 210/ 2 & 218 P. h. no- 108, Shanker Nagar S.O, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH, INDIA - 492004 H. No. Janta- 220/ 3 Sector- 3 RDA Raipur Devendra Nagar Mauza- Fafadih Rajeev Gandhi Ward no. 22 RNM Raipur- 1, Part of kh. no. 210/ 2 & 218 P. h. no- 108, Total Area 430 SQFT

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The Reserve Price in respect of sale for the Property (being the property 1 of the two properties mortgaged with ABHFL) shall be Rs. 40,00,000.00 /- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be Rs. 4,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Only). The last date of EMD deposit is 28.03.2022.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:
(being the property 1 of the two properties mortgaged with ABHFL):
ALL THAT PART AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY OF KH NO 276/ 1 (PART) PH NO 113/44 RANI DURGAWATI WARD NO- 45 MAHAVIR NAGAR, R. N. M. MOUZA PURENA TAH & DISTRICT - RAIPUR, KALIBADI S.O, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH, INDIA - 492001

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न्यायालय अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (राजस्व) दुर्ग, जिला दुर्ग (छत्तीसगढ़)
रिक्त शासकीय भू-खण्ड की नीलामी की सूचना
रा.प्र.क्र.ई-कोर्ट/रा.प्र.क्र. 2020/10100400485, अ-20 (1), 2020-21

एतद द्वारा बत साधारण आम जनता को सूचित किया जाता है कि छ.ग.शासन राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग मंत्रालय महानदी धन नवा रावपुर के पत्र क्र. एफ. 04-07/7-1/2019 दिनांक 11.09.2019 एवं 26.10.2019 तथा समस्तकाल जारी निर्देश पत्र प्र.क्र.एफ.04-07/7-1/2019 तथा नया अपडेट नमूने दिनांक 24 फरवरी 2022 में जारी नीलामी दिशियों के अनुसार मंत्रालय की घोषणादि राजकीय विवर क्र. के. पी. राजकीय विवर-84 की. एफ.पी. मॉडर्न निवासी रिवाड़ के द्वारा प्रस्तुत आवेदन के आधार पर जांचोपरत जिला स्तरीय समिति की अनुसंधान दिनांक 15/1/2022 को श्रीमान कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा अनुमोदित किये जाने के आधार पर राजस्व पत्रिका खण्ड चार क्रमांक - 01 की कोटिका 21 के प्रावधानों के अनुसार प्राग रिवासी, प.ह.नं. राजस्व निरीक्षणक नमूने रिवासी तहसील व जिला दुर्ग स्थित निम्नांकित शासकीय घास रिक्त भूमि का खुला नीलामी किया जाना है। भूखण्ड एवं नीलामी का विवरण निम्नानुसार है -

भूखण्ड का विवरण	नूजल शीट भूखण्ड क्रं.	आफरोट मूल्य का क्षेत्रफल	आफरोट मूल्य रुपये में	आफरोट मूल्यका 10 प्रतिशत अमानत राशि का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट	नीलामी तिथि	नीलामी स्थान	नीलामी समय
वाड़ क्रं. 60, रिसाली बस्ती सरल क्रं 05 पुरानी बस्ती रिसाली कुसुमनगर लक्ष्मीनगर हिन्दू नगर तहसील व जिला दुर्ग	भूखण्ड क्रं. 952 का भाग रिक्त भूखण्ड	688 वर्गमीटर वर्गफीट आवासीय	70,31,360.00	7,03,136.00	25.03.2022	कार्यालय अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (रा.) दुर्ग का सभागार	अपराह्न 1:00 बजे से

भू-खण्ड की सीमायें और अन्य ब्यौरे

- भूमि का नक्शा और काम और परिशिष्ट - 2 जिसमें शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थान/ बंटन दिया जाएगा। आवेदकों से बंद रिक्तफाका में प्रचलित गाईड लाइन दर्ज भू-खण्ड (मूल्य) अर्थात् आफरोट मूल्य से अधिक का आधार प्राप्त किया जाएगा। उपरोक्त नीलामी प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु सूचनाकेंद्र के माध्यम से भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थान/ बंटन के लिए आवेदन कर नीलामी में भाग लेने के लिए आवेदन कर रिक्तफाका का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट को कलेक्टर दुर्ग को देना है। भू-खण्ड की शासकीय की वस्तु 3,300 रु. होनी। इस रकम से कम की बोली नहीं बोलेने दी जाएगी। आखिरी बोली शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थान/ बंटन की प्रीमियम मानी जाएगी। अंतिम तिथि 24.03.2022 समय शाम 5.30 बजे तक कार्यालयीन दिवसों में समाप्तवाये में जमा कर सकते हैं। उपरोक्त सत्यापित के बाद प्राप्त कोई भी आवेदन, अमानत राशि का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट स्वीकार्य नहीं होगा।
- अवैध हेतु अमानत राशि जमा करने वाले आवेदकों को ही नीलामी प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने की पात्रता होगी। प्रत्येक पक्षकार की ओर से आवेदन तथा उनका अधिकारित सहित अपीलकाम दो व्यक्तिक नीलामी में उपस्थित हो सकेंगे।
- सबसे उंची बोली बोलेने वाला व्यक्ति अपनी बोली के दस प्रतिशत के हिस्से बंध, जिसका हिस्सा निष्कटन रूपका तद लगाया जायेगा, बयाने की रकम नीलाम खत्म होने के तुरंत बाद जमा करके लवा बोली की बकाया रकम और कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा भूमि के सीमांकन और भित्री का विज्ञान करने में किए गए खर्च की सभी रकमों का भुगतान इस बात की सूचना प्राप्त होने के तीन माह के भीतर, कि शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थान/ बंटन की पुष्टि उसके पक्ष में की गई है, करना। इस रकम का भुगतान निश्चित अवधि के भीतर न किये जाने पर जमा रकम (इसमें से भित्री और भूखण्ड के सीमांकन का खर्च चुकाकर बचे का हिस्सा) शासन द्वारा जमा कर ली जायेगी और भूखण्ड फिर से नीलाम किया जायेगा और यदि चुक करने वाले खरीदार की बोली से नये नीलामी से प्राप्त रकम कम हो, तो अंतर की बरूती कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा उसके भू-राजस्व की बकाया के रूप में की जा सकेगी। ऑफरोट मूल्य से अधिक राशि का रिक्तफाका निवृत तिथि को खोले जाने पर उपस्थित हिस्साकेंद्र व्यक्तियों को सत्यापित ऑफर के उपर खुली बोली लगाने की प्रक्रिया शासनादेश के अनुसार अपर्याप्त जायेगी, जिसमें उपरत मूल्य की बोलीदार को भूमि का आवंटन किये जाने की अनुशंसा सहित प्रकरण जिला स्तरीय आवेदन समिति को भेजा जायेगा।
- नीलामी का अनुमोदन नीलामी समिति के माध्यम से कलेक्टर महोदय दुर्ग द्वारा किया जायेगा।
- अर्बिष्ट भू-खण्ड का बर्षिक भू-पाटक 21,095.00/- रु. होनी। (भू-पाटक एवं उस पर देव पर्यावरण तथा अयोधेयना उपकर निमानानुसार देव एवं परिवारकीली होना)
- खरीदार द्वारा बोली की पूरी रकम और अन्य खर्चों का भुगतान किये जाने के बाद जितनी जल्दी हो सके उतनी जल्दी परिशिष्ट-2 में एक शासकीय भूखण्ड की भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थान/ बंटन तैयार किया जायेगा और छलितकाल के रजिस्ट्रार की ओर से समुचित अधिकारी द्वारा उस पर हस्ताक्षर कर दिये जाने पर उसके निवादन के लिए खरीदार को कहा जायेगा यदि खरीदार बुद्धिकाम भूमि सीमांकन और भित्री का विज्ञान करने में किए गए खर्च की सभी रकमों का भुगतान न करे तो शासन द्वारा जमा कर ली जायेगी और भूखण्ड फिर से नीलाम किया जायेगा और यदि चुक करने वाले खरीदार की बोली से नये नीलामी से प्राप्त रकम कम हो, तो अंतर की बरूती कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा उसके भू-राजस्व की बकाया के रूप में की जा सकेगी। ऑफरोट मूल्य से अधिक राशि का रिक्तफाका निवृत तिथि को खोले जाने पर उपस्थित हिस्साकेंद्र व्यक्तियों को सत्यापित ऑफर के उपर खुली बोली लगाने की प्रक्रिया शासनादेश के अनुसार अपर्याप्त जायेगी, जिसमें उपरत मूल्य की बोलीदार को भूमि का आवंटन किये जाने की अनुशंसा सहित प्रकरण जिला स्तरीय आवेदन समिति को भेजा जायेगा।
- नीलामी के अंतिम अधिकतम बोलीदार को छोड़कर शेष व्यक्तियों द्वारा जमा की गई राशि/ डिमांड ड्राफ्ट नीलामी तिथि के 15 दिवस के भीतर बिना ब्याज के वापस की जायेगी।
- नीलामी की कार्यवाही किसी भी स्तर पर कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा संशोधित/ निरस्त किया जा सकेगा। आवंटन एवं नीलामी के संबंध में कलेक्टर महोदय दुर्ग का निर्णय अंतिम एवं सन्तान्य होगा।
- भूमि को कब्जा खरीदार की साधारणतया परिशिष्ट - 2 में यथास्थिति निष्पादित और पंजीयित कर दिये जाने पर ही जमागीन। भूमि का भाड़ा शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थान/ बंटन से निष्पादित की तारीख के बाद आने वाली पहली अप्रैल से वा खरीदारद्वारा जमीन का कब्जा किये जाने की तारीख से जो भी पहले की हो चुकाया जायेगा।

आज दिनांक 07/03/2022 को बरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय के पदमुद्रा से जारी किया गया।

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BRIEF

Census

Golaghat: A census of the one-horned rhinoceros population in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve in Assam will be conducted for three days from March 26, the state Forest Department said. The Unesco World Heritage site in the north-eastern state is home to two-thirds of the world's population of the species. Accordingly, forest will be closed for elephant safari during three days, while jeep safari will be suspended in on separate dates.

Directs

Srinagar: The National Green Tribunal has directed the Jammu and Kashmir administration to pay an interim compensation of Rs 1 crore each for illegal mining, dumping of solid waste and discharge of untreated sewage into the Doodh Ganga river, saying the authorities failed to check the environmental violations. The tribunal directed the Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary to take immediate action to remedy situation and take measures.

Sick

Ghaziabad: Seven girl students of Northern India Textile Research Association campus here fell sick after having breakfast in the canteen of their hostel. Taking cognisance of it, DM RK Singh constituted a committee to conduct an inquiry into it. The panel will submit its report within 15 days. The technical campus of the institute is situated in Sanjay Nagar. The management of the institute immediately rushed them to a nearby hospital.

Sealed

Indore: Three pubs in the city were sealed by the local administration for serving liquor to minors in violation of norms and committing other irregularities. These pubs were found serving liquor to children and also operating beyond the administration fixed deadline, Indore subdivisional magistrate (SDM) Akshay Singh Markam said.

Busted

Phagwara: Police busted an interstate gang of arms smugglers by arresting two people, including the alleged kingpin, from different locations and recovering from them three pistols and eleven live cartridges. Amrit Saroop Dogra, DSP (Investigation) Kapurthala said the duo were identified as Shivam Singh alias Shivam of Nimaj from Madhya Pradesh, presently residing at local Onkar Nagar and Sandip Kumar alias Cheecha.

Renamed

New Delhi: The panel of the BJP-led East Delhi Municipal Corporation passed a resolution to rename the post of DBC (dengue breeding checking) staff as multi-tasking staff (public health). The move comes ahead of the civic polls in Delhi, whose dates were slated to be announced, but election authorities have deferred the announcement.

It was slip of tongue: Raj Min on comments about women

Jaipur, Mar 10 (PTI):



Shanti Dhariwal

Amid an uproar by the Opposition MLAs over his remarks in the House, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Dhariwal on Thursday tendered an apology saying it was a slip of tongue. The BJP, however, shouted slogans against him and demanded his resignation.

It was a slip of tongue. I feel sorry for that. I wanted to say something for the desert state. I personally respect women and will continue to do so. If my comments have hurt anyone, I apologise, Dhariwal said.

On Wednesday, he had made certain comments in his reply to the demand for grants to the police department, which Leader of the Opposition Gulab Chand Kataria said were an insult to women, public and brave men. They were later expunged. Though

Speaker CP Joshi asked Kataria not to raise the matter during the Question Hour, the Opposition continued its uproar and demanded Dhariwal's resignation.

The Speaker said Dhariwal had visited his chamber and had confessed that his comment was unintentional.

The House was adjourned twice after the opposition members continued to protest against the

remarks. Minister Shanti Dhariwal, however, tendered an apology for the remarks, calling it a slip of tongue.

As soon as the House assembled at 11 am, Leader of Opposition Gulab Chand Kataria raised the matter and opposition members protested against the minister's remarks.

Dhariwal later apologised for his remarks made during his reply to a debate on the grant for the police department on Wednesday night, but the opposition continued to protest in the House.

The minister's remarks were also expunged from the proceedings of the House.

It was a slip of tongue. I feel sorry for that. Rajasthan is a desert state and I wanted to say something for the state. I personally respect women and will continue to do so.

BJP moves privilege motion against five TMC women MLAs

Kolkata, Mar 10 (PTI):

Three BJP legislators in Bengal, including two who have been suspended for the rest of the budget session, moved a privilege motion in the Assembly on Thursday against five TMC MLAs in connection with the bedlam in the House on March 7.

High drama was witnessed on the first day of the West Bengal assembly's budget session with Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar being forced to cut short his inaugural speech and table the address as BJP MLAs staged a noisy protest over the alleged violence and vote rigging in the recently concluded civic elections.



West Bengal BJP MLAs led by Suvendu Adhikari sit on a protest at Assembly in Kolkata on Thursday.

Two lawmakers Sudip Mukhopadhyay and Mihir Goswami were on Wednesday suspended from the session for creating disturbances in the

House during Dhankhar's speech. The governor had in a letter to Speaker Biman Banerjee earlier in the week stated that the TMC MLAs had also "con-



Civil Defence volunteers outside Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) office during counting day of Punjab Assembly polls, at party office in New Delhi, Thursday.

ULFA(I) warns of action against OIL if outsider' made CMD

Guwahati, Mar 10 (PTI):



Paresh Barua

The banned ULFA (Independent) group on Thursday warned Oil India Limited (OIL) of action if an indigenous person was not named as the next CMD of the Maharatna PSU.

The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) had on Wednesday recommended the name of Ranjit Rath, currently the CMD of Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd, for the position of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of OIL, under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. In an e-mailed statement to media, ULFA(I) chief Paresh Barua said the group had demanded

appointment of qualified indigenous persons to the post of CMDs in oil companies operating from Assam.

It was among the seven points served by ULFA(I) in a notice to public sector companies in the oil sector in the northeastern state in May last.

The separatist group also urged students and youth organisations as

well as people of the state to build up opposition to Rath's selection as the next OIL CMD.

Barua claimed that Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had said that the seven points put forward by the group could be met and had assured ULFA(I) of taking steps to resolve the issues.

Naming of an outsider' Dr Ranjit Rath for the CMD's position is in contradiction to the assurance of the chief minister and against the interests of the state, he claimed.

Barua asked the OIL to withdraw the decision taken by the PESB immediately and name a deserving indigenous person for the CMD's post.

Maha Assembly adjourned briefly over suspension of BJP MLAs



Maharashtra Assembly in Mumbai.

Mumbai, Mar 10 (PTI):

The Maharashtra Assembly was on Thursday adjourned till the end of the Question Hour over the issue of presence of a BJP MLA, who was among the 12 party legislators suspended for a year during the monsoon session in July 2021. Shiv Sena MLA Bhaskar Jadhav initially

claimed in the House that the judiciary cannot interfere in the proceedings of the legislature, but later said he was not against the legislators being taken back and wanted to know the status of the resolution which was passed for the suspension.

Notably, the Supreme Court earlier this year quashed the one-year suspension of the 12 BJP

MLAs, saying it was worse" than expulsion or disqualification, and that such an action beyond the remainder period of an ongoing session would impact the democratic setup.

The SC had held that the resolution suspending these MLAs beyond the period of the remainder of the session held in July 2021 was "unconstitutional" and "irrational".

BJP legislators Yogesh Sagar, Sanjay Kute, Ashish Shelar, Abhimanyu Pawar, Girish Mahajan, Atul Bhatkalkar, Parag Alavani, Harish Pimpale, Jaykumar Raval, Narayan Kuche, Ram Satpute and Kirtikumar Bhangdia were suspended last year for alleged misbehaviour with the then presiding officer Jadhav in the Speaker's chamber.

NTPC Vindhyachal to set up carbon capture plant to curb pollution

Singrauli, Mar 10 (PTI):



NTPC's Vindhyachal power plant in Madhya Pradesh has set a target to establish a carbon capture plant by 2023 to curb pollution, an official said on Thursday.

As a pilot project, the facility will be set up in Vindhyachal, wherein carbon dioxide emitted from the plant will be mixed with hydrogen to form methanol, which will reduce pollution, the official said.

The amount of carbon dioxide emitted in the atmosphere will be reduced and methanol produced as a by-product can also be used based on utility, he said. Speaking to reporters, the head of

Vindhyachal project SC Naik said the plant is fully dedicated to the environment and in this regard, more than 25 lakh saplings have been planted in the area so far, to make it a

greener belt. The pilot project will be the first-of-its-kind initiative not only in India but in the world, he claimed, adding that it is targeted to be established by 2023. NTPC

Satyajit Ray's life and work to be celebrated at KLF

Kolkata, Mar 10 (PTI):



To mark the birth centenary year of Satyajit Ray, the Kolkata Literature Festival (KLF) will dedicate an entire session to the auteur at the ongoing International Kolkata Book Fair.

Mamata Shankar, who had acted in the maestro's 'Agantuk' (Guest), will be in conversation with eminent director Suman Ghosh on the inaugural day of the eighth edition of KLF on March 11.

Called Tomare Selam - 100 Years of Satyajit Ray', the one-hour session will also be attended by actor Sabyasachi Chakraborty, who had essayed the role of Feluda in several flicks directed by Sandip Ray, the son of the legendary filmmaker. Feluda is a fictional pri-

vate investigator in Bengali novels and short stories penned by Satyajit Ray. "The first book on Ray's cinematographer Subrata Mitra, who shared a special bond with the filmmaker will also be unveiled on the first day of the two day meet by eminent painter Suvaprasanna, curator of

the literary meet Sujata Sen told reporters here.

The book, Subrata Mitra-Painter with Light' has been published by West Bengal Heritage Commission.

Mitra, at the age of 21, began his career as a cinematographer with Ray for Pather Panchali (Song of the Road) in

1955. He is known for pioneering the technique of bounce lighting while filming 'The Apu Trilogy'.

In another session, historian Sugata Bose and other eminent academicians will speak on the theme Freedom of Expression in India in its 75th year of Independence' on the first day.

There will be a discourse on Bengali literature with poet Sriyato Bandyopadhyay and authors Pracheto Gupta, Himadri Kishore Dasgupta and Debarati Mukhopadhyay.

Eminent author mythologist Devdutt Pattanaik will decode the interrelation of myth, mudras and the modern times at a segment on the second day, Sen said.

Debutant Malayalam filmmaker held in rape case

Kochi, Mar 10 (PTI):



Liju Krishna

A debutant Malayalam filmmaker has been arrested from the shooting location of his first film on charges of raping a woman multiple times on the pretext of romance.

Liju Krishna, who helms the upcoming Nivin Pauly and Manju Warriestarrer "Padavettu", was taken into custody while the shooting of the movie was in progress in Kannur, his hometown, on Sunday.

Based on the complaint filed by the woman, who was reportedly associated with the movie in various aspects of its making, a case was registered against Krishna last week and a local court here re-

manded him to judicial custody after police recorded his arrest the other day.

Relevant sections of IPC including rape and unnatural offences were slapped against the filmmaker, police said. As per the complaint, registered with the Kakkand police, he had sexually abused the com-

plainant several times in various places for two years after befriending her on social media.

The survivor, through the Facebook page of Women in Cinema Collective (WCC), a pro-women outfit in the Malayalam film industry, recently gave a detailed account of the physical, mental and professional torture she had to suffer from Krishna.

Alleging that she got pregnant and was forced to undergo abortion, she also accused him of portraying the relationship as a consensual affair, which caused her "constant mental and physical stress", destroying her self-esteem and her desire to continue living.

BRIEF

Convicted

Lyon: Four men were convicted in Paris of terrorist conspiracy after the murder of a Catholic priest in a Normandy church in 2016, an attack claimed by the Islamic State group. The four were handed sentences of between eight years and life in prison over the attack on Father Jacques Hamel, 85, who was stabbed by two 19-year-olds as he finished Mass. Two nuns and elderly couple were held hostage before they slashed the priest.

Evacuates

Houston: Houston based Indian American non-profit body Sewa International has evacuated 467 African students, including 367 Nigerians, from Ukraine's Somy amidst a Russian military offensive. Sewa volunteers coordinated the evacuation efforts responding to a request by Shina Alege, the Nigerian Ambassador to Ukraine. Nigeria's Minister for Foreign Affairs Geoffrey Onyema thanked Sewa International Europe.

Replaces

San Juan: The bishop of the Arecibo diocese in Puerto Rico said that the Vatican dismissed him against his wishes, a rare move for the Holy See. The announcement comes nearly a year after Monsignor Daniel Fern ndez declined to sign a decree issued by the Puerto Rican Episcopal Conference declaring that unvaccinated parishioners would be separated from vaccinated ones during activities including the presentation.

Meets

Kathmandu: A three-member French parliamentary delegation led by Vronique Riotton, the Chair of France-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship Group, paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba at his official residence in Baluwatar. During the meeting, the two sides discussed matters relating to the promotion of Nepal-France bilateral relations.

Proceed

Manila: The Philippine government will proceed with a deal to purchase 17 military transport helicopters from Russia that was signed and partially paid for before the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the defence chief said. The 12.7 billion-peso contract to acquire Mi-17 helicopters was signed in November and the Philippines made an initial payment in January.

Shooting

Mexico City: Six men and three women died in a shooting attack on a house where drugs were sold in central Mexico. Authorities in Puebla state, east of Mexico City, said the attack took place in the pre-dawn hours. Puebla Gov Miguel Barbosa said none of the nine victims were from the state and the house where they were killed was a site for retail drug dealing.

South Korea's Prez elect wants tougher stance on North Korea

Seoul, Mar 10 (AP):



Yoon Suk Yeol

South Korea's president-elect Yoon Suk Yeol said on Thursday he would solidify an alliance with the United States, build up a powerful military and sternly cope with North Korean provocations, hours after he won the country's hard-fought election to become its next leader. Yoon, whose single five-year term is to begin in May, said during his campaigning he would make a boosted alliance with the United States the center of his foreign policy. He's accused outgoing liberal President Moon Jae-in of tilting toward Pyongyang and Beijing and away from Washington.

He's also stressed the need to recognise the strategic importance of repairing ties with Tokyo despite recent bilateral historical disputes. Some experts say a Yoon government will likely be able to reinforce ties with Washington and improve relations with Tokyo but can't really avoid frictions with Pyongyang and

Beijing. I'll rebuild the South Korea-US alliance. I'll (make) it a strategic comprehensive alliance while sharing key values like a liberal democracy, a market economy and human rights," Yoon told a televised news conference. I'll establish a strong military capacity to deter any provocation completely and protect the people's safety and property and our territory and sovereignty, Yoon said. I'll firmly deal with illicit, unreasonable behaviour by North Korea in a principled manner, though I'll always leave door for South-North talks open. After his election win, he spoke with US President Joe Biden on the phone.

According to a White House statement, Biden congratulated Yoon on the election and emphasized the US commitment to the defense of South Korea. The statement said the two also committed to maintain close coordination on addressing the threats posed by North Korea's nuclear and missile programs. North Korea hasn't made any comments on Yoon's election. In recent weeks, it's launched a spate of sophisticated, nuclear-capable ballistic missiles in what experts call an attempt to modernize its weapons arsenal and pressure the Biden administration to making concessions like sanctions relief.

Germany in quandary over Russian energy

● Germany has the option of delaying its nuclear exit

Berlin, Mar 10 (AFP):

Germany has rejected a complete ban on Russian gas and oil imports over Russia invading Ukraine, but voices are growing louder for Berlin to ditch its economic imperative to take a moral stand.

After the United States and Britain imposed a ban on Russian oil, pressure has mounted on German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's government and other G7 members to follow suit. A group of climate activists, academics, authors and scientists published an open letter to the German government demanding a complete ban on Russian



Board with prices of petrol and diesel at a petrol pump, in Essen, western Germany.

energy, reasoning that "we are all financing this war". In a newspaper opinion piece this week, conservative lawmaker and foreign policy expert Norbert Roettgen also said the only correct course of action was to "stop Russia's oil and gas business now". "Nearly a

billion euros (\$1.1 billion) are being poured into (Russian) President Vladimir Putin's war chests every day, thwarting our sanctions against the Russian central bank" and "for many Ukrainians, it will be too late if we hesitate now," he wrote.

Iran offers mixed signals as nuclear talks deadline looms

Dubai, Mar 10 (AP):



A nuclear reactor in Iran.

Iran offered mixed signals Thursday as a deadline loomed in talks over its tattered nuclear deal with world powers, with its president defending the negotiations while a top security official blamed America for the deadlock.

The monthslong, indirect talks in Vienna have sought to both get the US to return to the accord it unilaterally withdrew from in 2018, and have Iran restore limits on its rapidly advancing nuclear program.

In recent days, Western diplomats have signaled the talks had reached their conclusion, laying the final decision with Iran. Ali Shamkhani, the secretary of the country's powerful Supreme National Security Council, wrote on Twitter early Thursday trying to instead blame America for the deadlock.

The US approach to Iran's principled demands, cou-

pled with its unreasonable offers and unjustified pressure to hastily reach an agreement, show that US isn't interested in a strong deal that would satisfy both parties, Shamkhani wrote in multiple languages. Absent US political decision, the talks get knottier by the hour.

Shamkhani and other Iranian officials have repeatedly projected Western complaints about the Islamic Republic's behavior throughout the negotiations back to the West. A short time later, hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi's

Twitter account appeared to offer Iran's theocracy cover for potentially supporting a possible deal in Vienna.

The government is doing negotiations in the way of the supreme leader's framework and has not and will not retreat from any red lines which were announced, he wrote.

Iran's civilian government operates on a narrow bandwidth under Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has final say on all matters of state. However, divisions exist within even the hard-line camp of Iran's theocracy

particularly on the nuclear deal and any interactions with the West.

The tweets came after Russia's ambassador in the Vienna talks, Mikhail Ulyanov, told journalists in Vienna that maybe it will be finalized, maybe but it's not for sure. Iran's top negotiator Ali Bagheri Kani rejoined the talks after a quick trip back to Tehran for consultations.

The top negotiator for the European Union earlier this week seemed to suggest whether the talks succeeded or failed now rested with the Islamic Republic.

There are no longer expert level talks. Nor formal meetings, Enrique Mora wrote on Twitter, responding to comments by an Iranian analyst. It is time, in the next few days, for political decisions to end the (hashtag)ViennaTalks. The rest is noise.

Mora's comments mirror those of British and French negotiators.

'India-China tensions along LAC 'worst' in over four decades'

● Chinese military-civil fusion makes research cooperation difficult

Washington, Mar 10 (PTI):

Tensions between India and China along the Line of Actual Control are the "worst" in over four decades, a top American Admiral has told lawmakers during a Congressional hearing on the Indo-Pacific, a strategic region which has seen aggressive moves by Beijing. The statement of US Indo-Pacific Command Admiral John Aquilino came ahead of the 15th round of high-level military talks between India and China on March 11. Tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) be-



Devotees hold ceremonial 'Chir' to mark the beginning of 'Holi' at Basantapur Durbar Square in Kathmandu, Nepal on Thursday.



US Indo-Pacific Command Admiral John Aquilino at Congressional hearing on the Indo-Pacific in Washington DC.

tween the PRC (People's Republic of China) and India are the worst in over four decades, Admiral Aquilino told members of the House Armed Services Committee during the Congressional hearing on the Indo-Pacific region. Aquilino said that in October 2021, the Chinese legislature passed a land border law that asserts "sacred and inviolable" sovereignty and territorial integrity and provides a domestic legal framework for greater PLA (People's Liberation Army) involvement in border security. This law took effect on January 1, 2022, representing a continuation of PRC's use of domestic law as a pre-

text to the use of force to resolve territorial disputes, he said. Ely Ratner, Assistant Secretary of Defence for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, said that the United States is closely watching developments along the Line of Actual Control at the India-China border. Responding to a question from Congressman Andy Kim, Ratner said that India has faced tough situations from China along the LAC.

In the case of India, we have seen a test case of this in the last several years when the Indians were facing aggression from China on the Line of Actual Control where the United States rapidly provided capabilities in intelligence and in the context of trying to improve trust and the nature of the defence relationship.

Ghosh case inmates in Japan seek to go home

Tokyo, Mar 10 (AP):

Two Americans imprisoned as inmates in Japan for helping former Nissan Chairman Carlos Ghosn avoid trial and escape to Lebanon are hoping to serve the rest of their time in the US.

The Boston-based attorney for Michael Taylor and his son Peter Taylor, Paul Kelly, said Thursday that the elder man was suffering from serious back pain and frostbite.

The US Justice Department in October requested the Taylors, who

were convicted in the same trial, be transferred to a US prison. 'It's not been an easy time for them, between the extreme cold and the isolation,' Kelly told The Associated Press.

'Japan has not acted on the transfer issue at all. If Japan were to grant the transfer, then Michael and Peter would be literally taken immediately out of Japan and brought back to the United States,' he said.

Japan's Justice Ministry must agree for the transfer to be carried out. The ministry has no immediate

comment.

Ghosh fled to Lebanon in late 2019, hiding in a music instrument box aboard a private jet. Japanese prisons lack Western-style heating, air-conditioning or beds. Inmates get a mattress that's rolled out at night. Japanese authorities say their prisons meet humanitarian standards.

Michael and Peter Taylor were convicted in Tokyo District Court in July for their roles in helping Ghosn escape Japan for Lebanon, the country of his ancestry.

Australia to boost defence force by thirty percent

Canberra, Mar 10 (AFP):

Australia will boost its defence forces by some 30 percent by 2040, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Thursday, describing it as the country's largest military build-up in peacetime.

The force would grow by 18,500 personnel to 80,000 over the 18-year period, at a cost of some Aus\$38 billion (US\$27 billion), the prime minister said at an army barracks in Brisbane. Morrison, who is expected to call a general election in May, told a news conference it was the "biggest increase in the size of our defence forces in peacetime in Australian history". He said the military build-up was a recognition by his government of the "threats and the environment that we face as a country, as a liberal

democracy in the Indo-Pacific".

The Australian leader said some of the new troops would support a future nuclear-powered submarine fleet, promised under a new Australia-Britain-US defence alliance, AUKUS.

Australia says it plans to arm the submarines with conventional weapons but has yet to decide on the details of the programme, including whether to opt for a fleet based on US or British nuclear-powered attack submarines. Forged at a time of growing Chinese influence in the Pacific region, the AUKUS alliance would make Australia the only non-nuclear weapons power with nuclear-powered submarines, capable of travelling long distances without surfacing.

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WALK-IN INTERVIEW

Kendriya Vidyalaya Bacheli is going to conduct a walk-in interview in the Vidyalaya premises in order to prepare a panel of teachers and coaches on purely part time / contractual basis against the following vacancies as and when occur during the session 2022-23. Eligible candidates may login Vidyalaya website <https://biopbacheli.kvs.ac.in> to download Application Form and bring a Hard copy of the same duly filled-in, along with 2 passport size photographs, experience certificate (if any) and one set of photocopies of certificates and Marks statement (from HSC onwards) on the date of interview. Original certificates must be produced for verification. Preference will be given to CTET (Central Teacher Eligibility Test) qualified candidate with B.Ed. or equivalent for the posts of PRT & TGT. For more details visit Vidyalaya website.

Schedule of Interview

Sl. No	POST	DATE & TIME
1.	Primary Teacher (PRT)	20.03.2022 (Sunday) from 09:00 AM
	Trained Graduate Teacher (TGT): (Hindi, English, Sanskrit, Mathematics, Science & Social Science)	21.03.2022 (Monday) from 09:00 AM
	Post Graduate Teacher (PGT): (Hindi, English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Commerce, Economics, Computer Science)	22.03.2022 (Tuesday) from 09:00 AM

Specialist Teachers: Computer Instructor, Sports Coach, Academic Counselor, Music Coach, Yoga Instructor

Principal



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Federal system of states

It is good for democracy in India that assembly elections in five states were conducted with no major incidents of violence. The federal nature of constitution makes democracy in India resilient. It is to be noted that assembly elections were held amid a waning third wave of COVID-19 pandemic. There have been allegations about mishandling of pandemic response, but outcome of election results indicate that voters have preferred long term vision of political parties as benchmark for issues when deciding to vote. Some of political analysts may be puzzled by election results, but new research from UK explains voter behaviour and shows advantages of federal system of states as superior form of administration for strength of democracy. Democracy is often messy, filled with competing voices, political arguments and bureaucratic redundancies. But when it comes to immediate disaster response, it's a clear winner over autocratic systems. The coronavirus pandemic proved to be a real-time experiment for political scientists such as Binghamton University Professor Olga Shvetsova in UK. As the pandemic unfolded in the summer of 2020, Shvetsova and her COVID-19 Policy Response Lab compiled a massive database comparing pandemic-related governmental policies in 75 countries on both the national and subnational levels. The database inspired multiple articles, including one Shvetsova had published in a medical journal, and a forthcoming book, tentatively titled "Government Response and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Between a Rock and a Hard Place." This week, Shvetsova discussed her findings with the campus community as she gave the 2022 Harpur Dean's Distinguished Lecture. Shvetsova's team began collecting data in March 2020, with the help of volunteers from around the world. They studied national policies, as well as those made on the subnational level such as by states and provinces, to create a protective public policy index that was frequently updated during the course of the pandemic. The research found that democracies with self-governing states or provinces federations, to use political science terminology offered more layers of protection to individual citizens than those with unitary governments. This goes against the assumption early in the pandemic that autocracies would mount a more robust response to the crisis.

You can think of it in terms of a decision tree a signal either reaches or fails to reach the decision-making authority, which then mounts a response. Unitary democracies tend to field more signals than autocracies, although they still go to a single authority. Federations, on the other hand, have both multiple signals and multiple decision-making authorities. They're more likely to pick up signals of a crisis and respond, whether at the national, state or municipal levels. Even if one of the decision-making bodies doesn't respond to a signal, the other layers may. Redundancy, as seen in federations with their multiple levels of government, is actually a plus when it comes to crisis response. When it comes to enacting public health mandates, democratic governments find themselves subject to contradictory forces. Politicians generally don't like to inflict pain on the public that voted for them. The word 'mandate' doesn't bode well. On the other hand, they also do not want to see a healthcare calamity. As a result, political actors want protective policies, but they would prefer that someone else put them into place. Power-sharing among different branches of government and among different political parties therefore enabled more effective policymaking in terms of public health. The more political parties there were in a legislative body, the more likely that body was to adopt more stringent pandemic-related policies. Exactly who makes those decisions and how they are made are in constant flux, however. The allocation of responsibilities in government is akin to a living, breathing process. It undergoes regular adjustments. Those adjustments could be seen in elections, which then influenced the enactment of pandemic-related policies. On the national level, the healthcare systems that were in place prior to the pandemic didn't have an impact on governmental strategy. Politics mattered more than prior health policies. Overall, response to a crisis appears to be swifter in decentralized democracies, and shared accountability makes it easier for governments to enact necessary policies. How well we design our government is going to determine how well we survive a crisis.

Alleged conspiracy

Amid political crisis faced by Imran Khan led government in Pakistan, some experts are alleging that United States of America is trying to limit or sabotage Pakistan's relationship with China. Alleged conspiracy against Imran Khan involves control of Pakistan's economy. Dr Shahbaz Gill, PM's Special Assistant for Political Communication, is now of the opinion that the US and allies want PM Imran Khan 'removed because his policies are against their regional and global interests'. The CIA has to have both an intention and the capacity for a 'regime change'-just one won't do. Why would the CIA want a 'regime change' in Pakistan at this stage? The answer may be that it is all about the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor or CPEC. In 2018, Imran Khan became Prime Minister of Pakistan. By that time CPEC Phase II-comprising SEZs had kicked in. On February 2 2022, the IMF's Executive Board approved a USD 1.053 billion disbursement to Pakistan.

On February 4, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) received USD 1.053 tranche of its three-year, USD 6 billion IMF loans. At the IMF, the United States has 831,401 votes. If the CIA was planning a 'regime change' in March 2022 why would the IMF disburse USD 1.053 billion in February 2022? In February 2022, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) were Pakistan's largest development partners with disbursements of USD 529 million and USD 461 million, respectively. At the World Bank, the US has 2,925,790 votes. If the CIA was planning a 'regime change' in March 2022 why would the World Bank disburse USD 529 million in February 2022? At the ADB, the United States has subscribed 15.5 percent of the total capital and controls 12.75 percent of the votes. Some political groups in Pakistan want to blame US for domestic instability amid US-China rivalry.

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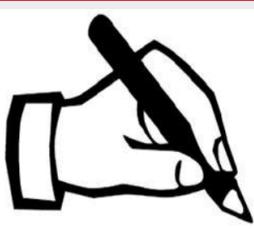
MOBILE EATERY OPERATOR



People eat breakfast at a two wheeler mobile eatery stall on a road side in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Taking action for making India as global millet hub

DR KC GUMMAGOLMATH



Millet is mostly grown in rain fed lands and are climate resilient smart crops restricted to semi-arid climatic conditions particularly in India. These crops are adapted to a wide range of temperatures, moisture-regimes and input conditions, supplying food to millions of dryland farmers and fodder to animals, and also form an important raw material for potable alcohol and starch production in industrialized countries. In the Indian sub-continent, millet crops are considered as super grains for having reservoirs of nutrients. All millet varieties have high antioxidant activity and are gluten free and non-allergenic. As a result, consumer demand and dietary patterns are slowly changing and creating a potential market for these millets in the recent past. There is also a rising demand for value added products due to growing health consciousness among the consumers. In India, millets are mainly cultivated in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand. Rajasthan (87 percent of Pearl millet area), Maharashtra (75 percent of sorghum area) and Karnataka (54 percent of Ragi and 32 percent of pearl millet).

FAO data reveals that in India, millets' area under cultivation has averaged at 108 lakh hectares and reported a dispersion of 27 lakh hectares between 2000 and 2019. The analysis shows that millets area under production had a negative 2.25 percent Growth Rate between 2000 and 2019, while production growth is only 0.08

percent. However, the productivity exhibits a positive 2.38 percent CAGR. The millets market globally was estimated at USD 9 billion in 2019 and is expected to reach USD 12.5 billion. India is the largest consumer and accounts for 38 percent of global demand. The increase in demand for healthy food during the COVID-19 pandemic in India and globally, has given opportunities to promote millets and millet-based products. The major export destinations of millets are Nepal, Saudi Arab, Pakistan, UAE, Tunisia, Sri Lanka, Yemen Republic, Libya, Namibia, and Morocco. According to DGCIS, in the year 2019-20, 8 lakh MT of millets were exported from India valued at 205.2 crores (28.75 million dollars). International prices for millets are highly volatile, determined largely by supply volumes, and are usually unrelated to those of other major crops. However, stability can be attained with alternative value chain development. Policy advocacy and action plan is needed for millets.

Recently, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution initiated by India with Bangladesh, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Russia, and Senegal to mark 2023 as the 'International Year of Millets'. Against this backdrop, there is a need for an action plan by India to become global leader in millet exports. This action plan includes, improving the end-product quality and cost-effectiveness of Millet production systems. Making Millets farming highly remunerative under a range of agro-ecologies. Promotion of Millets

as health-food, and as industrial raw material for potable and industrial alcohol, starch, and their products including those from the stalks. Establishing primary and secondary processing centres in the vicinity of production to have an efficient value chain. Community-owned processing units facilitated by FPOs in leveraging economies of scale. Corporates and start-ups in the food processing industry can assist through better branding prospects with food quality and safety standards to increase consumer awareness of its nutritional benefits. Government of India Initiative to Promote Millet Cultivation includes several measures. Till recently, through the revamped National Food Security Mission Operational Guidelines (NFSM), the Government of India has focused on 212 millet districts in 14 states to provide incentives to farmers for quality seed production/distribution, field-level demonstrations, trainings, primary processing clusters, and research support.

The Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF) has pushed investments to promote millet entrepreneurs, primary processing and machinery to FPOs. The 'One District One Product' (ODOP) initiative has identified 27 millet districts to focus on. There are around 80 FPOs across the country which are producing sorghum and millets in India. FPO can act as a potential institution to collectivize the farmers and get the maximum benefit of their produce. Considering the potential of increasing exports of millets and millet products and the focus given by Government for development of millet sector of nuri-cereals, APEDA is formulating a strategy with ICAR-IIMR and other stakeholders like National Institute Nutrition, CSIR-CFTRI and FPOs for perspective planning of five years for promotion of millets and millet products. The support is extended through schemes of Export Infrastructure development, Quality Development and Market Development. APEDA will provide assistance in processing facilities for addressing the missing gap like increasing the shelf life of millets, en-

hancing the production, and advancing the packaging line, lab equipment, and testing of samples.

During the Union Budget presentation, finance minister had announced that 2023 will be considered as the International Year of Millets. Support will be provided for post-harvest value addition, enhancing domestic consumption, and for branding millet products nationally and internationally. Karnataka which has moved in the direction to diversify and incentivize production of these super foods, is providing incentive of Rs 10,000 per hectare incentive (capped at 2 hectares) under the Raitha Siri scheme from 2017. Other states may follow the example. In India, millets have been mentioned in some of the oldest Yajurveda texts, identifying foxtail millet (priyangava), Barnyard millet (aanaava) and black finger millet (shyaamaka), thus indicating that millet consumption was very common, pre-dating to the Indian Bronze Age (4,500 BC).

The cultivation of millets is deep-rooted in Indian culture. Drought-tolerant crops with low dependence on chemical inputs would put far less pressure on ecosystems. The intercropping of millets with other crops is especially beneficial because the fibrous roots of millet plants help in improving soil quality, keep water run-off in check and aid soil conservation in erosion-prone areas, thereby restoring natural ecosystems. The above facts indicate that there is a conducive policy for promotion of millet in India through various programs and schemes. With comparative advantage of agro ecological conditions coupled with growing demand for cereals, India can emerge as a global leader in millet cultivation, processing, marketing and exports. Support will be provided for post harvest value addition, enhancing domestic consumption and branding millets products Nationally and Internationally.

(Dr KC Gummagolmath is Director of MANAGE at National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Hyderabad.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Untold stories

While browsing through the Facebook, I came across an old interview of Lt. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, Bharat Ratna, conducted by the BBC in 1955. After going through the interview which lasted for more than half an hour, I was simply shell-shocked to know about some untold facts about the Great Man Gandhiji. Even if 50 percent version of what Ambedkar said is taken as true from the said interview, then I strongly feel that there are lots of distortions of facts regarding the nation's Independence movement where some greats like Veer Sarvakar, Sardar Patel, Netaji Subhash Bose, Gopinath Bordoloi, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Deendayal Upadhyay, Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev etc., to name a few were totally sidelined by few selfish researchers to project certain politicians. More startling facts in this regard are likely to emerge in the near future which should enlighten the next generation about the roles played by a few self-seekers in history. History will never forgive them.

Ashim, via email

Film on Pai

It is really delightful to know that a film is being made based on the life of Anant Pai, the creator of the globally famous 'Amar Chitra Katha' series of comic books. It is truly a tribute to this great Indian, who is called the father of Indian comics. Indian children of the 1970s, 1980s and the 1990s can never forget ACK and their Uncle Pai, who moulded the hearts of the children of that era, inculcating and inspiring in them our rich Indian culture, heritage and history. The teens of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s can never forget the pleasure they had browsing through the pages of those wonderful comic books. Anant Pai created those books in order to show the young Indians the route to their roots after sadly noting the ignorance of the teens regarding their great Indian culture and heritage. He proved that reading not only refreshes, it even moulds an individual's character and thereby the society. Anant Pai's ACK and Tinkle beautifully taught the children the very rich legends, mythology and history in the most suitable way-through graphics. Reading ACK was fun, entertainment and education - everything together. The film on Anant Pai is based on the biography 'Uncle Pai' by Rajesh M Iyer. The journey of a young child from a village in Karnataka moving on to Mumbai, his struggles, his ups and downs, his vision and his success are stuff enough to be made into a movie and that is what the film is about. The film traces the journey of a remarkable man and of his indomitable spirit, who helped millions across India for generations together to get in touch with their cultural roots. According to the biographer Rajesh M Iyer, taking the story of India's beloved Uncle Pai to a wider audience through a film or a web series is a logical cinematic tribute to the man who introduced millions of Indians to their glorious storytelling heritage. The film is definitely a tribute to a legend who taught Indians to be proud of their Indianness and shall be an inspiration to the coming generations to be proud and uphold that rich Indian culture and heritage.

M Pradyu, via email



WHAT THEY TWEET!

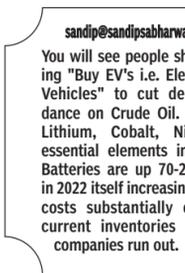


Krushna@govindagopala
Earlier it was only China having everything "Made in China" used in China. Now it will be Russia with "Made in Russia" sold in Russia. US pushing the world away from globalisation to localisation. Many countries will start thinking on these lines after this.

Aniruddha@malpani
For far too many kids , schools are places where they are forced to do things that don't really matter, exclusively for the benefit of adults, when they could be doing something better with their time. In this way, schools are the new child labour.



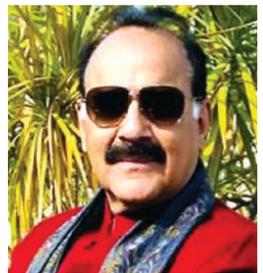
Harsha@bhogleharsha
I also like the change where a ball going down the leg side will not be called a wide if the batsman was outside leg stump when the bowler was in his delivery stride. I think it goes well with the 3rd umpire calling no-balls allowing the straight umpire to focus down the pitch.



sandip@sandipsabarwal
You will see people shouting "Buy EV's i.e. Electric Vehicles" to cut dependence on Crude Oil. Well Lithium, Cobalt, Nickel essential elements in EV Batteries are up 70-200% in 2022 itself increasing EV costs substantially once current inventories with companies run out.



IFAkash@aakashbadhawan
Terai landscape of the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve.



Arvind@MayaramArvind
India's transport economy is as complex as income inequality in the country. Older vehicles reach rural areas and are sold cheap and used as passenger or load carriers at much lower rates to sustain livelihoods. One shoe fits all will be counterproductive.

Venugopal@vgmenon99
It just proves that basic tenets of warfare remains unchanged . All those high funda terms that is mentioned is good for war games & endless webinar discussions. applicable to maritime domain as well No Captain of warship would engage a target without positive identification.

BRIEF

Acquires



New Delhi: Curefoods on Thursday said it has acquired a majority stake in milkshake brand, Frozen Bottle. Curefoods CBO Gokul Kandhi said this partnership will also help us improve our supply chain as we consolidate our position as on-line dessert company.

Funding

New Delhi: Audio content platform Kuku FM has raised USD 19.5 million (about Rs 148.6 crore) in a funding round led by South Korean gaming giant Krafton. The series-B funding round also saw participation from existing investors 3one4 Capital, Vertex Ventures, and India Quotient, with Founder Bank Capital and Verinvest joining as new investors. With this latest round of funding, Kuku FM has secured a total of USD 25 million.

Raises



New Delhi: Loco on Thursday said it has raised USD 42 million (about Rs 330 crore) in a Series-A funding. Co-founder Ashwin Suresh said fund will be utilised for improving game, streaming experience, building Web3 technology capability and improvising online gaming.

Receives

New Delhi: Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited (KPTL) on Thursday said it has received the letter of intent (LoI) for an order worth Rs 3,276 crore. The LoI is for a "prestigious project" involving design, engineering, supply and construction of a HVDC power transmission line of 700 km. The estimated value of the project stands at Rs 3,276 crore, it said without divulging any further information. The LoI is subject to fulfilment.

Appoints



New Delhi: The government has appointed State Bank of India (SBI) managing director Ashwani Bhatia as whole-time member (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). There is now only one post of WTM left to be filled in SEBI, sources said.

Buys

New Delhi: Stove Kraft Ltd managing director Rajendra Gandhi bought company shares worth Rs 50 crore through an open market transaction. According to the bulk deal data on BSE, he purchased 7.75 lakh shares at an average price of Rs 645 apiece. Gandhi, a promoter of the company, held 53.4 per cent stake in the firm at the end of December 2021.

MSME ministry launches scheme to promote creativity

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):



The MSME ministry on Thursday launched an innovative scheme to promote creativity, adoption of latest technologies and increase awareness about importance of intellectual property rights among MSMEs.

The scheme is an amalgamation of the incubation, design and IPR (intellectual property rights) schemes of the ministry.

It would act as a hub for innovative activities, besides facilitating and guiding development of ideas into viable business propositions that can benefit society directly and can be marketed successfully.

Launching the scheme,

MSME Minister Narayan Rane said the scheme will help the MSME sector, which accounts for a major share in the country's exports and manufacturing. Industry should come forward and take ad-

vantage of this scheme, he said.

Under the scheme, the ministry would provide financial assistance for innovation, design and IPR protection. The IPR vertical of the scheme aims at

enhancing the awareness of these rights among MSMEs and taking suitable measures for the protection of ideas, technological innovation and knowledge-driven business strategies.

Similarly, under the innovation vertical, untapped creativity would be supported and promoted besides adoption of latest technologies in MSMEs.

The design part of the scheme is aimed at bringing the manufacturing sector and design expertise onto a common platform.

It is also aimed at providing real-time expert advice and cost effective solutions for design problems for new product developments.

Rupee gains 20 paise at 76.42 against USD, gold tumbles Rs 992

Mumbai, Mar 10 (PTD):

The rupee appreciated by 20 paise to close at 76.42 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, supported by positive domestic equities and trends in state election results.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 76.27 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 76.07 and a low of 76.46.

The rupee finally finished at 76.42, registering a rise of 20 paise over its previous close.

On Wednesday, the rupee had appreciated 38 paise to close at 76.62 against the US dollar following a retreat in crude oil prices and rebound in domestic equities.

Counting of votes was underway on Thursday in five states where assembly polls were held recently - Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa and Manipur.

The BJP is headed for a second straight win in politically crucial Uttar Pradesh and dominated the trends chart in three other states, while the Aam Aadmi Party readied for a landslide win in Punjab. The rupee gained as risk appetite rebounded, while haven currencies slumped, said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

Geopolitical risks have also begun to reverse course and commodities cooled off, and emerging market currencies and eq-

uities advanced. In the near-term, the rupee is expected to consolidate in the range of 76 to 76.70, Parmar added.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.13 per cent to 98.09. Gold tumbled Rs 992 to Rs 52,635 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday reflecting a decline in international precious prices along with rupee appreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal finished at Rs 53,627 per 10 grams. Silver also tanked Rs 1,949 to Rs 69,458 per kg, from Rs 71,407 per kg in the previous trade.

Demand for flats in newly launched projects rises

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):

Nearly 35 per cent of housing units sold in 2021 across seven cities were in newly launched projects, driven by fresh supply from branded developers and a rise in investor demand, according to Anarock.

In its report released on Thursday, Anarock said 2.37 lakh units were sold across the top-seven cities in 2021 and out of that, 34 per cent were newly launched.

The remaining 66 per cent units sold in 2021 were in projects launched in the preceding years.

The seven cities tracked by the company are - Delhi-NCR, Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), Pune, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad.

BMW drives in new X4 starting at Rs 70.5 lakh

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):



German luxury carmaker BMW on Thursday said it has launched the updated version of SUV coupe X4 in India with price starting at Rs 70.5 lakh (ex-showroom).

The petrol trim is priced at Rs 70.5 lakh while the diesel variant is tagged at Rs 72.5 lakh. The company said it has refreshed the sports activity coupe (SAC) with design elements, added equipment and new features. Locally produced at the company's Chennai-based plant, the new X4 will be available in diesel and petrol variants at all BMW dealerships across India from Thursday onwards, it added. "The X4 popularised the distinctive sports activity coupe concept in India. It instantly became the vehicle of choice for customers who have a unique style that

stands out from rest of the crowd," BMW Group India President Vikram Pawah noted. The way the vehicle infuses sheer driving pleasure with head-turning looks and sporty adventure is inimitable, he added. "Now the new X4 is ready to continue this status in its segment with a refreshed exterior and an attractive profile with multiple technology features," Pawah stated.

The model is available in an exclusive Black Shadow edition in limited numbers only, the company stated. The three-litre diesel engine of the X4 produces an output of 265 hp, enabling the car to accelerate from 0-100 km/hr in just 5.8 seconds.

Soybean imports revised downwards to 3.50 lakh tons

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):



Soybean Processors Association of India (SOPA) on Thursday revised downwards the country's soybean imports to 3.50 lakh tonnes for the ongoing 2021-22 oil year from the earlier projection of 4 lakh tonnes on lower crushing and slow meal off-take.

Oil year runs from October to September. The country had imported 5.48 lakh tonnes of soybean during the 2020-21 oil year.

"Looking at the current market scenario, lower crushing and slow meal off-take, we have revised downwards the whole year crushing, local demand of soybean meal and soybean import estimates," the association said in a statement. According to SOPA, domestic soybean production is estimated to be higher at 118.89 lakh tonnes this year against

104.55 lakh tonnes in the previous 2020-21 oil year.

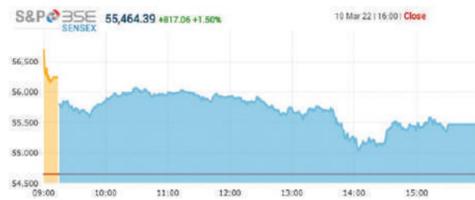
Out of the total estimated availability of soybean of 124.22 lakh tonnes for this year, 111.22 lakh tonnes will be available for crushing for the current year, higher than 100.19 lakh tonnes in the previous oil year.

Till February, both arrival and crushing have been lower than the year-ago period even as traders and farmers had a stock of 75.80 lakh tonnes of soybean as of March 1.

About 34 lakh tonnes of soybean was crushed till February this oil year compared to 54 lakh tonnes a year ago.

Markets rally for 3rd day, Sensex jumps 817 points

Mumbai, Mar 10 (PTD):



Equity benchmarks continued their winning momentum for the third day on Thursday and jumped over 1.50 per cent, tracking an overall bullish trend in Asian equities.

On the political front, the BJP headed for a second straight win in politically crucial Uttar Pradesh and dominated the trends chart in three other states.

The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex opened in the green and further zoomed 1,595.14 points or 2.91 per cent to 56,242.47 during early trade. However, it pared some of the early gains during the fag-end of trade amid weak European markets and recovery in oil prices. It finally settled at 55,464.39, higher by 817.06 points or 1.50 per cent.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty jumped 249.55 points or 1.53 per cent to close at 16,594.90. From the 30-share Sensex pack, Hindustan Unilever Limited, Tata Steel, State Bank of India, Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Nestle and Maruti Suzuki India were the biggest gainers, jumping up to 5.17 per cent.

In contrast, Tech Mahindra, Dr Reddy's Laboratories and Tata Consultancy Services were the laggards. "Indian mar-

ket witnessed a strong recovery after a brutal fall thanks to some positive news flows on the Russia-Ukraine standoff that to rally in global equity markets and cool off in commodity prices. The outcome of state election results is also acting as a tailwind for the Indian equity market however; it has the impact of only one day and the main focus of the market will remain on the Russia-Ukraine issue because there are still uncertainties.

India likely to grow at 7.8% in FY-23

With risk tilted towards downside

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):



Indian economy is expected to grow by 7.8 per cent in 2022-23, mainly driven by the government's drive to push infrastructure spending and likely increase in private capital expenditure, rating agency Crisil said on Thursday.

The rating agency, however, cautioned that the ongoing Russia Ukraine war and rising commodity prices do pose a downside risk to the growth.

The country is expected to register a growth rate of 8.9 per cent in the current fiscal ending March 31.

"Any potential upside due to the early end of a mild third wave of COVID-19 infections will be offset

by the ongoing geopolitical strife stemming from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which is creating a dampening effect on global growth and pushing up oil and commodity prices. The risks to growth are also tilted to the downside," it said. Private consumption remains the weak link, owing to reduced direct fiscal policy support, Crisil Chief Economist Dharmakirti Joshi said while unveiling India Outlook, Fiscal 2023.

As for the average Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation, he

said, it will stay firm at 5.4 per cent next fiscal - if the price of crude oil averages USD 85-90/barrel - and takes into account the excise duty cuts announced last year. However, upside risks will build if the geopolitical strife prolongs, keeping oil and commodity prices higher for longer.

Interestingly, when the price of crude oil averaged USD 110/barrel between fiscals 2012 and 2014, inflation was in double digits. That situation is unlikely to repeat this time due to the relatively benign domestic prices of foodgrains following sumptuous agricultural output, and comparatively lower core inflation.

During that period, he said, food and core inflation, which together have 86 per cent weight in CPI, had averaged 9.8 per cent and 8.6 per cent, respectively.

Hiring activity witnesses 3% uptick with end of 3rd wave

Mumbai, Mar 10 (PTD):

Hiring activity witnessed a three per cent uptick sequentially in February as almost all industries showcased strong growth with the end of the third wave of the pandemic, according to a report. Demand for talent surged seven per cent year-on-year in February 2022, according to a report by the Monster Employment Index.

February 2022 saw a monthly uptick of three per cent in hiring activity sequentially, the report added.

Across industries, February saw BPO/ITeS showcasing a strong 11 per cent growth on the increased adoption of digitisation across industries. The demand for roles in shipping/ marine (nine per cent) and production and manufacturing (9 per cent) also witnessed a surge due to the announcement of the Maritime Vision 2030 and the renewed focus given to employment generation and expansion through the PLI scheme and PM GatiShakti, the report noted.

Ducati launches Scrambler 1100 Tribute PRO at Rs 12.89 lakh

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):



Luxury motorcycle manufacturer Ducati on Thursday said it has launched Scrambler 1100 Tribute PRO priced at Rs 12.89 lakh (ex-showroom).

The bike has been created to pay homage to the history of the air-cooled twin-cylinder engine, fifty years after it was first introduced on a Ducati, in 1971 with the Ducati 750 GT.

"The Scrambler 1100 Tribute PRO stays true to the Scrambler DNA while also paying homage to the history of the Borgo Panigale through the unique 'Giallo Ocra' livery. "Our first launch this year, the Scrambler 1100 Tribute PRO is a distinctive offering celebrating the iconic air cooled L-Twin engine," Ducati India Managing Director Bipul Chandra noted.

The bike features a 1079-

cc engine which generates total power output of 86 hp.

The 2022 Ducati Scrambler 1100 Tribute Pro has a steel trellis frame, an aluminum subframe, a cast aluminum swingarm, and spoked wheels (18-inch front, 17-inch rear) shod with Pirelli MT60 RS tires. Suspension includes a fully adjustable 45mm inverted Marzocchi fork and an adjustable Kayaba shock with a progressive linkage. The front brakes are radial-mount monoblock Brembo M4.32 calipers squeezing 320mm discs.

Amway India commits to an equal future for all

Pledges to encourage, enable and empower women entrepreneurs

Mumbai, Mar 10:

International Women's Day (IWD) (March 8) is a worldwide celebration of women's historical, cultural, economic, and political accomplishments. In line with the International Women's Day 2022 theme - #BreakTheBias, Amway India, one of the country's leading FMCG direct selling companies continued its commitment to an equal future for all. Across India, the company is undertaking a slew of women-centric programs leading to the IWD celebrations across the country. The campaign aims

to provide an inclusive platform to women Amway Direct Selling Partners (ADS Partners) and potential women entrepreneurs by supporting them in their entrepreneurial journey through skilling and offering possible growth opportunities. Commenting on International Women's Day, Anshu Budhraj, CEO, Amway India, said, "Diversity with equal representation of women workforce is one of our key enterprise priorities to drive business growth. According to a recent study on the Future of Work for Women, the gig economy has exponential prospects to absorb more women and increase their workforce participation, implying a 41% increase in overall women's employ-

ment in the FMCG sector. Our efforts are aligned with this year's theme for International Women's Day #BreakTheBias that exerts the need to create a world free of stereotypes and discrimination."

Elaborating on the occasion, Chandra Bhushan Chakraborty, Sr. Vice President, East & West Region Amway India said, "It is imperative today that women are the fundamental drivers of country's economic growth. Aligning to our multi-year vision, on this Women's Day, we will continue our endeavor to empower women through our strategic initiatives, building a strong foundation for the gig economy majorly driven by the women workforce."

Birla Century's Home Division launch of Hill & Glade

Mumbai, Mar 10:



Birla Century's home division is set to enrich the Indian textile market with the launch of Hill & Glade, its flagship brand catering to the home bedding segment. Already part of the globally recognized brand, Hill & Glade by Birla Century will provide a plethora of choices in both colour and quality on the basis of the preferences of the customers.

Speaking at the launch of Hill & Glade by Birla Century in Mumbai, Mr. R.K. Dalmia, Sr. President & Wholtime Director, stressed upon the vision of sustainability alongside quality that the organization has a strong focus towards. "Sustainability is the new buzzword, but for Birla Century it has been a prac-

tise since our inception. Preserving our Mother Earth has always been a priority and we always keep "Think today, about tomorrow" at the heart of whatever decisions we take. This approach also reflects in our products which are much loved by

consumers the world over for their attention to detail and unflinching quality standards"

Speaking at the launch in Mumbai, Ashish Mehrishi - CMO (Home Textiles & Apparel Fabrics) Birla Century, is confident that Hill & Glade

will be one of the most well received brands of the year 2022. "We have invested a considerable amount of time and research to get here after ensuring the feedback from a large set of target audiences determined the gaps in the home bedding segment. Hill & Glade will provide choices in terms of textures, colours and quality segments, catering to all consumers."

Hill & Glade will launch with over 250 eye-catching designs in a range of colours that will encompass solids as well as prints for the discerning consumer. This comes on the back of months of extensive research on the basis of consumer preferences with test audiences that helped fine tune choices around the most liked and suited bedsheets.



Puja Agarwal: OTT as a platform excites me more

'Simmba' actress Puja Agarwal, who has been recently seen in the short film 'Mirror', says that OTT as a platform excites her and she would like to be part of more projects on OTT. "I have worked in a couple of short films. Recently, my film 'Mirror' got released. My focus is more on OTT. I feel a lot of amazing content is being made for various OTT platforms and I would love to be part of some. It's a medium which allows you to experiment as an actor," she says. Ask her what is her favourite genre as an actor and a viewer, and she says: "I have been intrigued by the fantasy genre since childhood. I love magic, fairies, witches and the dreamy world." Meanwhile, while work is important to Puja, so is relaxing and rejuvenating, she says. "Spending quality time with family and friends and going on a solo vacation trip are some of the things I do to refresh myself. I have very few friends in life and they all are my family. While I have a diverse network of people I know, I feel a greater sense of belonging and well-being by nurturing close, meaningful relationships that will support me through thick and thin," she says.

'Dharam Yoddha Garud' in Sony SAB from Mar 14



Rising swiftly and soaring high, Sony SAB is all set to showcase grandeur in the world of television with its upcoming magnum opus **Dharm Yoddha Garud**. Capturing the tale of the almighty Garud (Faisal Khan), and the unconditional love between a mother and a son, Sony SAB brings us a mythological saga replete with never before seen or heard

stories and characters that presented a vision on life and dharma with state-of-the-art production value and jaw dropping VFX. The time-tested epic tale of good vs evil The tale of Dharam Yoddha Garud is not just a reflection of a classic good vs evil formula, but a lesson on what entails a fulfilling and honest life. The story puts a mirror in front of us through

Kadru who loses sight of what's right and what's wrong by the perquisites of power and Garud who always chose the selfless and righteous path in fulfilling his duty. It was his dedication and responsible living that won the heart of Lord Vishnu. **Watch Dharm Yoddha Garud starting 14th March from Monday to Saturday at 7 PM only on Sony SAB.**

I've now got my dues as an actor with 'Yeh Jhuki Jhuki Si Nazar'

The first lead role is always special since many actors get that after a lot of hardships. Actress Swati Rajput, who is playing the lead role in the show **Yeh Jhuki Jhuki Si Nazar** after a decade, has also witnessed her fair share of struggle. However, she feels like she is on cloud nine due to her lead role in the show. Swati feels that she has got the role because of her diligence and commitment towards her work.

Excerpts of interview:

Tell us something about your character in the show 'Yeh Jhuki Jhuki Si Nazar'?

Dia is well educated, well read, confident, independent women, who is very much comfortable in her own skin color despite of the fact she has been judged all her life because of her complexion.

She ignores the judgements passed on by others and lives her life in her own way and has been fighting with discrimination. She believes that "Achievement has no colour". She respects her elders and always help the ones in need.

Tell us about the various preparations that you have done for your character in the show?

As an artist I always start working on the backstory of the character. It's important to understand the who, what, where, why

of the character. I believe that's what brings flesh and bones to the character. I would start it with the easiest question "where was I born?"

What is in store for the audience from the show?

Ye Jhuki Jhuki Si Nazar is the journey of Dia, who is dark complexioned and her fight with the society. It's an Inspiring show with a meaningful message that one should never judge anyone on based of their skin color. After all we humans are vulnerable and deal with same kind of emotions.

What is it like shooting for your show in the midst of this new normal?

Somewhere it's good as we avoid unnecessary interaction and things have become more professional.

After working in Telugu & Hindi movies, what inspired you to take up this Hindi TV Show?

As an actor I don't judge any platform as far as I'm working on good story and script. Hence this show. I am in love with Diya Mathur's journey and her story. Being a wheatish girl myself, I have faced many of such challenges. I believe it's a big issue and it's a story that should be told.

Have you shot any outdoor sequences for your show?

Yes, we did shoot in Chandni Chowk in Delhi. On the terrace with Jama Masjid in the background It was no less of an experience than shooting a film.



Aishwarya Rajesh begins work on director SG Charles's film

Work on director S.G. Charles's untitled film, featuring actress Aishwarya Rajesh in the lead, began with a simple pooja in Chennai on Wednesday.

Director S.G. Charles is best known for his earlier film 'Lock Up', which featured actors Vaibhav, Vani Bhojan, Venkat Prabhu and Poorna in the lead.

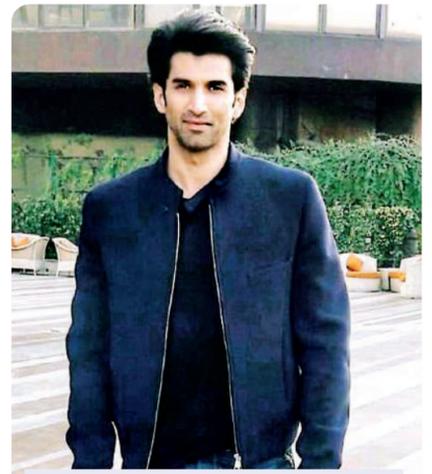
Sources close to the unit say that the film, which is yet to be titled and which is being tentatively referred to as Production Number One, will also feature actress Lakshmi Priya, actors Sunil Reddy, Karunakaran, Mime Gopi, Deepa Shankar and Kingsley among others.

The film is to be jointly produced by two production houses, Huebox Studios and Hamsini Entertainment.

Sources say that Balamurugan has been roped in as the cinematographer for the film which will have art direction by Ravi.

Sources add that an official announcement regarding the entire cast and crew will be made shortly.

Aditya Roy Kapur-starrer 'OM - The Battle Within' to release on July 1



Actors Aditya Roy Kapur and Sanjana Sanghi-starrer 'Om: The Battle Within' is finally set to release in theatres this July. Producers Zee Studios, Ahmed Khan and Shaira Khan have officially announced the release date of the film. It is scheduled to hit the big screen on July 1. The Kapil Verma directorial marks the very first association of Aditya and Sanjana as a lead pair. The action thriller with stylised high octane action sequences will have Aditya and Sanjana in a never seen before avatar. Zee Studios and Ahmed Khan present, A Paper Doll Entertainment Production, produced by Zee Studios, Shaira Khan and Ahmed Khan, 'OM - The Battle Within' is directed by Kapil Verma. The film is all set to release on July 1, 2022.

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Aquarius: Jan 21 - Feb 18

You get a pat on the back due to your brilliant academic standing. People will admire your business acumen and may imitate your choices. But this doesn't mean you become haughty and unapproachable. Carry on the good work with a humble attitude, says Ganesha.

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

Anticipation is all the fun. Sadly, this only alludes to your months-in-preparation travel plans that are most likely to be delayed today on one count or the other. Though, if this is any consolation, your trip, when it finally occurs, will bring you as much pleasure and satisfaction that you expected out of it, if not more, says Ganesha.

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may get to share your ideas and opinions with like-minded people. Ganesha says you may finally have a heart-to-heart chat with your beloved, and express your deep commitment. You may even talk of your long cherished dreams.

Taurus: Apr 21 - May 21

You will wake up feeling determined and decisive today, says Ganesha. Be careful as your rigid views may make you seem stubborn. You may not be willing to come half way during a conflict and will make a habit of articulating your viewpoint. Tension at the workplace will eat through most of your time today, feels Ganesha.

Gemini: May 22 - June 21

You will feel lonely and unwanted today. You will feel the need for someone who can calm your troubled mind. Meditation and yoga will help you calm yourself. It is a good day to receive love from that someone special.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

You know how to make money, and you are even better in putting it to good use. Today, you will have your one eye on the developments in the stock market, and the other on brochures of tourism companies. Yes, you may plan to spend some money on leisure, entertainment and getting closer to your family.

Leo: July 23 - Aug 23

It may be that the best daffodils bloom early in the morning, but good ideas can come any time of the day, says Ganesha. So spruce up your management skills, as you shall need them to help organise and cash in on the multitude of ideas that will bombard you today.

Virgo: Aug 24 - Sept 22

Motivation will remain high today, says Ganesha. Your talents and skills make you stand out as a superb artist. Words will glow if you let your creativity flow, and should you decide to dance or sing, you'll set the stage on fire today. Cultivate hobbies in performing arts and literature, advises Ganesha.

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 23

Ganesha says that any pending legal issues will be sorted out today either in court or through an out of court settlement. Your workload will get eased today and you will be able to find your way out from certain problematic situations. Ganesha showers you with his blessings.

Scorpio: Oct 24 - Nov 22

There is a big black hole in your pocket, and it's high time you looked for remedies there. Loved ones will make use of your money as sultan cream & liberally and carelessly. You are most likely to burn the holes larger by spending lavishly, especially to impress a member of the opposite sex. Ganesha advises you to keep in mind that time is money and time never returns.

Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 31

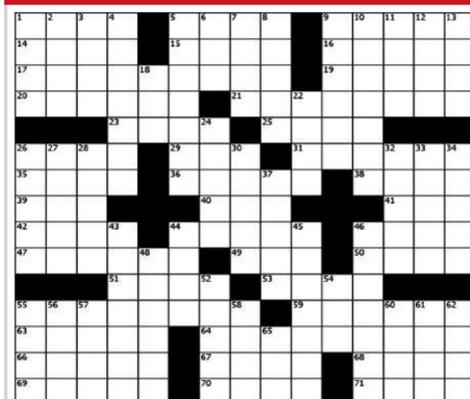
Take it as a piece of advice: tough times don't last; tough people do. The day has a lot of ups and downs in store for you. However, you are the sailor of stormy seas and would sail through all the troubles easily. Take the advice given by your near and dear ones, says Ganesha.

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 20

Work will suck you dry of your energy today, says Ganesha. Business rivals will go out of their way to mar your reputation and project you as incompetent. But to their dismay, you will prove to be way too smart to let them succeed in their sinister motives. In fact, you will hit where it hurts most and show your foes that you have all it takes to be a winner. Your superiority will reign over theirs.

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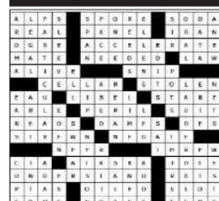
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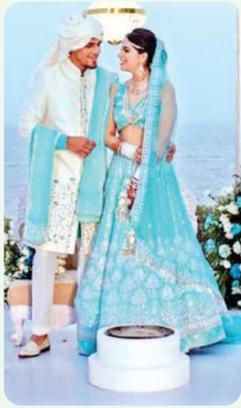
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- Be's abode
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Rahul Chahar's Weds Ishani

Goa: Punjab Kings leg-spinner Rahul Chahar and his fashion designer girlfriend Ishani tied the knot in a stylish destination wedding in Goa on Wednesday. 'Our Happily ever after!!' Chahar captioned his wedding pictures on Instagram. Ishani and Rahul, who were engaged in 2019, will host a wedding reception on Saturday. Chahar, who has played one ODI and six T20Is for India, was bought by Punjab Kings for Rs 5.25 crore (Rs 52.5 million) at this year's IPL auction. He was part of Mumbai Indians from 2018 to 2021.



Warne's body arrives in Melbourne

Melbourne: Late Australian spin legend Shane Warne's body arrived at his home city Melbourne from Bangkok in a private jet on Thursday, almost a week after his shock death due to a suspected heart attack. Warne's body was flown to Melbourne in a coffin wrapped in the Australian flag. The private jet landed at around 8:30pm local time. He will be given a state funeral on March 30 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. "A private jet carrying the Australian cricket legend's body touched down at Essendon Fields Airport in Melbourne at around 8:30pm on Thursday night. The charter flight was moved into a private hangar," new.com.au reported. "Fans and friends, including Warne's personal assistant Helen Nolan, were at the airport to greet the private plane," the report added. Warne, who is credited with reviving the art of leg-spin bowling by taking 708 wickets in 145 Tests in an illustrious career spanning 15 years, died at the age of 52 in Koh Samui, Thailand on March 4.

Jhulan becomes joint-highest wicket taker in Women's ODI World Cup



Hamilton: Veteran Indian quick Jhulan Goswami on Thursday equalled former Australia spinner Lyn Fullston's tally of 39 scalps to become the joint-highest wicket taker in Women's World Cup. The 39-year-old, playing in her fifth ODI World Cup, achieved the feat against New Zealand in the on-going tournament

when she dismissed wicketkeeper Katey Martin in the 50th over. Fullston, who played for Australia from 1982 to 1988, had snapped 39 wickets in 20 matches while Goswami achieved the feat in her 30th game. Former England spinner Carole Ann Hodges is behind the duo with a haul of 37 wickets from 24 matches. Having made her debut over two decades ago in January 2002, Goswami, popularly known as 'Chakda Express' is also the leading wicket taker in women's ODI history, having taken 248 wickets in 197 games. She has continued to be India's backbone with the ball in an illustrious career and has also represented the country in 12 Tests and 68 T20Is while claiming 44 and 56 wickets in the two formats respectively.

India's top-order has to fire: Das

Hamilton: Indian batting coach Shiv Sunder Das on Thursday said rotation of strike is a cause of worry and they might have to rethink the team's batting order following its 62-run defeat against New Zealand in the ICC women's World Cup. Chasing 261, India failed to capitalise on the power play with the top order boasting experienced duo of Smriti Mandhana and Deepti Sharma alongside rookie Yastika Bhatia failing to fire as India were all out for 198 in 46.4 overs to concede a 62-run defeat. "The top order has to fire. We have the batting firepower to go deeper in the tournament. Looking at the top order, once you get going in the 10-15 overs, you can put on good score," Das said in the post-match media interaction. With three south-pawers in the top-order, the White Ferns gave the new ball to off-spinner Frances Mackay as she returned with a tidy 8-1-25-0. Inexperienced Yastika struggled to rotate the strike in her 59-ball 28, while Smriti and (6 from 21 balls) and Deepti (5 from 13 balls) were equally slow as India made just 50 runs in 19.1 overs.

Tomljanovic wins in 3 sets to open Indian Wells tournament

Indian Wells: Ajla Tomljanovic of Croatia beat American Hailey Baptiste 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 in opening-round play at the BNP Paribas Open. Ekaterina Alexandrova of Russia overcame American Elvina Kaliera 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7) despite 18 double faults as the combined men's and women's event returned to its usual March place on the calendar after being disrupted by COVID-19. The tournament was one of the first major sporting events to be canceled in March 2020 when the pandemic shut down the world. It was moved to October last year and played with few spectators in the stands. Alison Riske routed Caty McNally 6-0, 6-3 in an all-American matchup. Kaia Kanepi defeated 17-year-old American Robin Montgomery 6-3, 6-3.



Women's World Cup

India surrender to New Zealand by 62 runs

Hamilton, Mar 10 (PTI):

An inept batting performance by India led to an all-too familiar surrender against New Zealand as the Mithali Raj-led side went down by 62 runs in its second league stage match of the ICC Women's World Cup here on Thursday.

New Zealand, who have dominated the Indians throughout this summer, didn't let anything change in a familiar script by first scoring a healthy 260 for 9. They then choked the 'Women in Blue' before bowling them out for only 198 in 46.4 overs.

India have now slipped to fifth among eight teams after this defeat while New Zealand, with two wins from three games, are now second behind Australia in the overall standings.

Puja Vastrakar's 4 for 34 in 10 overs and Harmanpreet Kaur's 71 off 62 balls were two isolated performances which hardly made any impact on the larger outcome.

While Vastrakar's four-for could still be credited for stopping New Zealand's total from going north of 280, Harmanpreet's runs might just help her regain confidence for the coming games. Amelia Kerr (50 and 3/56 in 9 overs), one half of the famous Kerr sisters, first laid the platform with



a solid half century and then breached the defences of rival skipper Mithali Raj (31 off 56 balls) with a flighted delivery. Her fast googly dismissed Richa Ghosh (0) off the successive delivery to make it virtually impossible for India.

Towards the end, she also snapped up Harmanpreet to make it a perfect all-round performance. Seamers Lea Tahuu (3/17

in 10 overs) and Hayley Jensen (3/30 in 6.4 overs) shared the other scalps.

The pursuit of 261 started on a discordant note with Smriti Mandhana (6 off 21 balls), Yastika Bhatia (28 off 59 balls) and Deepti Sharma (5 off 13 balls) unable find ways to rotate the strike. Mithali's struggles have been well documented and it's not getting any better in her last tournament

for India. Even more baffling was coach Ramesh Powar's strategy of sending three left-handers (out of form Shafali Verma was dropped) with home team skipper Sophie Devine giving the new ball to off-break bowler Frances Mackay (8-1-25-0), who would take it away from left-handers.

The figures don't seem exceptional but much like what Deepak Patel did for men's team in 1992, Mackay bowled as many as 27 dot balls in those first 15 overs to choke the flow of runs.

India haven't found a way to counter New Zealand and in past one month, have lost five of the six WODIs against the White Ferns.

The game could be divided into two sets of first 20 overs where the two teams batted. In case of New Zealand, the first 20 overs yielded 117 runs for the loss of just two wickets while India, in their response, painfully reached 50 for 3 in their share of 20.

The difference was 67 and if one looks at the margin of victory for 'White Ferns', it won't be very difficult to gauge why things went downhill for Mithali's team. New Zealand's batting has four pillars - Suzie Bates (5), skipper Devine (35), No. 3 Kerr (50) and No. 4 Amy Satterthwaite (75) and three performed on the day.

Wicket wasn't unplayable but we didn't have a batter to take the game deep: Mithali



Hamilton, Mar 10 (PTI):

Captain Mithali Raj had no hesitation in admitting that top order's performance hasn't been up to the mark as India didn't have "a batter to take the game deep" in their 62-run defeat against New Zealand in the ICC Women's World Cup.

India managed only 198 in a chase of 260 against the White Ferns after only 50 runs were scored off 20 overs here on Thursday.

"Our batting, especially the top and middle order needs to fire because other teams are posting 250-260," Raj said at post-match presentation ceremony.

"We thought it was chasteable but provided we had the top order going. But back-to-back wickets put a lot of pres-

sure because we didn't have batter who can take it deep.

"There was bounce and good carry off the surface but it was not a tough strip to bat on. Their seamers were hitting the right areas with the bounce, but it wasn't unplayable and we could have done better," she added. Raj has expressed the same concern after the win against Pakistan in India's campaign opener when the lower order made up for the faltering top order.

The silver lining for India once again was the bowling effort according to the skipper as they were able to restrict the hosts, who were cruising towards a huge total at one stage, to 260 for 9.

"Our bowlers have done well today and earlier as well. After the early wickets we got, the way they had a partnership I thought they'd get around 270-280. There was bounce and it got slower in the second innings," Raj observed.

For home team skipper Sophie Devine, it was a "complete performance".

"Really complete performance. We built partnerships throughout, (Amy) Satterthwaite was outstanding, we laid the platform and we knew it was a good score," Devine said.

Srikanth wins, Sindhu losses in German Open

Muelheim An Der Ruhr, Mar 10 (PTI):

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu crashed out but world championships silver winner Kidambi Srikanth progressed to the quarterfinals of the German Open Super 300 badminton tournament here on Thursday.

The seventh seeded Sindhu, a 2019 World Champion, suffered a shock 14-21 21-15 14-21 loss to China's Zhang Yi Man in 55 minutes in the women's singles second round.

Srikanth, a former world No 1 and seeded eighth here, prevailed 21-16 21-23 21-18 over China's Lu Guang Zu in a men's singles second round match that lasted an hour and seven minutes.

It proved to be a disappointing start to the European leg for Sindhu,



who will be one of the contenders at next week's All England Championships.

The Indian couldn't get going as Zhang broke off at 5-5 and jumped to a 11-5 lead with six straight points. She kept her nose ahead to pocket the opening game without much ado. Stung by the reversal, Sindhu made a comeback in the second game as she fought her way to a slen-

der 11-10 lead at the break and then slowly marched ahead to bounce back into the contest.

But the Chinese found her bearing in the decider as she moved away after an initial duel to grab a 11-8 advantage at the interval. She didn't give the Indian much chance after that and soon shut the doors on her fancied opponent.

Benzema scores hat trick, Madrid rallies to oust PSG from CL

Madrid, Mar 10 (AP):

Real Madrid fans started the evening by applauding Kylian Mbapp and ended it by cheering Karim Benzema and celebrating another epic Champions League night the Santiago Bernabau Stadium.

Benzema responded to another goal by Mbapp by scoring a hat trick in less than 20 minutes in the second half Wednesday as Madrid came from behind to defeat Paris Saint-Germain 3-1 and advance to the quarterfinals of the Champions League.

It was yet another frustrating result in Europe for PSG, which won the first leg 1-0 and doubled its advantage through Mbapp in the first half but again failed to live up to the massive expectations after adding Lionel Messi to its star-studded team this season. It turned out to be a spectacular night for us,



Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said.

It was a difficult match and it got even more complicated after their first goal. We suffered a lot. But after we scored the atmosphere in the stadium changed and the fans began to push us again

and the players began to believe that they could finish the comeback.

Mbapp opened the scoring in the 39th minute to increase PSG's aggregate lead after the France striker also netted in stoppage time to secure the first-leg win in Paris.

Cheteshwar Pujara to play for Sussex during English summer

Move, Mar 10 (PTI):

Out-of-favour India batter Cheteshwar Pujara will be playing for Sussex in the upcoming English county season replacing Australia international Travis Head, the club announced on Thursday.

Pujara, who has been dropped from the Indian Test team after having played 95 games for the country, will compete in both first-class and List A games for Sussex. He has previously played for Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire in the English County Championship.

"Following a request by Travis to be released from his contract due to increased international commitments along with the news that he and his partner are expecting their first child, the club have agreed to this and replaced him with Cheteshwar Pujara for the majority of the 2022 season," the club released a statement.

"Pujara will arrive in



time for the first Championship match of the season and remain until at least the end of the RL50 competition (national one-day championship)."

The English county season will start on April 7 and Sussex will play their first match from April 14 against Derbyshire. The season continues till September across formats. Pujara is not part of India's current Test squad which is taking on Sri Lanka. His domestic team Saurashtra has not qualified for the knock-outs of Ranji Trophy and he is also without an IPL contract, which means he is free for the entire summer.

Holder and Bonner revive West Indies after 1st test wobble

St John's Antigua, Mar 10 (AP):

England led the West Indies by 109 runs after limiting the home side to 202-4 on day two of the first test at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

Jason Holder and Nkrumah Bonner revived West Indies with a dogged unbeaten stand of 75 runs to early stumps after they were wobbling at 127-4.

The pair took no risks and offered no chances, and safely managed a largely toothless England attack. Holder, 43 not out, and Bonner, 34 not out, ground out 75 together at just over two runs an over until they were interrupted by a fourth shower and stumps were pulled. Their stand was in contrast to the innings' breezy start. The openers, captain Kraigg Brathwaite and the recalled John Campbell, coasted after England was bowled out for 311 from



Jason Holder (L) and Nkrumah Bonner (R), of West Indies, look on during the second day of the 1st Test between England and West Indies at Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium in North Sound, Antigua and Barbuda.

268-6 overnight.

Brathwaite

Campbell cruised past

lunch and hit 13 bound-

aries and a six until Campbell's demise ended their stand on 83. Campbell was out down the leg side for 35.

Brathwaite reached his fifty in only 62 balls but was priced out for 55 by fast bowler Mark Wood.

Shamarh Brooks edged Ben Stokes to the slips on 18 and Jermaine Blackwood was dropped on 0 off Wood. The damage was minimal, though, as Blackwood was out for 11 to Chris Woakes after umpire Joel Wilson was reviewed and overturned.

From 83 without loss, West Indies lost 44-4 in 16 overs and a great start was at risk of being wasted.

But Holder and Bonner blocked superbly and punished anything loose.

They survived a period of reverse swing, and nine consecutive maidens by spinner Jack Leach, but the pressure wasn't applied from both ends.

Assembly poll results put BJP on firm wicket for Presidential elections

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

The BJP's victory in the assembly polls on Thursday has put the party on a stronger wicket for the election for the post of President expected later this year. The big victory for the BJP in Uttar Pradesh has given Prime Minister Narendra Modi a free hand to decide on the successor to President Ram Nath Kovind, who will complete his tenure on July 24, 2022, political analysts said.

Had the Uttar Pradesh election results gone in favour of the Samajwadi Party, the BJP would have had to rely on the support of fence-sitters such as Biju Janata Dal (BJD), Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) who together control a



BJP workers celebrate the party's victory in the Assembly elections, at the party office in Gorakhpur, Thursday.

sizeable chunk of votes.

The electoral college for the presidential election comprises elected members of Lok Sabha, Rajya

Sabha and elected members of state legislative assemblies and that of NCT Delhi and Union Territory of Puducherry. Members

of Legislative Councils and nominated members do not form part of the electoral college.

"It is advantage NDA

now," former Lok Sabha secretary general P Sreedharan told PTI. In terms of numbers, the electoral college is made up of 233 members of Rajya Sabha, 543 members of Lok Sabha and 4,120 members of legislative assemblies - a total of 4,896 electors. The value of the vote of every MP has been fixed at 708, while among states the value of the vote of an MLA is the highest at 208.

The total value of votes of the Uttar Pradesh assembly is 83,824, Punjab (13,572), Uttarakhand (4480), Goa (800) and Manipur (1080). The string of victories in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur have turned the presidential elections a cakewalk for the BJP, a political observer said.

BJP soars as space further shrinks for Cong, AAP rises

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

BJP's splendid performance in the four states ruled by it, sweeping away opposition parties with its governance model mounted on pillars of welfarism, Hindutva and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unflagging popularity has made it the firm favourites for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, just like its victory in a similar round of polls in 2017 had smoothed out its path for the 2019 general election win.

The astonishing rise of the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party outside its Delhi turf, with an unprecedented mandate in Punjab and a toehold in Goa, also foretells a big likely churn in the opposition camp. The Congress continues to decline and BJP's regional rivals are making their presence felt,

'AAP's 'Delhi model' turns out to be biggest attraction for voters in Punjab'

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI): Promise of better public services, good quality schools and hospitals, which got the AAP two consecutive terms in Delhi, remained the consistent campaign theme for the party led by Arvind Kejriwal in Punjab where the party swept the assembly polls on Friday. Caught in a multi-cornered contest along with the Congress and the Shiromani Akali Dal in the state, Kejriwal had unveiled a 10 point 'Punjab Model', drawn from its model of governance in Delhi, and assured the voters of creating a new-age, prosperous, and forward-looking Punjab. While Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said the entire country was now looking up to Delhi's model of governance of Kejriwal, senior AAP leader Gopal Rai asserted that people have given their mandate to AAP in Punjab looking at the work of the party's government under Kejriwal in Delhi.

even in Uttar Pradesh where Samajwadi Party consolidated anti-BJP votes to a large extent. With UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath set to achieve the maiden feat of an incumbent returning to power in the state after serving a full term, BJP's emphatic win, if not as sweeping as in 2017, has made him all but first in a shrinking list of his party's regional satraps, more so as a very few of them sym-

bolise its ideological purity combined with an image of a tough administrator like him. Also, the wholehearted endorsement of Yogi Adityanath from Modi in a manner that few BJP chief ministers have had during polls, evident from the viral photographs of the Prime Minister taking a stroll with him with hand on his shoulder, creating a buzz around him in political circles, will be reinforced by this victory.

'During pandemic, state cannot be mute spectator'

● Kerala HC on slashing of COVID-19 test rates

Kochi, Mar 10 (PTI):

In apparent support of the LDF government's decision to slash prices of RTPCR and Rapid Antigen tests to Rs 300 and Rs 100, respectively, the Kerala High Court on Thursday said that when faced with a pandemic situation the "state cannot be a silent spectator".

The high court said that when the state was facing the COVID-19 pandemic, it did its level best to "do the needful" to ensure the general public was not affected. "In such a situation, the

government took certain steps to control the price of the (COVID-19) tests," Justice P V Kunhikrishnan said. The judge also said that he "respectfully" cannot agree with the observations in an earlier order of the high court which said the state does not have the power to fix prices of the tests.

Justice Kunhikrishnan, therefore, said the issue needs to be decided by a larger bench and forwarded the matter to the Chief Justice for constituting an appropriate bench to hear the pleas of the private labs against the slashing of the test prices. "A detailed consideration of this aspect by a division bench is necessary," the judge said.

Three couples set to enter Goa Assembly

Panaji, Mar 10 (PTI):

The new Goa Assembly will have three pairs of husband and wife among its 40 members. Vishwajit Rane, health minister in the outgoing BJP government, and his wife Diviya won comfortably on party tickets from Valpoi and Poriem Assembly seats, respectively.

Vishwajit won by a margin of 8,085 votes, while Diviya outdid him by defeating her nearest rival by 13,943 votes. Congress' Michael Lobo won from his traditional assembly constituency Calangute, while wife Delilah won from Siolim, also on Congress ticket.

BJP's Atanasio Monserrate won from Panaji, while his wife



Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant flashes the victory sign as BJP leads, during counting day of Goa elections, in Panaji, Thursday.

Jeniffer won from Taleigao on BJP ticket. But the Kandolkars were not so lucky, nor were the father-daughter duo of Churchill Alemao and Valanka. Kavita Kandolkar and her hus-

band Kiran who contested from Thivim and Aldona assembly seats as Trinamool Congress candidates, lost. Kavita lost to sitting BJP MLA Nilkant Halarnkar and Kiran to Congress' Carllose Ferreira.

Both Goa Deputy Chief Ministers lose polls

Panaji, Mar 10 (PTI):

Both Deputy Chief Ministers of Goa lost Assembly elections to their nearest Congress rivals on Thursday though their party BJP is on course to emerge as the single largest political formation in the state. Deputy Chief Minister Manohar Ajaonkar was defeated by Leader of Opposition and Congress candidate Digambar Kamat by a huge margin of almost 6,000 votes in the Margao Assembly constituency. Ajaonkar, who had been traditionally contesting from Pernem in North Goa, was this time fielded by the BJP from Margao in South Goa. Margao has been represented in the Assembly by Kamat, a former chief minister, since 1994.

Centre defends in HC six years min age criteria for admission in class 1 in KV

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

The Centre on Thursday defended before the Delhi High Court Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's decision setting six years as the minimum age for admission to class 1 in Kendriya Vidyalayas in the upcoming academic year. The Centre's counsel told Justice Rekha Palli that the prescription of six years as eligibility age for class 1 was in tune with the National Education Policy (NEP) which all Kendriya Vidyalayas are bound to follow.

The lawyer explained that paragraph 4.1 of the NEP deals with the adop-

tion of a new 5+3+3+4 design for school education, under which Foundational Stage covers ages three to eight years and while the first three years are for Anganwadi/pre-school, two years are for primary school i.e. grades 1-2. We have requested the States (to adopt NEP). There are 21 States where six plus (years) is followed. States are transitioning, the counsel said.

Delhi government counsel said that it has no role to play in the decision taken for the Kendriya Vidyalayas and in Delhi government schools, the age criteria for admission to class 1 is 5-6 years.

TIBETAN UPRISING DAY



Tibetans in exile participate in a protest rally against China on the 63rd anniversary of Tibetan National Uprising Day, in Dharamshala, Thursday.

Police intercept AAP MLA outside Kumar Vishwas' residence

Ghaziabad, 10 Mar (PTI): Aam Aadmi Party MLA Naresh Balyan and his supporters were intercepted by the police outside the residence of former party leader Kumar Vishwas in Indirapuram here on Thursday. Vishwas, a former confidante of Arvind Kejriwal, had recently kicked up a controversy by alleging that the AAP national convenor was ready to take support from fringe and separatist elements to win the Punjab elections. After the police stopped him, Balyan, the MLA from Delhi's Uttam Nagar, said he wanted to meet Vishwas to feed him sweets as the AAP is all set to form the government in Punjab.

We accept people's mandate, will reinvent and return with new strategy: Congress

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

After the defeat in assembly polls in five states, the Congress on Thursday said the election results are contrary to the party's expectations, but it accepts the people's mandate.

Addressing a press conference at the party's headquarters here, Congress general secretary and chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said the party may have lost elections but not its courage and will continue to fight till it emerges victorious.

He also said that the Congress will reinvent and return with a new strategy and will always stand with



A street stall selling Congress memorabilia outside the deserted National Congress Headquarters during the counting day of Assembly polls, in New Delhi, Thursday.

the people, raising their issues, including inflation, unemployment and the

"sinking" economy, with the same responsibility. "We will introspect on the

causes of defeat, work on the organisation and will try to do better in future. We are definitely disappointed but not demoralised.

"We have only lost the election, not courage. We are not going anywhere - we will keep fighting until we win. We will reinvent and return and will come back with a new strategy," Surjewala told reporters.

In Punjab, the Congress leader said even though the party presented a humble, clean and grounded leadership, it failed to overcome the anti-incumbency of 4.5 yrs of Amarinder Singh government and people voted for change.

SC reserves order on punishment in contempt case against Vijay Mallya

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Thursday reserved verdict on quantum of sentence against fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya, accused in bank loan default case of over Rs 9,000 crore involving his defunct Kingfisher Airlines, in a contempt case where he has been found guilty.

A bench comprising Justices U U Lalit, S Ravindra Bhat and P S Narasimha reserved the judgement after hearing senior advocate and amicus curiae Jaideep Gupta on various aspects related to the contempt law.

It even permitted the counsel, who was earlier representing Mallya, to file written submissions,

if any, in the case by Tuesday.

Observing that it had waited sufficiently long, the bench, on February 10, had fixed the contempt case against Mallya for hearing and had given him the last opportunity to appear before it either personally or through his lawyer.

Mallya was held guilty of contempt in 2017, and the matter was thereafter to be listed to hear him on the proposed punishment to be awarded to him.

The top court had in 2020 dismissed Mallya's plea seeking a review of its 2017 verdict which held him guilty of contempt for transferring USD 40 million to his children in violation of court orders.

SC to hear arguments on Mar 15 on plea seeking disclosure of clinical trial data of COVID vaccines

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Thursday deferred for March 15 the hearing on the petition that has sought directions for disclosure of data on clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines and post-job cases after it was informed that Solicitor General Tushar Mehta was unavailable for the arguments due to medical urgency.

A bench of Justices L N Rao and B R Gavai was informed by Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati (ASG), appearing for the Centre, that the Solicitor General who is leading the government in the matter for the beginning was ready to argue but he had a fall in the washroom in the morning. Before I start, I must

inform your lordships that the solicitor has been leading us in this matter from the beginning and last evening, we had a six hours conference and are fully ready with the matter. Unfortunately, there is a little medical issue. He had a fall in the washroom this morning, Bhati told the bench. How is he (Mehta), the bench inquired. The ASG said Mehta has gone to a hospital. Hopefully, it is nothing serious, Bhati said adding that "If your lordships can accommodate, then we would like him to lead us.

But I am ready and I am here. The bench said it would hear arguments on March 15 as there is some medical issue. We will have it on March 15, Tuesday. There is a medical emergency. I hope he will be all

right, otherwise, you continue, Justice Rao said, adding, We will accommodate. The bench observed there is a medical issue otherwise the matter, which is part-heard, cannot be adjourned. While hearing arguments in the matter on March 2, the bench had sought to know if it can examine the issue of clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines which is the domain of the experts.

The apex court had said the decision on vaccination has been taken based on some data by experts. "Science is a matter of opinion. Can we delve deep into this area which we don't understand? There could be different opinions. We are not experts. Don't ask us to go deep into this area..." the bench had observed.

Parkash Singh Badal defeated from Lambi

Chandigarh, Mar 10 (PTI):

SAD patriarch and former Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal lost to AAP's Gurmeet Singh Khudian from his traditional Lambi seat in Muktsar district, according to poll results declared on Thursday. Badal, 94, the oldest candidate in the fray was defeated by Khudian by a margin of 11,396 votes.

On defeating the five-time chief minister, Khudian said, "I was keen to enter the fray against him (Badal) and (AAP chief Arvind) Kejriwal reposed faith in me."

"It was my will to fight against Badal," he said, adding that most politicians avoid entering a political battle with the Akali stalwart from his bastion Lambi. Khudian had quit the Congress after being refused a ticket and joined the AAP.

Jubilation at UP BJP headquarters

Lucknow, Mar 10 (PTI):

The excitement at the Uttar Pradesh BJP headquarters here was palpable with the party workers dancing to popular tunes and throwing gulas at each other as every round of counting of votes confirmed that the party was set to retain power in the state. On the other hand, there was not much euphoria at the offices of the Samajwadi Party (SP) and other opposition parties.

Bulldozers - real as well as miniature versions - were at the centrestage of the celebrations at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) office. Enthusiastic party workers climbed atop a bulldozer and waved the BJP flag on the busy Vidhan Sabha Marg to celebrate the victory. Some of them were also seen dancing to popular tunes. At the

BJP office, which is located across the road, opposite to the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Bhavan, the festival of Holi arrived early with the party workers throwing saffron gulal in the air and on each other. The centre of attraction was Sumant Kashyap from the Lucknow Central constituency, who had a toy bulldozer tied to his head and who operated it using a remote. "The bulldozer was absent from the roads as it had gone for maintenance. Now, it will be back soon," Kashyap said with a broad smile on his face as his fellow party workers shouted "Modi-Yogi zindabad". The party workers were seen distributing sweets, while some were glued to the giant screens put up by various television channels on Vidhan Sabha Marg to know the real picture emerging from the high-stakes election.



Four-one for BJP including prize state UP

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):

The BJP raced towards a second straight win in politically crucial Uttar Pradesh and dominated the score chart in three other states while the Aam Aadmi Party announced its national presence with a landslide victory in Punjab, its triumph redrawing India's political map and diminishing the Congress even further.

As votes were counted on Thursday for elections to five states held over February and March, the possible four-one score for India's ruling party underscored its political prowess. The BJP was also ahead in Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa, according to trends and results on the Election Commission website.

The Congress' epitaph was written on the electoral battlefield. The party, now in power only in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, an all-time low, lost Punjab and was ahead in only two seats in Uttar Pradesh with a vote share of 2.3 per cent -- notwithstanding the high-decibel campaign by the Gandhi siblings Rahul and Priyanka.

But all eyes were on key electoral battleground Uttar Pradesh where the Yogi Adityanath-led government was pitching for a second consecutive term in power.

In trends and results available for the 403 seats, the ruling party was ahead in 250 seats, short of its earlier count of 312 but comfortably over the halfway mark in polls that come a year after the devastating second Covid wave. This will be the first time in over three decades that a party will get re-elected for a second term in the state.

The Samajwadi Party,



BJP supporters celebrate after party's victory in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, in Varanasi, Thursday.

Goa: BJP claims support of MGP, three Independents

Panaji: The BJP which is poised to retain power in Goa by winning half the seats claimed on Thursday evening that the MGP and three Independents have agreed to support it. The BJP has won 20 out of 40 seats, while the Maharashtra Gomantak Party (MGP) has won two seats. Speaking at a press conference after poll results became clear, Goa BJP chief Sadanand Tanavade said that the party had received letters of support from the MGP and three Independents. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant gave credit for the victory to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "We will go for government formation as per the party's decision," he said. The party managed to increase its vote share and seats in this election without entering into any alliance, Sawant noted.

Two current, five former CMs bite dust

New Delhi: The Assembly poll results announced on Thursday brought gloom for several political heavyweights, including two current and five former chief ministers, who lost the electoral battle from their respective seats. Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and his Uttarakhand counterpart Pushkar Singh Dhami lost the polls from the seats they held respectively. A similar fate awaited former Uttarakhand chief minister Harish Singh Rawat and former Punjab chief ministers Parkash Singh Badal and Amarinder Singh. Even though Dhami has lost the electoral battle, his party is heading for a victory in Uttarakhand. In Punjab, where the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is set to sweep the polls, as many as three former chief ministers -- Badal, Singh and Rajinder Kaur Bhattal -- have lost the election from their respective pocket boroughs.

Uttarakhand CM Dhami loses from Khatima seat

Dehradun: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami lost from the Khatima assembly seat on Thursday. The BJP leader was defeated by Congress' Bhuvan Chandra Kapri by 6,579 votes.

which made a vigorous bid for power with its leader Akhilesh Yadav attracting huge crowds at campaign rallies, was trailing with leads in 120 seats, a significant jump from the 47 last time. Enough to make it a vocal opposition but far removed from power even with the support of its allies, the RLD and the SBSP, which were ahead in 10 and four seats, respectively, analysts pointed out.

Adding to the saffron party's tally, BJP ally Apna Dal (Sonelal) was ahead in 12 seats. The BSP, which barely made a campaign splash, was leading in two seats with a vote share of 12.7 per cent.

Elections 2022, seen as a pointer to general elections two years away, were also the AAP's stepping stone out of Delhi. According to trends and results, the Arvind Kejriwal-led party was poised to win 92 of the 117 seats in Punjab, a three-fourths majority.

"Humbly accept the people's verdict. Best wishes to those who have won the mandate. My gratitude to all Congress workers and volunteers for their hard work and dedication. We will learn from this and keep working for the interests of the people of India," former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said on Twitter.



People buried politics of caste, religion: Yogi Adityanath

Lucknow: People have buried the politics of caste and religion by ensuring the victory of BJP and its allies in Uttar Pradesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Thursday. Addressing party workers at the state headquarters after the poll results and trends showed a clear BJP majority, he said the "misleading" campaign run by the Opposition over the past 2-3 days have been set aside by the people who reposed faith in the good governance of the BJP. He was apparently taking a dig at Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav for raising questions over EVMs. Adityanath greeted PM Modi, union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president J P Nadda and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for ensuring the return of the BJP for a second consecutive term in Uttar Pradesh. The chief minister was sprayed with gulal (dry colour) by state party president Swatantra Dev Singh and others to celebrate the party's victory in the elections.

AAP storms to power in Punjab

Chandigarh, Mar 10 (PTD):

The Aam Aadmi Party stormed into power in Punjab, winning 77 seats and leading in 15, according to the poll results declared by the Election Commission so far.

In the 117-member Assembly, a party needs to get 59 seats to form the government.

As per the data available at 5.15 pm, the Congress had won 13 seats and was leading in five, showing the ruling outfit performed poorly.

While the SAD won two seats and was leading in one, its ally BSP won one, and the BJP won two seats and one seat went to an Independent candidate.

AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal hailed the party's performance in



Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supporters celebrate as the party heads to a landslide victory in the Punjab Assembly elections, in Amritsar, Thursday.

Punjab as a "revolution." The AAP tsunami made several stalwarts,

including three former chief ministers, bite the dust. Apart from Chief

Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, who lost from his Chamkaur Sahib as well

Channi defeated from Bhadaur, Chamkaur Sahib

Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Thursday lost the electoral battle from both the assembly seats of Bhadaur and Chamkaur Sahib to the Aam Aadmi Party nominees. According to the website of the Election Commission, Channi was drubbed by AAP's political greenhorn Labh Singh Ugoke with a margin of 37,558 votes from Bhadaur seat. The incumbent chief minister also bit the dust from Chamkaur Sahib where he was defeated by AAP's Charanjit Singh by a margin of 7,942 votes.

as Bhadaur, former CMs Parkash Singh Badal, Amarinder Singh and Rajinder Kaur Bhattal were also among the heavyweights who were defeated.

India to operate 3 flights on Thursday to bring back 600 students evacuated from Ukraine's Sumy

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):

India will operate three flights on Thursday to bring back the last big group of 600 students evacuated from the northeastern Ukrainian city of Sumy.

The students had boarded a special train from Lviv for Poland. They reached Poland on Thursday.

The students reached Lviv in western Ukraine from Poltava on another special train.

According to the details shared by the students with PTI, three flights will be operated between 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm (local time) from the Rzeszow airport in Poland to bring them back.

The first flight at 4.30 pm (9 pm IST) is for first, sec-

ond and third year students. The second flight at 5.30 pm (10.30 pm IST) is for fourth and fifth year students and the third at 6.30 pm (11.30 pm IST) is for students with pets, fifth and sixth year students and for any other students who may have been left behind.

"We have reached Poland, from here we are expected to take the flight for India," said Jisna Jiji, a 25-year-old medical student.

Covering hundreds of miles across Ukraine, using multiple means of transport, the students were evacuated from the war-hit east European country after their two weeks of excruciating stay in beleaguered Sumy.

The Indian government is carrying out the most

delicate and challenging evacuation exercise under Operation Ganga to help stranded Indians leave Ukraine.

The operation to evacuate the 600 students from Sumy began on Tuesday morning.

The Indian nationals were taken from Sumy in a convoy of 13 buses escorted by the International Committee of the Red Cross to Poltava, Anshad Ali, a student coordinator, said.

The students endured a strenuous journey to escape the war-hit region. They were evacuated in the second attempt from Sumy, which has been witnessing heavy shelling and intense gunfire ever since the Russian offensive on Ukraine began last month.

Narayan Rane move HC seeking to quash FIR in Disha Salian case

Mumbai, Mar 10 (PTD):

Union minister Narayan Rane and his son Nitesh, a BJP MLA, on Thursday approached the Bombay High Court seeking to quash the FIR registered against them over certain statements about Disha Salian's death. Mumbai Police had recorded statements of Rane and his son in the case last week. In their plea in the HC, the Ranes claimed that the First Information Report registered against them for allegedly spreading false information about the death of Disha Salian, former manager of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, was politically motivated. The petition was filed through advocate Lokesh Zade. The high court

is yet to schedule it for hearing.

An FIR for alleged defamation was registered against Narayan Rane and Nitesh Rane following a press conference held by them on February 19. Salian's mother had filed a complaint against them.

Advocate Zade said that the Ranes, who recently secured interim protection from arrest from a lower court, have sought that the high court quash the FIR, and police be restrained from filing a chargesheet against them in the meantime. While the alleged offence took place on February 19, the FIR was registered only on February 26, which showed that it was politically motivated, the plea said.

Naxalite lays down arms

Medininagar, Mar 10 (PTD):

A self-styled area commander of banned ultra outfit Tritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee (TSPC) laid down arms and ammunition before government officials in Jharkhand's Palamu district on Thursday. 'Abhay ji' alias Sakendra Yadav surrendered with two .315 bore rifles and 14 live cartridges in Medininagar, the district headquarter, before Deputy Commissioner Shashi Ranjan and Superintendent of Police Chandan Kumar Sinha, an official said.

The 28-year-old TSPC leader was involved in over half a dozen Naxal-related incidents. The TSPC is a splinter organisation of the Tritiya Prastuti Committee, another proscribed body.

Yadav said he had joined the TSPC in 2014 following a land dispute in the family and surrendered under pressure from his wife.

The deputy commissioner said Yadav would get all benefits as per the provisions of the government.

The district police will now create pressure on Yadav's associates to surrender, the SP said.

Pakistani LeT militant killed in shootout

Srinagar, Mar 10 (PTD):

A Pakistani militant of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) was killed in a brief shootout in Hazratbal area here on Thursday while a search was underway for two others who managed to flee, police said.

The trio tried to snatch weapons from the guard posted at the Hazratbal shrine on the banks of the famous Dal Lake. The shrine houses the relic of Prophet Mohammad.

Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said one of the militants was a Pakistani and termed his killing a "big success".

"We were monitoring him. His aim was to attack

the shrine guard and snatch his weapon. He fired at the police party, which retaliated. In the firing, the Pakistani militant was killed," Kumar told reporters outside the shrine complex.

The slain ultra was identified as Manzoor alias Haider alias Hamza. He was affiliated with proscribed outfit LeT, the IGP said. "He was an associate of top LeT/TRF commander Mehran. His killing is a big success," he said. Kumar said Manzoor was active in Srinagar for the past six months. He was involved in several killings. A video in which he talked about attacking senior officials had gone viral.

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Lease holder to get land ownership after paying 22% of the market value

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Bhilai, Mar 10: Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure chaired a meeting to discuss the issues of allotment of government land in urban areas, management of encroached land and grant of land ownership rights and aspects related to Gauthan. Collector informed the officials that the government has issued guidelines for obtaining land ownership for the people of the lower classes.

The slum dwellers having pattas (lease) of their land can get the land ownership rights by paying 22 percent of the fixed market value. At the district level, a committee will be constituted to examine the government land allotment / settlement of encroachment land and present the report before the Collector. Additional Collector / Sub-Divisional Officer Revenue / Joint



Collector rank officer will be selected as the chairman of this committee.

Collector sought information about vacant government and gave necessary instructions to the officials. Keeping in mind the future use of government lands, the proposals for land allotment and settlement of encroachment land are to be prepared within one month and the same will be uploaded on the website of the district.

The officials will make proposal for such government land, which does not need to be kept protected

for public hindrance, health, safety, convenience, public purpose, environmental point of view. Allotment of land up to 7500 square feet and settlement of such encroached government land can be done.

He further threw light on the allotment of government land located in urban areas, the settlement of encroached land in urban areas and the rights of land owners to the leases granted in urban areas. In urban areas, the District Collector will have the

right to transfer land to the departments of the State and Central Government.

Under this, land will be allotted to government departments only when the department is able to protect the allotted land from encroachment through infrastructure like boundary wall.

All the slum dwellers in municipal corporations, municipal councils and nagar panchayats who hold pattas under Rajiv Gandhi Ashray Yojana / Chief Minister Abadi Patta Yojna, will be able to

get land ownership rights of the possessed land by paying 22% of the market value. In case of transfer of patta, the person having possession presently will have to pay 42% of the market value.

Apart from this, a special discussion was held regarding Gauthan. All the officials concerned have been asked to remain updated with the status of procurement of cow dung, vermi, compost manure etc. For the coming Kharif crop, more and more farmers are to be encouraged for using vermicompost.

Bank of Baroda celebrates International Women's Day

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 10: On the occasion of International Women's Day, a special workshop was organized for the female staff members of Durg area at the Regional Office of Bank of Baroda, Durg. "Efficiency Tools", "Posture Management" and "Self Grooming" were the topic covered in the workshop. In order to promote accessible, easy and easy use of the official language in the branch, information about the Saksham Tool Kit was specially provided to all the female staff.

Dr Sakshi Srivastava, renowned physiotherapist of Durg and Juhi Vyas, grooming expert, were invited for conducting the sessions on posture management and self-grooming. In the self grooming session, Juhi Vyas explained to the women how working women can make themselves more presentable by sparing nominal time and money. In her session, she demonstrated the tricks of make-up as well as gave tips on how to make their skin more beautiful and attrac-



tive by staying connected with nature. Dr Sakshi Srivastava explained useful stretching exercises for working women. Women can practice these exercises while sitting in the office and acquire correct posture within a very short time. She said that the body posture depends on the seating, getting up and standing postures of the person. She suggested paying attention to body posture from the beginning to avoid health problems like back pain, knee pain, slipped disc etc, which are common in old age. About 60 female staff members of Bank of Baroda Durg area participated in this programme.

BSP's Plate Mill celebrates International Women's day

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Bhilai, Mar 10: International Women's day was celebrated at SAIL-BSP's Plate Mill department by organising a function at Plate Mill's Conference hall on March 08, 2022. RK Bisare, CGM (Plate Mill) was present on the occasion. The objective of the programme was to honour and felicitate the contribution of women employees at the workplace.

A film on women achievers was shown on the occasion. Jasgeet and Bhakti geet were presented by women employees. Slogans saluting the spirit of womanhood were collectively given by women. Meenu



Chouhan from Plate Mill's Personnel department sang a song on the occasion.

RK Bisare, CGM (Plate Mill) talked about women empowerment in the society and thanked the women employees for their contribution. He urged them to focus

on Safety at the workplace. He presented token gifts to the women employees.

MK Goyal, GM (Operation), SK Verma, GM (Electrical), Bhaskar Roy, GM (Operation), Himani, Manager (Operation) were present on the occasion. The pro-

gramme was compered by Anjali Pillay, SM (Pers) while the Vote of Thanks was given by MK Goyal, GM (Operation). Sukhchandra, ALWO, Meenu Chouhan, Shyamal Banerjee, Anand Rao contributed in making the programme successful.

Karm and Pali Shiromani awards given away in WRM

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Bhilai, Mar 10: Karm Shiromani and Pali Shiromani awards were given away in SAIL-BSP's Wire Mill for August 2021 to October 2021. Ajay Bedi, CGM (Merchant Mill & Wire Rod Mill) was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Employees are shortlisted for this award for innovations, better resource utilisation, following Safety standards etc at the workplace. A certificate, letter of appreciation and a sweet packet was given to Karm Shiromani awardees while Pali Shiromani awardees are additionally presented with an Apron.

Employees of SAIL-



BSP's Wire Rod Mill were given the Karm and Pali Shiromani awards on March 05, 2022. Ajay Bedi, CGM (Merchant mill & Wire rod Mill) felicitated the Karm Shiromani awardees Ravindra Arora, Sr Tech (Elec) Nirmal Kumar Gupta, C/man cu, Sr Tech (Mech) and Rahul Shrivastava, Asst roller (WRM) for their exampla-

ry performance during August 2021, September 2021 and October 2021 respectively. Apurva Kumar, Assistant Manager (WRM) was given the Pali Shiromani award for July to September 2021.

Ajay Bedi, CGM (Merchant mill & Wire rod Mill) presented an appreciation letter, memento and sweets to the awardees in

the presence of Xavier Beck, GM (WRM), Sectional Incharges, Sr officials and Personnel officer of WRM.

Sr officials present highlighted the contribution of the awardees and wished them a bright future. The programme was compered by Rajeev Kumar, DGM (Pers-Mills Zone I).

BMS honours women who served needy during Covid crisis

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Bhilai, Mar 10: On the occasion of International Women's Day, Durg District unit of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) honoured the women those who served the needy and poor during the Corona crisis. The event at BMS District Office in Supela was presided by BMS District President Mithilesh Vishwakarma.

The women those who generously served the needy and poor during the Corona crisis by providing them food and other daily use items were honoured.

SM Pandey (I/c Mines and Durg District, BMS) threw light on the history of International Women's



Day and said that this day is dedicated in the honor of women. Today, women are playing vital role in every sphere of life. Former District Secretary and President of Bhilai Ispat Mazdoor Sangh, IP Mishra said that Gods live in places

where women get respect. He emphasised on removing discrimination and promoting women empowerment in every field. District Secretary Anjani Kumar Dwivedi extended IWD greetings to the women and spoke about the

IWD-2022 theme "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow". Speaking about the symbolic colours IWD, he said that purple symbolizes justice and dignity, green is the symbol of hope, and white is the symbol of peace and purity. The

purpose of celebrating Women's Day is to maintain continuous progress by remembering the achievements of women, their passion and their historical journeys.

Balmiki Singh, Devendra Chandrakar, Sharad Dubey and other senior office bearers of BMS were present. Mithilesh Vishwakarma, Sitakali Mishra, Shobha Dwivedi, Sashi Bharti, Kumud, Sugandha, Sarojini, Madhu, Neeta, Budhia Bai, Sunita Netam, Mansi and others were honored. District Secretary Anjani Kumar Dwivedi conducted the programme while Mithilesh Vishwakarma proposed the vote of thanks.

Student of Rungta Public School tops in Olympiad

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Bhilai, Mar 10: It was a proud moment of Rungta Public School that runs under the aegis of

Sanjay Rungta Group of Institutions when Omja Singh of Class-I has excelled in Smart Kid GK

Olympiad (SKGKo21) conducted by Silver Zone Olympiads. She has secured first position in State, Zonal as well as in the said Olympiad.

She is awarded Gold Medal (Olympiad Topper) and Special Achievement Certificate for her marvelous performance. Apart from her, Baran Fuskelay of Class-III, Sara Kapil and Ibrahim Khalid of Class-IV and Akshita Choudhary of Class-II

have scored excellent result. They are also proud recipients of Gold Medal and Special Achievement Certificate.

The Chairman of the SRGI group, Sanjay Rungta, Director, Saket Rungta, the CEO of the school, Arup Mukhopadhyay congratulated these achievers for their exemplary performance at a young age and extended blessings for their bright future.

State of the art kidney treatment available at Arogyam Urology and Lithotripsy Center



The important unit of kidney is the nephron, which acts like a sieve. Nephrologist Dr RK Sahu told that normally there are about 12 lakh nephrons in each kidney.

The duo added that among the main causes of kidney diseases are stones in kidney or urinary tract, enlargement of prostate gland, infection, cancer, congenital obstruction and high blood pressure, reading of sugar etc. Earlier the patients of this region used to go to other states for the treatment of kidney disease or stones, electrolyte but now these diseases can be treated here. Dr Daruka said that the most important thing is to keep blood pressure under control. Arogyam Urology and Lithotripsy Center provides all facility in the twin city (Bhilai-Durg). A free kidney check up camp is being organised on March 11.

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Bhilai, Mar 10: State of the art kid. ● Free kidney check up camp today

ney treatment is available at Arogyam Urology and Lithotripsy Center in Bhilai Nagar. Dr Naveen Daruka, Urologist at the Hospital said that humans have two kidneys. Its main function is the removal of harmful and toxic substances present in the blood in the form of urine, water, fluids and Mineral substances (sodium, potassium).

Shri Siddhachakra Mahamandal Vidhan begins Shri Triveni Jain Tirth



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Bhilai, Mar 10: Ten-day religious event of Shri Siddhachakra Mahamandal Vidhan began here at Shri Triveni Jain Tirtha Parasnath Digambar Jain Temple Sector 6 on Thursday with the Mangal Abhishek of Shri 1008 Shantinath Bhagwan. Under the guidance of Pradeep Ji Shastri, Arun and Akshat Jain Bakliwal conducted the Shantinidhara.

On the occasion of Ashtanika Mahaparv, the devotees offered prayers to Shri 1008 Parasnath Bhagwan and invited Param Puja 105 Pratibha Mataji and Suyog Mati Mataji on the stage for conducting the Vidhaan Pujan. Committee Chairman Gyanchand Bakliwal, Secretary Prashant Jain, Media in-charge Pradeep Jain Bakliwal, Mukesh Jain, Varun Jain, Simpi, Jinesh Jain, Praveen Chhabra, Anil Kasliwal, Sandesh Jain, Sukumal

Jain, Ashish Jain, Sanjeev Jain, Nishant Jain and others were present. In the evening, women carried the holy pots on their forehead during the Ghat Yatra of Shri Siddhachakra Mahamandal Vidhan.

Raising slogans and holding flags, men also marched in the procession. The devotees received blessings of Param Puja Mata and Pradeep ji Shastri. Anil Neelima Kasliwal, Sudhir Manju Devi Sandesh Kasliwal and Gyanchand Bakliwal hoisted the flag and were welcomed with tilak and garland by Prashant Jain, Pradeep Jain Bakliwal, Praveen Chhabra, Mukesh Jain, Sanjeev Jain, Varun Jain, Suku Mal Jain and Jinesh Jain. In the next nine days, the religious events will commence at 07:00 hrs with Mangal Abhishek and Shantinidhara in Shri Triveni Jain Tirth. Rituals of Vidhan Puja will be conducted under the guidance of Puja Mata ji.

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Speaker orders probe into charges by Cong MLA

Cong MLA claims husband booked in false case

Raipur, Mar 10: A Congress MLA on Thursday claimed in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly that her husband was arrested on false charges after she raised her voice against illegal sand mining in her area.

Members of the Opposition BJP and Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J) also showed her support and drew the attention of the House to the alleged threat to security and honour of public representatives under the Congress government.

Congress MLA Chhanni Sahu asked the Assembly Speaker if he wished to know why she had returned her security cover since last one month and how she has been visiting Naxal-affected areas to take part in programmes within her constituency without any protection.

The legislator from



Khujji constituency in state's Rajnandgaon district went on to ask the state home minister how her husband was booked on the charges of intimidation and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act on the basis of a false complaint.

In a serious case pertaining to the Atrocity Act, the offence was registered so hurriedly without a thorough investigation. Contrary to it, when I, along with thousands of people of my constituency, submitted evidence with all documents (in connection with her husband's matter) to the police and administration they failed to act on it for three

months and trying to save the culprits," Sahu claimed. The MLA alleged that she had even raised her grievance before the home minister but did not get justice, following which she returned her security cover.

As per the chief minister's intention, I am fighting against anti-social elements to stop illegal activities in my area. But corrupt officers are trying to spoil the image of the government by favouring people involved in such activities," Sahu claimed.

If a ruling party woman MLA was not safe, imagine the plight of the common women, she added.

On December 8 last year, Sahu's husband Chandu Sahu was booked under sections 294 (obscene acts) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC and provisions of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act with Chhuriya police station of Rajnandgaon district based on a complaint of a driver - Beersingh Uikey.

As per the complaint, on

December 4, Uikey was driving a sand-laden mini truck to Chhuriya from Job village and stopped at a place as the fuel was getting exhausted.

Chandu Sahu, who was passing the area with his wife, threatened and abused him, accusing him of being involved in illegal sand mining, despite the driver possessing a royalty permit for mineral transportation, the complaint stated. The Sahu's husband was arrested in February this year in connection with the case, while she refuted the allegations and claimed that the case was filed by the driver on the behest of the sand mafia. BJP members took the opportunity to shame the Congress and raised slogans.

Subsequently, JCC (J) MLA Pramod Sharma also claimed that he was similarly booked in a false case recently when he raised grievances of people of his area during a public hearing. BJP MLAs, including Leader of Opposition Dharamlal Kaushik, former chief

minister Raman Singh and Brijmohan Agrawal, termed it as a very serious issue and said the government had failed to ensure protection and secure the dignity of the members of the House. Speaker Charand Das Mahant later said the security of public representatives is important in a democracy to ensure that they can represent the people fearlessly.

The Speaker asked Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu to get the cases lodged against the MLA's husband and legislator Sharma reinvestigated and also probe if an appropriate enquiry was conducted before booking them under the Atrocities Act.

The Speaker asked the Home Minister to inform him about it on Friday before the House adjourns for the day, following which he will take further action accordingly.

Mahant also directed the minister to provide double security cover to Sahu and (normal) security to Sharma if he needed it.

VICTORY CELEBRATIONS



BJP party workers and leaders took out victory procession of party's victory in four out of five states for VS polls here on Thursday.

Central Bank celebrates Int'l Women's Day



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Raipur, Mar 10: Central Bank of India, Raipur organised various programmes on the occasion of International Womens' Day. The first one to start was Nari Shakti Rath flagged off by Mrs. Poppy Sharma, Sr. Regional Manager of the Bank. Through this Rath the Bank is trying to reach the

women folk by offering them attractive rates of interest on Housing and Vehicle Loans. The Bank had recently launched two schemes viz. Cent GrihLaxmi and Cent Vahini keeping only to honour the women of the country. Cent GrihLaxmi and Cent Vahini have been launched for women with very competitive rate of interest. Cent GrihLaxmi

Oppn MLAs stage walkout over irregularities in allocation of houses

Raipur, Mar 10: BJP MLA and leader of Opposition in VS Dharamlal Kaushik sought information about the action taken on complaint related to PM Aawas Yojana in Jagdalpur (urban). He questioned as to when the complaint was lodged and when FIR was lodged against the corporator involved in illegal recovery?

Minister Shiv Kumar Daharia in his reply informed the House that complaint about illegal recovery was made on 26 Jan 2022 and they got the complaint on 9 Feb 2022 and a case under section 420 was filed and he was arrested. Minister claimed that those who are eligible only are being provided houses

under PMAY. Failing to get satisfied with the reply, the BJP MLAs charged the Minister of giving wrong information and trying to save the accused.

BJP MLA directing it to the VS Speaker demanded action against the accused and demanded complete inquiry into the matter.

BJP also charged that persons who are not eligible have been allocated houses and questioned as to when the eligible will be allocated houses under PMAY. This led to conundrum in the House and members of both the ruling and Opposition started raising slogans. On this the BJP MLAs also started raising slogans and staged walkout.

IIT Bhilai hosts a talk on 'Reversible Photochromism'



Raipur, Mar 02: The Department of Chemistry at Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai hosted Dr Dipak Samanta for a talk on "Reversible Photochromism in the Cavity of a Flexible Metal-Organic Cage". The talk was conducted in online mode. Dr Dipak Samanta is an Assistant Professor at the School of Chemical

Sciences, NISER, Bhubaneswar.

In his talk, Dr Samanta discussed the synthesis of water-soluble, metal-organic cage and how this "breathable" cage is capable of not only accommodating and solubilizing in water a wide range of structurally diverse guests, it also provides an environment suitable for

the efficient, reversible photoisomerization of molecular switches, including spiropyrans and azobenzenes. He also described how they developed two novel time-sensitive information storage media: a paper, on which writing can be performed using water as the ink, and a gel, which can be reversibly patterned using light by taking advantage of these findings. In simpler words, this technology of organic photochromism enables the photochromic process to be used on plastic and other materials similar to the way sunglasses work. Their findings have paved the way towards synthesis of smart materials like inks, papers, paints, and textiles using molecular switching processes in confined environments.

Minister denies charges by BJP MLA

On massive irregularities in payment to registered labourers

Raipur, Mar 10: With start of fourth day of Budget session of VS here on Thursday, former Minister and MLA Brijmohan Agrawal raised a question about what all schemes are there for the registered construction labourers under 'Bhavan & Anya Sannirman Karmakar Kalyan Mandal' from 1 Jan 2019 to 10 Feb 2022.

Brijmohan Agrawal charged the state government of massive irregularities in payments to the

labourers by the state government and alleged scam of total of few crores under this scheme.

The Minister for Urban Administration Shiv Kumar Daharia in his reply informed the House that the Finance department on 12 May 2020 has stopped this scheme and had instead formed a samiti which carried out expenditure under this scheme.

Replying to MLA's charges, he denied the allegations and said that an amount of Rs 11 crore and above has been deposited into the account of 83 labourers. Dissatisfied with Minister's reply, the BJP MLAs staged walkout.

Int'l Women's Day at Ch'garh Rajya Gramin Bank

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Raipur, Mar 10: On the occasion of International Women's Day, a program was organized by the head office of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank at Hotel Marriott. The chief guest of the program was the Principal of Government Dudhadhari Bajrang Girls Postgraduate College, Mrs. Dr. Kiran Gajpal. Special guest of the program was Mrs. Gohil. The program was presided over by the Chairman of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank, Mr. IK Gohil. Addressing the function Chief Guest Mrs. Kiran Gajpal wished Happy International Women's Day to the women staff of Gramin Bank who are making their valuable contribution in the progress of the bank in a very good way. She said that I sincerely



thank the Chairman of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank Mr. IK Gohil and all the staff for inviting me. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank Mr. IK Gohil said that we are very happy that we have got the opportunity to felicitate Dr. Mrs. Kiran Gajpal who is an educationist. On this occasion, he congratulated and wished all the women on International Women's Day. He said that today there is almost no area where there is no partici-

ipation of women. He appreciated the contribution of women staff of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank towards the bank and exhorted them to work hard in every field of banking and make a separate identity for themselves and with their dedication towards their work, the bank will continue on the path of progress. He wished for the bright future of all the women staff of Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank. He said that on this occasion, we took a pledge that not only for one day but throughout the year will unite and provide an opportunity to women to move forward by working for women empowerment.

On this occasion, special guest Mrs. Gohil and the invited guest speaker Mrs. Neha Aggarwal gave an eloquent speech which was appreciated by all.

Students in AIIMS creating awareness about Kidney Diseases on World Kidney Day

Raipur, Mar 10: To create awareness about kidney disease and bridge the knowledge gap for better kidney care, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur organized a two-day program on World Kidney Day. Experts from different departments assured patients that despite some health-related issues, they could live a normal life under the supervision of doctors. They can play, work and lead a happy life. Two new facilities were also inaugurated for better patient care.

Department of Nephrology has started a Telemedicine Unit for Dialysis patients undergoing hemodialysis in different districts hospitals of Chhattisgarh. With the help of the new facility, follow-up patients can call the given number and take the expert opinion on their query. The department also inaugurated Renal Supportive Clinic to provide symptom management and palliative support to kidney patients World Kidney Day is also marked by CME in hybrid mode. Prof. (Dr.) Nitin M. Nagarkar said that kidney disease is an area of concern for

health experts. 'AIIMS is focusing on the specific research on kidney disease, which can be helpful to provide health care in reference to Chhattisgarh. We provide training and support to other health care workers in the state. New facilities will add more strength to the department, he said. Eminent Nephrologist Prof. (Dr.) Vivekanand Jha discussed various methods to bridge the knowledge gap to better kidney

care. HoD Dr. Vinay Rathore said that even patients suffering from chronic kidney disease could live happy and productive life. They can play, walk and work as an average person. There is a need to create awareness about it. Prof. Vinay R. Pandit, Prof. Anil Goel, Dr. Atul Jindal, Dr. Sabah Siddique, Dr. Chinmay Kumar Panda, Dr. Varun Agrawal, and experts from different parts of the country discussed various challenging issues in kidney diseases. Earlier, students and faculty members of the College of Nursing and School of Public Health organized poster exhibition and created awareness among patients.

Pension Adalat on Mar 14

Raipur, Mar 10: Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office, Raipur, Chhattisgarh to organise 'Pension Adalat' programme for redressal of the grievances received from pensioners by the Regional P.F. Commissioner. The time schedule of the programme scheduled for March 15th, 2022 is for EPF Pensioner - 10.30 am to 1.00 pm at Conference Hall, 1st floor, Bhawishya Nidhi Bhawan, Pandri, Raipur. The concerned pensioners are requested to send their specific grievances on or before March 14, 2022 positively, to the postal address of the office, super scribing 'Pension Adalat' on the envelope. It should be noted that the complete PF Account number/PPO number and other necessary and relevant service details/particulars along with available documentary evidences in support of the grievance should explicitly be mentioned/enclosed.

आयुर्वेद से आयुर्वेदान रतन्स आयुर्वेदिक समाधान

प्र. मेरी आयु 42 वर्ष है, शरीर में कूलपायन महसूस होता है, समस्या के लिए उपचार बताएं। - एन. विष्णुकर्मा, कोरवा.

उ. समस्या के लिए आप 'ओवेरिड' कैप्सूल 2-2 सुबह-शाम पानी के साथ सेवन कर सकते हैं। योगा या व्यायाम करें, मोटी एवं तली हुई चीजों से परहेज करें। कैप्सूल एवं नियमित 90 दिनों तक किया गया सेवन बहुत अच्छे परिणाम देता है।

प्र. मैं टीक से नहीं बोल पाती हूँ, हकलाहट की समस्या है। कृपया समस्या के लिए उचित उपचार बताएं। - रीना, धमलरी.

उ. समस्या हेतु आप आयुर्वेदिक औषधियों से युक्त 'वैटिक्वेट' सिरप 2-2 चम्मच दिन में दो बार पानी के साथ नियमित 3 माह तक सेवन कर सकते हैं। अथवा आत्मविश्वास भी बढ़ाएं।

प्र. मैं 20 वर्षीय हूँ, मुझे शरीर प्रकृति की सुदृढ़ता के लिए आयुर्वेदिक औषधोपचार बताएं। - अजय सिंह, सरायपाली.

उ. आप शक्तिवर्धक आयुर्वेदिक औषधियों से निर्मित 'वैटिक्वेट' मॉल्ट 2-2 चम्मच सुबह-शाम एक गिलास दूध के साथ नियमित तीन माह तक सेवन कर सकते हैं।

प्र. मैं शरीर में उचित आकर्षण नहीं होने से परेशान रहती हूँ, समस्या के लिए उपाय बताएं। - एकपाटिका, विलासपुर.

उ. आपके शरीर को जरूरत है - न्यूट्रीशियस दवाओं की, जो आपको मिलेगी - 'सुडोल' बाँडी टोनर कैप्सूल में। आप ये कैप्सूल 3 माह सेवन कर सकते हैं। साथ ही 'सुडोल' बाँडी टोनर जेल से मालिश कर सकते हैं।

प्र. मेरी आयु 28 वर्ष है। मैं बालों के टूटने-झड़ने से बहुत परेशान हो चुकी हूँ। उपाय सुझाएं। - आशीष कुमार, सरगुजा.

उ. बालों के पोषण हेतु आप आयुर्वेदिक औषधियों से युक्त 'केश वरदान' डेयर रिवाइटाइज़र तेल एवं 'केश वरदान' कैप्सूल नियमित प्रयोग कर सकते हैं।

प्र. मैं एक विद्यार्थी हूँ, मेरा शारीरिक विकास औसत ही है, समस्या के लिए उपाय बताएं। - चंदन, राजनगंवा.

उ. वैसे तो शारीरिक विकास वंशानुक्रम पर निर्भर करता है। आप चाहे तो पाचन क्रिया ठीक कर ग्रंथियों को सक्रिय करने हेतु 'हाईटॉप' कैप्सूल नियमित रूप से सेवन कर सकते हैं। कुछ व्यायाम या योगासन करें।

प्र. मेरा पुत्र नींद में विस्तर गीला कर देता है, कृपया समस्या का समाधान बताएं। - एकपाटिका, रायपुर.

उ. उन्हें 'ब्रेडवेट' सिरप 2-2 चम्मच सुबह-शाम नियमित रूप से सेवन करा सकते हैं। साथ ही उनका भी आत्मविश्वास बढ़ाएं।

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

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CM virtually inaugurates two children's homes



Raipur, Mar 10: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated two different Children's Homes for boys and girls built by Jindal Steel and Power Limited Foundation at Tamnar in Raigad district from his office room located in the assembly complex here. These houses in Savitri Nagar of Tamnar have been constructed by JSPL Foundation with CSR head. At present, there are 35 boys and girls in both these children's homes with a capacity of one hundred children. In these children's homes, such children will be admitted who do not have parents or who belong to weaker sections. Mr. Naveen Jindal, Chairman, JSPL and Mrs. Shalu Jindal, Chairperson of JSPL Foundation also joined the program through video

conference. The Chief Minister congratulated the Chairman Naveen Jindal for this constructive and good initiative of JSPL. He said that industrial development and social development are complement to each other. Under the social responsibility, Jindal Foundation has presented an excellent example in front of Chhattisgarh and the country through its work done in various fields including education, health. The Chief Minister said that the foundation is also working in skill development. Chairman Naveen Jindal said that many children had lost parents during Corona. Children home has been started for such children. He informed that old age home is also being built by the JSPL Foundation in Raigarh. School Education Minister Premsai Singh Tekam, JSPL Chairman Pradeep Tandon were also present on the occasion.

IIIT-Naya Raipur celebrated Women's Day



● IIIT-Naya Raipur celebrated Women's Day
Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 10: Women Welfare Committee and Institute Social Responsibility (ISR) Cell of IIIT Naya Raipur, jointly celebrated International Women's Day, here on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Dr. Jyotsana Gandhi, a renowned Gynaecologist at

Sadbhavna Hospital, Naya Raipur, and Mrs. Preeti Sinha, a well-known Astrology Expert, were the guests of honour of the event. The event started with the lighting of lamp by the dignitaries. While addressing the gathering, Mrs. Preeti Sinha talked about female foeticide and also laid stress on the slogan 'Beti Bachao and Beti Pado'. She read out a very emotional story on women's foeticide and motivated the partici-

pants to stay strong. She also added that women are the backbone of their family and so it is very important that they should be healthy and fit. Dr. Jyotsana Gandhi shared her childhood experiences and talked about experiences of female foeticide she had to face at her workplace. She also talked about the importance of physical, mental, and social health of women and appealed to the audience to maintain health and hygiene

during the menstrual cycle. A large number of female staff and students attended the program and made it a huge success. At the end of the program, sanitary pads were also distributed to all the housekeeping workers staff of IIIT-NR by ISR representatives. The whole event was coordinated by Dr. Sresha Yadav, Chairman of the Women Welfare Committee, and Dr. Deepika Gupta, Coordinator of ISR Cell.

Basic purpose of education is the transmission of knowledge: V-C

● **Lecture on Quality Education and Research in Higher Education Institutions**

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Mar 10: Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghansidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University), Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal said that teaching should be like a stream of water, which should go straight into the soul of the student. The Vice-Chancellor said this while delivering a lecture on the topic 'Quality Teaching and Research in Higher Education Institutes' on March 07, 2022 at 10 am.

In this program organized at Silver Jubilee Auditorium under the aegis of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), the guests on the stage lighted the lamp along with garlanding the statue of Maa Saraswati and Sant Guru

Ghasidas ji. The guests on stage were welcomed with bouquets. IQAC Director, Prof. AS Ranadive welcomed the guests on stage while conducting the program.

The Vice-Chancellor said that there is no greater joy than knowledge. Teaching should be such that students become convinced of your teaching. Positive changes have taken place in the process of teaching to make it continuously better and more effective which is becoming possible through the Refresher and Orientation Courses and induction programs organized by the Human Resource Development Center.

Vice Chancellor Professor Chakrawal said that in the National Education Policy 2020, with the emphasis on teaching, research and extension, the students have been motivated to seek solutions to the questions related to the subject in their mind. The concept of Research University and



Teaching University has been realized in the National Education Policy 2020.

While discussing whether teaching is a science or art, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Chakrawal said that teaching is a social science as well as a skill through which education is provided to the student in a professional manner through teaching. The teacher should understand the student during teaching and provide teaching according to his need.

The Vice-Chancellor told with various living examples that we have to learn to love ourselves

first. Then it is necessary to love one's teaching profession, love the subject, and finally have a feeling of love towards the students and the society. He said that teaching should be exhaustive along with being interesting. It is necessary to have equanimity towards all, giving priority to the weak students.

At the end of the program, the vote of thanks was given by NAAC Coordinator, Prof. LVKS Bhaskar. The Registrar of the University, Prof. Shailendra Kumar, Deans of various Schools, Heads of Departments, teachers and research scholars participated in the program.

Cancer awareness program organised by Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation

● On World Women's Day

Raipur, Mar 10: March 8 is celebrated as World Women's Day all over the world. On this occasion, a cancer awareness program was organised by the Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation in association with the organization "Knitted Knockers". The event was attended by renowned Gynecologist from Nagpur, Dr. Rohini Patil, a former cancer survivor herself, along with other oncology experts, to spread awareness about women's cancer.

On the occasion of World Women's Day, an informative talk session was organized by Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation in association with JCI Raipur Medico City at Degree Girls College, Kalibari Raipur and Government Girls Polytechnic College, Pensionbara, Raipur and health awareness event was organized in collabo-



ration with Bharitya Yoga Sansthan Raipur. In this program, Dr. Arpan Chaturmohata, President, JCI explained the benefits of early cancer screening in women. In this program JCI Lady Chairperson Dr. Surbhi Chaturmohata, Dr. Ajit Kumar, Dr. Sandhya Sahu, Dr. Munmun Aggarwal, Dr. Kavita Sahu, and JCI Secretary Dr. Avinash Gupta gave health advice to the students.

Along with this, Sister Nivedita Samman program was also organized by Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation and Charometi Foundation. Women doctors, staff

nurses, lab technicians etc. working in Health Wellness Center (UPHC) located at Kho Kho were honoured with Sister Nivedita Samman. The program was attended by Mrs Shabana Memon, Secretary, Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation, Dr. Mrinalika Ojha, President, Narayani Literary Sansthan, Mrs. Shweta Nilesh Agarwal, special guest, and Rajendra Ojha from Charometi Foundation.

Knitted breast prosthesis, mastectomy pillows, drain bags and chemo caps were distributed freely to breast cancer patients by Sanjeevani

Cancer Care Foundation and Knitted Knockers. In this event myths related to cancer were debunked and cancer awareness was spread.

On the occasion of World Women's Day, Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation organized free cancer medical consultation by Oncologists. Along with this 50% discount was given on facilities like Mammography, Cancer marker test, USG abdominal (abdominal) and Pap smear.

Dr. Yousuf Memon, Senior Oncologist and Founder of Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation, shared that mastectomy pillows are commonly used to relieve pressure. They help provide comfort after breast surgery. These pillows can be placed under the breast, on the side, which can provide relief to cancer patients after breast surgery.

Senior Oncosurgeon Dr. Arpan Chaturmohata informed that breast pros-

thesis is a form of artificial breast that can be used by women after breast surgery. Knitted Knockers in association with Sanjeevani Cancer Care Foundation distributed knitted breast prosthesis (woven artificial breasts), mastectomy pillows, drain bags and chemo caps free of cost to breast cancer survivors.

After mastectomy (breast cancer surgery in which breasts are removed) patients are advised to carry drain bags with them at all times as they help to drain the excess fluid leaking from the surgery area.

Dr. Aniket Thoke explained that with the help of modern techniques and therapies chances of chemotherapy side effects can be significantly reduced. However, in some cases some patients may also lose hair after chemotherapy. In such a situation, chemo caps can be beneficial for cancer patients (especially women).

Mainpat Festival will be more grand and attractive this time: Bhagat

Raipur, Mar 10: The three-day event of Mainpat Mahotsav 2022 will be held near Ropakhar reservoir of Mainpat on March 11, 12 and 13.

The festival will feature performances by renowned artists along with local artists. Food and Culture Minister Amarjit Bhagat took this decision in the meeting while reviewing the preparations for organizing Mainpat Festival at Ambikapur. Minister Bhagat said that Mainpat should be made effective to make the festival more grand and attractive. This year's event should be different from previous years. He said that the popularity of Mainpat Mahotsav is increasing every year, that is why its fame has spread not only to the state but to the entire country. Organizing Mainpat Mahotsav is not only for entertainment but it is also a measure of the model of development. The network of roads were laid here and the other development



works that have been done is the result of the festival itself. Bhagat said that there should be no shortage in preparation, the officer to whom the responsibility has been assigned should be honestly discharged. He directed to install sign boards to repair the access roads to all the tourist points of Mainpat. Along with this, community toilets should also be built. Operation of community toilets should be given to women's groups so that they can be looked after along with employment. Install high mask lights at all points. He instructed to repair the Darima-Navanagar road fast.

Minister Bhagat said that the law and security system should be fine-tuned in the festival and adequate police deployment should be maintained. In the security sys-

tem, also keep in mind that no one should be disturbed unnecessarily. The situation of dispute should not be created. He asked to arrange a special meeting for the family members of the officer-employee on one day so that the officer employees engaged in festival duty can also enjoy the festival by sitting with the family. Wrestling competition will also be organized for the first time in Mainpat Mahotsav, for this necessary preparations have been started. All preparations will be completed by March 9 and rehearsal for cultural programs and other programs will also be done on March 10. This time the emphasis will be on promoting culture, tourism, local food and drink in the festival. There will be various dimensions of Chhattisgarhi art culture.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Ch'garh team to play in National Kayaking championship



Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 10: A 14-member team of Chhattisgarh Kayaking & Canoeing Association on Tuesday left for Bhopal to participate in the 32nd National Sub Junior, Junior and Senior Kayaking & Canoeing championship to be held from March 10 to 13.

Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the Association Joint Secretary Prashant Singh Raghuvanshi said that Chhattisgarh have been winning medals for the last few years and added that three new players from Jagdalpur would be part of the team for the first time.

Association President Baldeo Singh Bhatia, Working President Rohit Kale and Secretary Abhijit Mishra have extended best wishes to the players for the upcoming National event. He further in-

formed that Pawan Sonwane, Mukesh Yadav and Jaggannath Pradhan would be part of the senior team for Men whereas Swati Sahu, Pinkee Sahu, Shalu Pradhan and Neetu Sonwane would be showing their skills in Women's category. Bhavesh Sahu, Satish Dhruv, Naveen Sahu, Kamlesh Kumar Dehari, Satdev Baghel and Manbbati Baghel too would be part of the team for National championship.

Mahashivratri fair conclude with a 'Bhandara'



Konta, Mar 10: Like every year on Mahashivratri festival, this year also after the completion of the five-day fair organized by Shri Shri Manikeshwar Shiv Temple Trust, Konta, today Manikeshwar Temple Trust organized a massive Bhandara in the Shiva temple premises. Thousands of devotees, who arrived from the tribal area in the weekly market, attended the Bhandara and received the prasad.

It is known that every year a 5-day fair is organized on the occasion of Shivratri festival at Manikeshwar Shiva Temple, Konta. In these 5 days, thousands of devotees from the border provinces of Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Orissa reached the fair with their families and enjoyed the fair.

Attractive stalls were set up by the traders from all the three states in the fair. In which people bought a lot. Along with the devotees, there is a lot of enthusiasm among the businessmen as well. Thousands of people who arrived from tribal area accepted Mahaprasad.

Konta has a weekly market on Thursdays. In which the market is filled with thousands of people coming from tribal areas for doing their own business and personal essential purchases from all the four states. Seeing this, Sri Sri Manikeshwar Shiv Mandir Trust Konta organized a Maha-Bhandare for the people who arrived from the tribal area in the weekly market and distributed Maha Prasad in the form of food donation to thousands of people.

There is no substitute for hard work: Archana Jha



Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Mar 10: On International Women's Day, Additional Superintendent of Police, GPM district while congratulating all the women, addressed them to the basics and minutes of life which leads to success. The most essential element for success in life is discipline, career or any stage of life, when we set a goal and move in that direction in a disciplined manner; only then we can achieve the goal, she said. While speaking on time management, she said every person has only 24 hours for work, successful people manage these 24 hours properly and set their priority and complete important tasks at the same time, which makes the road to success easier. Also talking on positive thinking, she said many times we get frustrated due to not getting the results according to

our hard work, but keeping the morale, with confidence, with positive thoughts, success is achieved only by continuous efforts because almost the same happens to us as we think.

Thanks to all the progressive men: Manjula Salam -District Food Officer

Women's Day is undoubtedly celebrated in honor of women, but we should also say thanks to those progressive men on this day who encourage their daughter or wife to move forward in life and are happy with their success. 'I am proud that both my father and husband gave me the confidence and support to make my own decisions in my life'.

Women should enroll into employment schemes: Indra Mishra -Deputy Collector and GPM

Deputy Collector and in-charge Executive Officer, J a n p a d Panchayat P e n d r a M i s h r a , while sharing her views said that vocational education does not pave the

way for the development of women; we have to set goals towards directions we want to move forward and make honest efforts by setting goals. It is not necessary that administrative service should be everyone's goal; by keeping the spirits high, many schemes of the central and state governments in the country provide employment to women and one should take advantage of the schemes provided, and enter into business or into trade and industry.

Family support is very important: Dr. Shradha Pandey Mishra

Guidance and encouragement of parents and family is very important in realizing the dreams of girls to achieve our goals. I am fortunate in this matter that I got the cooperation of all, due to which even after getting married after studying BAMS, I am able to do my post graduation in Gynecology and Obstetrics from Aligarh today. Dr. Shradha believes it is that if everyone aims to touch the sky, then they will definitely reach the roof, so always keep your goal big.

Wastage of funds against construction of passenger waiting room

Dongargarh, Mar 10:

A case of wastage of lakhs of rupees has come to the fore in the name of passenger waiting room in the block. Situated on Acholi - Motipur road in Belgaum, the matter of wastage of lakhs of rupees by putting a tin shed on the platform in the name of the passenger waiting room constructed at a cost of 6 lakh 10 thousand was reflected in front of the investigating officers.

On the instructions received from the office of Panchayat Minister TS Singh Deo, the inquiry committee formed by the district administration investigated the various points lodged by the complainant, in which huge irregularities have come to the fore, which will be clear after the investigation report is prepared. Similar irregularities are coming to the fore in



dozens of other passenger waiting rooms built in the block, which is under investigation.

On the instructions of Chhattisgarh Government Panchayat and Rural Development Department Office, the Inquiry Officer appointed by the Executive Engineer of Rural Engineering Services Division

Rajnandgaon, are Departmental Officer Rural Engineering Services Sub Division Chhuria KR Soni, Sub Engineer Shreekant Dewangan, and Surendra Kumar.

Even during the construction of the passenger waiting room, the villagers had lodged a complaint with the local public

representatives including the district after seeing substandard construction material and construction being done against the given estimate. But at that time no action was taken by the department against the builder, nor was officers sent to inspect.

According to Sarpanch of Belgaum Gram Panchayat, Chhabeel

Sahu, the work was done through the contractor under pressure from the government administration by making the Gram Panchayat a shield. But the investigating officers have rejected outright the words of the sarpanch, saying that according to the documents presented, the construction agency is the panchayat and not the contractor.

Tax evasion of thousands of rupees by showing fake bill levied by the construction agency in the name of passenger waiting room, and lakhs of rupees bills were paid by showing fake bill without GST number. Due to this the government has to bear the loss of thousands of rupees in tax, not only this, by showing a fake bill, all the materials including sand, ballast, cement, rods have been shown in the same bill, which is the subject of investigation.

Safety innovation award to NTPC Lara

**Bilaspur, Mar 10:**

NTPC Lara awarded with Safety Innovation Award 2021 by Institution of Engineers (I), Safety and Quality Forum New Delhi today in 18th Safety Convention. The award presented by Prof. (Dr) D P Agarwal, Former Chairman Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Dr H O Thakare, President, Institution of Engineers

(I). This award presented to NTPC Lara in Energy Sector Category for implementing Innovative Safety Management Systems at Workplace. The award was received by Harish Mittal, Sr. Manager (Safety) Lara received this award.

The 1600-megawatt power station of NTPC limited located at Raigarh is having the distinct features of first 800-megawatt Super Critical Technology plant of state-run power

utility NTPC Limited, coupled with the objective of providing eco-friendly and affordable electricity for nation building. 50 percent of generated electricity is provided to home state Chhattisgarh.

Alok Gupta, Executive Director (NTPC-Lara) and JSS Murty, GM (Operation & Maintenance) congratulated all the employees and associates for practicing all safety measures to get this national award.

Collector inspects Forest Drug Processing Center

**Korba, Mar 10:**

District Collector Ranu Sahu visited the Forest Drug Processing Center at Donganala and Mungadih during her stay in Pali, here. After reaching the Forest Drug Processing Center in Donganala, she observed the process of manufacturing different types of medicines by the women group from raw forest products and also had a direct interaction with the women groups. In Forest Medicine Processing Center Donganala, 12 women of Hari Bol Self Help Group are engaged in making Vanaushadhi products, which includes Herbal Facepack, Triphala Churna, Ashwagandha Churna, Amalaki Churna, Cold Khasi Nashak Churna etc. The women of the group told the Collector that last year a business of about Rs 44 lakh was done by the group, out of which

the group had made a profit of Rs 20 lakh. Collector Mrs. Sahu expressed happiness on seeing the progress of the women of the group and encouraged them to move forward. She also asked to make the forest medicines made by the women of the group available for sale in C-Mart and enjoyed herbal tea made by the women's group. During this, member of State Cow Service Commission Mr. Prashant Mishra, village sarpanch Mrs. Patrika Khursenga, SDM Pali Mrs. Mamta Yadav, CEO of Janpad Panchayat Pali Mr. VK Rathore and other officers were present. During the inspection of Donganala Vanaushadhi Processing Center, Collector Mrs. Sahu honored the Sarpanch of Donga Nala, Mrs. Patrika Khursenga for initiating the treatment of a child of Birhor tribe. The sarpanch was felicitated by the Collector for the same.

Upliftment of society not possible without the participation of women: Chandrakar

Kawardha, Mar 10:

Different programs were organized on International Women's Day in Kabirdham district. The program of International Women's Day was organized by the Department of Women and Child Development in the auditorium of PG College. All the guests including Pandariya MLA Mamta Chandrakar were seen in the traditional dress of Chhattisgarh.

Earlier, a scooty rally was taken out in the presence of women. The rally was flagged off by Collector Ramesh Kumar Sharma. School girls also gave a splendid presentation of cultural programmes. MLA Smt. Chandrakar and other guests honored the officers and employees, Anganwadi workers with citations for doing excellent work in the Department of Women and Child Development. Apart from this, women officers-employees and social service organizations who have done excellent work in the field of education, health, nutrition cam-



paign and social equity were also honored.

On this occasion, District Panchayat Vice President Pushpa Sahu, Bodla Janpad Panchayat President Smt. Amita Markam, Sahaspur Lohara Smt. Leela Bai Verma, Pandaria Smt. Samund Kurre, Bodla Nagar Panchayat President Smt. Savitri Sahu, Sahaspur Lohara Smt. Usha Shrivastava, Pandaria Smt. Rajim Gaikwad, Sahaspur District Panchayat Vice President Smt. Manju Bangali, Sahaspur Nagar Panchayat Vice President Smt. Abha Shrivastava, Smt. Gangotri Yogi were present. Addressing the event MLA Chandrakar, said that today the whole world is celebrating International Women's

Day, and in fact every day is a day for women.

The upliftment of the society is not possible without the participation of women and women have to come forward in social programs and their role should be essential for the upliftment of society, she said. Laying special emphasis on the education of daughters, she said that when women are educated, two families get educated. Bodla Nagar Panchayat President Smt. Savitri Sahu informed about the re-

markable work being done in the direction of protecting the rights of women and their education in the region and also mentioned many schemes of the state government. Officer, Department of Women and Child Development, Mr. Anand Tiwari also mentioned the purpose of organizing International Women's Day and the participation of women in the society and the successes being achieved in the direction of progressing women in various fields.

Honor ceremony organized by Shakti Vahini

Dongargarh, Mar 10:

A women's honor ceremony was organized by Shakti Vahini Dongargarh on International Women's Day in the local Marwari Dharamshala. The many who were felicitated include, Shreya Rani Mishra president of Divyang Sangh, Kumari Gunja Sinha, who works for the rights of the differently-abled.

Kumari Gunja Sinha who hoisted the tricolor at a height of 23900.35 feet, Vasundhara Singh who won gold medal in International Judo Karate, Kumari Aradhya Gaharwar who won modeling competition at the state level, Sunita Bose and Ravinder Kaur who sell clothes and earn a living for their family, Rajneet Kaur who teaches yoga to people for free, Sachi Sahu for organising social groups, Yuvika Malagar, who came back from Ukraine in adverse circumstances, Laxmi Akhil who does the work of taking children to school every

day by e-rickshaw and many others. Suresha Choubey Additional Superintendent of Police, Advocate Sandhya Deshpande presided as chief guest in the program, Rupa GTI Rajnandgaon, Sushma GTI Rajnandgaon presided over as special guest. Reeta Mishra Human Rights State President, Asha Choudhary Professor Nehru College Dongargarh Indira Vaishnav Principal Constable Sheela Madam SI Dongargarh Dada Borkar SI Dongargarh were also invited as special guests.

All the members of Shakti Vahini were invited in large numbers in the program, in which mainly Vaishali Deshkar, Nisha Chavda, Jyoti Badwaik, Achala Singh Thakur, Kirti Bade, Sudha Srivastava, Poonam Singh Thakur, Sanju Agarwal, Vatsala Srivastava Tara Gorle, Indu Yadav, Gayatri Rao, Mamta Chavda, Manju Dhangar, Nirmala Sahu, Sheela Singh Gaharwar and many others.

Naxalites set fire to a vehicle engaged in road construction



Konta, Mar 10: In Konta block of Sukma district, Naxalites set fire to Hywa vehicle engaged in the construction of Dharmapenta road of Kistaram. The road is being built from Palodi to village Potkapalli and was carrying ballast for road construction work. Dharmapenta was going from Pyadaguda via Velakaguda. The vehicle was burnt by the Maoists in the middle of Pyadaguda and Dharmapenta. The name of the owner of the vehicle as told is Amar Contractor. Police force was dispatched for the spot. Sukma SP Sunil Sharma confirmed the arson incident.

What officer said: Sukma SP said that Naxalites do not want development to reach the tribal areas. The Naxalites involved in the arson are being chased. Soon the law will punish them, the criminals will not be spared.

Civic Action Program of 219th Battalion organized

In the Naxal affected area Gorkha and Kottacheru Camp

Konta, Mar 10: On March 9, under the direction of Nitin Kumar, Commandant 219th Corps CRPF, C/219th Corps organized a civic action program in Gorkha, Kotacheru Camp, a Naxal-affected area of Konta block.

Apart from Civic Action Program, first aid was given to the villagers of Dudhipara, Kosipara and Patelpara etc. by organizing medical camps and proper treatment was given to the villagers by Dr. Rahul R. (Senior Medical Officer) to take precautions for prevention of diseases.

Under the Civic Action Program, the villagers of Dudhipara, Kosipara and Patelpara were provided with items of daily use like mosquito nets, solar lights, portal radio sets and sports materials for various sports such as cricket ball-ball, volleyball, football, carrom board, badminton set etc. were distributed.



and the State Government. Villagers of Gorkha and Kottacheru were benefited from the civic action program organized by 219th Corps CRPF. Along with this, medicines were distributed through medical camps for the better health of the villagers, treating common diseases like cold, cough, fever, high blood pressure, body pain, joint pain, chronic wounds/wounds, sore throat and malaria.

On this occasion R. Rahul, (Senior Medical Officer), J. Durai Murugan (Ass.Com), subordinate officers and other personnel of 219th Corps

Central Reserve Police Force were present. All the nearby villagers enthusiastically participated in this event.

This shows that the trust in the government is increasing among the villagers in this area. Good relations and trust are being established between the common citizens and the security forces. People of this area are leaving Naxal ideology and joining the main stream of development. A new ray of hope has been awakened among all the villagers due to the developmental works done by the 219th Corps.

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BRIEF

Census

Golaghat: A census of the one-horned rhinoceros population in Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve in Assam will be conducted for three days from March 26, the state Forest Department said. The Unesco World Heritage site in the north-eastern state is home to two-thirds of the world's population of the species. Accordingly, forest will be closed for elephant safari during three days, while jeep safari will be suspended in on separate dates.

Directs

Srinagar: The National Green Tribunal has directed the Jammu and Kashmir administration to pay an interim compensation of Rs 1 crore each for illegal mining, dumping of solid waste and discharge of untreated sewage into the Doodh Ganga river, saying the authorities failed to check the environmental violations. The tribunal directed the Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary to take immediate action to remedy situation and take measures.

Sick

Ghaziabad: Seven girl students of Northern India Textile Research Association campus here fell sick after having breakfast in the canteen of their hostel. Taking cognisance of it, DM RK Singh constituted a committee to conduct an inquiry into it. The panel will submit its report within 15 days. The technical campus of the institute is situated in Sanjay Nagar. The management of the institute immediately rushed them to a nearby hospital.

Sealed

Indore: Three pubs in the city were sealed by the local administration for serving liquor to minors in violation of norms and committing other irregularities. These pubs were found serving liquor to children and also operating beyond the administration fixed deadline, Indore sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) Akshay Singh Markam said.

Busted

Phagwara: Police busted an interstate gang of arms smugglers by arresting two people, including the alleged kingpin, from different locations and recovering from them three pistols and eleven live cartridges. Amrit Saroop Dogra, DSP (Investigation) Kapurthala said the duo were identified as Shivam Singh alias Shivam of Nimaj from Madhya Pradesh, presently residing at local Onkar Nagar and Sandip Kumar alias Cheecha.

Renamed

New Delhi: The panel of the BJP-led East Delhi Municipal Corporation passed a resolution to rename the post of DBC (dengue breeding checking) staff as multi-tasking staff (public health). The move comes ahead of the civic polls in Delhi, whose dates were slated to be announced, but election authorities have deferred the announcement.

It was slip of tongue: Raj Min on comments about women

Jaipur, Mar 10 (PTI):



Shanti Dhariwal

Amid an uproar by the Opposition MLAs over his remarks in the House, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Dhariwal on Thursday tendered an apology saying it was a slip of tongue. The BJP, however, shouted slogans against him and demanded his resignation.

It was a slip of tongue. I feel sorry for that. I wanted to say something for the desert state. I personally respect women and will continue to do so. If my comments have hurt anyone, I apologise, Dhariwal said.

On Wednesday, he had made certain comments in his reply to the demand for grants to the police department, which Leader of the Opposition Gulab Chand Kataria said were an insult to women, public and brave men. They were later expunged. Though

Speaker CP Joshi asked Kataria not to raise the matter during the Question Hour, the Opposition continued its uproar and demanded Dhariwal's resignation.

The Speaker said Dhariwal had visited his chamber and had confessed that his comment was unintentional.

The House was adjourned twice after the opposition members continued to protest against the

remarks. Minister Shanti Dhariwal, however, tendered an apology for the remarks, calling it a slip of tongue.

As soon as the House assembled at 11 am, Leader of Opposition Gulab Chand Kataria raised the matter and opposition members protested against the minister's remarks.

Dhariwal later apologised for his remarks made during his reply to a debate on the grant for the police department on Wednesday night, but the opposition continued to protest in the House.

The minister's remarks were also expunged from the proceedings of the House.

It was a slip of tongue. I feel sorry for that. Rajasthan is a desert state and I wanted to say something for the state. I personally respect women and will continue to do so.

BJP moves privilege motion against five TMC women MLAs

Kolkata, Mar 10 (PTI):

Three BJP legislators in Bengal, including two who have been suspended for the rest of the budget session, moved a privilege motion in the Assembly on Thursday against five TMC MLAs in connection with the bedlam in the House on March 7.

High drama was witnessed on the first day of the West Bengal assembly's budget session with Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar being forced to cut short his inaugural speech and table the address as BJP MLAs staged a noisy protest over the alleged violence and vote rigging in the recently concluded civic elections.



West Bengal BJP MLAs led by Suwendu Adhikari sit on a protest at Assembly in Kolkata on Thursday.

Two lawmakers Sudip Mukhopadhyay and Mihir Goswami were on Wednesday suspended from the session for creating disturbances in the

House during Dhankhar's speech. The governor had in a letter to Speaker Biman Banerjee earlier in the week stated that the TMC MLAs had also "con-



Civil Defence volunteers outside Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) office during counting day of Punjab Assembly polls, at party office in New Delhi, Thursday.

ULFA(I) warns of action against OIL if outsider' made CMD

Guwahati, Mar 10 (PTI):



Paresh Barua

The banned ULFA (Independent) group on Thursday warned Oil India Limited (OIL) of action if an indigenous person was not named as the next CMD of the Maharatna PSU.

The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) had on Wednesday recommended the name of Ranjit Rath, currently the CMD of Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd, for the position of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of OIL, under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. In an e-mailed statement to media, ULFA(I) chief Paresh Barua said the group had demanded

appointment of qualified indigenous persons to the post of CMDs in oil companies operating from Assam.

It was among the seven points served by ULFA(I) in a notice to public sector companies in the oil sector in the northeastern state in May last.

The separatist group also urged students and youth organisations as

well as people of the state to build up opposition to Rath's selection as the next OIL CMD.

Barua claimed that Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had said that the seven points put forward by the group could be met and had assured ULFA(I) of taking steps to resolve the issues.

Naming of an outsider' Dr Ranjit Rath for the CMD's position is in contradiction to the assurance of the chief minister and against the interests of the state, he claimed.

Barua asked the OIL to withdraw the decision taken by the PESB immediately and name a deserving indigenous person for the CMD's post.

Maha Assembly adjourned briefly over suspension of BJP MLAs



Maharashtra Assembly in Mumbai.

Mumbai, Mar 10 (PTI):

The Maharashtra Assembly was on Thursday adjourned till the end of the Question Hour over the issue of presence of a BJP MLA, who was among the 12 party legislators suspended for a year during the monsoon session in July 2021. Shiv Sena MLA Bhaskar Jadhav initially

claimed in the House that the judiciary cannot interfere in the proceedings of the legislature, but later said he was not against the legislators being taken back and wanted to know the status of the resolution which was passed for the suspension.

Notably, the Supreme Court earlier this year quashed the one-year suspension of the 12 BJP

MLAs, saying it was worse" than expulsion or disqualification, and that such an action beyond the remainder period of an ongoing session would impact the democratic setup.

The SC had held that the resolution suspending these MLAs beyond the period of the remainder of the session held in July 2021 was "unconstitutional" and "irrational".

BJP legislators Yogesh Sagar, Sanjay Kute, Ashish Shelar, Abhimanyu Pawar, Girish Mahajan, Atul Bhatkalkar, Parag Alavani, Harish Pimpale, Jaykumar Raval, Narayan Kuche, Ram Satpute and Kirtikumar Bhangdia were suspended last year for alleged misbehaviour with the then presiding officer Jadhav in the Speaker's chamber.

NTPC Vindhyachal to set up carbon capture plant to curb pollution

Singrauli, Mar 10 (PTI):



NTPC's Vindhyachal power plant in Madhya Pradesh has set a target to establish a carbon capture plant by 2023 to curb pollution, an official said on Thursday.

As a pilot project, the facility will be set up in Vindhyachal, wherein carbon dioxide emitted from the plant will be mixed with hydrogen to form methanol, which will reduce pollution, the official said.

The amount of carbon dioxide emitted in the atmosphere will be reduced and methanol produced as a by-product can also be used based on utility, he said. Speaking to reporters, the head of

Vindhyachal project SC Naik said the plant is fully dedicated to the environment and in this regard, more than 25 lakh saplings have been planted in the area so far, to make it a

greener belt. The pilot project will be the first-of-its-kind initiative not only in India but in the world, he claimed, adding that it is targeted to be established by 2023. NTPC

Satyajit Ray's life and work to be celebrated at KLF

Kolkata, Mar 10 (PTI):



To mark the birth centenary year of Satyajit Ray, the Kolkata Literature Festival (KLF) will dedicate an entire session to the auteur at the ongoing International Kolkata Book Fair.

Mamata Shankar, who had acted in the maestro's Agantuk' (Guest), will be in conversation with eminent director Suman Ghosh on the inaugural day of the eighth edition of KLF on March 11.

Called Tomare Selam - 100 Years of Satyajit Ray', the one-hour session will also be attended by actor Sabyasachi Chakraborty, who had essayed the role of Feluda in several flicks directed by the Sandip Ray, the son of the legendary filmmaker. Feluda is a fictional pri-

vate investigator in Bengali novels and short stories penned by Satyajit Ray. "The first book on Ray's cinematographer Subrata Mitra, who shared a special bond with the filmmaker will also be unveiled on the first day of the two day meet by eminent painter Suvaprasanna, curator of

the literary meet Sujata Sen told reporters here.

The book, Subrata Mitra-Painter with Light' has been published by West Bengal Heritage Commission.

Mitra, at the age of 21, began his career as a cinematographer with Ray for Pather Panchali' (Song of the Road) in

1955. He is known for pioneering the technique of bounce lighting while filming 'The Apu Trilogy'.

In another session, historian Sugata Bose and other eminent academicians will speak on the theme Freedom of Expression in India in its 75th year of Independence' on the first day.

There will be a discourse on Bengali literature with poet Sriyato Bandyopadhyay and authors Pracheto Gupta, Himadri Kishore Dasgupta and Debarati Mukhopadhyay.

Eminent author mythologist Devdutt Pattanaik will decode the interrelation of myth, mudras and the modern times at a segment on the second day, Sen said.

Debutant Malayalam filmmaker held in rape case

Kochi, Mar 10 (PTI):



Liju Krishna

A debutant Malayalam filmmaker has been arrested from the shooting location of his first film on charges of raping a woman multiple times on the pretext of romance.

Liju Krishna, who helps the upcoming Nivin Pauly and Manju Warriestarrer "Padavettu", was taken into custody while the shooting of the movie was in progress in Kannur, his hometown, on Sunday.

Based on the complaint filed by the woman, who was reportedly associated with the movie in various aspects of its making, a case was registered against Krishna last week and a local court here re-

manded him to judicial custody after police recorded his arrest the other day.

Relevant sections of IPC including rape and unnatural offences were slapped against the filmmaker, police said. As per the complaint, registered with the Kakkannad police, he had sexually abused the com-

plainant several times in various places for two years after befriending her on social media.

The survivor, through the Facebook page of Women in Cinema Collective (WCC), a pro-women outfit in the Malayalam film industry, recently gave a detailed account of the physical, mental and professional torture she had to suffer from Krishna.

Alleging that she got pregnant and was forced to undergo abortion, she also accused him of portraying the relationship as a consensual affair, which caused her "constant mental and physical stress", destroying her self-esteem and her desire to continue living.

BRIEF

Convicted

Lyon: Four men were convicted in Paris of terrorist conspiracy after the murder of a Catholic priest in a Normandy church in 2016, an attack claimed by the Islamic State group. The four were handed sentences of between eight years and life in prison over the attack on Father Jacques Hamel, 85, who was stabbed by two 19 year olds as he finished Mass. Two nuns and elderly couple were held hostage before they slashed the priest.

Evacuates

Houston: Houston based Indian American non-profit body Sewa International has evacuated 467 African students, including 367 Nigerians, from Ukraine's Sumy amidst a Russian military offensive. Sewa volunteers coordinated the evacuation efforts responding to a request by Shina Alege, the Nigerian Ambassador to Ukraine. Nigeria's Minister for Foreign Affairs Geoffrey Onyema thanked Sewa International Europe.

Replaces

San Juan: The bishop of the Arecibo diocese in Puerto Rico said that the Vatican dismissed him against his wishes, a rare move for the Holy See. The announcement comes nearly a year after Monsignor Daniel Fern ndez declined to sign a decree issued by the Puerto Rican Episcopal Conference declaring that unvaccinated parishioners would be separated from vaccinated ones during activities including the presentation.

Meets

Kathmandu: A three-member French parliamentary delegation led by Vronique Riotton, the Chair of France-Nepal Parliamentary Friendship Group, paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba at his official residence in Baluwatar. During the meeting, the two sides discussed matters relating to the promotion of Nepal-France bilateral relations.

Proceed

Manila: The Philippine government will proceed with a deal to purchase 17 military transport helicopters from Russia that was signed and partially paid for before the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the defence chief said. The 12.7 billion-peso contract to acquire Mi-17 helicopters was signed in November and the Philippines made an initial payment in January.

Shooting

Mexico City: Six men and three women died in a shooting attack on a house where drugs were sold in central Mexico. Authorities in Puebla state, east of Mexico City, said the attack took place in the pre-dawn hours. Puebla Gov Miguel Barbosa said none of the nine victims were from the state and the house where they were killed was a site for retail drug dealing.

South Korea's Prez elect wants tougher stance on North Korea

Seoul, Mar 10 (AP):



Yoon Suk Yeol

South Korea's president-elect Yoon Suk Yeol said on Thursday he would solidify an alliance with the United States, build up a powerful military and sternly cope with North Korean provocations, hours after he won the country's hard-fought election to become its next leader. Yoon, whose single five-year term is to begin in May, said during his campaigning he would make a boosted alliance with the United States the center of his foreign policy. He's accused outgoing liberal President Moon Jae-in of tilting toward Pyongyang and Beijing and away from Washington.

He's also stressed the need to recognise the strategic importance of repairing ties with Tokyo despite recent bilateral historical disputes. Some experts say a Yoon government will likely be able to reinforce ties with Washington and improve relations with Tokyo but can't really avoid frictions with Pyongyang and

Beijing. I'll rebuild the South Korea-US alliance. I'll (make) it a strategic comprehensive alliance while sharing key values like a liberal democracy, a market economy and human rights," Yoon told a televised news conference. I'll establish a strong military capacity to deter any provocation completely and protect the people's safety and property and our territory and sovereignty, Yoon said. I'll firmly deal with illicit, unreasonable behaviour by North Korea in a principled manner, though I'll always leave door for South-North talks open. After his election win, he spoke with US President Joe Biden on the phone.

According to a White House statement, Biden congratulated Yoon on the election and emphasized the US commitment to the defense of South Korea. The statement said the two also committed to maintain close coordination on addressing the threats posed by North Korea's nuclear and missile programs. North Korea hasn't made any comments on Yoon's election. In recent weeks, it's launched a spate of sophisticated, nuclear-capable ballistic missiles in what experts call an attempt to modernize its weapons arsenal and pressure the Biden administration to making concessions like sanctions relief.

Germany in quandary over Russian energy

Germany has the option of delaying its nuclear exit

Berlin, Mar 10 (AFP):

Germany has rejected a complete ban on Russian gas and oil imports over Russia invading Ukraine, but voices are growing louder for Berlin to ditch its economic imperative to take a moral stand.

After the United States and Britain imposed a ban on Russian oil, pressure has mounted on German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's government and other G7 members to follow suit. A group of climate activists, academics, authors and scientists published an open letter to the German government demanding a complete ban on Russian



Board with prices of petrol and diesel at a petrol pump, in Essen, western Germany.

energy, reasoning that "we are all financing this war". In a newspaper opinion piece this week, conservative lawmaker and foreign policy expert Norbert Roettgen also said the only correct course of action was to "stop Russia's oil and gas business now". "Nearly a billion euros (\$1.1 billion) are being poured into (Russian) President Vladimir Putin's war chests every day, thwarting our sanctions against the Russian central bank" and "for many Ukrainians, it will be too late if we hesitate now," he wrote.

'India-China tensions along LAC 'worst' in over four decades'

Chinese military-civil fusion makes research cooperation difficult

Washington, Mar 10 (PTD):

Tensions between India and China along the Line of Actual Control are the "worst" in over four decades, a top American Admiral has told lawmakers during a Congressional hearing on the Indo-Pacific, a strategic region which has seen aggressive moves by Beijing. The statement of Commander of US Indo-Pacific Command Admiral John Aquilino came ahead of the 15th round of high-level military talks between India and China on March 11. Tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) be-



Devotees hold ceremonial 'Chir' to mark the beginning of 'Holi' at Basantapur Durbar Square in Kathmandu, Nepal on Thursday.



US Indo-Pacific Command Admiral John Aquilino at Congressional hearing on the Indo-Pacific in Washington DC.

tween the PRC (People's Republic of China) and India are the worst in over four decades, Admiral Aquilino told members of the House Armed Services Committee during the Congressional hearing on the Indo-Pacific region. Aquilino said that in October 2021, the Chinese legislature passed a land border law that asserts "sacred and inviolable" sovereignty and territorial integrity and provides a domestic legal framework for greater PLA (People's Liberation Army) involvement in border security. This law took effect on January 1, 2022, representing a continuation of PRC's use of domestic law as a pre-

text to the use of force to resolve territorial disputes, he said. Ely Ratner, Assistant Secretary of Defence for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, said that the United States is closely watching developments along the Line of Actual Control at the India-China border. Responding to a question from Congressman Andy Kim, Ratner said that India has faced tough situations from China along the LAC. In the case of India, we have seen a test case of this in the last several years when the Indians were facing aggression from China on the Line of Actual Control where the United States rapidly provided capabilities in intelligence and in the context of trying to improve trust and the nature of the defence relationship.

Iran offers mixed signals as nuclear talks deadline looms

Dubai, Mar 10 (AP):



A nuclear reactor in Iran.

Iran offered mixed signals Thursday as a deadline loomed in talks over its tattered nuclear deal with world powers, with its president defending the negotiations while a top security official blamed America for the deadlock.

The monthslong, indirect talks in Vienna have sought to both get the US to return to the accord it unilaterally withdrew from in 2018, and have Iran restore limits on its rapidly advancing nuclear program.

In recent days, Western diplomats have signaled the talks had reached their conclusion, laying the final decision with Iran. Ali Shamkhani, the secretary of the country's powerful Supreme National Security Council, wrote on Twitter early Thursday trying to instead blame America for the deadlock. The US approach to Iran's principled demands, cou-

pled with its unreasonable offers and unjustified pressure to hastily reach an agreement, show that US isn't interested in a strong deal that would satisfy both parties, Shamkhani wrote in multiple languages. Absent US political decision, the talks get knottier by the hour. Shamkhani and other Iranian officials have repeatedly projected Western complaints about the Islamic Republic's behavior throughout the negotiations back to the West. A short time later, hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi's

Twitter account appeared to offer Iran's theocracy cover for potentially supporting a possible deal in Vienna. The government is doing negotiations in the way of the supreme leader's framework and has not and will not retreat from any red lines which were announced, he wrote. Iran's civilian government operates on a narrow bandwidth under Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has final say on all matters of state. However, divisions exist within even the hard-line camp of Iran's theocracy

particularly on the nuclear deal and any interactions with the West. The tweets came after Russia's ambassador in the Vienna talks, Mikhail Ulyanov, told journalists in Vienna that maybe it will be finalized, maybe but it's not for sure. Iran's top negotiator Ali Bagheri Kani rejoined the talks after a quick trip back to Tehran for consultations. The top negotiator for the European Union earlier this week seemed to suggest whether the talks succeeded or failed now rested with the Islamic Republic. There are no longer expert level talks. Nor formal meetings, Enrique Mora wrote on Twitter, responding to comments by an Iranian analyst. It is time, in the next few days, for political decisions to end the (hashtag)ViennaTalks. The rest is noise. Mora's comments mirror those of British and French negotiators.

Ghosh case inmates in Japan seek to go home

Tokyo, Mar 10 (AP):

Two Americans imprisoned as inmates in Japan for helping former Nissan Chairman Carlos Ghosn avoid trial and escape to Lebanon are hoping to serve the rest of their time in the US.

The Boston-based attorney for Michael Taylor and his son Peter Taylor, Paul Kelly, said Thursday that the elder man was suffering from serious back pain and frostbite. The US Justice Department in October requested the Taylors, who

were convicted in the same trial, be transferred to a US prison. 'It's not been an easy time for them, between the extreme cold and the isolation,' Kelly told The Associated Press. 'Japan has not acted on the transfer issue at all. If Japan were to grant the transfer, then Michael and Peter would be literally taken immediately out of Japan and brought back to the United States,' he said. Japan's Justice Ministry must agree for the transfer to be carried out. The ministry has no immediate

comment. Ghosn fled to Lebanon in late 2019, hiding in a music instrument box aboard a private jet. Japanese prisons lack Western-style heating, air-conditioning or beds. Inmates get a mattress that's rolled out at night. Japanese authorities say their prisons meet humanitarian standards. Michael and Peter Taylor were convicted in Tokyo District Court in July for their roles in helping Ghosn escape Japan for Lebanon, the country of his ancestry.

Australia to boost defence force by thirty percent

Canberra, Mar 10 (AFP):

Australia will boost its defence forces by some 30 percent by 2040, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Thursday, describing it as the country's largest military build-up in peacetime.

The force would grow by 18,500 personnel to 80,000 over the 18-year period, at a cost of some Aus\$38 billion (US\$27 billion), the prime minister said at an army barracks in Brisbane. Morrison, who is expected to call a general election in May, told a news conference it was the "biggest increase in the size of our defence forces in peacetime in Australian history". He said the military build-up was a recognition by his government of the "threats and the environment that we face as a country, as a liberal

democracy in the Indo-Pacific".

The Australian leader said some of the new troops would support a future nuclear-powered submarine fleet, promised under a new Australia-Britain-US defence alliance, AUKUS.

Australia says it plans to arm the submarines with conventional weapons but has yet to decide on the details of the programme, including whether to opt for a fleet based on US or British nuclear-powered attack submarines. Forged at a time of growing Chinese influence in the Pacific region, the AUKUS alliance would make Australia the only non-nuclear weapons power with nuclear-powered submarines, capable of travelling long distances without surfacing.

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WALK-IN INTERVIEW Kendriya Vidyalaya Bachelhi is going to conduct a walk-in interview in the Vidyalaya premises in order to prepare a panel of teachers and coaches on purely part time / contractual basis against the following vacancies as and when occur during the session 2022-23.



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Federal system of states

It is good for democracy in India that assembly elections in five states were conducted with no major incidents of violence. The federal nature of constitution makes democracy in India resilient. It is to be noted that assembly elections were held amid a waning third wave of COVID-19 pandemic. There have been allegations about mishandling of pandemic response, but outcome of election results indicate that voters have preferred long term vision of political parties as benchmark for issues when deciding to vote. Some of political analysts may be puzzled by election results, but new research from UK explains voter behaviour and shows advantages of federal system of states as superior form of administration for strength of democracy. Democracy is often messy, filled with competing voices, political arguments and bureaucratic redundancies. But when it comes to immediate disaster response, it's a clear winner over autocratic systems. The coronavirus pandemic proved to be a real-time experiment for political scientists such as Binghamton University Professor Olga Shvetsova in UK. As the pandemic unfolded in the summer of 2020, Shvetsova and her COVID-19 Policy Response Lab compiled a massive database comparing pandemic-related governmental policies in 75 countries on both the national and subnational levels. The database inspired multiple articles, including one Shvetsova had published in a medical journal, and a forthcoming book, tentatively titled "Government Response and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Between a Rock and a Hard Place." This week, Shvetsova discussed her findings with the campus community as she gave the 2022 Harpur Dean's Distinguished Lecture. Shvetsova's team began collecting data in March 2020, with the help of volunteers from around the world. They studied national policies, as well as those made on the subnational level such as by states and provinces, to create a protective public policy index that was frequently updated during the course of the pandemic. The research found that democracies with self-governing states or provinces federations, to use political science terminology offered more layers of protection to individual citizens than those with unitary governments. This goes against the assumption early in the pandemic that autocracies would mount a more robust response to the crisis.

You can think of it in terms of a decision tree a signal either reaches or fails to reach the decision-making authority, which then mounts a response. Unitary democracies tend to field more signals than autocracies, although they still go to a single authority. Federations, on the other hand, have both multiple signals and multiple decision-making authorities. They're more likely to pick up signals of a crisis and respond, whether at the national, state or municipal levels. Even if one of the decision-making bodies doesn't respond to a signal, the other layers may. Redundancy, as seen in federations with their multiple levels of government, is actually a plus when it comes to crisis response. When it comes to enacting public health mandates, democratic governments find themselves subject to contradictory forces. Politicians generally don't like to inflict pain on the public that voted for them. The word 'mandate' doesn't bode well. On the other hand, they also do not want to see a healthcare calamity. As a result, political actors want protective policies, but they would prefer that someone else put them into place. Power-sharing among different branches of government and among different political parties therefore enabled more effective policymaking in terms of public health. The more political parties there were in a legislative body, the more likely that body was to adopt more stringent pandemic-related policies. Exactly who makes those decisions and how they are made are in constant flux, however. The allocation of responsibilities in government is akin to a living, breathing process. It undergoes regular adjustments. Those adjustments could be seen in elections, which then influenced the enactment of pandemic-related policies. On the national level, the healthcare systems that were in place prior to the pandemic didn't have an impact on governmental strategy. Politics mattered more than prior health policies. Overall, response to a crisis appears to be swifter in decentralized democracies, and shared accountability makes it easier for governments to enact necessary policies. How well we design our government is going to determine how well we survive a crisis.

Alleged conspiracy

Amid political crisis faced by Imran Khan led government in Pakistan, some experts are alleging that United States of America is trying to limit or sabotage Pakistan's relationship with China. Alleged conspiracy against Imran Khan involves control of Pakistan's economy. Dr Shahbaz Gill, PM's Special Assistant for Political Communication, is now of the opinion that the US and allies want PM Imran Khan 'removed because his policies are against their regional and global interests'. The CIA has to have both an intention and the capacity for a 'regime change'-just one won't do. Why would the CIA want a 'regime change' in Pakistan at this stage? The answer may be that it is all about the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor or CPEC. In 2018, Imran Khan became Prime Minister of Pakistan. By that time CPEC Phase II-comprising SEZs had kicked in. On February 2 2022, the IMF's Executive Board approved a USD 1.053 billion disbursement to Pakistan.

On February 4, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) received USD 1.053 tranche of its three-year, USD 6 billion IMF loans. At the IMF, the United States has 831,401 votes. If the CIA was planning a 'regime change' in March 2022 why would the IMF disburse USD 1.053 billion in February 2022? In February 2022, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) were Pakistan's largest development partners with disbursements of USD 529 million and USD 461 million, respectively. At the World Bank, the US has 2,925,790 votes. If the CIA was planning a 'regime change' in March 2022 why would the World Bank disburse USD 529 million in February 2022? At the ADB, the United States has subscribed 15.5 percent of the total capital and controls 12.75 percent of the votes. Some political groups in Pakistan want to blame US for domestic instability amid US-China rivalry.

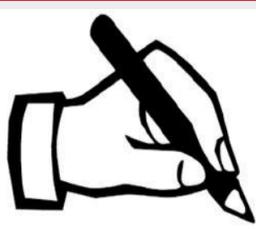
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MOBILE EATERY OPERATOR



People eat breakfast at a two wheeler mobile eatery stall on a road side in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Taking action for making India as global millet hub

DR KC GUMMAGOLMATH

Millet is mostly grown in rain fed lands and are climate resilient smart crops restricted to semi-arid climatic conditions particularly in India. These crops are adapted to a wide range of temperatures, moisture-regimes and input conditions, supplying food to millions of dryland farmers and fodder to animals, and also form an important raw material for potable alcohol and starch production in industrialized countries. In the Indian sub-continent, millet crops are considered as super grains for having reservoirs of nutrients. All millet varieties have high antioxidant activity and are gluten free and non- allergenic. As a result, consumer demand and dietary patterns are slowly changing and creating a potential market for these millets in the recent past. There is also a rising demand for value added products due to growing health consciousness among the consumers. In India, millets are mainly cultivated in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand. Rajasthan (87 percent of Pearl millet area), Maharashtra (75 percent of sorghum area) and Karnataka (54 percent of Ragi and 32 percent of pearl millet).

FAO data reveals that in India, millets' area under cultivation has averaged at 108 lakh hectares and reported a dispersion of 27 lakh hectares between 2000 and 2019. The analysis shows that millets area under production had a negative 2.25 percent Growth Rate between 2000 and 2019, while production growth is only 0.08

percent. However, the productivity exhibits a positive 2.38 percent CAGR. The millets market globally was estimated at USD 9 billion in 2019 and is expected to reach USD 12.5 billion. India is the largest consumer and accounts for 38 percent of global demand. The increase in demand for healthy food during the COVID-19 pandemic in India and globally, has given opportunities to promote millets and millet-based products. The major export destinations of millets are Nepal, Saudi Arab, Pakistan, UAE, Tunisia, Sri Lanka, Yemen Republic, Libya, Namibia, and Morocco. According to DGCIS, in the year 2019-20, 8 lakh MT of millets were exported from India valued at 205.2 crores (28.75 million dollars). International prices for millets are highly volatile, determined largely by supply volumes, and are usually unrelated to those of other major crops. However, stability can be attained with alternative value chain development. Policy advocacy and action plan is needed for millets.

Recently, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution initiated by India with Bangladesh, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Russia, and Senegal to mark 2023 as the 'International Year of Millets'. Against this backdrop, there is a need for an action plan by India to become global leader in millet exports. This action plan includes, improving the end-product quality and cost-effectiveness of Millet production systems. Making Millets farming highly remunerative under a range of agro-ecologies. Promotion of Millets

as health-food, and as industrial raw material for potable and industrial alcohol, starch, and their products including those from the stalks. Establishing primary and secondary processing centres in the vicinity of production to have an efficient value chain. Community-owned processing units facilitated by FPOs in leveraging economies of scale. Corporates and start-ups in the food processing industry can assist through better branding prospects with food quality and safety standards to increase consumer awareness of its nutritional benefits. Government of India Initiative to Promote Millet Cultivation includes several measures. Till recently, through the revamped National Food Security Mission Operational Guidelines (NFSM), the Government of India has focused on 212 millet districts in 14 states to provide incentives to farmers for quality seed production/distribution, field-level demonstrations, trainings, primary processing clusters, and research support.

The Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF) has pushed investments to promote millet entrepreneurs, primary processing and machinery to FPOs. The 'One District One Product' (ODOP) initiative has identified 27 millet districts to focus on. There are around 80 FPOs across the country which are producing sorghum and millets in India. FPO can act as a potential institution to collectivize the farmers and get the maximum benefit of their produce. Considering the potential of increasing exports of millets and millet products and the focus given by Government for development of millet sector of nutri-cereals, APEDA is formulating a strategy with ICAR- IIMR and other stakeholders like National Institute Nutrition, CSIR-CFTRI and FPOs for perspective planning of five years for promotion of millets and millet products. The support is extended through schemes of Export Infrastructure development, Quality Development and Market Development. APEDA will provide assistance in processing facilities for addressing the missing gap like increasing the shelf life of millets, en-

hancing the production, and advancing the packaging line, lab equipment, and testing of samples.

During the Union Budget presentation, finance minister had announced that 2023 will be considered as the International Year of Millets. Support will be provided for post-harvest value addition, enhancing domestic consumption, and for branding millet products nationally and internationally. Karnataka which has moved in the direction to diversify and incentivize production of these super foods, is providing incentive of Rs 10,000 per hectare incentive (capped at 2 hectares) under the Raitha Siri scheme from 2017. Other states may follow the example. In India, millets have been mentioned in some of the oldest Yajurveda texts, identifying foxtail millet (priyangava), Barnyard millet (aanaava) and black finger millet (shyaamaka), thus indicating that millet consumption was very common, pre-dating to the Indian Bronze Age (4,500 BC).

The cultivation of millets is deep-rooted in Indian culture. Drought-tolerant crops with low dependence on chemical inputs would put far less pressure on ecosystems. The intercropping of millets with other crops is especially beneficial because the fibrous roots of millet plants help in improving soil quality, keep water run-off in check and aid soil conservation in erosion-prone areas, thereby restoring natural ecosystems. The above facts indicate that there is a conducive policy for promotion of millet in India through various programs and schemes. With comparative advantage of agro ecological conditions coupled with growing demand for cereals, India can emerge as a global leader in millet cultivation, processing, marketing and exports. Support will be provided for post harvest value addition, enhancing domestic consumption and branding millets products Nationally and Internationally.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Untold stories

While browsing through the Facebook, I came across an old interview of Lt. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, Bharat Ratna, conducted by the BBC in 1955. After going through the interview which lasted for more than half an hour, I was simply shell-shocked to know about some untold facts about the Great Man Gandhiji. Even if 50 percent version of what Ambedkar said is taken as true from the said interview, then I strongly feel that there are lots of distortions of facts regarding the nation's Independence movement where some greats like Veer Sarvakar, Sardar Patel, Netaji Subhash Bose, Gopinath Bordoloi, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Deendayal Upadhyay, Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev etc., to name a few were totally sidelined by few selfish researchers to project certain politicians. More startling facts in this regard are likely to emerge in the near future which should enlighten the next generation about the roles played by a few self-seekers in history. History will never forgive them.

Ashim, via email

Film on Pai

It is really delightful to know that a film is being made based on the life of Anant Pai, the creator of the globally famous 'Amar Chitra Katha' series of comic books. It is truly a tribute to this great Indian, who is called the father of Indian comics. Indian children of the 1970s, 1980s and the 1990s can never forget ACK and their Uncle Pai, who moulded the hearts of the children of that era, inculcating and inspiring in them our rich Indian culture, heritage and history. The teens of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s can never forget the pleasure they had browsing through the pages of those wonderful comic books. Anant Pai created those books in order to show the young Indians the route to their roots after sadly noting the ignorance of the teens regarding their great Indian culture and heritage. He proved that reading not only refreshes, it even moulds an individual's character and thereby the society. Anant Pai's ACK and Tinkle beautifully taught the children the very rich legends, mythology and history in the most suitable way-through graphics. Reading ACK was fun, entertainment and education - everything together. The film on Anant Pai is based on the biography 'Uncle Pai' by Rajesh M Iyer. The journey of a young child from a village in Karnataka moving on to Mumbai, his struggles, his ups and downs, his vision and his success are stuff enough to be made into a movie and that is what the film is about. The film traces the journey of a remarkable man and of his indomitable spirit, who helped millions across India for generations together to get in touch with their cultural roots. According to the biographer Rajesh M Iyer, taking the story of India's beloved Uncle Pai to a wider audience through a film or a web series is a logical cinematic tribute to the man who introduced millions of Indians to their glorious storytelling heritage. The film is definitely a tribute to a legend who taught Indians to be proud of their Indianness and shall be an inspiration to the coming generations to be proud and uphold that rich Indian culture and heritage.

M Pradyu, via email



WHAT THEY TWEET!

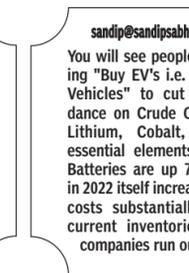


Krushna@govindagopala
Earlier it was only China having everything "Made in China" used in China. Now it will be Russia with "Made in Russia" sold in Russia. US pushing the world away from globalisation to localisation. Many countries will start thinking on these lines after this.

Aniruddha@malpani
For far too many kids , schools are places where they are forced to do things that don't really matter, exclusively for the benefit of adults, when they could be doing something better with their time. In this way, schools are the new child labour.



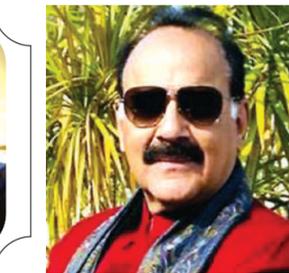
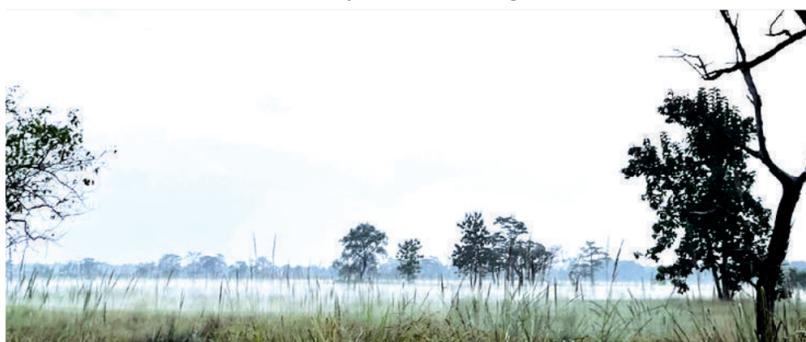
Harsha@bhogleharsha
I also like the change where a ball going down the leg side will not be called a wide if the batsman was outside leg stump when the bowler was in his delivery stride. I think it goes well with the 3rd umpire calling no-balls allowing the straight umpire to focus down the pitch.



sandip@sandipsabarwal
You will see people shouting "Buy EV's i.e. Electric Vehicles" to cut dependence on Crude Oil. Well Lithium, Cobalt, Nickel essential elements in EV Batteries are up 70-200% in 2022 itself increasing EV costs substantially once current inventories with companies run out.



IFAkash@aakashbadhawan
Terai landscape of the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve.



Arvind@MayaramArvind
India's transport economy is as complex as income inequality in the country. Older vehicles reach rural areas and are sold cheap and used as passenger or load carriers at much lower rates to sustain livelihoods. One shoe fits all will be counterproductive.

Venugopal@vgmenon99
It just proves that basic tenets of warfare remains unchanged . All those high funda terms that is mentioned is good for war games & endless webinar discussions. applicable to maritime domain as well No Captain of warship would engage a target without positive identification.

BRIEF

Acquires



New Delhi: Curefoods on Thursday said it has acquired a majority stake in milkshake brand, Frozen Bottle. Curefoods CBO Gokul Kandhi said this partnership will also help us improve our supply chain as we consolidate our position as on-line dessert company.

Funding

New Delhi: Audio content platform Kuku FM has raised USD 19.5 million (about Rs 148.6 crore) in a funding round led by South Korean gaming giant Krafton. The series-B funding round also saw participation from existing investors 3one4 Capital, Vertex Ventures, and India Quotient, with Founder Bank Capital and Verinvest joining as new investors. With this latest round of funding, Kuku FM has secured a total of USD 25 million.

Raises



New Delhi: Loco on Thursday said it has raised USD 42 million (about Rs 330 crore) in a Series-A funding. Co-founder Ashwin Suresh said fund will be utilised for improving game, streaming experience, building Web3 technology capability and improvising online gaming.

Receives

New Delhi: Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited (KPTL) on Thursday said it has received the letter of intent (LoI) for an order worth Rs 3,276 crore. The LoI is for a "prestigious project" involving design, engineering, supply and construction of a HVDC power transmission line of 700 km. The estimated value of the project stands at Rs 3,276 crore, it said without divulging any further information. The LoI is subject to fulfilment.

Appoints



New Delhi: The government has appointed State Bank of India (SBI) managing director Ashwani Bhatia as whole-time member (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). There is now only one post of WTM left to be filled in SEBI, sources said.

Buys

New Delhi: Stove Kraft Ltd managing director Rajendra Gandhi bought company shares worth Rs 50 crore through an open market transaction. According to the bulk deal data on BSE, he purchased 7.75 lakh shares at an average price of Rs 645 apiece. Gandhi, a promoter of the company, held 53.4 per cent stake in the firm at the end of December 2021.

MSME ministry launches scheme to promote creativity

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):



The MSME ministry on Thursday launched an innovative scheme to promote creativity, adoption of latest technologies and increase awareness about importance of intellectual property rights among MSMEs.

The scheme is an amalgamation of the incubation, design and IPR (intellectual property rights) schemes of the ministry.

It would act as a hub for innovative activities, besides facilitating and guiding development of ideas into viable business propositions that can benefit society directly and can be marketed successfully.

Launching the scheme,

MSME Minister Narayan Rane said the scheme will help the MSME sector, which accounts for a major share in the country's exports and manufacturing. Industry should come forward and take ad-

vantage of this scheme, he said.

Under the scheme, the ministry would provide financial assistance for innovation, design and IPR protection. The IPR vertical of the scheme aims at

enhancing the awareness of these rights among MSMEs and taking suitable measures for the protection of ideas, technological innovation and knowledge-driven business strategies.

Similarly, under the innovation vertical, untapped creativity would be supported and promoted besides adoption of latest technologies in MSMEs.

The design part of the scheme is aimed at bringing the manufacturing sector and design expertise onto a common platform.

It is also aimed at providing real-time expert advice and cost effective solutions for design problems for new product developments.

Rupee gains 20 paise at 76.42 against USD, gold tumbles Rs 992

Mumbai, Mar 10 (PTD):

The rupee appreciated by 20 paise to close at 76.42 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, supported by positive domestic equities and trends in state election results.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 76.27 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 76.07 and a low of 76.46.

The rupee finally finished at 76.42, registering a rise of 20 paise over its previous close.

On Wednesday, the rupee had appreciated 38 paise to close at 76.62 against the US dollar following a retreat in crude oil prices and rebound in domestic equities.

Counting of votes was underway on Thursday in five states where assembly polls were held recently - Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa and Manipur.

The BJP is headed for a second straight win in politically crucial Uttar Pradesh and dominated the trends chart in three other states, while the Aam Aadmi Party readied for a landslide win in Punjab. The rupee gained as risk appetite rebounded, while haven currencies slumped, said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

Geopolitical risks have also begun to reverse course and commodities cooled off, and emerging market currencies and eq-

uities advanced. In the near-term, the rupee is expected to consolidate in the range of 76 to 76.70, Parmar added.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.13 per cent to 98.09. Gold tumbled Rs 992 to Rs 52,635 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday reflecting a decline in international precious prices along with rupee appreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal finished at Rs 53,627 per 10 grams. Silver also tanked Rs 1,949 to Rs 69,458 per kg, from Rs 71,407 per kg in the previous trade.

Demand for flats in newly launched projects rises

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):

Nearly 35 per cent of housing units sold in 2021 across seven cities were in newly launched projects, driven by fresh supply from branded developers and a rise in investor demand, according to Anarock.

In its report released on Thursday, Anarock said 2.37 lakh units were sold across the top-seven cities in 2021 and out of that, 34 per cent were newly launched.

The remaining 66 per cent units sold in 2021 were in projects launched in the preceding years.

The seven cities tracked by the company are - Delhi-NCR, Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), Pune, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad.

BMW drives in new X4 starting at Rs 70.5 lakh

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):



German luxury carmaker BMW on Thursday said it has launched the updated version of SUV coupe X4 in India with price starting at Rs 70.5 lakh (ex-showroom).

The petrol trim is priced at Rs 70.5 lakh while the diesel variant is tagged at Rs 72.5 lakh. The company said it has refreshed the sports activity coupe (SAC) with design elements, added equipment and new features. Locally produced at the company's Chennai-based plant, the new X4 will be available in diesel and petrol variants at all BMW dealerships across India from Thursday onwards, it added.

"The X4 popularised the distinctive sports activity coupe concept in India. It instantly became the vehicle of choice for customers who have a unique style that

stands out from rest of the crowd," BMW Group India President Vikram Pawah noted. The way the vehicle infuses sheer driving pleasure with head-turning looks and sporty adventure is inimitable, he added. "Now the new X4 is ready to continue this status in its segment with a refreshed exterior and an attractive profile with multiple technology features," Pawah stated.

The model is available in an exclusive Black Shadow edition in limited numbers only, the company stated. The three-litre diesel engine of the X4 produces an output of 265 hp, enabling the car to accelerate from 0-100 km/hr in just 5.8 seconds.

Soybean imports revised downwards to 3.50 lakh tons

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):



Soybean Processors Association of India (SOPA) on Thursday revised downwards the country's soybean imports to 3.50 lakh tonnes for the ongoing 2021-22 oil year from the earlier projection of 4 lakh tonnes on lower crushing and slow meal off-take.

Oil year runs from October to September. The country had imported 5.48 lakh tonnes of soybean during the 2020-21 oil year.

"Looking at the current market scenario, lower crushing and slow meal off-take, we have revised downwards the whole year crushing, local demand of soybean meal and soybean import estimates," the association said in a statement. According to SOPA, domestic soybean production is estimated to be higher at 118.89 lakh tonnes this year against

104.55 lakh tonnes in the previous 2020-21 oil year.

Out of the total estimated availability of soybean of 124.22 lakh tonnes for this year, 111.22 lakh tonnes will be available for crushing for the current year, higher than 100.19 lakh tonnes in the previous oil year.

Till February, both arrival and crushing have been lower than the year-ago period even as traders and farmers had a stock of 75.80 lakh tonnes of soybean as of March 1.

About 34 lakh tonnes of soybean was crushed till February this oil year compared to 54 lakh tonnes a year ago.

Markets rally for 3rd day, Sensex jumps 817 points

Mumbai, Mar 10 (PTD):



Equity benchmarks continued their winning momentum for the third day on Thursday and jumped over 1.50 per cent, tracking an overall bullish trend in Asian equities.

On the political front, the BJP headed for a second straight win in politically crucial Uttar Pradesh and dominated the trends chart in three other states.

The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex opened in the green and further zoomed 1,595.14 points or 2.91 per cent to 56,242.47 during early trade. However, it pared some of the early gains during the fag-end of trade amid weak European markets and recovery in oil prices. It finally settled at 55,464.39, higher by 817.06 points or 1.50 per cent.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty jumped 249.55 points or 1.53 per cent to close at 16,594.90. From the 30-share Sensex pack, Hindustan Unilever Limited, Tata Steel, State Bank of India, Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Nestle and Maruti Suzuki India were the biggest gainers, jumping up to 5.17 per cent.

In contrast, Tech Mahindra, Dr Reddy's Laboratories and Tata Consultancy Services were the laggards. "Indian mar-

ket witnessed a strong recovery after a brutal fall thanks to some positive news flows on the Russia-Ukraine standoff that to rally in global equity markets and cool off in commodity prices. The outcome of state election results is also acting as a tailwind for the Indian equity market however; it has the impact of only one day and the main focus of the market will remain on the Russia-Ukraine issue because there are still uncertainties.

India likely to grow at 7.8% in FY-23

With risk tilted towards downside

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):



Indian economy is expected to grow by 7.8 per cent in 2022-23, mainly driven by the government's drive to push infrastructure spending and likely increase in private capital expenditure, rating agency Crisil said on Thursday.

The rating agency, however, cautioned that the ongoing Russia Ukraine war and rising commodity prices do pose a downside risk to the growth.

The country is expected to register a growth rate of 8.9 per cent in the current fiscal ending March 31.

"Any potential upside due to the early end of a mild third wave of COVID-19 infections will be offset

by the ongoing geopolitical strife stemming from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which is creating a dampening effect on global growth and pushing up oil and commodity prices. The risks to growth are also tilted to the downside," it said. Private consumption remains the weak link, owing to reduced direct fiscal policy support, Crisil Chief Economist Dharmakirti Joshi said while unveiling India Outlook, Fiscal 2023.

As for the average Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation, he

said, it will stay firm at 5.4 per cent next fiscal - if the price of crude oil averages USD 85-90/barrel - and takes into account the excise duty cuts announced last year. However, upside risks will build if the geopolitical strife prolongs, keeping oil and commodity prices higher for longer.

Interestingly, when the price of crude oil averaged USD 110/barrel between fiscals 2012 and 2014, inflation was in double digits. That situation is unlikely to repeat this time due to the relatively benign domestic prices of foodgrains following sumptuous agricultural output, and comparatively lower core inflation.

During that period, he said, food and core inflation, which together have 86 per cent weight in CPI, had averaged 9.8 per cent and 8.6 per cent, respectively.

Hiring activity witnesses 3% uptick with end of 3rd wave

Mumbai, Mar 10 (PTD):

Hiring activity witnessed a three per cent uptick sequentially in February as almost all industries showcased strong growth with the end of the third wave of the pandemic, according to a report. Demand for talent surged seven per cent year-on-year in February 2022, according to a report by the Monster Employment Index.

February 2022 saw a monthly uptick of three per cent in hiring activity sequentially, the report added.

Across industries, February saw BPO/ITeS showcasing a strong 11 per cent growth on the increased adoption of digitisation across industries. The demand for roles in shipping/ marine (nine per cent) and production and manufacturing (9 per cent) also witnessed a surge due to the announcement of the Maritime Vision 2030 and the renewed focus given to employment generation and expansion through the PLI scheme and PM GatiShakti, the report noted.

Ducati launches Scrambler 1100 Tribute PRO at Rs 12.89 lakh

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTD):



Luxury motorcycle manufacturer Ducati on Thursday said it has launched Scrambler 1100 Tribute PRO priced at Rs 12.89 lakh (ex-showroom).

The bike has been created to pay homage to the history of the air-cooled twin-cylinder engine, fifty years after it was first introduced on a Ducati, in 1971 with the Ducati 750 GT.

"The Scrambler 1100 Tribute PRO stays true to the Scrambler DNA while also paying homage to the history of the Borgo Panigale through the unique 'Giallo Ocra' livery. "Our first launch this year, the Scrambler 1100 Tribute PRO is a distinctive offering celebrating the iconic air cooled L-Twin engine," Ducati India Managing Director Bipul Chandra noted.

The bike features a 1079-

cc engine which generates total power output of 86 hp.

The 2022 Ducati Scrambler 1100 Tribute Pro has a steel trellis frame, an aluminum subframe, a cast aluminum swingarm, and spoked wheels (18-inch front, 17-inch rear) shod with Pirelli MT60 RS tires. Suspension includes a fully adjustable 45mm inverted Marzocchi fork and an adjustable Kayaba shock with a progressive linkage. The front brakes are radial-mount monoblock Brembo M4.32 calipers squeezing 320mm discs.

Amway India commits to an equal future for all

Pledges to encourage, enable and empower women entrepreneurs

Mumbai, Mar 10:

International Women's Day (IWD) (March 8) is a worldwide celebration of women's historical, cultural, economic, and political accomplishments. In line with the International Women's Day 2022 theme - #BreakTheBias, Amway India, one of the country's leading FMCG direct selling companies continued its commitment to an equal future for all. Across India, the company is undertaking a slew of women-centric programs leading to the IWD celebrations across the country. The campaign aims

to provide an inclusive platform to women Amway Direct Selling Partners (ADS Partners) and potential women entrepreneurs by supporting them in their entrepreneurial journey through skilling and offering possible growth opportunities. Commenting on International Women's Day, Anshu Budhraj, CEO, Amway India, said, "Diversity with equal representation of women workforce is one of our key enterprise priorities to drive business growth. According to a recent study on the Future of Work for Women, the gig economy has exponential prospects to absorb more women and increase their workforce participation, implying a 41% increase in overall women's employ-

ment in the FMCG sector. Our efforts are aligned with this year's theme for International Women's Day #BreakTheBias that exerts the need to create a world free of stereotypes and discrimination."

Elaborating on the occasion, Chandra Bhushan Chakraborty, Sr. Vice President, East & West Region Amway India said, "It is imperative today that women are the fundamental drivers of country's economic growth. Aligning to our multi-year vision, on this Women's Day, we will continue our endeavor to empower women through our strategic initiatives, building a strong foundation for the gig economy majorly driven by the women workforce."

Birla Century's Home Division launch of Hill & Glade

Mumbai, Mar 10:



Birla Century's home division is set to enrich the Indian textile market with the launch of Hill & Glade, its flagship brand catering to the home bedding segment. Already part of the globally recognized brand, Hill & Glade by Birla Century will provide a plethora of choices in both colour and quality on the basis of the preferences of the customers.

Speaking at the launch of Hill & Glade by Birla Century in Mumbai, Mr. R.K. Dalmia, Sr. President & Wholtime Director, stressed upon the vision of sustainability alongside quality that the organization has a strong focus towards. "Sustainability is the new buzzword, but for Birla Century it has been a prac-

tise since our inception. Preserving our Mother Earth has always been a priority and we always keep "Think today, about tomorrow" at the heart of whatever decisions we take. This approach also reflects in our products which are much loved by

consumers the world over for their attention to detail and unfailing quality standards"

Speaking at the launch in Mumbai, Ashish Mehrishi - CMO (Home Textiles & Apparel Fabrics) Birla Century, is confident that Hill & Glade

will be one of the most well received brands of the year 2022. "We have invested a considerable amount of time and research to get here after ensuring the feedback from a large set of target audiences determined the gaps in the home bedding segment. Hill & Glade will provide choices in terms of textures, colours and quality segments, catering to all consumers."

Hill & Glade will launch with over 250 eye-catching designs in a range of colours that will encompass solids as well as prints for the discerning consumer. This comes on the back of months of extensive research on the basis of consumer preferences with test audiences that helped fine tune choices around the most liked and suited bedsheets.



Puja Agarwal: OTT as a platform excites me more

'Simmba' actress Puja Agarwal, who has been recently seen in the short film 'Mirror', says that OTT as a platform excites her and she would like to be part of more projects on OTT. "I have worked in a couple of short films. Recently, my film 'Mirror' got released. My focus is more on OTT. I feel a lot of amazing content is being made for various OTT platforms and I would love to be part of some. It's a medium which allows you to experiment as an actor," she says. Ask her what is her favourite genre as an actor and a viewer, and she says: "I have been intrigued by the fantasy genre since childhood. I love magic, fairies, witches and the dreamy world." Meanwhile, while work is important to Puja, so is relaxing and rejuvenating, she says. "Spending quality time with family and friends and going on a solo vacation trip are some of the things I do to refresh myself. I have very few friends in life and they all are my family. While I have a diverse network of people I know, I feel a greater sense of belonging and well-being by nurturing close, meaningful relationships that will support me through thick and thin," she says.

'Dharam Yoddha Garud' in Sony SAB from Mar 14



Rising swiftly and soaring high, Sony SAB is all set to showcase grandeur in the world of television with its upcoming magnum opus **Dharm Yoddha Garud**. Capturing the tale of the almighty Garud (Faisal Khan), and the unconditional love between a mother and a son, Sony SAB brings us a mythological saga replete with never before seen or heard stories and characters that presented a vision on life and dharma with state-of-the-art production value and jaw dropping VFX. The time-tested epic tale of good vs evil The tale of Dharam Yoddha Garud is not just a reflection of a classic good vs evil formula, but a lesson on what entails a fulfilling and honest life. The story puts a mirror in front of us through Kadru who loses sight of what's right and what's wrong by the perquisites of power and Garud who always chose the selfless and righteous path in fulfilling his duty. It was his dedication and responsible living that won the heart of Lord Vishnu. **Watch Dharm Yoddha Garud starting 14th March from Monday to Saturday at 7 PM only on Sony SAB.**

I've now got my dues as an actor with 'Yeh Jhuki Jhuki Si Nazar'

The first lead role is always special since many actors get that after a lot of hardships. Actress Swati Rajput, who is playing the lead role in the show **Yeh Jhuki Jhuki Si Nazar** after a decade, has also witnessed her fair share of struggle. However, she feels like she is on cloud nine due to her lead role in the show. Swati feels that she has got the role because of her diligence and commitment towards her work.

Excerpts of interview:

Tell us something about your character in the show 'Yeh Jhuki Jhuki Si Nazar'?

Dia is well educated, well read, confident, independent women, who is very much comfortable in her own skin color despite of the fact she has been judged all her life because of her complexion.

She ignores the judgements passed on by others and lives her life in her own way and has been fighting with discrimination. She believes that "Achievement has no colour". She respects her elders and always help the ones in need.

Tell us about the various preparations that you have done for your character in the show?

As an artist I always start working on the backstory of the character. It's important to understand the who, what, where, why

of the character. I believe that's what brings flesh and bones to the character. I would start it with the easiest question "where was I born?"

What is in store for the audience from the show?

Ye Jhuki Jhuki Si Nazar is the journey of Dia, who is dark complexioned and her fight with the society. It's an Inspiring show with a meaningful message that one should never judge anyone on based of their skin color. After all we humans are vulnerable and deal with same kind of emotions.

What is it like shooting for your show in the midst of this new normal?

Somewhere it's good as we avoid unnecessary interaction and things have become more professional.

After working in Telugu & Hindi movies, what inspired you to take up this Hindi TV Show?

As an actor I don't judge any platform as far as I'm working on good story and script. Hence this show. I am in love with Diya Mathur's journey and her story. Being a wheatish girl myself, I have faced many of such challenges. I believe it's a big issue and it's a story that should be told.

Have you shot any outdoor sequences for your show?

Yes, we did shoot in Chandni Chowk in Delhi. On the terrace with Jama Masjid in the background It was no less of an experience than shooting a film.



Aishwarya Rajesh begins work on director SG Charles's film

Work on director S.G. Charles's untitled film, featuring actress Aishwarya Rajesh in the lead, began with a simple pooja in Chennai on Wednesday.

Director S.G. Charles is best known for his earlier film 'Lock Up', which featured actors Vaibhav, Vani Bhojan, Venkat Prabhu and Poorna in the lead.

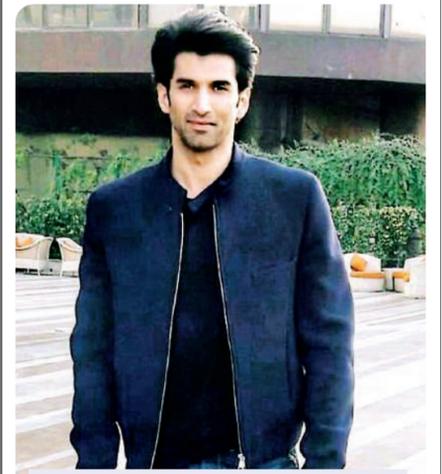
Sources close to the unit say that the film, which is yet to be titled and which is being tentatively referred to as Production Number One, will also feature actress Lakshmi Priya, actors Sunil Reddy, Karunakaran, Mime Gopi, Deepa Shankar and Kingsley among others.

The film is to be jointly produced by two production houses, Huebox Studios and Hamsini Entertainment.

Sources say that Balamurugan has been roped in as the cinematographer for the film which will have art direction by Ravi.

Sources add that an official announcement regarding the entire cast and crew will be made shortly.

Aditya Roy Kapur-starrer 'OM - The Battle Within' to release on July 1



Actors Aditya Roy Kapur and Sanjana Sanghi-starrer 'Om: The Battle Within' is finally set to release in theatres this July. Producers Zee Studios, Ahmed Khan and Shaira Khan have officially announced the release date of the film. It is scheduled to hit the big screen on July 1. The Kapil Verma directorial marks the very first association of Aditya and Sanjana as a lead pair. The action thriller with stylised high octane action sequences will have Aditya and Sanjana in a never seen before avatar. Zee Studios and Ahmed Khan present, A Paper Doll Entertainment Production, produced by Zee Studios, Shaira Khan and Ahmed Khan, 'OM - The Battle Within' is directed by Kapil Verma. The film is all set to release on July 1, 2022.

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Aquarius: Jan 21 - Feb 18

You get a pat on the back due to your brilliant academic standing. People will admire your business acumen and may imitate your choices. But this doesn't mean you become haughty and unapproachable. Carry on the good work with a humble attitude, says Ganesha.

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

Anticipation is all the fun. Sadly, this only alludes to your months-in-preparation travel plans that are most likely to be delayed today on one count or the other. Though, if this is any consolation, your trip, when it finally occurs, will bring you as much pleasure and satisfaction that you expected out of it, if not more, says Ganesha.

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may get to share your ideas and opinions with like-minded people. Ganesha says you may finally have a heart-to-heart chat with your beloved, and express your deep commitment. You may even talk of your long cherished dreams.

Taurus: Apr 21 - May 21

You will wake up feeling determined and decisive today, says Ganesha. Be careful as your rigid views may make you seem stubborn. You may not be willing to come half way during a conflict and will make a habit of articulating your viewpoint. Tension at the workplace will eat through most of your time today, feels Ganesha.

Gemini: May 22 - June 21

You will feel lonely and unwanted today. You will feel the need for someone who can calm your troubled mind. Meditation and yoga will help you calm yourself. It is a good day to receive love from that someone special.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

You know how to make money, and you are even better in putting it to good use. Today, you will have your one eye on the developments in the stock market, and the other on brochures of tourism companies. Yes, you may plan to spend some money on leisure, entertainment and getting closer to your family.

Leo: July 23 - Aug 23

It may be that the best daffodils bloom early in the morning, but good ideas can come any time of the day, says Ganesha. So spruce up your management skills, as you shall need them to help organise and cash in on the multitude of ideas that will bombard you today.

Virgo: Aug 24 - Sept 22

Motivation will remain high today, says Ganesha. Your talents and skills make you stand out as a superb artist. Words will glow if you let your creativity flow, and should you decide to dance or sing, you'll set the stage on fire today. Cultivate hobbies in performing arts and literature, advises Ganesha.

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 23

Ganesha says that any pending legal issues will be sorted out today either in court or through an out of court settlement. Your workload will get eased today and you will be able to find your way out from certain problematic situations. Ganesha showers you with his blessings.

Scorpio: Oct 24 - Nov 22

There is a big black hole in your pocket, and it's high time you looked for remedies there. Loved ones will make use of your money as sultan cream & liberally and carelessly. You are most likely to burn the holes larger by spending lavishly, especially to impress a member of the opposite sex. Ganesha advises you to keep in mind that time is money and time never returns.

Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 31

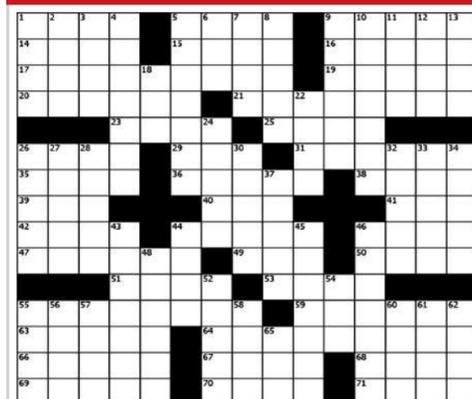
Take it as a piece of advice: tough times don't last; tough people do. The day has a lot of ups and downs in store for you. However, you are the sailor of stormy seas and would sail through all the troubles easily. Take the advice given by your near and dear ones, says Ganesha.

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 20

Work will suck you dry of your energy today, says Ganesha. Business rivals will go out of their way to mar your reputation and project you as incompetent. But to their dismay, you will prove to be way too smart to let them succeed in their sinister motives. In fact, you will hit where it hurts most and show your foes that you have all it takes to be a winner. Your superiority will reign over theirs.

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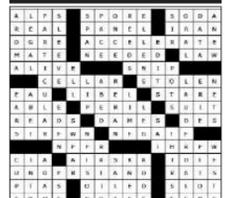
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- Promissory note
- "Window"
- Forest path
- Papas' partners

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- Method
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- Ardent
- Chatters
- Fragrant
- Accident
- Fast
- South American country
- Silly
- Christmas carol
- At all times
- Map book
- Flock mothers
- Worshippers' seats

- Keyboard wood
- Salamanders
- "Sesame Street" character
- Roaming tribesman
- Bring to mind
- Noblewomen
- Ambassador
- Staying power
- Skip
- Glossy paints
- Blunder
- Eludes
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- Relatives
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- Speak wildly
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Rahul Chahar's Weds Ishani

Goa: Punjab Kings leg-spinner Rahul Chahar and his fashion designer girlfriend Ishani tied the knot in a stylish destination wedding in Goa on Wednesday. 'Our Happily ever after!!' Chahar captioned his wedding pictures on Instagram. Ishani and Rahul, who were engaged in 2019, will host a wedding reception on Saturday. Chahar, who has played one ODI and six T20Is for India, was bought by Punjab Kings for Rs 5.25 crore (Rs 52.5 million) at this year's IPL auction. He was part of Mumbai Indians from 2018 to 2021.



Warne's body arrives in Melbourne

Melbourne: Late Australian spin legend Shane Warne's body arrived at his home city Melbourne from Bangkok in a private jet on Thursday, almost a week after his shock death due to a suspected heart attack. Warne's body was flown to Melbourne in a coffin wrapped in the Australian flag. The private jet landed at around 8:30pm local time. He will be given a state funeral on March 30 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. "A private jet carrying the Australian cricket legend's body touched down at Essendon Fields Airport in Melbourne at around 8:30pm on Thursday night. The charter flight was moved into a private hangar," new.com.au reported. "Fans and friends, including Warne's personal assistant Helen Nolan, were at the airport to greet the private plane," the report added. Warne, who is credited with reviving the art of leg-spin bowling by taking 708 wickets in 145 Tests in an illustrious career spanning 15 years, died at the age of 52 in Koh Samui, Thailand on March 4.

Jhulan becomes joint-highest wicket taker in Women's ODI World Cup



Hamilton: Veteran Indian quick Jhulan Goswami on Thursday equalled former Australia spinner Lyn Fullston's tally of 39 scalps to become the joint-highest wicket taker in Women's World Cup. The 39-year-old, playing in her fifth ODI World Cup, achieved the feat against New Zealand in the on-going tournament

when she dismissed wicketkeeper Katey Martin in the 50th over. Fullston, who played for Australia from 1982 to 1988, had snapped 39 wickets in 20 matches while Goswami achieved the feat in her 30th game. Former England spinner Carole Ann Hodges is behind the duo with a haul of 37 wickets from 24 matches. Having made her debut over two decades ago in January 2002, Goswami, popularly known as 'Chakda Express' is also the leading wicket taker in women's ODI history, having taken 248 wickets in 197 games. She has continued to be India's backbone with the ball in an illustrious career and has also represented the country in 12 Tests and 68 T20Is while claiming 44 and 56 wickets in the two formats respectively.

India's top-order has to fire: Das

Hamilton: Indian batting coach Shiv Sunder Das on Thursday said rotation of strike is a cause of worry and they might have to rethink the team's batting order following its 62-run defeat against New Zealand in the ICC women's World Cup. Chasing 261, India failed to capitalise on the power play with the top order boasting experienced duo of Smriti Mandhana and Deepti Sharma alongside rookie Yastika Bhatia failing to fire as India were all out for 198 in 46.4 overs to concede a 62-run defeat. "The top order has to fire. We have the batting firepower to go deeper in the tournament. Looking at the top order, once you get going in the 10-15 overs, you can put on good score," Das said in the post-match media interaction. With three south-pawers in the top-order, the White Ferns gave the new ball to off-spinner Frances Mackay as she returned with a tidy 8-1-25-0. Inexperienced Yastika struggled to rotate the strike in her 59-ball 28, while Smriti and (6 from 21 balls) and Deepti (5 from 13 balls) were equally slow as India made just 50 runs in 19.1 overs.

Tomljanovic wins in 3 sets to open Indian Wells tournament

Indian Wells: Ajla Tomljanovic of Croatia beat American Hailey Baptiste 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 in opening-round play at the BNP Paribas Open. Ekaterina Alexandrova of Russia overcame American Elvina Kaliera 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7) despite 18 double faults as the combined men's and women's event returned to its usual March place on the calendar after being disrupted by COVID-19. The tournament was one of the first major sporting events to be canceled in March 2020 when the pandemic shut down the world. It was moved to October last year and played with few spectators in the stands. Alison Riske routed Caty McNally 6-0, 6-3 in an all-American matchup. Kaia Kanepi defeated 17-year-old American Robin Montgomery 6-3, 6-3.



Women's World Cup

India surrender to New Zealand by 62 runs

Hamilton, Mar 10 (PTI):

An inept batting performance by India led to an all-too familiar surrender against New Zealand as the Mithali Raj-led side went down by 62 runs in its second league stage match of the ICC Women's World Cup here on Thursday.

New Zealand, who have dominated the Indians throughout this summer, didn't let anything change in a familiar script by first scoring a healthy 260 for 9. They then choked the 'Women in Blue' before bowling them out for only 198 in 46.4 overs.

India have now slipped to fifth among eight teams after this defeat while New Zealand, with two wins from three games, are now second behind Australia in the overall standings.

Puja Vastrakar's 4 for 34 in 10 overs and Harmanpreet Kaur's 71 off 62 balls were two isolated performances which hardly made any impact on the larger outcome.

While Vastrakar's four-for could still be credited for stopping New Zealand's total from going north of 280, Harmanpreet's runs might just help her regain confidence for the coming games. Amelia Kerr (50 and 3/56 in 9 overs), one half of the famous Kerr sisters, first laid the platform with



a solid half century and then breached the defences of rival skipper Mithali Raj (31 off 56 balls) with a flighted delivery. Her fast googly dismissed Richa Ghosh (0) off the successive delivery to make it virtually impossible for India.

Towards the end, she also snapped up Harmanpreet to make it a perfect all-round performance. Seamers Lea Tahuhu (3/17

in 10 overs) and Hayley Jensen (3/30 in 6.4 overs) shared the other scalps.

The pursuit of 261 started on a discordant note with Smriti Mandhana (6 off 21 balls), Yastika Bhatia (28 off 59 balls) and Deepti Sharma (5 off 13 balls) unable find ways to rotate the strike. Mithali's struggles have been well documented and it's not getting any better in her last tournament

for India. Even more baffling was coach Ramesh Powar's strategy of sending three left-handers (out of form Shafali Verma was dropped) with home team skipper Sophie Devine giving the new ball to off-break bowler Frances Mackay (8-1-25-0), who would take it away from left-handers.

The figures don't seem exceptional but much like what Deepak Patel did for men's team in 1992, Mackay bowled as many as 27 dot balls in those first 15 overs to choke the flow of runs.

India haven't found a way to counter New Zealand and in past one month, have lost five of the six WODIs against the White Ferns.

The game could be divided into two sets of first 20 overs where the two teams batted. In case of New Zealand, the first 20 overs yielded 117 runs for the loss of just two wickets while India, in their response, painfully reached 50 for 3 in their share of 20.

The difference was 67 and if one looks at the margin of victory for 'White Ferns', it won't be very difficult to gauge why things went downhill for Mithali's team. New Zealand's batting has four pillars - Suzie Bates (5), skipper Devine (35), No. 3 Kerr (50) and No. 4 Amy Satterthwaite (75) and three performed on the day.

Wicket wasn't unplayable but we didn't have a batter to take the game deep: Mithali



Hamilton, Mar 10 (PTI):

Captain Mithali Raj had no hesitation in admitting that top order's performance hasn't been up to the mark as India didn't have "a batter to take the game deep" in their 62-run defeat against New Zealand in the ICC Women's World Cup.

India managed only 198 in a chase of 260 against the White Ferns after only 50 runs were scored off 20 overs here on Thursday.

"Our batting, especially the top and middle order needs to fire because other teams are posting 250-260," Raj said at post-match presentation ceremony.

"We thought it was chasteable but provided we had the top order going. But back-to-back wickets put a lot of pres-

sure because we didn't have batter who can take it deep.

"There was bounce and good carry off the surface but it was not a tough strip to bat on. Their seamers were hitting the right areas with the bounce, but it wasn't unplayable and we could have done better," she added. Raj has expressed the same concern after the win against Pakistan in India's campaign opener when the lower order made up for the faltering top order.

The silver lining for India once again was the bowling effort according to the skipper as they were able to restrict the hosts, who were cruising towards a huge total at one stage, to 260 for 9.

"Our bowlers have done well today and earlier as well. After the early wickets we got, the way they had a partnership I thought they'd get around 270-280. There was bounce and it got slower in the second innings," Raj observed.

For home team skipper Sophie Devine, it was a "complete performance".

"Really complete performance. We built partnerships throughout, (Amy) Satterthwaite was outstanding, we laid the platform and we knew it was a good score," Devine said.

Srikanth wins, Sindhu losses in German Open

Muelheim An Der Ruhr, Mar 10 (PTI):

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu crashed out but world championships silver winner Kidambi Srikanth progressed to the quarterfinals of the German Open Super 300 badminton tournament here on Thursday.

The seventh seeded Sindhu, a 2019 World Champion, suffered a shock 14-21 21-15 14-21 loss to China's Zhang Yi Man in 55 minutes in the women's singles second round.

Srikanth, a former world No 1 and seeded eighth here, prevailed 21-16 21-23 21-18 over China's Lu Guang Zu in a men's singles second round match that lasted an hour and seven minutes.

It proved to be a disappointing start to the European leg for Sindhu,



who will be one of the contenders at next week's All England Championships.

The Indian couldn't get going as Zhang broke off at 5-5 and jumped to a 11-5 lead with six straight points. She kept her nose ahead to pocket the opening game without much ado. Stung by the reversal, Sindhu made a comeback in the second game as she fought her way to a slen-

der 11-10 lead at the break and then slowly marched ahead to bounce back into the contest.

But the Chinese found her bearing in the decider as she moved away after an initial duel to grab a 11-8 advantage at the interval. She didn't give the Indian much chance after that and soon shut the doors on her fancied opponent.

Benzema scores hat trick, Madrid rallies to oust PSG from CL

Madrid, Mar 10 (AP):

Real Madrid fans started the evening by applauding Kylian Mbapp and ended it by cheering Karim Benzema and celebrating another epic Champions League night the Santiago Bernabau Stadium.

Benzema responded to another goal by Mbapp by scoring a hat trick in less than 20 minutes in the second half Wednesday as Madrid came from behind to defeat Paris Saint-Germain 3-1 and advance to the quarterfinals of the Champions League.

It was yet another frustrating result in Europe for PSG, which won the first leg 1-0 and doubled its advantage through Mbapp in the first half but again failed to live up to the massive expectations after adding Lionel Messi to its star-studded team this season. It turned out to be a spectacular night for us,



Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said.

It was a difficult match and it got even more complicated after their first goal. We suffered a lot. But after we scored the atmosphere in the stadium changed and the fans began to push us again

and the players began to believe that they could finish the comeback.

Mbapp opened the scoring in the 39th minute to increase PSG's aggregate lead after the France striker also netted in stoppage time to secure the first-leg win in Paris.

Cheteshwar Pujara to play for Sussex during English summer

Move, Mar 10 (PTI):

Out-of-favour India batter Cheteshwar Pujara will be playing for Sussex in the upcoming English county season replacing Australia international Travis Head, the club announced on Thursday.

Pujara, who has been dropped from the Indian Test team after having played 95 games for the country, will compete in both first-class and List A games for Sussex. He has previously played for Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire in the English County Championship.

"Following a request by Travis to be released from his contract due to increased international commitments along with the news that he and his partner are expecting their first child, the club have agreed to this and replaced him with Cheteshwar Pujara for the majority of the 2022 season," the club released a statement.

"Pujara will arrive in



time for the first Championship match of the season and remain until at least the end of the RL50 competition (national one-day championship)."

The English county season will start on April 7 and Sussex will play their first match from April 14 against Derbyshire. The season continues till September across formats. Pujara is not part of India's current Test squad which is taking on Sri Lanka. His domestic team Saurashtra has not qualified for the knock-outs of Ranji Trophy and he is also without an IPL contract, which means he is free for the entire summer.

Holder and Bonner revive West Indies after 1st test wobble

St John's Antigua, Mar 10 (AP):

England led the West Indies by 109 runs after limiting the home side to 202-4 on day two of the first test at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

Jason Holder and Nkrumah Bonner revived West Indies with a dogged unbeaten stand of 75 runs to early stumps after they were wobbling at 127-4.

The pair took no risks and offered no chances, and safely managed a largely toothless England attack. Holder, 43 not out, and Bonner, 34 not out, ground out 75 together at just over two runs an over until they were interrupted by a fourth shower and stumps were pulled. Their stand was in contrast to the innings' breezy start. The openers, captain Kraig Brathwaite and the recalled John Campbell, coasted after England was bowled out for 311 from



Jason Holder (L) and Nkrumah Bonner (R), of West Indies, look on during the second day of the 1st Test between England and West Indies at Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium in North Sound, Antigua and Barbuda.

268-6 overnight.

Brathwaite

Campbell cruised past

lunch and hit 13 bound-

aries and a six until Campbell's demise ended their stand on 83. Campbell was out down the leg side for 35.

Brathwaite reached his fifty in only 62 balls but was priced out for 55 by fast bowler Mark Wood.

Shamarh Brooks edged Ben Stokes to the slips on 18 and Jermaine Blackwood was dropped on 0 off Wood. The damage was minimal, though, as Blackwood was out for 11 to Chris Woakes after umpire Joel Wilson was reviewed and overturned.

From 83 without loss, West Indies lost 44-4 in 16 overs and a great start was at risk of being wasted.

But Holder and Bonner blocked superbly and punished anything loose.

They survived a period of reverse swing, and nine consecutive maidens by spinner Jack Leach, but the pressure wasn't applied from both ends.

Assembly poll results put BJP on firm wicket for Presidential elections

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

The BJP's victory in the assembly polls on Thursday has put the party on a stronger wicket for the election for the post of President expected later this year. The big victory for the BJP in Uttar Pradesh has given Prime Minister Narendra Modi a free hand to decide on the successor to President Ram Nath Kovind, who will complete his tenure on July 24, 2022, political analysts said.

Had the Uttar Pradesh election results gone in favour of the Samajwadi Party, the BJP would have had to rely on the support of fence-sitters such as Biju Janata Dal (BJD), Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) who together control a



BJP workers celebrate the party's victory in the Assembly elections, at the party office in Gorakhpur, Thursday.

sizeable chunk of votes.

The electoral college for the presidential election comprises elected members of Lok Sabha, Rajya

Sabha and elected members of state legislative assemblies and that of NCT Delhi and Union Territory of Puducherry. Members

of Legislative Councils and nominated members do not form part of the electoral college.

"It is advantage NDA

now," former Lok Sabha secretary general P Sreedharan told PTI. In terms of numbers, the electoral college is made up of 233 members of Rajya Sabha, 543 members of Lok Sabha and 4,120 members of legislative assemblies - a total of 4,896 electors. The value of the vote of every MP has been fixed at 708, while among states the value of the vote of an MLA is the highest at 208.

The total value of votes of the Uttar Pradesh assembly is 83,824, Punjab (13,572), Uttarakhand (4480), Goa (800) and Manipur (1080). The string of victories in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur have turned the presidential elections a cakewalk for the BJP, a political observer said.

BJP soars as space further shrinks for Cong, AAP rises

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

BJP's splendid performance in the four states ruled by it, sweeping away opposition parties with its governance model mounted on pillars of welfarism, Hindutva and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unflagging popularity has made it the firm favourites for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, just like its victory in a similar round of polls in 2017 had smoothed out its path for the 2019 general election win.

The astonishing rise of the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party outside its Delhi turf, with an unprecedented mandate in Punjab and a toehold in Goa, also foretells a big likely churn in the opposition camp. The Congress continues to decline and BJP's regional rivals are making their presence felt,

'AAP's 'Delhi model' turns out to be biggest attraction for voters in Punjab'

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI): Promise of better public services, good quality schools and hospitals, which got the AAP two consecutive terms in Delhi, remained the consistent campaign theme for the party led by Arvind Kejriwal in Punjab where the party swept the assembly polls on Friday. Caught in a multi-cornered contest along with the Congress and the Shiromani Akali Dal in the state, Kejriwal had unveiled a 10 point 'Punjab Model', drawn from its model of governance in Delhi, and assured the voters of creating a new-age, prosperous, and forward-looking Punjab. While Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said the entire country was now looking up to Delhi's model of governance of Kejriwal, senior AAP leader Gopal Rai asserted that people have given their mandate to AAP in Punjab looking at the work of the party's government under Kejriwal in Delhi.

even in Uttar Pradesh where Samajwadi Party consolidated anti-BJP votes to a large extent. With UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath set to achieve the maiden feat of an incumbent returning to power in the state after serving a full term, BJP's emphatic win, if not as sweeping as in 2017, has made him all but first in a shrinking list of his party's regional satraps, more so as a very few of them sym-

bolise its ideological purity combined with an image of a tough administrator like him. Also, the wholehearted endorsement of Yogi Adityanath from Modi in a manner that few BJP chief ministers have had during polls, evident from the viral photographs of the Prime Minister taking a stroll with him with hand on his shoulder, creating a buzz around him in political circles, will be reinforced by this victory.

'During pandemic, state cannot be mute spectator'

● Kerala HC on slashing of COVID-19 test rates

Kochi, Mar 10 (PTI):

In apparent support of the LDF government's decision to slash prices of RTPCR and Rapid Antigen tests to Rs 300 and Rs 100, respectively, the Kerala High Court on Thursday said that when faced with a pandemic situation the "state cannot be a silent spectator".

The high court said that when the state was facing the COVID-19 pandemic, it did its level best to "do the needful" to ensure the general public was not affected. "In such a situation, the

government took certain steps to control the price of the (COVID-19) tests," Justice P V Kunhikrishnan said. The judge also said that he "respectfully" cannot agree with the observations in an earlier order of the high court which said the state does not have the power to fix prices of the tests.

Justice Kunhikrishnan, therefore, said the issue needs to be decided by a larger bench and forwarded the matter to the Chief Justice for constituting an appropriate bench to hear the pleas of the private labs against the slashing of the test prices. "A detailed consideration of this aspect by a division bench is necessary," the judge said.

Three couples set to enter Goa Assembly

Panaji, Mar 10 (PTI):

The new Goa Assembly will have three pairs of husband and wife among its 40 members. Vishwajit Rane, health minister in the outgoing BJP government, and his wife Diviya won comfortably on party tickets from Valpoi and Poriem Assembly seats, respectively.

Vishwajit won by a margin of 8,085 votes, while Diviya outdid him by defeating her nearest rival by 13,943 votes. Congress' Michael Lobo won from his traditional assembly constituency Calangute, while wife Delilah won from Siolim, also on Congress ticket.

BJP's Atanasio Monserrate won from Panaji, while his wife



Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant flashes the victory sign as BJP leads, during counting day of Goa elections, in Panaji, Thursday.

Jeniffer won from Taleigao on BJP ticket. But the Kandolkars were not so lucky, nor were the father-daughter duo of Churchill Alemao and Valanka. Kavita Kandolkar and her hus-

band Kiran who contested from Thivim and Aldona assembly seats as Trinamool Congress candidates, lost. Kavita lost to sitting BJP MLA Nilkant Halarnkar and Kiran to Congress' Carllose Ferreira.

Both Goa Deputy Chief Ministers lose polls

Panaji, Mar 10 (PTI):

Both Deputy Chief Ministers of Goa lost Assembly elections to their nearest Congress rivals on Thursday though their party BJP is on course to emerge as the single largest political formation in the state. Deputy Chief Minister Manohar Ajaonkar was defeated by Leader of Opposition and Congress candidate Digambar Kamat by a huge margin of almost 6,000 votes in the Margao Assembly constituency. Ajaonkar, who had been traditionally contesting from Pernem in North Goa, was this time fielded by the BJP from Margao in South Goa. Margao has been represented in the Assembly by Kamat, a former chief minister, since 1994.

Centre defends in HC six years min age criteria for admission in class 1 in KV

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

The Centre on Thursday defended before the Delhi High Court Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's decision setting six years as the minimum age for admission to class 1 in Kendriya Vidyalayas in the upcoming academic year. The Centre's counsel told Justice Rekha Palli that the prescription of six years as eligibility age for class 1 was in tune with the National Education Policy (NEP) which all Kendriya Vidyalayas are bound to follow.

The lawyer explained that paragraph 4.1 of the NEP deals with the adop-

tion of a new 5+3+3+4 design for school education, under which Foundational Stage covers ages three to eight years and while the first three years are for Anganwadi/pre-school, two years are for primary school i.e. grades 1-2.

We have requested the States (to adopt NEP). There are 21 States where six plus (years) is followed. States are transitioning, the counsel said.

Delhi government counsel said that it has no role to play in the decision taken for the Kendriya Vidyalayas and in Delhi government schools, the age criteria for admission to class 1 is 5-6 years.

TIBETAN UPRISING DAY



Tibetans in exile participate in a protest rally against China on the 63rd anniversary of Tibetan National Uprising Day, in Dharamshala, Thursday.

Police intercept AAP MLA outside Kumar Vishwas' residence

Ghaziabad, 10 Mar (PTI): Aam Aadmi Party MLA Naresh Balyan and his supporters were intercepted by the police outside the residence of former party leader Kumar Vishwas in Indirapuram here on Thursday. Vishwas, a former confidante of Arvind Kejriwal, had recently kicked up a controversy by alleging that the AAP national convenor was ready to take support from fringe and separatist elements to win the Punjab elections. After the police stopped him, Balyan, the MLA from Delhi's Uttam Nagar, said he wanted to meet Vishwas to feed him sweets as the AAP is all set to form the government in Punjab.

We accept people's mandate, will reinvent and return with new strategy: Congress

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

After the defeat in assembly polls in five states, the Congress on Thursday said the election results are contrary to the party's expectations, but it accepts the people's mandate.

Addressing a press conference at the party's headquarters here, Congress general secretary and chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said the party may have lost elections but not its courage and will continue to fight till it emerges victorious.

He also said that the Congress will reinvent and return with a new strategy and will always stand with



A street stall selling Congress memorabilia outside the deserted National Congress Headquarters during the counting day of Assembly polls, in New Delhi, Thursday.

the people, raising their issues, including inflation, unemployment and the

"sinking" economy, with the same responsibility. "We will introspect on the

causes of defeat, work on the organisation and will try to do better in future. We are definitely disappointed but not demoralised.

We have only lost the election, not courage. We are not going anywhere - we will keep fighting until we win. We will reinvent and return and will come back with a new strategy," Surjewala told reporters.

In Punjab, the Congress leader said even though the party presented a humble, clean and grounded leadership, it failed to overcome the anti-incumbency of 4.5 yrs of Amarinder Singh government and people voted for change.

SC reserves order on punishment in contempt case against Vijay Mallya

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Thursday reserved verdict on quantum of sentence against fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya, accused in bank loan default case of over Rs 9,000 crore involving his defunct Kingfisher Airlines, in a contempt case where he has been found guilty.

A bench comprising Justices U U Lalit, S Ravindra Bhat and P S Narasimha reserved the judgement after hearing senior advocate and amicus curiae Jaideep Gupta on various aspects related to the contempt law.

It even permitted the counsel, who was earlier representing Mallya, to file written submissions,

if any, in the case by Tuesday.

Observing that it had waited sufficiently long, the bench, on February 10, had fixed the contempt case against Mallya for hearing and had given him the last opportunity to appear before it either personally or through his lawyer.

Mallya was held guilty of contempt in 2017, and the matter was thereafter to be listed to hear him on the proposed punishment to be awarded to him.

The top court had in 2020 dismissed Mallya's plea seeking a review of its 2017 verdict which held him guilty of contempt for transferring USD 40 million to his children in violation of court orders.

SC to hear arguments on Mar 15 on plea seeking disclosure of clinical trial data of COVID vaccines

New Delhi, Mar 10 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Thursday deferred for March 15 the hearing on the petition that has sought directions for disclosure of data on clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines and post-job cases after it was informed that Solicitor General Tushar Mehta was unavailable for the arguments due to medical urgency.

A bench of Justices L N Rao and B R Gavai was informed by Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati (ASG), appearing for the Centre, that the Solicitor General who is leading the government in the matter for the beginning was ready to argue but he had a fall in the washroom in the morning. Before I start, I must

inform your lordships that the solicitor has been leading us in this matter from the beginning and last evening, we had a six hours conference and are fully ready with the matter. Unfortunately, there is a little medical issue. He had a fall in the washroom this morning, Bhati told the bench. How is he (Mehta), the bench inquired. The ASG said Mehta has gone to a hospital. Hopefully, it is nothing serious, Bhati said adding that "If your lordships can accommodate, then we would like him to lead us.

But I am ready and I am here. The bench said it would hear arguments on March 15 as there is some medical issue. We will have it on March 15, Tuesday. There is a medical emergency. I hope he will be all

right, otherwise, you continue, Justice Rao said, adding, We will accommodate. The bench observed there is a medical issue otherwise the matter, which is part-heard, cannot be adjourned. While hearing arguments in the matter on March 2, the bench had sought to know if it can examine the issue of clinical trials of COVID-19 vaccines which is the domain of the experts.

The apex court had said the decision on vaccination has been taken based on some data by experts. "Science is a matter of opinion. Can we delve deep into this area which we don't understand? There could be different opinions. We are not experts. Don't ask us to go deep into this area..." the bench had observed.

Parkash Singh Badal defeated from Lambi

Chandigarh, Mar 10 (PTI):

SAD patriarch and former Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal lost to AAP's Gurmeet Singh Khudian from his traditional Lambi seat in Muktsar district, according to poll results declared on Thursday. Badal, 94, the oldest candidate in the fray was defeated by Khudian by a margin of 11,396 votes.

On defeating the five-time chief minister, Khudian said, "I was keen to enter the fray against him (Badal) and (AAP chief Arvind) Kejriwal reposed faith in me."

"It was my will to fight against Badal," he said, adding that most politicians avoid entering a political battle with the Akali stalwart from his bastion Lambi. Khudian had quit the Congress after being refused a ticket and joined the AAP.

Jubilation at UP BJP headquarters

Lucknow, Mar 10 (PTI):

The excitement at the Uttar Pradesh BJP headquarters here was palpable with the party workers dancing to popular tunes and throwing gulal at each other as every round of counting of votes confirmed that the party was set to retain power in the state. On the other hand, there was not much euphoria at the offices of the Samajwadi Party (SP) and other opposition parties.

Bulldozers - real as well as miniature versions - were at the centrestage of the celebrations at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) office. Enthusiastic party workers climbed atop a bulldozer and waved the BJP flag on the busy Vidhan Sabha Marg to celebrate the victory. Some of them were also seen dancing to popular tunes. At the

BJP office, which is located across the road, opposite to the Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Bhavan, the festival of Holi arrived early with the party workers throwing saffron gulal in the air and on each other. The centre of attraction was Sumant Kashyap from the Lucknow Central constituency, who had a toy bulldozer tied to his head and who operated it using a remote. "The bulldozer was absent from the roads as it had gone for maintenance. Now, it will be back soon," Kashyap said with a broad smile on his face as his fellow party workers shouted "Modi-Yogi zindabad". The party workers were seen distributing sweets, while some were glued to the giant screens put up by various television channels on Vidhan Sabha Marg to know the real picture emerging from the high-stakes election.