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BRIEF



BJP leader Shazia Ilmi at the party headquarters on the occasion of BJP's Sthapna Diwas (Foundation Day), in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Seized

Chandigarh: Fourteen quintals of adulterated food items were seized by the health department teams in Punjab, officials said on Wednesday. Punjab Health Minister Dr. Vijay Singla said the teams seized 7.80 quintals of spurious cheese in Mohali district and 6.20 quintals in Samana town of Patiala district.

Hike

New Delhi: CNG prices in Delhi, Mumbai and Gujarat on Wednesday saw steep hikes after the government raised input natural gas prices to record levels. Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) raised compressed natural gas (CNG) price by Rs 7 per kg to Rs 67 per kg in Mumbai while Gujarat Gas hiked rates by Rs 6.5 per kg to Rs 76.98.

Mishap

Jhabua: Two persons were killed and three injured when a trailer truck overturned on them in Madhya Pradesh's Jhabua district, police said on Wednesday. The accident occurred near Rama village of the district on Tuesday night, when the driver lost control of the heavy vehicle, causing it to overturn on people standing on the side of the road, Kalidevi police station in-charge Raju Singh Baghel said.

Weather
High 39 Low 26

MARKET
NIFTY 17,807.65
SENSEX 59,610.41

BULLION
GOLD 51,679
SILVER 66,372

INDIA'S STAND ON UKRAINE

'If India has chosen side, it is side of peace'

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

Asserting that India is strongly against the Russia-Ukraine conflict, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday said if New Delhi has chosen a side, it is the side of peace and for an immediate end to violence.

Replying to the discussion in Lok Sabha on the situation in Ukraine, Jaishankar said India was the first country to evacuate its citizens and "served as an inspira-



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar speaks in the Lok Sabha during the second part of Budget Session of Parliament, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

tion" to others. He said India encourages talks between Ukraine and Russia, including at the level of their presi-

dents, and asserted that if New Delhi can be of any assistance in this matter, it would be "glad to contribute". India's approach will be to promote dialogue to end the conflict, he said. Talking about the civilian killings in the Ukrainian city of Bucha, Jaishankar said India is "deeply disturbed" by the reports. "We strongly condemn the killings that have taken place there. This is an extremely serious matter and we support the call for an independent investigation," he said. Jaishankar also said that attributing a political colour to India's actions vis-a-vis the Ukraine situation was unfortunate.

Elaborating on what India is advocating in Ukraine, he said, "We are, first and foremost, strongly against the conflict, we believe that no solution can be arrived at by shedding blood and at the cost of innocent lives. In this day and age, dialogue and diplomacy are the right answers to any disputes."

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CORRUPTION CASE

Deshmukh in CBI custody till April 11

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTI):

A special CBI court here on Wednesday remanded former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh to the Central Bureau of Investigation's custody till April 11 in a corruption case registered against him and others. The court had on Monday remanded two former aides of the NCP leader - Sanjeev Palande and Kundan Shinde and dismissed police officer Sachin Waze - to the CBI's custody in the corruption case. Deshmukh (71) was undergoing treatment at state-run J J Hospital and hence the probe agency could not take his custody along with the other accused.

The senior NCP leader was discharged from the hospital on Tuesday evening and placed under arrest on Wednesday morning. He was produced before special judge VC Barde, who sent him to the CBI custody till April 11. Deshmukh, Palande and Shinde, booked under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, were under judicial custody after being arrested last year by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case. Waze was in judicial custody after being arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in the Antila bomb scare-Mansukh Hiran murder case.



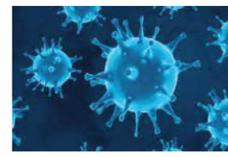
Anil Deshmukh, former Maharashtra home minister, is shown in a photograph.

CAUSE OF CONCERN

India's first case of Covid XE detected in Mumbai

New Delhi, Apr 06:

India's first case of coronavirus variant XE was reported in Mumbai on Wednesday, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has said in a media release. One case of the Kappa variant has also been detected. The patients with the new variants of the virus don't have any severe symptoms so far. The new mutant may be more transmissible than any strain of COVID-19, World Health Organisation had said last week. A case of the Kappa variant was also detected



A microscopic view of a coronavirus particle, showing its characteristic spherical shape and surface proteins.

What is XE variant....

XE is a 'recombinant' which is a mutation of BA.1 and BA.2 Omicron strains. Recombinant mutations emerge when a patient is infected by multiple variants of Covid. The variants mix up their genetic material during replication and form a new mutation, UK experts said in a paper published in British Medical Journal.

which is a three-fold rise from the addition to the tally a day earlier, taking the infection count here 10,58,185, a civic official said.

SC TO GOVT

'Keep financial impact in mind while coming up with schemes'

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Wednesday said the government should always have the financial impact in mind while coming up with any scheme and referred to the Right to Education Act by observing that it is a classic example where a right has been created but where are the schools.

The observation was made by a bench headed by Justice U U Lalit which was hearing a plea seeking adequate infrastructure across the country for providing effective legal aid to women abused in matrimonial homes and creating shelter homes for them. We would advise

you and take it as unsolicited advice that whenever you come up with these kinds of schemes or ideas, always have the financial impact in mind...., the bench, also comprising Justices S R Bhat and P S Narasimha, said. The bench told Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati, who was appearing for the Centre, that the classic example is the Right to Education Act. You have created a right. Where are the schools? So, therefore, the schools are to be put up by various authorities, including municipalities, state governments, etc. Where do they get the teachers? the top court said.

HAWALA CASE

Lookout notice issued against absconding ex-minister

Jammu, Apr 06 (PTI):

Jammu and Kashmir Police has issued a lookout notice against absconding former minister Jatinder Singh alias Babu who is wanted for his alleged involvement in a case related to the recent recovery of hawala money meant for "subversive activities" here, officials said on Wednesday. The officials said the lookout circular was issued against Singh, a resident of Kathua district and Chairman 'Nature-Mankind Friendly Global Party', who had gone underground after his name surfaced in the investigation of the hawala racket.



Jatinder Singh

The step was taken to ensure that he did not flee the country and is brought to book, the officials said. Mohammad Shareef Shah (64), a resident of south Kashmir's Kokernag, was arrested with the hawala money on March 31 from Gandhi Nagar area of Jammu and his questioning revealed that he was tasked by Babu Singh, a resident of Kathua district, to collect the money from Srinagar.

HUMANITARIAN TOUCH

Rly staff provides timely aid to critically ill cancer patient

Onboard Rajdhani Express

Bhopal, Apr 06 (PTI):

Timely action by Railway employees in Madhya Pradesh saved the life of a cancer patient who was in need of medical oxygen while travelling on board the Rajdhani Express, an official said on Wednesday.

The incident took place on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday, when the railway employees along with a doctor attended to the 67-year-old man after the New Delhi-bound train made an unscheduled stop at Itarsi station, he said.

Balakram, a cancer patient, boarded the 22221 Rajdhani Express from Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai) for Hazrat Nizamuddin (Delhi), the official said. The man's condition turned very serious during the journey and he desperately needed oxygen support. At that time the train had crossed Maharashtra's Jalgaon town and the next scheduled stop was Bhopal, he said.

Balakram's family then somehow managed to message the divisional commercial controller office alerting them about the situation, the official said.

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AMU suspends prof for referring to 'rape' in Hindu myths

Charges of hurting religious sentiments

Aligarh (UP), Apr 06 (PTI):

Aligarh Muslim University on Wednesday suspended a professor who referred to examples of rape in Hindu mythology during a forensic science class, provoking accusations of hurting religious sentiments.

According to AMU officials, Dr Jitendra Kumar, an assistant professor at AMU's Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, made the references to rape in Hindu mythology during a forensic science class, provoking accusations of hurting religious sentiments. He was served a show-cause notice asking him to explain within 24 hours

Charges on professor

According to AMU officials, Dr Jitendra Kumar, an assistant professor at AMU's Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, made the references to rape in mythology while conducting a class on medical jurisprudence. His lecture, which included a slide show, led to complaints that he had hurt the religious sentiments of students and staff members. A controversy erupted after someone posted a video clip of the lecture on social media.

Clarifications by professor

In a letter to AMU vice chancellor Tariq Mansoor on Wednesday, Kumar said, My intention was not to hurt religious sentiments of any particular religion and it was done only to highlight that rape has been a part of our society since long. He said it was an inadvertent mistake and assured that no such incident will occur in the future.

why disciplinary action should not be taken against him. The university authorities also set up a two-member probe committee, but he was suspended pending the outcome of the inquiry, an

official told PTI. This was because of the seriousness of the issue and preliminary evidence that indicated misconduct, the official said. After getting the notice,

the professor apologised. In a letter to AMU vice chancellor Tariq Mansoor on Wednesday, Kumar said, My intention was not to hurt religious sentiments of any particular religion and it was done only to highlight that rape has been a part of our society since long. He said it was an inadvertent mistake and assured that no such incident will occur in the future. His lecture, which included a slide show, led to complaints that he had hurt the religious sentiments of students and staff members. A controversy erupted after someone posted a video clip of the lecture on social media. The AMU authorities acted after reporters approached them for comment on Wednesday.

SHGs executing new business ideas with hi-tech resources at Gauthans

Quail rearing unit with incubator, breeder and cage established in just Rs 1.25 lakh

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Bhilai, Apr 06: Today, the rural women are using the scientific terminology like incubator, incubation in such a natural manner as if they have been using those words for years.

The women of Khamharia have forayed into the field of quail rearing. Instead of going with the traditional system, they are rearing quail with state-of-the-art technology. Its setup has been prepared at a cost of about Rs 1.25 lakh. They have started the new venture with 600 eggs, 600 chicks and 200 breeders.

District Panchayat CEO Ashwini Dewangan informed that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has directed to develop the Gauthans as Rural



Livelihood Centers and asked to conduct different types of livelihood activities in each Gauthan. District Panchayat is working in compliance with the CM's order. Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure has also given instructions to pro-

vide three-way assistance to the women of SHGs.

Firstly, the training at the technical level so that they have complete knowledge about the business. Thereafter, the necessary technical equipment support so that they enter the market with the



hi-tech equipment and lastly the market for selling their produce. These three factors can ensure success of any initiative.

In view of the increasing demand for quail in the local market and hotel business, a quail hatchery unit has been started at

Gauthan in village Khamharia. Gramya Ujjwal Mahila Self Help Group is running this quail unit. The indigenous variety of quail, Kerry Brown, is being produced here. Due to the active participation of the women of Self Help



Group, the innovations taking place in the Gauthans are flourishing on a large scale.

They have applied the cage method to increase the production of eggs by 10%. Female and male quail are kept in the cage in a 3:1 ratio. This increases

the reproduction rate as the male and female stay in a limited area. The chances of egg damage in the cage are negligible. This results in an increase of up to 10 percent in egg production. Attachments have been installed for storing quail fodder, water

and eggs. When the quail is 2 weeks old, they are kept in cages for production of commercial eggs.

Mohit Kamle, Assistant Veterinary Officer, who trained self-help groups, said that higher profits can be earned with lesser risks in quail rearing. Due to the small size of quail eggs, more eggs can be placed in the incubator machine. 95 eggs of quail can be placed in the incubator's single tray which is three times more than chicken eggs.

A comparative study of chicken and quail rearing suggests that quail requires less space and it is ready for market in just 35 days. This means, one can generate three times profit in quail rearing in comparison with poultry farming.

Evaluate self and develop the teaching skills: Dr Sharma

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Bhilai, Apr 06: To become an efficient teacher, one must have the quality of conducting self evaluation and exploring the shortcomings and weaknesses. Only after coming to know about their own shortcomings, one can develop the skills for becoming professionally strong, said Dr DN Sharma (Regional Coordinator, Pt. Sunder Lal Sharma (Open) University). He was addressing the Induction Program of the BE1 first year students organized by Regional Center Durg.

After inaugurating the programme at Mansa College, Kurud, Regional Coordinator Dr DN Sharma asked the newly admitted students to self-analyze and develop the teaching skills in them to the fullest. He asked the teacher trainees to diligent-



ly study the text material and improve their teaching skills accordingly.

On this occasion, Dr Shekhar Sarabhai, a land expert posted in the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, spoke about the important issues like soil erosion and soil conservation. He said that the fertile surface of the earth is becoming unproductive due to soil erosion. He also suggested many activities that can be done for the children to understand the different types of soil and its uses etc. The

Principal of the college, Dr Smita Saxena, welcomed the newly admitted students and asked them to adopt the studies and teaching seriously in life.

Dr Namita Gauraha, Head of the Education Department conducted the program. Sanjay Banjare, Aditi Sahu, Dharmendra Sharma, Tirathraj, Gayatri Deshmukh and other students raised their queries which were answered by the experts. Namrata Bhatt, Pushpa Sharma and other Professors were also present.

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Bhilai, Apr 06: Several new and customized products have been developed by SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant during fiscal year 2021-22 as per the customer / market requirement.

Bhilai successfully met the demand of Indian Railways for supplying the new R-260 grade of rails in the new 60E1 profile with commercial production of the new grade and profile of rails from both the rail mills. While the first rake was dispatched from URM, on 25th April 21, the older RSM also took up the challenge and started regular production of R260/60E1 rails from May 2021.

Another first was the beginning of trial rolling of Head Hardened rails (1175 HT) at URM to meet the requirement of Indian



Railways.

Among the new customized grades developed to enlarge SAIL-BSP's product basket and fulfil customer requirements are several grades produced through the Steel Melting Shop 3 & Wire Rod Mill (SMS 3-WRM) route. These include IS-7887 Grade II wire rod coils, Cable Armour Quality (CAQ) wire rod

coils, IS 7887 Gr4 Wire Rod Coils, SAE 1008 Grade Special Chemistry Wire Rod Coils for Export and IS 1786 FE 500D -HCR grade Wire rod Coils - all through SMS III - WRM route.

Among other grades rolled out are IS 1786 FE 550D grade TMT Re-bars through Steel Melting Shop 3 and Bar & Rod Mill (SMS III - BRM) route, IS

2062 E 410 A high tensile 100 mm X 50 mm X 6 mm of Bailey Channels through SMS III - Merchant Mill route and IS 1786 FE 500D -HCR grade Re-bars, also through SMS III - Merchant Mill route.

Modex unit, Steel Melting Shop 3 also rolled out new customized grades of blooms including 300 X 335 mm2 SWR-14

grade blooms and SAIL Tower GR-6 (A1 killed) grade 300 X 340 mm2 blooms. The plant also undertook up-gradation of IS 2062 E250 A Structural Products to IS 2062 E250 BR Grade.

Plate Mill that rolls out mild, high tensile, boiler quality plates besides several special grade plates for a variety of applications developed DMR 249 Grade plates with customization of chemistry and special test requirements to suit underwater Naval applications.

Efforts have been made to enhance customer satisfaction by way of producing and supplying required grade and volume of products, QR coding of products from Merchant Mill, WRM and BRM, developing mobile applications for reading QR-Code tagged on products etc.

BSF 11th Battalion organises blood donation camp at Dandakvan



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Bhilai, Apr 06: Under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava, the 11th battalion of Border Security Force organised a blood donation camp at its Strategic Headquarters in Dandakvan. This camp was organised under the direction of Kuldeep Singh (Commandant, 11th Battalion).

Medical Officer Dr Irshad Sheikh, Dr Shubhanshu Gupta, Pathologist and staff of Narayanpur District Hospital played a vital role in organising this camp. A total of 37 people including jawans / officers of

BSF donated blood at this camp. The collected blood will be kept at the blood bank of Narayanpur District Hospital for providing it to needy patients. NSS Unit of Indira Gandhi College also participated in the event. Commandant Kuldeep Singh said that the blood donation camp was the part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava celebrations.

He said that the people must remember the supreme sacrifices made by the brave soldiers for the nation. He further said that besides delivering its prime responsibility of tackling the naxal menace, BSF is also conducting social service and welfare activities for the tribals. In this sequel, 11th Battalion of BSF had recently organised a civic action programme and medical camp for the locals.

Divyang girl gets doorstep ration delivery



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Bhilai, Apr 06: District Administration has ensured doorstep ration delivery for a divyang girl. During the last week's Collector Jandarshan, Divyang girl Mursharat Parveen had shared her troubles. Mursharat had said that due to her physical disability, she is unable to visit the PDS shop. Considering the plea in a sensitive manner, the Collector instructed the Food Controller Dipankar to help

the girl. The food controller instructed the PDS shopkeeper to ensure doorstep ration delivery.

On Wednesday, the shopkeeper reached the girl's house with the e-pass machine. He took the thumb impression of the girl in the e-pass machine and delivered the ration. The divyang girl has lost her parents and due to disability she was facing problems in visiting the ration shop. The Collector had assured her to resolve her

problem soon. It needs to be mentioned here that speedy action is being taken on applications received at Collector Jandarshan. District Collector is also reviewing the applications every Friday. In the matters of Divyangs, the Social Welfare Department and urban bodies are being directed to resolve the pleas.

It could be recollected here that earlier an elderly Divyang couple had shared their problem before the Collector regarding illegal occupation of his house. On the instructions of the Collector, SDM Dhamdha took immediate action in this matter and provided possession of the house to the Divyang couple. On Tuesday, the Collector had given instructions to provide an electric vehicle to a Divyang citizen.

Crushing & Screening Plant inaugurated at Dulki Mines

First truck load of iron ore despatched



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 06: Bhilai Steel Plant's iron ore mines at Dalli-Rajhara Iron Ore Complex have made several records in the last financial year 2021-22 despite the adverse situation faced because of COVID in the initial months of the year. Several initiatives were taken to enhance mining from Iron Ore Complex mines so as to make the most of depleting reserves of iron ore.

On 31st March 2022, a crushing and screening plant in Dulki Mines was inaugurated by Director I/c Bhilai Steel Plant, Anirban Dasgupta in presence of senior officials of the Plant's Mines Dept. Dulki Mines is situated in Rajnandgaon dis-

trict. Mining activity in a portion of Dulki Mines lease area was started in 2017. With the support of residents of nearby villages and efforts made by Plant's Mines Dept, mining has now begun in another block of Dulki Mines.

A Sandvik crushing and screening plant of 250 tonnes per hour capacity has been installed by M/s Dev Mining Company at Dulki. Once fully operationalised, it will enable supply of 9000 T of good quality iron ore lumps per day to Bhilai Steel Plant.

The first truck load of iron ore lumps from crushing and screening plant was flagged off by Director I/c, Dasgupta in presence of ED (Mines & Rowghat) Manas Biswas, ED (Projects) A K

Bhatta, CGM (IOC) Tapan Sutradhar, CGM (Finance) AK Panda and other officials.

Manas Biswas, ED (Mines & Rowghat) congratulated the Mines Collective for their efforts to extend mining operations in the forested area of Dulki. Tapan Sutradhar, CGM (IOC) thanked all those engaged in mining in Dulki for their efforts, villagers residing nearby for their support and urged all to step up efforts for mining in the new fiscal year.

Also present on the occasion were Kailash Malhotra, GM (Mines), Anupam Bisth, Arun Kumar, Shamsad Raza, Manish Jaiswal, Ajay Kumar Chaturvedi, Sushil Kumar and Rajkumar Umre.

Goons obstructing construction works of industries: Meharban Singh

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 06: Six industrialists, who had purchased plots from District Trade and Industries Centre, are unable to get possession of their plots as the goons, allegedly mobilised by politicians, are creating obstacles for the allottees. On Wednesday, Aam Admi Party District President Meharban Singh questioned whether the goons are establishing their rule in the city.

Addressing media persons here at Supela on Wednesday, Meharban Singh informed that District Trade and Industries Center had sold plots to 6

traders in Fauji Nagar. One of the allottee Vinay Agrawal had started construction on his plot but soon some goons interfered and created a tense situation due to which the construction works were stopped. Vinay approached AAP for help and after getting moral support, he once again started the construction works.

But once again the goons swung into action and installed a pandal at the construction site. They staged demonstrations at the site and managed to obstruct the construction works for about 15 days in the month of July 2021. Singh informed that several



years ago 2 acres of land was allotted to SBI. Later, the SBI returned 1 acre of land to DIC. This land was later sold by DIC to some traders as six different plots. Due to the local goons, those traders were not able to take possession of that land. On the other hand, the Housing

Board had claimed ownership of this land. Later, when the aggrieved traders approached the District Collector, demarcation of the land was conducted in the presence of the officials of the Housing Board and DIC. It was then clarified that the land belongs to DIC. Considering the

complaint of traders, DIC wrote a letter to the concerned police station for helping the allottees. Despite this, these traders are not able to start their business on the allotted land. Aam Admi Party District President alleged that a local MLA is involved in this controversy.

MLA's elder brother is an employee of CGHB and they are together creating hurdles for the allottees. A local Corporator is working on their instructions to prevent the traders from doing construction works on their land. Meharban Singh, K Jyoti, Waddu Alam, Ibrahim, Rampal and others were present in the press conference.

CS Amitabh Jain visits Gauthan in village Puraina-Khapri

Under the Gauthan outreach program in Balodabazar district



Raipur, Apr 06:

Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain visited the Gauthan in Gram Panchayat Puraina Khapri of Balodabazar district today under "Gauthan Reach Program". Chief Secretary Jain took stock of the various activities conducted in Gauthan. He sat on the ground with the members of women self-help groups in chaupal held at Gauthan and asked them about the activities conducted by them in Gauthan. Meanwhile, Mr. Jain appreciated the work

of women's self-help groups. Collector of Balodabazar district, Mr. Doman Singh was also present on the occasion. Chief Secretary inquired about the arrangements for cow dung procurement in the Gauthan and also checked the quality of vermi compost prepared by the self-help groups.

It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel had recently directed all the officers to visit Gauthans and inspect the activities conducted there to ensure smooth functioning of gauthans. On the same

■ **Took note of the activities conducted in Gauthan, procured cow dung and observed the work of vermi compost production**

line, Chief Secretary Mr. Amitabh Jain visited the Gauthan in Puraina Khapri.

On the occasion, Chief Secretary said State Government has launched a drive from April 07 to make the system of gauthans more efficient and profitable for people.

Under this gauthan outreach drive, officers will visit the Gauthans and take stock of the activities there and give necessary guidance to strengthen the system. Chief Secretary praised the women working in Puraina-Khapri Gauthan for not only earning good income but also for utilizing this income to increase their productivity.

HEALTH CONCERN



With mercury at its peak and digging in road continue, smoke and dust is common site in capital city and cause of concern for many on occasion of World Health Day.

Students of SAGEMS are free to buy uniform from any shop

Raipur, Apr 06:

Students of Swami Atmanand Government English Medium School (SAGEMS) are free to buy uniform from any shop. School Education Department Principal Secretary Dr. Alok Shukla has strongly condemned the rumors being spread in this regard in the social media. He said that the information is completely false and baseless and

a propaganda to malign the image of Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools on social media. Dr. Shukla has directed the principals of all Atmanand English medium schools to display this information on the notice board of their respective schools that we do not force any student to buy uniform from any particular shop. Students are free to buy the uniform from any shop.

Nursery class in every SAGEMS and SAGHMS

The School Education Department of the state government has taken a major decision to open nursery classes in all the Swamy Atmanand Govt English and Hindi Medium Schools and orders in this regard has been issued to all the Collectors. For preliminary preparations, 6-point instructions have been issued and this include identification of rooms, decoration, sitting arrangements, toys and other teaching and learning aids and materials.

Seven officers of state felicitated with Gol Home Minister's Medal



Raipur, Apr 06:

Six police officers from Chhattisgarh have been felicitated with Union Home Minister medal. Director General of Police Chhattisgarh Ashok Juneja felicitated Addl. SP Kirtan Rathore and other six officers with this medal at Police headquarters in Nava Raipur.

The other six officers who have been felicitated with this medal include, Inspector Santlal Aayam,

Asst. SI Deepak Singh Chouhan, SDOP Rajeev Kumar Sharma, SI Indira Vaishnav, ASI Indu Sharma and TI Baramkela Prabharin.

This award has been presented to the police officers for carrying out best investigation in solving serious and sensitive crimes. Along with this Baramkela Police Thana has been declared as the Best Police Station. This order has been issued by Ministry of Home of Gol.

Paddy lifting for custom milling at a rapid pace in Ch'garh

97.49 lakh MT of paddy has been lifted so far

Raipur, Apr 06:

Paddy lifting for custom milling is being done at a rapid pace across the state as per the directions of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel. According to the information received till April 05, over 97.49 lakh MT of paddy has been lifted in the state so far. Meanwhile, the state government is also working expeditiously to deposit rice in the central pool. Over 34.30 lakh MT of quality rice has been deposited in the central pool so far. This includes 18.14 lakh MT of rice deposited in the Food Corporation of India and 16.16 lakh MT in the Civil Supplies Corporation. Food Secretary

■ **34.30 lakh MT | of rice deposited in the central pool**

Topeshwar Verma informed that on the initiative of the Chief Minister, the work of paddy lifting for custom milling is being done at a rapid pace this year, just like the work of paddy procurement.

A record 97.49 lakh MT of paddy has been lifted through DO and TO so far. Verma informed that DO of 75.06 lakh MT of paddy has been issued. The millers have lifted 74.59 lakh MT of paddy from the procurement centers. Similarly, T.O. has been issued for the transportation of 23.09 lakh MT of paddy.

Against which 22.91 lakh MT of paddy has been lifted from the committees. This year a target has been set to deposit 61.65 lakh MT of Arva rice in pool.

It is worth mentioning that in the Kharif marketing year 2021-22, about 98 lakh MT of paddy has been purchased on support price from 21.77 lakh registered farmers.

Nearly Rs 20000 cr has been paid to the farmers under the bank linking system in lieu of paddy purchase. In comparison to last year, this year 1.24 lakh i.e. 6 per cent more farmers of the state sold their paddy on support price. This is the result of farmer-friendly policies and decisions of the state government.

DGP holds review meeting with IGs on law & order issues



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Raipur, Apr 06: Director General of Police (DGP) Ashok Juneja on Wednesday presided over a meeting of Inspector General (IGs) of the Divisional Headquarters here. Irregular Financial Companies (Chit Fund), arrest of Directors, returning of money of Investors, NDPS crime case withdrawals, Crime against Women, Weekly

Off of Cops, training of the budding constable, Law & Order issues were taken up for discussion during the meeting. DGP Juneja issued essential directives to improve the working of the department. News Letter of Chhattisgarh Police was also released on the occasion. Apart from IGs of all the Range, the IG (Intelligence) and senior officials were present on the occasion.

Post covid follow up camp to be organized today

Raipur, Apr 06: On the occasion of World Health Day on April 7th, the Health Department will organize a post covid follow-up camp. The camp is organised at District Hospital Pandri from 9 am to 2 pm. Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Meera Baghel said that specialist doctors in the camp, including Stomach Specialist, Lung Specialist, Nose, Ear, Throat Specialist, Psychiatry, Heart Disease, Kidney Specialist will provide their services. Such persons who were admitted in ICU during Covid, or are suffering from any kind of problem after being Covid or have any other kind of problem, then they can take advantage of this camp. The camp will be completely free. He said that for more information, toll free number 104 can be contacted. In this regard, the mobile number +91-62646-66246, +91-87700-07612 can be contacted for registration.

CM offers prayers at Mahamaya Devi Mandir Ratanpur



Raipur, Apr 06:

On the auspicious occasion of 'Panchami' of Chaitra Navratri, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel

today offered prayers to Mahamaya Devi at Mahamaya Devi Mandir in Ratanpur—the famous pilgrimage center of Chhattisgarh. He prayed

■ **Prays for happiness and prosperity of the people of the state**

for the peace, prosperity and happiness of the people of the state. Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Ravindra Choubey also sought blessings of the Goddess. Siddha Shaktipeeth Shri Mahamaya Devi Temple Trust President Ashish Singh Thakur, Commissioner Dr. Sanjay Alung, District Collector Dr. Saransh Mittar, SP Parul Mathur along with a large number of visitors and devotees were present on the occasion.

Anusuiya Uikey calls on Punjab Governor



Raipur, Apr 06: Governor Ms. Anusuiya Uikey called on the Governor of Punjab, Mr. Banwari Lal Purohit, at Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh. Both the Governors greeted each other on Navratri and Ram Navami and wished good luck to the people of the country and the state. On this occasion, she shared her views on various

social, administrative, tribal community related topics and other contemporary issues. On this occasion, Governor Ms. Uikey presented a state symbol and a memento to the Governor of Punjab, Mr. Purohit. Chandigarh-Punjab Governor Mr. Purohit also presented a shawl and a memento to Governor Ms. Uikey.

YC launches 'Young India ke Bol' season-2

Raipur, Apr 06: With objective to give chance to smart, talented and aggressive young speakers in the organization, YC launched 'Young India ke Bol season-II' here on Wednesday. Last year the organization selected 27 spokespersons through this competition at national level and at that time two persons from Youth Congress of Chhattisgarh got a berth at national level. Addressing a press conference here at party's Rajiv Bhavan, YC national spokesman Subodh Haritwal, Young India ke Bol state in-Charge Shilpa Ekka, PCC general secretary Amarjeet Chawla, and PCC spokesman Vikas Tiwari launched the season-2.

Can fill form through Goggle National spokesman Subodh Haritwal informed that YC is providing opportunity to talent-



ed youths through Young India ke Bol from all over the country. Under this participants can fill application form through Goggle Form till May 31. From 1 June to 31 July, competitions will be held at Vidhan Sabha and district level and the persons selected from here will be called for state-level competition, expected to be held from 1 Aug to 31 Sept, 2022. The participants selected at this level will take part in the national level competition to be held from 30 Sept to Oct 2. PCC spokesman Vikas Tiwari said

that with such type of programme, the most capable of party worker from remote area even will get a chance to come forward and which is as per Rahul Gandhi's thinking. He expressed gratitude towards National President Srinivas and Krishna Allavaru and extended best wishes for this programme. With formal declaration of season -2, YC general secy Ashraf Hussain, spokesman Rahul Kar, Anshul Mishra, Namrata Soni, Aakash Yadu and other party workers were present.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Mayank scores century to help Ch'garh reach 363

CK Nayadu Cricket tournament

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 06: Mayank Verma scored century to help Chhattisgarh score 363 runs against Puducherry in the CK Nayadu Trophy Cricket tournament being organized under the aegis of BCCI at Rajkot Cricket Stadium.

Resuming the first innings from 286 runs for 7 wickets, the Chhattisgarh batters went on to score 363 runs. Mayank Verma scored 103 runs with the

help of 17 fours whereas Shubham Singh also scored a quick fire 87 runs with the help of 14 fours and 2 sixes.

At close of play on day two, Puducherry batters were struggling at 174 runs for 9 wickets. Gagandeep Singh was the most successful bowler for Chhattisgarh as he claimed maximum 4 wickets. Apart from him, Vishwas Mallick, Siddharth Agrawal, Ashish Pandey, Shubham Singh also claimed one wicket each for the team.

Ch'garh participants excel in National Shooting trials

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 06: Several participants from Chhattisgarh have excelled in the National Squad Selection trials 1 and 2 for Shooting team held recently at Bhopal. Final Squad would be drafted after the next round of trials to be held in New Delhi.

According to the press release issued by Chhattisgarh Pradesh Rifle Association (CPRA), budding talent Sunishka Kumar, Alisha Prentka, Isha Anjum, Kushi Saxena, A Pragayashree, Kushi Chaudhary, Prajshree Somani, Advika Nitin Sahay, A Lashya,



Huma Yunus, Shakti Chandra, Komal Shrivastava have been participating in the 10 Metre Air Rifle event whereas Shivam

Chaudhary, Manas Kannanuje, Ayush Dixit, Krishna Kashyap, Kushagra Devsingh Parihar, Manvendra

Anurag Sharma, Anjal Gagan Jhawar, Kartik Singhdeo have been participating in the trials of 10 Meter Air Rifle.

Similarly, Shashank Masih in 10 Meter Air Pistol for Men has also attended both the trails whereas Sadiya Yunus, Shruti Yadav, Sneha, Priyraj Singh, Vanshika Kamde and Harshlata have been in Women's category. In the 50 Meter Prone for Men, Sarash Samuel and Harman Singh Shando in 25 Meter Sports Pistol have qualified in Junior category.

Office-bearers stated that final round of trials would be held in New Delhi from April 7.

Office bearers of CCCI met CM Bhupesh Baghel



Raipur, Apr 06: President of Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Mr. Amar Parwani along with other office bearers met Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at his residence office here. Chamber made a presentation of the Wholesale Corridor concept before the Chief

Minister. Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries Secretary General Ajay Bhasin, Treasurer Uttam Golchha, Project Manager Manish Pillawar, Working Presidents, Rajendra Jaggi, Manmohan Agrawal and Ram Mandhya were present on the occasion.

CM writes letter to Chairman Rly Board to continue operation of train

For passengers facing difficulties due to the cancellation of local trains passing through Ch'garh

- Letter mentions the problems being faced by the people of Ch'garh
- Additional CS of Ch'garh Govt requested the Chairman of Railway Board to continue the operation of local trains

Raipur, Apr 06:

On the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Additional Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh Government has written a letter to Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Railway Board, New Delhi to continue the operation of local trains passing through Chhattisgarh.

Through a letter to the Chairman of the Railway Board, the Additional Chief Secretary drew attention to the problems being faced by the people of Chhattisgarh due to the cancellation of 8 local trains operation passing through Chhattisgarh and he has requested to continue the operation of the trains.

Additional Chief Secretary Subrata Sahoo has written in a letter to the Chairman of the Railway Board that according to the order issued by the Principal Chief Operating Manager, South-East Central Railway, Bilaspur on 31 March 2022, the operation



of 10 local trains has been stopped for one month. Out of these, 8 trains were running daily in Chhattisgarh. No alternative arrangement has been made before the cancellation of these trains. The Additional Chief Secretary has written in the letter that during the

time of Chaitra Navratri, a large number of devotees from across the country and the state visits the temples and shrines of the Mother Goddess and the rail route is the easiest way to reach these places. In situation of cancellation of 8 such trains in Chhattisgarh, devotees and people are not being able to reach their destination.

He has written in the letter that middle and lower class passengers in the state travel through these such 8 trains to reach their destination daily. Due to the cancellation of these local trains, people involved in daily business, people em-

ployed in government and semi-government services, and school and college students are facing inconvenience. Stopping the operation of trains will impact adversely the journeys made during the summer vacations.

Keeping in view all the above conditions, the Additional Chief Secretary in a letter to the Chairman of the Railway Board has requested to cancel the order of Principal Chief Operating Manager, South-East Central Railway, Bilaspur issued on March 31, 2022, and restore the operation of trains with immediate effect.

ACTION AGAINST VEHICLES



Traffic police lifted a car illegally parked and brought it to Purani Basti Thana here on Wednesday.

Secretary Tourism and Culture took stock of the preparations



Raipur, Apr 06: The Ram Van Gaman Circuit Project has been prepared by the Government of Chhattisgarh to organise and develop the places of historical, archaeological and religious importance related to Ram Van Gaman Path from the point of view of tourism. Under this, in the first phase, 75 places are being identified and 9 major sites are being developed. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will

inaugurate various works constructed under Ram Van Gaman Circuit during Shivrinarayan's stay in Janjgir district on April 10th. Under the Ram Van Gaman circuit, the Secretary of Culture Department, Anbalagan P. took stock of the various development works under construction in Shivrinarayan. In this regard, he took a meeting of the District Collector and officials of various departments

related to construction works and instructed to complete the under construction works soon. Anbalagan gave necessary instructions regarding preparing the outline of the state level Manas singing competition of Ramayana troupes in Shivrinarayan. Mahant Ram Sundar Das presided over the meeting. Regarding the preparations for the program, he said that for this state level competi-

Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit inauguration in Shivrinarayan on April 10th

tion, eminent artists of the country and the state will also participate. On this occasion, better arrangements should be made for meetings, pandals, drinking water, parking etc. at the venue. In the meeting, Collector Janjgir-Champa, Jitendra Kumar Shukla, SP Janjgir, Abhishek Pallav, Managing Director of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board Anil Kumar Sahu, Director Culture and Archeology, Vivek Acharya, Nodal Officer of Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit Mrs. Anuradha Dubey and officials and public representatives. was present.

Financial assistance worth 136 cr disbursed

To Natural Disaster victims from the SDRF

Raipur, Apr 06:

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Disaster Response Fund was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan today. Under the Revenue Book Circular, financial grant assistance, assistance for crop damage due to unseasonal rain and hailstorm, supply assistance for Covid-19, State Disaster Mitigation Fund and other topics were discussed in detail in the meeting. Principal Secretary Health Department Dr. Maninder Kaur Dwivedi and Revenue Secretary Mr. Neelam Namdev Ekka were present in this meeting organized through video conferencing. The Chief Secretary di-

rected the officers of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department to provide the report of the Disaster Response Fund to the National Disaster Management Authority and the members of the State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) on time. He said that for the action plan of the State Disaster Fund, instructions have been given to hold adequate consultations with the Health Department, Public Health Engineering, Urban Administration and District Collectors. In the meeting, the officials of Revenue and Disaster Management Department informed that under the Revenue Book Circular 6-4, financial grant assistance of Rs 96 crore 66 lakh 24 thousand

was issued in the financial year 2020-21 and Rs 136 crore 10 lakh 67 thousand in the year 2021-22 were issued to different districts. 18 crore 42 lakh 68 thousand rupees were disbursed for crop damage due to unseasonal rain hail, Two lakh 70 thousand has been issued for P.O.L. of vehicles in case of any motor vehicle and disaster, and Rs 76 crore have been issued for the rescue work from Novel Corona virus Covid-19 and an amount of Rs 102 crore 89 lakh 50 thousand has been released as grants-in-aid to the dependents of people who passed away due to Corona. In the meeting, the officials informed that the GoI, Ministry of Home Affairs, National Disaster Management Authority, New Delhi, has developed Emergency Response

Support System (ERS) through C-DAC Trivandrum, which will be implemented in the state to deal with disasters and provide assistance to the public. (E.R.S) will be operationalized soon, in which a toll free number 112 will be set up at the state level to resolve emergency cases of fire accident, emergency medical aid, search and rescue, disaster management and police assistance. For its operation, a control room will be set up at the Deputy Commissioner's Land Records Office, Gandhi Chowk, Raipur. Special Secretary of Revenue Department Janak Pathak, Special Secretary of Finance Department Sheetal Shaswat Verma and other officers of Revenue Department were present in the meeting.

Van Karamchari Sangh continue strike

In support of their 12-point demand for 16th day



Jagdalpur, Apr 06:

In support of their 12-point demand, the forest employees are on indefinite strike and in support of their strike the officers from this forest circle too went on strike and with this all the Forest Rangers in Bastar district have closed down all the work. The protestors in the office of Van Karamchari

Sangh in Jagdalpur raised slogans in protest and continued their strike for the 16th day today. It was on call by Rajya Van Karamchari Sangh that the officers from all Forest circles are on strike all over the state. The officers and employees sitting on strike informed that talks are underway in support of 12-point demands, but it has

literally fallen into deaf ears of senior officers sitting in capital city. In such conditions, there are around 412 employees of 20 forest circles of Bastar district have left the safety and security of forest in God's hand. During such strike, the forest mafia becomes active and smuggling of wildlife and other animals and forest produce is being openly done. On the other hand Van Parikshetra and regional V-P said that till their 12-point demands are not fulfilled their indefinite strike will continue and entire responsibility of loss to forest reserve and animals will be purely that of the state government. Van Karamchari Sangh employees feel that the department should fulfill their demands and failing which they will have to bear in terms of unwanted loss of forest reserves and wildlife.

Mantralaya employees hold public meeting for DA, HRA hike

To hold series of demonstration from Wednesday onwards

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 06: Chhattisgarh Mantralaya Karamchari Sangh (CMKS) on Tuesday held public meeting to chalk out strategy for creating pressure on state government to provide them Dearness Allowance (DA) and House Rent Allowance (HRA) on line with the central government employees.

Mantralaya employees would wear black arm band during the working hours from April 6 to 8 to divert the attention of administration towards their de-

mand. They have also mullied Leave-en-masse on April 13 in support to their two-point demands. Decision has also been taken to hold demonstration on April 11 and 13 in case of any positive development in support to their demand.

Mantralaya Sangh office-bearers Mahendra Singh Rajput, Vice President Heerachand Baghel, Secretary Kirti Suryavanshi and others were present during the public meeting here. Speaking on the occasion, the Office-bearers claimed that their DA is pending since January 2020 whereas no increase in HRA is being made since the year 2016. They added that the state government should provide them justice by accepting their demands.

Students of IIT Bhilai selected for prestigious DST Inspire Fellowship

Raipur, Apr 06:

Ms. Taramati and Ms. Nikky Chandrakar, PhD scholars from the Department of Physics have been selected for the prestigious DST INSPIRE Fellowship for their doctoral study at IIT Bhilai. This fellowship is for a period of 5 years along with contingency and travel grants for attending national and international conferences.

"Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research" (INSPIRE) is an innovative programme sponsored and managed by the Department of Science & Technology for attracting talent into the field of science. The basic objective of INSPIRE is to communicate to the youth of the country the passion for scientific pursuit from an early age and thus build the required critical



human resource pool for strengthening and expanding the domains of science & technology and a strong R&D base. A striking feature of the programme is that it does not simply believe in conducting competitive exams for identification of talent at any level; instead, it relies on the efficacy of current learning methods and the existing educational structure for the identification of talent. Ms. Taramati will

pursue her thesis work on dark matter under the purview of particle physics, cosmology, and astrophysics under the supervision of Dr. Sudhanwa Patra, Asst. Prof, Department of Physics, IIT Bhilai. Ms. Nikky Chandrakar will develop novel transparent electrodes for perovskite solar cells as part of her PhD thesis under Dr. Dhriti Sundar Ghosh, HoD, Department of Physics, IIT Bhilai.

'Birsra Munda-Tribal Pride' unique book of its kind: V-C

Bilaspur, Apr 06:

CU Vice Chancellor Professor Chakrawal edited the book

The book 'Birsra Munda - Tribal Pride' edited by Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University), was released by the Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday Union Minister of State for Education Annapurna Devi was also present on this occasion.

On the occasion of the book launch, Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan said that the symbol of tribal pride, struggle and identity, Birsra Munda is known and recognized as Lord Birsra Munda. This book

will showcase to the youth his indomitable courage and devotion to the nation. The country celebrates the birth anniversary of Lord Birsra Munda as National Tribal Pride Day. Minister of State for Education, Annapurna Devi said that the book is a true tribute to tribal freedom fighter, Lord Birsra Munda on the year Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. She said that this book would prove helpful to the young minds in setting their ideals. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of the



University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal said that in order to understand India, Indianness and its tribal society, we need to know the life of Lord Birsra Munda ji. The life of great freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsra Munda gives a message of valor and high ideal and moral values. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakrawal said that Lord

Birsra Munda, known as 'Dharti Aba', not only raised his voice to protect the interests of the farmers but also forced the British to accept his views. The legacy that Bhagwan Birsra Munda has left us is an epitome of struggle and courage, instilling in the youth the spirit of harmony with high ideals, moral values and social con-

cerns. Keeping in view the little literature available related to the personality and work of Lord Birsra Munda, on the occasion of his 146th birth anniversary, the Vice Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal had assured that soon we would discuss the subject related to tribal revolutionaries like Lord Birsra Munda and would publish a research-oriented book.

After research, 30 different articles were compiled in the book and the overall form of the book was given. The present book is also a flower of reverence dedicated to the freedom fighter in his virtuous memory.

Heart touching and commendable message

By the Students of DAVPS, Bachel

Bachel, Apr 06:

On 3rd of April 2022, an awareness message was conveyed to the people through songs and plays in the market by the children of DAV Public School Bachel. The state of mind of a bird has been brought to the forefront by presenting a child as a small bird. In this play, a small bird is shown wandering and agonizing for water in the heat, which falls unconscious and the people around sees the pathetic condition of the poor bird and helps it by giving it water. After quenching it's



thirst the baby bird shows gratitude by fluttering it's wings. The awareness message given by the children was really appreciated by the people gathered in the street. Through their message, the students conveyed that water is necessary for every human being, animal and plants. With the able guidance of the Principal- Dr. Chetna Sharma, the in-charge teachers Mrs

Pushpa Sahu and Omisha Sahu along with the blooming buds of DAVPS, Bachel could connect with the public and towards the end the children gave the message that during summer near their own homes one must make such facilities available that these innocent and beautiful creations of the supreme power may not wander here and there for water and grains.

Passengers forced to travel hesitantly

As road construction work going on a slow pace

Central Chronicle News

Anwari, Apr 06: Passengers are forced to travel hesitantly as road construction work is going on a slow pace in a stretch of about 34 kms from Kalle to Aamdi being done by ADB Projects. As the road is under construction for 2 years, both nearby residents and passerby's are facing trouble, as huge cloud of dust and powdery extracts enter the houses and affects their day to day life.



travel in hiccups followed by a cloud of dust engulfing the surroundings. At many places, potholes on the road remain a problem for passenger vehicles.

Be it pedestrian bridge diversion or in many other joints of the road, it becomes difficult to take two wheelers to cross from

the front near an under-construction culvert. There are many places where it is impossible to say when the vehicle will crash due to a slight mistake by the driver.

Along with this, the villagers informed that due to the construction of this road, the Naljal scheme

has also been closed for two years, due to which they have to wander for water. Due to the rising heat, water scarcity is hitting the region, but the ongoing construction of the road has led to a situation of both water scarcity and pollution levels going high.

Memorandum submitted to SDM

Over irregularities in hostel construction

Central Chronicle News

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Apr 06: A Memorandum was handed over to SDM Marwahi by District Panchayat Member Shubham Pendro over irregularities in tribal hostel building construction work.

According to resources Tribal hostel is being constructed in village Kumhari of Marwahi Vidhan Sabha, where electric wires and poles are installed and work is being done by the work agency and engineer without removing the electric poles, inviting accidents.

District Panchayat member Shubham Pendro took cognizance and complained to the sub-divisional officer Marwahi



saying that with the connivance of the work agency and the engineer, the construction is being done by risking the lives of the villagers of the tribal area. The existence of pillars is to invite fatal accidents, he said.

Shubham Pendra also said that the poor laborers may have to bear the brunt of their negligence if the department does not take

cognizance of the matter soon. However, Zilla Panchayat member though has demanded action, but how much it affects the department and the administrative staff, it is a matter of tough. But everyone is compelled to think that where are such engineers coming from, who do not even have the knowledge of safety and rules in construction



works and under whose guidance do such people grow up.

Violation of order issued for promotion of teachers

Central Chronicle News

Konta, Apr 06: Teachers who were on Assistant Teacher LB post were promoted by the School Education Department in Sukma district. In the promotion given with terms and conditions, promotion order was issued for total 29 employees of assistant teacher LB of Konta block, in which 26 employees took their promotion. They have been relieved by the Block Education Officer of Konta Block. At the same time, a teacher has been promoted, bypassing an important condition issued by Joint Director Bastar. That rule and condition is that the teachers facing judicial or



Mrs Swati Lakra got promotion even after judicial proceedings pending against her.

departmental inquiry and under suspension, such teachers need to be kept out of promotion list. But Mrs Swati Lakra, a teacher posted in Primary School, Etegatta, is still entangled in the court case and was given the benefit of promotion and also relieved for her new place.



A copy of the court order against Mrs Swati Lakra.

There is still a court case on the teacher Mrs Swati Lakra, posted Assistant Teacher LB post, is relieved and posted in secondary school, Mundipara block, Sukma. There is still a court case against the teacher.

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Apr 05: Mayor Rajkishore Prasad here said that the Government of Chhattisgarh has achieved glorious achievements by doing better in various areas of development including education, health, employment, infrastructural development, poor farmers and labour interests.

He also said that Revenue Minister Jaisingh Agrawal has decided to upgrade and renovate all the schools located under Municipal Corporation Korba area. The Mayor

Glorious achievements of the government in various fields: Mayor

Including education and health



was speaking the same during the bicycle distribution program organized at Balgi Higher Secondary School under the Saraswati Cycle Scheme, a program to provide bicy-

cles to female students. He further said that with the special efforts of Revenue Minister Shri Jaisingh Agrawal, Balgi High School has been upgraded as a Higher Secondary

School, for which I congratulate all. On the occasion, the principal of the school demanded construction of school building and boundary wall, on which Mayor Shri Prasad

said that he will present this issue before the state government and every effort will be made to construct the building and boundary wall as soon as possible.

During the program President Shyamsunder Soni, Mayor in Council Member Mastul Singh Kanwar, Principal Mrs. Lalita Sahu, Vinod Agrawal, Lecturer Sanjay Rathore, Mrs. Neelima Deen, Renuka Sahu, Sheikh Altab, Sarfudin Alam, Mrs. Meena Karsh, Madhu Rathore, Sarita Pawar, Mrs. Khairwar and others were present.

Scouts Guides Honour Ceremony held

Central Chronicle News

Dongargarh, Apr 06: Scout Guides Honor Ceremony was organized by the Scout family at the local Marwari Dharamsala, here and the program was presided over by MLA Mahasamund Vinod Sevanlal Chandrakar, Chief Commissioner of State and Parliamentary Secretary to the Government of Chhattisgarh. State President of Indian Scout Guide Fellowship Suresh Shukla and Secretary of State Scout Guide Kailash Soni were the special guests at the function.



On this occasion, 15 Scout Guides of Dongargarh Vikaskhand

were also given certificates of Governor's Award. Addressing the program as the chief guest, said that this organization is working in more than 200 countries of the world, whose value objective is human service, patriotism and per-

sonality development. Addressing the program on this occasion, State Chief Commissioner Vinod Chandrakar, while congratulating all the members of the program, said that the service rendered by Dongargarh

closed for the last 6 years and special efforts were made by the Chief Commissioner to start it.

Welcome speech was given by Manoj Agarwal, a former Scout student and presently a member of Scout Guide Fellowship and gave information about the activities of the organization. 15 Scouts Guides of Vikaskhand including Shailesh Verma Piparkhar Kala Abhishek Tiwari Bhandarpur Ranu Temburkar Karan Meshram Hemant Ambade Anurag Sangode Kumari Damini Pillai Raju Temekar Ramesh Lihare Bortalav Monika Mandavar Bortalav Bortalav Kamrat were honoured and felicitated.

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NAME CHANGE

It is inform to the general public that I Abhay Kumar Agrawal S/O - Rajesh Agrawal address - Makan No. 08 Ward no 08 Jashpur Road bajar para PATHALGAON dist- Jashpur 496118 Have change my old name Abhay Kumar Agrawal S/O RAJESH AGRAWAL. So in future I should be recognised by my new name that is Abhay Agrawal S/O Rajesh Agrawal in all government and other document Name - Abhay Agrawal Father - Rajesh Agrawal

Felicitation ceremony in DAV School Sarbahara



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Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Apr 06: Felicitation Ceremony & Award Distribution Program was organized in DAV School Sarbahara for the meritorious students at the end of the Academic Session: 2021-22. Merit Certificates, Prizes & Medals were distributed to the students by respected Senior Citizens of the town. These certificates were distributed under the four categories, class wise Top Five Rankers having more than 90 % marks, class wise students with best attendance, best discipline & best anecdotal record, Gold, Silver & Bronze medal winners in Olympiads and best performers in Sports & Co-curricular

Activities. In presence of the huge gathering, senior citizens Mohd. Hasan, Mathura Soni, H.N. Soni, Nirmal Arthour & Head of Block Youth Congress Committee, Amol Pathak were honored with bouquet and memento by Principal Kamal Nayan Mishra. All the distinguished guests, parents and school staff gave their best wishes to the meritorious students for their bright career and happy life. DAV School Sarbahara as the best CBSE School in GPM district ensures Career based Education to the children of Gaurella and Pendra region. The school has facilitated the students to make good career in Medical, Engineering, Law, Commerce & Management.

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Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower/s and Loan Account No.	Date of Demand Notice	Outstanding Amount	Details of Property Possessed	Date of Possession
1.	Loan Nos.- X0HERRH00003397655, X0HERRH00003498167 and HE02RRH00000003280 Borrower & Co-borrower 1. Anand Jugalkishore Kansewale 2. Marshneel Anand Kansewale Both Residing At Ashriwad Bhawan, Kankali Talab Ke Pass Kankali Para Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001. 3. M/S Kashish Graphics Residing At -H.No. 24/618, 24/622, Near Ghanshyam, Mandir, Handi Para, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001. 4. Anil Kumar Kasar 5. Vijay Laxmi Kasar Both Residing At- 10/147, Satti Bazar, Fountain Ke Samne, Fountain Ke Samne, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001.	27.01.2022	Rs.1,43,84,816.09/- Rs.7,74,692.39/- and Rs.31,35,773/- totaling to Rs.1,82,95,281.48/- As on 27/01/2022	Item-1 All the piece and parcel of property Shop Nos. -UG-2 and UG-3 at Upper Ground Floor of Aashriwad Residential and Commercial Complex, admeasuring Super Built-up area - 289 Sq. Ft. (Built-up area - 163 Sq. Ft. and Circulation area - 126 Sq. Ft.) and Super Built-up area-512 Sq. Ft. (Built-up area-223 Sq. Ft.), situated at Upper Ground Floor of Aashriwad Residential and Commercial Complex, part of Municipal House No. -58/248, part of Abadi Survey No. -1851, (total land area - 1574 Sq. Ft.), Kankalipara, Village - Raipur Khas, P.H.No.-106-A, Bramhanpara Ward No. -58, City, Tahsil and District -Raipur (C.G.) Item-2: All the piece and parcel of property bearing Flat No. -FF-1 at First Floor, admeasuring Built-up area - 1035 Sq. Ft. (Super Built-up area - 1247 Sq. Ft.) and Flat No. -SF-1 at Second Floor, admeasuring Built-up area- 764 Sq. Ft. (Super Built-up area - 1359 Sq. Ft.) of Aashriwad Residential and Commercial Complex, situated at part of Municipal House No. -58/248, part of Abadi Survey No. -1851, (total land area - 1574 Sq. Ft.), Kankalipara, Village - Raipur Khas, P.H.No. -106-A, Bramhanpara Ward No. -58, City, Tahsil and District -Raipur (C.G.) and bounded by as per sale deed. - Boundaries of Flat No. -FF-1: North by- House of Shrikant Verma, South by- House of Shri Ramesh Kasar, East by- Road, West by- Lane; - Boundaries of Flat No. -SF-1: North by- House of Shrikant Verma, South by- House of Shri Ramesh Kasar, East by- Road, West by- Lane.	04.04.2022

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S. No.	Borrower Name	Detail of Possessed Property	Demand Notice Amount	Demand Notice Date
1.	M/s. Maa Girja Steel, Prop- Ravishankar Prasad, Guarantor- Mrs. Bimal Devi, 502, Kavilash Nagar, Bhanpuri, Raipur-493221	Double storied residential building at Part of KH No. 65/39, PC No. 39, RIC- Raipur 01, Banjar Mata Ward No. 5, Bhanpuri, Tehsil & Dist- Raipur, Bounded: North- Land of Ramdas, South- Other's land, East- Road, West- Land of Radheshyam.	₹ 36,02,230.44 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	20.10.2021 Possession Notice Date 04.04.2022
2.	Darshan Singh Sohi (Proprietor) Salvinder Kaur (Co-applicant/ Guarantor) M/G-248, Near Gupta Hospital, Tati b a n h, Bindranawagarh, Raipur-492099 Chhattisgarh.	CGH MIG-248, Kh. No. 140/18, 240/19, 240/20, Ph. No. 103, Gurudwara, Saheed Bhagat Singh Ward No. 13, Talibandh, Teh & Dist- Raipur (C.G.) Bounded: North- Other's Plot, South- MIG-247, East- Road, West- MIG-249.	₹ 26,87,156.35 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	03.12.2021 Possession Notice Date 04.04.2022
3.	Behera Surya Prasad HUF, 1. Karta- Mr. B.S. Prasad, 2. Guarantor- Mrs. Hisita Prasad, S/o. S. R. G. Rao, 11/125, Shrinagar Road, Near Indane Gas Godown, Mahesh Colony, Gujhyari, Raipur-492009.	EMT residential land an building at Plot No. E-92-5, PH No. 108, Kh. No. 2/6, 2/3, Mahatma Gandhi Ward No. 25, Sector-5, Devendra Nagar, Raipur.	₹ 80,28,474.20 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	20.10.2021 Possession Notice Date 04.04.2022
4.	Neeti Steel & Metal Works, Prop- Anant Kumar Shukla, Talibandh, Near Iskon Temple, Raipur-492001 Chhattisgarh.	EMT of property, part of KH no. 303/2, PC no. 103/54 at Veer Sawarkar ward No. 01, Khata No. 373, Near Iskon Temple, Talibandh Raipur, Area-9712 Sqft. Boundaries: North- Property of Sudha Shukla, South- Property of Munna Lal Surajdevi, Dharmada trust, East- Road, West- Property of Narendra Harchandani.	₹ 40,62,796.00 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	19.12.2019 Possession Notice Date 04.04.2022

BRIEF

Arrested

Faridabad: A 50-year-old registry clerk was killed allegedly by his second wife and daughter after a tiff over daily expenses. Police have nabbed three persons, including the victim's second wife. According to police, the deceased, identified as Rajender, worked as registry clerk at Sector 12 tehsil in Faridabad. The suspects were identified as Bala (48), the victim's second wife, their daughter Suman (30) and Bala's nephew Krishna (35).

Violations

Pune: The office of the Inspector General of Registration (IGR) has indicted 44 personnel for allegedly carrying out registration of over 10,000 properties violating the provisions of the Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority (MahaRERA) came into force to bring about transparency and safeguard buyers' interests in sale of apartments, building, flats and plots etc.

Loot

Thane: A Mumbai-based jeweller was looted of gold and cash totalling Rs 97 lakh in Titwala in Thane district, a police official said. Victim Rakesh Jain of Lalbaug in the metropolis had come to deliver gold to some clients here and his bag was stolen when he stopped his car to check the vehicle's tyres, he said.

Fake

Mumbai: Maharashtra's Goods and Services Tax (GST) department has arrested a 42-year-old man in connection with alleged bogus bills of Rs 2,215 crore. Nandkishor Sharma was arrested on Monday as part of a probe into nine companies over bogus bills. It was found during the investigation that Sharma was running 26 bogus firms, including the nine under probe.

Entered

Kolkata: The BSF said it has handed over a Bangladeshi national, who had entered India illegally, to the border guarding force of the neighbouring country without taking any action. It was found during interrogation that the 20-year old Bangladeshi inadvertently crossed the international border near Petrolgadh in Malda district. Therefore, that person has been handed over to the Border Guard Bangladesh on humanitarian grounds.

Bribery

Shahdol: The Economic Offence Wing (EOW) of Madhya Pradesh police held a deputy registrar of the Registration and Stamps Department and one more person in Shahdol district for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 1 lakh. Deputy Registrar Jai Singh Sikarwar and another employee Diwakar Dwivedi were held while accepting a bribe of Rs one lakh in exchange for handing over 100 land registration documents.

Centre seeks clarifications on Lingaraj Temple Ordinance

Lingaraj Temple in Odisha.



Bhubaneswar, Apr 06 (PTI): The Centre has sought clarifications on certain clauses of the Odisha government's Shri Lingaraj Temple Ordinance as it feels the proposed law is outside the competence of the state legislature as it could conflict with the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (AMASR Act). As the ordinance covers 12 Centrally-protected monuments, including the Shri Lingaraj Temple and three ancient tanks, the Centre is of the

opinion that it is outside the legislative competence of the state legislature and could lead to conflict with the AMASR Act, a letter shared with the media had read. The Raj Bhavan received a letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs on March 23 which was forwarded to chief secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra on March 31. The ordinance was passed in the state Cabinet in December 2020 to bring the Lingaraj Temple and its eight associated shrines in Bhubaneswar under a separate law. Currently, the Lingaraj Temple is governed by the Odisha Hindu Religious Endowment Act, 1951, which is a common legislation for most shrines. The temples and tanks, seeking to be covered under the ordinance, are centrally protected monuments.

Congress launches 'Azadi Gaurav' foot march

Aims to highlight party's role in country's development

Ahmedabad, Apr 06 (PTI):

The opposition Congress on Wednesday launched the Azadi Gaurav Yatra from the Gandhi Ashram here in Gujarat to commemorate 75 years of Independence and showcase the role played by the party in the freedom struggle and the country's development post-1947, a kick-off of sorts to the Gujarat election campaign.

A Congress leader said that party president Sonia Gandhi and MP Rahul Gandhi have decided to organise the yatra "to remind our new generations about the sacrifices made by our leaders in achieving freedom from the British Raj". The yatra will pass



Supporters of Congress party during the Azadi Gaurav Yatra in Ahmedabad, Wednesday.

through four states before reaching the final destination Raj Ghat in Delhi on June 1. The 1,200-km foot march will cover five districts in Gujarat in the next ten days, Congress leaders said on the occasion. Hundreds of Congress Seva Dal members attended a prayer meet organised at the Hriday Kunj in the

Ashram on Wednesday before embarking on the padayatra while holding the party's flag in their hands. Mahatma Gandhi had driven all the major activities of Independence as well as upliftment of the society from the Ashram, popularly known as Sabarmati Ashram. He had stayed in this ashram for many

Order reserved on anticipatory bail plea by SpiceJet promoter

In fraud case

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday said that it will pronounce order on April 7 on the anticipatory bail plea by SpiceJet promoter Ajay Singh in a case of an alleged fraud related to the transfer of shares of the airline to certain individuals.

Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta reserved order on the pre-arrest bail application after hearing the counsel appearing for Singh, the complainant as well as Delhi Police, and said it has to be seen "whether criminal intent is made out or not". "We reserve the order for tomorrow," said the judge.



SpiceJet promoter Ajay Singh

The trial court had rejected Singh's anticipatory bail application last month, stating that it did not find sufficient grounds to grant relief to him in view of the overall facts and circumstances of the case and the gravity of offence. Senior advocate Sidharth Luthra, appearing for Singh, argued be-

fore the high court that there was no need for the SpiceJet promoter's custodial interrogation and he was not going to abscond and he was cooperating with the investigation.

He stated that Singh even returned the sum of Rs 10 lakh which was given to him by the complainant for the transfer of shares after the same could not materialise on account of a separate pending dispute before an arbitral tribunal and that he was willing to "secure and set aside separately" the number of shares in question in the investigation.

"We will keep 10 lakh shares and not alienate them or create third party rights," Luthra said.

Meghalaya Govt to meet Shillong's Punjabi Lane residents

On relocation plans

Shillong, Apr 06 (PTI):

Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong has said the state government will hold a meeting with residents of Punjabi Lane here, which hit the headlines following group clashes in 2018, to discuss the proposed relocation of illegal settlers of the locality.

The move has been initiated after the Meghalaya High Court had recently asked the government and Harijan Panchayat Committee (HPC), an organisation working for welfare of the residents of the area, to settle the matter. In all likelihood, we will meet with residents of Punjabi Lane and Harijan Panchayat Committee members next week to discuss the matter of their re-



Punjabi Lane in Shillong.

location, Tynsong said. The state government had in October last year taken over the land of Punjabi Lane locality and decided that illegal settlers would be relocated from there. The decision was taken based on a recom-

mendation by a high-level committee (HLC) headed by Tynsong.

However, the Harijan Panchayat Committee had rejected the HLC's recommendation submitted to the state government for relocating the people from



Haryana Former CM Om Prakash Chautala pays homage to the late Devi Lal, former Deputy Prime Minister, on his death anniversary at Sangharsh Sthal, Raj Ghat in New Delhi, Wednesday.

DEVI LAL REMEMBERED

Karnataka HomeMin retracts statement about youth's killing

Bengaluru, Apr 06 (PTI):

Stoking a controversy, Karnataka Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Wednesday claimed that the recent murder of a 22-year-old youth here was because he did not know Urdu, but subsequently retracted it by stating that the incident was actually over road rage.

His statement evoked sharp reaction from opposition parties. "I have gathered information regarding Chandru's murder. He was asked to speak in Urdu, he didn't know, when he said he didn't know any language other than Kannada, they killed him by stabbing him repeatedly," Jnanendra said.

Noting that the victim was a Dalit youth and has been killed in an inhuman



Araga Jnanendra

manner, he said police have already arrested a few persons in connection with the case and further investigation is on. However, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant said the killing was over road rage. "On the midnight of April 4 at around 2:30 am, Simon Raj and Chandru, both friends, had gone to an eatery at Hosangaddahalli, and as the shop was closed they

were returning. While returning on their bike, they collided with another bike, being ridden by one Shahid," he said.

This led to a quarrel. "During the fight, Shahid along with two friends (who joined him) stabbed Chandru on his right thigh and the assailants fled from the spot. Chandru was shifted to Victoria hospital, where he succumbed to his injury. All the three accused are arrested", Pant said. Later retracting his statement, Jnanendra said it was source-based information, which was "wrong." "I have just got the detailed report.... I had said it (murder) was due to a language issue, but it is not right....he had died because of stabbing, following bike collision incident," the Minister said.

CPI(M) meet begins with call to unity of secular forces

Kannur, Apr 06 (PTI):

The 23rd CPI(M) party congress kick-started here on Wednesday with the party General Secretary Sitaram Yechury calling for all secular democratic forces to come together to fight against the BJP.

Inaugurating the conference, Yechury also stressed on the importance of Left parties working together to meet the current challenges faced by the working class.

"In the present context, the working together of the Left parties to strengthen Left unity is of vital importance to meet the current challenges being faced by the working people, the secular democratic republic of India and its Constitutional order," Yechury said.

"The CPI(M) appeals to



CPI(M) left ally, CPI's general secretary D Raja speaking at CPI(M)'s meet in Kannur on Wednesday.

all Left, secular democratic forces to come together in order to isolate and defeat the BJP," he said, adding that all political parties that proclaim secularism must rise to the occasion to discharge this patriotic duty.

He also urged the Congress and other re-

gional parties to "set their houses in order" and decide on where they stand to safeguard the secular, democratic character of the Indian republic.

"Prevarications and compromising attitudes can only lead, as experience has shown, to an exodus from such parties to-

wards the communal forces. Hindutva communalism can only be combated by championing uncompromising secularism," the senior left leader said.

Welcoming the delegates and other party leaders, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said bewildered by the popular support of the Left government seen in the 2021 Assembly elections, the opponents, including sangh parivar are resorting to 'mindless violence'.

"The BJP, which ran a high voltage campaign in the State, could not win a single seat and it lost its lone sitting seat in the last Assembly election. The vote share of the BJP came down from 15.01 per cent in 2016 to 12.47 per cent in 2021," Vijayan claimed.

Terrestrial mobile mapping, street view survey only by Indian entities

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

The terrestrial mobile mapping survey, street view survey and surveying in Indian territorial waters shall be permitted only for Indian entities irrespective of accuracy, Union Minister for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh said in Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

The minister said these were part of the Guidelines for acquiring and producing Geospatial Data and Geospatial Data Services including Maps issued by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) on February 15, 2021.

He said the guidelines envisages that Indian entities, whether in government or outside, will be free to acquire, collect, generate, prepare, disseminate, store, share, publish, distribute, update, digitize and or create geospatial data,



A mapping survey vehicle.

including maps of any spatial accuracy within the territory of India including underwater within its territorial waters by using any geospatial technology, subject to regulations on attributes in the negative lists.

Terrestrial mobile mapping survey, street view survey and surveying in Indian territorial waters shall be permitted only for Indian entities irrespective of accuracy, he said during Question Hour.

BRIEF

Teple

Washington: A grand temple dedicated to Sai Balaji along with a cultural centre and a gigantic 30-foot statue of Hanuman is fast coming up in a New Jersey city at an estimated cost of more than USD 30 million. The statue of Hanuman inside its sprawling 12 acres campus of Om Sri Balaji Temple, would be visible to the entire township of Monroe in New Jersey. As per the 2020 census, the township has a population of about 50,000.

Trial

New York: A jury began deliberations at a US trial stemming from an audacious scheme involving former Goldman Sachs bankers to ransack a Malaysian state investment fund known as 1MBD. The jurors went to work after receiving lengthy instructions from US District Judge Margo Brodie at a two-month trial in federal court in Brooklyn.

Kidnap

New Orleans: Unidentified armed men have kidnapped an 83-year-old nun who was serving as a missionary in the west African nation of Burkina Faso, The Archdiocese of New Orleans said. Bishop Theophile Nare of the Kaya Diocese said Marianite Sister Suellen Tennyson was taken by men, who also vandalized convent in Yalogo.

Used

Jerusalem: Digital-rights researchers have concluded that the mobile phones of four Jordanian human rights activists were hacked over a two-year period with software made by the Israeli spyware company NSO Group. These findings by Front Line Defenders and Citizen Lab said at least some of the hackings appear to have been carried out by the Jordanian government.

Sentences

Tel Aviv: The United Arab Emirates has sentenced an Israeli woman to death for cocaine possession, Israeli media reported, in a major test of new relations between the Mideast countries. Israel's Foreign Ministry confirmed that it is working on the case of the woman, identified in local news reports as Fida Kiwan, a 43-year-old Haifa resident who owns a photography studio.

Russia's failure to take down Kyiv considered defeat

Washington, Apr 06 (AP):



Debris of destroyed armoured vehicles is seen on a street in Bucha near Kyiv.

Kyiv was a Russian defeat for the ages. The fight started poorly for the invaders and went downhill from there. When President Vladimir Putin launched his war on Feb 24 after months of buildup on Ukraine's borders, he sent hundreds of helicopter-borne commandos the best of the best of Russia's 'spetsnaz' special forces soldiers to assault and seize a lightly defended airfield on Kyiv's doorstep. Other Russian forces struck elsewhere across Ukraine, including toward the eastern city of Kharkiv as well as in the contested Donbas region and along the Black Sea coast. But as the seat of national power, Kyiv was the main prize. Thus the thrust by elite airborne

forces in the war's opening hours. But Putin failed to achieve his goal of quickly crushing Ukraine's outgunned and outnumbered army. The Russians were ill-prepared for Ukrainian resistance, proved incapable of adjusting to setbacks, failed to effectively combine air and land operations, misjudged Ukraine's ability to defend its skies, and bungled basic military functions like planning and executing the movement of supplies. 'That's a really bad

combination if you want to conquer a country,' said Peter Mansoor, a retired Army colonel and professor of military history at Ohio State University. For now at least, Putin's forces have shifted away from Kyiv, to eastern Ukraine. Ultimately, the Russian leader may achieve some of his objectives. Yet his failure to seize Kyiv will be long remembered for how it defied prewar expectations and exposed surprising weaknesses in a military thought to be one of the strongest in the world. 'It's stunning,' said military historian Frederick Kagan of the Institute for the Study of War, who says he knows of no parallel to a major military power like Russia invading a country at the time of its choosing and failing so utterly.

'Not in India's best interest to continue investing in Russian equipment'

Washington, Apr 06 (PTI):



Lloyd Austin

It is not in India's "best interest" to continue investing in Russian military equipment, US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin has told lawmakers, underscoring the Biden administration's desire that New Delhi scales down its dependence on Russian military equipment. "We continue to work with them (India) to ensure that they understand that it's not in their — we believe that — it's not in their best interest to continue to invest in Russian equipment, Austin told the members of the House Armed Services Committee during a Congressional hearing on the annual defence budget. And our requirement

going forward is that they downscale the types of equipment that they're investing in and look to invest more in the types of things that will make us continue to be compatible, Austin said. The defence secretary was responding to a question from Congressman Joe Wilson, a friend of India in the Congress who, of late, has been critical of India decid-

ing to take an independent position on the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Gruesomely, our treasured ally India, the world's largest democracy, is choosing to align itself with the Kremlin by choosing Russian weapons systems over American and allied options, Wilson said. India has faced flak from US lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats, for choosing to abstain from a UN vote to rebuke Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Unlike many other leading Western powers, India has not yet criticised Russia for its invasion of Ukraine and it abstained from the votes at the UN platforms in condemning the Russian aggression.

Macron leads polls but turnout big question in French vote

Many feel issues have not been addressed



Local residents next to the official posters of presidential candidates in Spezet.

Paris, Apr 06 (AP):

President Emmanuel Macron is the clear favourite in France's presidential race on Sunday yet a big unknown factor may prove decisive: an unprecedented proportion of people say they are unsure who to vote for or don't intend to vote at all, bringing a large dose of uncertainty to the election. The pro-European centrist is still comfortably leading in the

polls. His main challenger, far-right leader Marine Le Pen, appears on the rise in recent days. Both are in good position to reach the presidential runoff on April 24, which would make them replay the 2017 election that Macron won handily. There's no certainty, Macron warned during his first big rally on Saturday near Paris. Don't believe in polls or commentators who would sound definitive and tell

you that ... the election is already done, that everything is going to be all right, he told his supporters. From Brexit to so many elections, what seems unlikely can happen! Scenarios for the this year's second round vote show that Le Pen has significantly narrowed the gap with Macron compared to 2017 when she lost with 34 per cent support to his 66 per cent. Polls still place her behind Macron, but much closer; apparently showing the wisdom of her long-standing strategy to soften her rhetoric and image allowing her to capture the anti-Macron vote as well as far-right support. In recent days, Macron's campaign has also hit a speed bump dubbed the McKinsey Affair, named after an American consulting company hired to advise the French government on its COVID-19 vaccination campaign and other policies.

Sri Lanka's political crisis should end with snap election

Colombo, Apr 06 (PTI):



People buy vegetables at a market during holy month of Ramzan in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Sri Lanka's ongoing political turmoil triggered by the country's unprecedented economic crisis can be ended with a snap election, veteran left-wing politician Vasudeva Nanayakkara said on Wednesday, emphasising that there must be a government with everyone participating in it for at least 6 months before the polls are held. Democratic Left Front politician Nanayakkara was among the 42 members who declared independence in Parliament on Wednesday. "This government cannot move forward now. There must be a government with everyone participating for at least 6 months and then



Government Medical Officers' Association silent demonstration against Sri Lanka's deepening economic crisis in Colombo on Thursday.

have an election," Nanayakkara said. He, however, ruled out joining hands with the opposition groups. While the Parliament meets on Wednesday to have a debate on the current political crisis, the ruling coalition

officials said there could be more loss to the ruling party in terms of numbers. The ruling coalition, which had won 150 seats in the 2020 general elections and went on to increase its numbers

through defections from the Opposition, lost the support of 42 MPs. The names of the 42 lawmakers to leave the coalition were announced by party leaders in Parliament. They have now become independent members, leaving President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's government with fewer than the 113 members needed to maintain a majority in the 225-member house. The government, however, claimed that it commands a simple majority. Sri Lanka is currently experiencing its worst economic crisis in history. With long lines for fuel, cooking gas, essentials in short supply and long hours of power cuts, the public has been suffering for months.

Rights groups charge ethnic cleansing in Ethiopia's Tigray

Kampala, Apr 06 (AP):

Widespread abuses against civilians in the western part of Ethiopia's embattled Tigray region amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have charged in a new report. The crimes were perpetrated by security officials and civilian authorities from the neighbouring Amhara region, sometimes "with the acquiescence and possible participation of Ethiopian federal forces," the rights groups say in the report released Wednesday.

New vaccine from Austria could protect against Omicron

London, Apr 06 (PTI):



MedUni Vienna in Austria.

A new vaccine being developed by scientists in Austria is effective against all SARS-CoV-2 variants known to date, including Omicron, even in those who have not yet built up any immunity as a result of immunisation, according to the preclinical data. The antigen-based vaccine developed at MedUni Vienna targets the receptor binding domains (RBD) of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and induced a robust and uniform RBD-specific IgG antibody response in animal models and in human tests. This antibody response prevents the virus from docking onto and entering the body's cells, so that infection cannot

occur, the researchers said. The SARS-CoV-2 subunit vaccine (PreS-RBD) is based on a structurally folded fusion pro-

tein consisting of two RBD of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the PreS antigen from hepatitis B, which serve as immunological carriers for each other, thereby strengthening the immune response, they said. The researchers noted that currently available genetic SARS-CoV-2 vaccines induce mainly transient IgG1 antibody responses, whereas the PreS-RBD vaccine can additionally induce long-lived RBD-specific IgG4 antibodies.

Indonesia jails activist lawyer over Islamic radicalism



Munarman

Jakarta, Apr 06 (AP): A former Indonesian human rights lawyer who joined an Islamic hard-line group was sentenced to three years in prison on Wednesday on charges of incitement with the aim to establish a caliphate in a secular country. The three-judge panel at East Jakarta District Court found Munarman guilty of hiding information from

authorities about militants pledging allegiance to the Islamic State group in January 2015 in Makassar, the capital of South Sulawesi province, and instead giving a speech inciting people to carry out terrorism acts. The defendant does not support the government's program in eradicating terrorism, the presiding judge said in the ruling. Munarman, 53, who goes by a single name, was the general secretary of the now-banned Islam Defenders Front, widely known by the Indonesian acronym FPI, which has a long record of vandalizing nightspots, hurling stones at Western embassies and attacking rival religious groups. It wants Islamic Shariah law to apply to Indonesia's 230 million Muslims.

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3	170 / दिनांक 03.12.2021	88129	विखली, खेदामारा, ननकट्टी
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6	189 / दिनांक 27.12.2021	89564	देवरी, पेण्ड्रावन, बरहापुर, टेलका
7	198 / दिनांक 30.12.2021	89852	कुथरेल
8	201 / दिनांक 30.12.2021	89855	धनोरा
9	207 / दिनांक 30.12.2021	89861	सिपकोना, खन्हरिया (डी), केसरा
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क्रमांक/170/छमदुस/क्रय/स्केप/2022/ दिनांक- 06/04/2022

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281/95937	माननीय मंत्रीपरिषद छ.ग. शासन के सदस्यों के शासकीय आवासों में साज-सज्जा कार्य।	Rs. 95.77 Lakh
283/95938	S/R work on Various Culvert under Section No. 1, Sub Division No. 3 Raipur	Rs. 50.00 Lakh
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Risk from space debris

Several videos of the re-entry of a discarded Chinese rocket stage from last year into the Earth's atmosphere were captured over parts of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh on April 2. The pieces of debris, belonging to a rocket that was launched in February 2021, burned up over the atmosphere, producing fast-moving, bright and fiery streaks in the sky. The bit of debris, identified as the third stage or the third ejection section, of the Long March or Chang Zheng 3B, was being tracked for almost a week before the re-entry, by project SpaceTrack, which keeps tabs on all trackable bits of space debris. There are no laws that cover re-entry or prevent a nation for allowing a bit of space debris from landing on another's soil, but space debris damages are held financially accountable due to the 1972 Space Liability Convention. This was previously exercised when Canada asked the former Soviet Union for USD 6 million in damages in 1978, after radioactive debris was scattered on Canadian soil from a fallen Soviet satellite. ISRO has begun process to investigate fallen space debris at request of Chandrapur district administration. Debris from space launches is becoming contentious issue and government in India will have push for international regulations as risks grow. Last month, a year of zooming through deep space, a presumed leftover piece of a Chinese rocket slammed into the Moon just as space tracking experts expected it would. The rocket was likely leftover from the launch of China's Chang'e 5-T1 mission. Last year in November, seven astronauts aboard the International Space Station woke to unwelcome news. The station was zooming directly into a suddenly dangerous area littered with trash.

A collision could damage the spacecraft. And that could threaten the safety of everyone inside. NASA warned the astronauts to take cover. Earlier that day, the Russian government had launched a rocket to blow up a big satellite. Space debris is a growing menace. Indeed, this trash is now the number one concern of people who study space traffic management. According to data gathered by the Union of Concerned Scientists, more than 80 percent of nearly 5,000 satellites in orbit reside in low Earth orbit. According to NASA, debris in orbits below 600 kilometres will fall back to Earth within several years, but above 1,000 kilometres it will continue circling the Earth for a century or more. Starlink and other constellation projects plan to launch tens of thousands more satellites in the years ahead, dramatically increasing traffic in low Earth orbit and making it harder to recognize potential collisions. Treating debris as a deterrent could be inconsiderate to nations that are just beginning to develop space programs with plans to send satellites into orbit for initial missions, and to the many nations that have not contributed to space debris at all. In the absence of a large-scale clean-up operation, low Earth orbit is getting more crowded. Satellite companies are using artificial intelligence powered collision avoidance systems to help determine risky behaviour in low Earth orbit. While these systems can help satellites identify and avoid large chunks of debris, it's harder to follow smaller pieces of shrapnel with the potential to cause considerable damage. Addressing the problem of space debris requires a multitask approach. National and international government agencies now require satellite operators to have a disposal plan before issuing a constellation license, but further measures could go a long way.

Revamp functions

Parliament has approved a bill to revamp the functioning of the institutes of chartered accountants, cost accountants and company secretaries. Rajya Sabha passed the Chartered Accountants, the Cost and Works Accountants and the Company Secretaries (Amendment) Bill, 2022 with a voice vote after negating all amendments moved by the Opposition. Lok Sabha had cleared the bill on March 30. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has asked the Registrar of Companies of National Capital Territory and Haryana to file complaint against chartered accountants and company secretaries who allegedly indulged in professional misconduct. This year in January, Delhi High Court refused to interfere with the proceedings initiated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) against a qualified Chartered Accountant after his conviction in a criminal case and asked the Institute to frame a policy to ensure that its members periodically disclose criminal cases against them. Justice Prathiba M Singh observed that the profession requires a very high standard of integrity and said that there was a clear need for ICAI to create a framework to ensure proper disclosures with respect to convictions and pending cases by members at the inception as well as on a periodic basis.

This is a key piece of legislation that brings amendments to some of the important institutions and professional bodies that function in the country. To ensure the corporation sector functions properly, a law was passed in 1949 when ICAI and Institute of Costs Accountants of India and consequently Institute of Company Secretaries of India. Earlier, a Parliamentary panel had said that government should consider setting up Indian institutes of accounting (IIAs) akin to IITs and IIMs across the country for enhancing the development of accounting and finance profession. These are the three main bodies that play an important role in ensuring the corporate sector functions properly and ensure their own function is transparent. ICAI has accepted the proposals mooted by the concerned ministry. However, there are some apprehensions in the minds of chartered accountants and firms with regard to disciplinary action to be taken. The judgement of the fairness of a financial statement should be left to professionals and not non-chartered accountants who are also proposed to be part of a disciplinary board. In line with the trend of holistic approach in governmental organisations, a co-ordination committee of all the three institutes has been proposed akin a central head for the Defence Forces. One of the aims of the proposed institutes is to foster competition and bring the best out of the accounting and finance professions in the best interest of all stakeholders.

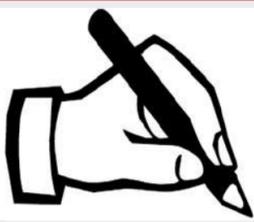
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WORLD HEALTH DAY



A man receives his medicine after a medical check-up in a health center that opened last year in Sakoungou, in Southern Central African Republic, as world observes health day.

Medieval manuscripts reveal how women managed healthy households

**JENNIFER BORLAND**

What type of images come to mind when you think of medieval art? Knights and ladies? Biblical scenes? Cathedrals? It's probably not some unfortunate man in the throes of vomiting. It might surprise you to learn this scene is found in a luxurious book from the Middle Ages made with the highest-quality materials, including abundant gold leaf. Known as an illustrated manuscript, it was made entirely by hand, as virtually all books were before the adoption of the printing press. Why would such an opulent art form depict such a mundane topic? Scholars believe that around 1256, a French countess commissioned the creation of a health manual to share with her four daughters just as they were forming their own households. Known as the 'Regime du corps,' or 'regimen of the body,' the book was widely copied and became extremely popular across Europe in the late Middle Ages, specifically between the 13th and 15th centuries. Over 70 unique manuscripts survive today. They offer a window into many aspects of everyday medieval life from sleeping, bathing and preparing food to blood-letting, leeching and purging.

I'm an art historian who recently published a book called 'Visualizing Household Health: Medieval Women, Art, and Knowledge in the 'Regime du corps' about these magnificent illustrated copies. What's fascinating to me about the 'Regime du corps' is how it depicts the responsibilities of women in wealthy medieval households and how domestic management

advice was passed down among them. The illustrations, which are usually located at the start of each chapter, convey information not often found in other historical records. Even if the images are idealized, they reveal an extraordinary amount about the clothes, objects and furnishings of the period. They also show interactions among people that reflect the culture and society in which these books were made. In a scene accompanying the chapter on caring for one's newborn, two women are depicted opposite each other. Closer inspection shows the well-dressed woman on the right is reaching across and grabbing the exposed breast of the woman in more simple attire. This scene, seemingly one of aggression and violation - depicts the evaluation of a potential wet nurse.

Wet nurses were used throughout the Middle Ages by some elite families who could afford them, but choosing a good wet nurse was critical, loaded with life-and-death implications. Aldobrandino of Siena, the author of the 'Regime du corps,' warns that an unhealthy nurse can 'kill children straight away,' pointing to very real anxiety around this important decision. The different clothing and headwear communicate each woman's social status. The elite woman's gesture also makes clear who has the power in the scene. Across 'Regime du corps' manuscripts, upper-class women are presented with clothing, objects and gestures that convey authority, often in dialogue with those who are shown as laborers of various

kinds. Servants within elite households are also illustrated, especially in the chapters about various foods and their health benefits. Both men and women are shown sifting rice, making wine and managing livestock. The manuscripts' creators chose not only to make such mundane and repetitive work visible but to treat the high-status physician and milkmaid as equally valid subjects for depiction.

If the 'Regime du corps' really is a prophylactic text whose aim is to give individuals ways to heal their own bodies, why include images of medical practitioners? One possible explanation is that the wideness of the category 'disease' in this section presents a problem for the illustrator. Presumably, the actions required to prevent 'corruption and pestilence' are too nebulous and varied to be visually represented or innately understood, but not so complex that someone reading about them would need to seek additional help from a medical authority in order to understand them. The illustrator of the Morgan MS solves this representational problem by presenting an image of a physician lecturing another man, whose reception of the physician's knowledge becomes a stand-in for the learning process that the reader is expected to go through while reading the text. The physician, through teaching the man opposite him, becomes a figural representation of the text that follows the initial in which he stands. Rather than show a plague-ridden body or illustrate someone taking steps to prevent a generic disease, the illustration represents two figures outside of time, discussing the contents that are about to be presented to the reader. In this case and elsewhere within the Regime, the solution to a problem of representation is simply to represent the text metaphorically, by making it into the figure of medical authority.

Almanacs and other medical texts are symbols of authority that require touch, engagement, and performance to make the knowledge they contain available. However, the direct conflation of physicians with a book explicitly meant to be read by those

who are not trained as physicians, rather than one written in the language of medical experts, is surprising, because it suggests that the expertise of the physician can be available to anyone capable of reading and identifying with the text they hold. In the Middle Ages, the health of family members, from infancy to old age, was maintained through a variety of strategies that aimed for balance in the body. The 'Regime du corps' recommended a wide range of treatments, including the release of bodily fluids through purging or bloodletting to maintain such balance. Cupping, or the placement of heated glass cups onto the skin, was among the procedures overseen by surgeons, because it involved scratching or perforating the skin before applying suction. Across 'Regime du corps' manuscripts, it is not uncommon to see physicians and other male practitioners represented, implying that elite households made use of such professionals.

But women are also shown administering treatments, including in several cupping scenes. A practitioner's humble clothing and headdress signal her class as a worker. Such images show that medieval health care involved many tools like medicine, surgical treatments, food, prayer and charms and a wide range of individuals offered their services both within and outside of the home. Women sometimes administered such care professionally, but they also did so through oversight of their own households. The 'Regime du corps' offered owners images that reflected their world, showing women asserting authority over the care of their families, providing treatment and contributing to a well-run household. The elite owners of these exquisite books were also provided with an added benefit: Possession of such manuscripts was undoubtedly a symbol of status and evidence of conspicuous consumption.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Road lanes

Indian roads have featured in many jokes and mockeries of the people from abroad. Indian roads have consistently held the title of most difficult roads to drive on. Indian roads have five different types of lane systems and I believe most of us have come across all five of them but there will be a very small percentage of us who are aware of what these lines on the roads mean. Building dividers on every road is not possible as it would take a substantial portion of the road and if the road is not broad enough it would make it even more narrower which is why a double line on the road is drawn which means that you cannot cross that line to the other side of the road but it is seen that people often cross that line to overtake a vehicle which makes it difficult for the vehicles on the other side to maintain their balance. This has also been the cause of many accidents. I urge the government to be strict on this matter and impose a fine for someone who crosses the line and also sensitise the traffic police force to be more vigilant.

Noopur Baruah, Tezpur

Ukraine crisis

The present Ukraine-Russia crisis was dominating Geo Politics for last three months and has now taken the form of a war, bringing the world to brink of World War 3. If we analyse why Ukraine is important or why Ukraine matters, then we shall find that Ukraine is very rich in mineral resources, apart from being one of the biggest countries in Europe on territorial basis with 41 million highly-educated people strongly motivated to work. Ukraine ranks first in Europe in recoverable reserves of Uranium ore, 2nd in Europe and 10th worldwide in Titanium ore reserves. Like the aforementioned materials, the East European country is rich in manganese ore and iron ore (2nd in the world), mercury ores, shale gas reserves and coal. On the agricultural front, Ukraine is an agricultural country. It ranks first in Europe in terms of arable land, 3rd in the world by the area of black soil. Ukraine is also producer of wheat (known as wheat basket of the world), 8th in wheat exports in the world), sunflower and sunflower oil, barley, chicken eggs, cheese, corn, potatoes, rye products, bee products etc. Ukraine is also highly industrialized. It is 2nd in Europe and 4th in the world in natural gas pipeline system, 3rd in Europe and 8th in the world in installed nuclear power plants capacity. Apart from these, Ukraine is a major producer of locators and location equipment, turbines, rocket launchers, clay exports, Defence products and steel. That is Ukraine and Putin's passion. Vladimir Putin played a smart game by fuelling civil protests in the region of Donetsk People's Republic and Luhansk People's Republic. Huge demand escalated in these two places, especially in Donbas, to join Russia by breaking away from Ukraine. The Ukrainian Government made the biggest mistake by using force against peaceful protestors and they fell into Putin's gameplan. Criticizing the 'Suppression of Citizens' Freedom', he struck unexpectedly and annexed Crimea. All said and done, we can conclude that the Russia-Ukraine conflict occurred due to inefficient leadership of USA. Secondly, India under PM Narendra Modi is playing a smart game in this hour of crisis. Finally, let us hope and pray the war ends and issues are solved through diplomatic talks.

Julie, via email



WHAT THEY TWEET!

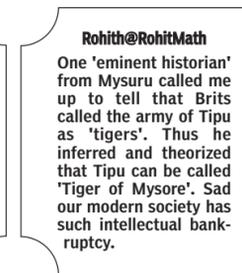


Subramanian@Swamy39
The daily rise in Petrol Diesel and Kerosene prices is creating a situation of revolt in the country. It is the intellectual bankruptcy of the Finance Ministry to do this. It is also anti national. Financing Budget deficit by raising these prices is sheer incompetence.

Akshat@Akshat_World
For folks who think there is 30% crypto tax, here is a fact: If you use USDT on the polygon chain and use decentralised protocols to swap/sell Cryptocurrencies, you won't have to pay even 1% in tax. But, the problem is who will explain this to the government.



K Sanjay@sankiyer
Sensible Country's & States penalise illegal & violent behaviour post consumption of drinks but earn max revenue on the basis of sensible consumption w/o any moral judgement. But yes it has become a source of revenue for corrupt in Gujrat & Bihar & w/o any reduction in crime.



Rohith@RohitMath
One 'eminent historian' from Mysuru called me up to tell that Brits called the army of Tipu as 'tigers'. Thus he inferred and theorized that Tipu can be called 'Tiger of Mysore'. Sad our modern society has such intellectual bankruptcy.



ISmitaSingh@itsmitasingh
Beautiful Teesta enroute to Gangtok.



Harsha@bhogleharsha
Explain to him that the path of the ball is a projected path and has its error margins, like all machines do. That is why when less than half the ball is hitting the stumps, you cannot be certain enough to overturn the decision. Not very difficult. Tell me if he got it.

Shankar@1sharma
One of the key investment metrics I observe closely is the personal health of a Promoter. If he's overweight & a smoker, that's a deal breaker for me. I don't want fatality risk in my companies. A great Pro manages everything well: His health & his Company.

BRIEF

Volatile



New Delhi: Shares of Paytm declined significantly in recent times due to volatile market conditions for high growth stocks, the company's CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma said on Wednesday. He also said the company expects to be breakeven in terms of EBITDA.

Valuation

New Delhi: VerSe Innovation - the local language technology platform and parent of content and news aggregator Dailyhunt and short video app Josh on Wednesday said it has raised USD 805 million (over Rs 6,070 crore) in latest funding rounds from marquee global investors. With this, its valuation has reached a whopping USD 5 billion. Existing investors Sofina Group, Baillie Gifford and others will also participate of their pro-rata.

Waste



New Delhi: ITC Ltd on Wednesday said it is accelerating its move to go beyond plastic neutrality, having sustainably managed more than 54,000 tonnes of plastic waste. Group head Sanjiv Rangrass said it is also developing alternatives to plastic packaging.

Invest

New Delhi: Japanese conglomerate Mitsui has agreed to take a 49 per cent stake in ReNew Power's round-the-clock renewable power project, the Indian firm said on Wednesday. ReNew signed a 400 MW Round-The-Clock (RTC) PPA last year to supply electricity to the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).

Pact



Mumbai: Simple Energy has inked an initial pact with the US based battery technology firm CAV (Charge CCCV) for cell manufacturing in India. Simple Energy Co-Founder Shreshth Mishra said this strategy also makes us self-reliant and reduces our imports.

Supply

Mumbai: Electric two-wheeler maker Hero Electric has partnered with Shadowfax Technologies for supplying its e-scooters for last-mile deliveries. As part of the association, Hero Electric will convert around 25 per cent of Shadowfax's 100,000-strong delivery fleet into electric vehicles (EVs) with its NYX HX e-scooters across delivery centres. Shadowfax had recently announced converting 75 per cent of its fleet to EVs.

Services sector activities rise in March

Though input costs touch 11-year high

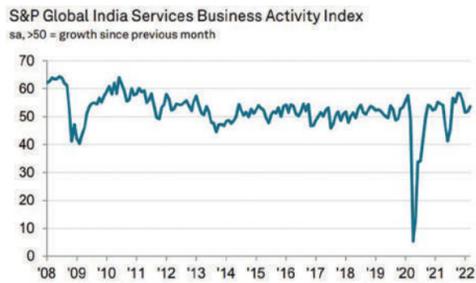
New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTD):

Service sector activities improved in March, mainly supported by strengthening demand conditions, even as input costs spiked to the highest level in 11 years during the month, according to a survey.

The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services Business Activity Index rose from 51.8 in February to 53.6 in March, pointing to the strongest rate of expansion since last December.

For the eighth straight month, the services sector witnessed an expansion in output. In Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

"The war in Ukraine ex-



acerbated lingering issues in supply chains, triggering a re-acceleration in inflation across the Indian service economy. The March results showed the sharpest upturn in input costs for 11 years, but this did not put a brake on the recovery of the sector," Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at S&P Global, said on Wednesday.

Further, Lima noted that buoyed by the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, consumers were eager to go

out and spend. "Service providers recorded the fastest upturn in new business in 2022 so far, with an equal outcome seen for business activity."

Firms recorded the fastest expansions in sales and activity in 2022 so far while business confidence remained subdued due to inflation concerns.

Input costs increased at the sharpest pace in 11 years at the end of fiscal year 2021/22 but companies mostly absorbed additional cost burdens and raised

their charges only moderately. "Inflation risks continued to curb business optimism regarding growth prospects, with sentiment among services companies remaining subdued by historical standards. This lack of confidence in the outlook also meant that employment continued to fall in March," Lima said.

Inflation expectations continued to dampen business confidence in March. Companies remained upbeat towards growth prospects but the overall level of sentiment remained subdued in the context of historical data, the survey said.

Meanwhile, the S&P Global India Composite PMI Output Index - which measures combined services and manufacturing output - was quoted at 54.3 in March, up from 53.5 in February, highlighting the strongest rate of expansion so far this year.

Amazon Fashion announces Mega Fashion Weekends

Mumbai, Apr 06:

Amazon Fashion announces Mega Fashion Weekends, a three-day weekend shopping event that will feature some of most amazing deals on your favourite fashion brands and is live until April 24th. Indulge in a shopping spree and stock up on all your favourite fashion and beauty essentials with the season's best deals and offers available on Amazon Fashion.

Amazon Fashion houses the largest selection of brands to cater all your fashion and beauty requirements with a variety of products ranging from apparel, footwear, handbags, accessories, cosmetics, skincare, haircare and much more. Customers can avail up to 70% off (as offered by independent third-party sellers, brands) on select fashion and beauty products and also get 10% cashback on minimum order of Rs 3,000 (maximum cashback of Rs. 500) from Amazon.in during this Mega Fashion Weekends.

Sensex tumbles 566 pts, Nifty drops 149 pts on profit taking

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTD):

Benchmark BSE Sensex tumbled 566 points to settle below the 60,000-level on Wednesday, dragged down by heavy selling in banking and IT stocks amid weak global trends.

The 30-share BSE barometer tanked 566.09 points or 0.94 per cent to finish at 59,610.41. During the day, it plunged 666.66 points or 1.10 per cent to 59,509.84.

The broader NSE Nifty declined by 149.75 points or 0.83 per cent to settle at 17,807.65.

From the 30-share pack, HDFC Bank, HDFC, HCL Technologies, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, TCS, M&M, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Axis Bank were the major laggards.

In contrast, NTPC, Tata Steel, Power Grid, Bharti Airtel, Nestle and Larsen & Toubro were among the gainers.

"Domestic equities moved in tandem with US markets to close lower, fuelled by investors' expecta-



tion of a stricter interest rate hike by Fed," according to Mitul Shah, Head Of Research at Reliance Securities.

On Tuesday, the BSE Sensex slumped 435.24 points or 0.72 per cent to finish at 60,176.50. Similarly, the NSE Nifty tumbled 96 points or 0.53 per cent to 17,957.40.

Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude gained 0.93 per cent to USD 107.6 per barrel.

Vi to empower youth with employment and skilling opportunities

Mumbai, Apr 06:

Having a good job and being equipped with the right skills are two crucial factors for success in career and life. Vi, India's leading telecom operator, has announced a set of offerings for the youth of Bharat to help them with finding employment, becoming more employable & also help them prepare for government jobs.

Giving wings to its customers aspirations, for a better tomorrow, Vi Jobs & Education integrates India's largest job search platform 'Apna', leading English learning platform 'Enguru' and 'Pariksha' a platform specializing in government employment exam preparation.

Primarily targeted towards the large prepaid user base in India, Vi Jobs

& Education on the Vi App offers a one stop solution for youth to search for jobs, improve spoken English skills and excel in Govt. employment exams, empowering them to fulfil their career dreams.

Commenting on the launch of this unique proposition, Avneesh Khosla, CMO, Vodafone Idea Limited, said "In line with Vi's brand promise 'together for tomorrow', we've been looking at the need gaps in consumers' daily lives, where we believe we can play a role of an enabler to help them get ahead in life. When we look at youth in this country their key aspiration is to get a good job and become more employable. The relevance of digital skills and fluency in spoken English have become more pronounced for today's youth."

Rupee falls 47 paise at 75.76 against USD, bullion prices fall

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTD):

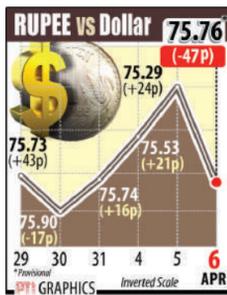
Snapping its three-day winning streak, the rupee tanked 47 paise to close at 75.76 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, tracking a strong American currency in the overseas market and a negative trend in domestic equities.

Forex traders said the expectations of rate hikes by the US Fed to rein in decades-high inflation are keeping the dollar index buoyant, a key headwind for the Indian rupee.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 75.50 against the American currency but lost ground and settled at 75.76, down 47 paise from the previous close.

On Tuesday, the rupee had climbed 24 paise to close at 75.29 against the US dollar.

Meanwhile, the dollar



index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.04 per cent higher at 99.51.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures jumped 1.55 per cent to USD 108.29 per barrel. According to Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities the rupee snapped its winning streak and was the worst performer among Asian currencies as Fed

members spoke about balance-sheet reduction along with rate hikes.

"Hawkish tone from US Fed members pushed risk assets lower while dollar and bond yields surged to multi-month high. "Ahead of the RBI monetary policy decision, USD/INR is likely to trade in the range of 75.30 to 76," Parmar noted. Gold futures on Wednesday fell by Rs 36 to Rs 51,335 per 10 grams as participants cut down their bets amid a weak global trend. On the Multi Commodity Exchange, gold contracts for June traded lower by Rs 36 or 0.07 per cent to Rs 51,335 per 10 grams in a business turnover of 17,776 lots.

Analysts attributed the fall in gold prices to trimming of positions by investors, tracking a weak trend in international markets. Bullion continues to fall.

Tata Motors showcases electric SUV concept

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTD):

Homegrown auto major Tata Motors is set to drive in a new electric SUV - Concept CURVV, with enhanced driving range and technology, within the next two years.

The Mumbai-based auto major, which on Wednesday showcased the electric SUV concept, aims to cater to the consumers who seek individuality and design differentiation, with the new product.

The auto major plans to introduce the electric version of the coupe-style SUV first, and then follow it up with internal combustion engine trims. In an interaction with PTI, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Managing Director Shailesh Chandra noted that the SUV segment is rapidly splitting



Tata Motors team unveils Concept CURVV.

up into various sub-segments with a clear demand for differentiated products.

"It is also becoming clear that SUV customers have an enhanced appetite for design differentiation. What we are showcasing is a coupe body style complete with SUV characteristics," he stated.

He further said that our

focus here has been to enable customers with a product option that is the perfect amalgamation of modern functionality and design. With a robust SUV DNA at its core, and a plethora of new-age materials, features and interfaces, the company is confident that this coupe concept will redefine mainstream SUV design.

At Rs 1.4 lakh crore outflow, equity market sees worst sell-off

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTD):

Foreign portfolio investors dumped Indian shares worth record Rs 1.4 lakh crore in the financial year 2021-22, after pumping in whopping Rs 2.7 lakh crore in the preceding fiscal, mainly on account of sharp surge in coronavirus cases, concerns over the risk to economic recovery and global turmoil triggered by Russia-Ukraine war.

This was the worst ever exodus by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) from domestic equity market. They withdrew Rs 88 crore in 2018-19, Rs 14,171 crore in 2015-16 and Rs 47,706 crore in 2008-09, data



with depositories showed.

Moreover, experts believe that flows from FPIs are expected to remain volatile in the near term given the headwinds in terms of elevated crude prices and inflation. From April 2021 to March 2022, FPIs were net sellers in Indian equities to the tune of Rs 1.4 lakh crore. They have withdrawn nine of the 12 months in the just concluded financial year. They have been selling domestic equities since October 2021.

India to see 48k more EV chargers with investment of Rs 14,000 crore

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTD):

India is likely to see around 48,000 additional electric vehicle chargers at an investment of around Rs 14,000 crore over the next 3-4 years amid an expected healthy electric vehicle (EV) penetration in the country, a report said on Wednesday.

As the EV penetration is expected to increase in the two and three wheeler as well as bus segments, the expansion of charging infrastructure which is currently at a nascent stage will play a critical role, domestic credit ratings agency Icria said in its report. The penetration of electric two-wheelers is expected to be at about 13-15 per



cent of the new vehicle sales by FY25, according to the report which also expects electric three-wheeler and e-bus segment penetrations at more than 30 per cent and 8-10 per cent, respectively, by FY25. Currently, there are less than 2,000 public charging stations in India with concentration in a few states,

and that too primarily in urban areas, the rating agency said. "India remains a laggard in EV charging infrastructure penetration. However, like most global counterparts, the policy push has been strong in India as well to increase the number of EV charging stations.

India, Australia should look at USD 100 bn bilateral trade

Melbourne, Apr 06 (PTI):

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said that India and Australia should look at boosting the bilateral trade to USD 100 billion by 2030 from the current level of around USD 27.5 billion. Goyal, who is in Australia on a three-day visit, said that both the countries are already at an advanced stage of entering into an agreement for greater collaboration in the education sector.

On April 2, India and Australia signed the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA) under which both the countries are providing duty free access to a huge number of



Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal with his Australian counterpart Dan Tehan Wannon at the Australia India Institute at University of Melbourne.

goods and relaxing norms to promote trade in services. "I would suggest that our teams should drill down sector by sector to see how we are going to

grow this relationship... Let's be more ambitious, let's look at USD 100 billion engagement by 2030... So, we are looking at quadrupling this relationship in

eight years," Goyal said on Wednesday.

Both the countries are also looking at things like providing dual degrees and signing mutual recognition agreements to promote services trade.

Goyal said that areas where both the countries can increase collaboration include education, research, startups and agri tech.

The minister also sought investments from Australia in areas like infrastructure. "We have a big market and people aspire for a better quality of life. This gives a huge opportunity for India and people around the world," he said, adding that Australia has a huge investible surplus.

DLF chairman Rajiv Singh richest real estate entrepreneur

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

Realty major DLF's Chairman Rajiv Singh has become the richest real estate entrepreneur with a wealth of Rs 61,220 crore, followed by Macrotech Developers' MP Lodha and family who slipped to the second position with a wealth of Rs 52,970 crore, according to a report.

Hurun and GROHE India on Wednesday released its fifth edition of GROHE Hurun India Real Estate Rich List' featuring the richest real estate entrepreneurs in India.

The list was based on net worth proportionate to their ownership in their respective real estate busi-



Rajiv Singh

nesses. Wealth calculations are a snapshot of December 31, 2021. As per the report, DLF's Rajiv Singh has been ranked first with 68 per cent increase in his wealth in the last one year.

Although the wealth of M P Lodha and family grew by 20 per cent in the last one year to Rs 52,970 crore, the ranking slipped to second.



Bollywood actress Richa Chadha stunned everyone with her recent weight loss pictures that she shared on her social media. Following the buzz, she spoke about her journey of weight loss and how more than anything weight loss was a means to achieve healthy living for her.

Taking to her Instagram, Richa had posted three images from her photoshoot as she wrote in the caption, "I love doing photo shoots where the photographer and I have a friendship, (like in this case), worldview in common, love for music, art... while shooting this particular one I felt like I was playing a character. Distinct from the films I do... but interesting still... we did some very disturbing feel stills also which will post later."

Thanking her team behind the photoshoot, she added in the caption, "Thanks @ashishchawlaphotography @nehasinghmakeupofficial @bikanta PS - healthy weight loss means you don't lose muscle, like in my case the gluteus maximus is intact."

Talking about the reason behind the weight loss, Richa said, "For me weight loss was never something about wanting to shed kilos. It was about a healthier choice for me, myself and my body. I think I chose a path of wellness combined with the right approach to fitness and that is what I wanted to focus on and that is what has given me the results." "I think above all one has to keep in mind to keep sane, make wise choices and respect your body. You have to know and evaluate what works best for you, fitness isn't an approach of one size fits all, and one shouldn't follow someone else's fitness blindly and should alter what works for them. Every body is different. The diet that works for you, may not work for someone else. It helped me not to work out till I sorted out my immunity, stress and gut health", she added.

Richa is currently shooting for 'Fukrey 3' and will soon start shooting for Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Heera Mandi', followed by season 2 of 'The Great Indian Murder'.

Richa Chadha weighs in on weight loss!

Urvashi Upadhyay: Audience will remember my character in 'Thapki Pyar Ki 2'

Actress Urvashi Upadhyay is currently playing a tyrannical aunt Sudha Tripathi in TV show 'Thapki Pyar Ki 2'. She feels though the show is going off air, but her character will always be remembered by the audience.

She says: "My character in the show Sudha was negative but along side she always had a comic timing with either one liners, dialogue or her action. I feel the show will go off air but my style, dialogue will be trending. I had put a lot of efforts to make my audience hate me. It is always fun acting for such creatively written roles."

Urvashi also seen in show 'Rang Jaun Tere Rang Mein' says that playing an antagonist is



an amazing experience as audience love to hate us with a passion.

She adds: "I had played negative roles number of time and each time I had an amazing experience as I use to be hate by my audience so passionately. And I use to love that emotion as I was winning hearts with my acting skills. But now when we live in a world of social media, my audience know me off the camera. I feel now onscreen villains are no more judged like before."

As the show 'Thapki Pyar Ki 2' is going off air Urvashi shares: "An actor enjoys many beautiful journey. With a new new show a journey began and with one show is going off air; one journey comes to an end. So, shooting last days are very hard. It gives the same feeling like when we learn about our love ones are on ventilators and we are helpless. But it was a wonderful experience with the makers and the team. I wish them all good luck for the future."

Rashmika to play female lead in Vijay's film directed by Vamshi Paidipally

Actress Rashmika Mandanna will play the female lead opposite actor Vijay in his next film that is to be directed by Vamshi Paidipally. Sri Venkateswara Creations, the production house producing the film that is tentatively being referred to as #Thalapathy66, on Tuesday made the official announcement on the occasion of Rashmika's birthday. The production house tweeted, "Wishing the talented and gorgeous Rashmika Mandanna a very happy birthday! Welcome onboard #Thalapathy66." Rumours doing the rounds in the industry suggest that the film is likely to begin in a few days time and that full fledged shooting will happen by the end of April. The grapevine has it that Thaman has been roped in as the music director of the film, which will be a bilingual.

'Laal Ishq - Foreign Special', airs on &TV



After a successful run of its immensely popular fantasy horror 'Laal Ishq' which was launched in 2018, &TV is presenting a brand-new season titled 'Laal Ishq - Foreign Special' for all its loyal fans. The new season premiered on April 4th, 2022 and is aired every Monday to Sunday at 5:00 pm only on &TV. It is the first time that a Korean Horror Drama is adapted for a Hindi General Entertainment Channel. The first story under the foreign special was titled 'Daniel Martha Ka

petite for diverse horror content. Once a bright and sunny person, Martha Samson gets the supernatural ability to see ghosts after a mysterious accident. Her life is made hard by the incessant calls for assistance from the spirits, until she meets Daniel, a self-centered, ambitious and money-driven businessman who weighs every relationship with money.

Ritu Tanjea shares her school day stories

Star Plus has always won the hearts of its audience with its exemplary content, be it fiction or non-fiction shows. Viewers favourite reality show 'Smart Jodi' is receiving a lot of love from the audience, and the viewers are also getting some unknown insights on their favorite characters and their lives.

The pair of YouTube Vlogger Gaurav Taneja and pilot Ritu Rathi have been liked a lot by the viewers of the show. In an exclusive conversation with Ritu, she shared a childhood incident with her fans and told how she was molested in fourth class and how she raised her voice against it. While narrating the whole incident, she asked the audience and fans to fight against the wrong things happening in the society, also to teach good touch and bad touch to their children. Giving more insights on the incident Ritu Rathi said "This incident took place when I was in class 4 and there was a boy named Gaurav in my class, who always used to come and sit on the bench in front of me. At that time, we use to have wooden benches, and the space at the back of the bench used to be open. Taking advantage of this, the boy used to touch my feet during the class by taking out his hands from behind and his courage grew with



each passing day. I used to also go for my tuitions, and during that time the same things and incidents used to run over my mind. I was extremely scared to narrate the incident at home, with the fear of being misunderstood by people. It was past four days, and somehow I gathered courage to give him a reply back for this. As soon as we left the school that day, I called him while coming down the stairs.

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Aquarius: Jan 21 - Feb 18

Today you might feel the urge to write. Aquarius. This could involve nothing more than a lengthy letter or email to a friend, but it could also be creative work, such as a novel, essay, screenplay, or poem. Whatever it is, you're likely to express some intellectual, philosophical, or spiritual concerns that you hope to shed some light on.

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

Paperwork involving money needs to be executed today, Pisces. It could be a settlement, new commission, or bonus of some kind. This is likely to be a joyous occasion because money is coming your way, even though the paperwork itself might be a drag. Try to concentrate and get it done quickly so you and those close to you can go out and celebrate.

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today your mind should be especially quick and penetrating, Aries. You could decide to tackle some in-depth research that you've been considering doing for a while on a subject that fascinates you. You might also want to discuss the subject with someone close to you who shares this interest.

Taurus: Apr 21 - May 21

Some vivid, beautiful dreams or visions could awaken you and make you aware of new opportunities. They could be creative in nature, and you should consider taking advantage of them, Taurus. This revelation could have been there, unnoticed, for a long time. Don't write it off because of the unorthodox way it appeared. Look into it and see where it leads you.

Gemini: May 22 - June 21

Today you might decide to attend a group activity that is primarily concerned with an intellectual, philosophical, or spiritual interest of yours, Gemini. You might meet a charismatic person whose conversation stimulates your mind and causes you to come up with new insights.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

A public figure, perhaps an author, might capture your interest in some way today, Cancer. This person could have a lot to say that appeals to you on a number of different levels. You'll want to acquaint yourself with as much of this person's work as possible. You could experience some valuable personal insights.

Leo: July 23 - Aug 23

Today you might attend a party or group activity that puts you in touch with some interesting people from faraway places, Leo. You could find their conversation intellectually stimulating. You're apt to learn a lot from them. Books could be involved in some way. You'll want to stay in touch with them, so be sure to get names, phone numbers or email addresses.

Virgo: Aug 24 - Sept 22

Some big upheaval in your career could take you by surprise, Virgo, but it's apt to make a very positive difference to you. Your public standing and income could both skyrocket. Legal papers might be involved in some way. This could happen so suddenly that it has you in a daze, but try to remain focused and go with the flow.

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 23

A social event could bring you into contact with a very interesting, fascinating person in an intriguing profession, Libra. You could find him or her very charming and sexy. If you aren't romantically involved at the moment, there could be potential here! If nothing else, this person might steer you in a new intellectual or spiritual direction.

Scorpio: Oct 24 - Nov 22

You always tend to have good powers of concentration, Scorpio, but today you're more focused than usual, probably on a project that means a lot to you. This could be job related, it might involve helping a friend, or it may just be a personal project. Whatever it is, you should accomplish a lot today.

Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 21

An intense conversation with your romantic partner could take place today, Sagittarius. This could involve taking the relationship to the next commitment level, and the subject of marriage could come up. If you're already married, this could mean taking on a new responsibility, such as a house or child.

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 20

Today you and the other members of your household might discuss the possibility of making some changes, Capricorn. This could involve some redecorating or remodeling or even something as mundane as a thorough cleaning. However, it could also involve the possibility of moving to a completely different place.

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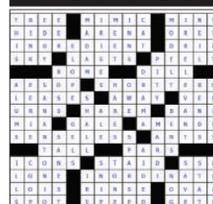
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DC vs LSG: Rahul and Rishabh engage in battle of wits

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTD):

KL Rahul and Rishabh Pant, the two enormously gifted cricketers, earmarked as future India captains will be showcasing their tactical acumen when newcomers Lucknow Super Giants square off with Delhi Capitals in an IPL match on Thursday.

Rahul and Pant, both match-winners in their own rights even with the bat, will like to seize the initiative in these early rounds.

IPL is a great platform where a good exhibition of meticulous homework, informed decision making with a dash of punt at critical junctures will hold any leader in good stead.

India will be playing a lot of cricket in next few years and with national captain Rohit Sharma's workload management is paramount, Rahul and Pant will both like to make a strong case for themselves going into the future.

And hence, the availability of the dashing David Warner and fit again Anrich Nortje for Capitals and the dependable Marcus Stoinis for LSG will certainly add to the depth of the playing XIs and bolster the competitive edge.

"David Warner is out of quarantine, so he's definitely available for selection for the next game, which is very exciting."

"Anrich Nortje has been going incredibly well over the last couple of weeks, since he's arrived here in



Delhi Capitals skipper Rishabh Pant with Ricky Ponting.

India. And he has passed his fitness test to be available for selection," said Capitals assistant coach Shane Watson on the eve of the game.

It is expected that Tim Seifert will make way for Warner in the Capitals line-up and Nortje is set to enter the playing eleven at the expense of either Rovman Powell or Mustafizur Rahman who starred with the ball in the previous game.

All-rounder Stoinis, who was picked by Lucknow from the draft, might replace one among Andrew Tye or Evin Lewis. As of now, replac-

ing Tye looks more imminent.

Both teams have had issues with their bowling but Lucknow under Gautam Gambhir's mentorship, has managed pretty well.

The addition of Jason Holder has made them stronger and Delhi will be hoping that Warner gives them a rollicking start alongside mercurial Prithvi Shaw.

In case of LSG, skipper Rahul two good knocks against CSK and Sunrisers Hyderabad would like that Quinton de Kock also repeats his performance against CSK.



However it is LSG's bowling that needs to stop DC's batting firepower which will grow manifold in Warner's presence and skipper Pant and Shaw also waiting for their big knocks.

While Lalit Yadav is growing in confidence with each passing game, it is veteran batter Mandeep Singh, who is the weakest link in the batting line-up.

The way Mandeep backed towards leg-stump to deliveries from Lockie Ferguson and even Hardik Pandya, didn't make a pleasant sight.

However with LSG's attack not having an express quick in absence of Mark Wood, Pant and coach Ricky Ponting might be tempted to give the former Punjab captain one more chance.

Priyanka Devi strike hands India victory against Egypt



Zargha (Jordan), Apr 06 (PTD):

Priyanka Devi scored the solitary goal as the Indian women's football team registered a 1-0 win over lower-ranked Egypt in the first friendly at the Prince Mohammed Stadium here on Wednesday.

It was Priyanka's first-ever goal for the Blue Tigresses against 95th ranked Egypt.

The first half began with the Indian side pressing hard to seize the initiative. Captain Ashalata Devi tried to earn an early lead in the 18th minute via her shot from distance but Anju, who latched on to the ball, missed the chance.

Couple of minutes later, Manisha almost scored the first for the night through Dalima's pass from the

right but was collected by the Egyptian custodian.

Before the opposition could settle into the game, a sudden strike by Priyanka in the 30th minute gave India the early lead, and remained the only goal of the match.

Dalima managed to pass the ball to Priyanka after Manisha essayed a brilliant cross from the left and eventually, the young midfielder found the back of the net. The half time score therefore read 1-0 in favour of India. The second half was played out on similar lines with India creating more chances, as head coach Thomas Dennerby made his first change at the restart, replacing forward Renu with Pyari Xaxa.

Ten minutes after the resumption, Pyari came close to scoring in the 53rd

minute as she got on the end of a cross from Manisha with an excellent run, but the shot was saved by the keeper. Couple of more substitutions followed as Sandhiya came on in place of Anju Tamang, and Soumya and Ratanbala were introduced in place of Grace and Priyanka Devi respectively. The prolific captain Engy Ahmed Sayed tried her luck from close range before the hour-mark, but Sowmiya stood tall to deny her confidently.

Hayam Abdellatif had the final effort for Egypt in the dying minutes of the game but her effort landed safely into Sowmiya's gloves. The last change was made by Dennerby at the final minutes of the regulation time when Manisha was replaced by Mariyammal.

I have made conscious effort to do justice to myself: Dinesh Karthik

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTD):

It was in 2006 that a young Dinesh Karthik won 'Player of the Match' award for his cheeky 30-odd in India's first ever T20 International.

Sixteen years hence, Karthik, nearing 37, with 330 shortest format matches under his belt, is showing signs of being another eternal comeback man of Indian cricket, trying to do justice to the phenomenal talent that he is blessed with.

"I made a conscious effort to do justice to myself. Felt I could have done better in the last few years," Karthik, whose 44 off 23 balls, took RCB to victory over Rajasthan Royals in an IPL game on Tuesday.

Karthik, who has always been in demand during every edition of IPL, hasn't been selected for India after their heart-breaking semi-final loss against New Zealand in



Dinesh Karthik gets some love from Virat Kohli.

the 2019 ODI World Cup.

His form for KKR nosedived a bit in the past two years and 18 years after his India debut, Karthik knows very well that a 8-ball-29 in a Nidahas Trophy can't be his singular legacy when he calls it quits. So how has it been different and the Tamil Nadu stumper, who literally dashed Ravichandran

Ashwin's dreams of T20I comeback, hammering him into submission, said that he has changed his training methods.

"The way I have trained has been different. I was telling myself I am not done yet. I have a goal and I want to achieve something," said Karthik at the post-match presentation ceremony.

Four Indian boxers enter finals of Thailand Open

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTD):

Indian pugilists Ashish Kumar, Govind Sahani, Varinder Singh and Monika entered the finals of their respective events at the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Phuket on Wednesday.

Ashish, who won gold medal in the last edition in the 75kg class, lived up to his billing and produced a flawless performance to register an easy 5-0 win over Maikhel Roberrd Muskita of Indonesia in the men's 81kg semifinal bout. In the men's 48kg category, Govind had to work hard against Vietnam's Nguyen Linh Phung as the bout witnessed heavy exchange of punches but the Indian took the charge of the contest in time and tilted the result in his favour by a split 4-1 decision.

In the men's 60kg semifinals, Varinder was given a walkover by Palestine's Abdel Rahman Abunab.

Sindhu, Srikanth sail into Korea Open second round

Suncheon, Apr 06 (PTD):

Top Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth made impressive starts to their respective singles campaign, progressing to the pre-quarterfinals with straight game wins over their respective opponents at the Korea Open Super 500 badminton tournament here on Wednesday.

Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, trounced USA's Lauren Lam 21-15 21-14, while Srikanth saw off Malaysia's world no 35 Daren Liew 22-20 21-11 at the Palma Stadium.

The third seeded Sindhu, who had claimed the Swiss Open title recently, will next meet Japan's Aya Ohori, while world championships silver medallist Srikanth, seeded fifth, will be up against Israel's Misha Zilberman.

Indian men's doubles pairing of Satwiksaij Rankireddy and Chirag



Shetty and MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila also progressed to the second round.

While Satwik and Chirag got the better of Korea's Tae Yang Shin and Wang Chan 21-16 21-15, Arjun and Dhruv got a walkover from Korea's Ba Da Kim and Hee Young

Park. Satwik and Chirag, seeded third, will take on Singapore's Hee Yong Kai Terry and Loh Kean Hean, while Arjun and Dhruv face second seeded Indonesian pair of Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan next.

Sri Krishna Priya Kudaravalli, however, bowed out after losing 5-21 13-21 to second seeded Korean An Seyoung in an women's singles match.

Sindhu kept a firm grip on her match, especially in the opening game as she opened up a 7-2 lead early and swelled it to 16-9 at one stage before closing it comfortably. The second game was a see-saw battle initially but Sindhu ensured a one-point advantage at the interval and then reeled off six straight points to come up trumps.

In men's singles, Srikanth had come into the match lagging 0-3 in head-to-head count against Liew and the Indian had to struggle in the opening game with the Malaysian producing a tough fight.

The Indian managed to be 11-9 up at the break but the Malaysian made it 18-15 at one stage. Srikanth, however, kept his cool and erased the deficit to grab one match point. He squandered one before sealing the game.

Australia beats Pakistan by 3 wickets in one-off Twenty20

Lahore, Apr 06 (AP):

Australia rounded off its first tour to Pakistan in 24 years with a three-wicket victory in the one-off Twenty20.

Captain Aaron Finch smashed 55 and anchored Australia to 163-7 with five balls to spare as Ben McDermott flicked Haris Rauf to backward square leg for a boundary.

Nathan Ellis picked up 4-28 and pulled Pakistan back to 162-8 after Babar Azam continued his run of golden form and struck 66 off 46 balls when Finch won the toss and elected to field first.

Australia won the three-test series 1-0, its first in Pakistan since 1998, and lost the ODI series 2-1 after several of its players were rested from the white-ball series while Mitchell



Marsh and Steve Smith were ruled out due to injuries. "Thought the way our bowlers attacked that game were fantastic, said Finch, who came into the final game of the series after failing to score in the last two ODIs against

Pakistan. "Nathan Ellis had a tough start but showed real character. Everything we do is (with) one eye to the World Cup. There's been a lot of great performances on this tour to see so many young cricketers

come on is super exciting. Travis Head, who scored a century in the first ODI, hit a brisk 26 off 14 balls and provided Australia a whirlwind start with Finch of 40 in 21 deliveries to set up a strong platform.

11th DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship 2022

New Delhi, Apr 06:

The 11th edition DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship 2022 presented by USHA commenced at the sprawling greens of Delhi Golf Club, located in the heart of New Delhi. More than 100 amateur lady golfers - ranging from 9 years in age to 79 years - will be seen vying for top honours in the 54-hole tournament being played from 5th to 7th April. Amateur golf has witnessed a huge surge in the recent years and is abuzz with many keen to make their mark. This year former National Champion and veteran Shiraz Singh and Shalini Malik, both are participating in the tournament. In fact, DGC and USHA have had a long association with several promising golfers in the past that include Gauri Monga who will be seen cheering the participants this tournament.

India ride Olympic experience, attacking strikers and dependable keeper

Pocheefstroom, Apr 06 (PTD):

India exceeded expectations by scoring 11 goals, while conceding only twice, in their three matches of the ongoing junior women's hockey world cup here.

It wouldn't have been possible without the presence of three Olympians, an attacking forward line, and a fine goalkeeper in Bichu Devi Karibam.

Having already issued a warning going into the knockout stage of the FIH event, India will take on Korea in the quarterfinals on Friday.

India, who have appeared in four editions of the junior global event, claimed their best finish in 2013, with a bronze medal. Despite failing to



qualify for the previous edition, the Indians are considered among the top five contenders to lift the title in South Africa.

They are a confident lot following the senior team's historic fourth-place finish in the Tokyo Olympics,

besides the constant improvement in all aspects of the game in the last few years.

India is one team which boasts of three Olympians in skipper Salima Tete, strikers Lalremsiami and Sharmila Devi, and the trio's experience of playing at the highest level has benefited the side in the pool stages.

Salima has been a livewire in the midfield and has dazzled with her brilliant stick work, while Sharmila's defence splitting runs and Lalremsiami's poaching presence inside the opposition circle have worked wonders for the team.

Lalremsiami has scored two goals in the three matches, with her agile presence inside the circle.

New unified civic body to have base at Civic Centre

'Enough space' to accommodate House members

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

As the national capital is set to get a new unified municipal corporation, the swanky and towering Civic Centre in the heart of Delhi is set to become its headquarters, with officials saying there is "enough space" in the existing main hall to accommodate all members of the House that will come into being after civic polls.

Parliament on Tuesday passed the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2022, with the Rajya Sabha giving its nod to it through a voice vote after negating all amendments sought by the opposition.

The number of seats in the merged municipal cor-

poration of Delhi will not exceed 250, and a special officer may be appointed to oversee its function till the first meeting of the body is held under the reunification law, according to the bill. Since the trifurcation of the erstwhile Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the NDMC and the SDMC have 104 wards each, while the EDMC has 64 wards, spanning 272 wards in total.

While the headquarters of the NDMC and SDMC are housed in the state-of-the-art Civic Centre complex at Patparganj, the 28-storey high, EDMC is based out of Udyog Sadan at Patparganj. The meetings of House of NDMC and SDMC, both by turns,

are held at the capacious Aruna Asaf Ali Sabhagar - the main municipal hall of the civic centre. Now, with the number of wards set to be revised as per the bill, the size of the House will grow from its current strength.

"The new civic body that will come into being once the bill becomes an Act, and after the fresh delimitation exercise will have members, not exceeding 250. And, we have enough space to accommodate all members in the Aruna Asaf Ali Sabhagar," a senior official said. He said, even for conducting meetings of the Standing Committee of the civic body that will come into being, "there is enough

space in the hall meant for such purposes. While NDMC has six zones, SDMC has four and EDMC two zones.

Sources earlier had said that the delimitation commission will start the exercise to reorganise municipal wards in accordance with the population in respective Assembly segments. "The delimitation exercise alone will take around 6-7 months. After the delimitation exercise is completed, its report has to be notified by the Centre and then the process of rotation of wards, and other poll exercises will be started. So overall it is likely to take a year to conduct municipal elections in Delhi," a source had said.

JASHAN 2022



Students perform the traditional Punjabi Bhangra dance during the inter-departmental cultural competition, Jashan 2022, at Guru Nanak Dev University, in Amritsar, Wednesday.

Bihar govt to approach Centre over GI tag

For Mithila's Rohu fish

Patna, Apr 06 (PTI) The Bihar government has decided to approach the Centre in order to get 'Geographical Indication' (GI) tag for Mithila's famous Rohu fish, an official said on Wednesday. The state government has engaged two experts to study and prepare a report on Rohu fish of the Mithila region, state fisheries department director Nishat Ahmed told PTI. "One of the most distinguished species of carp, Rohu fish of the Mithila region, especially in Darbhanga and Madhubani districts, is known for its taste. We have engaged two experts to study and prepare a detailed report on the fish.

Tribals displaced from Ch'garh due to LWE protest in Delhi

For rehabilitation

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

Over 100 tribals displaced from Chhattisgarh due to Left-wing extremism (LWE) staged a protest at Jantar Mantar here on Wednesday to demand the Centre rehabilitate them at the place of their choice.

Tribal rights activist Shubhranshu Chaudhary said the symbolic protest at Jantar Mantar was aimed at drawing the government's attention to the plight of around 5,000 tribal families displaced from Chhattisgarh during the

Salwa Judum movement. "While the nation is debating the displacement of Hindus from Kashmir, internally displaced tribal people from Central India are coming to Delhi to remind the nation of their displacement and demanding rehabilitation," he said.

The delegation of tribals has also sought time for a meeting from Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda to discuss their problems and demands, Chaudhary said.

"We met Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Monday. He has promised all support to re-

habilitate the displaced tribals. He, however, said since their security is a concern, the tribals will be given land near paramilitary camps," Chaudhary told PTI.

"The IDPs do not want to take the risk of living next to a camp. The Centre should lead a multi-state effort to grant them rights over forest land they have living on in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and other states," he said.

The Chhattisgarh government created the Salwa Judum in 2005 by mobilising members of local tribes as fighters against the Maoists.

"The state government trained these fighters in armed struggle and provided them with weapons. They would vandalize the homes and shops of suspected Maoist supporters, while Maoists would kill those suspected of being government informers," Chaudhary said.

"The Salwa Judum movement drew criticism from human rights observers as people found themselves caught in the crossfire between the two sides. It led to the mass displacement of an estimated 50,000 tribals from Chhattisgarh to neighbouring states," he said.

'Audit of Indo-Nepal border roads project brings out inadequacies, delays'

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

The performance audit of the Indo-Nepal border roads project brings out inadequacies in planning and financial management, which, coupled with poor contract management and execution of works led to undue delays and cost enhancement, according to the CAG.

In a report submitted to the Parliament, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India said that the Central government in November 2010 took up the

construction of 1,377 km of roads along the Indo-Nepal Border in Bihar (564 km), Uttar Pradesh (640 km) and Uttarakhand (173 km) at a cost of Rs 3,853 crore. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) released the funds aggregating Rs 1,709.17 crore to these states as of March 31, 2021.

The timeline for completion of the project was March 2016, but it was subsequently extended to December 2022. "The performance audit brings out inadequacies in planning and financial management coupled with poor

contract management and execution of works as well as lack of synchronisation and coordination of activities leading to undue delays as well as additional costs," the report said.

On project planning and execution, the CAG said that in West Champaran (Bihar), the proposed alignment approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) in September 2010 was in proximity with the India-Nepal Border (INB) touching Valmikinagar, which was on the northernmost side of the wildlife reserve area.

TRIBUTE TO CHHATRAPATI MAHARAJ



NCP chief Sharad Pawar with other leaders after paying respects to Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj near his statue in the Parliament, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Touch of Patna Sahib battle in Asansol as Prasad to campaign against Sinha

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI) The electoral battle between Ravi Shankar Prasad and Shatrughan Sinha in Patna Sahib was one of the more talked about contests in the 2019 poll, and it is de ja vu all over as the BJP is now banking on the former Union minister to bolster its fight in Asansol bypoll against Sinha, now a Trinamool Congress candidate.

Prasad will be joined by Ram Kripal Yadav, also a former Union minister and MP from neighbouring Pataliputra, in campaign on Friday with the BJP relying on a number of leaders from Bihar to retain its influence among Asansol's sizeable non-Bengali voters, a segment the TMC is eyeing by fielding Sinha.

'Centre keen on resolving Naga pol issue'

Kohima, Apr 06 (PTI):

K G Kenye, who has just completed his term as the lone Rajya Sabha MP from Nagaland, Wednesday said that the Centre is keen on resolving the Naga political issue at the earliest but the problem is partly with the people as they are divided into many groups with different demands.

Kenye told media persons here that as an MP from the state he had made several attempts in Parliament and outside to press for an early solution to the Naga political issue and for permanent peace in the state and the north east. "The Centre is interested in resolving the issue at the earliest but partly it is our Naga people who are at fault because we have too many different groups and may be with different purposes (demands). It would have been appropriate if we could settle the different issues among ourselves first and then put before the Centre a single and concrete proposal/document encompassing all our aspirations," the Naga Peoples Front leader said.



K G Kenye

Since the Naga groups did not screen their documents and did not place them before the Centre to decide, it may take time. To questions on the withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act

(AFSPA) by the Centre, Kenye said the repeal of the Act has always been on the cards but despite several attempts the Naga MPs could never take the issue to the Parliament for discussion.

The Oting massacre by security forces in December last year gave the Nagaland MPs their first opportunity to register their protest in Parliament against the draconian law and impress upon the Centre that AFSPA has created only animosity among the people and must be done away with, he said.

On the Centre's recent decision to reduce areas under AFSPA in Nagaland and other NE states, Kenye said this was the first time since the enactment of the Act in 1958 that the Centre had shown some response to the long standing demands of the people.

Polls due in Dec, BJP launches bike rally to reach out to voters

Ahmedabad, Apr 06 (PTI):

The BJP on Wednesday launched a bike rally in Ahmedabad which will cover 90 of the 182 constituencies in Gujarat where Assembly elections are due later this year, with BJYM president Tejasvi Surya asserting that the party will win again on the strength of youngsters and the "immense development" done in the last 27 years.

Participants of the rally - "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Yatra" - will meet family members of 1,000 freedom fighters and collect clay from them in the next 20 days, Surya said before launching the rally on the occasion of BJP's 42nd

Foundation Day along with Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. The bike rally, which was flagged off by Surya and Patel in the Nikol area of Ahmedabad, will reach out to nearly 3 lakh youths with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "New India" message and those freedom fighters should be respected as the country is celebrating 75 years of independence, said Surya. "We will cover 90 Assembly seats during the next 20 days. Big events will be organised at 120 places along the Yatra route. Participants of this bike rally will also meet family members of 1,000 freedom fighters and collect clay from them," the Bangalore South MP told a

press conference. He said the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha will play a "major role" in the upcoming Assembly elections in Gujarat, due in December this year. "The BJP has brought immense development in Gujarat during its 27 years of rule and youths are now tasting the fruits of that development. Youngsters know that the state government is working for them. It will be the strength of youngsters of Gujarat on which we will win the elections again," he said. On the occasion of the BJP's Foundation Day, Gujarat state unit president CR Paatil attended an event organised by the party in Himmatnagar town in north Gujarat.

Pre-term baby weighing 704 gms overcomes cardiac issues, brain hemorrhage

At Delhi hospital

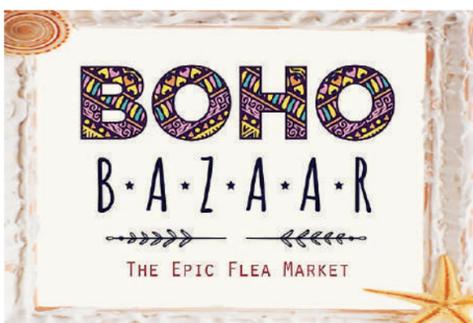
New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI): A pre-term baby weighing just 704 grams won a tough battle against multiple infections, cardiac issues and brain hemorrhage at Fortis Hospital in Vasant Kunj here and was discharged after 115 days of intricate treatment and care. A woman had given birth to twins through in-vitro fertilization. While one died soon after birth, the other had multiple comorbidities. The baby had gone into shock and was stabilized within 24 hours. "During treatment, the baby suffered multiple co-morbidities such as desaturation, brain seizures, cardiac issues and underwent 12 blood transfusions. Finally, after 115 days of treatment and care, the baby has been discharged in a healthy state," the hospital said in a statement.

Shoppers paradise 'Boho Bazaar' to return to capital after two years

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI)

In good news for shoppers, 'Boho Bazaar - The Epic Flea Market' is all set to make its return to the national capital starting Friday after being cancelled for the past two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The three-day shopping carnival, now in its third edition, will be held at the JLN stadium here. It will showcase a plethora of items - from lifestyle products, home decor, apparel, accessories to pet products, quirky merchandise, food products, gifting, and much more - from over 200 curated pop-ups across the country. "We're super pumped to be back after al-



most two years and we can already see a lot of growing excitement and support from all quarters. We have a lot of fun and new elements planned out this time and hence we've shifted the venue to a bigger venue than last time, to do

justice to our vision. "We welcome everyone to come and make merry with their friends and family to make the upcoming weekend a memorable one," said Digant Sharma, organiser and co-founder of Boho Bazaar.

As a special bonus for the visitors, the festival this year will also host 12 vendors from Gurgaon's popular Banjara Market, known for its unique and affordable home decors.

"In addition to offering a smorgasbord of shopping options, everything on offer at Boho Bazaar shall be available at heavily discounted prices, thereby catering to all budgets and sensibilities of Delhiites," said the organisers.

Besides shopping, the festival will also feature a variety of food stalls, creative workshops, a dedicated zone for children, and a bunch of fun activities to provide entertainment for visitors. It will come to a close on April 10.



माँ काट्यायनी

BRIEF



BJP leader Shazia Ilmi at the party headquarters on the occasion of BJP's Sthapna Diwas (Foundation Day), in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Seized

Chandigarh: Fourteen quintals of adulterated food items were seized by the health department teams in Punjab, officials said on Wednesday. Punjab Health Minister Dr. Vijay Singla said the teams seized 7.80 quintals of spurious cheese in Mohali district and 6.20 quintals in Samana town of Patiala district.

Hike

New Delhi: CNG prices in Delhi, Mumbai and Gujarat on Wednesday saw steep hikes after the government raised input natural gas prices to record levels. Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) raised compressed natural gas (CNG) price by Rs 7 per kg to Rs 67 per kg in Mumbai while Gujarat Gas hiked rates by Rs 6.5 per kg to Rs 76.98.

Mishap

Jhabua: Two persons were killed and three injured when a trailer truck overturned on them in Madhya Pradesh's Jhabua district, police said on Wednesday. The accident occurred near Rama village of the district on Tuesday night, when the driver lost control of the heavy vehicle, causing it to overturn on people standing on the side of the road, Kalidevi police station in-charge Raju Singh Baghel said.

Weather

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INDIA'S STAND ON UKRAINE

'If India has chosen side, it is side of peace'

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

Asserting that India is strongly against the Russia-Ukraine conflict, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday said if New Delhi has chosen a side, it is the side of peace and for an immediate end to violence.

Replying to the discussion in Lok Sabha on the situation in Ukraine, Jaishankar said India was the first country to evacuate its citizens and "served as an inspira-



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar speaks in the Lok Sabha during the second part of Budget Session of Parliament, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

tion" to others. He said India encourages talks between Ukraine and Russia, including at the level of their presi-

dents, and asserted that if New Delhi can be of any assistance in this matter, it would be "glad to contribute". India's approach will be to promote dialogue to end the conflict, he said.

Talking about the civilian killings in the Ukrainian city of Bucha, Jaishankar said India is "deeply disturbed" by the reports.

"We strongly condemn the killings that have taken place there. This is an extremely serious matter and we support the call for an in-

dependent investigation," he said. Jaishankar also said that attributing a political colour to India's actions vis-a-vis the Ukraine situation was unfortunate.

Elaborating on what India is advocating in Ukraine, he said, "We are, first and foremost, strongly against the conflict, we believe that no solution can be arrived at by shedding blood and at the cost of innocent lives. In this day and age, dialogue and diplomacy are the right answers to any disputes."

CORRUPTION CASE

Deshmukh in CBI custody till April 11

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTI):

A special CBI court here on Wednesday remanded former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh to the Central Bureau of Investigation's custody till April 11 in a corruption case registered against him and others. The court had on Monday remanded two former aides of the NCP leader - Sanjeev Palande and Kundan Shinde and dismissed police officer Sachin Waze - to the CBI's custody in the corruption case. Deshmukh (71) was undergoing treatment at state-run J J Hospital and hence the probe agency could not take his custody along with the other accused.

The senior NCP leader was discharged from the hospital on Tuesday evening and placed under arrest on Wednesday morning. He was produced before special judge VC Barde, who sent him to the CBI custody till April 11.

Deshmukh, Palande and Shinde, booked under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, were under judicial custody after being arrested last year by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case. Waze was in judicial custody after being arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in the Antila bomb scare-Mansukh Hiran murder case.



Anil Deshmukh

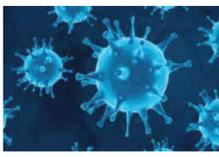
CAUSE OF CONCERN

India's first case of Covid XE detected in Mumbai

New Delhi, Apr 06:

India's first case of coronavirus variant XE was reported in Mumbai on Wednesday, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has said in a media release. One case of the Kappa variant has also been detected. The patients with the new variants of the virus don't have any severe symptoms so far.

The new mutant may be more transmissible than any strain of COVID-19, World Health Organisation had said last week. A case of the Kappa variant was also detected



during a sero survey, the official said, adding that the results came in genome sequencing of 376 samples, the 11th batch of testing in the local genome sequencing lab.

The genome sequencing of 376 samples was conducted at the municipal Kasturba Hospital's Genome Sequencing Lab.

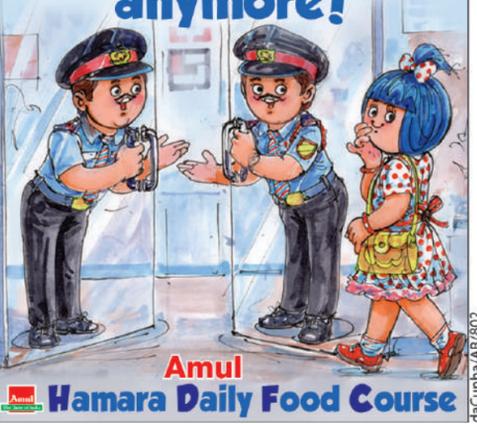
Mumbai on Tuesday reported 56 Covid-19 cases,

What is XE variant....

XE is a 'recombinant' which is a mutation of BA.1 and BA.2 Omicron strains. Recombinant mutations emerge when a patient is infected by multiple variants of Covid. The variants mix up their genetic material during replication and form a new mutation, UK experts said in a paper published in British Medical Journal.

which is a three-fold rise from the addition to the tally a day earlier, taking the infection count here 10,58,185, a civic official said.

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SC TO GOVT

'Keep financial impact in mind while coming up with schemes'

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Wednesday said the government should always have the financial impact in mind while coming up with any scheme and referred to the Right to Education Act by observing that it is a classic example where a right has been created but where are the schools.

The observation was made by a bench headed by Justice U U Lalit which was hearing a plea seeking adequate infrastructure across the country for providing effective legal aid to women abused in matrimonial homes and creating shelter homes for them. We would advise

you and take it as unsolicited advice that whenever you come up with these kinds of schemes or ideas, always have the financial impact in mind...., the bench, also comprising Justices S R Bhat and P S Narasimha, said.

The bench told Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati, who was appearing for the Centre, that the classic example is the Right to Education Act.

You have created a right. Where are the schools? So, therefore, the schools are to be put up by various authorities, including municipalities, state governments, etc. Where do they get the teachers? the top court said.

HAWALA CASE

Lookout notice issued against absconding ex-minister

Jammu, Apr 06 (PTI):

Jammu and Kashmir Police has issued a lookout notice against absconding former minister Jatinder Singh alias Babu who is wanted for his alleged involvement in a case related to the recent recovery of hawala money meant for "subversive activities" here, officials said on Wednesday. The officials said the lookout circular was issued against Singh, a resident of Kathua district and Chairman 'Nature-Mankind Friendly Global Party', who had gone underground after his name surfaced in the investigation of the hawala racket.

The step was taken to ensure that he did not flee the country and is brought to book, the officials said.

Mohammad Shareef Shah (64), a resident of south Kashmir's Kokernag, was arrested with the hawala money on March 31 from Gandhi Nagar area of Jammu and his questioning revealed that he was tasked by Babu Singh, a resident of Kathua district, to collect the money from Srinagar.



Jatinder Singh

HUMANITARIAN TOUCH

Rly staff provides timely aid to critically ill cancer patient

Onboard Rajdhani Express

Bhopal, Apr 06 (PTI):

Timely action by Railway employees in Madhya Pradesh saved the life of a cancer patient who was in need of medical oxygen while travelling on board the Rajdhani Express, an official said on Wednesday.

The incident took place on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday, when the railway employees along with a doctor attended to the 67-year-old man after the New Delhi-bound train made an unscheduled stop at Itarsi station, he said.

Balakram, a cancer patient, boarded the 22221 Rajdhani Express from Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai) for Hazrat Nizamuddin (Delhi), the official said.

The man's condition turned very serious during the journey and he desperately needed oxygen support. At that time the train had crossed Maharashtra's Jalgaon town and the next scheduled stop was Bhopal, he said.

Balakram's family then somehow managed to message the divisional commercial controller office alerting them about the situation, the official said.

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AMU suspends prof for referring to 'rape' in Hindu myths

Charges of hurting religious sentiments

Aligarh (UP), Apr 06 (PTI):

Aligarh Muslim University on Wednesday suspended a professor who referred to examples of rape in Hindu mythology during a forensic science class, provoking accusations of hurting religious sentiments.

According to AMU officials, Dr Jitendra Kumar, an assistant professor at AMU's Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, made the references to rape in mythology while conducting a class on medical jurisprudence. His lecture, which included a slide show, led to complaints that he had hurt the religious sentiments of students and staff members. A controversy erupted after someone posted a video clip of the lecture on social media.

Charges on professor

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Clarifications by professor

In a letter to AMU vice chancellor Tariq Mansoor on Wednesday, Kumar said, My intention was not to hurt religious sentiments of any particular religion and it was done only to highlight that rape has been a part of our society since long. He said it was an inadvertent mistake and assured that no such incident will occur in the future .

why disciplinary action should not be taken against him. The university authorities also set up a two-member probe committee, but he was suspended pending the outcome of the inquiry, an

official told PTI. This was because of the seriousness of the issue and preliminary evidence that indicated misconduct, the official said. After getting the notice,

the professor apologised.

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SHGs executing new business ideas with hi-tech resources at Gauthans

Quail rearing unit with incubator, breeder and cage established in just Rs 1.25 lakh

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 06: Today, the rural women are using the scientific terminology like incubator, incubation in such a natural manner as if they have been using those words for years.

The women of Khamharia have forayed into the field of quail rearing. Instead of going with the traditional system, they are rearing quail with state-of-the-art technology. Its setup has been prepared at a cost of about Rs 1.25 lakh. They have started the new venture with 600 eggs, 600 chicks and 200 breeders.

District Panchayat CEO Ashwini Dewangan informed that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has directed to develop the Gauthans as Rural



Livelihood Centers and asked to conduct different types of livelihood activities in each Gauthan. District Panchayat is working in compliance with the CM's order. Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure has also given instructions to pro-

vide three-way assistance to the women of SHGs.

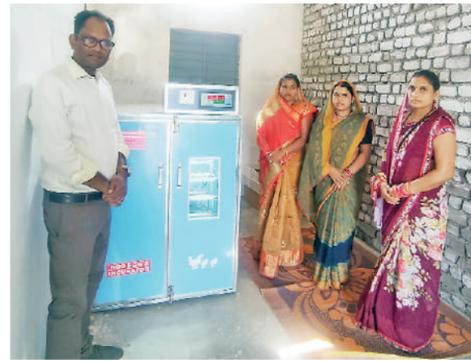
Firstly, the training at the technical level so that they have complete knowledge about the business. Thereafter, the necessary technical equipment support so that they enter the market with the



hi-tech equipment and lastly the market for selling their produce. These three factors can ensure success of any initiative.

In view of the increasing demand for quail in the local market and hotel business, a quail hatchery unit has been started at

Gauthan in village Khamharia. Gramya Ujjwal Mahila Self Help Group is running this quail unit. The indigenous variety of quail, Kerry Brown, is being produced here. Due to the active participation of the women of Self Help



Group, the innovations taking place in the Gauthans are flourishing on a large scale.

They have applied the cage method to increase the production of eggs by 10%. Female and male quail are kept in the cage in a 3:1 ratio. This increases

the reproduction rate as the male and female stay in a limited area. The chances of egg damage in the cage are negligible. This results in an increase of up to 10 percent in egg production. Attachments have been installed for storing quail fodder, water

and eggs. When the quail is 2 weeks old, they are kept in cages for production of commercial eggs.

Mohit Kamle, Assistant Veterinary Officer, who trained self-help groups, said that higher profits can be earned with lesser risks in quail rearing. Due to the small size of quail eggs, more eggs can be placed in the incubator machine. 95 eggs of quail can be placed in the incubator's single tray which is three times more than chicken eggs.

A comparative study of chicken and quail rearing suggests that quail requires less space and it is ready for market in just 35 days. This means, one can generate three times profit in quail rearing in comparison with poultry farming.

Evaluate self and develop the teaching skills: Dr Sharma

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 06: To become an efficient teacher, one must have the quality of conducting self evaluation and exploring the shortcomings and weaknesses. Only after coming to know about their own shortcomings, one can develop the skills for becoming professionally strong, said Dr DN Sharma (Regional Coordinator, Pt. Sunder Lal Sharma (Open) University). He was addressing the Induction Program of the BE1 first year students organized by Regional Center Durg.

After inaugurating the programme at Mansa College, Kurud, Regional Coordinator Dr DN Sharma asked the newly admitted students to self-analyze and develop the teaching skills in them to the fullest. He asked the teacher trainees to diligent-



ly study the text material and improve their teaching skills accordingly.

On this occasion, Dr Shekhar Sarabhai, a land expert posted in the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, spoke about the important issues like soil erosion and soil conservation. He said that the fertile surface of the earth is becoming unproductive due to soil erosion. He also suggested many activities that can be done for the children to understand the different types of soil and its uses etc. The

Principal of the college, Dr Smita Saxena, welcomed the newly admitted students and asked them to adopt the studies and teaching seriously in life.

Dr Namita Gauraha, Head of the Education Department conducted the program. Sanjay Banjara, Aditi Sahu, Dharmendra Sharma, Tirathraj, Gayatri Deshmukh and other students raised their queries which were answered by the experts. Namrata Bhatt, Pushpa Sharma and other Professors were also present.

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 06: Several new and customized products have been developed by SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant during fiscal year 2021-22 as per the customer / market requirement.

Bhilai successfully met the demand of Indian Railways for supplying the new R-260 grade of rails in the new 60E1 profile with commercial production of the new grade and profile of rails from both the rail mills. While the first rake was dispatched from URM, on 25th April 21, the older RSM also took up the challenge and started regular production of R260/60E1 rails from May 2021.

Another first was the beginning of trial rolling of Head Hardened rails (1175 HT) at URM to meet the requirement of Indian



Railways.

Among the new customized grades developed to enlarge SAIL-BSP's product basket and fulfil customer requirements are several grades produced through the Steel Melting Shop 3 & Wire Rod Mill (SMS 3-WRM) route. These include IS-7887 Grade II wire rod coils, Cable Armour Quality (CAQ) wire rod

coils, IS 7887 Gr4 Wire Rod Coils, SAE 1008 Grade Special Chemistry Wire Rod Coils for Export and IS 1786 FE 500D -HCR grade Wire rod Coils - all through SMS III - WRM route.

Among other grades rolled out are IS 1786 FE 550D grade TMT Re-bars through Steel Melting Shop 3 and Bar & Rod Mill (SMS III - BRM) route, IS

2062 E 410 A high tensile 100 mm X 50 mm X 6 mm of Bailey Channels through SMS III - Merchant Mill route and IS 1786 FE 500D -HCR grade Re-bars, also through SMS III - Merchant Mill route.

Modex unit, Steel Melting Shop 3 also rolled out new customized grades of blooms including 300 X 335 mm2 SWR-14

grade blooms and SAIL Tower GR-6 (A1 killed) grade 300 X 340 mm2 blooms. The plant also undertook up-gradation of IS 2062 E250 A Structural Products to IS 2062 E250 BR Grade.

Plate Mill that rolls out mild, high tensile, boiler quality plates besides several special grade plates for a variety of applications developed DMR 249 Grade plates with customization of chemistry and special test requirements to suit underwater Naval applications.

Efforts have been made to enhance customer satisfaction by way of producing and supplying required grade and volume of products, QR coding of products from Merchant Mill, WRM and BRM, developing mobile applications for reading QR-Code tagged on products etc.

BSF 11th Battalion organises blood donation camp at Dandakvan



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 06: Under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava, the 11th battalion of Border Security Force organised a blood donation camp at its Strategic Headquarters in Dandakvan. This camp was organised under the direction of Kuldeep Singh (Commandant, 11th Battalion).

Medical Officer Dr Irshad Sheikh, Dr Shubhanshu Gupta, Pathologist and staff of Narayanpur District Hospital played a vital role in organising this camp. A total of 37 people including jawans / officers of

BSF donated blood at this camp. The collected blood will be kept at the blood bank of Narayanpur District Hospital for providing it to needy patients. NSS Unit of Indira Gandhi College also participated in the event. Commandant Kuldeep Singh said that the blood donation camp was the part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava celebrations.

He said that the people must remember the supreme sacrifices made by the brave soldiers for the nation. He further said that besides delivering its prime responsibility of tackling the naxal menace, BSF is also conducting social service and welfare activities for the tribals. In this sequel, 11th Battalion of BSF had recently organised a civic action programme and medical camp for the locals.

Divyang girl gets doorstep ration delivery



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 06: District Administration has ensured doorstep ration delivery for a divyang girl. During the last week's Collector Jandarshan, Divyang girl Mursharat Parveen had shared her troubles. Mursharat had said that due to her physical disability, she is unable to visit the PDS shop. Considering the plea in a sensitive manner, the Collector instructed the Food Controller Dipankar to help

the girl. The food controller instructed the PDS shopkeeper to ensure doorstep ration delivery.

On Wednesday, the shopkeeper reached the girl's house with the e-pass machine. He took the thumb impression of the girl in the e-pass machine and delivered the ration. The divyang girl has lost her parents and due to disability she was facing problems in visiting the ration shop. The Collector had assured her to resolve her

problem soon. It needs to be mentioned here that speedy action is being taken on applications received at Collector Jandarshan. District Collector is also reviewing the applications every Friday. In the matters of Divyangs, the Social Welfare Department and urban bodies are being directed to resolve the pleas.

It could be recollected here that earlier an elderly Divyang couple had shared their problem before the Collector regarding illegal occupation of his house. On the instructions of the Collector, SDM Dhamdha took immediate action in this matter and provided possession of the house to the Divyang couple. On Tuesday, the Collector had given instructions to provide an electric vehicle to a Divyang citizen.

Crushing & Screening Plant inaugurated at Dulki Mines

First truck load of iron ore despatched



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 06: Bhilai Steel Plant's iron ore mines at Dalli-Rajhara Iron Ore Complex have made several records in the last financial year 2021-22 despite the adverse situation faced because of COVID in the initial months of the year. Several initiatives were taken to enhance mining from Iron Ore Complex mines so as to make the most of depleting reserves of iron ore.

On 31st March 2022, a crushing and screening plant in Dulki Mines was inaugurated by Director I/c Bhilai Steel Plant, Anirban Dasgupta in presence of senior officials of the Plant's Mines Dept. Dulki Mines is situated in Rajnandgaon dis-

trict. Mining activity in a portion of Dulki Mines lease area was started in 2017. With the support of residents of nearby villages and efforts made by Plant's Mines Dept, mining has now begun in another block of Dulki Mines.

A Sandvik crushing and screening plant of 250 tonnes per hour capacity has been installed by M/s Dev Mining Company at Dulki. Once fully operationalised, it will enable supply of 9000 T of good quality iron ore lumps per day to Bhilai Steel Plant.

The first truck load of iron ore lumps from crushing and screening plant was flagged off by Director I/c, Dasgupta in presence of ED (Mines & Rowghat) Manas Biswas, ED (Projects) A K

Bhatta, CGM (IOC) Tapan Sutradhar, CGM (Finance) AK Panda and other officials.

Manas Biswas, ED (Mines & Rowghat) congratulated the Mines Collective for their efforts to extend mining operations in the forested area of Dulki. Tapan Sutradhar, CGM (IOC) thanked all those engaged in mining in Dulki for their efforts, villagers residing nearby for their support and urged all to step up efforts for mining in the new fiscal year.

Also present on the occasion were Kailash Malhotra, GM (Mines), Anupam Bisth, Arun Kumar, Shamsad Raza, Manish Jaiswal, Ajay Kumar Chaturvedi, Sushil Kumar and Rajkumar Umre.

Goons obstructing construction works of industries: Meharban Singh

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 06: Six industrialists, who had purchased plots from District Trade and Industries Centre, are unable to get possession of their plots as the goons, allegedly mobilised by politicians, are creating obstacles for the allottees. On Wednesday, Aam Admi Party District President Meharban Singh questioned whether the goons are establishing their rule in the city.

Addressing media persons here at Supela on Wednesday, Meharban Singh informed that District Trade and Industries Center had sold plots to 6

traders in Fauji Nagar. One of the allottee Vinay Agrawal had started construction on his plot but soon some goons interfered and created a tense situation due to which the construction works were stopped. Vinay approached AAP for help and after getting moral support, he once again started the construction works.

But once again the goons swung into action and installed a pandal at the construction site. They staged demonstrations at the site and managed to obstruct the construction works for about 15 days in the month of July 2021. Singh informed that several



years ago 2 acres of land was allotted to SBI. Later, the SBI returned 1 acre of land to DIC. This land was later sold by DIC to some traders as six different plots. Due to the local goons, those traders were not able to take possession of that land. On the other hand, the Housing

Board had claimed ownership of this land. Later, when the aggrieved traders approached the District Collector, demarcation of the land was conducted in the presence of the officials of the Housing Board and DIC. It was then clarified that the land belongs to DIC. Considering the

complaint of traders, DIC wrote a letter to the concerned police station for helping the allottees. Despite this, these traders are not able to start their business on the allotted land. Aam Admi Party District President alleged that a local MLA is involved in this controversy.

MLA's elder brother is an employee of CGHB and they are together creating hurdles for the allottees. A local Corporator is working on their instructions to prevent the traders from doing construction works on their land. Meharban Singh, K Jyoti, Waddu Alam, Ibrahim, Rampal and others were present in the press conference.

CS Amitabh Jain visits Gauthan in village Puraina-Khapri

Under the Gauthan outreach program in Balodabazar district



Raipur, Apr 06:

Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain visited the Gauthan in Gram Panchayat Puraina Khapri of Balodabazar district today under "Gauthan Reach Program". Chief Secretary Jain took stock of the various activities conducted in Gauthan. He sat on the ground with the members of women self-help groups in chaupal held at Gauthan and asked them about the activities conducted by them in Gauthan. Meanwhile, Mr. Jain appreciated the work

of women's self-help groups. Collector of Balodabazar district, Mr. Doman Singh was also present on the occasion. Chief Secretary inquired about the arrangements for cow dung procurement in the Gauthan and also checked the quality of vermi compost prepared by the self-help groups. It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel had recently directed all the officers to visit Gauthans and inspect the activities conducted there to ensure smooth functioning of gauthans. On the same

■ Took note of the activities conducted in Gauthan, procured cow dung and observed the work of vermi compost production

line, Chief Secretary Mr. Amitabh Jain visited the Gauthan in Puraina Khapri.

On the occasion, Chief Secretary said State Government has launched a drive from April 07 to make the system of gauthans more efficient and profitable for people.

Under this gauthan outreach drive, officers will visit the Gauthans and take stock of the activities there and give necessary guidance to strengthen the system. Chief Secretary praised the women working in Puraina-Khapri Gauthan for not only earning good income but also for utilizing this income to increase their productivity.

HEALTH CONCERN



With mercury at its peak and digging in road continue, smoke and dust is common site in capital city and cause of concern for many on occasion of World Health Day.

Students of SAGEMS are free to buy uniform from any shop

Raipur, Apr 06:

Students of Swami Atmanand Government English Medium School (SAGEMS) are free to buy uniform from any shop. School Education Department Principal Secretary Dr. Alok Shukla has strongly condemned the rumors being spread in this regard in the social media. He said that the information is completely false and baseless and

a propaganda to malign the image of Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools on social media. Dr. Shukla has directed the principals of all Atmanand English medium schools to display this information on the notice board of their respective schools that we do not force any student to buy uniform from any particular shop. Students are free to buy the uniform from any shop.

Nursery class in every SAGEMS and SAGHMS

The School Education Department of the state government has taken a major decision to open nursery classes in all the Swamy Atmanand Govt English and Hindi Medium Schools and orders in this regard has been issued to all the Collectors. For preliminary preparations, 6-point instructions have been issued and this include identification of rooms, decoration, sitting arrangements, toys and other teaching and learning aids and materials.

Seven officers of state felicitated with Gol Home Minister's Medal



Raipur, Apr 06:

Six police officers from Chhattisgarh have been felicitated with Union Home Minister medal. Director General of Police Chhattisgarh Ashok Juneja felicitated Addl. SP Kirtan Rathore and other six officers with this medal at Police headquarters in Nava Raipur.

The other six officers who have been felicitated with this medal include, Inspector Santlal Aayam,

Asst. SI Deepak Singh Chouhan, SDOP Rajeev Kumar Sharma, SI Indira Vaishnav, ASI Indu Sharma and TI Baramkela Prabharin.

This award has been presented to the police officers for carrying out best investigation in solving serious and sensitive crimes. Along with this Baramkela Police Thana has been declared as the Best Police Station. This order has been issued by Ministry of Home of Gol.

Paddy lifting for custom milling at a rapid pace in Ch'garh

97.49 lakh MT of paddy has been lifted so far

Raipur, Apr 06:

Paddy lifting for custom milling is being done at a rapid pace across the state as per the directions of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel. According to the information received till April 05, over 97.49 lakh MT of paddy has been lifted in the state so far. Meanwhile, the state government is also working expeditiously to deposit rice in the central pool. Over 34.30 lakh MT of quality rice has been deposited in the central pool so far. This includes 18.14 lakh MT of rice deposited in the Food Corporation of India and 16.16 lakh MT in the Civil Supplies Corporation. Food Secretary

■ 34.30 lakh MT | of rice deposited in the central pool

Topeshwar Verma informed that on the initiative of the Chief Minister, the work of paddy lifting for custom milling is being done at a rapid pace this year, just like the work of paddy procurement.

A record 97.49 lakh MT of paddy has been lifted through DO and TO so far. Verma informed that DO of 75.06 lakh MT of paddy has been issued. The millers have lifted 74.59 lakh MT of paddy from the procurement centers. Similarly, T.O. has been issued for the transportation of 23.09 lakh MT of paddy.

Against which 22.91 lakh MT of paddy has been lifted from the committees. This year a target has been set to deposit 61.65 lakh MT of Arva rice in pool.

It is worth mentioning that in the Kharif marketing year 2021-22, about 98 lakh MT of paddy has been purchased on support price from 21.77 lakh registered farmers.

Nearly Rs 20000 cr has been paid to the farmers under the bank linking system in lieu of paddy purchase. In comparison to last year, this year 1.24 lakh i.e. 6 per cent more farmers of the state sold their paddy on support price. This is the result of farmer-friendly policies and decisions of the state government.

DGP holds review meeting with IGs on law & order issues



Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 06: Director General of Police (DGP) Ashok Juneja on Wednesday presided over a meeting of Inspector General (IGs) of the Divisional Headquarters here. Irregular Financial Companies (Chit Fund), arrest of Directors, returning of money of Investors, NDPS crime case withdrawals, Crime against Women, Weekly

Off of Cops, training of the budding constable, Law & Order issues were taken up for discussion during the meeting. DGP Juneja issued essential directives to improve the working of the department. News Letter of Chhattisgarh Police was also released on the occasion. Apart from IGs of all the Range, the IG (Intelligence) and senior officials were present on the occasion.

Post covid follow up camp to be organized today

Raipur, Apr 06: On the occasion of World Health Day on April 7th, the Health Department will organize a post covid follow-up camp. The camp is organised at District Hospital Pandri from 9 am to 2 pm. Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr. Meera Baghel said that specialist doctors in the camp, including Stomach Specialist, Lung Specialist, Nose, Ear, Throat Specialist, Psychiatry, Heart Disease, Kidney Specialist will provide their services. Such persons who were admitted in ICU during Covid, or are suffering from any kind of problem after being Covid or have any other kind of problem, then they can take advantage of this camp. The camp will be completely free. He said that for more information, toll free number 104 can be contacted. In this regard, the mobile number +91-62646-66246, +91-87700-07612 can be contacted for registration.

CM offers prayers at Mahamaya Devi Mandir Ratanpur



Raipur, Apr 06:

On the auspicious occasion of 'Panchami' of Chaitra Navratri, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel

today offered prayers to Mahamaya Devi at Mahamaya Devi Mandir in Ratanpur—the famous pilgrimage center of Chhattisgarh. He prayed

■ Prays for happiness and prosperity of the people of the state

for the peace, prosperity and happiness of the people of the state. Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Ravindra Choubey also sought blessings of the Goddess. Siddha Shaktipeeth Shri Mahamaya Devi Temple Trust President Ashish Singh Thakur, Commissioner Dr. Sanjay Alung, District Collector Dr. Saransh Mittar, SP Parul Mathur along with a large number of visitors and devotees were present on the occasion.

Anusuiya Uikey calls on Punjab Governor



Raipur, Apr 06: Governor Ms. Anusuiya Uikey called on the Governor of Punjab, Mr. Banwari Lal Purohit, at Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh. Both the Governors greeted each other on Navratri and Ram Navami and wished good luck to the people of the country and the state. On this occasion, she shared her views on various

social, administrative, tribal community related topics and other contemporary issues. On this occasion, Governor Ms. Uikey presented a state symbol and a memento to the Governor of Punjab, Mr. Purohit. Chandigarh-Punjab Governor Mr. Purohit also presented a shawl and a memento to Governor Ms. Uikey.

YC launches 'Young India ke Bol' season-2

Raipur, Apr 06: With objective to give chance to smart, talented and aggressive young speakers in the organization, YC launched 'Young India ke Bol season-II' here on Wednesday. Last year the organization selected 27 spokespersons through this competition at national level and at that time two persons from Youth Congress of Chhattisgarh got a berth at national level. Addressing a press conference here at party's Rajiv Bhavan, YC national spokesman Subodh Haritwal, Young India ke Bol state in-Charge Shilpa Ekka, PCC general secretary Amarjeet Chawla, and PCC spokesman Vikas Tiwari launched the season-2.

Can fill form through Goggle National spokesman Subodh Haritwal informed that YC is providing opportunity to talent-



ed youths through Young India ke Bol from all over the country. Under this participants can fill application form through Goggle Form till May 31. From 1 June to 31 July, competitions will be held at Vidhan Sabha and district level and the persons selected from here will be called for state-level competition, expected to be held from 1 Aug to 31 Sept, 2022. The participants selected at this level will take part in the national level competition to be held from 30 Sept to Oct 2. PCC spokesman Vikas Tiwari said

that with such type of programme, the most capable of party worker from remote area even will get a chance to come forward and which is as per Rahul Gandhi's thinking. He expressed gratitude towards National President Srinivas and Krishna Allavaru and extended best wishes for this programme. With formal declaration of season -2, YC general secy Ashraf Hussain, spokesman Rahul Kar, Anshul Mishra, Namrata Soni, Aakash Yadu and other party workers were present.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Mayank scores century to help Ch'garh reach 363

CK Nayadu Cricket tournament

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 06: Mayank Verma scored century to help Chhattisgarh score 363 runs against Puducherry in the CK Nayadu Trophy Cricket tournament being organized under the aegis of BCCI at Rajkot Cricket Stadium.

Resuming the first innings from 286 runs for 7 wickets, the Chhattisgarh batters went on to score 363 runs. Mayank Verma scored 103 runs with the

help of 17 fours whereas Shubham Singh also scored a quick fire 87 runs with the help of 14 fours and 2 sixes.

At close of play on day two, Puducherry batters were struggling at 174 runs for 9 wickets. Gagandeep Singh was the most successful bowler for Chhattisgarh as he claimed maximum 4 wickets. Apart from him, Vishwas Mallick, Siddharth Agrawal, Ashish Pandey, Shubham Singh also claimed one wicket each for the team.

Ch'garh participants excel in National Shooting trials

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 06: Several participants from Chhattisgarh have excelled in the National Squad Selection trials 1 and 2 for Shooting team held recently at Bhopal. Final Squad would be drafted after the next round of trials to be held in New Delhi.

According to the press release issued by Chhattisgarh Pradesh Rifle Association (CPRA), budding talent Sunishka Kumar, Alisha Prentka, Isha Anjum, Kushi Saxena, A Pragayashree, Kushi Chaudhary, Prajshree Somani, Advika Nitin Sahay, A Lashya,



Huma Yunus, Shakti Chandra, Komal Shrivastava have been participating in the 10 Metre Air Rifle event whereas Shivam

Chaudhary, Manas Kannanuje, Ayush Dixit, Krishna Kashyap, Kushagra Devsingh Parihar, Manvendra

Anurag Sharma, Anjal Gagan Jhawar, Kartik Singhdeo have been participating in the trials of 10 Meter Air Rifle.

Similarly, Shashank Masih in 10 Meter Air Pistol for Men has also attended both the trails whereas Sadiya Yunus, Shruti Yadav, Sneha, Priyraj Singh, Vanshika Kamde and Harshlata have been in Women's category. In the 50 Meter Prone for Men, Sarash Samuel and Harman Singh Shando in 25 Meter Sports Pistol have qualified in Junior category.

Office-bearers stated that final round of trials would be held in New Delhi from April 7.

Office bearers of CCCI met CM Bhupesh Baghel



Raipur, Apr 06: President of Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Mr. Amar Parwani along with other office bearers met Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at his residence office here. Chamber made a presentation of the Wholesale Corridor concept before the Chief

Minister. Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries Secretary General Ajay Bhasin, Treasurer Uttam Golchha, Project Manager Manish Pillawar, Working Presidents, Rajendra Jaggi, Manmohan Agrawal and Ram Mandhya were present on the occasion.

CM writes letter to Chairman Rly Board to continue operation of train

For passengers facing difficulties due to the cancellation of local trains passing through Ch'garh

■ Letter mentions the problems being faced by the people of Ch'garh
 ■ Additional CS of Ch'garh Govt requested the Chairman of Railway Board to continue the operation of local trains

Raipur, Apr 06:

On the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Additional Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh Government has written a letter to Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Railway Board, New Delhi to continue the operation of local trains passing through Chhattisgarh.

Through a letter to the Chairman of the Railway Board, the Additional Chief Secretary drew attention to the problems being faced by the people of Chhattisgarh due to the cancellation of 8 local trains operation passing through Chhattisgarh and he has requested to continue the operation of the trains.

Additional Chief Secretary Subrata Sahoo has written in a letter to the Chairman of the Railway Board that according to the order issued by the Principal Chief Operating Manager, South-East Central Railway, Bilaspur on 31 March 2022, the operation



of 10 local trains has been stopped for one month. Out of these, 8 trains were running daily in Chhattisgarh. No alternative arrangement has been made before the cancellation of these trains. The Additional Chief Secretary has written in the letter that during the

time of Chaitra Navratri, a large number of devotees from across the country and the state visits the temples and shrines of the Mother Goddess and the rail route is the easiest way to reach these places. In situation of cancellation of 8 such trains in Chhattisgarh, devotees and people are not being able to reach their destination.

He has written in the letter that middle and lower class passengers in the state travel through these such 8 trains to reach their destination daily. Due to the cancellation of these local trains, people involved in daily business, people em-

ployed in government and semi-government services, and school and college students are facing inconvenience. Stopping the operation of trains will impact adversely the journeys made during the summer vacations.

Keeping in view all the above conditions, the Additional Chief Secretary in a letter to the Chairman of the Railway Board has requested to cancel the order of Principal Chief Operating Manager, South-East Central Railway, Bilaspur issued on March 31, 2022, and restore the operation of trains with immediate effect.

ACTION AGAINST VEHICLES



Traffic police lifted a car illegally parked and brought it to Purani Basti Thana here on Wednesday.

Secretary Tourism and Culture took stock of the preparations



Raipur, Apr 06: The Ram Van Gaman Circuit Project has been prepared by the Government of Chhattisgarh to organise and develop the places of historical, archaeological and religious importance related to Ram Van Gaman Path from the point of view of tourism. Under this, in the first phase, 75 places are being identified and 9 major sites are being developed. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will

inaugurate various works constructed under Ram Van Gaman Circuit during Shivrinarayan's stay in Janjgir district on April 10th. Under the Ram Van Gaman circuit, the Secretary of Culture Department, Anbalagan P. took stock of the various development works under construction in Shivrinarayan. In this regard, he took a meeting of the District Collector and officials of various departments

related to construction works and instructed to complete the under construction works soon. Anbalagan gave necessary instructions regarding preparing the outline of the state level Manas singing competition of Ramayana troupes in Shivrinarayan. Mahant Ram Sundar Das presided over the meeting. Regarding the preparations for the program, he said that for this state level competi-

■ Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit inauguration in Shivrinarayan on April 10th

tion, eminent artists of the country and the state will also participate. On this occasion, better arrangements should be made for meetings, pandals, drinking water, parking etc. at the venue. In the meeting, Collector Janjgir-Champa, Jitendra Kumar Shukla, SP Janjgir, Abhishek Pallav, Managing Director of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board Anil Kumar Sahu, Director Culture and Archeology, Vivek Acharya, Nodal Officer of Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit Mrs. Anuradha Dubey and officials and public representatives. was present.

Financial assistance worth 136 cr disbursed

To Natural Disaster victims from the SDRF

Raipur, Apr 06:

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Disaster Response Fund was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan today. Under the Revenue Book Circular, financial grant assistance, assistance for crop damage due to unseasonal rain and hailstorm, supply assistance for Covid-19, State Disaster Mitigation Fund and other topics were discussed in detail in the meeting. Principal Secretary Health Department Dr. Maninder Kaur Dwivedi and Revenue Secretary Mr. Neelam Namdev Ekka were present in this meeting organized through video conferencing. The Chief Secretary di-

rected the officers of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department to provide the report of the Disaster Response Fund to the National Disaster Management Authority and the members of the State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) on time. He said that for the action plan of the State Disaster Fund, instructions have been given to hold adequate consultations with the Health Department, Public Health Engineering, Urban Administration and District Collectors. In the meeting, the officials of Revenue and Disaster Management Department informed that under the Revenue Book Circular 6-4, financial grant assistance of Rs 96 crore 66 lakh 24 thousand

was issued in the financial year 2020-21 and Rs 136 crore 10 lakh 67 thousand in the year 2021-22 were issued to different districts. 18 crore 42 lakh 68 thousand rupees were disbursed for crop damage due to unseasonal rain hail, Two lakh 70 thousand has been issued for P.O.L. of vehicles in case of any motor vehicle and disaster, and Rs 76 crore have been issued for the rescue work from Novel Corona virus Covid-19 and an amount of Rs 102 crore 89 lakh 50 thousand has been released as grants-in-aid to the dependents of people who passed away due to Corona. In the meeting, the officials informed that the GoI, Ministry of Home Affairs, National Disaster Management Authority, New Delhi, has developed Emergency Response

Support System (ERS) through C-DAC Trivandrum, which will be implemented in the state to deal with disasters and provide assistance to the public. (E.R.S) will be operationalized soon, in which a toll free number 112 will be set up at the state level to resolve emergency cases of fire accident, emergency medical aid, search and rescue, disaster management and police assistance. For its operation, a control room will be set up at the Deputy Commissioner's Land Records Office, Gandhi Chowk, Raipur. Special Secretary of Revenue Department Janak Pathak, Special Secretary of Finance Department Sheetal Shaswat Verma and other officers of Revenue Department were present in the meeting.

Van Karamchari Sangh continue strike

In support of their 12-point demand for 16th day



Jagdalpur, Apr 06:

In support of their 12-point demand, the forest employees are on indefinite strike and in support of their strike the officers from this forest circle too went on strike and with this all the Forest Rangers in Bastar district have closed down all the work. The protestors in the office of Van Karamchari

Sangh in Jagdalpur raised slogans in protest and continued their strike for the 16th day today. It was on call by Rajya Van Karamchari Sangh that the officers from all Forest circles are on strike all over the state.

The officers and employees sitting on strike informed that talks are underway in support of 12-point demands, but it has

literally fallen into deaf ears of senior officers sitting in capital city. In such conditions, there are around 412 employees of 20 forest circles of Bastar district have left the safety and security of forest in God's hand. During such strike, the forest mafia becomes active and smuggling of wildlife and other animals and forest produce is being openly done.

On the other hand Van Parikshetra and regional V-P said that till their 12-point demands are not fulfilled their indefinite strike will continue and entire responsibility of loss to forest reserve and animals will be purely that of the state government. Van Karamchari Sangh employees feel that the department should fulfill their demands and failing which they will have to bear in terms of unwanted loss of forest reserves and wildlife.

Mantralaya employees hold public meeting for DA, HRA hike

■ To hold series of demonstration from Wednesday onwards

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 06: Chhattisgarh Mantralaya Karamchari Sangh (CMKS) on Tuesday held public meeting to chalk out strategy for creating pressure on state government to provide them Dearness Allowance (DA) and House Rent Allowance (HRA) on line with the central government employees.

Mantralaya employees would wear black arm band during the working hours from April 6 to 8 to divert the attention of administration towards their de-

mand. They have also mulled Leave-en-masse on April 13 in support to their two-point demands. Decision has also been taken to hold demonstration on April 11 and 13 in case of any positive development in support to their demand.

Mantralaya Sangh office-bearers Mahendra Singh Rajput, Vice President Heerachand Baghel, Secretary Kirti Suryavanshi and others were present during the public meeting here. Speaking on the occasion, the Office-bearers claimed that their DA is pending since January 2020 whereas no increase in HRA is being made since the year 2016. They added that the state government should provide them justice by accepting their demands.

Students of IIT Bhilai selected for prestigious DST Inspire Fellowship

Raipur, Apr 06:

Ms. Taramati and Ms. Nikky Chandrakar, PhD scholars from the Department of Physics have been selected for the prestigious DST INSPIRE Fellowship for their doctoral study at IIT Bhilai. This fellowship is for a period of 5 years along with contingency and travel grants for attending national and international conferences.

"Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research" (INSPIRE) is an innovative programme sponsored and managed by the Department of Science & Technology for attracting talent into the field of science. The basic objective of INSPIRE is to communicate to the youth of the country the passion for scientific pursuit from an early age and thus build the required critical



human resource pool for strengthening and expanding the domains of science & technology and a strong R&D base. A striking feature of the programme is that it does not simply believe in conducting competitive exams for identification of talent at any level; instead, it relies on the efficacy of current learning methods and the existing educational structure for the identification of talent. Ms. Taramati will

pursue her thesis work on dark matter under the purview of particle physics, cosmology, and astrophysics under the supervision of Dr. Sudhanwa Patra, Asst. Prof, Department of Physics, IIT Bhilai. Ms. Nikky Chandrakar will develop novel transparent electrodes for perovskite solar cells as part of her PhD thesis under Dr. Dhriti Sundar Ghosh, HoD, Department of Physics, IIT Bhilai.

'Birsas Munda-Tribal Pride' unique book of its kind: V-C

Bilaspur, Apr 06:

■ CU Vice Chancellor Professor Chakrawal edited the book

The book 'Birsas Munda - Tribal Pride' edited by Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University), was released by the Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday Union Minister of State for Education Annapurna Devi was also present on this occasion.

On the occasion of the book launch, Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan said that the symbol of tribal pride, struggle and identity, Birsas Munda is known and recognized as Lord Birsas Munda. This book

will showcase to the youth his indomitable courage and devotion to the nation. The country celebrates the birth anniversary of Lord Birsas Munda as National Tribal Pride Day.

Minister of State for Education, Annapurna Devi said that the book is a true tribute to tribal freedom fighter, Lord Birsas Munda on the year Amrit Mahotsav of Independence. She said that this book would prove helpful to the young minds in setting their ideals. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of the



University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal said that in order to understand India, Indianness and its tribal society, we need to know the life of Lord Birsas Munda ji. The life of great freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsas Munda gives a message of valor and high ideal and moral values. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakrawal said that Lord

Birsas Munda, known as 'Dharti Aba', not only raised his voice to protect the interests of the farmers but also forced the British to accept his views. The legacy that Bhagwan Birsas Munda has left us is an epitome of struggle and courage, instilling in the youth the spirit of harmony with high ideals, moral values and social con-

cerns. Keeping in view the little literature available related to the personality and work of Lord Birsas Munda, on the occasion of his 146th birth anniversary, the Vice Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal had assured that soon we would discuss the subject related to tribal revolutionaries like Lord Birsas Munda and would publish a research-oriented book.

After research, 30 different articles were compiled in the book and the overall form of the book was given. The present book is also a flower of reverence dedicated to the freedom fighter in his virtuous memory.

Heart touching and commendable message

■ By the Students of DAVPS, Bachel

Bachel, Apr 06:

On 3rd of April 2022, an awareness message was conveyed to the people through songs and plays in the market by the children of DAV Public School Bachel. The state of mind of a bird has been brought to the forefront by presenting a child as a small bird. In this play, a small bird is shown wandering and agonizing for water in the heat, which falls unconscious and the people around sees the pathetic condition of the poor bird and helps it by giving it water. After quenching it's



thirst the baby bird shows gratitude by fluttering it's wings. The awareness message given by the children was really appreciated by the people gathered in the street. Through their message, the students conveyed that water is necessary for every human being, animal and plants. With the able guidance of the Principal- Dr. Chetna Sharma, the in-charge teachers Mrs

Pushpa Sahu and Omisha Sahu along with the blooming buds of DAVPS, Bachel could connect with the public and towards the end the children gave the message that during summer near their own homes one must make such facilities available that these innocent and beautiful creations of the supreme power may not wander here and there for water and grains.

Passengers forced to travel hesitantly

As road construction work going on a slow pace

Central Chronicle News

Anwari, Apr 06: Passengers are forced to travel hesitantly as road construction work is going on a slow pace in a stretch of about 34 kms from Kalle to Aamdi being done by ADB Projects. As the road is under construction for 2 years, both nearby residents and passerby's are facing trouble, as huge cloud of dust and powdery extracts enter the houses and affects their day to day life.



According to information, gross negligence is being done in the construction of the road, even when the diversion board is not coming up appropriately leading to slow work and poor construction both. Vehicles plying on the roads are bound to

travel in hiccups followed by a cloud of dust engulfing the surroundings. At many places, potholes on the road remain a problem for passenger vehicles.

Be it pedestrian bridge diversion or in many other joints of the road, it becomes difficult to take two wheelers to cross from

the front near an under-construction culvert. There are many places where it is impossible to say when the vehicle will crash due to a slight mistake by the driver.

Along with this, the villagers informed that due to the construction of this road, the Naljal scheme

has also been closed for two years, due to which they have to wander for water. Due to the rising heat, water scarcity is hitting the region, but the ongoing construction of the road has led to a situation of both water scarcity and pollution levels going high.

Memorandum submitted to SDM

Over irregularities in hostel construction

Central Chronicle News

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Apr 06: A Memorandum was handed over to SDM Marwahi by District Panchayat Member Shubham Pendro over irregularities in tribal hostel building construction work.

According to resources Tribal hostel is being constructed in village Kumhari of Marwahi Vidhan Sabha, where electric wires and poles are installed and work is being done by the work agency and engineer without removing the electric poles, inviting accidents.

District Panchayat member Shubham Pendro took cognizance and complained to the sub-divisional officer Marwahi



saying that with the cognizance of the work agency and the engineer, the construction is being done by risking the lives of the villagers of the tribal area. The existence of pillars is to invite fatal accidents, he said.

Shubham Pendra also said that the poor laborers may have to bear the brunt of their negligence if the department does not take

cognizance of the matter soon. However, Zilla Panchayat member though has demanded action, but how much it affects the department and the administrative staff, it is a matter of tough. But everyone is compelled to think that where are such engineers coming from, who do not even have the knowledge of safety and rules in construction



works and under whose guidance do such people grow up.

Violation of order issued for promotion of teachers

Central Chronicle News

Konta, Apr 06: Teachers who were on Assistant Teacher LB post were promoted by the School Education Department in Sukma district. In the promotion given with terms and conditions, promotion order was issued for total 29 employees of assistant teacher LB of Konta block, in which 26 employees took their promotion.



Mrs Swati Lakra got promotion even after judicial proceedings pending against her.



A copy of the court order against Mrs Swati Lakra.

They have been relieved by the Block Education Officer of Konta Block. At the same time, a teacher has been promoted, bypassing an important condition issued by Joint Director Bastar.

That rule and condition is that the teachers facing judicial or departmental inquiry and under suspen-

sion, such teachers need to be kept out of promotion list. But Mrs Swati Lakra, a teacher posted in Primary School, Etegetta, is still entangled in the court case and was given the benefit of promotion and also relieved for her new place.

There is still a court case on the teacher
Mrs Swati Lakra, posted Assistant Teacher LB post, is relieved and posted in secondary school, Mundipara block, Sukma. There is still a court case against the teacher.

Glorious achievements of the government in various fields: Mayor

Including education and health

Central Chronicle News

Korba, Apr 05: Mayor Rajkishore Prasad here said that the Government of Chhattisgarh has achieved glorious achievements by doing better in various areas of development including education, health, employment, infrastructural development, poor farmers and labour interests.

He also said that Revenue Minister Jaisingh Agrawal has decided to upgrade and renovate all the schools located under Municipal Corporation Korba area.

The Mayor was speaking the same during the



bicycle distribution program organized at Balgi Higher Secondary School under the Saraswati Cycle Scheme, a program to provide bicycles to female

students. He further said that with the special efforts of Revenue Minister Shri Jaisingh Agrawal, Balgi High School has been up-

graded as a Higher Secondary School, for which I congratulate all. On the occasion, the principal of the school demanded construction of

school building and boundary wall, on which Mayor Shri Prasad said that he will present this issue before the state government and every effort will be made to construct the building and boundary wall as soon as possible.

During the program President Shyamsunder Soni, Mayor in Council Member Mastul Singh Kanwar, Principal Mrs. Lalita Sahu, Vinod Agrawal, Lecturer Sanjay Rathore, Mrs. Neelima Deen, Renuka Sahu, Sheikh Altab, Sarfudin Alam, Mrs. Meena Karsh, Madhu Rathore, Sarita Pawar, Mrs. Khairwar and others were present.

Felicitation ceremony in DAV School Sarbahara

**Central Chronicle News**

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Apr 06: Felicitation Ceremony & Award Distribution Program was organized in DAV School Sarbahara for the meritorious students at the end of the Academic Session: 2021-22. Merit Certificates, Prizes & Medals were distributed to the students by respected Senior Citizens of the town. These certificates were distributed under the four categories, class wise Top Five Rankers having more than 90 % marks, class wise students with best attendance, best discipline & best anecdotal record, Gold, Silver & Bronze medal winners in Olympiads and best performers in Sports & Co-curricular Activities. In presence of the huge gathering, senior citizens Mohd. Hasan, Mathura Soni, H.N. Soni, Nirmal Arthour & Head of Block Youth Congress Committee. Amol Pathak were honored with bouquet and memento by Principal Kamal Nayan Mishra. All the distinguished guests, parents and school staff gave their best wishes to the meritorious students for their bright career and happy life. DAV School Sarbahara as the best CBSE School in GPM district ensures Career based Education to the children of Gaurella and Pendra region. The school has facilitated the students to make good career in Medical, Engineering, Law, Commerce & Management.

Dongargarh, Apr 06: Scout Guides Honor Ceremony was organized by the Scout family at the local Marwari Dharamsala, here and the program was presided over by MLA Mahasamund Vinod Sevanlal Chandrakar, Chief Commissioner of State and Parliamentary Secretary to the

Government of Chhattisgarh. State President of Indian Scout Guide Fellowship Suresh Shukla and Secretary of State Scout Guide Kailash Soni were the special guests at the function.

On this occasion, 15 Scout Guides of Dongargarh Vikaskhand were also given certificates of Governor's Award. Addressing the program as the chief

guest, said that this organization is working in more than 200 countries of the world, whose value objective is human service, patriotism and personality development.

Addressing the program on this occasion, State Chief Commissioner Vinod Chandrakar, while congratulating all the members of the program, said that the service rendered by Dongargarh

Scout for the last 35 years is exemplary. Secretary of State Kailash Soni while informing about the examinations of more than 200 children selected for the President's Award to be held in the state from April 5, said that it has been closed for the last 6 years and special efforts were made by the Chief Commissioner to start it.

Welcome speech was given by Manoj Agarwal, a former Scout student and presently a member of Scout Guide Fellowship and gave information about the activities of the organization. 15 Scouts Guides of Vikaskhand including Shailesh Verma Piparkhar Kala Abhishek Tiwari Bhandarpur Ranu Temburkar Karan Meshram Hemant Ambade Anurag Sangode Kumari Damini Pillai Raju Temekar Ramesh Lilhare Bortalav Monika Mandavar Bortalav Bortalav Kamrat were honoured and felicitated.

Message of cleanliness through street play

By the shining stars of DAV Public School Bachel

**Central Chronicle News**

Bachel, Apr 06: National Cadet Corps has started "PuneetSagarAbhiyan" under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, under which programs on cleanliness and environmental protection are being conducted across the country. NCC of DAVP School,

Bachel in the town staged a Street play to create awareness about the ill-effects of the use of plastic. In their presentation, the students told how dangerous plastic is for our environment as well as its use also poses a risk of serious diseases.

The performance was highly appreciated by the

audience and encouraged the students. The inspiration and guidance for this program was given by Dr. Chetna Sharma, Principal of the school.

The program in-charges -Mrs. Jolly Thomas and Mrs. Kavita Das, were able to convey the message to the public within a short span of time.

IGNTU admissions through CUET 2022

Central Chronicle News

Amarkantak, Apr 06: Admission to the undergraduate courses of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University for the academic session 2022-23 will be through Common University Entrance Test (CUET)2022. For this purpose, CUET2022 is being organized by National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission in all Central Universities of the country including Tribal Universities.

For this eligible students will have to apply online which is NTA. is available on the official website. The application process is starting from 6th April, 2022. The last date for online submission of application form is May 6, 2022. It

is believed that the exam will be conducted in the form of multiple choice questions in 13 languages along with Hindi and English. This entrance exam is NTA. It will be completed between the first and second week of July. For this, the first phase will be of 195 minutes and the second phase will be of 225 minutes. For more information, students can contact NTA. Must visit the official website of www.nta.ac.in. Now for new session at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Psychology, Biotechnology, Botany, Business Management, Chemistry, Commerce, Computer Science, Economics,

Education, English and Foreign Language, Environmental Science, Geography and Regional Development, Geology, Hindi, History, Journalism and Mass Communication, Linguistics and Study of Tribal Languages, Mathematics, Museology, Pharmacy, Philosophy, Physics, Politics and Human Rights, Sanskrit, Social Work, Sociology and Social Anthropology, Statistics Admission to the 4-year integrated undergraduate course of study in subjects like Tourism Management, Tribal Studies, Art, Culture and Folk Literature, Vocational Education, Yoga and Zoology will be through Common University Entrance Test 2022.

CHANGE OF NAME	AFFIDAVIT	AFFIDAVIT	NAME CHANGE
<p>IT IS INFORMED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT I SANJAY KUMAR MODAK AND SANJAY SHRIDHAR MODAK S/O SHRIDHAR YVANKATESH MODAK RESIDENT OF D-01, PARIJAT COLONY, AMERI ROAD, NEHRU NAGAR BILASPUR C.G. 495001 HAVE CHANGED MY OLD NAME SANJAY KUMAR MODAK AND SANJAY SHRIDHAR MODAK S/O SHRIDHAR YVANKATESH MODAK, SO IN FUTURE I SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY MY NEW NAME SANJAY MODAK S/O SHRIDHAR YVANKATESH MODAK IN ALL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.</p> <p>SANJAY MODAK D-01, PARIJAT COLONY, AMERI ROAD, NEHRU NAGAR BILASPUR C.G. 495001</p>	<p>I Mrs. Shashisharda Kujur, W/o Rishan Ram, age-34 yrs, caste Uraon, Gram Khutgaon, Post Khutgaon, Thana and Tehsil Farasabaha, District Jashpur (C.G.) do hereby make the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the Deponent is the domicile of the address mentioned above. That the husband of the Deponent, Mr. Rishan Ram, S/o Govardhan Ram, is working in the post of 'Nayak' in headquarter company, Unit-4, R-R C/O 56 APO. That the name of the Deponent W/o Rishan Ram in all the documents of service has been wrongly registered as Sashisard, date of birth- 15/08/1986, whereas the correct name in the Aadhar Card No. 203688033967 is Shashisharda Kujur and date of birth is 19/08/1987. That the name of Deponent W/o Rishan Ram, in all government documents as Sashisarda, D.O.B. 15/08/1986 should be deleted and replaced with the correct name Shashisharda Kujur as mentioned in the Aadhar card No. 203688033967 and date of birth as 19/08/1987 and she should be known and identified with the new name. That the deponent is submitting this affidavit in support of the same with complete awareness. <p>CERTIFY I Shashisharda Kujur, W/o Shri Rishan Ram, age-34, caste Uraon, Gram Khutgaon, Post Khutgaon, Thana and Tehsil Jashpur, (C.G) to hereby certify that the statements made from SI. No. 1-5 are true to the best of my knowledge and I do stand by it.</p> <p>Deponent</p>	<p>I Rishan Ram, S/o Govardhan, age-41, Caste Uraon, Gram Khutgaon, Post Khutgaon, Thana and Tehsil Farasabaha, District Jashpur (C.G.) do hereby make the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the Deponent is domicile of the address mentioned above. That the Deponent is working in the post of 'Nayak' in Headquarter Company Unit 4 R-R C/O 56 APO. That the name of my son Swarggan Nikunj has been wrongly registered in all the government documents, whereas the correct name is Swarggan Kujur. That the name of Deponent Swarggan Kujur, which has been wrongly registered as Swarggan Nikunj in all the government documents should be deleted and it should be replaced with Swarggan Kujur, S/o Rishan Ram. <p>This is to certify that the statement made above from SI. No. 1-4 are true to the best of my knowledge and I am submitting this affidavit in support of it.</p> <p>CERTIFY I Rishan Ram, S/o Govardhan Ram, age-41, caste Uraon, Gram Khutgaon, Post Khutgaon, Thana and Tehsil Farasabaha, District Jashpur (C.G.), do hereby certify that the information given from SI. No. 1-4 is true and correct.</p> <p>Deponent</p>	<p>My wife's name is Smt. Hansi Singh which is wrongly spelled as Smt. Hanshi Singh in my service records which should be corrected. - No. G/84994P Sheetal Singh, Village & Post- Gangikot, Tehsil- Surajpur, District- Surajpur (CG) PIN-497226.</p>

BRIEF

Arrested

Faridabad: A 50-year-old registry clerk was killed allegedly by his second wife and daughter after a tiff over daily expenses. Police have nabbed three persons, including the victim's second wife. According to police, the deceased, identified as Rajender, worked as registry clerk at Sector 12 tehsil in Faridabad. The suspects were identified as Bala (48), the victim's second wife, their daughter Suman (30) and Bala's nephew Krishna (35).

Violations

Pune: The office of the Inspector General of Registration (IGR) has indicted 44 personnel for allegedly carrying out registration of over 10,000 properties violating the provisions of the Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority (MahaRERA) came into force to bring about transparency and safeguard buyers' interests in sale of apartments, building, flats and plots etc.

Loot

Thane: A Mumbai-based jeweller was looted of gold and cash totalling Rs 97 lakh in Titwala in Thane district, a police official said. Victim Rakesh Jain of Lalbaug in the metropolis had come to deliver gold to some clients here and his bag was stolen when he stopped his car to check the vehicle's tyres, he said.

Fake

Mumbai: Maharashtra's Goods and Services Tax (GST) department has arrested a 42-year-old man in connection with alleged bogus bills of Rs 2,215 crore. Nandkishor Sharma was arrested on Monday as part of a probe into nine companies over bogus bills. It was found during the investigation that Sharma was running 26 bogus firms, including the nine under probe.

Entered

Kolkata: The BSF said it has handed over a Bangladeshi national, who had entered India illegally, to the border guarding force of the neighbouring country without taking any action. It was found during interrogation that the 20-year old Bangladeshi inadvertently crossed the international border near Petrolgadh in Malda district. Therefore, that person has been handed over to the Border Guard Bangladesh on humanitarian grounds.

Bribery

Shahdol: The Economic Offence Wing (EOW) of Madhya Pradesh police held a deputy registrar of the Registration and Stamps Department and one more person in Shahdol district for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 1 lakh. Deputy Registrar Jai Singh Sikarwar and another employee Diwakar Dwivedi were held while accepting a bribe of Rs one lakh in exchange for handing over 100 land registration documents.

Centre seeks clarifications on Lingaraj Temple Ordinance

Lingaraj Temple in Odisha.



Bhubaneswar, Apr 06 (PTI): The Centre has sought clarifications on certain clauses of the Odisha government's Shri Lingaraj Temple Ordinance as it feels the proposed law is outside the competence of the state legislature as it could conflict with the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (AMASR Act). As the ordinance covers 12 Centrally-protected monuments, including the Shri Lingaraj Temple and three ancient tanks, the Centre is of the

opinion that it is outside the legislative competence of the state legislature and could lead to conflict with the AMASR Act, a letter shared with the media had read. The Raj Bhavan received a letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs on March 23 which was forwarded to chief secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra on March 31. The ordinance was passed in the state Cabinet in December 2020 to bring the Lingaraj Temple and its eight associated shrines in Bhubaneswar under a separate law. Currently, the Lingaraj Temple is governed by the Odisha Hindu Religious Endowment Act, 1951, which is a common legislation for most shrines. The temples and tanks, seeking to be covered under the ordinance, are centrally protected monuments.

Congress launches 'Azadi Gaurav' foot march

Aims to highlight party's role in country's development

Ahmedabad, Apr 06 (PTI):

The opposition Congress on Wednesday launched the Azadi Gaurav Yatra from the Gandhi Ashram here in Gujarat to commemorate 75 years of Independence and showcase the role played by the party in the freedom struggle and the country's development post-1947, a kick-off of sorts to the Gujarat election campaign.

A Congress leader said that party president Sonia Gandhi and MP Rahul Gandhi have decided to organise the yatra "to remind our new generations about the sacrifices made by our leaders in achieving freedom from the British Raj". The yatra will pass



Supporters of Congress party during the Azadi Gaurav Yatra in Ahmedabad, Wednesday.

through four states before reaching the final destination Raj Ghat in Delhi on June 1. The 1,200-km foot march will cover five districts in Gujarat in the next ten days, Congress leaders said on the occasion. Hundreds of Congress Seva Dal members attended a prayer meet organised at the Hriday Kunj in the

Ashram on Wednesday before embarking on the padayatra while holding the party's flag in their hands. Mahatma Gandhi had driven all the major activities of Independence as well as upliftment of the society from the Ashram, popularly known as Sabarmati Ashram. He had stayed in this ashram for many

Order reserved on anticipatory bail plea by SpiceJet promoter

In fraud case

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday said that it will pronounce order on April 7 on the anticipatory bail plea by SpiceJet promoter Ajay Singh in a case of an alleged fraud related to the transfer of shares of the airline to certain individuals.

Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta reserved order on the pre-arrest bail application after hearing the counsel appearing for Singh, the complainant as well as Delhi Police, and said it has to be seen "whether criminal intent is made out or not". "We reserve the order for tomorrow," said the judge.



SpiceJet promoter Ajay Singh

The trial court had rejected Singh's anticipatory bail application last month, stating that it did not find sufficient grounds to grant relief to him in view of the overall facts and circumstances of the case and the gravity of offence. Senior advocate Sidharth Luthra, appearing for Singh, argued be-

fore the high court that there was no need for the SpiceJet promoter's custodial interrogation and he was not going to abscond and he was cooperating with the investigation.

He stated that Singh even returned the sum of Rs 10 lakh which was given to him by the complainant for the transfer of shares after the same could not materialise on account of a separate pending dispute before an arbitral tribunal and that he was willing to "secure and set aside separately" the number of shares in question in the investigation.

"We will keep 10 lakh shares and not alienate them or create third party rights," Luthra said.

Meghalaya Govt to meet Shillong's Punjabi Lane residents

On relocation plans

Shillong, Apr 06 (PTI):

Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong has said the state government will hold a meeting with residents of Punjabi Lane here, which hit the headlines following group clashes in 2018, to discuss the proposed relocation of illegal settlers of the locality.

The move has been initiated after the Meghalaya High Court had recently asked the government and Harijan Panchayat Committee (HPC), an organisation working for welfare of the residents of the area, to settle the matter. In all likelihood, we will meet with residents of Punjabi Lane and Harijan Panchayat Committee members next week to discuss the matter of their re-



Punjabi Lane in Shillong.

location, Tynsong said. The state government had in October last year taken over the land of Punjabi Lane locality and decided that illegal settlers would be relocated from there. The decision was taken based on a recom-

mendation by a high-level committee (HLC) headed by Tynsong.

However, the Harijan Panchayat Committee had rejected the HLC's recommendation submitted to the state government for relocating the people from

DEVI LAL REMEMBERED



Haryana Former CM Om Prakash Chautala pays homage to the late Devi Lal, former Deputy Prime Minister, on his death anniversary at Sangharsh Sthal, Raj Ghat in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Karnataka HomeMin retracts statement about youth's killing

Bengaluru, Apr 06 (PTI):

Stoking a controversy, Karnataka Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Wednesday claimed that the recent murder of a 22-year-old youth here was because he did not know Urdu, but subsequently retracted it by stating that the incident was actually over road rage.

His statement evoked sharp reaction from opposition parties. "I have gathered information regarding Chandru's murder. He was asked to speak in Urdu, he didn't know, when he said he didn't know any language other than Kannada, they killed him by stabbing him repeatedly," Jnanendra said.

Noting that the victim was a Dalit youth and has been killed in an inhuman



Araga Jnanendra

manner, he said police have already arrested a few persons in connection with the case and further investigation is on. However, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant said the killing was over road rage. "On the midnight of April 4 at around 2:30 am, Simon Raj and Chandru, both friends, had gone to an eatery at Hosangaddahalli, and as the shop was closed they

were returning. While returning on their bike, they collided with another bike, being ridden by one Shahid," he said.

This led to a quarrel. "During the fight, Shahid along with two friends (who joined him) stabbed Chandru on his right thigh and the assailants fled from the spot. Chandru was shifted to Victoria hospital, where he succumbed to his injury. All the three accused are arrested", Pant said. Later retracting his statement, Jnanendra said it was source-based information, which was "wrong." "I have just got the detailed report.... I had said it (murder) was due to a language issue, but it is not right....he had died because of stabbing, following bike collision incident," the Minister said.

CPI(M) meet begins with call to unity of secular forces

Kannur, Apr 06 (PTI):

The 23rd CPI(M) party congress kick-started here on Wednesday with the party General Secretary Sitaram Yechury calling for all secular democratic forces to come together to fight against the BJP.

Inaugurating the conference, Yechury also stressed on the importance of Left parties working together to meet the current challenges faced by the working class.

"In the present context, the working together of the Left parties to strengthen Left unity is of vital importance to meet the current challenges being faced by the working people, the secular democratic republic of India and its Constitutional order," Yechury said.

"The CPI(M) appeals to



CPI(M) left ally, CPI's general secretary D Raja speaking at CPI(M)'s meet in Kannur on Wednesday.

all Left, secular democratic forces to come together in order to isolate and defeat the BJP," he said, adding that all political parties that proclaim secularism must rise to the occasion to discharge this patriotic duty.

He also urged the Congress and other re-

gional parties to "set their houses in order" and decide on where they stand to safeguard the secular, democratic character of the Indian republic.

"Prevarications and compromising attitudes can only lead, as experience has shown, to an exodus from such parties to-

wards the communal forces. Hindutva communalism can only be combated by championing uncompromising secularism," the senior left leader said.

Welcoming the delegates and other party leaders, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said bewildered by the popular support of the Left government seen in the 2021 Assembly elections, the opponents, including sangh parivar are resorting to 'mindless violence'.

"The BJP, which ran a high voltage campaign in the State, could not win a single seat and it lost its lone sitting seat in the last Assembly election. The vote share of the BJP came down from 15.01 per cent in 2016 to 12.47 per cent in 2021," Vijayan claimed.

Terrestrial mobile mapping, street view survey only by Indian entities

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

The terrestrial mobile mapping survey, street view survey and surveying in Indian territorial waters shall be permitted only for Indian entities irrespective of accuracy, Union Minister for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh said in Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

The minister said these were part of the Guidelines for acquiring and producing Geospatial Data and Geospatial Data Services including Maps issued by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) on February 15, 2021.

He said the guidelines envisages that Indian entities, whether in government or outside, will be free to acquire, collect, generate, prepare, disseminate, store, share, publish, distribute, update, digitize and or create geospatial data,



A mapping survey vehicle.

including maps of any spatial accuracy within the territory of India including underwater within its territorial waters by using any geospatial technology, subject to regulations on attributes in the negative lists.

Terrestrial mobile mapping survey, street view survey and surveying in Indian territorial waters shall be permitted only for Indian entities irrespective of accuracy, he said during Question Hour.

BRIEF

Teple

Washington: A grand temple dedicated to Sai Balaji along with a cultural centre and a gigantic 30-foot statue of Hanuman is fast coming up in a New Jersey city at an estimated cost of more than USD 30 million.

Trial

New York: A jury began deliberations at a US trial stemming from an audacious scheme involving former Goldman Sachs bankers to ransack a Malaysian state investment fund known as 1MBD.

Kidnap

New Orleans: Unidentified armed men have kidnapped an 83-year-old nun who was serving as a missionary in the west African nation of Burkina Faso.

Used

Jerusalem: Digital-rights researchers have concluded that the mobile phones of four Jordanian human rights activists were hacked over a two-year period with software made by the Israeli spyware company NSO Group.

Sentences

Tel Aviv: The United Arab Emirates has sentenced an Israeli woman to death for cocaine possession, Israeli media reported, in a major test of new relations between the Mideast countries.

Russia's failure to take down Kyiv considered defeat

Washington, Apr 06 (AP):



Debris of destroyed armoured vehicles is seen on a street in Bucha near Kyiv.

Kyiv was a Russian defeat for the ages. The fight started poorly for the invaders and went downhill from there. When President Vladimir Putin launched his war on Feb 24 after months of buildup on Ukraine's borders, he sent hundreds of helicopter-borne commandos the best of the best of Russia's 'spetsnaz' special forces soldiers to assault and seize a lightly defended airfield on Kyiv's doorstep.

forces in the war's opening hours. But Putin failed to achieve his goal of quickly crushing Ukraine's outgunned and outnumbered army. The Russians were ill-prepared for Ukrainian resistance, proved incapable of adjusting to setbacks, failed to effectively combine air and land operations, misjudged Ukraine's ability to defend its skies, and bungled basic military functions like planning and executing the movement of supplies.

combination if you want to conquer a country,' said Peter Mansoor, a retired Army colonel and professor of military history at Ohio State University. For now at least, Putin's forces have shifted away from Kyiv, to eastern Ukraine. Ultimately, the Russian leader may achieve some of his objectives. Yet his failure to seize Kyiv will be long remembered for how it defied prewar expectations and exposed surprising weaknesses in a military thought to be one of the strongest in the world.

'Not in India's best interest to continue investing in Russian equipment'

Washington, Apr 06 (PTI):



Lloyd Austin

It is not in India's "best interest" to continue investing in Russian military equipment, US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin has told lawmakers, underscoring the Biden administration's desire that New Delhi scales down its dependence on Russian military equipment.

going forward is that they downscale the types of equipment that they're investing in and look to invest more in the types of things that will make us continue to be compatible, Austin said. The defence secretary was responding to a question from Congressman Joe Wilson, a friend of India in the Congress who, of late, has been critical of India decid-

Sri Lanka's political crisis should end with snap election

Colombo, Apr 06 (PTI):



People buy vegetables at a market during holy month of Ramzan in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Sri Lanka's ongoing political turmoil triggered by the country's unprecedented economic crisis can be ended with a snap election, veteran left-wing politician Vasudeva Nanayakkara said on Wednesday, emphasising that there must be a government with everyone participating in it for at least 6 months before the polls are held.



Government Medical Officers' Association silent demonstration against Sri Lanka's deepening economic crisis in Colombo on Thursday.

Democratic Left Front politician Nanayakkara was among the 42 members who declared independence in Parliament on Wednesday, emphasising that there must be a government with everyone participating for at least 6 months and then

have an election," Nanayakkara said. He, however, ruled out joining hands with the opposition groups. While the Parliament meets on Wednesday to have a debate on the current political crisis, the ruling coalition officials said there could be more loss to the ruling party in terms of numbers.

Macron leads polls but turnout big question in French vote

Many feel issues have not been addressed



Local residents next to the official posters of presidential candidates in Spezet.

Paris, Apr 06 (AP):

President Emmanuel Macron is the clear favourite in France's presidential race on Sunday yet a big unknown factor may prove decisive: an unprecedented proportion of people say they are unsure who to vote for or don't intend to vote at all, bringing a large dose of uncertainty to the election.

polls. His main challenger, far-right leader Marine Le Pen, appears on the rise in recent days. Both are in good position to reach the presidential runoff on April 24, which would make them replay the 2017 election that Macron won handily. There's no certainty, Macron warned during his first big rally on Saturday near Paris. Don't believe in polls or commentators who would sound definitive and tell

Rights groups charge ethnic cleansing in Ethiopia's Tigray

Kampala, Apr 06 (AP):

Widespread abuses against civilians in the western part of Ethiopia's embattled Tigray region amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have charged in a new report.

New vaccine from Austria could protect against Omicron

London, Apr 06 (PTI):



MedUni Vienna in Austria.

A new vaccine being developed by scientists in Austria is effective against all SARS-CoV-2 variants known to date, including Omicron, even in those who have not yet built up any immunity as a result of immunisation, according to the preclinical data.

The antigen-based vaccine developed at MedUni Vienna targets the receptor binding domains (RBD) of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and induced a robust and uniform RBD-specific IgG antibody response in animal models and in human tests.

This antibody response prevents the virus from docking onto and entering the body's cells, so that infection cannot

occur, the researchers said. The SARS-CoV-2 subunit vaccine (PreS-RBD) is based on a structurally folded fusion protein consisting of two RBD of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the PreS antigen from hepatitis B, which serve as immunological carriers for each other, thereby strengthening the immune response, they said.

Indonesia jails activist lawyer over Islamic radicalism



Munarman

Jakarta, Apr 06 (AP): A former Indonesian human rights lawyer who joined an Islamic hard-line group was sentenced to three years in prison on Wednesday on charges of incitement with the aim to establish a caliphate in a secular country. The three-judge panel at East Jakarta District Court found Munarman guilty of hiding information from

authorities about militants pledging allegiance to the Islamic State group in January 2015 in Makassar, the capital of South Sulawesi province, and instead giving a speech inciting people to carry out terrorism acts. The defendant does not support the government's program in eradicating terrorism, the presiding judge said in the ruling. Munarman, 53, who goes by a single name, was the general secretary of the now-banned Islam Defenders Front, widely known by the Indonesian acronym FPI, which has a long record of vandalizing nightspots, hurling stones at Western embassies and attacking rival religious groups. It wants Islamic Shariah law to apply to Indonesia's 230 million Muslims.

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Risk from space debris

Several videos of the re-entry of a discarded Chinese rocket stage from last year into the Earth's atmosphere were captured over parts of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh on April 2. The pieces of debris, belonging to a rocket that was launched in February 2021, burned up over the atmosphere, producing fast-moving, bright and fiery streaks in the sky. The bit of debris, identified as the third stage or the third ejection section, of the Long March or Chang Zheng 3B, was being tracked for almost a week before the re-entry, by project SpaceTrack, which keeps tabs on all trackable bits of space debris. There are no laws that cover re-entry or prevent a nation for allowing a bit of space debris from landing on another's soil, but space debris damages are held financially accountable due to the 1972 Space Liability Convention. This was previously exercised when Canada asked the former Soviet Union for USD 6 million in damages in 1978, after radioactive debris was scattered on Canadian soil from a fallen Soviet satellite. ISRO has begun process to investigate fallen space debris at request of Chandrapur district administration. Debris from space launches is becoming contentious issue and government in India will have push for international regulations as risks grow. Last month, a year of zooming through deep space, a presumed leftover piece of a Chinese rocket slammed into the Moon just as space tracking experts expected it would. The rocket was likely leftover from the launch of China's Chang'e 5-T1 mission. Last year in November, seven astronauts aboard the International Space Station woke to unwelcome news. The station was zooming directly into a suddenly dangerous area littered with trash.

A collision could damage the spacecraft. And that could threaten the safety of everyone inside. NASA warned the astronauts to take cover. Earlier that day, the Russian government had launched a rocket to blow up a big satellite. Space debris is a growing menace. Indeed, this trash is now the number one concern of people who study space traffic management. According to data gathered by the Union of Concerned Scientists, more than 80 percent of nearly 5,000 satellites in orbit reside in low Earth orbit. According to NASA, debris in orbits below 600 kilometres will fall back to Earth within several years, but above 1,000 kilometres it will continue circling the Earth for a century or more. Starlink and other constellation projects plan to launch tens of thousands more satellites in the years ahead, dramatically increasing traffic in low Earth orbit and making it harder to recognize potential collisions. Treating debris as a deterrent could be inconsiderate to nations that are just beginning to develop space programs with plans to send satellites into orbit for initial missions, and to the many nations that have not contributed to space debris at all. In the absence of a large-scale clean-up operation, low Earth orbit is getting more crowded. Satellite companies are using artificial intelligence powered collision avoidance systems to help determine risky behaviour in low Earth orbit. While these systems can help satellites identify and avoid large chunks of debris, it's harder to follow smaller pieces of shrapnel with the potential to cause considerable damage. Addressing the problem of space debris requires a multitask approach. National and international government agencies now require satellite operators to have a disposal plan before issuing a constellation license, but further measures could go a long way.

Revamp functions

Parliament has approved a bill to revamp the functioning of the institutes of chartered accountants, cost accountants and company secretaries. Rajya Sabha passed the Chartered Accountants, the Cost and Works Accountants and the Company Secretaries (Amendment) Bill, 2022 with a voice vote after negating all amendments moved by the Opposition. Lok Sabha had cleared the bill on March 30. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has asked the Registrar of Companies of National Capital Territory and Haryana to file complaint against chartered accountants and company secretaries who allegedly indulged in professional misconduct. This year in January, Delhi High Court refused to interfere with the proceedings initiated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) against a qualified Chartered Accountant after his conviction in a criminal case and asked the Institute to frame a policy to ensure that its members periodically disclose criminal cases against them. Justice Prathiba M Singh observed that the profession requires a very high standard of integrity and said that there was a clear need for ICAI to create a framework to ensure proper disclosures with respect to convictions and pending cases by members at the inception as well as on a periodic basis.

This is a key piece of legislation that brings amendments to some of the important institutions and professional bodies that function in the country. To ensure the corporation sector functions properly, a law was passed in 1949 when ICAI and Institute of Costs Accountants of India and consequently Institute of Company Secretaries of India. Earlier, a Parliamentary panel had said that government should consider setting up Indian institutes of accounting (IIAs) akin to IITs and IIMs across the country for enhancing the development of accounting and finance profession. These are the three main bodies that play an important role in ensuring the corporate sector functions properly and ensure their own function is transparent. ICAI has accepted the proposals mooted by the concerned ministry. However, there are some apprehensions in the minds of chartered accountants and firms with regard to disciplinary action to be taken. The judgement of the fairness of a financial statement should be left to professionals and not non-chartered accountants who are also proposed to be part of a disciplinary board. In line with the trend of holistic approach in governmental organisations, a co-ordination committee of all the three institutes has been proposed akin a central head for the Defence Forces. One of the aims of the proposed institutes is to foster competition and bring the best out of the accounting and finance professions in the best interest of all stakeholders.

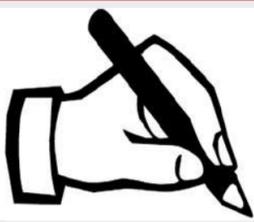
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WORLD HEALTH DAY



A man receives his medicine after a medical check-up in a health center that opened last year in Sakoungou, in Southern Central African Republic, as world observes health day.

Medieval manuscripts reveal how women managed healthy households

**JENNIFER BORLAND**

What type of images come to mind when you think of medieval art? Knights and ladies? Biblical scenes? Cathedrals? It's probably not some unfortunate man in the throes of vomiting. It might surprise you to learn this scene is found in a luxurious book from the Middle Ages made with the highest-quality materials, including abundant gold leaf. Known as an illustrated manuscript, it was made entirely by hand, as virtually all books were before the adoption of the printing press. Why would such an opulent art form depict such a mundane topic? Scholars believe that around 1256, a French countess commissioned the creation of a health manual to share with her four daughters just as they were forming their own households. Known as the 'Regime du corps,' or 'regimen of the body,' the book was widely copied and became extremely popular across Europe in the late Middle Ages, specifically between the 13th and 15th centuries. Over 70 unique manuscripts survive today. They offer a window into many aspects of everyday medieval life from sleeping, bathing and preparing food to blood-letting, leeching and purging.

I'm an art historian who recently published a book called 'Visualizing Household Health: Medieval Women, Art, and Knowledge in the 'Regime du corps' about these magnificent illustrated copies. What's fascinating to me about the 'Regime du corps' is how it depicts the responsibilities of women in wealthy medieval households and how domestic management

advice was passed down among them. The illustrations, which are usually located at the start of each chapter, convey information not often found in other historical records. Even if the images are idealized, they reveal an extraordinary amount about the clothes, objects and furnishings of the period. They also show interactions among people that reflect the culture and society in which these books were made. In a scene accompanying the chapter on caring for one's newborn, two women are depicted opposite each other. Closer inspection shows the well-dressed woman on the right is reaching across and grabbing the exposed breast of the woman in more simple attire. This scene, seemingly one of aggression and violation - depicts the evaluation of a potential wet nurse.

Wet nurses were used throughout the Middle Ages by some elite families who could afford them, but choosing a good wet nurse was critical, loaded with life-and-death implications. Aldobrandino of Siena, the author of the 'Regime du corps,' warns that an unhealthy nurse can 'kill children straight away,' pointing to very real anxiety around this important decision. The different clothing and headwear communicate each woman's social status. The elite woman's gesture also makes clear who has the power in the scene. Across 'Regime du corps' manuscripts, upper-class women are presented with clothing, objects and gestures that convey authority, often in dialogue with those who are shown as laborers of various

kinds. Servants within elite households are also illustrated, especially in the chapters about various foods and their health benefits. Both men and women are shown sifting rice, making wine and managing livestock. The manuscripts' creators chose not only to make such mundane and repetitive work visible but to treat the high-status physician and milkmaid as equally valid subjects for depiction.

If the 'Regime du corps' really is a prophylactic text whose aim is to give individuals ways to heal their own bodies, why include images of medical practitioners? One possible explanation is that the wideness of the category 'disease' in this section presents a problem for the illustrator. Presumably, the actions required to prevent 'corruption and pestilence' are too nebulous and varied to be visually represented or innately understood, but not so complex that someone reading about them would need to seek additional help from a medical authority in order to understand them. The illustrator of the Morgan MS solves this representational problem by presenting an image of a physician lecturing another man, whose reception of the physician's knowledge becomes a stand-in for the learning process that the reader is expected to go through while reading the text. The physician, through teaching the man opposite him, becomes a figural representation of the text that follows the initial in which he stands. Rather than show a plague-ridden body or illustrate someone taking steps to prevent a generic disease, the illustration represents two figures outside of time, discussing the contents that are about to be presented to the reader. In this case and elsewhere within the Regime, the solution to a problem of representation is simply to represent the text metaphorically, by making it into the figure of medical authority.

Almanacs and other medical texts are symbols of authority that require touch, engagement, and performance to make the knowledge they contain available. However, the direct conflation of physicians with a book explicitly meant to be read by those

who are not trained as physicians, rather than one written in the language of medical experts, is surprising, because it suggests that the expertise of the physician can be available to anyone capable of reading and identifying with the text they hold. In the Middle Ages, the health of family members, from infancy to old age, was maintained through a variety of strategies that aimed for balance in the body. The 'Regime du corps' recommended a wide range of treatments, including the release of bodily fluids through purging or bloodletting to maintain such balance. Cupping, or the placement of heated glass cups onto the skin, was among the procedures overseen by surgeons, because it involved scratching or perforating the skin before applying suction. Across 'Regime du corps' manuscripts, it is not uncommon to see physicians and other male practitioners represented, implying that elite households made use of such professionals.

But women are also shown administering treatments, including in several cupping scenes. A practitioner's humble clothing and headdress signal her class as a worker. Such images show that medieval health care involved many tools like medicine, surgical treatments, food, prayer and charms and a wide range of individuals offered their services both within and outside of the home. Women sometimes administered such care professionally, but they also did so through oversight of their own households. The 'Regime du corps' offered owners images that reflected their world, showing women asserting authority over the care of their families, providing treatment and contributing to a well-run household. The elite owners of these exquisite books were also provided with an added benefit: Possession of such manuscripts was undoubtedly a symbol of status and evidence of conspicuous consumption.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Road lanes

Indian roads have featured in many jokes and mockeries of the people from abroad. Indian roads have consistently held the title of most difficult roads to drive on. Indian roads have five different types of lane systems and I believe most of us have come across all five of them but there will be a very small percentage of us who are aware of what these lines on the roads mean. Building dividers on every road is not possible as it would take a substantial portion of the road and if the road is not broad enough it would make it even more narrower which is why a double line on the road is drawn which means that you cannot cross that line to the other side of the road but it is seen that people often cross that line to overtake a vehicle which makes it difficult for the vehicles on the other side to maintain their balance. This has also been the cause of many accidents. I urge the government to be strict on this matter and impose a fine for someone who crosses the line and also sensitise the traffic police force to be more vigilant.

Noopur Baruah, Tezpur

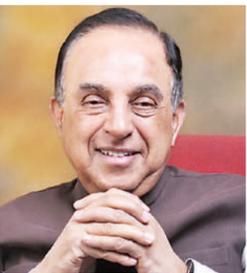
Ukraine crisis

The present Ukraine-Russia crisis was dominating Geo Politics for last three months and has now taken the form of a war, bringing the world to brink of World War 3. If we analyse why Ukraine is important or why Ukraine matters, then we shall find that Ukraine is very rich in mineral resources, apart from being one of the biggest countries in Europe on territorial basis with 41 million highly-educated people strongly motivated to work. Ukraine ranks first in Europe in recoverable reserves of Uranium ore, 2nd in Europe and 10th worldwide in Titanium ore reserves. Like the aforementioned materials, the East European country is rich in manganese ore and iron ore (2nd in the world), mercury ores, shale gas reserves and coal. On the agricultural front, Ukraine is an agricultural country. It ranks first in Europe in terms of arable land, 3rd in the world by the area of black soil. Ukraine is also producer of wheat (known as wheat basket of the world), 8th in wheat exports in the world), sunflower and sunflower oil, barley, chicken eggs, cheese, corn, potatoes, rye products, bee products etc. Ukraine is also highly industrialized. It is 2nd in Europe and 4th in the world in natural gas pipeline system, 3rd in Europe and 8th in the world in installed nuclear power plants capacity. Apart from these, Ukraine is a major producer of locators and location equipment, turbines, rocket launchers, clay exports, Defence products and steel. That is Ukraine and Putin's passion. Vladimir Putin played a smart game by fuelling civil protests in the region of Donetsk People's Republic and Luthansk People's Republic. Huge demand escalated in these two places, especially in Donbas, to join Russia by breaking away from Ukraine. The Ukrainian Government made the biggest mistake by using force against peaceful protestors and they fell into Putin's gameplan. Criticizing the 'Suppression of Citizens' Freedom', he struck unexpectedly and annexed Crimea. All said and done, we can conclude that the Russia-Ukraine conflict occurred due to inefficient leadership of USA. Secondly, India under PM Narendra Modi is playing a smart game in this hour of crisis. Finally, let us hope and pray the war ends and issues are solved through diplomatic talks.

Julie, via email



WHAT THEY TWEET!



Subramanian@Swamy39
The daily rise in Petrol Diesel and Kerosene prices is creating a situation of revolt in the country. It is the intellectual bankruptcy of the Finance Ministry to do this. It is also anti national. Financing Budget deficit by raising these prices is sheer incompetence.

Akshat@Akshat_World
For folks who think there is 30% crypto tax, here is a fact: If you use USDT on the polygon chain and use decentralised protocols to swap/sell Cryptocurrencies, you won't have to pay even 1% in tax. But, the problem is who will explain this to the government.



K Sanjay@sankiyer
Sensible Country's & States penalise illegal & violent behaviour post consumption of drinks but earn max revenue on the basis of sensible consumption w/o any moral judgement. But yes it has become a source of revenue for corrupt in Gujrat & Bihar & w/o any reduction in crime.



Rohith@RohitMath
One 'eminent historian' from Mysuru called me up to tell that Brits called the army of Tipu as 'tigers'. Thus he inferred and theorized that Tipu can be called 'Tiger of Mysore'. Sad our modern society has such intellectual bankruptcy.

ISmitaSingh@itsmitasingh
Beautiful Teesta enroute to Gangtok.



Harsha@bhogleharsha
Explain to him that the path of the ball is a projected path and has its error margins, like all machines do. That is why when less than half the ball is hitting the stumps, you cannot be certain enough to overturn the decision. Not very difficult. Tell me if he got it.

Shankar@1sharma
One of the key investment metrics I observe closely is the personal health of a Promoter. If he's overweight & a smoker, that's a deal breaker for me. I don't want fatality risk in my companies. A great Pro manages everything well: His health & his Company.

BRIEF

Volatile



New Delhi: Shares of Paytm declined significantly in recent times due to volatile market conditions for high growth stocks, the company's CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma said on Wednesday. He also said the company expects to be breakeven in terms of EBITDA.

Valuation

New Delhi: VerSe Innovation - the local language technology platform and parent of content and news aggregator Dailyhunt and short video app Josh on Wednesday said it has raised USD 805 million (over Rs 6,070 crore) in latest funding rounds from marquee global investors. With this, its valuation has reached a whopping USD 5 billion. Existing investors Sofina Group, Baillie Gifford and others will also participate of their pro-rata.

Waste



New Delhi: ITC Ltd on Wednesday said it is accelerating its move to go beyond plastic neutrality, having sustainably managed more than 54,000 tonnes of plastic waste. Group head Sanjiv Rangrass said it is also developing alternatives to plastic packaging.

Invest

New Delhi: Japanese conglomerate Mitsui has agreed to take a 49 per cent stake in ReNew Power's round-the-clock renewable power project, the Indian firm said on Wednesday. ReNew signed a 400 MW Round-The-Clock (RTC) PPA last year to supply electricity to the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).

Pact



Mumbai: Simple Energy has inked an initial pact with the US based battery technology firm CAV (Charge CCCC) for cell manufacturing in India. Simple Energy Co-Founder Shreshth Mishra said this strategy also makes us self-reliant and reduces our imports.

Supply

Mumbai: Electric two-wheeler maker Hero Electric has partnered with Shadowfax Technologies for supplying its e-scooters for last-mile deliveries. As part of the association, Hero Electric will convert around 25 per cent of Shadowfax's 100,000-strong delivery fleet into electric vehicles (EVs) with its NYX HX e-scooters across delivery centres. Shadowfax had recently announced converting 75 per cent of its fleet to EVs.

Services sector activities rise in March

■ Though input costs touch 11-year high

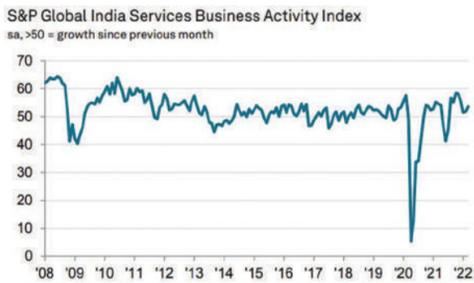
New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTD):

Service sector activities improved in March, mainly supported by strengthening demand conditions, even as input costs spiked to the highest level in 11 years during the month, according to a survey.

The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services Business Activity Index rose from 51.8 in February to 53.6 in March, pointing to the strongest rate of expansion since last December.

For the eighth straight month, the services sector witnessed an expansion in output. In Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

"The war in Ukraine ex-



acerbated lingering issues in supply chains, triggering a re-acceleration in inflation across the Indian service economy. The March results showed the sharpest upturn in input costs for 11 years, but this did not put a brake on the recovery of the sector," Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at S&P Global, said on Wednesday.

Further, Lima noted that buoyed by the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, consumers were eager to go

out and spend. "Service providers recorded the fastest upturn in new business in 2022 so far, with an equal outcome seen for business activity."

Firms recorded the fastest expansions in sales and activity in 2022 so far while business confidence remained subdued due to inflation concerns.

Input costs increased at the sharpest pace in 11 years at the end of fiscal year 2021/22 but companies mostly absorbed additional cost burdens and raised

their charges only moderately. "Inflation risks continued to curb business optimism regarding growth prospects, with sentiment among services companies remaining subdued by historical standards. This lack of confidence in the outlook also meant that employment continued to fall in March," Lima said.

Inflation expectations continued to dampen business confidence in March. Companies remained upbeat towards growth prospects but the overall level of sentiment remained subdued in the context of historical data, the survey said.

Meanwhile, the S&P Global India Composite PMI Output Index - which measures combined services and manufacturing output - was quoted at 54.3 in March, up from 53.5 in February, highlighting the strongest rate of expansion so far this year.

Amazon Fashion announces Mega Fashion Weekends

Mumbai, Apr 06:

Amazon Fashion announces Mega Fashion Weekends, a three-day weekend shopping event that will feature some of most amazing deals on your favourite fashion brands and is live until April 24th. Indulge in a shopping spree and stock up on all your favourite fashion and beauty essentials with the season's best deals and offers available on Amazon Fashion.

Amazon Fashion houses the largest selection of brands to cater all your fashion and beauty requirements with a variety of products ranging from apparel, footwear, handbags, accessories, cosmetics, skincare, haircare and much more. Customers can avail up to 70% off (as offered by independent third-party sellers, brands) on select fashion and beauty products and also get 10% cashback on minimum order of Rs 3,000 (maximum cashback of Rs. 500) from Amazon.in during this Mega Fashion Weekends.

Sensex tumbles 566 pts, Nifty drops 149 pts on profit taking

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTD):

Benchmark BSE Sensex tumbled 566 points to settle below the 60,000-level on Wednesday, dragged down by heavy selling in banking and IT stocks amid weak global trends.

The 30-share BSE barometer tanked 566.09 points or 0.94 per cent to finish at 59,610.41. During the day, it plunged 666.66 points or 1.10 per cent to 59,509.84.

The broader NSE Nifty declined by 149.75 points or 0.83 per cent to settle at 17,807.65.

From the 30-share pack, HDFC Bank, HDFC, HCL Technologies, Tech Mahindra, Infosys, TCS, M&M, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Axis Bank were the major laggards.

In contrast, NTPC, Tata Steel, Power Grid, Bharti Airtel, Nestle and Larsen & Toubro were among the gainers.

"Domestic equities moved in tandem with US markets to close lower, fuelled by investors' expecta-



tion of a stricter interest rate hike by Fed," according to Mitul Shah, Head Of Research at Reliance Securities.

On Tuesday, the BSE Sensex slumped 435.24 points or 0.72 per cent to finish at 60,176.50. Similarly, the NSE Nifty tumbled 96 points or 0.53 per cent to 17,957.40.

Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude gained 0.93 per cent to USD 107.6 per barrel.

Vi to empower youth with employment and skilling opportunities

Mumbai, Apr 06:

Having a good job and being equipped with the right skills are two crucial factors for success in career and life. Vi, India's leading telecom operator, has announced a set of offerings for the youth of Bharat to help them with finding employment, becoming more employable & also help them prepare for government jobs.

Giving wings to its customers aspirations, for a better tomorrow, Vi Jobs & Education integrates India's largest job search platform 'Apna', leading English learning platform 'Enguru' and 'Pariksha' a platform specializing in government employment exam preparation.

Primarily targeted towards the large prepaid user base in India, Vi Jobs

& Education on the Vi App offers a one stop solution for youth to search for jobs, improve spoken English skills and excel in Govt. employment exams, empowering them to fulfil their career dreams.

Commenting on the launch of this unique proposition, Avneesh Khosla, CMO, Vodafone Idea Limited, said "In line with Vi's brand promise 'together for tomorrow', we've been looking at the need gaps in consumers' daily lives, where we believe we can play a role of an enabler to help them get ahead in life. When we look at youth in this country their key aspiration is to get a good job and become more employable. The relevance of digital skills and fluency in spoken English have become more pronounced for today's youth."

Rupee falls 47 paise at 75.76 against USD, bullion prices fall

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTD):

Snapping its three-day winning streak, the rupee tanked 47 paise to close at 75.76 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, tracking a strong American currency in the overseas market and a negative trend in domestic equities.

Forex traders said the expectations of rate hikes by the US Fed to rein in decades-high inflation are keeping the dollar index buoyant, a key headwind for the Indian rupee.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 75.50 against the American currency but lost ground and settled at 75.76, down 47 paise from the previous close.

On Tuesday, the rupee had climbed 24 paise to close at 75.29 against the US dollar.

Meanwhile, the dollar



index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.04 per cent higher at 99.51.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures jumped 1.55 per cent to USD 108.29 per barrel. According to Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities the rupee snapped its winning streak and was the worst performer among Asian currencies as Fed

members spoke about balance-sheet reduction along with rate hikes.

"Hawkish tone from US Fed members pushed risk assets lower while dollar and bond yields surged to multi-month high. "Ahead of the RBI monetary policy decision, USD/INR is likely to trade in the range of 75.30 to 76," Parmar noted. Gold futures on Wednesday fell by Rs 36 to Rs 51,335 per 10 grams as participants cut down their bets amid a weak global trend. On the Multi Commodity Exchange, gold contracts for June traded lower by Rs 36 or 0.07 per cent to Rs 51,335 per 10 grams in a business turnover of 17,776 lots.

Analysts attributed the fall in gold prices to trimming of positions by investors, tracking a weak trend in international markets. Bullion continues to fall.

Tata Motors showcases electric SUV concept

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTD):

Homegrown auto major Tata Motors is set to drive in a new electric SUV - Concept CURVV, with enhanced driving range and technology, within the next two years.

The Mumbai-based auto major, which on Wednesday showcased the electric SUV concept, aims to cater to the consumers who seek individuality and design differentiation, with the new product.

The auto major plans to introduce the electric version of the coupe-style SUV first, and then follow it up with internal combustion engine trims. In an interaction with PTI, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Managing Director Shailesh Chandra noted that the SUV segment is rapidly splitting



Tata Motors team unveils Concept CURVV.

up into various sub-segments with a clear demand for differentiated products.

"It is also becoming clear that SUV customers have an enhanced appetite for design differentiation. What we are showcasing is a coupe body style complete with SUV characteristics," he stated.

He further said that our

focus here has been to enable customers with a product option that is the perfect amalgamation of modern functionality and design. With a robust SUV DNA at its core, and a plethora of new-age materials, features and interfaces, the company is confident that this coupe concept will redefine mainstream SUV design.

India, Australia should look at USD 100 bn bilateral trade

Melbourne, Apr 06 (PTD):

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said that India and Australia should look at boosting the bilateral trade to USD 100 billion by 2030 from the current level of around USD 27.5 billion.

Goyal, who is in Australia on a three-day visit, said that both the countries are already at an advanced stage of entering into an agreement for greater collaboration in the education sector.

On April 2, India and Australia signed the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IndAus ECTA) under which both the countries are providing duty free access to a huge number of



Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal with his Australian counterpart Dan Tehan Wannon at the Australia India Institute at University of Melbourne.

goods and relaxing norms to promote trade in services. "I would suggest that our teams should drill down sector by sector to see how we are going to

grow this relationship... Let's be more ambitious, let's look at USD 100 billion engagement by 2030... So, we are looking at quadrupling this relationship in

eight years," Goyal said on Wednesday.

Both the countries are also looking at things like providing dual degrees and signing mutual recognition agreements to promote services trade.

Goyal said that areas where both the countries can increase collaboration include education, research, startups and agri tech.

The minister also sought investments from Australia in areas like infrastructure. "We have a big market and people aspire for a better quality of life. This gives a huge opportunity for India and people around the world," he said, adding that Australia has a huge investible surplus.

At Rs 1.4 lakh crore outflow, equity market sees worst sell-off

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTD):

Foreign portfolio investors dumped Indian shares worth record Rs 1.4 lakh crore in the financial year 2021-22, after pumping in whopping Rs 2.7 lakh crore in the preceding fiscal, mainly on account of sharp surge in coronavirus cases, concerns over the risk to economic recovery and global turmoil triggered by Russia-Ukraine war.

This was the worst ever exodus by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) from domestic equity market. They withdrew Rs 88 crore in 2018-19, Rs 14,171 crore in 2015-16 and Rs 47,706 crore in 2008-09, data



with depositories showed.

Moreover, experts believe that flows from FPIs are expected to remain volatile in the near term given the headwinds in terms of elevated crude prices and inflation. From April 2021 to March 2022, FPIs were net sellers in Indian equities to the tune of Rs 1.4 lakh crore. They have withdrawn nine of the 12 months in the just concluded financial year. They have been selling domestic equities since October 2021.

India to see 48k more EV chargers with investment of Rs 14,000 crore

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTD):

India is likely to see around 48,000 additional electric vehicle chargers at an investment of around Rs 14,000 crore over the next 3-4 years amid an expected healthy electric vehicle (EV) penetration in the country, a report said on Wednesday.

As the EV penetration is expected to increase in the two and three wheeler as well as bus segments, the expansion of charging infrastructure which is currently at a nascent stage will play a critical role, domestic credit ratings agency Icria said in its report. The penetration of electric two-wheelers is expected to be at about 13-15 per



cent of the new vehicle sales by FY25, according to the report which also expects electric three-wheeler and e-bus segment penetrations at more than 30 per cent and 8-10 per cent, respectively, by FY25. Currently, there are less than 2,000 public charging stations in India with concentration in a few states,

and that too primarily in urban areas, the rating agency said. "India remains a laggard in EV charging infrastructure penetration. However, like most global counterparts, the policy push has been strong in India as well to increase the number of EV charging stations.

DLF chairman Rajiv Singh richest real estate entrepreneur

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTD):

Realty major DLF's Chairman Rajiv Singh has become the richest real estate entrepreneur with a wealth of Rs 61,220 crore, followed by Macrotech Developers' MP Lodha and family who slipped to the second position with a wealth of Rs 52,970 crore, according to a report.

Hurun and GROHE India on Wednesday released its fifth edition of GROHE Hurun India Real Estate Rich List' featuring the richest real estate entrepreneurs in India. The list was based on net worth proportionate to their ownership in their respective real estate busi-



Rajiv Singh

nesses. Wealth calculations are a snapshot of December 31, 2021. As per the report, DLF's Rajiv Singh has been ranked first with 68 per cent increase in his wealth in the last one year.

Although the wealth of M P Lodha and family grew by 20 per cent in the last one year to Rs 52,970 crore, the ranking slipped to second.



Bollywood actress Richa Chadha stunned everyone with her recent weight loss pictures that she shared on her social media. Following the buzz, she spoke about her journey of weight loss and how more than anything weight loss was a means to achieve healthy living for her.

Taking to her Instagram, Richa had posted three images from her photoshoot as she wrote in the caption, "I love doing photo shoots where the photographer and I have a friendship, (like in this case), worldview in common, love for music, art... while shooting this particular one I felt like I was playing a character. Distinct from the films I do... but interesting still... we did some very disturbing feel stills also which will post later."

Thanking her team behind the photoshoot, she added in the caption, "Thanks @ashishchawlaphotography @nehasinghmakeupofficial @bikanta PS - healthy weight loss means you don't lose muscle, like in my case the gluteus maximus is intact."

Talking about the reason behind the weight loss, Richa said, "For me weight loss was never something about wanting to shed kilos. It was about a healthier choice for me, myself and my body. I think I chose a path of wellness combined with the right approach to fitness and that is what I wanted to focus on and that is what has given me the results." "I think above all one has to keep in mind to keep sane, make wise choices and respect your body. You have to know and evaluate what works best for you, fitness isn't an approach of one size fits all, and one shouldn't follow someone else's fitness blindly and should alter what works for them. Every body is different. The diet that works for you, may not work for someone else. It helped me not to work out till I sorted out my immunity, stress and gut health", she added.

Richa is currently shooting for 'Fukrey 3' and will soon start shooting for Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Heera Mandi', followed by season 2 of 'The Great Indian Murder'.

Richa Chadha weighs in on weight loss!

Urvashi Upadhyay: Audience will remember my character in 'Thapki Pyar Ki 2'

Actress Urvashi Upadhyay is currently playing a tyrannical aunt Sudha Tripathi in TV show 'Thapki Pyar Ki 2'. She feels though the show is going off air, but her character will always be remembered by the audience.

She says: "My character in the show Sudha was negative but along side she always had a comic timing with either one liners, dialogue or her action. I feel the show will go off air but my style, dialogue will be trending. I had put a lot of efforts to make my audience hate me. It is always fun acting for such creatively written roles."

Urvashi also seen in show 'Rang Jaun Tere Rang Mein' says that playing an antagonist is



an amazing experience as audience love to hate us with a passion. She adds: "I had played negative roles number of time and each time I had an amazing

experience as I use to be hate by my audience so passionately. And I use to love that emotion as I was winning hearts with my acting skills. But now when we live in a world of social media, my audience know me off the camera. I feel now onscreen villains are no more judged like before."

As the show 'Thapki Pyar Ki 2' is going off air Urvashi shares: "An actor enjoys many beautiful journey. With a new new show a journey began and with one show is going off air, one journey comes to an end. So, shooting last days are very hard. It gives the same feeling like when we learn about our love ones are on ventilators and we are helpless. But it was a wonderful experience with the makers and the team. I wish them all good luck for the future."

Rashmika to play female lead in Vijay's film directed by Vamshi Paidipally

Actress Rashmika Mandanna will play the female lead opposite actor Vijay in his next film that is to be directed by Vamshi Paidipally. Sri Venkateswara Creations, the production house producing the film that is tentatively being referred to as #Thalapathy66, on Tuesday made the official announcement on the occasion of Rashmika's birthday. The production house tweeted, "Wishing the talented and gorgeous Rashmika Mandanna a very happy birthday! Welcome onboard #Thalapathy66." Rumours doing the rounds in the industry suggest that the film is likely to begin in a few days time and that full fledged shooting will happen by the end of April. The grapevine has it that Thaman has been roped in as the music director of the film, which will be a bilingual.

'Laal Ishq - Foreign Special', airs on &TV



After a successful run of its immensely popular fantasy-horror 'Laal Ishq' which was launched in 2018, &TV is presenting a brand-new season titled 'Laal Ishq - Foreign Special' for all its loyal fans. The new season premiered on April 4th, 2022 and is aired every Monday to Sunday at 5:00 pm only on &TV. It is the first time that a Korean Horror Drama is adapted for a Hindi General Entertainment Channel. The first story under the foreign special was titled 'Daniel Martha Ka

petite for diverse horror content. Once a bright and sunny person, Martha Samson gets the supernatural ability to see ghosts after a mysterious accident. Her life is made hard by the incessant calls for assistance from the spirits, until she meets Daniel, a self-centered, ambitious and money-driven businessman who weighs every relationship with money.

Ritu Tanjea shares her school day stories

Star Plus has always won the hearts of its audience with its exemplary content, be it fiction or non-fiction shows. Viewers favourite reality show 'Smart Jodi' is receiving a lot of love from the audience, and the viewers are also getting some unknown insights on their favorite characters and their lives.

The pair of YouTube Vlogger Gaurav Taneja and pilot Ritu Rathi have been liked a lot by the viewers of the show. In an exclusive conversation with Ritu, she shared a childhood incident with her fans and told how she was molested in fourth class and how she raised her voice against it. While narrating the whole incident, she asked the audience and fans to fight against the wrong things happening in the society, also to teach good touch and bad touch to their children. Giving more insights on the incident Ritu Rathi said "This incident took place when I was in class 4 and there was a boy named Gaurav in my class, who always used to come and sit on the bench in front of me. At that time, we use to have wooden benches, and the space at the back of the bench used to be open. Taking advantage of this, the boy used to touch my feet during the class by taking out his hands from behind and his courage grew with



each passing day. I used to also go for my tuitions, and during that time the same things and incidents used to run over my mind. I was extremely scared to narrate the incident at home, with the fear of being misunderstood by people. It was past four days, and somehow I gathered courage to give him a reply back for this. As soon as we left the school that day, I called him while coming down the stairs.

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Aquarius: Jan 21 - Feb 18

Today you might feel the urge to write. Aquarius. This could involve nothing more than a lengthy letter or email to a friend, but it could also be creative work, such as a novel, essay, screenplay, or poem. Whatever it is, you're likely to express some intellectual, philosophical, or spiritual concerns that you hope to shed some light on.

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

Paperwork involving money needs to be executed today, Pisces. It could be a settlement, new commission, or bonus of some kind. This is likely to be a joyous occasion because money is coming your way, even though the paperwork itself might be a drag. Try to concentrate and get it done quickly so you and those close to you can go out and celebrate.

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today your mind should be especially quick and penetrating, Aries. You could decide to tackle some in-depth research that you've been considering doing for a while on a subject that fascinates you. You might also want to discuss the subject with someone close to you who shares this interest.

Taurus: Apr 21 - May 21

Some vivid, beautiful dreams or visions could awaken you and make you aware of new opportunities. They could be creative in nature, and you should consider taking advantage of them, Taurus. This revelation could have been there, unnoticed, for a long time. Don't write it off because of the unorthodox way it appeared. Look into it and see where it leads you.

Gemini: May 22 - June 21

Today you might decide to attend a group activity that is primarily concerned with an intellectual, philosophical, or spiritual interest of yours, Gemini. You might meet a charismatic person whose conversation stimulates your mind and causes you to come up with new insights.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

A public figure, perhaps an author, might capture your interest in some way today, Cancer. This person could have a lot to say that appeals to you on a number of different levels. You'll want to acquaint yourself with as much of this person's work as possible. You could experience some valuable personal insights.

Leo: July 23 - Aug 23

Today you might attend a party or group activity that puts you in touch with some interesting people from faraway places, Leo. You could find their conversation intellectually stimulating. You're apt to learn a lot from them. Books could be involved in some way. You'll want to stay in touch with them, so be sure to get names, phone numbers or email addresses.

Virgo: Aug 24 - Sept 22

Some big upheaval in your career could take you by surprise, Virgo, but it's apt to make a very positive difference to you. Your public standing and income could both skyrocket. Legal papers might be involved in some way. This could happen so suddenly that it has you in a daze, but try to remain focused and go with the flow.

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 23

A social event could bring you into contact with a very interesting, fascinating person in an intriguing profession, Libra. You could find him or her very charming and sexy. If you aren't romantically involved at the moment, there could be potential here! If nothing else, this person might steer you in a new intellectual or spiritual direction.

Scorpio: Oct 24 - Nov 22

You always tend to have good powers of concentration, Scorpio, but today you're more focused than usual, probably on a project that means a lot to you. This could be job related, it might involve helping a friend, or it may just be a personal project. Whatever it is, you should accomplish a lot today.

Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 21

An intense conversation with your romantic partner could take place today, Sagittarius. This could involve taking the relationship to the next commitment level, and the subject of marriage could come up. If you're already married, this could mean taking on a new responsibility, such as a house or child.

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 20

Today you and the other members of your household might discuss the possibility of making some changes, Capricorn. This could involve some redecorating or remodeling or even something as mundane as a thorough cleaning. However, it could also involve the possibility of moving to a completely different place.

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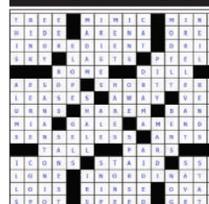
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- Scorch
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- Juan's "two"
- Trigonometry, e.g.
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- Female student
- Common skin problem
- Look of contempt
- Television award
- Permits
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- National bird
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- In want
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- Row
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DC vs LSG: Rahul and Rishabh engage in battle of wits

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTD):

KL Rahul and Rishabh Pant, the two enormously gifted cricketers, earmarked as future India captains will be showcasing their tactical acumen when newcomers Lucknow Super Giants square off with Delhi Capitals in an IPL match on Thursday.

Rahul and Pant, both match-winners in their own rights even with the bat, will like to seize the initiative in these early rounds.

IPL is a great platform where a good exhibition of meticulous homework, informed decision making with a dash of punt at critical junctures will hold any leader in good stead.

India will be playing a lot of cricket in next few years and with national captain Rohit Sharma's workload management is paramount, Rahul and Pant will both like to make a strong case for themselves going into the future.

And hence, the availability of the dashing David Warner and fit again Anrich Nortje for Capitals and the dependable Marcus Stoinis for LSG will certainly add to the depth of the playing XIs and bolster the competitive edge.

"David Warner is out of quarantine, so he's definitely available for selection for the next game, which is very exciting."

"Anrich Nortje has been going incredibly well over the last couple of weeks, since he's arrived here in



Delhi Capitals skipper Rishabh Pant with Ricky Ponting.

India. And he has passed his fitness test to be available for selection," said Capitals assistant coach Shane Watson on the eve of the game.

It is expected that Tim Seifert will make way for Warner in the Capitals line-up and Nortje is set to enter the playing eleven at the expense of either Rovman Powell or Mustafizur Rahman who starred with the ball in the previous game.

All-rounder Stoinis, who was picked by Lucknow from the draft, might replace one among Andrew Tye or Evin Lewis. As of now, replac-

ing Tye looks more imminent.

Both teams have had issues with their bowling but Lucknow under Gautam Gambhir's mentorship, has managed pretty well.

The addition of Jason Holder has made them stronger and Delhi will be hoping that Warner gives them a rollicking start alongside mercurial Prithvi Shaw.

In case of LSG, skipper Rahul two good knocks against CSK and Sunrisers Hyderabad would like that Quinton de Kock also repeats his performance against CSK.



However it is LSG's bowling that needs to stop DC's batting firepower which will grow manifold in Warner's presence and skipper Pant and Shaw also waiting for their big knocks.

While Lalit Yadav is growing in confidence with each passing game, it is veteran batter Mandeep Singh, who is the weakest link in the batting line-up.

Priyanka Devi strike hands India victory against Egypt

Zarqa (Jordan), Apr 06 (PTD):

Priyanka Devi scored the solitary goal as the Indian women's football team registered a 1-0 win over lower-ranked Egypt in the first friendly at the Prince Mohammed Stadium here on Wednesday.

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right but was collected by the Egyptian custodian.

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Dalima managed to pass the ball to Priyanka after Manisha essayed a brilliant cross from the left and eventually, the young midfielder found the back of the net. The half time score therefore read 1-0 in favour of India. The second half was played out on similar lines with India creating more chances, as head coach Thomas Dennerby made his first change at the restart, replacing forward Renu with Pyari Xaxa.

Ten minutes after the resumption, Pyari came close to scoring in the 53rd

minute as she got on the end of a cross from Manisha with an excellent run, but the shot was saved by the keeper. Couple of more substitutions followed as Sandhiya came on in place of Anju Tamang, and Soumya and Ratanbala were introduced in place of Grace and Priyanka Devi respectively. The prolific captain Engy Ahmed Sayed tried her luck from close range before the hour-mark, but Sowmiya stood tall to deny her confidently.

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Sindhu, Srikanth sail into Korea Open second round

Suncheon, Apr 06 (PTD):

Top Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Kidambi Srikanth made impressive starts to their respective singles campaign, progressing to the pre-quarterfinals with straight game wins over their respective opponents at the Korea Open Super 500 badminton tournament here on Wednesday.

Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, trounced USA's Lauren Lam 21-15 21-14, while Srikanth saw off Malaysia's world no 35 Daren Liew 22-20 21-11 at the Palma Stadium.

The third seeded Sindhu, who had claimed the Swiss Open title recently, will next meet Japan's Aya Ohori, while world championships silver medallist Srikanth, seeded fifth, will be up against Israel's Misha Zilberman.

Indian men's doubles pairing of Satwiksaij Rankireddy and Chirag



Shetty and MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila also progressed to the second round.

While Satwik and Chirag got the better of Korea's Tae Yang Shin and Wang Chan 21-16 21-15, Arjun and Dhruv got a walkover from Korea's Ba Da Kim and Hee Young

Park. Satwik and Chirag, seeded third, will take on Singapore's Hee Yong Kai Terry and Loh Kean Hean, while Arjun and Dhruv face second seeded Indonesian pair of Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan next.

Sri Krishna Priya Kudaravalli, however, bowed out after losing 5-21 13-21 to second seeded Korean An Seyoung in an women's singles match.

Sindhu kept a firm grip on her match, especially in the opening game as she opened up a 7-2 lead early and swelled it to 16-9 at one stage before closing it comfortably. The second game was a see-saw battle initially but Sindhu ensured a one-point advantage at the interval and then reeled off six straight points to come up trumps.

In men's singles, Srikanth had come into the match lagging 0-3 in head-to-head count against Liew and the Indian had to struggle in the opening game with the Malaysian producing a tough fight.

The Indian managed to be 11-9 up at the break but the Malaysian made it 18-15 at one stage. Srikanth, however, kept his cool and erased the deficit to grab one match point. He squandered one before sealing the game.

I have made conscious effort to do justice to myself: Dinesh Karthik

Mumbai, Apr 06 (PTD):

It was in 2006 that a young Dinesh Karthik won 'Player of the Match' award for his cheeky 30-odd in India's first ever T20 International.

Sixteen years hence, Karthik, nearing 37, with 330 shortest format matches under his belt, is showing signs of being another eternal comeback man of Indian cricket, trying to do justice to the phenomenal talent that he is blessed with.

"I made a conscious effort to do justice to myself. Felt I could have done better in the last few years," Karthik, whose 44 off 23 balls, took RCB to victory over Rajasthan Royals in an IPL game on Tuesday.

Karthik, who has always been in demand during every edition of IPL, hasn't been selected for India after their heart-breaking semi-final loss against New Zealand in



Dinesh Karthik gets some love from Virat Kohli.

the 2019 ODI World Cup.

His form for KKR nosedived a bit in the past two years and 18 years after his India debut, Karthik knows very well that a 8-ball-29 in a Nidahas Trophy can't be his singular legacy when he calls it quits. So how has it been different and the Tamil Nadu stumper, who literally dashed Ravichandran

Ashwin's dreams of T20I comeback, hammering him into submission, said that he has changed his training methods.

"The way I have trained has been different. I was telling myself I am not done yet. I have a goal and I want to achieve something," said Karthik at the post-match presentation ceremony.

Four Indian boxers enter finals of Thailand Open

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTD):

Indian pugilists Ashish Kumar, Govind Sahani, Varinder Singh and Monika entered the finals of their respective events at the Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament in Phuket on Wednesday.

Ashish, who won gold medal in the last edition in the 75kg class, lived up to his billing and produced a flawless performance to register an easy 5-0 win over Maikhel Roberrd Muskitita of Indonesia in the men's 81kg semifinal bout. In the men's 48kg category, Govind had to work hard against Vietnam's Nguyen Linh Phung as the bout witnessed heavy exchange of punches but the Indian took the charge of the contest in time and tilted the result in his favour by a split 4-1 decision.

In the men's 60kg semifinals, Varinder was given a walkover by Palestine's Abdel Rahman Abunab.

11th DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship 2022

New Delhi, Apr 06:

The 11th edition DGC Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship 2022 presented by USHA commenced at the sprawling greens of Delhi Golf Club, located in the heart of New Delhi. More than 100 amateur lady golfers - ranging from 9 years in age to 79 years - will be seen vying for top honours in the 54-hole tournament being played from 5th to 7th April. Amateur golf has witnessed a huge surge in the recent years and is abuzz with many keen to make their mark. This year former National Champion and veteran Shiraz Singh and Shalini Malik, both are participating in the tournament. In fact, DGC and USHA have had a long association with several promising golfers in the past that include Gauri Monga who will be seen cheering the participants this tournament.

India ride Olympic experience, attacking strikers and dependable keeper

Potchefstroom, Apr 06 (PTD):

India exceeded expectations by scoring 11 goals, while conceding only twice, in their three matches of the ongoing junior women's hockey world cup here.

It wouldn't have been possible without the presence of three Olympians, an attacking forward line, and a fine goalkeeper in Bichu Devi Karibam.

Having already issued a warning going into the knockout stage of the FIH event, India will take on Korea in the quarterfinals on Friday.

India, who have appeared in four editions of the junior global event, claimed their best finish in 2013, with a bronze medal. Despite failing to



qualify for the previous edition, the Indians are considered among the top five contenders to lift the title in South Africa.

They are a confident lot following the senior team's historic fourth-place finish in the Tokyo Olympics,

besides the constant improvement in all aspects of the game in the last few years.

India is one team which boasts of three Olympians in skipper Salima Tete, strikers Lalremsiami and Sharmila Devi, and the trio's experience of playing at the highest level has benefited the side in the pool stages.

Salima has been a livewire in the midfield and has dazzled with her brilliant stick work, while Sharmila's defence splitting runs and Lalremsiami's poaching presence inside the opposition circle have worked wonders for the team.

Lalremsiami has scored two goals in the three matches, with her agile presence inside the circle.

Australia beats Pakistan by 3 wickets in one-off Twenty20

Lahore, Apr 06 (AP):

Australia rounded off its first tour to Pakistan in 24 years with a three-wicket victory in the one-off Twenty20.

Captain Aaron Finch smashed 55 and anchored Australia to 163-7 with five balls to spare as Ben McDermott flicked Haris Rauf to backward square leg for a boundary.

Nathan Ellis picked up 4-28 and pulled Pakistan back to 162-8 after Babar Azam continued his run of golden form and struck 66 off 46 balls when Finch won the toss and elected to field first.

Australia won the three-test series 1-0, its first in Pakistan since 1998, and lost the ODI series 2-1 after several of its players were rested from the white-ball series while Mitchell



Marsh and Steve Smith were ruled out due to injuries. "Thought the way our bowlers attacked that game were fantastic, said Finch, who came into the final game of the series after failing to score in the last two ODIs against

Pakistan. "Nathan Ellis had a tough start but showed real character. Everything we do is (with) one eye to the World Cup. There's been a lot of great performances on this tour to see so many young cricketers

come on is super exciting. Travis Head, who scored a century in the first ODI, hit a brisk 26 off 14 balls and provided Australia a whirlwind start with Finch of 40 in 21 deliveries to set up a strong platform.

New unified civic body to have base at Civic Centre

'Enough space' to accommodate House members

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

As the national capital is set to get a new unified municipal corporation, the swanky and towering Civic Centre in the heart of Delhi is set to become its headquarters, with officials saying there is "enough space" in the existing main hall to accommodate all members of the House that will come into being after civic polls.

Parliament on Tuesday passed the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2022, with the Rajya Sabha giving its nod to it through a voice vote after negating all amendments sought by the opposition.

The number of seats in the merged municipal cor-

poration of Delhi will not exceed 250, and a special officer may be appointed to oversee its function till the first meeting of the body is held under the reunification law, according to the bill. Since the trifurcation of the erstwhile Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the NDMC and the SDMC have 104 wards each, while the EDMC has 64 wards, spanning 272 wards in total.

While the headquarters of the NDMC and SDMC are housed in the state-of-the-art Civic Centre complex at Patparganj, 28-storey high, EDMC is based out of Udyog Sadan at Patparganj. The meetings of House of NDMC and SDMC, both by turns,

are held at the capacious Aruna Asaf Ali Sabhagar - the main municipal hall of the civic centre. Now, with the number of wards set to be revised as per the bill, the size of the House will grow from its current strength.

"The new civic body that will come into being once the bill becomes an Act, and after the fresh delimitation exercise will have members, not exceeding 250. And, we have enough space to accommodate all members in the Aruna Asaf Ali Sabhagar," a senior official said. He said, even for conducting meetings of the Standing Committee of the civic body that will come into being, "there is enough

space in the hall meant for such purposes. While NDMC has six zones, SDMC has four and EDMC two zones.

Sources earlier had said that the delimitation commission will start the exercise to reorganise municipal wards in accordance with the population in respective Assembly segments. "The delimitation exercise alone will take around 6-7 months. After the delimitation exercise is completed, its report has to be notified by the Centre and then the process of rotation of wards, and other poll exercises will be started. So overall it is likely to take a year to conduct municipal elections in Delhi," a source had said.

JASHAN 2022



Students perform the traditional Punjabi Bhangra dance during the inter-departmental cultural competition, Jashan 2022, at Guru Nanak Dev University, in Amritsar, Wednesday.

Bihar govt to approach Centre over GI tag

For Mithila's Rohu fish

Patna, Apr 06 (PTI) The Bihar government has decided to approach the Centre in order to get 'Geographical Indication' (GI) tag for Mithila's famous Rohu fish, an official said on Wednesday. The state government has engaged two experts to study and prepare a report on Rohu fish of the Mithila region, state fisheries department director Nishat Ahmed told PTI. "One of the most distinguished species of carp, Rohu fish of the Mithila region, especially in Darbhanga and Madhubani districts, is known for its taste. We have engaged two experts to study and prepare a detailed report on the fish.

Tribals displaced from Ch'garh due to LWE protest in Delhi

For rehabilitation

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

Over 100 tribals displaced from Chhattisgarh due to Left-wing extremism (LWE) staged a protest at Jantar Mantar here on Wednesday to demand the Centre rehabilitate them at the place of their choice.

Tribal rights activist Shubhanshu Chaudhary said the symbolic protest at Jantar Mantar was aimed at drawing the government's attention to the plight of around 5,000 tribal families displaced from Chhattisgarh during the

Salwa Judum movement. "While the nation is debating the displacement of Hindus from Kashmir, internally displaced tribal people from Central India are coming to Delhi to remind the nation of their displacement and demanding rehabilitation," he said.

The delegation of tribals has also sought time for a meeting from Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda to discuss their problems and demands, Chaudhary said.

"We met Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Monday. He has promised all support to re-

habilitate the displaced tribals. He, however, said since their security is a concern, the tribals will be given land near paramilitary camps," Chaudhary told PTI.

"The IDPs do not want to take the risk of living next to a camp. The Centre should lead a multi-state effort to grant them rights over forest land they have living on in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and other states," he said.

The Chhattisgarh government created the Salwa Judum in 2005 by mobilising members of local tribes as fighters against the Maoists.

'Audit of Indo-Nepal border roads project brings out inadequacies, delays'

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI):

The performance audit of the Indo-Nepal border roads project brings out inadequacies in planning and financial management, which, coupled with poor contract management and execution of works led to undue delays and cost enhancement, according to the CAG.

CAG REPORT

In a report submitted to the Parliament, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India said that the Central government in November 2010 took up the

construction of 1,377 km of roads along the Indo-Nepal Border in Bihar (564 km), Uttar Pradesh (640 km) and Uttarakhand (173 km) at a cost of Rs 3,853 crore. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) released the funds aggregating Rs 1,709.17 crore to these states as of March 31, 2021.

The timeline for completion of the project was March 2016, but it was subsequently extended to December 2022. "The performance audit brings out inadequacies in planning and financial management coupled with poor

contract management and execution of works as well as lack of synchronisation and coordination of activities leading to undue delays as well as additional costs," the report said.

On project planning and execution, the CAG said that in West Champaran (Bihar), the proposed alignment approved by the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) in September 2010 was in proximity with the India-Nepal Border (INB) touching Valmikinagar, which was on the northernmost side of the wildlife reserve area.

TRIBUTE TO CHHATRAPATI MAHARAJ



NCP chief Sharad Pawar with other leaders after paying respects to Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj near his statue in the Parliament, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Touch of Patna Sahib battle in Asansol as Prasad to campaign against Sinha

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI) The electoral battle between Ravi Shankar Prasad and Shatrughan Sinha in Patna Sahib was one of the more talked about contests in the 2019 poll, and it is de ja vu all over as the BJP is now banking on the former Union minister to bolster its fight in Asansol bypoll against Sinha, now a Trinamool Congress candidate.

Prasad will be joined by Ram Kripal Yadav, also a former Union minister and MP from neighbouring Pataliputra, in campaign on Friday with the BJP relying on a number of leaders from Bihar to retain its influence among Asansol's sizeable non-Bengali voters, a segment the TMC is eyeing by fielding Sinha.

'Centre keen on resolving Naga pol issue'

Kohima, Apr 06 (PTI):

K G Kenye, who has just completed his term as the lone Rajya Sabha MP from Nagaland, Wednesday said that the Centre is keen on resolving the Naga political issue at the earliest but the problem is partly with the people as they are divided into many groups with different demands.

Kenye told media persons here that as an MP from the state he had made several attempts in Parliament and outside to press for an early solution to the Naga political issue and for permanent peace in the state and the north east. "The Centre is interested in resolving the issue at the earliest but partly it is our Naga people who are at fault because we have too many different groups and may be with different purposes (demands). It would have been appropriate if we could settle the different issues among ourselves first and then put before the Centre a single and concrete proposal/document encompassing all our aspirations," the Naga Peoples Front leader said.



K G Kenye

Since the Naga groups did not screen their documents and did not place them before the Centre to decide, it may take time. To questions on the withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act

(AFSPA) by the Centre, Kenye said the repeal of the Act has always been on the cards but despite several attempts the Naga MPs could never take the issue to the Parliament for discussion.

The Oting massacre by security forces in December last year gave the Nagaland MPs their first opportunity to register their protest in Parliament against the draconian law and impress upon the Centre that AFSPA has created only animosity among the people and must be done away with, he said.

On the Centre's recent decision to reduce areas under AFSPA in Nagaland and other NE states, Kenye said this was the first time since the enactment of the Act in 1958 that the Centre had shown some response to the long standing demands of the people.

Polls due in Dec, BJP launches bike rally to reach out to voters

Ahmedabad, Apr 06 (PTI):

The BJP on Wednesday launched a bike rally in Ahmedabad which will cover 90 of the 182 constituencies in Gujarat where Assembly elections are due later this year, with BJYM president Tejasvi Surya asserting that the party will win again on the strength of youngsters and the "immense development" done in the last 27 years.

Participants of the rally - "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Yatra" - will meet family members of 1,000 freedom fighters and collect clay from them in the next 20 days, Surya said before launching the rally on the occasion of BJP's 42nd

Foundation Day along with Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. The bike rally, which was flagged off by Surya and Patel in the Nikol area of Ahmedabad, will reach out to nearly 3 lakh youths with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "New India" message and those freedom fighters should be respected as the country is celebrating 75 years of independence, said Surya. "We will cover 90 Assembly seats during the next 20 days. Big events will be organised at 120 places along the Yatra route. Participants of this bike rally will also meet family members of 1,000 freedom fighters and collect clay from them," the Bangalore South MP told a

press conference. He said the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha will play a "major role" in the upcoming Assembly elections in Gujarat, due in December this year. "The BJP has brought immense development in Gujarat during its 27 years of rule and youths are now tasting the fruits of that development. Youngsters know that the state government is working for them. It will be the strength of youngsters of Gujarat on which we will win the elections again," he said. On the occasion of the BJP's Foundation Day, Gujarat state unit president CR Paatil attended an event organised by the party in Himmatnagar town in north Gujarat.

Pre-term baby weighing 704 gms overcomes cardiac issues, brain hemorrhage

At Delhi hospital

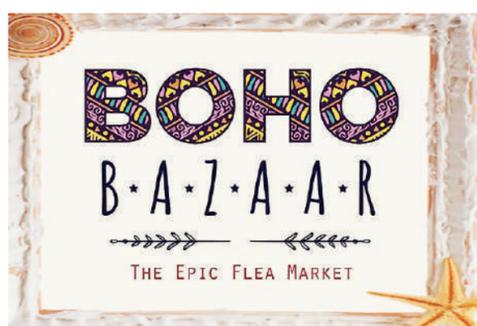
New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI): A pre-term baby weighing just 704 grams won a tough battle against multiple infections, cardiac issues and brain hemorrhage at Fortis Hospital in Vasant Kunj here and was discharged after 115 days of intricate treatment and care. A woman had given birth to twins through in-vitro fertilization. While one died soon after birth, the other had multiple comorbidities. The baby had gone into shock and was stabilized within 24 hours. "During treatment, the baby suffered multiple co-morbidities such as desaturation, brain seizures, cardiac issues and underwent 12 blood transfusions. Finally, after 115 days of treatment and care, the baby has been discharged in a healthy state," the hospital said in a statement.

Shoppers paradise 'Boho Bazaar' to return to capital after two years

New Delhi, Apr 06 (PTI)

In good news for shopaholics, 'Boho Bazaar - The Epic Flea Market' is all set to make its return to the national capital starting Friday after being cancelled for the past two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The three-day shopping carnival, now in its third edition, will be held at the JLN stadium here. It will showcase a plethora of items - from lifestyle products, home decor, apparel, accessories to pet products, quirky merchandise, food products, gifting, and much more - from over 200 curated pop-ups across the country. "We're super pumped to be back after al-



most two years and we can already see a lot of growing excitement and support from all quarters. We have a lot of fun and new elements planned out this time and hence we've shifted the venue to a bigger venue than last time, to do

justice to our vision. "We welcome everyone to come and make merry with their friends and family to make the upcoming weekend a memorable one," said Digant Sharma, organiser and co-founder of Boho Bazaar.

As a special bonus for the visitors, the festival this year will also host 12 vendors from Gurgaon's popular Banjara Market, known for its unique and affordable home decors.

"In addition to offering a smorgasbord of shopping options, everything on offer at Boho Bazaar shall be available at heavily discounted prices, thereby catering to all budgets and sensibilities of Delhiites," said the organisers.

Besides shopping, the festival will also feature a variety of food stalls, creative workshops, a dedicated zone for children, and a bunch of fun activities to provide entertainment for visitors. It will come to a close on April 10.