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BRIEF



A stork flies in the blue sky with a branch in its beak, which it probably wants to use for building its nest in Riedlingen, Germany, Monday.

Explosion

New Delhi: Three people, including a woman, were injured on Monday after a fire broke out in a shop in west Delhi as a cooking gas cylinder exploded, Delhi Fire Services officials said. Jitender (40), Rahul (28) and Anita (32) sustained minor injuries in the incident that took place in Mayapuri area, they said.

Suspended

Kolkata: Leader of Opposition Suwendu Adhikari, who has been suspended from the West Bengal Assembly for the entire session till the House is prorogued, on Monday staged a sit-in protest on the premises after he was prevented from entering his chamber. Adhikari, along with four other BJP MLAs, was suspended by the speaker from the assembly after legislators from the saffron party and the TMC came to blows inside the House on the last day of the budget session in March over the Birbhumi killings.

Successful

New Delhi: Anti-tank guided missile Helina successfully completed a flight test at a high-altitude range on Monday as part of user validation trials, the Defence Ministry stated. "The flight test was jointly conducted by teams of scientists from Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Indian Army and Indian Air Force," the ministry said in a statement.

Reconstituted

Amaravati: Apparently giving in to pressure from seniors in the party and relying heavily on caste calculations, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday reconstituted the state Cabinet, re-inducting 11 from his first team and taking in 13 freshers, besides a veteran.

Course

Latur: A batch of 554 cadets of the Border Security Force (BSF) on Monday participated in the passing out parade in Latur district of Maharashtra on the completion of the 44-week training course. The cadets were trained at the Subsidiary Training Centre at the BSF camp at Chakur in the Latur district, an official said. BSF Inspector General Praveen Rathore reviewed the passing out parade at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ground at the training centre.

Weather
High 40 Low 28

MARKET
NIFTY 17,674.95
SENSEX 58,964.57

BULLION
GOLD 52,348
SILVER 67,695

J'KHAND ROPEWAY ACCIDENT

Three dead, 25 trapped people rescued

Air Force Op to rescue dozens

Deoghar (Jharkhand), Apr 11 (PTI): Some 25 people were rescued while 23 people remain trapped mid-air in a row of cable cars on Monday, nearly 26 hours after a malfunction of a ropeway in Jharkhand's Deoghar district, which saw cable cars hitting each other, killing three persons and injuring 12 others a day before.



A person hangs on a cable at Trikut Hill after a collision of cable cars, in Deogar district.

The rescued passengers were airlifted with the help of two Air Force helicopters, Deoghar Deputy Commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri said. The ropeway which runs through a picturesque densely forested valley is surrounded by hills, making rescue difficult, except by air.

Sandip, who was stuck in a trolley for 19 hours, said, "I feel Baba Baidyanath gave me second life. I can't explain the harrowing experience in a hanging trolley overnight. It was frightening." The trolleys were hanging mid-air at a height of nearly

100 feet. He said the power of the trolley suddenly went off and it stopped midway. "When I called on the helpline number around 4pm on Sunday, I was told that it stopped due to a technical snag, which is being rectified. I again called around 7 pm. They said the ropeway is not working and they would rescue us using choppers on Monday. We were four people in the trolley and were very

scared." Added Devang Jaipal from West Bengal, "After offering prayer to Baba Baidyanath, I wanted to enjoy nature on this ropeway ride... who knew that I would be hanging in a trolley for a whole night." "With no food and water, we had a sleepless night on Sunday. On Monday, we were given some food and water through drones. Thanks to the NDRF, Indian Airforce and Deoghar administra-

tion for saving our lives," he said. Around 24 hours after the accident, drones were used to supply those remaining in the cars with food and water. Eleven of the stranded tourists were rescued last night.

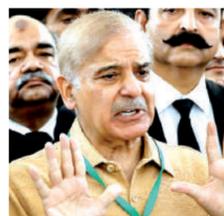
The accident which occurred Sunday around 4 pm, resulted in three death late at night and 12 injured in the collision among cable cars, around 20 kilometres from the famous Baba Baidyanth temple of Deoghar town.

Expressing sorrow over the incident, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said rescue and relief operations are being conducted on war-footing. "The government is keeping a close watch on the situation," he said.

"People trapped during the ropeway journey on Trikut mountain under Mohanpur block are being rescued by the combined teams of Air Force, NDRF, Army and ITBP," Bhajantri said.

Shehbaz Sharif elected as new PM of Pakistan

Islamabad, Apr 11 (PTI):



Pakistan Parliament on Monday elected unopposed Shehbaz Sharif as 23rd prime minister of the country, bringing to an end the political uncertainty that had gripped the nation since a no-confidence motion was introduced against his predecessor Imran Khan on March 8. Shehbaz, 70, was the only candidate left in the race after former foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi announced that his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party will boycott the voting and staged a walkout. "Sharif has secured 174 votes and has been declared as prime minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan," according to the formal result announced by Speaker Ayaz Sadiq who presided over the session after Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri said his conscience did not allow him to conduct the session. In the

good has prevailed over evil," he said. He said today is a "big day" for the entire nation as a "selected" prime minister has been sent home in a legal and constitutional manner. Shehbaz, the younger brother of former three-time prime minister

Soon after he was elected as Pakistan's Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif in his inaugural speech on Monday raised the issue of abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir and alleged that the people in the Valley were "bleeding" and Pakistan will provide them with "diplomatic and moral support" besides raising the matter at every international fora. The 70-year-old leader, who replaced Imran Khan after a high voltage political tussle, said he wanted good relations with India, but it cannot be achieved without the resolution of the Kashmir issue.

House of 342, the winning candidate should get support of at least 172 lawmakers. In his maiden address to the house as the prime minister, Shehbaz said that it was the first time in Pakistan's history that a no-confidence motion against a prime minister had been successful. "And

Nawaz Sharif, said that the US dollar's value declining by Rs 8 today signified the "happiness of the people". He acknowledged the apex court's "unanimous" verdict, saying the day when the Supreme Court gave its judgment should be marked as a historic day in the history of Pakistan.

Girl, woman killed in elephant attacks

5 deaths in past 3 days

Dhamtari, Apr 11: An 11-year-old girl and a woman were killed in two elephant attacks in Dhamtari district on Monday, taking the number of deaths in this manner to five in the past three days, officials said. On Monday morning, a girl identified as Simran Sahu was trampled to death when she had gone to Tumbahra forest under Nagari range along with her father to collect 'mahua', an official said. The second incident took place during the day in Sambalpur village, he added. "A woman was killed by an elephant in Chargaon forest under Nagari range while collecting mahua flowers," he said. Villagers have been alerted

about the presence of elephants in the vicinity and have been told not to go to the forest to collect wood or mahua, said Deputy Director of Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve Arun Jain. Efforts are on to chase these pachyderms away from villages, he added. Three persons were killed by elephants in Dhamtari on Saturday. Such incidents have mostly occurred in Surguja, Raigarh, Korba, Surajpur, Mahasamund, Dhamtari, Gariaband, Balod, Balrampur and Kanker districts. As per the forest department, 204 people were killed in elephant attacks while 45 jumbos died in Chhattisgarh in the last three years.

Voting for Khairagarh assembly bypoll today

Rajnandgaon, Apr 11:

Vital statistics

A total of 10 candidates are in the fray. Voting will be held from 7 am till 5 pm amid tight security. The counting of votes will be taken up on April 16.

Voting for the bypoll in the Khairagarh assembly constituency in Chhattisgarh will be held on April 12 where the ruling Congress and opposition BJP are locked in a straight fight. A total of 10 candidates are in the fray. Voting will be held from 7 am till 5 pm amid tight security. The counting of votes will be taken up on April 16. The bypoll was necessitated following the death of JCC (J) legislator and former MP Devvrat Singh last November. The seat, which falls in the Rajnandgaon district, had witnessed a triangular contest in the 2018 assembly polls when the late Ajit Jogi-led JCC (J) had en-

tered the poll arena. Khairagarh was among the five seats won by the JCC in the 90-member state assembly. However, political commentators feel this time the fight is virtually between the ruling Congress and opposition BJP as the JCC (J) has lost its appeal after the demise of Ajit Jogi in 2020. Both the leading parties left no stone unturned in their efforts to woo the voters. While the BJP involved two Union ministers- Prahlad

Man held as woman dies after being raped, brutalised with iron rod

Janjgir-Champa, Apr 11:

A man was arrested in Janjgir-Champa district for allegedly raping a 56-year-old mentally unwell woman and inserting a rod into her private parts, leading to her death, a police official said on Monday.

The incident took place in the intervening night of April 5 and 6, when the victim was sleeping on a bench in front of a grocery shop under Dabhara police station limits, the official said. "Accused Kishan Yadav (31) was arrested on Thursday. The post

mortem report confirmed that the woman was brutally assaulted and raped. On the night of April 5, Yadav dragged her into a nearby plot, raped her; hit her head with a stone and inserted an iron rod into her private parts," he said.

Yadav fled after abandoning the woman, who died, and he then threw his blood-stained clothes and the iron rod in the thicket near a culvert, the official said.

The clothes and iron rod have been recovered, he added.

RELIGIOUS PROCESSION



Devotees take part in a religious procession celebrating Ram Navami, in Bodh Gaya, Monday.

Gujarat tops NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index-Round 1

Among larger states

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI): Gujarat has topped Niti Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index-Round 1 (SECI) among larger states, which is aimed at ranking states and Union territories (UTs) on six parameters including discoms' performance, energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. Gujarat was followed by Kerala and Punjab, according to the government think tank's report. States like Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand were placed at the bottom. Among the smaller states, Goa topped the Aayog's index, followed by Tripura and Manipur. Among



Vice-Chairman NITI Aayog Dr. Rajiv Kumar addresses at the release of the State Energy & Climate Index-Round 1, in New Delhi.

union territories (UTs), Chandigarh topped the index, followed by Delhi and Daman & Diu/Dadra & Nagar Haveli (D&D and D&N). Punjab was the best performer in discom performance parameter

among larger states, while Kerala emerged as top performer in access, affordability and reliability category among larger states.

Likewise, Haryana was the best performer when it comes to clean energy initiative among larger states, while Tamil Nadu emerged as top performer in the energy efficiency category. The index is based on 2019-20 data.

Releasing the report, NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar said that this index that compares states and UTs across many indicators will encourage them towards energy transition, and all the necessary steps must be taken to achieve this.

INS Vikrant case

Court rejects pre-arrest bail plea of BJP leader Somaiya

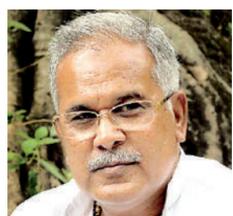
Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI): A court here on Monday rejected the anticipatory bail application of Maharashtra BJP leader Kirit Somaiya in a case pertaining to alleged misappropriation of over Rs 57 crore funds collected to save aircraft carrier INS Vikrant. Kirit Somaiya and his son Neil have been named accused in the case and apprehending arrest, they had sought pre-arrest bail from additional sessions judge R N Rokade. The court is likely to pass an order on Neil Somaiya's anticipatory bail application (ABA) on Tuesday. The judge, while refusing pre-

arrest bail to Kirit Somaiya, said there were pictures to show he collected money in the name of saving the decommissioned aircraft carrier from getting dismantled, but the same was not deposited with the state governor's office. Kirit Somaiya, a former Lok Sabha MP from Mumbai, said the case is driven by political vendetta. Senior counsel Ashok Mundargi, appearing for the accused, argued that the 'Save Vikrant' campaign was launched not only by the BJP, but also the Congress and the Shiv Sena, who are now allies in the state's ruling coalition.

'Rahul Gandhi should take charge as Congress president'

Raipur, Apr 11:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has pitched for Rahul Gandhi once again taking charge as Congress president, even as he asserted that the party follows a democratic process and anyone willing to contest for the post is free to do so. Sonia Gandhi is currently the interim president of the Congress. She assumed the charge after Rahul Gandhi resigned from the position after the party suffered its second consecutive defeat in parliamentary elections in 2019. "The dates for the Congress organisational elections have been an-



nounced and those who want to contest are free to file nomination. I believe that Rahul Gandhi should take charge as Congress chief," Baghel told PTI in an interview. His remarks come as the Group of 23 leaders has called for a revamp of the party organisation. The

demands for change in the Congress have increased in the wake of the party's poor performance in the recently held assembly elections. The party had lost Punjab to the Aam Aadmi Party by a big margin. Speaking about the debacle in the recent assembly elections, Baghel said, "Elections come and go, we shouldn't be disheartened by it. We should move ahead."

Last month, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) decided Sonia Gandhi would continue to lead the party until the election for the post of Congress president is held.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

ED examines Cong leader Kharage

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday examined senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharage here in connection with its money laundering probe against the party-promoted Associated Journals Limited (AJL), which publishes the National Herald newspaper, officials said.

The 79-year-old Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha was summoned to appear before the federal agency with regard to the probe, following which he deposited before it. He arrived at the ED headquarters here shortly before 11 AM. His state-



Senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharage at Enforcement Directorate (ED) office, after being called for questioning in New Delhi, Monday.

ment has been recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) as the agency wants to understand some issues in the investigation, officials said.

Dream of marketing SHG products as brands comes true: Tamradhwaj Sahu

Home Minister inaugurates C-Mart at Janpad Panchayat premises

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Bhilai, Apr 11: People in the country still prefer and have trust on the homemade products as it assures quality. Customers get local products at cheaper prices and sellers also make good profits. The women of SHGs have been manufacturing quality products but they did not have direct access to the market. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhpupesh Baghel, the State Government decided to start C-Marts to provide an

effective marketing facility for the quality products of the women SHGs. On Monday, the first C-Mart was inaugurated in Durg. Products of Women SHGs have been put on display for sale. Their brand is now available in the Mart, which is a great success, said Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu after inaugurating the C-Mart in the Janpad Panchayat Complex of Durg.

In his remarks, the Home Minister said that he oversaw the products at C-Mart. The specialty of the products is that the customers will never have doubt on its quality. The items produced through the Baadi Scheme by Women SHGs have also been displayed in C-Mart.



The women are selling chilli and spices as well as their powders with the brand name. To survive in the market for a long time and earn good profit, it is necessary to focus on the quality. He urged the women to expand the variety of products in the C-Mart.

MLA Arun Vora said that Chief Minister Bhpupesh Baghel not only showed the way of employment orient-



ed activities to the women of SHGs through Gauthan, but also provided a bigger market to their products by arranging attractive packaging and marketing as well as opening the centers

like C-Mart. He said that a variety of products have been made available under one roof. Quality of all the products is very good. He said that the pace at which employment-oriented activ-

ities are being created in Gauthan and quality products are being manufactured, the C-Mart will soon be able to meet all the demands of the customers.

District Panchayat President Shalini Rivendra Yadav said that there is a great demand for the items made by the women of SHGs in urban areas. Despite having a good demand, desired results were not being achieved due to lack of a permanent marketing facility. Now this problem has been resolved.

Durg Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal, Risali Mayor Shashi Sinha, District Panchayat Durg Vice President Ashok Sahu, Durg Janpad President Devendra Kumar

Deshmukh and other public representatives were present. Divisional Commissioner Mahadev Kande, Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure, District Panchayat CEO Ashwini Dewangan were also present.

District Panchayat CEO Ashwini Dewangan gave detailed information about C-Mart. Products of 84 SHGs will be sold here. The members of Bihaan will look after the operations of C-Mart. All the necessary items will be available in the C-Mart. Minor forest produce will also be available here. Various daily use items including coriander-chilli powder to artificial jewellery are available for sale.

CITU discusses issues for improving medical services PGCON celebrates World Health Day

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Bhilai, Apr 11: Hospital Departmental Committee of Hindustan Steel Employees Union, CITU discussed various issues with the Sector 9 Hospital Management for improving the medical services. CITU Departmental Committee members Santosh Kumar, Ajay Arya, Savita Malaviya and Jogarao were present. Dr M Ravindranath, Dr P Binayake, Dr Kaushalendra Thakur, General Manager SM Shahid Ahmed and Assistant General Manager, Personnel R Ranjani were present on behalf of the hospital management.

CITU demanded that the work of electrical, civil and computer maintenance in all the wards should be done regularly every at least in 15 days so that there is no situation of breakdown. Routine maintenance work is being carried out in ICU only. They demanded that the same system should be

applied in the entire hospital. The union demanded that the hospital management to take immediate necessary steps to fill the vacant posts. Out of 70 posts in pharmacy, only 35 personnel are employed. They opined that 30 vacancies should be filled by permanent personnel and if necessary 10 posts should be filled by interns.

The hospital is facing shortage of Medical Technicians and Medical Technology Assistants, Dressers, Radiologists etc. Recruitments must be done on these posts. They further demanded to recruit the posts of Data Entry Operator in the Pharmacy Section. They further demanded appointment of two intern micro biologists who have certificates of certified course.

Elevator is an essential means of transporting patients to the hospital in case of emergency, but due to the absence of lift operator, the lift system has collapsed. CITU has demanded



appointment of 10 lift operators. Management informed that a 6-bed ICU is being built in the C-3 ward and lifts will be arranged in A3, B3 and C3 wards. The management assured the appointment of lift operators.

CITU has demanded from the management that a new promotion policy should be formulated for the stalled promotions of the hospital workers. CITU proposed four LOPs and has already conducted several rounds of talks with the top management. The union demanded to provide the designation of Nursing Officer to Nursing Staff in D Cluster, on

which the management gave positive assurance. They further demanded Dak Allowance for the employees of the Health Center and other departments who do the work of the hospital at their own expense.

CITU demanded that the Rotation system of deployment in the mines should be stopped completely and Pharmacist, Technician and Nursing staff should be recruited for the Mines. Management assured to take action on this demand.

CITU reiterated the long-pending demand for arrange-

ment of separate vehicle parking for hospital workers.

Normal functioning of the hospital is affected as the attendants are being outsourced in the hospital. The contract workers are suffering exploitation in the hands of the contractors. The workers often go on strike or stop work to press their demands. CITU demanded that 100 permanent attendants should be appointed.

Since the hospital is constantly battling with shortage of staff, CITU has demanded that the employees retiring from medical services should be re-employed on proper honorarium. The experience of the retired doctors can also be utilized by the hospital.

Management informed that Cardiologists will be present in OPD for all 6 days and availability of NeuroSurgeons is also being ensured. Cathlab is also being upgraded and a telemedicine facility will be made available soon.

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Bhilai, Apr 11: PG College of Nursing, Bhilai (Managed by Bhilai Education Trust in association with JLN Hospital & Research Centre, Sector 9 BSP Hospital) celebrated World Health Day and the Offline NRP event. The Managing Trustee of Bhilai Education Trust & Chairman of PG College of Nursing Vijay Kumar Gupta wished all a healthy life on the occasion of World Health Day.

Dr Omesh Khurana, Past President, CGAP and Durg Bhilai Academy of Paediatrics & Lead Instructor of Neonatal Resuscitation Programme released the First Golden Minute Algorithm. Dr Khurana in his inaugural speech motivated all participants to take a pledge to "Give a breath, Save a



Life" to decrease Neonatal and infant mortality rates. He also stressed the need for the preservation of water for the life of human beings, plants & animals. He said that during the summer season we should drink around 3 litres of water per day and should avoid carbonated cold drinks.

Prof Dr Abhilekha Biswal, Principal, PG College of Nursing, Bhilai unfolded the theme of WHO 2022 "Our Planet our Earth". She motivat-

ed the audience to think globally and act locally by avoiding plastic waste and adopting all measures to have a healthier place to live. Certification of successful completion of NRP was distributed by Prof Dr Abhilekha Biswal, Prof Dr Daisy Abraham & Prof Dr Sreemini Pillai.

The inaugural session was conducted by PGCON faculty member Rincy Mary and the vote of thanks was given by Dr Jaya Chakraborty.

Young puppeteers who helped create film on 'Mera SAIL-Mera Gaurav' felicitated

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Bhilai, Apr 11: Ten young puppeteers being trained in the techniques of staging puppet shows by Vibhash Upadhyay, an employee of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant working in Research & Control Lab were felicitated by BSP's Public Relations Department for their role in staging a puppet show that was used in BSP's film made for the occasion of SAIL Gaurav Divas.

A puppet show on the theme Mera SAIL Mera Gaurav was staged in Kala Mandir after scripting and the same was filmed. Various facets of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant in which Bhilaians take pride were amalgamated with narration by the characters in the puppet show. The film



was digitally screened after editing by the Public Relations Dept along with films prepared by other units in a live show. BSP's film was much appreciated as unique and for having well presented the theme.

The young boys living in the outskirts of the steel city of Bhilai including Jitendra Sahu, Chandrashekhar Banjare, Sujeet Kumar Yadav, Lokesh Verma, Akash Verma, Gajanand Yadav, Deepak Sahu, Prahlad Kamde, Rajeev Agrawal

and Digeshvar Verma had done a good job under the direction of Vibhash Upadhyay.

A small function was organised by the PR Department to felicitate Vibhash Upadhyay and the young puppeteers. Certificates and token gifts were given away to the ten young boys and their director, Upadhyay by senior officers of PR Department including S K Daripa, GM (PR), Satyawan Nayak, Sr Mgr (PR) and Jawahar Bajpai, Sr Mgr (PR).

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Bhilai, Apr 11: Police have arrested nine persons on charges of stealing government documents from the Forest Division Office of Durg. Two of the accused are the watchmen while three others had purchased the documents as scrap. One accused is still at large.

CSP (Durg) Jitendra Yadav informed that on April 09, Padmanabhpur Chowki received a complaint from Mona Maheshwari, an officer at Divisional Forest Office, regarding theft of government documents from the office.

Office records, which were almost 40 years old,

were stolen from the record room of the office. The officials had visited this room on March 15 and had found all the documents in place. Thereafter, the officials visited the record room on March 08 to search some documents and found that the lock was broken and a huge quantity of documents was missing.

On the directions of SSP Durg, Padmanabhpur Police team led by Probationary IPS Vaibhav Banker launched investigations and inspected the crime scene. The network of informers was activated and soon Constable Kishore Soni received a tip off about a suspect Jeetu Devar who had concealed a

Nine held for stealing government documents from Forest Office

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huge quantity of paper scrap at his house in Devarpara. The special team swung into action and rounded up Jeetu Devar, Karan Devar, Arjun Neval and Golu Devraj. On the basis of statements given by them, Police arrested the junk dealer - Subhash Chandra Agrawal

of Meenakshi Nagar Durg, Shambhu Nigam of Ravabhata Supela and Devanand Soni of Gaya Nagar Durg. Police recovered documents packed in 31 gunny bags from the possession of the accused. The scrap value of documents is around Rs 60000. Police

have arrested the permanent watchman Ramsai Sahu (60) of Kolihapuri and Contractual watchman Maniram Sahu (49) of village Potiya in connection with this theft.

Inspector Bhushan Ekka, Inspector Gaurav Tiwari (I/c, Cyber Cell), SI Dharman mandavi, ASI Vinay Rajak, ASI Kirendra Singh, ASI Purna Bahadur, Head Constable Shiv Dubey, Constables Javed Khan, Pradeep Singh, Kishore Soni, Chitra Sen Sahu, Farukh Khan, Dheerendra Yadav, Keshav Sahu, Yogendra Chandrakar, Sharad Singh, Anup Sharma, Pannal and Mithlesh Sahu played vital role in arresting the accused.

Magnificent rally of Ram Bhakts gave message of unity to the entire country: Deodhar

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Bhilai, Apr 11: On the occasion of Shri Ram Navami, a grand procession and public gathering was organized by Shri Ram Janmotsav Samiti on Sunday. More than 25000 Ram Bhakts participated in this event organized at Ramlila Maidan in Power House. Bharatiya Janata Party National Secretary Sunil Deodhar was present as the chief guest.

Prem Prakash Pandey, former Vidhan Sabha Speaker and Patron of the committee, presided over the programme. Durg Lok Sabha MP Vijay Baghel, Committee's State President Ramesh Mane, State General Secretary Buddhhan Thakur, Working President Praveen Pandey, Youth Wing President Manish Pandey and District President Sevakraam Sahu were present as special guests. At the outset, the program began with lighting lamps



and offering prayers to Lord Shri Ram. This was followed by recitation of Hanuman Chalisa. Tableaux and processions from different blocks had reached the venue.

Addressing the gathering, Prem Prakash Pandey thanked all the members of the Samiti for their active participation and making the programme a grand success. Appreciating the flag bearers who came from all the temples, he said that because of such devotees (flag bearers),

Shri Ram Janmotsav Samiti has maintained its tradition for the last 36 years.

He added that when this programme started in the year 1986, a small procession was taken out from a temple in Khursipar which covered Supela, Camp and ended at Hanuman Mandir. At that time, people hesitated even to take the name of Lord Ram. But now it is a matter of pride for all the Ram Bhakts that the purpose for



which the committee was formed is now getting fulfilled. A grand Ram Mandir is being built in Ayodhya. Pandey further said that those who used to harass the Ram Bhakts and called them communal are now themselves roaming around with saffron flags.

Chief Guest Sunil Deodhar praised all the members of the committee for this grand and huge event. He said that it is really praiseworthy to organise

such a grand event at a place where the people hesitated in putting Tika on their forehead and tying rakshasutra three decades ago. He added that the huge gathering of Ram Bhakts is giving a meaningful message of unity not only in the state but in the entire country.

He said that some anti-religionists can convert their opinion with the help of the sword, but they cannot wipe out Prabhu Ram who resides in the hearts of

people. He openly attacked Bollywood and charged them of having double standards over religious matters. He said that the example of how people of Hindu religion are being offended can be seen in the film Kashmir Files.

Later, the committee office bearers greeted the Chief Guest Sunil Deodhar and Prem Prakash Pandey with mementoes. Buddhhan Singh Thakur delivered the welcome address. Youth Wing President Manish Pandey

proposed the vote of thanks.

Deodhar threw light on the character of Lord Shri Ram. He said that Maryadapurushottam Shri Ram is the only person who possesses all the qualities of an ideal person described in the Vedas. He said that Ram is the symbol of our religion and culture. Lord Shri Ram is the pride of every Hindu.

Prem Prakash Pandey said that Bhilai is considered as Mini India as people from different

states of India live here. He said that when saffron supporters worked by following the footsteps of Lord Shri Ram, Ram Rajya was established in Bhilai and overall development took place in Bhilai.

The tableaux from different blocks were also awarded in the program. Supela block got the first prize, Ward 42 Shivalaya Khursipar got second prize and Shivaji Nagar, Subhash Nagar Khursipar got third prize. In this sequence, tableaux of Camp Block and West Block were given consolation prizes. On behalf of the committee, Sheela Baghmare and Sandhya Madan Mohan of the jury were also honored with mementoes. Committee's founder members Rajkumar Ram, Dharmaraj Shukla, Lalchand Maurya and Vasudev Singh were also honored with mementoes. Other dignitaries were also honoured by the Samiti.



Road safety measures should be implemented better with everyone's participation: Chief Secretary



Health test to be done for all government drivers

Emphasis on upgradation of trauma centers for speedy treatment of injured in road accidents

Portal to be ready for mapping of government and private ambulances

Raipur, Apr 11: Taking note of the cases of road accidents Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain has directed all the concerned departments to work in coordination with each other for prevention of road accidents. He said that better implementation of road

safety measures should be ensured with everyone's participation. Chief Secretary Jain reviewed road safety and traffic arrangements in a meeting held at Mantralaya (Mahanadi Bhawan) here today.

Jain directed all the departments to take initiative for health check-up of government drivers, training for road safety rules to improve road traffic. He said that the government drivers should be seen as the brand ambassadors of road safety. Similarly, a portal should be prepared for the upgradation of trauma centers and mapping of all government and private ambulances for speedy treatment of injured persons in road accidents.

He instructed to resolve

difficulties in restoring city bus services in Raipur, Durg and other districts at the earliest. He also instructed to take necessary corrective measures on priority in accident-prone road sections, black spots. He said that NCC, Scouts, Guide cadets of various colleges, schools should be given training on safe traffic and their participation in road safety programs should be increased. By marking accident-prone junctions as gray-spots, early removal of encroachments and corrective measures should be taken, he emphasised. According to him Illegal hoardings which are ob-

structing vision on various routes should also be removed expeditiously. He also instructed to take action against overloaded vehicles.

Action was taken on the violation of traffic rules in road accidents in the year 2020-21, to mark a road as a pilot project in all the districts to remove the stray animals affecting the drivers on the roads, Supreme Court on The work done by the concerned departments was reviewed on the compliance of the guidelines of road safety, smooth operation of the interdepartmental lead agency, the current status of empowerment and other subjects.

Action taken on violation of traffic rules in road accidents occurred during 2020-21, work to earmark one road as pilot project in all the districts for removing stray cattle, compliance of Supreme Court's on road safety guidelines, smooth conduct of interdepartmental lead agency and other issues were discussed at the meeting.

On expressing the need of highway patrolling by Senior Superintendent of

Police Bilaspur, Director General of Police Ashok Juneja assured to provide highway patrolling vehicles in the month of May. The Director General of Police instructed all the concerned departments to prepare an effective action plan after assessing the ground problems related to road safety and its implementation. Chairman, Inter-departmental Lead Agency Road Safety and Joint Transport Commissioner Sanjay Sharma informed about the work being done by various departments in relation to road safety through a presentation.

Director General of Police Ashok Juneja, Secretary Transport S Prakash, Secretaries of other departments including Public Works, Home and Chief Engineer Public Works Department and senior officials of Education, Health Department, Transport, Excise, Urban Administration and Development Departments including, Raipur, Durg, Bilaspur, Raigarh, Korba Collectors and SPs were present at the meeting.

Major reshuffle in ACB-EOW

Transfer of Shori-Pankaj Chandra to Dongergarh and Mungeli cancelled

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Raipur, Apr 11: Nearly 50 police personnel have been shifted from their current posting in a major reshuffle in the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB)-Economic Offense

Wing (EOW) here on Monday.

Meanwhile, the state government on Monday also cancelled the previous transfer order under which Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) rank of officers Amrita Shori was transferred as ASP Dongergarh whereas Pankaj Chandra was shifted to Mungeli in the reshuffle.

With the above orders, both the senior Officers would con-

tinue with ACB-EOW again.

Several Inspector rank Police Officers as well as Head Constable and Constables from various District have been attached to ACB-EOW after taking the services from Home Department in the reshuffle.

It has been stated that the essential approval from the Chief Minister Office has also been taken for the reshuffle here.

Provide better Parking facilities for citizens at RMC Zone Office: Kanhaiya

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 11: Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee (CPCC) General Secretary Kanhaiya Agrawal on Monday raised demand to either shift back the Zone 6 Office of Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) to the old office at Bhatgaon or to improve the Parking arrangements as people particularly the senior citizens

face a lot of inconvenience due to mismanagement.

Agrawal in a statement said that the Parking arrangement has become a major problem for the people which create problems for the people visiting the new office situated in the third floor of the Rawanbhata Inter-State Bus Terminal.

In support to his demand, he has submitted a memorandum to

District Collector and Municipal Commissioner to take appropriate steps to provide relief to the people. He further stated that people visiting the RMC Zone Office should not face inconvenience due to mismanagement at parking.

He added that the people visiting the RMC Office are unnecessarily forced to pay the parking fees.

Old pension scheme implemented in Chhattisgarh

Chief Minister had announced resumption of this scheme during the budget session

Instructions issued to deduct 12 percent of the basic salary for provident fund from the month of April

Nearly three lakh officers and employees of the state to be benefited under the scheme

Raipur, Apr 11: On the initiative of Chief Minister Mr. BhupeshBaghel, implementation of the old pension scheme has been re-

sumed for the state government employees in Chhattisgarh. With this decision, the officers and employees of the new contributory pension scheme will be able to enjoy the benefits of the old pension scheme from this financial year. Nearly three lakh officers and employees will get benefitted from this decision.

It is worth mentioning that in the budget session of the Vidhan Sabha, Chief Minister Mr. BhupeshBaghel had announced the resumption of the old pension scheme for the state government employees. Implementation of the old pension scheme, in place of the new contributory pension scheme, for the employees appointed on and after November 01, 2004, was being demanded for a long time.

According to the guidelines issued by the Finance Department regarding the old pension scheme, 12 percent of the basic salary will be deducted and deposited in the provident fund from April 1, 2022. Similarly, 10 percent monthly deduction for the new contributory pension scheme from the salary of state government employees appointed in the year 2004 and after has been discontinued from April 1, 2022.

It has also been mentioned in the issued instructions that the details of deduction of General Provident Fund will be kept separately at the Directorate, Treasury Account and Pension level and this amount will be shown in the new General Provident Fund account number allotted to the concerned employees.

Over 8.5 lakh smart card based registration certificates, driving licenses issued

Raipur, Apr 11: As per the directions of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel and Transport Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar, a new facility 'Tuhar Sarkar Tuhar Dwar' is being operated efficiently by the Transport Department in Chhattisgarh. Under this, a total of 08 lakh 52 thousand 136 smart card based registration certificates and driving licenses have been delivered at the doorsteps of the applications in a period of just 10 months from June to March. These include 05 lakh 61 thousand 799 smart card based registration certificates and 02 lakh 90 thousand 337 driving licenses.

Continuous monitoring is being done by the Transport Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar to ensure proper operation of 'Tuhar Sarkar Tuhar Dwar'. The scheme has been started by the transport department keeping in view the convenience of

people. Under this, 22 transport related services are being provided to the people at their doorsteps. Now applicants no longer need to visit the offices again and again, which saves their time and money.

Transport Department officials informed that a helpline number +91-75808-08030 has been issued by the department to make 'Tuhar Sarkar, Tuhar Dwar' service more accessible, which is available from 10 am to 5.30 pm on all working days. Applicants can also get the desired information via e-mail cgarivahandispatch@gmail.com. By calling in the above helpline number, applicants can get all the information related to the dispatch of their driving license and registration certificate. Right now on an average 150 calls are being received per day in which mainly information related to driving license and registration process, taxes and fees are being sought by the applicants.

Action be taken for solid waste management as per NGT directions: Jain



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Raipur, Apr 11: Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain has given instructions to the departmental officers to follow the instructions of National Green Tribunal for solid waste management. The Chief Secretary took information about the action being taken under Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 in the state in a meeting of the officers of Urban-Administration, Panchayat and Rural Development, Water Resources, Industry and Environment Protection Board at Mantralaya (Mahanadi Bhawan) here today. Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Subrat Sahoo and Additional Chief Secretary of Panchayat and Rural

Development Department Mrs Renu Ji Pillay were present in the meeting. The Chief Secretary has instructed the officers to send the information about solid waste collection, segregation, treatment and drainage in the urban bodies and panchayats of the state to the Chhattisgarh Environment Protection Board within the stipulated time. The Chief Secretary directed the officers of Panchayat and Rural Development Department to take necessary action regarding the action plan to implement the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 in all the panchayats of the state. Action taken regarding the polluted water treatment plants operating in Chhattisgarh and the under-construction

domestic treatment plants was also reviewed. District level task force meeting was organized for the implementation of the instructions of the NGT, and necessary action was taken from the officers to submit the report regarding solid waste management and sewerage management and maintenance of minimum e-flow in the identified rivers.

Manoj Pingua, Principal Secretary, Forest and Industries Department, Mr. Anbalgan P. Secretary, Water Resources Department, Mrs. Alarmel Mangai D., Secretary, Urban Administration Development Department and officers of Chhattisgarh Environment Board attended the meeting held through video conferencing.

Experts share views on 'Homeopathic Approach in Acute Conditions'

Singhdeo calls for removing misconceptions over Homeopathy

Raipur, Apr 11: Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Minister TS Singhdeo attended the state level seminar organized on World Homeopathy Day recently. Experts shared their views on the topic 'Homeopathic Approach in Acute Conditions' at the seminar organized by Directorate AYUSH at New Circuit House, Civil Lines, Raipur. Homeopathy medical camp was also organized at New Circuit House



on World Homeopathy Day. Homeopathy doctors examined and treated people in the camp and gave them free medicines. Addressing the seminar, Health Minister TS Singhdeo said that the science, effectiveness and usefulness of homeopathy should be effectively placed among the people. Homeopathy is also effective like other therapies

and this should be established in practice, he emphasised.

He said that the health department would send a proposal to the government for appointment of homeopathy doctors in all district hospitals and community health centers of the state. Congratulating the officers-staff and doctors of the Directorate of AYUSH on

World Homeopathy Day, the Health Minister said that it has been organized for the first time in Chhattisgarh after the formation of the state. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), homeopathy is the second most popular form of treatment in the world.

Singhdeo said that he himself had taken homeopathic medicine to overcome the problem related to the disorder of his digestive system and it gave him complete relief. By removing the misconceptions associated with this method, its acceptance and popularity should be increased, he said, adding that state government will extend all possible help in this. He

also released 'Homeodarshan' souvenir based on homeopathy treatment in the seminar.

Principal of ML Dhawale Memorial Homeopathic Medical College, Mumbai Dr Bipin Jain delivered a lecture on the topic 'Homeopathic Approach in Acute Conditions'. Dr Jatin N Walia, former Professor and Head of the Department of Surgery, Virar Homeopathic Medical College, Mumbai shared his views on 'Acute Prescribing in Sports Injury' and 'Homeopathy for Rural Development'. Joint Director of AYUSH Department Dr Sunil Das, many departmental officers and homeopathy doctors were present in the seminar.

Chhattisgarh bags another National Award

Raipur, Apr 11: Chhattisgarh has won numerous National Awards in the last 3 years. The state has once again proved its mettle on the national stage. District Panchayat Kabirdham has been selected for the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Panchayat Empowerment Award-2022 at the national level. Along with District Panchayat Kabirdham, Gram Panchayat Kejedah of Janpad Panchayat Sahaspur Lohara has also been selected for National Panchayat Award. This award will be presented by the Prime Minister on the occasion of National Panchayat Day on 24th April. Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel has congratulated the residents and district administration of Kabirdham for this achievement. On the directions of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel and Forest, Environment, and

Housing Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar, various remarkable works have been accomplished in the Gram Panchayat areas. In Kabirdham, a large amount of employment was generated for the rural populace under the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Women were linked with livelihood promotion. At the same time, development works were done in areas of infrastructure development like the construction of roads for better connectivity, Construction of community buildings, construction of bridges, culverts, etc. As a result of numerous such development works, Kabirdham district of Chhattisgarh has been selected for Panchayat Award-2022 at the national level. Similarly, Gram Panchayat Kejedah will be honoured at the national

level for providing vast employment to the villagers, expansion of basic facilities, effective documentation and transparency.

On being selected for the award, Kabirdham Collector, Mr. Ramesh Sharma said that this recognition is the result of extreme hard work and efficient implementation of rural welfare policies. Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Kabirdham, Mr. Sandeep Kumar Agrawal informed that the district has been selected for the National Panchayat Award on the basis of various remarkable works done during the financial year 2020-21. After verification, District Panchayat Kabirdham was selected for Panchayat Award at the national level, which is a matter of pride for the district and the state.

Bilaspur increases lead to 561 runs against Korba

Raipur, Apr 11: Chaudhary Danish Ujman claimed maximum 4 wickets for Bilaspur to restrict the opponent Korba to just 72 runs in first innings to take a huge lead of 311 runs in the Under 16 Inter District Elite tournament being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh (CSCS) here on Monday. Apart from him, Dhananjaya Naik claimed three wickets for Bilaspur whereas Devesh Yadav too claimed two wickets for the team. Bilaspur scored 250 runs for 4 wickets in second innings of the match to put the total lead of 561 runs against the Korba. Aditya Shrivastava scored 93 runs for Bilaspur in second innings whereas Avish Yadav also made valuable contribution of 48 runs. Samarpreet Thakur (30 runs) and Kanha Baghel (13 runs) were at crease at close of play on day two.

Inspection in eight private schools, notices issued to four

Brighton International School's positive initiative for covid vaccination

Raipur, Apr 11: Surprise inspection of private schools was done by 05 teams of district education office and 04 teams of development block level today. The inspection teams gathered information about the methods of purchase of uniforms, books and notebooks used by the students. Physical verification of whether the children studying according to the Right to Education Act 2009 are physically present or not was also done.

It was also checked by the inspection teams whether the fee fixed by

the school is approved by the Fee Regulatory Committee or not, whether the fee increase has exceeded 8 percent or not. Fire extinguishers, drinking water, cleanliness of toilets, arrangement of teaching rooms, attendance of teachers and children, vaccination of children (Covid-19) were also inspected.

Some teachers were found untrained in Navkar Public School, Raipur, and the sanitation system was not good. There is no drinking water system in Alpha Public School.

Teacher shortage was found in Chhattisgarh Public School, Tikrapara and recognition and other documents were not provided by the school. Notices have been issued to the managers of all

these schools.

Positive initiatives were found in Brighton International School Vidhan Sabha Road, such as 100 percent or 50 percent rebate has been provided to the children whose parents died due to COVID or other reasons.

A total of 08 private schools were inspected today by the officer of the inspection team. The schools which were inspected were Navkar Public School Raipur, Alpha Public School Raipur, Chhattisgarh Public School Tikrapara, Bharat Mata School Tatibandh, Bharat Mata School Tatibandh, Brighton International School Vidhan Sabha Road, Bhavans RK Sarada Vidya Mandir Saddu Raipur and Adarsh Vidyalaya Mowa, Raipur.

Lord Shri Ram is our nephew and nephews hold a special place in Ch'garhi families: CM



CM Baghel offered prayers to Mata Kaushalya and Lord Ram
On the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami

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Raipur, Apr 11: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel today reached Mata Kaushalya Temple at Chandkhuri, Raipur on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami. He offered prayers to Mata

Kaushalya and wished for the happiness and prosperity of all the people of the state. Baghel extended his greetings to the people of the state and country on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami.

Chief Minister Baghel said on the occasion that this Holy place has been developed keeping in view the sentiments of people. 'Jyoti Kalash' has been made along with temple beautification. He added that with the development of this place, people have benefited from religious as well as tourism points of view. Now people from



nearby areas including Raipur, Durg and Bhillai come here on weekends and seek blessings of Mata Kaushalya.

After offering prayers, Baghel said that Mata Kaushalya is the daughter of Chhattisgarh 'Mahtar' (mother) and Chhattisgarh is the maternal home of Lord Ram and Lord Ram is our nephew. He said adding that nephews hold special importance in the family fabric in Chhattisgarh. Following the ideals of Lord Ram, all of us are working for the development of the state and for

the welfare of people belonging to every section of society. The Chief Minister said the state government is developing the places where Lord Rama had passed during his exile period spent in Chhattisgarh as 'major tourist spots'.

On this occasion, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, Urban Administration Minister Dr. Shiv Kumar Dahariya, Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Cow Service Commission Rajeshree Mahant Dr. Ramsunder Das were also present.

CU's signs MoU with Indore Company

● For Research on organic fertilizers

Bilaspur, Apr 11: An MoU was signed between Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) and Eco Well Grow Eco, Indore on April 7. Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal is constantly making efforts that all the departments of the University should move towards self-reliance. Based on the inspiration of the Vice-Chancellor, the Rural Technology and Social Development Department has signed an agreement with a company from Indore in the field of consultancy, research and innova-



tion. Through this agreement, the university will be able to provide maximum practical knowledge to the students while creating a source of income through research, innovation and expert advice. Under this agreement, the company's products related to compost, vermi compost, phosphate

rich organic manure, plant growth promoter, biocatalyst and organic manure will be tested, upgraded and certified by the Department of Rural Technology and Social Development of the university.

This agreement was signed on behalf of the university by the Registrar,

Prof. Shailendra Kumar and by Shri Akhilesh Sharma of Eco Well Grow Eco Indore, who also presented a check of rupees fifty thousand as seed money to the university while signing the MoU. Dr. Rajendra Kumar Mehta and Dr. Bhaskar Chaurasia of the University's Rural Technology and Social Development and Dr. Ashwini Kumar Dixit of the Department of Botany are involved in consultancy research, and innovation. This agreement will be valid for three years. In this, the necessary materials and other facilities will be provided by the company to the students of the university for research and innovation.

RamNami community greeted CM

● Felicitated him with a traditional 'Mukut'

Raipur, Apr 10: On the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel was greeted by RamNami community on the holy land of Shivrinarayan. The members of this community



thanked the Chief Minister for his earnest endeavour

to conserve Chhattisgarh's ancient religious event of

Lord Rams exile which has been developed as Ram Van Gaman Tourist Pilgrimage Site. They also presented him with a 'RamNami Mukut'. On this occasion, Chief Minister Mr. Baghel gifted the RamNami community with copies of Ramcharitah Manas and wished them a very happy Ram Navami.

Film 'Bastar Tiger' based on life of martyr Mahendra Karma announced

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 11: Under the banner of Karma Video World Film Production House, Bastar Tiger, which is going to be based on the life and struggle of Bastar Tiger martyr Mahendra Karma, was announced on Monday in a press conference held at Raipur. The film will be released both in Hindi and Chhattisgarhi.

Addressing the scribes here the producer of the film Jitendra Sahu said that he has been influenced by the life and struggle of martyr Mahendra Karma, so he wanted to make a film on this subject.

Writer duo Kunal



Shukla and Preeti Upadhyay Shukla, who have written a book on the Jhiram incident, said that in the film, we will get to see the untouched aspects of the life of martyr Mahendra Karma, about which the public

and the country are eager to know. It has taken them 1 year to research and write on the life of martyr Mahendra Karma, they said. In the film, that positive side about Mahendra Karma will also come to the

world which was never shown, said Preeti. Producer Jitendra Sahu said that this grand film, which is going to be made under the banner of Karma Video World Film Production House, is going to be shot in

Chhattisgarh in which most of the actors will be from Chhattisgarh and this film will be technically at par with any Bollywood film. The lyrics for the film have been penned by renowned lyricist Mir

Ali Mir. He said that it is a matter of pride for him to write the song for the film which is to be made on the life of martyr Mahendra Karma and expressed hope and confidence that the audience would love the song. Dilip Shadangi encouraged the producer and the entire team to make a historical film. The PRO of this film is Dilip Nampalliwar. On this occasion Jas Geet Singer Dilip Shadangi, litterateur Arvind Mishra, writer of the film - Kunal Shukla, Mrs. Preeti Upadhyay Shukla, lyricist of the film - famous poet Mir Ali Mir, and producer of the film, lyricist - Jitendra Sahu and other dignitaries were present.

Culture Minister to represent Chhattisgarh in 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' conference

Conference to be held on April 12 and 13 at New Delhi

Raipur, Apr 11: A two-day conference is being organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India on April 12 and 13 in Delhi under the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi. Culture Minister Amarjit Bhagat will represent the state on behalf of Chhattisgarh government in this conference. Mr. Bhagat has left for Delhi by regular flight on Monday. It is noteworthy that this two-day conference is being organised to evaluate the progress of



'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' so far, to identify best practices and lessons and to discuss future activities. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate this conference to be held in New Delhi on April 12th and 13th.

World to know the glory of the unheard Shivarinarayan Pilgrimage

Mata Shabri's city in a new form, world-class facilities built for tourists

Ancient city's attractiveness will increase with beautification, up-gradation, construction of viewpoint

Raipur, Apr 11: While preserving the memories linked to Lord Rama, the state government has started 'Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit' project to give a new identity to the culture of Chhattisgarh. In the first phase, the beautification and development work to



found here. Being had a link with Rama-Era, Shivarinarayan city holds historical and religious importance for the devotees as well. Every year lakhs of devotees reach here and pay obeisance at the feet of Lord Rama and Mata Shabri. Considering the immense faith of the devotees, the Chhattisgarh government under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel has decided to develop Shivarinarayan which is now going to be completed.

This 11th-century temple is a big centre of faith of Lord Rama and Lakshmana for which it is also called 'Bada Mandir'. The temple complex has been upgraded so that the devotees do not face any kind of problems during festivals like Navratri and Ramnavmi. A building has been constructed on

the temple premises for devotees to take rest. Along with this, the newly constructed buildings have been painted according to the faith of Lord Rama. The huge gate of the temple has been renovated and a huge lamp pillar has been constructed inside the temple premises. All this construction and up-gradation work has been done before the entrance of the main temple so that the devotees can easily see the Narayani avatar of Lord Rama.

Shivarinarayan Nagar has existed in every era, this city has also been the Gurukul ashram of Matang Rishi and the Mata Shabri's worship place. It is an ancient city situated on the banks of the confluence of the Mahanadi, Shivnath and Jonk rivers. Shivarinarayan is a city of natural beauty, which is

famous as 'Jagannathpuri Dham of Chhattisgarh'. According to mythological beliefs, Lord Rama had eaten the Ber given by Shabri and gave her salvation in Shivarinarayan. Ramayana Interpretation Center has been constructed outside the temple premises. A statue of Mata Shabri feeding Ber to Lord Rama has been installed in the middle of two trees located near the Interpretation Center, which is going to become the centre of attraction for the devotees. An information centre for tourists is also being set up at the same place so that devotees can get more information about the Shivarinarayan and nearby tourist areas. For the development of tourism facilities under Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit in Shivarinarayan, works worth Rs.39 crore has been sanctioned. Under

this, development works worth Rs 6 crore have been completed in the first phase. Situated at the confluence of Mahanadi, Shivnath and Jonk rivers, the river Ghat has been developed to make Shivarinarayan more attractive for tourists, as well as the beautification of the Ghat is going to provide more convenience to the devotees here. Along with reverence, this confluence should also be known for tourism as well, for this a viewpoint has been constructed on the ghat, from where tourists can have an amazing view.

The importance of Shivarinarayan is not only in Chhattisgarh but also in the country and abroad. Every year the number of devotees is increasing. To enhance the facilities for devotees and tourists, the state government has built modular shops. These shops will be allotted to the local people so that employment will be available at the local level and the local people of Shivarinarayan can move towards economic empowerment. A huge parking area and toilets have been constructed behind the temple premises so that tourists and devotees from outside do not have to face any problems.

Shivarinarayan Nagar has been famous for centuries as the birthplace of Mata Shabri, but now with its beautification and up-gradation under 'Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit', the age of this city has increased further. This place is now waiting for tourists with full facilities.

Talents recognized in Shri Gujarati School



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Raipur, Apr 11: Shri Gujarati Shikshan Sangh(GSS) felicitated national level medal winners in sports and winners of essay writing competition at a programme organized at Gyanoday Bhavan here. Secretary duo of GSS Tuls Das Patel and Ashok Bhai Patel felicitated players who notched medals in the recently concluded National Thai Boxing Championship. The medal

winner was Yash Rai of Shri Gujarati Hindi Medium Higher Secondary School who won gold while Vaibhavi Dama and Shivang Dama of Shri Gujarati English Medium School won silver medals in the same tournament. School Coach Tikeswari Sahu who was referee for the tournament was also honored at the programme. In addition essay competition organized by Minority Commission was partici-

pated by about 100 students from the school and in different categories 04 won first prize, 04 second and 04 third prize. All of them were honoured by the management.

On this occasion Shri Gujarati Hindi Medium Higher Secondary School Principal Anis Memon, Shri Gujarati English Medium School Principal Dr. Shailesh Sharma, Registrar Ashok Jachak, Administrator V K Mishra and staff were present.

Growing trend of Maize farming among Ch'garh's farmers

Raipur, Apr 11: Due to the implementation of the state run farmer-friendly policies in Chhattisgarh, a rapid change is visible in the farming situation in the state. With the help of receiving good price of maize in the state, better system of procurement at support price, and demand for maize at the processing center in Kondagaon district, farmers have become inclined to cultivate maize in Rabi season as well. In the last three years, the area under maize cultivation has increased by almost 11 times in the state in the Rabi season and the area

under its cultivation has increased from 13 thousand hectares to 1.46 lakh hectares. So far, maize has been sown in more than 1.26 lakh hectares in the current Rabi season, which is about 33 thousand hectares more than the maize sown in 93 thousand hectares in the state in the Rabi season 2020-21.

It is worth mentioning that in Chhattisgarh, in the year 2016-17 and in the Rabi season of 2017-18, on an average, maize was cultivated in 12-13 thousand hectares. Gradually, the trend of farmers increased towards the cultivation of maize

and its area has crossed 93 thousand hectares in the last Rabi year 2020-21. Against the target of sowing maize in 1.46 lakh hectares in the Rabi year 2021-22, till the end of March, sowing has been completed in more than 1.26 lakh hectares.

The area under cultivation has increased by more than eight times in the Bastar division of the state. In the districts of Bastar division, in the Rabi year 2017-18, maize was sown on an average in 10 thousand hectares, now this area has increased to more than 78000 thousand.

More than 300 villagers take advantage of free health camp

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Konta, Apr 11: To make people health conscious, a free health check-up camp

was organized by Piramal Foundation in Puspal village of Tongpal area of Sukma district. In the one-day camp, more than 300

people from rural areas were provided with tests and treatment, medicines were also provided.

Dr. Namrata Breeze working in Primary Health Center Puspal said that this camp is a good initiative to provide health facilities to the people at the local level. People of all age groups including teenagers of the village participated in it. BP, diabetes, weight, anemia, cough, fever, and other major diseases of the patients who came to the camp were examined



and they were also given measures to prevent heat. He said that people often fall prey to various diseases due to unbalanced diet as well as taking stress in routine activities. To avoid



these, people should get themselves checked from time to time. Even a small disease takes a big form. So don't ignore any disease. Older people need to take special precautions due to

the change in weather. Kajal, associate of Piramal Foundation, said that such health camps have been organized by the organization in collaboration with the health department in rural areas, our main objective is to help the needy people and make them health conscious. More than 300 villagers took benefit in the camp organized at Puspal. Patients who showed severe symptoms were referred to the nearest health centre. Avoid heatstroke, take special care in summer. Feeling of heaviness and pain in the head, dry mouth with high fever, dizziness and vomiting, body aches with weakness. Along with this, sweating and loss of appetite, fainting due to high body temperature.

The main cause of heat-stroke is the lack of water in the body due to prolonged exposure to hot sun and heat. To prevent this, it is important to keep in mind that in case of excessive sweating, ORS. Drink the solution, if it is not very necessary, do not go out of the house, before going out in the sun, cover the head and ears with a cloth, drink plenty of water, do not stay in the sun for a long time, soft, soft during summer. Cotton clothes should be worn.

Bike theft on rise during 'Navratri'

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Dongargarh, Apr 11: The gang of motorcycle thieves remained active not only at the 'Navratri' fair, but in other places and finding an opportune moment they managed to lift the bikes.

Despite parking facility in all four sides of 'Mela' venue, there were incidents of theft on almost daily basis and the bikers have to bear the brunt. In the same way the vehicles, specially bikes left in abandoned condition at the railway station too were picked up by the vehicle lifters, as there is no appointment of an employee at the parking

venue and which led to stealing of many bikes during last 9 days. As per information in this regard, it was on April 2, Jaiprakash Chandel of Gram Huardrwa, Ghumka, District Rajnandgaon lost his bike parked in front of Janpad office, as it was lifted by someone at 5:00 in the evening.

In the same way, a person living on rent in the house of Mamraj Agrawal, near Station Bandhan Bank, near Station Road, lost his bike on April 5. His bike was stolen in front of his house itself. Similarly one Dhanush Verma (52), S/o Pitambar Verma, R/o Gram Kasari Mohara, also had been to a temple to pay obeisance and parked his bike in front of Chirpani Main gate. But when

he came back from the temple, his bike was stolen. Similarly, a Durg resident of Borsibhata ward No. 5 went to pay obeisance to a temple on April 5 parking his vehicle at the railway station and when he came back it was stolen.

On April 6, a 32 yr old Karan Rajpat S/o Late Basant Rao, R/o Bhilai, had also parked his bike at the railway station at 5:00 am and after paying respects in the temple, he came back and slept on the sand dune and when he woke up it was stolen.

Another Manak Lal Sonwani, R/o Gram Kachana, District Dhantari had parked his bike near Sulabh Shouchalaya near the

Ropeway and when he came back his bike too was stolen. So such incidents of bike theft continued from different place till the 'navratri' festival and came as big blow to many who purchased it with their hard earned money.

APPENDIX IV
[See rule 8 (1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE
(for immovable property)

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (CIN:L65922DL2005PLC136029)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 22.11.2021 calling upon the Borrowers **PRASHANT KUMAR JENA ; FLAT NO. D 102, ASHOKA RATAN VIDHAN SABHA ROAD, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, PRASHANT KUMAR JENA ; C-12, RAVI NAGAR, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, RASHMITA JENA ; FLAT NO. D 102, ASHOKA RATAN VIDHAN SABHA ROAD, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.6,02,393.51 (Rupees Six Lakhs Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three and Paise Fifty One Only)** against Loan Account No. **HHERPR00219423** as on 19.11.2021 and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **symbolic possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **07.04.2022**.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED** for an amount of **Rs.6,02,393.51 (Rupees Six Lakhs Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three and Paise Fifty One Only)** as on 19.11.2021 and interest thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

PART OF KH. NO. 314, PLOT NO. C-11/14, DHEBAR CITY HOMES GRAM MATHPURENA PH NO. 105 RNM -1, CHANDRA SHEKHAR AJAD WARD NO. 52, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001.

Sd/
Date : 07.04.2022 Authorized Officer
Place: RAIPUR INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

लक्ष्मी महिला नागरिक सहकारी बैंक मर्यादित, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

मिलेनिम प्लाजा, प्रथम तल, जी.ई. रोड, रायपुर (छ.ग.) पिन - 492 001
फ़ोन: 0771-4913855, 4035412

कब्जा-सूचना (अचल संपत्ति हेतु)

जबकि, वित्तीय आसुरियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूति हित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम-2002 एवं प्रतिभूति हित (प्रवर्तन) नियम-2002 की धारा 13/4 एवं 13(12) सहस्रित नियम - 8 के अंतर्गत लक्ष्मी महिला नागरिक सहकारी बैंक मर्यादित, रायपुर के प्राधिकृत अधिकारी यह सूचित करता है, कि निम्न बर्णित खाताधारक / खाताधारकों / जमानतदार / जमानतदारों को बैंक ने मांग की सूचना पर प्रेषित कर उनके विरुद्ध लिखी गई सकल ऋण राशि का भुगतान नोटिस की तिथि से 60 दिन के भीतर करने का आग्रह किया था। किन्तु संबंधित खाताधारक / खाताधारकों / जमानतदार एवं जमानतदारों द्वारा उक्त ऋण राशि की अदायगी नहीं की गई।

क्र.	ऋणी का नाम	ऋणी/जमानतदार के नाम जो संपत्ति के स्वामी हैं	बैंक रकमी गई अचल संपत्ति जो बैंक के चार्ज में है, का विवरण (जमीन के ऊपर निर्मित ढांचा सहित)	मांग की सूचना की तिथि	सकल ऋण राशि मांग की तिथि	कब्जे में लेने की तिथि	दिनांक 08.04.2022 को कुल बकाया राशि
1	श्रीमती पुष्पा साहू पति श्री नरेश साहू, 2 श्री नरेश साहू पति श्री रामराम साहू एवं 3 श्री कमलेश साहू पति श्री नरेश साहू ऋण खाता क्र- बंधक ऋण-554	संपत्ति स्वामी श्री नरेश साहू पति श्री रामराम साहू	बाके मौजा-ग्राम-मुदियारी, प.ह.नं. 107 / 49, रा.नि.नं.-रायपुर-01 तहसील व जिला रायपुर, छ.ग. में स्थित संपत्ति में से 1/2 हिस्सा ख.नं. 1056 / 3 का भाग रकबा 462.50 वर्गफुट, जिसकी धतुरीमा- उत्तर में - गौरी पटनायक का मकान, दक्षिण में - रास्ता, पूर्व में - आलाराम व शरकांत का मकान तथा पश्चिम में - रास्ता है।	23.12.2021	रु. 9,01,982/-	09.04.2022	रु. 8,67,724/-
2	श्रीमती उर्मिला देवांगन पति श्री कृष्ण कुमार देवांगन और श्री कृष्ण कुमार देवांगन पति श्री अभयराज देवांगन, ऋण खाता क्र- बंधक ऋण-404	श्री कृष्ण कुमार देवांगन पति श्री अभयराज देवांगन	खसरा नंबर 30 / 70 रकबा 648 वर्गफुट मौजा - बीरगांव, प.ह.नं.101 / 29 रा.नि.नं. रायपुर-01 तहसील व जिला रायपुर, छ.ग. में स्थित है जिसके उत्तर में - वना का मकान, दक्षिण में - देवांगन का मकान, पूर्व में - रास्ता, पश्चिम में - वाकुर की भूमि है।	23.12.2021	रु. 2,41,274/-	08.04.2022	रु. 2,36,364/-
3	श्रीमती अर्पणा कावडी साव पति श्री मिलिंद कावडी साव ऋण खाता क्र- बंधक ऋण-392	श्री मिलिंद प्रभाकर कावडी साव पति श्री प्रभाकर माधव राव कावडी साव	मकान नंबर पुराना 30 / 423 नया 30 / 491 रकबा 945 वर्गफुट बाके बावली गली तायापारा रायपुर, छ. ग. जिसकी धतुरीमा उत्तर में - चन्द्रहास तिवारी का मकान, दक्षिण में - अच्य की भूमि, पूर्व - में चन्द्रहास तिवारी का मकान, पश्चिम में - गली है।	13.07.2018	रु. 3,36,698/-	08.04.2022	रु. 3,12,665/-

दिनांक: 11.04.2022, स्थान: रायपुर, छत्तीसगढ़ प्राधिकृत अधिकारी, लक्ष्मी महिला नागरिक सहकारी बैंक मर्यादित, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

Blood Bank is important for all emergencies: Alang

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Apr 11: Blood Bank Centre at Rajiv Gandhi Chowk in city was inaugurated by Divisional Commissioner Dr Sanjay Alang. On this occasion Sanjay Alang said that Chhattisgarh comes among the effective field of Sickle Cell Anemia and there are many of its cases found and for its treatment more blood is required.

Similarly in C-section operation for pregnant women also blood is required and so the importance of Blood Bank automatically increases. Since this Blood Bank centre has been opened in the heart of city, it is easily accessible for all those requiring blood during emergency.

Divisional Commissioner on this occasion felicitated the NGO institution with mementoes and this included Spot Donor Blood Group; Jajba Foundation; Suryavanshi Blood Service Samiti; Khawab Foundation; Dhriti Foundation, Shanta Foundation. In this programme the CHMO Dr Pramod Mahajan, CP Lal, AD Bara, Nishant Lal, Nitin Harjpal,

Avinash Motwani, Cyril George, Dharendra Jagat, Sandeep Kumar Sahu, Nishu Tanwar and other persons were present. The landline number of this Blood Bank Centre is 07552-400055 and mobile no. is 9977300055.

बैंक ऑफ बरौदा
Bank of Baroda

Baloda Bazar Branch: Prabhu Janki Palace, Near Post Office, Main Road, Baloda Bazar, Dist. Baloda Bazar (C.G.) - 493332, PH: 07727-222150, Mob. 9752410596, E-Mail: balbaz@bankofbaroda.com

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to the following borrowers / guarantors calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The under mentioned Borrower / Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub - section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

S. N.	Name of Borrower / Guarantor	Description of Property	Demand Notice Date, Amount & Symbolic / Physical Possession Date
01	Mrs. Jamuna Bai W/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Bed Prakash S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Jai Prakash S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Tikheshwar Prakash S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Deepak Kumar S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Rupesh Khare S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Pushpa D/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Pramila D/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Ritu D/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Rakhi D/o Mr. Bholaram Khare (Legal Heir of Mr. Bholaram Khare S/o late Mr. Laharam Khare) Guarantor: Mr. Kodan Sao Manhare S/o Mr. Awadh Ram Manhare, Mr. Rupesh Khare S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Ramesh Kumar S/o Mr. Laldas Jangde	Equitable mortgage of diverted Land and Building situated at Khasra No. 1382/1, Comprising Area 0.020 Hectare = 2166 Sqft., Situated at Village Bituli, Tehsil and Dist. - Baloda Bazar, C.G. in the name of Mr. Bholaram Khare S/o Late Mr. Laharam Khare.	07.12.2021 Rs. 2,90,066.00 + interest + other charges 08.04.2022 Symbolic Possession

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagees in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above mentioned property and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for above mentioned amount interest and other charges thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 11.04.2022, Place: Baloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh
Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

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Central Bank of India

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Aspire Home Finance Corporation Limited
Motilal Oswal Tower, Rahimtullah Sayani Road, Opposite ST Depot, Prabhadevi, Mumbai-400025.
CIN :- U65923MH2013PLC248741

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 (the said Rule) in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Act, the authorized officer has issued Demand notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Co-borrowers, Guarantor/s to repay the loan amount mentioned in the respective demand notices issued to them. In connection with above notice is hereby given once again to all the parties to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s) amount dues on date of Demand Notice and Security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Sr. No.	Loan Agreement No./Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Co-Applicant Name/ Guarantor Name	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset(s) (Immovable Property/ies)
1	LXRAI00317-180066649 / Santoshkumar Kripa Ram Dewanagar / Dipti Santosh Kumar Dewanagar	01-Feb-22 / Rs. 727609/- (Rupees Seven Lac Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Nine Only)	Plot Kh No 31/67 Ph No 101/29 Rnm Dharsiva 1 Ward No 20 Mouja Birgaon Raipur 492001 Raipur Raipur Chhattisgarh
2	LXDUR00417-180069196 / Sanjay Kumar Dewanagar / Kalpana Dewanagar / Kashi Ram Dewanagar / Mukesh Dewanagar	08-Feb-22 / Rs. 892159/- (Rupees Eight Lac Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Nine Only)	Kh No 689/13(P), Ph No.03/22, Vill Sukuldauhan Tah & Dist Rajnandgaon, 400066, Chhattisgarh.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFC as aforesaid AHFC shall proceed against the above secured assets Under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risk of the said Borrowers as to the cost and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFC. Any person who contravenes or abates contravention of the provision of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and / or penalty as provided under the Act.

Sd/
Authorized Officer,
Place : Chhattisgarh
Date : 12.04.2022
(Aspire Home Finance Corporation Ltd.)

बैंक ऑफ बरौदा
Bank of Baroda

POSSESSION NOTICE

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to the following borrowers / guarantors calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The under mentioned Borrower / Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub - section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

S. N.	Name of Borrower / Guarantor	Description of Property	Demand Notice Date, Amount & Symbolic / Physical Possession Date
01	Mrs. Jamuna Bai W/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Bed Prakash S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Jai Prakash S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Tikheshwar Prakash S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Deepak Kumar S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Rupesh Khare S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Pushpa D/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Pramila D/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Ritu D/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Rakhi D/o Mr. Bholaram Khare (Legal Heir of Mr. Bholaram Khare S/o late Mr. Laharam Khare) Guarantor: Mr. Kodan Sao Manhare S/o Mr. Awadh Ram Manhare, Mr. Rupesh Khare S/o Mr. Bholaram Khare, Mr. Ramesh Kumar S/o Mr. Laldas Jangde	Equitable mortgage of diverted Land and Building situated at Khasra No. 1382/1, Comprising Area 0.020 Hectare = 2166 Sqft., Situated at Village Bituli, Tehsil and Dist. - Baloda Bazar, C.G. in the name of Mr. Bholaram Khare S/o Late Mr. Laharam Khare.	07.12.2021 Rs. 2,90,066.00 + interest + other charges 08.04.2022 Symbolic Possession

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagees in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above mentioned property and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for above mentioned amount interest and other charges thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 11.04.2022, Place: Baloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh
Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

APPENDIX IV
[See rule 8 (1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE
(for immovable property)

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (CIN:L65922DL2005PLC136029)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 28.10.2021 calling upon the Borrowers **SONAL SINGH ; NAD PRIVATE LIMITED, C-12, RAVI NAGAR, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, SONAL SINGH ; C-12, RAVI NAGAR, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, PRASHANT SINGH ; C-12, RAVI NAGAR, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs.21,36,907.01 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh(s) Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seven And Paise One Only)** against Loan Account No. **HHLRPR00154597** as on 20.10.2021 and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **symbolic possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **07.04.2022**.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED** for an amount of **Rs.21,36,907.01 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh(s) Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seven And Paise One Only)** as on 20.10.2021 and interest thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

PLOT NO. C 11/16, PART OF KH NO. 314, PH NO. 105, RNM WARD NO. 52, CHANDRA SHEKHAR AJAD WARD, DHEBER CITY HOMES, MOUJA MATHPURENA, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 401105.

Sd/
Date : 07.04.2022 Authorized Officer
Place: RAIPUR INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

APPENDIX IV
[See rule 8 (1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE
(for immovable property)

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (CIN:L65922DL2005PLC136029)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 28.10.2021 calling upon the Borrowers **RAHUL PARAKH; OM VIHAR ROAD, RAWATPURA COLONY, NEAR GAURI BOYS HOSTEL, BEHIND RAJESH STORE, MATHPURENA, BHATAGAON, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, RAHUL PARAKH; C/o. LAXMI SECURITY SYSTEM, OM VIHAR ROAD, RAWATPURA COLONY, NEAR GAURI BOYS HOSTEL, BHATAGAON, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, SMRITI PARAKH; OM VIHAR ROAD, RAWATPURA COLONY, NEAR GAURI BOYS HOSTEL, BEHIND RAJESH STORE, MATHPURENA, BHATAGAON, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.9,59,790.902 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety and Paise Ninety Only)** as on 18.11.2021 and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **symbolic possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **07.04.2022**.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED** for an amount of **Rs.9,59,790.90 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety and Paise Ninety Only)** as on 18.11.2021 and interest thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

PLOT NO. 41, WALLFORT PARKVIEW, MOUJA DATRENGA, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001.

Sd/
Date : 07.04.2022 Authorized Officer
Place: RAIPUR INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

APPENDIX IV
[See rule 8 (1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE
(for immovable property)

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (CIN:L65922DL2005PLC136029)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 28.10.2021 calling upon the Borrowers **RASHMITA JENA ; NAD PVT LTD, C 12, RAVI NAGAR, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, RASHMITA JENA ; FLAT NO D-102, BUILDING ASHOKA RATAN, VIDHAN SABHA ROAD, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, PRASHANT KUMAR JENA ; FLAT NO D 102, BUILDING ASHOKA RATAN, VIDHAN SABHA ROAD, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs.21,61,594.19 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh(s) Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four And Paise Nineteen Only)** against Loan Account No. **HHLRPR00154611** as on 21.10.2021 and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **symbolic possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **07.04.2022**.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED** for an amount of **Rs.21,61,594.19 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh(s) Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four And Paise Nineteen Only)** as on 21.10.2021 and interest thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

PLOT NO. C 11/15, MOUJA MATHPURENA DHEBAR CITY HOMES PH NO. 105 RNM, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001.

Sd/
Date : 07.04.2022 Authorized Officer
Place: RAIPUR INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

APPENDIX IV
[See rule 8 (1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE
(for immovable property)

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (CIN:L65922DL2005PLC136029)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 22.11.2021 calling upon the Borrowers **SONAL SINGH ; C-12, RAVI NAGAR, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, SONAL SINGH ; VIDHAN SABHA ROAD, ASHOKA RATAN, SHANKAR NAGAR, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, PRASHANT SINGH ; 13/603, VIDHAN SABHA ROAD, ASHOKA RATAN ROAD, ASHOKA RATAN, WARD 27, SHANKAR NAGAR, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001, PRASHANT SINGH ; NAD PVT. LTD., C 12, RAVI NAGAR, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.5,84,785.18 (Rupees Five Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Five and Paise Eighteen Only)** against Loan Account No. **HHERPR00219428** as on 19.11.2021 and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **symbolic possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **07.04.2022**.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED** for an amount of **Rs.5,84,785.18 (Rupees Five Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Five and Paise Eighteen Only)** as on 19.11.2021 and interest thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

PART OF KH. NO. 314, PLOT NO. C-11/16, DHEBAR CITY HOMES, GRAM MATHPURENA, PH. NO. 105 RNM -1, CHANDRA SHEKHAR AJAD WARD NO. 52, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH - 492001.

Sd/
Date : 07.04.2022 Authorized Officer
Place: RAIPUR INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

BRIEF

Adulterated

New Delhi: Two men were arrested for allegedly selling adulterated desi ghee in outer Delhi, police said. Anshul Bansal (22) and Arjun Kumar (30) were arrested and 1,259 litres of adulterated desi ghee of different brands was seized from them. The arrests were made on a complaint of Jitender Singh, SMC Food Ltd and VRS food Ltd marketing intelligence officer, regarding cheating and adulteration of desi ghee. The complainant alleged selling spurious desi ghee.

Attack

Baghpat: Two policemen were injured here after a liquor smuggler they had gone to arrest pelted stones and threw empty bottles at them from the roof of his house. The liquor smuggler, Vikas, was soon overpowered and arrested, they said. Acting on a tip-off, the house of liquor smuggler Vikas was raided. After policemen reached there, the accused started pelting stones and throwing empty liquor bottles at them.

Meet

Latur: The 95th Marathi literary meet will be held at Udgir in Latur district of Maharashtra from April 22 to 24, it was announced. The Akhil Bhartiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan will be inaugurated by NCP chief Sharad Pawar. President Ram Nath Kovind and Union minister Nitin Gadkari will attend concluding ceremony on April 24. Minister of State for Environment and Water Supply Sanjay Bansode told at Latur. Bansode said Marathi literary meet will be held on 36 acres of land.

Held

Gonda: A cattle smuggler was arrested after an encounter in which a police officer had a narrow escape here, police said. A truck carrying 24 bulls — four of them were dead was seized. Superintendent of Police Santosh Kumar Mishra said. One of the accused Dilip Yadav was arrested and a hunt was launched for gang leader Saleem in Ayodhya district. As policemen made an effort to arrest Saleem, he opened fire at them. A bullet hit the bullet-proof jacket of SHO.

Arrested

Imphal: A militant belonging to proscribed outfit Kuki National Army (KNA) has been arrested in Manipur's Bishnupur district and a pistol seized from his possession, police said. Acting on a tip-off, police conducted vehicle checking and frisking at Torbung Bazaar, during which two men riding a motorcycle attempted to flee, an officer said. Police chased the duo and nabbed one of them while the other managed to escape, he said, adding that a 7.65 mm pistol was seized.

'Need three 'Es' to stop migration of people from villages'



Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu with Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Minister Giriraj Singh during the inauguration of Iconic Week celebration in New Delhi, Monday.

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday said three Es — education, employment and entertainment — are needed in rural areas to stop the flight of people from villages to urban areas.

Inaugurating the National Stakeholders Conference on Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals, Naidu also took an apparent dig at Pakistan over its political turmoil. "Of course, the next big country is our neigh-

bour. But there is no democracy. We don't know what is happening there. I don't know whether they also know it or not. I don't want to comment on that. But it is a reality, we are a democracy at all levels," he said.

While referring to 2.78 lakh local bodies in rural areas, Naidu said no other country in the world will have so many democratic institutions at different levels. The vice president also hit out at people who claim that giving equal rights, and empowering women is against Indian traditions. He also noted

that all big rivers are named after women.

"Important portfolios were given to women that time also... Education Minister was Saraswati Devi, Defence Minister — Durga Devi, Finance Minister — Lakshmi Devi... Now we are hesitating to give power," he said.

He said women should get adequate representation in Parliament and state legislatures.

Naidu was of the view that devolution of funds, functions and functionaries through urban and rural local bodies was designed to give more power to people.

Recalling the words of Mahatma Gandhi that 'Ram Rajya' is incomplete without gram rajya, he said political will and administrative skills are required to give actual power to local bodies. He political will and administrative skills and not merely bill (legislation) is needed for the purpose.

TN Assembly passes resolution urging Centre to withdraw CUET

● Only BJP opposed resolution

Chennai, Apr 11 (PTI):

The Tamil Nadu Assembly on Monday adopted a resolution urging the Centre to withdraw the proposal to conduct a Common University Entrance Test (CUET), saying like NEET it would sideline school education, undermine overall development oriented learning in schools, lead to stress among students and mushrooming of coaching centres.

Barring the BJP which opposed the resolution piloted by Chief Minister MK Stalin and staged a walk-out, it was supported by all the allies of the ruling DMK including the Congress and Left parties.



Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin presenting resolution against CUET in state assembly, Chennai on Monday.

The principal opposition AIADMK, too supported the move and asked the state government to take steps to halt the test, saying it be 'nipped in the bud.' The resolution, referring to an announcement in respect of CUET to be held by the National Testing

Agency quoted it as saying that admissions to central varsities would be on the basis of national test score not taking into account the marks secured by students in the class 12 exams. The test score may also be 'followed' by state, private and deemed varsities if they opt

Microplastics in Cauvery river leading to deformities in fish

● Long-term effects can't be ruled out

Bengaluru, Apr 11 (PTI):

Pollutants like microplastics may be causing growth defects in fish, including skeletal deformities, in the Cauvery river, a new study by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has revealed.

Published in the journal Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety, the study was led by Upendra Nongthomba, Professor at the Department of Molecular Reproduction, Development and Genetics (MRDG), in the IISc. Nongthomba, who is fond of fresh water fish noticed the



Krishna Raja Sagara dam on Cauvery river.

deformities in them and did a research on this aquatic species. Over the years, I have cherished going to the backwaters of the Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) Dam and having fried fish on the Cauvery River bank, he was

quoted as saying in a press release. But in recent times, he noticed physical deformities in some of them and began to wonder whether the quality of water may have something to do with it, the statement read.

Sari weavers toil to keep tradition alive

Varanasi, Apr 11 (AFP):



Weavers give final touches to a Banarasi silk sari at a workshop in Varanasi.

In a dim room near the banks of Ganga river, arms glide over a creaking loom as another silken fibre is guided into place with the rhythmic clack of a wooden beam.

Mohammad Sirajuddin's cramped studio is typical of Varanasi's dwindling community of artisans painstakingly working by hand to produce silk saris, uniquely cherished among their wearers as the epitome of traditional sartorial style.

The city he calls home is revered among devout Hindus, who believe that cremation on the banks of its sacred waterway offers the chance to escape the infinite cycle of death and rebirth. But Sirajuddin's own reflections on mortal-

ity are centred on his craft, with competition from more cost-efficient mechanised alternatives and cheap imports from China leaving his livelihood hanging by a thread.

"If you walk around this whole neighbourhood, you'll see that this is the only house with a hand-

loom," the 65-year-old tells AFP. "Even this will be here only as long as I am alive. After that, nobody in this house will continue." Varanasi's hand-weavers have cultivated a reputation for excellence over centuries, specialising in intricate patterns, floral designs and radiant gold-

en brocades. The Banarasi saris — so-called in reference to the city's ancient name — they produce are widely sought after by Indian brides and are often passed on from one generation to the next as family heirlooms. The elegant garments fetch handsome prices — Sirajuddin's current work will go on sale for Rs 30,000 but the cost of inputs and cuts taken by middlemen leave little left for weavers.

PRICES SOAR



People buy vegetables in a market, as prices soar due to rise in fuel prices, on the outskirts of Prayagraj, Monday.

'BJP leader Kirit Somaiya, his son may flee country'

● Vikrant funds 'misappropriation' case

Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI):

Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Monday claimed that BJP leader Kirit Somaiya and his son Neil Somaiya, who committed a scam under the pretext of saving the decommissioned aircraft carrier Vikrant, may escape from the country and hence, a lookout notice should be issued against them.

Talking to reporters here, Raut also claimed that the father-son duo was outside Mumbai and Maharashtra and engaged in a "setting to ensure they get anticipatory bail in the matter."

The Shiv Sena leader has been accusing Somaiyas of misappropriation of over Rs 57 crore



Sanjay Raut

collected in the name of saving the ship.

The Mumbai Police last week registered a case of cheating against the Somaiyas based on a complaint lodged by a former Army personnel. However, the BJP leader has denied the allegations.

Raut said, "The biggest question is where are these two thugs...the masterminds of the mafias who collected money? Why has the BJP not made any official statement on

this yet? Where have they been hidden? In which pradesh (region) are they?"

"I am telling you they are outside Mumbai and Maharashtra. I am afraid they will flee the country till there is no 'setting' ensuring anticipatory bail for them they are trying, but it's not happening. Hence, a lookout notice should be issued in their names, the Shiv Sena's spokesperson demanded.

He alleged that fugitive diamondaire Mehul Choksi and Somaiya share old ties and wondered whether the BJP leader has fled to the businessman. Raut alleged that a mafia gang is at present trying to prepare old-dated documents and bogus evidence in favour of Somaiya through the Raj Bhavan to prove there was no scam.

'Fighting Hindutva communal polarisation major challenge'

Kannur, Apr 11 (PTI):

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Monday said the Hindutva communal agenda has to be frontally taken on and every attempt of communal polarisation has to be countered at each level, which is a major challenge facing the Marxist party, particularly in the Hindi speaking states.

Besides the northern states, the northeast region is also being "rapidly and most dangerously communalised" now using Assam as their access, he alleged.

That would have a very serious consequence in the future, he told at a press meet here, a day after the Marxist party's 23rd party congress con-



CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury at party's 23rd party congress in Kannur.

cluded. "Hindutva communal agenda has to be frontally taken on and that has to be done politically, ideologically, socially, culturally and organisationally," Yechury said.

They use all the social mechanisms available to

propagate the communal polarisation and this has to be countered at each level.

Asked whether the CPI(M) has any special plans for the Hindi speaking states, the senior left leader said a meeting of

party secretaries in those states would be convened soon to discuss how to implement things outlined in the party's political organisational report.

"That is basically to take on the hindutva communal agenda...it has to be met straight on.. we have to take the bull by the horns," he said.

Expressing concerns over the alleged hijacking of real issues of the country and struggles for the people's causes through polarisation, Yechury said such topics are not becoming part of the mainstream narrative. The mainstream narrative is continuously hijacked to a polarised communal situation and that's what needs to be broken, he opined.

Aanchal Malhotra pens 'Remnants of a Separation' sequel

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

The sequel to Aanchal Malhotra's debut book "Remnants of a Separation" will be published next month and it will bring together conversations recorded over many years with generations of Indians, Pakistanis, Bangladeshis and their respective diaspora.

"In the Language of Remembering: The Inheritance of Partition" is being published to coincide with the 75th year of India's Independence and Partition.

The book serves as a reminder of the price this land once paid for not guarding against communal strife - and what could happen once again should



Aanchal Malhotra

we ever choose division over inclusion, the publisher said.

The book is scheduled for release on May 10.

Malhotra says in the last decade of working as an oral historian of the 1947 Partition, she has realised that the impact of Partition does not always end with those who witnessed it. "Through interviews with

descendant generations, I noticed that some - like myself - felt shades of their ancestors' trauma. They wanted to speak about a tragedy they had not witnessed, but which impacted them sometimes in silent ways," she says. "While there are multiple archives that record eyewitness memory, there are hardly any that attribute the same seriousness to descendant testimonies or even to the passage of memory from one generation to another," she adds. According to Malhotra, it is important for this kind of intergenerational, cross-border, oral history archive to grow as well - to understand how inherited memory may shape and re-shape present worlds.

BRIEF**Chats**

London: Queen Elizabeth II, after her own recent bout with COVID-19, empathized with patients, doctors and nurses at a London hospital last week as she listened to their stories about life on the front lines of the pandemic. The monarch spoke to patients and staff at the Royal London Hospital during a virtual visit that marked the official dedication of the Queen Elizabeth Unit, a 155-bed critical care facility built in just five weeks at the height of the pandemic in UK.

Positive

New York: New York City Mayor Eric Adams tested positive for COVID-19, his 100th day in office. The first-term Democrat woke up with a raspy voice and took a PCR test that came back positive, spokesperson Fabien Levy said. Levy had tweeted that Adams had taken a rapid test that came back negative but took the additional test out of an abundance of caution. Adams has no other symptoms but has cancelled all public events for the week and will be taking medications.

Tutorial

Ariha: In a bombed-out building in northwest Syria, rescue workers who for years have braved Russia's war strategies film a tutorial video for Ukrainian volunteers crammed with tips gained from first-hand experience of treating casualties. Using a dummy, members of Syria's "White Helmets" civil defence force demonstrate how to apply bandages and tourniquets in a clip shot in the rebel-held town of Ariha in Idlib province where Russian airstrikes are relatively routine attacks.

Found

Waterbury: A trove of paintings and other artwork found in an abandoned barn has turned out to be worth millions in US. Notified by a contractor, Waterbury auto mechanic Jared Whipple retrieved the dirt-covered pieces in 2017 from a dumpster containing materials from a barn in Watertown. Whipple later found out they were by Francis Hines, an abstract expressionist who died in 2016 at 96 and had kept his work stored in the barn, Hearst Connecticut Media Group reported.

Delivery

Belgrade: Russian ally Serbia took the delivery of a sophisticated Chinese anti-aircraft system in a veiled operation this weekend, amid Western concerns that an arms buildup in the Balkans at the time of the war in Ukraine could threaten the fragile peace in the region. Media and military experts said that six Chinese Air Force Y-20 transport planes landed at Belgrade's civilian airport early Saturday, reportedly carrying HQ-22 surface-to-air missile systems for the Serbian military.

Ukrainian defenders dig in as Russia boosts firepower

Kyiv, Apr 11 (AP):

A showdown looms in Ukraine as Russia appointed a new military commander and looked to concentrate its attacks on the eastern part of the country, while Ukraine's president said his troops will hold their ground, and urged Western leaders, in particular President Joe Biden, to do more.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned in his address to the nation that the coming week would be as crucial as any during the war, saying Russian troops will move to even larger operations in the east of our state. Zelenskyy also said that Ukraine's fate as the war shifts south and east depends on whether the United States will help



People settle in a basement of an apartment building in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

match a surge in Russian weaponry in the regions.

To be honest, whether we will be able to (survive) depends on this, said Zelenskyy said in a 60 Minutes interview that aired, speaking through a translator. Unfortunately, I don't have the confidence that we will be receiving everything we need.

Zelenskyy said he was grateful to Biden for US military aid to date but added that he long ago forwarded a list of specific items Ukraine desperately needed and that history would judge Biden's response. He has the list, Zelenskyy said. President Biden can enter history as the person who stood shoulder to shoulder with the

Ukrainian people who won and chose the right to have their own country. (This) also depends on him. Experts have said that the next phase of the battle may begin with a full-scale offensive. The outcome could determine the course of the conflict, which has flattened cities, killed untold thousands and isolated Moscow economically and politically.

Questions remain about the ability of Russia's depleted and demoralized forces to conquer much ground after their advance on the capital, Kyiv, was repelled by determined Ukrainian defenders. Britain's Defense Ministry reported that the Russian forces were trying to compensate for mounting casualties by recalling veterans discharged in the past decade.

Guangzhou closes to arrivals as COVID-19 cases rise

Beijing, Apr 11 (AP):

The manufacturing hub of Guangzhou closed itself to most arrivals Monday as China battles a major COVID-19 surge in its big eastern cities. Shanghai has taken the brunt of the surge, with another 26,087 cases announced on Monday, only 914 of which showed symptoms. The city of 26 million is under a tight lockdown, with many residents confined to their homes for up to three weeks. No such lockdown has yet been announced for Guangzhou, a metropolis of 18 million northwest of Hong Kong that is home to many top companies and China's busiest airport. Just 27 cases were reported in the city on Monday.



Makeshift hospital constructed that will be used for COVID-19 patients in Guangzhou on Monday.

However, primary and middle schools have been switched to online after an initial 23 local infections were detected last week. An exhibition center was being converted into a makeshift hospital after authorities said earlier they would

begin citywide mass testing. Only citizens with a 'definite need' to leave Guangzhou can do so, and only if they test negative for the virus within 48 hours of departure, city spokesperson Chen Bin said in a social media announcement.

Islamic State morphs, grows in Pakistan, Afghanistan

● Threat from IS has only become more fluid

Jalalabad, Apr 11 (AP):

Basheer was a young Taliban fighter barely out of his teens when the Islamic State group took over his village in eastern Afghanistan, nearly eight years ago. The militants rounded up villagers identified as Taliban and killed them, often beheading them, forcing their families to watch.

Basheer escaped and lived in hiding during the following years when IS controlled several districts



People visit Kusha Kisaldar Shiite Mosque to offer prayers for bombing victims in Peshawar.

in Nangarhar province. Over time, he rose in the Taliban ranks. Now known

as Engineer Basheer, he is the Taliban intelligence chief in eastern

Afghanistan, with a leading role in the campaign to crush IS. He hasn't forgotten the atrocities he saw in his home district of Kot. I can't explain their cruelty in words, whatever comes into your mind, they have done more than that, he told The Associated Press in a recent interview at his headquarters in Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar. Since coming to power in Afghanistan eight months ago, the Taliban have touted their success in repressing the Islamic State group, but the militants have expanded into neighboring Pakistan, stepping up attacks there.

Media mogul Jimmy Lai appeals to UN over Hong Kong cases

Hong Kong, Apr 11 (AP):

Lawyers for Hong Kong media mogul and pro-democracy activist Jimmy Lai are asking the United Nations to investigate his imprisonment and multiple criminal charges as legal harassment that punish him for speaking out.

The publisher of the now-defunct Apple Daily newspaper was one of the most prominent activists arrested in Hong Kong's crackdown on virtually all political criticism since mass pro-democracy protests in 2019.

The crackdown continued early Monday with the arrest of another veteran journalist, Allan Au Kalun, a teaching consultant who'd worked for a number of Hong Kong media outlets.

imize oppression in the former British colony.

Lai, 74, has been charged under Hong Kong's sweeping national security law and is serving 20 months in prison.

His assets have been frozen and the raft of legal cases against him include four separate criminal prosecutions related to attending and joining various protests, his legal team at Doughty Street Chambers in the UK said in a statement. Lai faces the risk of spending the rest of his life in prison simply for speaking out, and for seeking to defend freedom of the press, democracy and the rule of law in Hong Kong," Lai's counsel, Caoilfhionn Gallagher, said in the statement.

In a follow-up email, Gallagher said the appeal had been filed with the UN special rapporteurs for freedom of opinion and expression, counter-terrorism and human rights, rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and

of association, and human rights defenders. We are awaiting a response," she wrote.

Lai's son, Sebastien Lai, was quoted as urging UN special rapporteurs to investigate Chinese and Hong Kong authorities' actions against Hong Kong residents.

Pentagon plans for next pandemic

Washington, Apr 11 (AP):

A COVID-19 patient was in respiratory distress. The Army nurse knew she had to act quickly.

It was the peak of this year's omicron surge and an Army medical team was helping in a Michigan hospital. Regular patient beds were full. So was the intensive care. But the nurse heard

'KORAN' READING



People read copies of the 'Koran' after praying during the holy month of Ramadan in Banda Aceh, Indonesia on Monday.

French duel as Macron vs Le Pen fight for presidency

Paris, Apr 11 (AP):

French President Emmanuel Macron may be ahead in the presidential race so far, but he warned his supporters that 'nothing is done' and his runoff battle with far-right challenger Marine Le Pen will be a hard fight. And she's ready for it.

The duel is starting Monday, after the two came out on top in first-round vote. The centrist Macron is heading to an economically depressed area of northern France where a majority of voters chose Le Pen, close to her electoral stronghold of Henin-Beaumont.

Meanwhile, Le Pen's National Rally officials will meet Monday to plan strategy for the second round, scheduled on April 24. Le Pen summed up the standoff by saying voters are faced



Emmanuel Macron and Marine Le Pen

with 'a fundamental choice between two opposing visions of the future.' Macron already faced Le Pen in the presidential runoff five years ago. But all opinion polls show the leader of the National Rally is much closer this time to a potential win. Macron said he wants to convince those who voted for the 'extremes' or stayed

at home that 'our project responds much more seriously to their fears and to the challenges of the time.'

On her third attempt to become France's first woman president, Le Pen was rewarded for her years-long effort to rebrand herself as more pragmatic and less extreme. Macron has accused Le Pen of pushing a danger-

ous manifesto of racist, ruinous policies. Le Pen wants to roll back some rights for Muslims, banning them from wearing headscarves in public, and to drastically reduce immigration from outside Europe. In his speech, Macron said his project would protect all religions and the freedom 'to believe, or not.' The rise of food and energy prices is at the core of Le Pen's campaign, but Macron's team argue she wouldn't have the financial means to meet her promises. 'Our focus is now on the project and the values,' Senator Francois Patriat, a member of Macron's party, said. The strategy consists in being 'proud' of what has been done over the past five years, showing 'a bit of humility,' and 'above all, some fighting spirit,' he said.

Question raised over cancer blood tests in saving lives

Washington, Apr 11 (AP):

Joyce Ares had just turned 74 and was feeling fine when she agreed to give a blood sample for research.

So she was surprised when the screening test came back positive for signs of cancer. After a repeat blood test, a PET scan and a needle biopsy, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma.

I cried, the retired real estate broker said. Just a couple of tears and thought, OK, now what

do we do? The Canby, Oregon, resident had volunteered to take a blood test that is being billed as a new frontier in cancer screening for healthy people.

It looks for cancer by checking for DNA fragments shed by tumor cells. Such blood tests, called liquid biopsies, are already used in patients with cancer to tailor their treatment and check to see if tumors come back.

Now, one company is promoting its blood test to people with no signs

of cancer as a way to detect tumors in the pancreas, ovaries and other sites that have no recommended screening method.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE FOR MISCELLANEOUS WORK
Sr.No. (1) E-Tender No.: SrDEE-G-R-OTF-22-23-01, Date: 04.04.2022
Work: Electrical (G) portion of WORK for- (1) Replacement of Centralized PI with centralized EI at G-Cabin/BMY (2) Interlocking of 03 nos. LC gates viz. LC no. DD-08 (MXA-DLBS section), LC no. DD-39 (GDZ-LBO section) and DD-46(LBO-BXA section) (3) Provision of High Mast Tower at MNDH goods shed.
Tender Value: Rs. 13,87,710.00/-, EMD: Rs. 27,800.00/-, Submission of Tender: upto 11.45 hours on 04.05.2022.
For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Sr. DEE/G or refer/ download tender document which is available on our website: www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offers received shall be rejected.
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)]
Whereas, The under signed being the Authorised officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice was issued on the dated in the given following table calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days of receipt of said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against the account. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the CANARA BANK (Below mentioned Branches) for the amount and interest mentioned thereon.
The Borrower's / Guarantors' / Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

S. No.	Borrower Name	Detail of Possessed Property	Demand Notice Amount	Demand Notice Date
1.	M/s. Shivalaya Traders, Prop. Sohan Lal Jat S/o. Leharu Lal Jat S/o. Mangli Lal Jat S/o. Lobhchand Jat.	Land at part of Kh No. 221/61 (New Khasra) & 221/2 (Old Khasra) PC No. 101, RIC- Dharsiwa-1, Jawahar Lal Ward Nageswar Nagar, Raipur Total area- 1575 Sqft Owned by Sohan Lal Jat S/o. Leharu Lal Jat and Mangli Lal Jat S/o. Lobhchand Jat., Bounded: On the South- Land of Narayan Sinha, On the North- Land of Khan, On the West- Kaacha Road, On the East- Land of Harbhajan Singh.	₹ 10,49,972.53 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	29.07.2021 Possession Notice Date
2.	Sri Bhagwat Sahu S/o. Shivcharan Sahu and Shivcharan Sahu S/o. Kapil Sahu.	House at part of Kh. No. 287/160 (Old Kh) and 287/263 (new kh) P.C. 029 situated at Pt. Sunder Lal Sharma ward No. 18, RIC- Dharsiwa 01, Birgaon, Raipur having extent 1500 sqft. Owned by Sri Bhagwat Sahu and Shivcharan Sahu	₹ 7,24,075.00 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	07.01.2022 Possession Notice Date
	S/o. Kapil Sahu. Bounded: On the South- Other's Property, On the North- Other's Property, On the West- Road, On the East- Other's Property.			06.04.2022

Date: 11.04.2022 Place: Raipur (CG) Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

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मैनूअल निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
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Link language

Home minister Amit Shah's pitch for the Hindi language to replace English in states provoked trenchant criticism, with opposition parties calling it an assault on India's pluralism and asserting they will thwart the move to impose Hindi imperialism. The controversy is unnecessary as Hindi is already a growing language globally. India is among the world's most linguistically liberal states. It has 22 official languages and almost as many mother tongues as gods. According to the 2011 census 19,500 distinct tongues are spoken. Globally, most new knowledge is generated in English. People are encouraged to learn English for better economic opportunities. The modern Hindi is a language evolved from influences of several dialects. Spoken Hindi and Urdu are similar and being learnt globally due to cultural influence of India. There is no official concept of link language and people communicate as per occasion. The National Education Policy advocates a three-language formula, but a research from the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research showed that though Hindi is the dominant language of India, English as a link language is gaining strength. Changes in the distribution of Indians speaking in their mother tongue suggest that the probability of two random individuals from a particular state having the same mother tongue would decline and English will emerge as lingua franca, according to researchers at the institute. Their study concluded that the probability of two Indians being able to converse in a common language has increased from 0.18 in 1971 to 0.23 in 2011 owing to a surge in bilingualism brought on by changes in schooling and inter-state migration. The proportion of children studying in English almost doubled from 12 percent to 23 percent between 2007-08 and 2017-18. Many states changed the medium of education in government-run schools.

This, in turn, increased the probability of a randomly drawn person from a state being able to converse with a random person from the rest of India. There has been clear shift in preference of parents since they are enrolling children in English medium schools. This would suggest that English will emerge as a link language in the coming generations. Between 1971 and 2011, the proportion of Indians who could speak a scheduled language in addition to their mother tongue increased from 12.2 percent to 24.8 percent. And a comparison of data from 2001 and 2011 indicates that the proportion of bilinguals is the highest in the age group 15-29 years. However, the probability of a conversation in a common language other than the mother tongue is currently better in the northern states where Hindi is the dominant language, whereas in Maharashtra and Gujarat, the probability has declined between 1971 and 2011 by 11 and 19 percentage points respectively. Among the southern states too, there is a decline. One plausible reason would be the inflow of out-of-state migrants. Knowledge of English is necessary in a globalised economy. Gujarat government is introducing English education from class I. Tamil Nadu state schools conduct spoken English classes for students. Many state government schools in Telangana and Maharashtra have transformed to English medium due to demand from public. Choosing between English and Hindi is not a binary decision and both can exist simultaneously. Languages are meant for smooth communication and people have freedom to choose link language as per convenience.

Not rely on statistics

The debate about poverty among India's population has again been marred by contradictory reports. The definition of poverty line itself has been questioned in India. India cannot rely on statistics alone to measure poverty in the population. A new (International monetary fund) IMF paper was released, titled 'Pandemic, Poverty, and Inequality: Evidence from India' says that 'extreme poverty was maintained below 1 percent in 2020 due to Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMKAY)'. The 52-page paper authored by Surjit S Bhalla, Karan Bhasin and Arvind Virmani, also says that the expansion of India's food subsidy program absorbed a major part of the pandemic shock. As per the paper, extreme poverty was as low as 1 percent in 2019, a substantial reduction in poverty rates from 2011 levels. The paper also counters another Pew research paper that 75 million Indians were pushed into poverty, claiming that data was calculated in the absence of an 'official' Consumption Expenditure Survey (2017-18). Furthermore, it claims that 'extreme poverty' has been eradicated in India. Poverty rate in India will ease in FY22, but will still remain closer to 10 per cent levels, according to the World Bank. The poverty rate, which is internationally calculated as the percentage of population living a day with less than USD 1.9, will ease to 7 percent to 10 percent in FY22. The rate had gone up to 9 percent to 12.3 per cent in FY21.

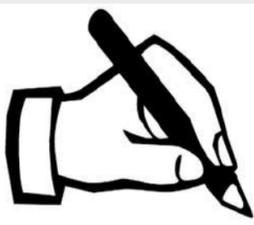
While these papers have been published by the IMF and the World Bank, they are to be considered as views of the authors and not the institutions. The World Bank study said 'Poverty in India has declined over the last decade but not as much as previously thought', Sutritha Sinha Roy and Roy van der Weide argue in their paper. The paper gives estimates of poverty in India until 2019 using recalibrated data from the Consumer Pyramid Household Surveys (CPHS) many economists have argued that the really poor are underrepresented in the CPHS conducted by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). The criteria for deciding the poverty line in India are not enough as 'it does not consider if amenities, such as good quality education and health-care, are available to all'. As per the Tendulkar committee, there is a two per cent decline in poverty every year in the seven-year time period. An income or consumption-based poverty line can help in declining poverty, but it doesn't cover the vulnerability of the people just above the poverty line. The MDPI is a satisfactory indicator of poverty because it takes into account consumption, access to health and educational facilities and the availability of a shelter. Different criteria result in different set of statistical measures of poverty.

POSING WITH TREES



People pose for photos in front of a cherry blossom tree at the Seoul National Cemetery in Seoul, South Korea.

Growing up in city can harm your spatial skills

**HUGO SPIERS**

The science fiction film *Tron Legacy* opens with voice of main character, Kevin Flynn, musing of a digital world of his creating: The Grid. The Grid. A digital frontier. I tried to picture clusters of information as they moved through the computer. What did they look like? Ships? Motorcycles? Were the circuits like freeways? I kept dreaming of a world I thought I'd never see. And then one day, I got in. ('The Grid' a song by Daft Punk, soundtrack to *Tron Legacy*). Like computer circuit boards, many American cities are organised in a grid. People flow through them in vast numbers. In our new study published in *Nature*, we reveal the city grid has a legacy. Designed to ease navigation, they can in turn lower the spatial skill of those who grow up in them. Learning to navigate is an important life skill. It allows us to be independent, adventure to new places and avoid the embarrassment of being lost. Many factors influence navigation ability. With age, we tend to navigate less successfully. In some countries, men appear to have an advantage, but we also know navigation is a skill that can be learned. It also seems to help to grow up in a country with a higher GDP.

Spatial orientation is crucial for adapting to new environments and getting from one point to another.

Without it, people will walk around in endless circles, never being able find which way they want to go. The brain has a specialized region just for navigating the spatial environment. This structure is called the hippocampus, also known as the map reader of the brain. The hippocampus helps individuals determine where they are, how they got to that particular place, and how to navigate to the next destination. Reading maps and developing navigational skills can affect the brain in beneficial ways. In fact, using orientation and navigational skills often can actually cause the hippocampus and the brain to grow, forming more neural pathways as the number of mental maps increase. But because humans were part of large, extended social networks and may have frequently traveled to less familiar areas, they probably needed more generalizable spatial abilities to make mental maps of the environment. Thus, specific spatial skills may have been selected for, such as improved spatial perception and the capacity to mentally rotate objects.

One overlooked factor has been the environment we grow up in. For example, cities afford very different experiences in terms of navigational challenges compared to the countryside. The 'urban jungle' may provide many routes to

puzzle over and a dazzling array of landmarks to take stock of. By contrast, the countryside may stretch further and place a higher demand on keeping track of direction. We therefore wanted to find out whether it is better to grow up in the city or countryside for sharpening navigation skills. To answer this question, we tested the navigation skills of over four million people via an app-based video game we developed - *Sea Hero Quest*. We also asked participants about their background, including whether they grew up in a city, rural environment, suburbs or a mix. We revealed that, on average, people who grew up outside cities were better navigators than people who grew up in them. This applied whether they were from a rural environment or a suburb. We found this was true for most of the 38 countries where we could estimate the population. The advantage for those growing up outside cities was present across the lifespan, with a slight increase in effect in later life and similar patterns in men and women.

Cities, in fact, appear to be detrimental for developing navigation skill. But why? We first considered that it might be due to more education. Education tends to improve performance on tests, and people outside cities might be more educated. Thus, differences in navigation skill might be more strongly linked to education. We found this wasn't the case. Independently of education, cities appear to result in worse navigation skill overall. So, what is it about cities that seems to bring down our spatial abilities? A hint came from scrutinising the rankings across countries for how much their cities lowered navigation skill. Podium places were for USA, Argentina and Canada. One feature that stands out for these

countries is that they all have grid-arranged cities. For example, Buenos Aires in Argentina is particularly griddy, similarly Toronto in Canada, and of course, Manhattan in New York is world famous for its grid. At the other end of rankings were countries such as Romania and Italy, with highly irregular city layouts.

It turns out that it is possible to quantify how griddy a city is by using a measure known as the Street Network Entropy (SNE). Cities where the streets either run north south or east west have a very low SNE score (such as Chicago, USA). Cities where the streets are arranged in many directions have a much higher SNE score (such as Rome, Italy). We found the average SNE score of the cities in a country could predict how much growing up in a city impacts navigation. Do our results suggest griddy cities are a health hazard for your navigation skill? Not quite. Our video game had 45 different virtual environments to test navigation. These varied in how griddy they were. We found that people who grew up in griddy cities were more sensitive to this variation. So although they were worse at navigation overall, they were in fact slightly more skilled navigating griddy environments than people from outside cities. Since the world is generally a disorganised place, it typically pays off to grow up off grid. But traverse Manhattan or get sucked into a computer simulation where you have to fight for your life across a grid, having a fellow navigator who grew up in griddy city will be a boon. The clusters of information moving through their brain circuits have been trained to succeed in the grid.

(Hugo Spiers is Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL in US.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Independence

Delivering the 19th DP Kohli Memorial Lecture, organised by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Chief Justice of India NV Ramana said there was an immediate need for the creation of an independent umbrella institution, so as to bring various central agencies like the CBI, Enforcement Directorate and the Serious Fraud Investigation Office under one roof. Within a day Congress communications chief Randeep Surjewala promptly said: "that nothing will happen by merely expressing concern. Till the Supreme Court (SC), which has the power, takes note of actual violations and restrains the agencies from acting like the stooge of the government." No doubt, this is the timely remarks from SC, requiring its own broom to clean those organisations. Before that one has to see the difficulty faced by the CBI as per CJ Ramana, that there was a lack of manpower, infrastructure, modern equipment, questionable means of procuring evidence, change in priorities with change in political executive and repeated transfer of officers. According to CJ "These issues often lead to acquittal of guilt and incarceration of the innocent. Courts can't monitor every step." During a hearing of the Coalfield allocation cases in 2013, the SC had described the CBI as a "caged parrot" and that time, the BJP, which was in the opposition, accused the agency of being controlled by the Congress-led government. But nothing changes, instead nearly a decade after CJ flags 'falling credibility' of CBI under Modi led BJP government. Whatever, it's a futile exercise! So long these corrupt political parties are reigning this country, so long the greedy and criminals are there in the arena of our country's governance stage, nothing will do! If politicians are honest and sincere every institution would be perfect, unfortunately today politicians are only thinking of themselves and their party and power!

Bidyt K Chatterjee, Faridabad

Mask

With pandemic not gone, some reports are worrying. In such a scenario, doing away with masks or making it optional, instead of having it as mandatory protocol still, is surprising as some countries are planning to do. Mask wearing has played a crucial role, if not a very substantial one, in acting as a precautionary shield during these testing times. With schools almost functional and children yet to be vaccinated, we are still in the thick of battle.

Pavani, via email



WHAT THEY TWEET!



Arvind@data_arvind
Y'day was talking to a builder friend, say last 6 months have seen a 20-25% rise in land rates. A plot that was 45-48k psy in Sep is now selling for 55-58k. It's natural after 2 years of rise in stock markets, money is now moving to real estate.

Soumitra@netshrink
Never quite understood this fascination for 'ancient wisdom' If it was so wonderful in the past why was life expectancy not more than 35 yrs in those glorious days? If it was so wonderful in the past, why did they have so many famines in those days?



Muthukrishnan@dmthuk
Many millionaires migrate out of India. They genuinely tell other countries give them back a lot for the taxes they pay. But if you look at dispassionately, the rich in India can lead a better life than being rich elsewhere in the world. Money power purchases man power.



Walter@AmbLindnerIndia
Passing through a stretch of the 1600 long mountain range of the Western Ghats.



Sherbir@Sherbir
Cheering mob justice is all well and good, till the mob turns on you. It's shameful to see police men in uniform participating (and thereby endorsing) this vigilante nonsense. Prosecute the young man by all accounts, but this is abhorrent.



NCasthana@NcAsthana
Every time the govt makes any appointment, be it the VC of JNU or chairman of UPSC, the libbus start wailing. If you have a case and 'intellectual balls', go to the SC and get the orders quashed. Vidhwa vilap will not help. What scares you? Losing in SC or dismissal with costs?

tikuli@tikulli
A tired labourer working in a flat a few floors below came up with a bottle asking for drinking water. Said no one on that floor or 1-2 above below gave so he climbed up. What sort of behaviour is this in such merciless heat? People can't fill a 2lt bottle for a thirsty worker?

BRIEF

Raises



Mumbai: Phablecare, a chronic disease management startup, on Monday said it has raised Rs 187 crore in a funding round led by Kalaari Capital. Co-founder Sumit Sinha said our focus over the next two years would be to take technology to over 30 million Indians.

Production

New Delhi: Tech titan Apple has begun production of iPhone 13 in India, bolstering India's vision of emerging as a manufacturing powerhouse. The flagship product is being made at Apple's contract manufacturing partner Foxconn's facility, near Chennai, sources said. It is pertinent to mention that Apple started manufacturing iPhones in India in 2017 with iPhone SE. It currently manufactures some of most advanced iPhones including iPhone 11, iPhone 12.

Platform



New Delhi: Hero Lectro on Monday announced the launch of its platform to enhance direct-to-consumer (D2C) sales, besides strengthening its overall omni-channel presence. CEO Aditya Munjal said our vision is to transform way for commute and make e-cycles.

Mobility

Mumbai: The Indian subsidiary of the US-based helicopter transport firm BLADE has joined hands with Lexus, which is the luxury car arm of Japanese auto major Toyota, to offer travellers premium mobility services. The partnership includes BLADE collaborating with Lexus to provide on-ground Lexus vehicle experience to the flyers across its routes in Maharashtra and Karnataka, BLADE India said in a statement on Monday.

Deploy



Mumbai: Magenta in association with Euler Motors is planning to deploy 1,000 e-cargo three-wheelers in cities such as Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Chennai. Euler Motors CEO Saurav Kumar said it intends to make EVs more accessible and strengthen presence.

India's fuel sales hit 3-year high in March

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

The country's fuel demand soared 4.2 per cent to a three-year high in March as petrol and diesel consumption rose above pre-pandemic levels, according to official data released on Monday.

Total petroleum product consumption in March stood at 19.41 million tonnes, the highest since March 2019, data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell of the oil ministry showed.

As the economy continued to rebound from the deep impact of the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, demand for transport fuel rose in March.

Diesel, the most used fuel in the country accounting for almost 40 per cent of all petroleum product consumption, saw the demand rising by 6.7 per cent to 7.7 million tonnes. Petrol sales, which crossed the pre-Covid levels a few months ago, were up 6.1 per cent at 2.91 million



tonnes. Demand for both the fuels in March was above pre-pandemic levels.

Diesel consumption was higher due to strong demand from agriculture sector as well as stocking up by consumers and petrol pumps in anticipation of a price hike.

Cooking gas (LPG) demand grew by 9.8 per cent to 2.48 million tonnes in March. Fuel demand in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 was up 4.3 per cent at 202.71 million tonnes, the highest since FY20. While auto and cooking fuel consumption rose, there was a de-growth in industrial fuel. Petrol consumption was up 10.3 per cent at 30.85

million tonnes in 2021-22 while diesel sales were up 5.4 per cent at 76.7 million tonnes. The demand for petrol in FY22 was the highest ever while the diesel sales were the highest since 82.6 million tonnes of consumption in 2019-20. Consumption of LPG was up 3 per cent at 28.33 million tonnes.

Jet fuel or ATF demand soared 35 per cent to 5 million tonnes but was less than 8 million tonnes consumption in the pre-pandemic year. This was mainly because full aviation services resumed only towards the end of the last month. Petroleum coke consumption fell 9.7 per cent to 14.1 million tonnes while kerosene demand was down 17 per cent at 1.5 million tonnes in FY22. Consumption of naphtha, which is used as a fuel in industries, as well as that of bitumen, used in road construction, were marginally higher at 14.2 million tonnes and 7.7 million tonnes, respectively.

Skoda Auto India expands its reach across Northern India

Mumbai, Apr 11: Skoda Auto India has stretched its growth story even further by steadily expanding its market presence in northern India. This has resulted in an increase of customer touchpoints from 25 in 2019 to 51 in 2022 across north India, which translates to agrowth of 104% in this market over the last two years. In addition, Skoda Auto India has expanded its base in urban centres in northern India by a substantial 127%, growing from 15 cities in 2019 to 34 in 2022.

The growth in the region is part of Skoda Autos INDIA 2.0 strategy of not only introducing new platforms and product lines, but also ensuring Skoda Auto is closer to India's customers by increasing accessibility via



increased customer touchpoints. This rapid expansion of the dealer network in the north has resulted in a sales growth of 173% across the region.

The carmaker is now fully equipped with facilities and centres to cater to customers in Solan, Dehradun, Bareilly,

Kanpur, Prayagraj and Kota, among others. In the coming months, Skoda Auto India will be entering Amritsar, Moradabad, Varanasi and Roorkee.

Commenting on the growth in customer touchpoints in the north region, Mr. Zac Hollis, Brand Director, Skoda Auto India

CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

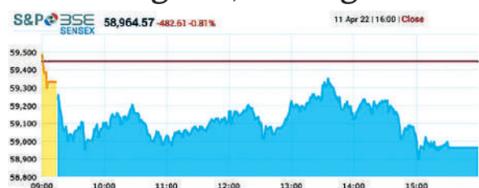


Tollywood actor Abir Chatterjee flanked by Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetable Pvt Ltd's Business Head Sanjay Sharma and GM Randhir Kumar (R) during the launch of a campaign for Mishti Doi in Kolkata, Monday.

Elon Musk decides not to join Twitter board

New York: In an unexpected turn of events, Elon Musk, the world's richest man and the biggest shareholder of Twitter, has decided not to join the board of the micro-blogging platform. The decision of Musk - who has made a raft of suggestions in recent days for Twitter, even wondering whether its headquarters should be turned into a homeless shelter - was made public by the platform's India-origin CEO Parag Agrawal in a tweet on Sunday evening. With a 9.2 per cent stake, Musk is currently the biggest shareholder of Twitter, which had entered into an agreement with the billionaire whereby he will get a seat on the platform's board till the 2024 annual shareholders' meeting. He was to join the board on April 9. In a sudden turn of events, Agrawal tweeted saying, "Elon has decided not to join our board."

Sensex tumbles nearly 483 points on selling in IT, banking shares



Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI):

Benchmark stock indices opened the week on a muted note on Monday, with the Sensex plunging nearly 483 points due to selling in IT, capital goods and banking shares amid losses in global equities.

The Sensex tanked 482.61 points or 0.81 per cent to settle at 58,964.57. During the day, it tumbled 552.78 points or 0.92 per cent to 58,894.40.

The 50-issue Nifty declined by 109.40 points or

0.62 per cent to finish at 17,674.95 as 29 of its stocks declined.

From the Sensex pack, Larsen & Toubro, HCL Technologies, Infosys, Wipro, Asian Paints, HDFC, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank were the major laggards.

In contrast, ICICI Bank, NTPC, Kotak Mahindra Bank, TCS and UltraTech Cement were among the gainers.

TCS is scheduled to announce its financial results later in the day.

Rupee settles almost flat at 75.94 against USD, bullion rises

Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI): The rupee pared initial gains to settle almost flat at 75.94 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday as weak domestic equities negated the impact of easing crude oil prices.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 75.94 against the American dollar and oscillated between a high of 75.79 and a low of 76.09 during the session. The rupee finally settled at 75.94 against the dollar, down 1 paise from the previous close. On Friday, the rupee appreciated 10 paise to settle at 75.93 against the US dollar.

Review on extension of anti-dumping duty on certain Chinese tyres



New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

The commerce ministry's investigative arm DGTR has initiated a probe to review the need for continuing anti-dumping duty on certain types of Chinese pneumatic radial tyres following a complaint from the domestic industry.

Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association has filed a

petition before the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) for sunset review of the anti-dumping duty imposed on the imports of 'new/unused pneumatic radial tyres with or without tubes and/or flap of rubber (including tubeless tyres)' originating in or exported from China.

These are used in buses and lorries/trucks. "The authority...here-

by initiates the sunset review investigation to review the need for continued imposition of the duties in force..." the DGTR has said in a notification.

It would examine whether the expiry of existing anti-dumping duties is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of the dumping and the injury to the domestic industry, it said.

The duty was imposed by the central government on September 18 2017. It would expire on September 17, 2022.

The duty is aimed at ensuring fair trade practices and creating a level-playing field for domestic producers with regard to foreign producers and exporters.

Castrol announces winners of Super Mechanic Contest 2021-22

New Delhi, Apr 11:

Castrol India Limited, India's leading automotive and industrial lubricant manufacturing company, today announced the winners of the fourth edition of its Super Mechanic Contest, India's largest mechanic skilling initiative aimed at upskilling Indian mechanics through a competitive national platform. The winners were felicitated by Hon'ble Union Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Sandeep Sangwan, Managing Director, Castrol India and Barun Das, CEO, TV9 Network at a felicitation ceremony held in Delhi NCR.

The fourth edition of



the Castrol Super Mechanic Contest was conducted using both physical and digital media to ensure maximum participation from mechanics across India.

It registered record participation from more than 140,000 mechanics, through the contest's Interactive Voice Response (IVR) round and a dedicated website. The contest included a range of new digi-

tal tools and features, including a mobile game to enable participating mechanics to master various assignments and challenges. Each contestant, in addition to testing dexterity in their field, also gained invaluable and relevant industry knowledge through the various stages. The top 50 participants competed in an on-ground finale spread over three days from 5th to

7th April 2022.

Extending its commitment towards upskilling and uplifting the mechanic community, Castrol India, in partnership with the Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) created a specially designed curriculum covering new-age vehicle diagnostics, digital tools for next-generation vehicles, and BS-VI technology, etc. The masterclasses were attended by over 24,000 mechanics spread across the country.

Speaking about the contest, Sandeep Sangwan, Managing Director, Castrol India Limited said, "At the heart of Castrol's Super Mechanic Contest is our aim to create greater respect and pride that independent mechanics rightfully deserve in their profession."

Domestic air passenger traffic up 59% in FY-22

Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI):

India's domestic air passenger traffic is estimated to have grown by around 59 per cent year-on-year to 84 million in FY22, although it is still about 40 per cent lower as compared to the pre-pandemic level, credit ratings agency Icrsa said on Monday.

It also expects elevated Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices, aggravated by geo-political issues, to remain a near-term challenge for the industry and will be a key determinant of profitability for the sector. On a sequential basis, domestic passenger traffic spiked about 37 per cent to 10.6 million in March, driven by a near to normalcy in airline operations owing to waning of impact of the pandemic,

40% lower than pre-pandemic level



Icrsa said. The passenger traffic on local air routes was 7.7 million in February 2022, it added.

Traffic growth in March this year stood at 35 per cent as compared to over 7.8 million in the year-ago month, it said.

Airlines' capacity deployment for March 2022 registered a growth of 12 per cent at 80,217 departures as compared to over

71,548 departures clocked in the same month of last year, Icrsa said. Domestic departures logged 42 per cent growth in March this year over the previous month, driven by increased pace of vaccination and rapid abatement of the third wave of COVID-19, which allowed for quick lifting of travel restrictions, the ratings agency said.

"Domestic passenger traffic for FY2022 is estimated at around 84 million, y-o-y growth of 59 per cent, marginally higher than our estimate of 80-82 million, although it is

around 40 per cent lower than pre-COVID levels, Vice President and Sector Head of Icrsa Suprio Banerjee said.

For March this year, the average daily departures were at around 2,588, higher than the average daily departures of around 2,308 in March 2021, and notably higher compared to around 2,023 in February 2022, he said.

The average number of passengers per flight during March this year was at 132, against an average of 135 passengers per flight in February, Banerjee said.

According to Icrsa, one major positive development is resumption of scheduled international operations from March 27 after a hiatus of almost two years.

Maruti Suzuki opens bookings for all-new XL6

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Monday said it has commenced bookings for the all-new version of its multi purpose vehicle, XL6, from the Nexa retail channel. The model comes with next generation K-Series engine, advanced transmission, array of sophisticated comfort and convenience features, and bold styling, the auto major said in a statement.

"The XL6 is a unique proposition that perfectly marries a strong SUV-like design and the convenience of a spacious six-seater MPV. The All-New XL6 embodies NEXA's vision of being an aspirational lifestyle brand and creating an indulgent driv-



ing experience." MSI Senior Executive Director (Marketing & Sales) Shashank Srivastava noted.

The model appeals to the discerning NEXA buyer who is looking for a perfect mix of style, comfort, performance and sophistication, he added. "We have seen demand

grow for premium MPVs over the past couple of years. We are confident that the All-New XL6 with its bold styling, host of new and advanced technologies along with enhanced safety will deliver an indulgent and stylish experience for our NEXA customers," Srivastava said.

Kumar Sanu makes presence in 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai'

Star Plus has always been a source of entertainment for almost every Indian household. It has managed to win over their hearts over the years with its diverse and audience-oriented content. One of their many entertaining shows is 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai' which is the longest running show on Indian television. The show has been a favorite of the audience over the years and we cannot ignore the fact that after the pairing of Naira and Kartik (Mohsin Khan and Shivangi Joshi), Abhimanyu (Actor Harshad Chopra) and Akshara (Actress Pranali Rathod) are now in the news. The audience is very fond of the pair. The popular fiction show will soon witness the debut of



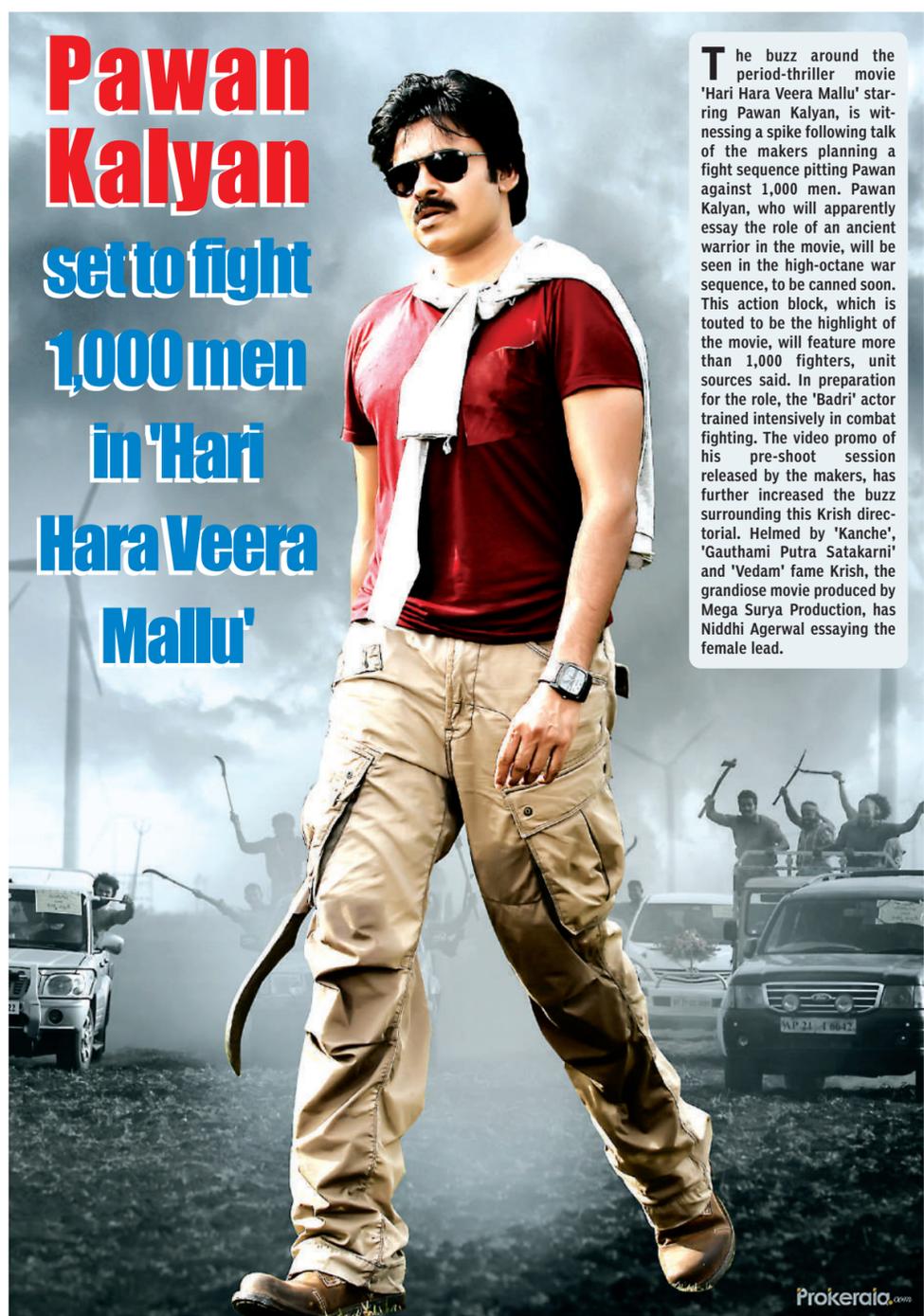
our very own singer, Kumar Sanu. The track of Abhimanyu and Akshara's wedding is currently going on in the show 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai', which is being enjoyed a lot by the viewers. Amidst these episodes, the show will have a musical ceremony episode of the lead pair and it's definitely going to delight the viewers. The audience's favorite singer

Kumar Sanu will be seen performing a song, at the evening of Abhimanyu and Akshara's musical ceremony. Talking about his debut in the show 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai', renowned singer Kumar Sanu said, "I really liked the script of the track in this show. In this episode, I will not just be singing songs, but will be seen doing a lot more. There is a lot to do after

my entry into the show and a different atmosphere will be created in my presence which is challenging for me and that is why I chose the show 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai'. The people on the sets are very cooperative and I felt like a family here. In future if I will be offered more such fiction shows then I shall definitely do it because if the artist has something interesting to do on the show then it's definitely fun, just like how I came on this show".

To witness singer Kumar Sanu sing the music of Abhimanyu and Akshara, watch Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai show every Monday to Saturday at 9:30 pm only on Star Plus.

Pawan Kalyan set to fight 1,000 men in 'Hari Hara Veera Mallu'



The buzz around the period-thriller movie 'Hari Hara Veera Mallu' starring Pawan Kalyan, is witnessing a spike following talk of the makers planning a fight sequence pitting Pawan against 1,000 men. Pawan Kalyan, who will apparently essay the role of an ancient warrior in the movie, will be seen in the high-octane war sequence, to be canned soon. This action block, which is touted to be the highlight of the movie, will feature more than 1,000 fighters, unit sources said. In preparation for the role, the 'Badri' actor trained intensively in combat fighting. The video promo of his pre-shoot session released by the makers, has further increased the buzz surrounding this Krish directorial. Helmed by 'Kanche', 'Gauthami Putra Satakarni' and 'Vedam' fame Krish, the grandiose movie produced by Mega Surya Production, has Nidhi Agerwal essaying the female lead.

Anil Kapoor on 'Thar': The film was brought to me by Harshvardhan



Actor Anil Kapoor says it was his son Harshvardhan Kapoor who brought the film 'Thar' to him and was very passionate about the project and its coming together. Talking about the film, Anil says, "Harshvardhan has a very unique approach and his choices of films are also very distinct. The film was brought to me by Harshvardhan and he was very passionate about the project and he played an integral part in this film coming together." "The story strikes the perfect balance between gritty and slick, grainy and smooth, fast paced yet nuanced. It is Harshvardhan's first film as producer and I could see the passion in him from the word go. 'Thar' is an experience and I can't wait for audiences to watch it!" 'Thar' film premieres on the streaming service on May 6. The film has an inerrant blend of suspense, mystery and thrill, set in the Western Film Noir world and promises to be an immersive experience for its audience. It is also Harshvardhan Kapoor's debut as a producer. Talking about how 'Thar' came into being, Harshvardhan shared, "When I read 'Thar', I realised right away that it was unique in terms of its mood, atmosphere and tone as well as in its narrative. I was aware that I was in a situation where I'd have to preserve to get what was on the page onto screen without any compromise." "With a film so ambitious, there was bound to be great learning both in front of and behind the camera for me personally. I believe that out of the few films I've done so far 'Thar' has been the most educational experience for me. We've tried to do something different and are excited to share it with audiences around the world with Netflix." Directed by Raj Singh Chaudhary, 'Thar' features Harshvardhan Kapoor, Fatima Sana Shaikh, Satish Kaushik and Anil Kapoor in lead roles. The film follows Siddharth, an antique dealer's journey through a remote village in Rajasthan that has recently been rocked by a series of violent killings. As the local policeman Surekha Singh investigates these killings he crosses paths with Siddharth... will that encounter be the only one? We shall soon find out! 'Thar' releases exclusively on Netflix on May 6.

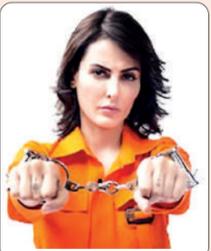
Varun Dhawan and Janhvi Kapoor-starrer 'Bawaal' goes on floors



'Dangal' director Nitesh Tiwari took his upcoming love story 'Bawaal' starring Varun Dhawan and Janhvi Kapoor to the floors on Sunday. After months of prep, 'Bawaal' had its 'mahurat' in Lucknow on Sunday where the first schedule of the film will be shot. While details are under wraps at the moment, this will be the first time when Varun and Janhvi will share screen. The film will be shot across three Indian locations and five European countries, including Paris. The film is said to boast of picturesque visuals and great storytelling given Tiwari's track record with films like 'Chillar Party', 'Bhoothnath Returns' and 'Chhichhore'. The film, produced by Sajid Nadiadwala, is scheduled to make its debut in theaters on April 7, 2023.

Mandana Karimi reveals she had an abortion

Kangana Ranaut's fearless reality show 'Lock Upp' might be a very tough and brutal game but it does have a place for the soft hearts. The show with the most controversial celebrities does come with a secret. One of which will be revealed tonight on the show by Mandana Karimi which turned the flow of the game on the emotional side.



When asked to reveal her secret, Mandana Karimi disclosed about having a secretive relationship with an ace director. She said that their relationship became very strong in a few months and he planned to settle down with her but they decided to keep it secret because she was awaiting divorce from her ex. Mandana Karimi got pregnant with his child and when he got to know about her unplanned pregnancy, he backed off, the reason being, he was not emotionally and mentally prepared to take care of this responsibility. Meanwhile, he also asked her friend to convince her to plan an abortion. He kept giving

multiple reasons and denied taking care of the baby so she had to be strong and go through an abortion. Mandana shared her deep sorrowful thought about the same, "I didn't want to give birth to a child when he is not aware about his father". The Queen further consoled Mandana by saying, "In the city of dreams, life is so much of brutality and survival that no one talks about such incidents". 'Lock Upp' started streaming live on ALTBalaji & MX Player from 27th February 2022.

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Aquarius: Jan 21 - Feb 18

Boy, your life seems seriously out of balance, doesn't it, Aquarius? Today provides an opportunity to rethink what is truly important. Consider exercise as one way to improve your health and manage your stress level. Once you get started with a healthy regimen, you'll see how it helps you gain perspective. It's likely that the cause of all this stress can be eliminated when viewed through a different lens.

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

You like to feel needed, Pisces, but today you might throw up your hands and say, "Enough!" You've given so much of yourself for so long that friends and loved ones tend to think of your largesse as a right rather than a privilege. Today, remind them of their error. Take a day off from indentured servitude. Go to a fancy restaurant and enjoy being waited on. Don't forget to leave a big tip.

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

You could be overwhelmed with information today, Aries, as you receive more phone calls and email messages than you can possibly answer. Be clear about your priorities and stick with them. Otherwise, you're likely to spend the day being batted around the court like a tennis ball. Take a lot of deep breaths throughout the day and make an effort to keep your temper in check.

Taurus: Apr 21 - May 21

Your mind is like a sponge today, Taurus, eager to absorb all sorts of information. Take care that the information you're absorbing is accurate. There's a high likelihood that the fascinating news you hear is mostly a mix of fantasy and fiction. Go to the source and get the facts before acting on this information. If necessary, do your own research online or in the library.

Gemini: May 22 - June 21

If you aren't careful, there's a strong possibility that you'll overindulge today, Gemini. Your career frustrations may manifest in the form of overeating, excess drinking, or reckless spending. These are just symptoms masking the real problem. If you can take some time to meditate, you'll calm your nerves and reveal the root of your frustration. Once you have the facts, it will be easier to devise an effective solution.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

You're too hard on yourself, Cancer. If things haven't gone exactly as planned over the last few days, there's no sense in berating yourself over it. As long as you did the best that you could, what's the problem? It's likely you've experienced a delay and not a cancellation. All signs indicate that your goals will come to fruition even though it might take longer than you'd anticipated.

Leo: July 23 - Aug 23

You're especially intuitive today, Leo. If this is a fairly new occurrence for you, you could be at a loss as to how to make the most of this gift. Only you can know for sure, but one suggestion is to reflect on changes that you'd like to make at work. Pitch them to your boss. With today's keen insight, you'll almost be able to read his or her mind and anticipate any objections.

Virgo: Aug 24 - Sept 22

Today's planetary aspects indicate that this is likely to be a day of excess, Virgo, some of it good, some of it not so good. Take care not to overindulge in food and drink. You could be merely acting out your stress with such behavior. You'd be better served to meditate and get to the root of the problem. On the other hand, money could come your way, possibly a lot of it!

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 23

You should make an effort to be patient and tolerant, especially at the office, even though you might not feel like it, Libra. You'll likely take a lot of deep breaths as projects get delayed and meetings drag on. There isn't much you can do about it. Stay focused and trust that everything will be resolved by day's end. In the meantime, don't step on anyone's toes. Your colleagues' nerves are raw.

Scorpio: Oct 24 - Nov 22

This could be a day of inner turmoil, Scorpio. You'll rethink some of your fundamental values, unsure if they're still relevant to your life. It's clear that some soul searching is needed. There are no right or wrong answers, only what is in your heart. If your goal is to live authentically, then you'll need to make some big changes in your life. Don't act rashly. Think things through before taking steps.

Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 21

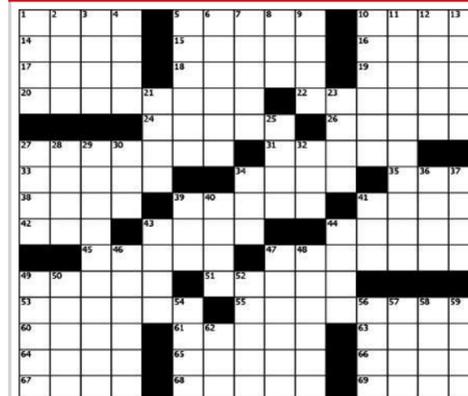
You need to pull yourself up by the bootstraps, Sagittarius. Why not take a few steps back and try to look at your life more objectively? Regardless of what you might be thinking at the moment, you do have a terrific life. Stop and count your blessings. Make a list and keep it in your wallet to refer to at low moments. Force yourself to be festive tonight. It will do you good to get out.

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 20

A particularly tricky situation could occur at work. If you aren't careful, you could lose your cool. Make a concerted effort to keep your wits about you, Capricorn. It could be that a colleague is baiting you, but that's no reason to take it. Keep to yourself as much as possible today. Close your office door. At home, go to bed early. Relax with a good book. All will be calmer tomorrow.

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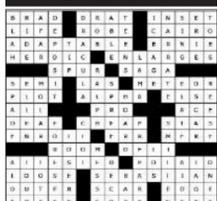
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- Loop of rope
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- Take it easy
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- One who mimics
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- Sheriff's helpers
- Rodents
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Battered CSK look to get their confidence back against RCB

Navi Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI):

Defending champions Chennai Super Kings would need to lift themselves after a nightmarish start to the season and play a "complete" game when they take on a high-flying Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL here on Tuesday.

In words of head coach Stephen Fleming, the team's self-belief is shaken after four losses in a row.

The four-time champions haven't played the cricket they are known for under skipper Ravindra Jadeja, who has not been able to lead from the front.

The seniors in the team including Thala Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Robin Uthappa, Ambati Rayudu and Dwayne Bravo need to step up in this crisis situation.

CSK have only posted one 200 plus score so far while scoring sub-par totals in the other three games. The CSK batters will have to face a potent RCB bowling attack including the likes of spinner



Wanindu Hasaranga, David Willey and Mohammed Siraj.

Young Raturaj Gaikwad, who has had a miserable season so far, will need to step up and deliver and also all-rounders

Moeen Ali and Shivam Dube will have to take more responsibility.

Fleming admitted that the side is facing two-fold problems — unavailability of Deepak Chahar due to injury and a below-

par show in all departments. "There has been issues of player availability and we have been pretty much below par in all departments — batting, bowling and fielding. We have been distant second

in all games and we need to improve in all departments - that's pretty much it," Fleming had said summing up his team's show.

A buoyant RCB, however, are ticking all the boxes. Opener Anuj Rawat, who hit his maiden IPL fifty, came to the party against Mumbai Indians, while Virat Kohli also got much needed runs.

Skipper Faf Du Plessis can take any attack to cleaners and the top-three too are in good form.

Dinesh Karthik is the firing finisher for RCB and engineer-turned cricketer Shahbaz Ahmed has also impressed with his batting so far. Apart from veteran Dwayne Bravo, CSK bowlers have been way off the mark.

They need to get the bowling combination right having tried many options.

Another key weak-link is Mukesh Choudhary, who has been leaking runs. Unless CSK find the right combination, RCB would be expected to run away with the game.

Babar Azam, Rachael Haynes named ICC 'Player of the Month'

Dubai, Apr 11 (PTI):

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam was on Monday voted as the ICC 'Men's Player of the Month' for March, while Australian opener Rachael Haynes bagged the honour among women. Azam scooped the honour following a number of thrilling batting displays in Pakistan's multi-format series against Australia. Amassing 390 runs in the pulsating Test series, his supreme contribution was highlighted by his record-breaking innings of 196 in the second Test, salvaging a draw for his side against the odds on the final day in Karachi.

At the forefront of his side's batting unit, he exploits during the subsequent ODI battles that took place in March also cemented Azam's claim as the standout player in international cricket during the month. Azam received the award ahead of fellow nominees Kraigg Brathwaite (West Indies) and Pat Cummins



(Australia), and in doing so, became the first player to win the award on two occasions, after being crowned in April 2021. Speaking about Azam's phenomenal performances in March, member of the voting panel and former West Indies international Daren Ganga said, "Babar wins this award not only because of the significant glut of runs scored during the Pakistan vs Australia tour, but also because his success with the bat across formats." "Being able to fulfil the burden of expectation as a captain

and batter for Pakistan as host to an Australian team visiting after 24 years is a monumental achievement. Haynes bagged the honour on the back of a formidable set of displays on the road to Australia's seventh ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title. Scoring 429 priceless runs in eight matches at an average of 61.28, her extraordinary feats at the top of the order proved crucial to her side's unbeaten run to the final, where they subsequently overcame England to cap a thrilling tournament.

Our bowling performance has been our biggest positive: Kuldeep Yadav



New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

Delhi Capitals' left-arm spinner Kuldeep Yadav feels bowling has been the side's strong suit this season, adding that the pace department is doing a good job of keeping the pressure on the opposition during the powerplays. The Capitals defeated Kolkata Knight Riders

by 44 runs on Sunday to register their second win of the season.

"Our bowling performance has been our biggest positive this season," Kuldeep said in a media release.

"When we were bowling against Mumbai Indians in our first match, it looked like they were going to score over 200 at

one point, but we restricted them to a total of 177/5.

"The fast bowlers have been bowling really well. They kept the pressure on the opposition in the Powerplay against KKR, which allowed us to bowl freely later on," he added.

Kuldeep, who was adjudged the Player of the Match for returning with figures of 4/35, also spoke about his fantastic running catch to dismiss Umesh Yadav off his own bowling.

"I knew that only I could go for that catch. The ball was quite far away from everyone else. I kept my eye on the ball throughout while running for the catch and managed to reach for the ball in the end. The catch felt really good."

The Delhi Capitals have a five-day break before their next match.

"These two points were really important for us. The morale in the team will be high as we prepare to play for our next game on Saturday. This win will ensure that there is positive energy in the camp during our five-day break."

Amit Rohidas to lead India against Germany in FIH Pro League tie



Bhubaneswar, Apr 11 (PTI):

Defender Amit Rohidas will continue to lead the 22-member Indian men's hockey team in its next FIH Pro League tie against Germany, starting here on Thursday. Star dragflicker Harmanpreet Singh will don the responsibility of vice-captain in the double-header at the Kalinga Stadium. The second match of the tie will be played on Friday. There were no big surprises in the squad as the Indian team management continues to test various combination from the

core group in the Pro League ties ahead of a busy calendar year, which includes the Birmingham Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

The squad includes goalkeepers PR Sreejesh, Krishan Bahadur Pathak, and defenders Varun Kumar, Amit Rohidas, Suresh Kumar, Jugraj Singh, Harmanpreet Singh, Jarmanpreet Singh, and Gurinder Singh. The midfield will be manned by Nilakanta Sharma, Manpreet Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Shamsher Singh,

Hardik Singh, and Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh, while the forward line will feature Sukhjeet Singh, Abhishek, Mandeep Singh, Shilanand Lakra, Dilpreet Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, and Akashdeep Singh. Speaking about the team composition, India's chief coach Graham Reid said, "This year's FIH Pro League has provided us with great opportunities to try different combinations and tactics. We have recognised what works and, more importantly, what areas we need to improve on. "This week against Germany is the last leg of our home games for this year and we are looking forward to two more world-class encounters once again. "Germany are always an extremely tough opponent and given where we both are on the ladder it will be important for us to finish this week with as many points as possible to remain at the top of the points table," he added.

South Africa takes series 2-0 after Bangladesh 80 all out



South Africa's captain Dean Elgar poses with the trophy.

Gqeberha, Apr 11 (AP):

South Africa bowled Bangladesh out for 80 to seal a convincing 332-run win in the second and final Test and take the series 2-0 on Monday. Spinners Keshav Maharaj and Simon Harmer once again accounted for all 10 wickets in the second innings, just as they did when South Africa won the first Test by 220 runs. Maharaj picked up 7-40 and Harmer 3-34 as Bangladesh folded early on

the fourth day at St George's Park. It had been 27-3 overnight and South Africa needed another 14 overs to finish the game off. The Proteas had set Bangladesh a huge victory target of 413. South Africa was always in control after making 453 batting first and restricting Bangladesh to just 217 in its first innings. Bangladesh may have lost both Tests heavily but it did take something from the tour after winning the one-day series 2-1 last month.

Charleston Open: Sania-Hradecka lose in final



Andreja Klepac (left) and Magda Linette hold up their trophies after winning the doubles title against Lucie Hradecka and Sania Mirza in finals at the Charleston Open.

Charleston, Apr 11 (PTI):

Veteran Indian tennis player Sania Mirza and her Czech partner Lucie Hradecka's splendid run at the Charleston Open ended after they lost the title clash to Andreja Klepac and Magda Linette. The unseeded Mirza and Hradecka went down 2-6 6-4 7-10 in one hour 24 minutes to the fourth seed Polish-Slovenian duo on Sunday.

Mirza and Hradecka had a stunning run at the WTA 500 event, reaching the women's doubles final after pulling off a major upset by stunning top

seeds Zhang Shuai and Caroline Dolehide in the semifinals.

In the quarterfinals, they got the better of third seeds Alexa Guarachi and Jessica Pegula.

Mirza and Hradecka had also reached the semi-final of the Dubai Tennis Championships in February.

The 35-year-old Mirza, who is India's most accomplished woman tennis player, had won six Grand Slam titles, including three mixed doubles trophies, had earlier announced that 2022 would be her last season.

Bencic tops Jabeur 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 for Charleston Open title

Charleston, Apr 11 (AP):

Belinda Bencic won three of the last four games to outlast Ons Jabeur 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 and win the Credit One Charleston Open for her first clay-court championship.

Bencic won her sixth career WTA title and first since the Tokyo Olympic.

Bencic lost her opening match in Indian Wells last month and wasn't sure what direction she was headed. Things began to turn in Miami where she reached the semifinals before losing and she built on that positive momentum in Charleston.

I feel like is is the tournament that you breakthrough and then it goes the right way, she said. So I'm happy about it.

Bencic, of Switzerland, reached the semifinals here in her first visit in 2014 and hadn't advanced that far until this year. She earned 158,000 for winning the season's opening clay-court tournament.

It's so cozy here," Bencic told the crowd at the trophy presentation. You al-

ways make this such a family event. Bencic, seeded 10th, looked like she'd have an easy time with Jabeur, from Tunisia, who she broke twice on the way to taking the opening set.

But Jabeur, the fourth seed ranked 10th in the world, cut down on the unforced errors and drew on the energy of the crowd, who applauded almost every move the dynamic 27-year-old made much of the week. Jabeur held serve at 5-all in the second



set before ripping a forehand to break Bencic and tie the match. Jabeur got down on one knee and pumped her fist in celebration heading to the deciding set.

But it was Bencic who regained her form to open a 3-1 lead. Jabeur had one last rally, squaring the set at three-all with her final break of Bencic's serve.

That's when Bencic's smooth ground strokes and near-perfect placement wore down Jabeur.

Opelka beats Isner in Houston for first clay title

Houston, Apr 11 (AP):

Reilly Opelka beat fellow American John Isner 6-3, 7-6 (7) to win the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship in the tallest matchup in an ATP Tour final.

The 6-foot-11 Opelka won his fourth tour title and first on clay. He improved to 5-1 against the

6-10 Isner. The 24-year-old Opelka, seeded third has won all his titles in the United States, taking the first in 2019 in an indoor event in New York and following at Delray Beach in 2020 and Dallas this year.

The 36-year-old Isner, seeded fourth, won in Houston in 2013. He has 16 ATP Tour titles.



Djokovic is motivated to compete again for biggest titles

Monaco, Apr 11 (AP):

Novak Djokovic is ready to move on from the controversy surrounding his refusal to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

I miss competition, the Serbian tennis star said Sunday on the opening day of the clay-court season at the Monte Carlo Masters in Monaco.

I still feel motivation to be on the tour and compete and try to challenge the best players in the world for the biggest titles.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion has played only one tournament so far in 2022, losing to Jiri Vesely in the quarterfinals of the Dubai Championships.

Djokovic could not defend his Australian Open title in January after he was deported from the country for not being inoculated.

More recently, he had to skip tournaments in Indian Wells, California, and Miami because he couldn't travel to the United States for the same reason.

He has declared that he would not get the vaccine



in order to be able to compete. It has been a turbulent start to 2022 for Djokovic, who went through detention and a court case during an 11-day saga in Australia before he was sent home and not allowed to defend his title at Melbourne Park.

Rafael Nadal went on to win the Australian Open for his 21st major trophy, breaking a tie with Djokovic and Roger Federer.

BEATING THE HEAT



A worker drinks water while sorting wheat grain on a hot summer day, at the grain market in Jalandhar, Monday.

'Laws should be made after thorough debate & discussion'

Guwahati, Apr 11 (PTD):

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday said laws should be made after thorough debate and discussion, incorporating the needs of aspirational sections of the society. He also suggested that public representatives across the country should refrain from raising petty political issues during Question Hour in parliament rather than talking about matters of national importance.

Inaugurating the 8th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (India Region) Conference at Assam Legislative Assembly, Birla said the primary responsibility of legislature is to fulfill hopes of the people. Talking about B R Ambedkar and Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, the Lok Sabha Speaker said



LS Speaker Om Birla addresses the inauguration of 8th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Conference, in Guwahati.

India's policies and programmes should be in the direction of achieving the goals set by founding fathers of the constitution. "Laws should be made after thorough debate and discussions, incorporating the needs of the aspirational sections of the society," he underlined. Calling for ac-

tive participation of the youth and women in democratic processes, Birla said democratic institutions, from panchayat to parliament, should keep the youth and women at the centre of policy making. "This will ensure that ideas and vision of youngsters are used to make the ad-

ministration more transparent and accountable," he noted. The Speaker also observed that the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his comprehensive action on education, health, infrastructure and other areas are remarkable steps in this direction.

Discussing about the country's democratic setup, he said Indian democracy is vibrant and strong, and a guiding force to other democratic countries. Echoing similar sentiments, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said democratic values are "integral parts of the Indian way of life". "Democratic institutions are flourishing in India since ancient times and our reforms exemplified the true democratic values and traditions which continued in our society ever since," he said.

SC to hear plea seeking simplification of child adoption process

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTD):

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a plea seeking to simplify the legal process for child adoption in India saying that only 4000 adoption annually takes place in the country.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Surya Kant issued notice to the Centre after petitioner in person Piyush Saxena, appearing for an NGO The Temple of Healing, said that he had made several representations to the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development for simplifying the process of

child adoption but nothing has taken place till now.

The bench said, We will issue notice and see what the government has to say on the issue. Saxena said, As per the data available in the public domain, there are only 4000 child adoptions annually but till last year we had three crores orphan children in the country. There are several infertile couples who are willing to have a child.

He further said that people are not educated enough therefore the scheme should be based on the Income Tax scheme which was issued 16 years back. Last year, during the

pandemic the ministry issued a notification that relaxed the norms but this could be done on a regular purpose, he said.

The bench said that he represents a body and what does that have to do with the adoption.

I am the secretary in the 'The Temple of Healing' and we don't accept a donation or charge any money and provide treatment of various ailments through naturopathy, Saxena said, adding that Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System may appoint a few trained adoption preparers on the lines of Income Tax preparer

scheme of 2006.

He said that they can help prospective parents to complete the cumbersome paperwork required for adoption.

He submitted that there is also an anomaly on the legislature front as adoption is being governed by the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act of 1956 which has a nodal ministry as the Ministry of Law and Justice while the aspects of Orphans are dealt with by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

The bench said that the registry says that the petitioner has worked with cor-

porates also. Saxena said that he was senior vice president in Reliance Group of Companies but he had conducted an in-depth study on the subject.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development asked me for a detailed written submission which I gave them last March but till no action has taken place. They don't want any action to be taken as they worry that children may go into the wrong hands, he said. Justice Chandrachud said that they have genuine concerns and recalled his stint as adoption matter Judge at the Bombay High Court.

Hate, violence weakening country: Rahul

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTD):

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday urged all citizens to stand together to secure a just and inclusive India, saying hate and violence are weakening the country.

His remarks came a day after communal violence was reported in some states during Ram Navami processions, leaving one person dead, and clashes broke out on the JNU campus allegedly over the serving of non-vegetarian food in a hostel during the festival.

"Hate, violence and exclusion are weakening our beloved country. The path to progress is paved with the bricks of brotherhood, peace and har-

mony. Let's stand together to secure a just, inclusive India," Gandhi said on Twitter. Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that during the BJP rule, festivals are being used as events of hatred and violence.

"Once upon a time, during festivals in India, people would wish peace prosperity and abundance. Now under the BJP rule, festivals have become events of hatred and violence. On the assassination of Gandhi and now on the murder of his values, only two words are relevant - 'Hey Ram'," Kharge said on Twitter.

Another Congress leader Manickam Tagore slammed the JNU incident. "It's New India of Modi sahib..For eating in hostel mess chicken and egg students beaten up by RSS arm ABVP in JNU Choice of food, what our children will eat now will be decided by Sanghis now..Condemn it," Tagore said in a tweet, using the hashtag "JNUAttack".

On Sunday, two groups of students clashed at the Jawaharlal Nehru University's Kaveri Hostel allegedly over serving non-vegetarian food on Ram Navami in the mess. At least 20 people were injured in the violence, according to police.

Congress leader Thomas served show cause notice for attending CPM seminar

Kochi, Apr 11 (PTD):

A day after senior Congress leader K V Thomas alleged that he participated in the CPI(M) 23rd party congress due to threats from within his party, he said he has received a show cause notice from the party's disciplinary committee and that he will respond to it. Meanwhile, senior state Congress leaders hit back at Thomas saying he has "betrayed" and "cheated" the party by attending that left party event in Kannur.

The Congress disciplinary committee has slapped a show cause notice on Thomas seeking his response within a week in connection with a letter by KPCC chief K Sudhakaran to AICC president Sonia Gandhi, seeking action against him for

allegedly violating party discipline by attending the conference in Kannur. Speaking to reporters in Thiruvananthapuram after receiving the show cause notice, Thomas said when party leader K C Venugopal had informed him that Shashi Tharoor was not participating in the CPI(M) party congress, he had said he too will not go.

However, the threats and intimidation from within his party came after that and therefore, he decided to attend the seminar. Both Tharoor and Thomas were invited by the CPI(M) to attend the seminar on Centre-State relations as part of its 23rd Party Congress which commenced on April 6 and concluded on Sunday.

Thomas said he will mention everything he

has to in his reply to the show cause notice and added that irrespective of the decision of the disciplinary committee, he will continue to be a part of the Congress party. "I will not leave the Congress. I will continue to be a Congressman till the day I die," he said.

Thomas also sought to know how the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president and Leader of Opposition in the state assembly V D Satheesan can berate him and make accusations against him while the disciplinary committee was deliberating upon the complaint made against him.

He was referring to the press conference held in Kochi where Sudhakaran and Satheesan accused Thomas of "betraying" and "cheating" the grand

old party by attending the event in Kannur, where over the years more than 80 party workers have been killed, allegedly by the Left party. Sudhakaran told media that there were several other platforms or events where Thomas could have spoken about Centre-state relations and the CPI(M) party congress was not the only stage for that.

'Will respond to it'

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Polling officials collect EVMs and other voting material, before leaving for their respective polling stations on the eve of the Ballygunge Assembly by-polls, in Kolkata, Monday.

POLL PREPARATIONS

Uma Bharti barred from Lord Shiva temple in Raisen fort

'Anguished' Uma gives up food

Bhopal, Apr 11 (PTD):

Unable to pay obeisance at the Someshwar Mahadev temple located in Raisen fort in Madhya Pradesh for the want of ASI permission, senior BJP leader Uma Bharti on Monday decided to give up food "for peace of mind" till she is allowed to perform a 'Jalabhihek' or water ritual at the temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.



Former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Uma Bharti offers prayers at Shiv Temple in Raisen, Monday.

away from Bhopal, this morning to perform the ritual but had to offer prayers from outside the temple as the Archaeological Society

of India (ASI) did not give permission to open this temple till Monday.

"I am deeply anguished for not being able to offer

'Jalabhishek' at the Someshwar Mahadev temple. To control my emotions and to have peace of mind, I have given up food till I can worship at Someshwar Mahadev temple," Bharti, who had served as the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh during 2003-04, said in a statement.

Earlier, Bharti had written to the Raisen collector for making arrangements for the water ritual she wanted to perform at the temple on Monday after Navratri. After receiving Bharti's letter, district collector Arvind Dubey wrote to ASI authorities. But the

ASI didn't permit to open this temple till Monday.

As per historian Rajiv Lochan Choube, Afghan ruler Sher Shah Suri had defeated local ruler Purnamal deceitfully in 1543 and took over the fort and the temple, which remained locked since. A mosque came up at the site.

After 1947, the Raisen Fort and the temple came under the supervision of the Central Archaeology Department, and the then chief minister Prakash Chandra Sethi allowed worship for one day on Mahashivratri following a public agitation in 1974, Choube said.

Administration starts demolition of illegal constructions of stone pelters

Khargone (MP), Apr 11 (PTD):

The district administration on Monday started demolition of at least 50 "illegal" structures of people accused of pelting stones at a Ram Navami procession in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone city, while the state government said damage caused to public and private properties during the violence will be recovered from rioters.

A curfew was clamped in Khargone city on Sunday and more than 80 people have been arrested after stones hurled at a Ram Navami procession triggered large-scale arson, officials said and added that the situation here was

under control. The government has a zero tolerance policy for rioting. So far, 84 persons have been arrested and 50 illegal constructions of these accused have been identified. The demolition of these illegal constructions has already started, Indore Divisional Commissioner Pawan Sharma told reporters in Khargone.

The illegal structures which are being demolished include homes and shops. Action has also been taken against four state government employees for spreading rumours over the communal violence in the city, he said. Of the four, three were daily wage employees, whose services

were terminated, while the fourth staffer was suspended, the IAS officer said.

Sharma said damage caused to public and private properties during the violence will be recovered from rioters. Inspector General (IG) Rakesh Gupta, who is camping in Khargone along with Sharma, said the law and order situation in the city was under control and action against anti-social elements was continuing.

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said damage caused to public and private properties will be recovered from rioters as he vowed strict action against the miscreants.



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BRIEF



A stork flies in the blue sky with a branch in its beak, which it probably wants to use for building its nest in Riedlingen, Germany, Monday.

Explosion

New Delhi: Three people, including a woman, were injured on Monday after a fire broke out in a shop in west Delhi as a cooking gas cylinder exploded, Delhi Fire Services officials said. Jitender (40), Rahul (28) and Anita (32) sustained minor injuries in the incident that took place in Mayapuri area, they said.

Suspended

Kolkata: Leader of Opposition Suwendu Adhikari, who has been suspended from the West Bengal Assembly for the entire session till the House is prorogued, on Monday staged a sit-in protest on the premises after he was prevented from entering his chamber. Adhikari, along with four other BJP MLAs, was suspended by the speaker from the assembly after legislators from the saffron party and the TMC came to blows inside the House on the last day of the budget session in March over the Birbhumi killings.

Successful

New Delhi: Anti-tank guided missile Helina successfully completed a flight test at a high-altitude range on Monday as part of user validation trials, the Defence Ministry stated. "The flight test was jointly conducted by teams of scientists from Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Indian Army and Indian Air Force," the ministry said in a statement.

Reconstituted

Amaravati: Apparently giving in to pressure from seniors in the party and relying heavily on caste calculations, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday reconstituted the state Cabinet, re-inducting 11 from his first team and taking in 13 freshers, besides a veteran.

Course

Latur: A batch of 554 cadets of the Border Security Force (BSF) on Monday participated in the passing out parade in Latur district of Maharashtra on the completion of the 44-week training course. The cadets were trained at the Subsidiary Training Centre at the BSF camp at Chakur in the Latur district, an official said. BSF Inspector General Praveen Rathore reviewed the passing out parade at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj ground at the training centre.

Weather
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MARKET
NIFTY 17,674.95
SENSEX 58,964.57

BULLION
GOLD 52,348
SILVER 67,695

J'KHAND ROPEWAY ACCIDENT

Three dead, 25 trapped people rescued

Air Force Op to rescue dozens

Deoghar (Jharkhand), Apr 11 (PTI): Some 25 people were rescued while 23 people remain trapped mid-air in a row of cable cars on Monday, nearly 26 hours after a malfunction of a ropeway in Jharkhand's Deoghar district, which saw cable cars hitting each other, killing three persons and injuring 12 others a day before.



A person hangs on a cable at Trikut Hill after a collision of cable cars, in Deogar district.

The rescued passengers were airlifted with the help of two Air Force helicopters, Deoghar Deputy Commissioner Manjunath Bhajantri said. The ropeway which runs through a picturesque densely forested valley is surrounded by hills, making rescue difficult, except by air.

Sandip, who was stuck in a trolley for 19 hours, said, "I feel Baba Baidyanath gave me second life. I can't explain the harrowing experience in a hanging trolley overnight. It was frightening." The trolleys were hanging mid-air at a height of nearly

100 feet. He said the power of the trolley suddenly went off and it stopped midway. "When I called on the helpline number around 4pm on Sunday, I was told that it stopped due to a technical snag, which is being rectified. I again called around 7 pm. They said the ropeway is not working and they would rescue us using choppers on Monday. We were four people in the trolley and were very

scared." Added Devang Jaipal from West Bengal, "After offering prayer to Baba Baidyanath, I wanted to enjoy nature on this ropeway ride... who knew that I would be hanging in a trolley for a whole night." "With no food and water, we had a sleepless night on Sunday. On Monday, we were given some food and water through drones. Thanks to the NDRF, Indian Airforce and Deoghar administra-

tion for saving our lives," he said. Around 24 hours after the accident, drones were used to supply those remaining in the cars with food and water. Eleven of the stranded tourists were rescued last night.

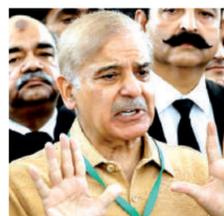
The accident which occurred Sunday around 4 pm, resulted in three death late at night and 12 injured in the collision among cable cars, around 20 kilometres from the famous Baba Baidyanth temple of Deoghar town.

Expressing sorrow over the incident, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said rescue and relief operations are being conducted on war-footing. "The government is keeping a close watch on the situation," he said.

"People trapped during the ropeway journey on Trikut mountain under Mohanpur block are being rescued by the combined teams of Air Force, NDRF, Army and ITBP," Bhajantri said.

Shehbaz Sharif elected as new PM of Pakistan

Islamabad, Apr 11 (PTI):



Pakistan Parliament on Monday elected unopposed Shehbaz Sharif as 23rd prime minister of the country, bringing to an end the political uncertainty that had gripped the nation since a no-confidence motion was introduced against his predecessor Imran Khan on March 8. Shehbaz, 70, was the only candidate left in the race after former foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi announced that his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party will boycott the voting and staged a walkout. "Sharif has secured 174 votes and has been declared as prime minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan," according to the formal result announced by Speaker Ayaz Sadiq who presided over the session after Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri said his conscience did not allow him to conduct the session. In the

House of 342, the winning candidate should get support of at least 172 lawmakers. In his maiden address to the house as the prime minister, Shehbaz said that it was the first time in Pakistan's history that a no-confidence motion against a prime minister had been successful. "And

good has prevailed over evil," he said. He said today is a "big day" for the entire nation as a "selected" prime minister has been sent home in a legal and constitutional manner. Shehbaz, the younger brother of former three-time prime minister

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Nawaz Sharif, said that the US dollar's value declining by Rs 8 today signified the "happiness of the people".

He acknowledged the apex court's "unanimous" verdict, saying the day when the Supreme Court gave its judgment should be marked as a historic day in the history of Pakistan.

Man held as woman dies after being raped, brutalised with iron rod

Janjgir-Champa, Apr 11: A man was arrested in Janjgir-Champa district for allegedly raping a 56-year-old mentally unwell woman and inserting a rod into her private parts, leading to her death, a police official said on Monday.

The incident took place in the intervening night of April 5 and 6, when the victim was sleeping on a bench in front of a grocery shop under Dabhara police station limits, the official said. "Accused Kishan Yadav (31) was arrested on Thursday. The post

mortem report confirmed that the woman was brutally assaulted and raped. On the night of April 5, Yadav dragged her into a nearby plot, raped her; hit her head with a stone and inserted an iron rod into her private parts," he said.

Yadav fled after abandoning the woman, who died, and he then threw his blood-stained clothes and the iron rod in the thicket near a culvert, the official said.

The clothes and iron rod have been recovered, he added.

Voting for Khairagarh assembly bypoll today

Rajnandgaon, Apr 11:

Vital statistics

A total of 10 candidates are in the fray. Voting will be held from 7 am till 5 pm amid tight security. The counting of votes will be taken up on April 16.

Voting for the bypoll in the Khairagarh assembly constituency in Chhattisgarh will be held on April 12 where the ruling Congress and opposition BJP are locked in a straight fight. A total of 10 candidates are in the fray. Voting will be held from 7 am till 5 pm amid tight security. The counting of votes will be taken up on April 16. The bypoll was necessitated following the death of JCC (J) legislator and former MP Devvrat Singh last November. The seat, which falls in the Rajnandgaon district, had witnessed a triangular contest in the 2018 assembly polls when the late Ajit Jogi-led JCC (J) had en-

tered the poll arena. Khairagarh was among the five seats won by the JCC in the 90-member state assembly. However, political commentators feel this time the fight is virtually between the ruling Congress and opposition BJP as the JCC (J) has lost its appeal after the demise of Ajit Jogi in 2020. Both the leading parties left no stone unturned in their efforts to woo the voters. While the BJP involved two Union ministers- Prahlad

RELIGIOUS PROCESSION



Devotees take part in a religious procession celebrating Ram Navami, in Bodh Gaya, Monday.

Gujarat tops NITI Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index-Round 1

Among larger states

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI): Gujarat has topped Niti Aayog's State Energy and Climate Index-Round 1 (SECI) among larger states, which is aimed at ranking states and Union territories (UTs) on six parameters including discoms' performance, energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. Gujarat was followed by Kerala and Punjab, according to the government think tank's report. States like Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand were placed at the bottom. Among the smaller states, Goa topped the Aayog's index, followed by Tripura and Manipur. Among



Vice-Chairman NITI Aayog Dr. Rajiv Kumar addresses at the release of the State Energy & Climate Index-Round 1, in New Delhi.

union territories (UTs), Chandigarh topped the index, followed by Delhi and Daman & Diu/Dadra & Nagar Haveli (D&D and D&N). Punjab was the best performer in discom performance parameter

among larger states, while Kerala emerged as top performer in access, affordability and reliability category among larger states.

Likewise, Haryana was the best performer when it comes to clean energy initiative among larger states, while Tamil Nadu emerged as top performer in the energy efficiency category. The index is based on 2019-20 data.

Releasing the report, NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar said that this index that compares states and UTs across many indicators will encourage them towards energy transition, and all the necessary steps must be taken to achieve this.

INS Vikrant case

Court rejects pre-arrest bail plea of BJP leader Somaiya

Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI): A court here on Monday rejected the anticipatory bail application of Maharashtra BJP leader Kirit Somaiya in a case pertaining to alleged misappropriation of over Rs 57 crore funds collected to save aircraft carrier INS Vikrant. Kirit Somaiya and his son Neil have been named accused in the case and apprehending arrest, they had sought pre-arrest bail from additional sessions judge R N Rokade. The court is likely to pass an order on Neil Somaiya's anticipatory bail application (ABA) on Tuesday. The judge, while refusing pre-

arrest bail to Kirit Somaiya, said there were pictures to show he collected money in the name of saving the decommissioned aircraft carrier from getting dismantled, but the same was not deposited with the state governor's office. Kirit Somaiya, a former Lok Sabha MP from Mumbai, said the case is driven by political vendetta. Senior counsel Ashok Mundargi, appearing for the accused, argued that the 'Save Vikrant' campaign was launched not only by the BJP, but also the Congress and the Shiv Sena, who are now allies in the state's ruling coalition.

'Rahul Gandhi should take charge as Congress president'

Raipur, Apr 11:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has pitched for Rahul Gandhi once again taking charge as Congress president, even as he asserted that the party follows a democratic process and anyone willing to contest for the post is free to do so. Sonia Gandhi is currently the interim president of the Congress. She assumed the charge after Rahul Gandhi resigned from the position after the party suffered its second consecutive defeat in parliamentary elections in 2019. "The dates for the Congress organisational elections have been an-



nounced and those who want to contest are free to file nomination. I believe that Rahul Gandhi should take charge as Congress chief," Baghel told PTI in an interview.

His remarks come as the Group of 23 leaders has called for a revamp of the party organisation. The

demands for change in the Congress have increased in the wake of the party's poor performance in the recently held assembly elections. The party had lost Punjab to the Aam Aadmi Party by a big margin. Speaking about the debacle in the recent assembly elections, Baghel said, "Elections come and go, we shouldn't be disheartened by it. We should move ahead."

Last month, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) decided Sonia Gandhi would continue to lead the party until the election for the post of Congress president is held.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

ED examines Cong leader Kharage

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday examined senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharage here in connection with its money laundering probe against the party-promoted Associated Journals Limited (AJL), which publishes the National Herald newspaper, officials said.

The 79-year-old Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha was summoned to appear before the federal agency with regard to the probe, following which he deposited before it.

He arrived at the ED headquarters here shortly before 11 AM. His state-



Senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharage at Enforcement Directorate (ED) office, after being called for questioning in New Delhi, Monday.

ment has been recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) as the agency wants to understand some issues in the investigation, officials said.

Dream of marketing SHG products as brands comes true: Tamradhwaj Sahu

Home Minister inaugurates C-Mart at Janpad Panchayat premises

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 11: People in the country still prefer and have trust on the homemade products as it assures quality. Customers get local products at cheaper prices and sellers also make good profits. The women of SHGs have been manufacturing quality products but they did not have direct access to the market. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the State Government decided to start C-Marts to provide an

effective marketing facility for the quality products of the women SHGs. On Monday, the first C-Mart was inaugurated in Durg. Products of Women SHGs have been put on display for sale. Their brand is now available in the Mart, which is a great success, said Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu after inaugurating the C-Mart in the Janpad Panchayat Complex of Durg.

In his remarks, the Home Minister said that he oversaw the products at C-Mart. The specialty of the products is that the customers will never have doubt on its quality. The items produced through the Baadi Scheme by Women SHGs have also been displayed in C-Mart.



The women are selling chilli and spices as well as their powders with the brand name. To survive in the market for a long time and earn good profit, it is necessary to focus on the quality. He urged the women to expand the variety of products in the C-Mart.

MLA Arun Vora said that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel not only showed the way of employment orient-



ed activities to the women of SHGs through Gauthan, but also provided a bigger market to their products by arranging attractive packaging and marketing as well as opening the centers

like C-Mart. He said that a variety of products have been made available under one roof. Quality of all the products is very good. He said that the pace at which employment-oriented activ-

ities are being created in Gauthan and quality products are being manufactured, the C-Mart will soon be able to meet all the demands of the customers.

District Panchayat President Shalini Rivendra Yadav said that there is a great demand for the items made by the women of SHGs in urban areas. Despite having a good demand, desired results were not being achieved due to lack of a permanent marketing facility. Now this problem has been resolved.

Durg Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal, Risali Mayor Shashi Sinha, District Panchayat Durg Vice President Ashok Sahu, Durg Janpad President Devendra Kumar

Deshmukh and other public representatives were present. Divisional Commissioner Mahadev Kande, Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure, District Panchayat CEO Ashwini Dewangan were also present.

District Panchayat CEO Ashwini Dewangan gave detailed information about C-Mart. Products of 84 SHGs will be sold here. The members of Bihaan will look after the operations of C-Mart. All the necessary items will be available in the C-Mart. Minor forest produce will also be available here. Various daily use items including coriander-chilli powder to artificial jewellery are available for sale.

CITU discusses issues for improving medical services PGCON celebrates World Health Day

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 11: Hospital Departmental Committee of Hindustan Steel Employees Union, CITU discussed various issues with the Sector 9 Hospital Management for improving the medical services. CITU Departmental Committee members Santosh Kumar, Ajay Arya, Savita Malaviya and Jogarao were present. Dr M Ravindranath, Dr P Binayake, Dr Kaushalendra Thakur, General Manager SM Shahid Ahmed and Assistant General Manager, Personnel R Ranjani were present on behalf of the hospital management.

CITU demanded that the work of electrical, civil and computer maintenance in all the wards should be done regularly every at least in 15 days so that there is no situation of breakdown. Routine maintenance work is being carried out in ICU only. They demanded that the same system should be

applied in the entire hospital. The union demanded that the hospital management to take immediate necessary steps to fill the vacant posts. Out of 70 posts in pharmacy, only 35 personnel are employed. They opined that 30 vacancies should be filled by permanent personnel and if necessary 10 posts should be filled by interns.

The hospital is facing shortage of Medical Technicians and Medical Technology Assistants, Dressers, Radiologists etc. Recruitments must be done on these posts. They further demanded to recruit the posts of Data Entry Operator in the Pharmacy Section. They further demanded appointment of two intern micro biologists who have certificates of certified course.

Elevator is an essential means of transporting patients to the hospital in case of emergency, but due to the absence of lift operator, the lift system has collapsed. CITU has demanded



appointment of 10 lift operators. Management informed that a 6-bed ICU is being built in the C-3 ward and lifts will be arranged in A3, B3 and C3 wards. The management assured the appointment of lift operators.

CITU has demanded from the management that a new promotion policy should be formulated for the stalled promotions of the hospital workers. CITU proposed four LOPs and has already conducted several rounds of talks with the top management. The union demanded to provide the designation of Nursing Officer to Nursing Staff in D Cluster, on

which the management gave positive assurance. They further demanded Dak Allowance for the employees of the Health Center and other departments who do the work of the hospital at their own expense.

CITU demanded that the Rotation system of deployment in the mines should be stopped completely and Pharmacist, Technician and Nursing staff should be recruited for the Mines. Management assured to take action on this demand.

CITU reiterated the long-pending demand for arrange-

ment of separate vehicle parking for hospital workers.

Normal functioning of the hospital is affected as the attendants are being outsourced in the hospital. The contract workers are suffering exploitation in the hands of the contractors. The workers often go on strike or stop work to press their demands. CITU demanded that 100 permanent attendants should be appointed.

Since the hospital is constantly battling with shortage of staff, CITU has demanded that the employees retiring from medical services should be re-employed on proper honorarium. The experience of the retired doctors can also be utilized by the hospital.

Management informed that Cardiologists will be present in OPD for all 6 days and availability of NeuroSurgeons is also being ensured. Cathlab is also being upgraded and a telemedicine facility will be made available soon.

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 11: PG College of Nursing, Bhilai (Managed by Bhilai Education Trust in association with JLN Hospital & Research Centre, Sector 9 BSP Hospital) celebrated World Health Day and the Offline NRP event. The Managing Trustee of Bhilai Education Trust & Chairman of PG College of Nursing Vijay Kumar Gupta wished all a healthy life on the occasion of World Health Day.

Dr Omesh Khurana, Past President, CGAP and Durg Bhilai Academy of Paediatrics & Lead Instructor of Neonatal Resuscitation Programme released the First Golden Minute Algorithm. Dr Khurana in his inaugural speech motivated all participants to take a pledge to "Give a breath, Save a



Life" to decrease Neonatal and infant mortality rates. He also stressed the need for the preservation of water for the life of human beings, plants & animals. He said that during the summer season we should drink around 3 litres of water per day and should avoid carbonated cold drinks.

Prof Dr Abhilekha Biswal, Principal, PG College of Nursing, Bhilai unfolded the theme of WHO 2022 "Our Planet our Earth". She motivat-

ed the audience to think globally and act locally by avoiding plastic waste and adopting all measures to have a healthier place to live. Certification of successful completion of NRP was distributed by Prof Dr Abhilekha Biswal, Prof Dr Daisy Abraham & Prof Dr Sreemini Pillai.

The inaugural session was conducted by PGCON faculty member Rincy Mary and the vote of thanks was given by Dr Jaya Chakraborty.

Young puppeteers who helped create film on 'Mera SAIL-Mera Gaurav' felicitated

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 11: Ten young puppeteers being trained in the techniques of staging puppet shows by Vibhash Upadhyay, an employee of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant working in Research & Control Lab were felicitated by BSP's Public Relations Department for their role in staging a puppet show that was used in BSP's film made for the occasion of SAIL Gaurav Divas.

A puppet show on the theme Mera SAIL Mera Gaurav was staged in Kala Mandir after scripting and the same was filmed. Various facets of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant in which Bhilaisians take pride were amalgamated with narration by the characters in the puppet show. The film



was digitally screened after editing by the Public Relations Dept along with films prepared by other units in a live show. BSP's film was much appreciated as unique and for having well presented the theme.

The young boys living in the outskirts of the steel city of Bhilai including Jitendra Sahu, Chandrashekhar Banjare, Sujeet Kumar Yadav, Lokesh Verma, Akash Verma, Gajanand Yadav, Deepak Sahu, Prahlad Kamde, Rajeev Agrawal

and Digeshvar Verma had done a good job under the direction of Vibhash Upadhyay.

A small function was organised by the PR Department to felicitate Vibhash Upadhyay and the young puppeteers. Certificates and token gifts were given away to the ten young boys and their director, Upadhyay by senior officers of PR Department including S K Daripa, GM (PR), Satyawar Nayak, Sr Mgr (PR) and Jawahar Bajpai, Sr Mgr (PR).

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Bhilai, Apr 11: Police have arrested nine persons on charges of stealing government documents from the Forest Division Office of Durg. Two of the accused are the watchmen while three others had purchased the documents as scrap. One accused is still at large.

CSP (Durg) Jitendra Yadav informed that on April 09, Padmanabhpur Chowki received a complaint from Mona Maheshwari, an officer at Divisional Forest Office, regarding theft of government documents from the office.

Office records, which were almost 40 years old,

were stolen from the record room of the office. The officials had visited this room on March 15 and had found all the documents in place. Thereafter, the officials visited the record room on March 08 to search some documents and found that the lock was broken and a huge quantity of documents was missing.

On the directions of SSP Durg, Padmanabhpur Police team led by Probationary IPS Vaibhav Banker launched investigations and inspected the crime scene. The network of informers was activated and soon Constable Kishore Soni received a tip off about a suspect Jeetu Devar who had concealed a

Nine held for stealing government documents from Forest Office



huge quantity of paper scrap at his house in Devarpara. The special team swung into action and rounded up Jeetu Devar, Karan Devar, Arjun Neval and Golu Devraj. On the basis of statements given by them, Police arrested the junk deals - Subhash Chandra Agrawal

of Meenakshi Nagar Durg, Shambhu Nigam of Ravabhata Supela and Devanand Soni of Gaya Nagar Durg. Police recovered documents packed in 31 gunny bags from the possession of the accused. The scrap value of documents is around Rs 60000. Police

have arrested the permanent watchman Ramsai Sahu (60) of Kolihapuri and Contractual watchman Maniram Sahu (49) of village Potiya in connection with this theft.

Inspector Bhushan Ekka, Inspector Gaurav Tiwari (I/c, Cyber Cell), SI Dharman mandavi, ASI Vinay Rajak, ASI Kirendra Singh, ASI Purna Bahadur, Head Constable Shiv Dubey, Constables Javed Khan, Pradeep Singh, Kishore Soni, Chitra Sen Sahu, Farukh Khan, Dheerendra Yadav, Keshav Sahu, Yogendra Chandrakar, Sharad Singh, Anup Sharma, Pannal and Mithlesh Sahu played vital role in arresting the accused.

Magnificent rally of Ram Bhakts gave message of unity to the entire country: Deodhar

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Apr 11: On the occasion of Shri Ram Navami, a grand procession and public gathering was organized by Shri Ram Janmotsav Samiti on Sunday. More than 25000 Ram Bhakts participated in this event organized at Ramlila Maidan in Power House. Bharatiya Janata Party National Secretary Sunil Deodhar was present as the chief guest.

Prem Prakash Pandey, former Vidhan Sabha Speaker and Patron of the committee, presided over the programme. Durg Lok Sabha MP Vijay Baghel, Committee's State President Ramesh Mane, State General Secretary Buddhhan Thakur, Working President Praveen Pandey, Youth Wing President Manish Pandey and District President Sevakram Sahu were present as special guests. At the outset, the program began with lighting lamps



and offering prayers to Lord Shri Ram. This was followed by recitation of Hanuman Chalisa. Tableaux and processions from different blocks had reached the venue.

Addressing the gathering, Prem Prakash Pandey thanked all the members of the Samiti for their active participation and making the programme a grand success. Appreciating the flag bearers who came from all the temples, he said that because of such devotees (flag bearers),

Shri Ram Janmotsav Samiti has maintained its tradition for the last 36 years.

He added that when this programme started in the year 1986, a small procession was taken out from a temple in Khursipar which covered Supela, Camp and ended at Hanuman Mandir. At that time, people hesitated even to take the name of Lord Ram. But now it is a matter of pride for all the Ram Bhakts that the purpose for



which the committee was formed is now getting fulfilled. A grand Ram Mandir is being built in Ayodhya. Pandey further said that those who used to harass the Ram Bhakts and called them communal are now themselves roaming around with saffron flags.

Chief Guest Sunil Deodhar praised all the members of the committee for this grand and huge event. He said that it is really praiseworthy to organise

such a grand event at a place where the people hesitated in putting Tika on their forehead and tying rakshasutra three decades ago. He added that the huge gathering of Ram Bhakts is giving a meaningful message of unity not only in the state but in the entire country.

He said that some anti-religionists can convert their opinion with the help of the sword, but they cannot wipe out Prabhu Ram who resides in the hearts of

people. He openly attacked Bollywood and charged them of having double standards over religious matters. He said that the example of how people of Hindu religion are being offended can be seen in the film Kashmir Files.

Later, the committee office bearers greeted the Chief Guest Sunil Deodhar and Prem Prakash Pandey with mementoes. Buddhhan Singh Thakur delivered the welcome address. Youth Wing President Manish Pandey

proposed the vote of thanks.

Deodhar threw light on the character of Lord Shri Ram. He said that Maryadapurushottam Shri Ram is the only person who possesses all the qualities of an ideal person described in the Vedas. He said that Ram is the symbol of our religion and culture. Lord Shri Ram is the pride of every Hindu.

Prem Prakash Pandey said that Bhilai is considered as Mini India as people from different

states of India live here. He said that when saffron supporters worked by following the footsteps of Lord Shri Ram, Ram Rajya was established in Bhilai and overall development took place in Bhilai.

The tableaux from different blocks were also awarded in the program. Supela block got the first prize, Ward 42 Shivalaya Khursipar got second prize and Shivaji Nagar, Subhash Nagar Khursipar got third prize. In this sequence, tableaux of Camp Block and West Block were given consolation prizes. On behalf of the committee, Sheela Baghmare and Sandhya Madan Mohan of the jury were also honored with mementoes. Committee's founder members Rajkumar Ram, Dharmaraj Shukla, Lalchand Maurya and Vasudev Singh were also honored with mementoes. Other dignitaries were also honoured by the Samiti.



Road safety measures should be implemented better with everyone's participation: Chief Secretary



Health test to be done for all government drivers

Emphasis on upgradation of trauma centers for speedy treatment of injured in road accidents

Portal to be ready for mapping of government and private ambulances

Raipur, Apr 11: Taking note of the cases of road accidents Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain has directed all the concerned departments to work in coordination with each other for prevention of road accidents. He said that better implementation of road

safety measures should be ensured with everyone's participation. Chief Secretary Jain reviewed road safety and traffic arrangements in a meeting held at Mantralaya (Mahanadi Bhawan) here today.

Jain directed all the departments to take initiative for health check-up of government drivers, training for road safety rules to improve road traffic. He said that the government drivers should be seen as the brand ambassadors of road safety. Similarly, a portal should be prepared for the upgradation of trauma centers and mapping of all government and private ambulances for speedy treatment of injured persons in road accidents.

He instructed to resolve

difficulties in restoring city bus services in Raipur, Durg and other districts at the earliest. He also instructed to take necessary corrective measures on priority in accident-prone road sections, black spots. He said that NCC, Scouts, Guide cadets of various colleges, schools should be given training on safe traffic and their participation in road safety programs should be increased. By marking accident-prone junctions as gray-spots, early removal of encroachments and corrective measures should be taken, he emphasised. According to him Illegal hoardings which are ob-

structing vision on various routes should also be removed expeditiously. He also instructed to take action against overloaded vehicles.

Action was taken on the violation of traffic rules in road accidents in the year 2020-21, to mark a road as a pilot project in all the districts to remove the stray animals affecting the drivers on the roads, Supreme Court on The work done by the concerned departments was reviewed on the compliance of the guidelines of road safety, smooth operation of the interdepartmental lead agency, the current status of empowerment and other subjects.

Action taken on violation of traffic rules in road accidents occurred during 2020-21, work to earmark one road as pilot project in all the districts for removing stray cattle, compliance of Supreme Court's on road safety guidelines, smooth conduct of interdepartmental lead agency and other issues were discussed at the meeting.

On expressing the need of highway patrolling by Senior Superintendent of

Police Bilaspur, Director General of Police Ashok Juneja assured to provide highway patrolling vehicles in the month of May. The Director General of Police instructed all the concerned departments to prepare an effective action plan after assessing the ground problems related to road safety and its implementation. Chairman, Inter-departmental Lead Agency Road Safety and Joint Transport Commissioner Sanjay Sharma informed about the work being done by various departments in relation to road safety through a presentation.

Director General of Police Ashok Juneja, Secretary Transport S Prakash, Secretaries of other departments including Public Works, Home and Chief Engineer Public Works Department and senior officials of Education, Health Department, Transport, Excise, Urban Administration and Development Departments including, Raipur, Durg, Bilaspur, Raigarh, Korba Collectors and SPs were present at the meeting.

Major reshuffle in ACB-EOW

Transfer of Shori-Pankaj Chandra to Dongergarh and Mungeli cancelled

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 11: Nearly 50 police personnel have been shifted from their current posting in a major reshuffle in the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB)-Economic Offense

Wing (EOW) here on Monday.

Meanwhile, the state government on Monday also cancelled the previous transfer order under which Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) rank of officers Amrita Shori was transferred as ASP Dongergarh whereas Pankaj Chandra was shifted to Mungeli in the reshuffle.

With the above orders, both the senior Officers would con-

tinue with ACB-EOW again.

Several Inspector rank Police Officers as well as Head Constable and Constables from various District have been attached to ACB-EOW after taking the services from Home Department in the reshuffle.

It has been stated that the essential approval from the Chief Minister Office has also been taken for the reshuffle here.

Provide better Parking facilities for citizens at RMC Zone Office: Kanhaiya

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 11: Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee (CPCC) General Secretary Kanhaiya Agrawal on Monday raised demand to either shift back the Zone 6 Office of Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) to the old office at Bhatgaon or to improve the Parking arrangements as people particularly the senior citizens

face a lot of inconvenience due to mismanagement.

Agrawal in a statement said that the Parking arrangement has become a major problem for the people which create problems for the people visiting the new office situated in the third floor of the Rawanbhata Inter-State Bus Terminal.

In support to his demand, he has submitted a memorandum to

District Collector and Municipal Commissioner to take appropriate steps to provide relief to the people. He further stated that people visiting the RMC Zone Office should not face inconvenience due to mismanagement at parking.

He added that the people visiting the RMC Office are unnecessarily forced to pay the parking fees.

Old pension scheme implemented in Chhattisgarh

Chief Minister had announced resumption of this scheme during the budget session

Instructions issued to deduct 12 percent of the basic salary for provident fund from the month of April

Nearly three lakh officers and employees of the state to be benefited under the scheme

Raipur, Apr 11: On the initiative of Chief Minister Mr. BhupeshBaghel, implementation of the old pension scheme has been re-

sumed for the state government employees in Chhattisgarh. With this decision, the officers and employees of the new contributory pension scheme will be able to enjoy the benefits of the old pension scheme from this financial year. Nearly three lakh officers and employees will get benefitted from this decision.

It is worth mentioning that in the budget session of the Vidhan Sabha, Chief Minister Mr. BhupeshBaghel had announced the resumption of the old pension scheme for the state government employees. Implementation of the old pension scheme, in place of the new contributory pension scheme, for the employees appointed on and after November 01, 2004, was being demanded for a long time.

According to the guidelines issued by the Finance Department regarding the old pension scheme, 12 percent of the basic salary will be deducted and deposited in the provident fund from April 1, 2022. Similarly, 10 percent monthly deduction for the new contributory pension scheme from the salary of state government employees appointed in the year 2004 and after has been discontinued from April 1, 2022.

It has also been mentioned in the issued instructions that the details of deduction of General Provident Fund will be kept separately at the Directorate, Treasury Account and Pension level and this amount will be shown in the new General Provident Fund account number allotted to the concerned employees.

Over 8.5 lakh smart card based registration certificates, driving licenses issued

Raipur, Apr 11: As per the directions of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel and Transport Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar, a new facility 'Tuhar Sarkar Tuhar Dwar' is being operated efficiently by the Transport Department in Chhattisgarh. Under this, a total of 08 lakh 52 thousand 136 smart card based registration certificates and driving licenses have been delivered at the doorsteps of the applications in a period of just 10 months from June to March. These include 05 lakh 61 thousand 799 smart card based registration certificates and 02 lakh 90 thousand 337 driving licenses.

Continuous monitoring is being done by the Transport Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar to ensure proper operation of 'Tuhar Sarkar Tuhar Dwar'. The scheme has been started by the transport department keeping in view the convenience of

people. Under this, 22 transport related services are being provided to the people at their doorsteps. Now applicants no longer need to visit the offices again and again, which saves their time and money.

Transport Department officials informed that a helpline number +91-75808-08030 has been issued by the department to make 'Tuhar Sarkar, Tuhar Dwar' service more accessible, which is available from 10 am to 5.30 pm on all working days. Applicants can also get the desired information via e-mail cgarivahandispach@gmail.com. By calling in the above helpline number, applicants can get all the information related to the dispatch of their driving license and registration certificate. Right now on an average 150 calls are being received per day in which mainly information related to driving license and registration process, taxes and fees are being sought by the applicants.

Action be taken for solid waste management as per NGT directions: Jain



Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 11: Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain has given instructions to the departmental officers to follow the instructions of National Green Tribunal for solid waste management. The Chief Secretary took information about the action being taken under Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 in the state in a meeting of the officers of Urban-Administration, Panchayat and Rural Development, Water Resources, Industry and Environment Protection Board at Mantralaya (Mahanadi Bhawan) here today. Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Subrat Sahoo and Additional Chief Secretary of Panchayat and Rural

Development Department Mrs Renu Ji Pillay were present in the meeting. The Chief Secretary has instructed the officers to send the information about solid waste collection, segregation, treatment and drainage in the urban bodies and panchayats of the state to the Chhattisgarh Environment Protection Board within the stipulated time. The Chief Secretary directed the officers of Panchayat and Rural Development Department to take necessary action regarding the action plan to implement the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 in all the panchayats of the state. Action taken regarding the polluted water treatment plants operating in Chhattisgarh and the under-construction

domestic treatment plants was also reviewed. District level task force meeting was organized for the implementation of the instructions of the NGT, and necessary action was taken from the officers to submit the report regarding solid waste management and sewerage management and maintenance of minimum e-flow in the identified rivers.

Manoj Pingua, Principal Secretary, Forest and Industries Department, Mr. Anbalgan P. Secretary, Water Resources Department, Mrs. Alarmel Mangai D., Secretary, Urban Administration Development Department and officers of Chhattisgarh Environment Board attended the meeting held through video conferencing.

Experts share views on 'Homeopathic Approach in Acute Conditions'

Singhdeo calls for removing misconceptions over Homeopathy



Raipur, Apr 11: Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Minister TS Singhdeo attended the state level seminar organized on World Homeopathy Day recently. Experts shared their views on the topic 'Homeopathic Approach in Acute Conditions' at the seminar organized by Directorate AYUSH at New Circuit House, Civil Lines, Raipur. Homeopathy medical camp was also organized at New Circuit House

on World Homeopathy Day. Homeopathy doctors examined and treated people in the camp and gave them free medicines. Addressing the seminar, Health Minister TS Singhdeo said that the science, effectiveness and usefulness of homeopathy should be effectively placed among the people. Homeopathy is also effective like other therapies

and this should be established in practice, he emphasised.

He said that the health department would send a proposal to the government for appointment of homeopathy doctors in all district hospitals and community health centers of the state. Congratulating the officers-staff and doctors of the Directorate of AYUSH on

World Homeopathy Day, the Health Minister said that it has been organized for the first time in Chhattisgarh after the formation of the state. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), homeopathy is the second most popular form of treatment in the world.

Singhdeo said that he himself had taken homeopathic medicine to overcome the problem related to the disorder of his digestive system and it gave him complete relief. By removing the misconceptions associated with this method, its acceptance and popularity should be increased, he said, adding that state government will extend all possible help in this. He

also released 'Homeodarshan' souvenir based on homeopathy treatment in the seminar.

Principal of ML Dhawale Memorial Homeopathic Medical College, Mumbai Dr Bipin Jain delivered a lecture on the topic 'Homeopathic Approach in Acute Conditions'. Dr Jatin N Walia, former Professor and Head of the Department of Surgery, Virar Homeopathic Medical College, Mumbai shared his views on 'Acute Prescribing in Sports Injury' and 'Homeopathy for Rural Development'. Joint Director of AYUSH Department Dr Sunil Das, many departmental officers and homeopathy doctors were present in the seminar.

Chhattisgarh bags another National Award

Raipur, Apr 11: Chhattisgarh has won numerous National Awards in the last 3 years. The state has once again proved its mettle on the national stage. District Panchayat Kabirdham has been selected for the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Panchayat Empowerment Award-2022 at the national level. Along with District Panchayat Kabirdham, Gram Panchayat Kejedah of Janpad Panchayat Sahaspur Lohara has also been selected for National Panchayat Award. This award will be presented by the Prime Minister on the occasion of National Panchayat Day on 24th April. Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel has congratulated the residents and district administration of Kabirdham for this achievement. On the directions of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel and Forest, Environment, and

Housing Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar, various remarkable works have been accomplished in the Gram Panchayat areas. In Kabirdham, a large amount of employment was generated for the rural populace under the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Women were linked with livelihood promotion. At the same time, development works were done in areas of infrastructure development like the construction of roads for better connectivity, Construction of community buildings, construction of bridges, culverts, etc. As a result of numerous such development works, Kabirdham district of Chhattisgarh has been selected for Panchayat Award-2022 at the national level. Similarly, Gram Panchayat Kejedah will be honoured at the national

level for providing vast employment to the villagers, expansion of basic facilities, effective documentation and transparency.

On being selected for the award, Kabirdham Collector, Mr. Ramesh Sharma said that this recognition is the result of extreme hard work and efficient implementation of rural welfare policies. Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Kabirdham, Mr. Sandeep Kumar Agrawal informed that the district has been selected for the National Panchayat Award on the basis of various remarkable works done during the financial year 2020-21. After verification, District Panchayat Kabirdham was selected for Panchayat Award at the national level, which is a matter of pride for the district and the state.

Bilaspur increases lead to 561 runs against Korba

Raipur, Apr 11: Chaudhary Danish Ujman claimed maximum 4 wickets for Bilaspur to restrict the opponent Korba to just 72 runs in first innings to take a huge lead of 311 runs in the Under 16 Inter District Elite tournament being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh (CSCS) here on Monday. Apart from him, Dhananjaya Naik claimed three wickets for Bilaspur whereas Devesh Yadav too claimed two wickets for the team. Bilaspur scored 250 runs for 4 wickets in second innings of the match to put the total lead of 561 runs against the Korba. Aditya Shrivastava scored 93 runs for Bilaspur in second innings whereas Avish Yadav also made valuable contribution of 48 runs. Samarpreet Thakur (30 runs) and Kanha Baghel (13 runs) were at crease at close of play on day two.

Inspection in eight private schools, notices issued to four

Brighton International School's positive initiative for covid vaccination

Raipur, Apr 11: Surprise inspection of private schools was done by 05 teams of district education office and 04 teams of development block level today. The inspection teams gathered information about the methods of purchase of uniforms, books and notebooks used by the students. Physical verification of whether the children studying according to the Right to Education Act 2009 are physically present or not was also done.

It was also checked by the inspection teams whether the fee fixed by

the school is approved by the Fee Regulatory Committee or not, whether the fee increase has exceeded 8 percent or not. Fire extinguishers, drinking water, cleanliness of toilets, arrangement of teaching rooms, attendance of teachers and children, vaccination of children (Covid-19) were also inspected.

Some teachers were found untrained in Navkar Public School, Raipur, and the sanitation system was not good. There is no drinking water system in Alpha Public School.

Teacher shortage was found in Chhattisgarh Public School, Tikrapara and recognition and other documents were not provided by the school. Notices have been issued to the managers of all

these schools. Positive initiatives were found in Brighton International School Vidhan Sabha Road, such as 100 percent or 50 percent rebate has been provided to the children whose parents died due to COVID or other reasons.

A total of 08 private schools were inspected today by the officer of the inspection team. The schools which were inspected were Navkar Public School Raipur, Alpha Public School Raipur, Chhattisgarh Public School Tikrapara, Bharat Mata School Tatibandh, Bharat Mata School Tatibandh, Brighton International School Vidhan Sabha Road, Bhavans RK Sarada Vidya Mandir Saddu Raipur and Adarsh Vidyalaya Mowa, Raipur.

Lord Shri Ram is our nephew and nephews hold a special place in Ch'garhi families: CM



CM Baghel offered prayers to Mata Kaushalya and Lord Ram
On the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 11: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel today reached Mata Kaushalya Temple at Chandkhuri, Raipur on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami. He offered prayers to Mata

Kaushalya and wished for the happiness and prosperity of all the people of the state. Baghel extended his greetings to the people of the state and country on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami.

Chief Minister Baghel said on the occasion that this Holy place has been developed keeping in view the sentiments of people. 'Jyoti Kalash' has been made along with temple beautification. He added that with the development of this place, people have benefited from religious as well as tourism points of view. Now people from



nearby areas including Raipur, Durg and Bhillai come here on weekends and seek blessings of Mata Kaushalya.

After offering prayers, Baghel said that Mata Kaushalya is the daughter of Chhattisgarh 'Mahtar' (mother) and Chhattisgarh is the maternal home of Lord Ram and Lord Ram is our nephew. He said adding that nephews hold special importance in the family fabric in Chhattisgarh. Following the ideals of Lord Ram, all of us are working for the development of the state and for

the welfare of people belonging to every section of society. The Chief Minister said the state government is developing the places where Lord Rama had passed during his exile period spent in Chhattisgarh as 'major tourist spots'.

On this occasion, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, Urban Administration Minister Dr. Shiv Kumar Dahariya, Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Cow Service Commission Rajeshree Mahant Dr. Ramsunder Das were also present.

CU's signs MoU with Indore Company

For Research on organic fertilizers

Bilaspur, Apr 11: An MoU was signed between Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) and Eco Well Grow Eco, Indore on April 7. Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal is constantly making efforts that all the departments of the University should move towards self-reliance. Based on the inspiration of the Vice-Chancellor, the Rural Technology and Social Development Department has signed an agreement with a company from Indore in the field of consultancy, research and innova-



tion. Through this agreement, the university will be able to provide maximum practical knowledge to the students while creating a source of income through research, innovation and expert advice. Under this agreement, the company's products related to compost, vermi compost, phosphate

rich organic manure, plant growth promoter, biocatalyst and organic manure will be tested, upgraded and certified by the Department of Rural Technology and Social Development of the university.

This agreement was signed on behalf of the university by the Registrar,

Prof. Shailendra Kumar and by Shri Akhilesh Sharma of Eco Well Grow Eco Indore, who also presented a check of rupees fifty thousand as seed money to the university while signing the MoU. Dr. Rajendra Kumar Mehta and Dr. Bhaskar Chaurasia of the University's Rural Technology and Social Development and Dr. Ashwini Kumar Dixit of the Department of Botany are involved in consultancy research, and innovation. This agreement will be valid for three years. In this, the necessary materials and other facilities will be provided by the company to the students of the university for research and innovation.

RamNami community greeted CM

Felicitated him with a traditional 'Mukut'

Raipur, Apr 10: On the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel was greeted by RamNami community on the holy land of Shivrinarayan. The members of this community



thanked the Chief Minister for his earnest endeavour

to conserve Chhattisgarh's ancient religious event of

Lord Rams exile which has been developed as Ram Van Gaman Tourist Pilgrimage Site. They also presented him with a 'RamNami Mukut'. On this occasion, Chief Minister Mr. Baghel gifted the RamNami community with copies of Ramcharitah Manas and wished them a very happy Ram Navami.

Film 'Bastar Tiger' based on life of martyr Mahendra Karma announced

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 11: Under the banner of Karma Video World Film Production House, Bastar Tiger, which is going to be based on the life and struggle of Bastar Tiger martyr Mahendra Karma, was announced on Monday in a press conference held at Raipur. The film will be released both in Hindi and Chhattisgarhi.

Addressing the scribes here the producer of the film Jitendra Sahu said that he has been influenced by the life and struggle of martyr Mahendra Karma, so he wanted to make a film on this subject.

Writer duo Kunal



Shukla and Preeti Upadhyay Shukla, who have written a book on the Jhiram incident, said that in the film, we will get to see the untouched aspects of the life of martyr Mahendra Karma, about which the public

and the country are eager to know. It has taken them 1 year to research and write on the life of martyr Mahendra Karma, they said. In the film, that positive side about Mahendra Karma will also come to the

world which was never shown, said Preeti. Producer Jitendra Sahu said that this grand film, which is going to be made under the banner of Karma Video World Film Production House, is going to be shot in

Chhattisgarh in which most of the actors will be from Chhattisgarh and this film will be technically at par with any Bollywood film. The lyrics for the film have been penned by renowned lyricist Mir

Ali Mir. He said that it is a matter of pride for him to write the song for the film which is to be made on the life of martyr Mahendra Karma and expressed hope and confidence that the audience would love the song. Dilip Shadangi encouraged the producer and the entire team to make a historical film. The PRO of this film is Dilip Nampalliwar. On this occasion Jas Geet Singer Dilip Shadangi, litterateur Arvind Mishra, writer of the film - Kunal Shukla, Mrs. Preeti Upadhyay Shukla, lyricist of the film - famous poet Mir Ali Mir, and producer of the film, lyricist - Jitendra Sahu and other dignitaries were present.

Culture Minister to represent Chhattisgarh in 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' conference

Conference to be held on April 12 and 13 at New Delhi

Raipur, Apr 11: A two-day conference is being organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India on April 12 and 13 in Delhi under the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi. Culture Minister Amarjit Bhagat will represent the state on behalf of Chhattisgarh government in this conference. Mr. Bhagat has left for Delhi by regular flight on Monday. It is noteworthy that this two-day conference is being organised to evaluate the progress of



'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' so far, to identify best practices and lessons and to discuss future activities. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate this conference to be held in New Delhi on April 12th and 13th.

World to know the glory of the unheard Shivarinarayan Pilgrimage

Mata Shabri's city in a new form, world-class facilities built for tourists

Ancient city's attractiveness will increase with beautification, up-gradation, construction of viewpoint

Raipur, Apr 11: While preserving the memories linked to Lord Rama, the state government has started 'Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit' project to give a new identity to the culture of Chhattisgarh. In the first phase, the beautification and development work to



found here. Being had a link with Rama-Era, Shivarinarayan city holds historical and religious importance for the devotees as well. Every year lakhs of devotees reach here and pay obeisance at the feet of Lord Rama and Mata Shabri. Considering the immense faith of the devotees, the Chhattisgarh government under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel has decided to develop Shivarinarayan which is now going to be completed.

This 11th-century temple is a big centre of faith of Lord Rama and Lakshmana for which it is also called 'Bada Mandir'. The temple complex has been upgraded so that the devotees do not face any kind of problems during festivals like Navratri and Ramnavmi. A building has been constructed on

the temple premises for devotees to take rest. Along with this, the newly constructed buildings have been painted according to the faith of Lord Rama. The huge gate of the temple has been renovated and a huge lamp pillar has been constructed inside the temple premises. All this construction and up-gradation work has been done before the entrance of the main temple so that the devotees can easily see the Narayani avatar of Lord Rama.

Shivarinarayan Nagar has existed in every era, this city has also been the Gurukul ashram of Matang Rishi and the Mata Shabri's worship place. It is an ancient city situated on the banks of the confluence of the Mahanadi, Shivnath and Jonk rivers. Shivarinarayan is a city of natural beauty, which is

famous as 'Jagannathpuri Dham of Chhattisgarh'. According to mythological beliefs, Lord Rama had eaten the Ber given by Shabri and gave her salvation in Shivarinarayan. Ramayana Interpretation Center has been constructed outside the temple premises. A statue of Mata Shabri feeding Ber to Lord Rama has been installed in the middle of two trees located near the Interpretation Center, which is going to become the centre of attraction for the devotees. An information centre for tourists is also being set up at the same place so that devotees can get more information about the Shivarinarayan and nearby tourist areas. For the development of tourism facilities under Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit in Shivarinarayan, works worth Rs.39 crore has been sanctioned. Under

this, development works worth Rs 6 crore have been completed in the first phase. Situated at the confluence of Mahanadi, Shivnath and Jonk rivers, the river Ghat has been developed to make Shivarinarayan more attractive for tourists, as well as the beautification of the Ghat is going to provide more convenience to the devotees here. Along with reverence, this confluence should also be known for tourism as well, for this a viewpoint has been constructed on the ghat, from where tourists can have an amazing view.

The importance of Shivarinarayan is not only in Chhattisgarh but also in the country and abroad. Every year the number of devotees is increasing. To enhance the facilities for devotees and tourists, the state government has built modular shops. These shops will be allotted to the local people so that employment will be available at the local level and the local people of Shivarinarayan can move towards economic empowerment. A huge parking area and toilets have been constructed behind the temple premises so that tourists and devotees from outside do not have to face any problems.

Shivarinarayan Nagar has been famous for centuries as the birthplace of Mata Shabri, but now with its beautification and up-gradation under 'Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit', the age of this city has increased further. This place is now waiting for tourists with full facilities.

Talents recognized in Shri Gujarati School



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Raipur, Apr 11: Shri Gujarati Shikshan Sangh(GSS) felicitated national level medal winners in sports and winners of essay writing competition at a programme organized at Gyanoday Bhavan here. Secretary duo of GSS Tulsu Das Patel and Ashok Bhai Patel felicitated players who notched medals in the recently concluded National Thai Boxing Championship. The medal

winner was Yash Rai of Shri Gujarati Hindi Medium Higher Secondary School who won gold while Vaibhavi Dama and Shivang Dama of Shri Gujarati English Medium School won silver medals in the same tournament. School Coach Tikeswari Sahu who was referee for the tournament was also honored at the programme. In addition essay competition organized by Minority Commission was partici-

pated by about 100 students from the school and in different categories 04 won first prize, 04 second and 04 third prize. All of them were honoured by the management.

On this occasion Shri Gujarati Hindi Medium Higher Secondary School Principal Anis Memon, Shri Gujarati English Medium School Principal Dr. Shailesh Sharma, Registrar Ashok Jachak, Administrator V K Mishra and staff were present.

Growing trend of Maize farming among Ch'garh's farmers

Raipur, Apr 11: Due to the implementation of the state run farmer-friendly policies in Chhattisgarh, a rapid change is visible in the farming situation in the state. With the help of receiving good price of maize in the state, better system of procurement at support price, and demand for maize at the processing center in Kondagaon district, farmers have become inclined to cultivate maize in Rabi season as well. In the last three years, the area under maize cultivation has increased by almost 11 times in the state in the Rabi season and the area

under its cultivation has increased from 13 thousand hectares to 1.46 lakh hectares. So far, maize has been sown in more than 1.26 lakh hectares in the current Rabi season, which is about 33 thousand hectares more than the maize sown in 93 thousand hectares in the state in the Rabi season 2020-21.

It is worth mentioning that in Chhattisgarh, in the year 2016-17 and in the Rabi season of 2017-18, on an average, maize was cultivated in 12-13 thousand hectares. Gradually, the trend of farmers increased towards the cultivation of maize

and its area has crossed 93 thousand hectares in the last Rabi year 2020-21. Against the target of sowing maize in 1.46 lakh hectares in the Rabi year 2021-22, till the end of March, sowing has been completed in more than 1.26 lakh hectares.

The area under cultivation has increased by more than eight times in the Bastar division of the state. In the districts of Bastar division, in the Rabi year 2017-18, maize was sown on an average in 10 thousand hectares, now this area has increased to more than 78000 thousand.

More than 300 villagers take advantage of free health camp

Organized in collaboration with Piramal Foundation
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Konta, Apr 11: To make people health conscious, a free health check-up camp was organized by Piramal Foundation in Puspil village of Tongpal area of Sukma district. In the one-day camp, more than 300 people from rural areas were provided with tests and treatment, medicines were also provided. Dr. Namrata Breeze working in Primary Health Centre Puspil said that this camp is a good initiative to

provide health facilities to the people at the local level. People of all age groups including teenagers of the village participated in it. BP, diabetes, weight, anemia, cough, fever, and other major diseases of the patients who came to the camp were examined and they were also given measures to prevent heat. He said that people often fall prey to various diseases due to unbalanced diet as well as taking stress in routine activities. To avoid these, people should get themselves checked from time to time. Even a small disease takes a big form. So don't ignore any disease. Older people need



to take special precautions due to the change in weather. Kajal, associate of Piramal Foundation, said that such health camps have been organized by the organization in collaboration with the health department in rural areas, our main objective is to help the needy people and make them health conscious. More than 300 villagers



took benefit in the camp organized at Puspil. Patients who showed severe symptoms were referred to the nearest health centre. Avoid heatstroke, take special care in summer

ing due to high body temperature. The main cause of heatstroke is the lack of water in the body due to prolonged exposure to hot sun and heat. To prevent this, it is important to keep in mind that in case of excessive sweating, ORS. Drink the solution, if it is not very necessary, do not go out of the house, before going out in the sun, cover the head and ears with a cloth, drink plenty of water, do not stay in the sun for a long time, soft, soft during summer. Cotton clothes should be worn. So that the air and clothes keep absorbing sweat. In case of dizziness or nausea, take rest in a shady place and drink cold water. In case of vomiting, headache, high fever, the patient should be taken to the nearest hospital or health center immediately. In the camp, Jamuna Prasad Thakur (Secretary), Devendra Dhruv (Sarpanch) Deepika Din (LHB), S Prasad (RHA), Smt. Shobha Thakur (RHA), Taruna Markam (RHA), Giteshwari Netam (RHA), Savitri Baghel (RHO), Sandeep Dhruva (RHO), Mitani Mahila Varg, Anganwadi Sevika and members of Piramal Foundation (NITI Aayog) were present.

Bike theft on rise during 'Navratri'

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Dongargarh, Apr 11: The gang of motorcycle thieves remained active not only at the 'Navratri' fair, but in other places and finding an opportune moment they managed to lift the bikes. Besides parking facility in all four sides of 'Mela' venue, there were incidents of theft on almost daily basis and the bikers have to bear the brunt. In the same way the vehicles, specially bikes left in abandoned condition at the railway station too were picked up by the vehicle lifters, as there is no appointment of an employee at the parking venue and which led to stealing of many bikes during last 9 days. As per information in this regard, it was on April 2, Jaiprakash Chandel of Gram Huardwa, Ghumka, District Rajnandgaon lost his bike parked in front of Janpad office, as it was lifted by someone at 5:00 in the evening.

In the same way, a person living on rent in the house of Mamraj Agrawal, near Bandhan Bank, near Station Road, lost his bike on April 5. His bike was stolen in front of his house itself. Similarly one Dhanush Verma (52), S/o Pitamber Verma, R/o Gram Kasari Mohara, also had been to a temple to pay obeisance and parked his bike in front of Chirpani Main gate. But when he came back from the temple, his bike was stolen. Similarly, a Durg resident of Borsibhata ward No. 5 went to pay obeisance to a temple on April 5 parking his vehicle at the railway station and when he came back it was stolen. On April 6, a 32 yr old Karan Rajpat S/o Late Basant Rao, R/o Bhalai, had also parked his bike at the railway station at 5:00 am and after paying respects in the temple, he came back and slept on the sand dune and when he woke up it was stolen.

Immersion of 'jawaras' and 'Shobha Yatra' mark 'Navratri'

Young children with 'bana' were centre of attraction

Kharora, Apr 11: On occasion of 'Maha-Ashtami', there was special decoration of Goddess in all the 'Shaktipeeths' and 'Devi's temples and 'havans' were performed in all temples. On occasion of the 9th day of 'navratri' on Sunday, the procedure of immersion of 'Jyots' started since morning. The members of fairer sex took out 'Jyoti Kalash' 'Shobha Yatra' from the 'Devi's temple and immersion of 'jawaras' was done with religious fervour. In this immersion, even young children were found carrying 'bana' with thin iron rod pierced around their chin



and singing 'Mata's sewa song. On occasion of 'Navratri' festival, first the immersion of 'jawaras' of 'Mahamaya temple' in city was done. To greet all the persons carrying 'jawaras' on their head, there was huge crowd present on either side of the road, either sprinkling water or welcoming them amidst 'Jaikara'. In-between the devotees even offered prayers to 'jawaras' passing from the route and they sought blessings for peace and prosperity of all. In this immersion, not only young children, but senior too were found carrying 'bana' by piercing thin iron rod across the chin as part of the rituals and it was the centre of attraction for all present. On witnessing such a huge procession of women with 'jawaras' atop their head and being part of the 'Shobha Yatra', the people of city were filled with devotion and entire atmosphere turned religious.

ABC Public School result cent percent

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Kharora, Apr 11: The annual result of the students of ABC Public School, Saragaon, was near cent percent. Like last year, this year also the girls outclassed boys and almost all the students' fared well. The names of students' securing first and second class right from Class Nursery to 9th are as follows: Class Nursery-Gagan Verma-First (99.63%); Vaibhavi Verma-II (98.75%); PP-I Paha Dewangan First (97.38%); Shivansh Verma-2nd (95.25%); PP-II- Mishika Sahu first (98.13%); Vir Chandrakar 2nd (97.75%); Class-1- Akriti Oagre first (99.75%); Kaivalya Verma-2nd (99.58%); Class-3- Aditya Verma First

(96.87%); Roshan Kumar (II) (94.94%); Class-4- Yashawi Pandey (First) (94.1%); Sonakshi Nishad (second) (90.39%); Class - 5th - Ayush Nayak 1st (94.61%); Kavyanjali Sahu (2nd) - 89.83%; Class-6th - Shivam Verma (first) (81.08%); Gragi Dewangan (2nd) - (80.79%); Class-7th- Rithika Dheewar first (95.5%); Suman Verma-II (93%); Class-8th- Gauri Sharma first (90.0%); Aditi Nayak II (89.35%); Class 9th - Deepak Tumreti first (86.79%) and Mansi Verma second with 85.14%. For this better performance by all the management of the School has extended greetings to all the teachers, students and parents and wished all the best to all the students in their future endeavours.

Devotees take out massive bike rally

Prior to conclusion of 'Ramnavami'
Central Chronicle News

Dhamtari, Apr 11: The festival of 'Shri Ramnavami' Mahotsav was held with great enthusiasm and fervour. A day before the conclusion, the devotees of Lord Shri Ram took out massive bike-rally here on Saturday. The members of Shri Ramnavami Samiti have made massive preparations for the celebrations and so under leadership of Purohit of Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple in Baniyapara Ramakant Tiwari and Samiti's convener Teerathraj Phutan, special prayers were of

ferred to Lord Shiva and 'chandan tilak' was applied to workers and then bike rally was flagged off. This rally passed through Ratnabandha Chowk, Makai Chowk, Sihawa Chowk and to Rudri Road and other parts of the city and concluded at the Mahakaleshwar Temple. After the bike rally, social worker Ashok Pawar, Pritesh Gandhi, Nandlal Jaswani, Shikhar Kochar, Ganesh Kosaria, Dilip Badjatya, Rituraj Pawar, Devendra Thawait, Amit Agrawal, Mahendra Chopda, Vijay Sahu, Shivdutt Upadhyay, Dilip Patel, Sandeep Agrawal, Prakash Solanke, Bhikham Kataria and others party workers were present.

Minimum level of language, Maths command examined

For students of Class nursery to 5th
Central Chronicle News

Pandaria, Apr 11: A lecture on command over language and Mathematics for students of Class 1st to 5th of Government Primary School, Somanapur Naya under Pandria block, under the social audit was delivered by Lecturer



Jyoti Dhruv. She carried out activities related to writing of sentences, writing, reading, summary writing, counting, division, multiplication and others to the students. In each of the event, the students gave satisfactory answers. Meanwhile among the weak students, due emphasis was given on attaining of minimum benchmark required to

Online seminar organised for students of IGGC

On CSIR UGC NET exam
Central Chronicle News

Pandaria, Apr 11: One-day online seminar on CSIR UGC NET JRF exam was held by Chemistry Department of Indira Gandhi Govt College, (IGGC) Pandaria here on Sunday. It was chaired by Principal ML Kashyap. The programme was conducted by Omprakash Dewangan, Asst. Professor. In this Research Scholar Chemistry Rupesh Kumar Dewangan from NIT Raipur was the key speaker and Dr Phuleswar Verma from Bharti Vishwavidyalaya Durg gave information to



students about CSIR UGC NET exam and motivated them to go for research. In this programme, Asst. Professors viz. Madhusudhan Rajput, Dinesh Kashyap, SK Tigga, Omprakash Dewangan, Chitrasen Singh Thakur, guest lecturer- Madhuri Ratan Bhaskar, Deepak Soni, Shiv Ram Krishna Chandrakar, Satyam Kumar Dongre, Mala Sahu, Nileschwari Chandrakar, Prabha Khandekar, Pinki Vaishnav, Lokeshwari Sahu, Sarita Patre, Vicky Sinha, Sunil Kumar Banjara, and other College office employees, students were present in large number. In the end of the programme, convener Shiv Ram Krishna Chandrakar proposed vote of thanks and concluded the seminar.

Infinite possibilities and boundless opportunities exist in pharma: Dr Jain

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Apr 11: In a meeting, everyone has been told to "think beyond the box." We creatures of habit like the familiarity of our everyday routines. To think beyond the box, one must first examine one's own preconceptions. Chances that might hurt a company's financial line are normally avoided, despite numerous examples of how taking certain risks can pay off handsomely. The word "innovation" has a new meaning in several sectors worldwide. A nation's citizens can be empowered and enabled through knowledge capital. India's population will be the world's largest and youngest as it ages. Innovative thinking methods for fostering it, said Dr. Vibhor Kumar Jain, Principal, JK Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Bilaspur. He said, careers in pharmacy and pharmaceutical

sciences have also encountered enormous growth in the last few years. A career as a pharmacy graduate has a lot to offer if you are passionate, hardworking, and strategic enough. Dr Jain added, the Jan Aushadhi project began in 2008 to lower out-of-pocket expenditures for the poor and disadvantaged. "Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana" became "Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana" in September 2015. Jan Aushadhi Kendra had approximately 6,300 outlets in 726 districts by March 2020.

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Sr. No.	Loan Agreement No./Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Co-Applicant Name/Guarantor Name	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset(s) (Immovable Property/ies)
1	LXBIL00217-180052297 / Alpesh Kumar Sarthi / Laxmi Sarthi	21-Jan-22 / Rs. 216979/- (Rupees Two Lac Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Only)	Mouje Dhenka, P H No.- 24 / 32, Kh No Part Of 14/12, Vikashkhanda, Bilha Bilaspur, Bilaspur.- 495001 Chhattisgarh
2	LXBIL00317-180054117 / Kamal Narayan Shrivastava / Neelu Kamal Shrivastava / Bhola Sarju Ram Shrivastava	08-Feb-22 / Rs. 2012116/- (Rupees Twenty Lac Twelve Thousand One Hundred Sixteen Only)	Mauja Keshla, P.H.No.17, Pargana, Kh No.24/27, 24/37, 24/47, 24/57, Bilha, Bilaspur-495001 Chhattisgarh

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कच्चा-सूचना (अचल संपत्ति हेतु)

जबकि, वित्तीय आरंभकों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूति हित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम-2002 एवं प्रतिभूति हित (प्रवर्तन) नियम-2002 की धारा 13 / 4 एवं 13(12) सहसंश्लिष्ट नियम - 8 के अंतर्गत लक्ष्मी महिला नागरिक सहकारी बँक मर्यादित, रायपुर के प्राधिकृत अधिकारी यह सूचित करता है, कि निम्न वर्णित खाताधारक / खाताधारकों / जमानतदार / जमानतदारों को बैंक ने मांग की सूचना पत्र प्रेषित कर उनके विरुद्ध लिखी गई सकल ऋण राशि का भुगतान नोटिस की तिथि से 60 दिन के भीतर करने का आग्रह किया था। किन्तु संबंधित खाताधारक / खाताधारकों / जमानतदार एवं जमानतदारों द्वारा उक्त ऋण राशि की अदायगी नहीं की गई।

फलस्वरूप (S.A.R.F.A.E.S.I. ACT - 2002) के अंतर्गत उपरोक्त वर्णित धारा एवं नियम में प्रदत्त अधिकारों का प्रयोग करते हुए बैंक के प्राधिकृत अधिकारी ने निम्न कर्जदारों के द्वारा बंधक रखी गई निम्न संपत्ति, जो बैंक के पक्ष में बंधक है, को अपने कब्जे में ले लिया है। अतः विशेषकर ऋणी / ऋणियों एवं जमानतदार / जमानतदारों एवं सामान्य में आम जनता को यह सूचित किया जाता है कि संबंधित व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध लिखी गई संपत्ति / संपत्तियाँ बैंक के अधीन (Charge) में हैं। निम्नके उपर कोई भी लेन-देन के संव्यवहार न करें। बैंक के जानकारी के बंधक लेन-देन करने के लिए बैंक उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा तथा यह अंधेच व शून्य मान्य होगी।

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3	श्रीमती अमृणा कावडी, साव पति श्री मिलिंद कावडी साव, ऋण खाता क्र- बंधक ऋण-392	श्री मिलिंद प्रभाकर कावडी साव पिता श्री प्रभाकर माधव राव कावडी साव	मकान नंबर पुना 30 / 423 नया 30 / 491 रकबा 945 वर्गफुट वाके बावली नगी तारवापारा रायपुर, छ.ग. जिसकी चतुर्सीमा उत्तर में - चन्द्रहास तिवारी का मकान, दक्षिण में - अन्य की भूमि, पूर्व में - चन्द्रहास तिवारी का मकान, पश्चिम में - गली है।	13.07. 2018	रु. 3,36,698 / - ब्याज + अन्य खर्च अतिरिक्त दि. 31.07.2018 की स्थिति में	08.04. 2022	रु. 3,12,665/- + ब्याज एवं अन्य खर्च अतिरिक्त

दिनांक 11.04.2022, स्थान रायपुर, छत्तीसगढ़ प्राधिकृत अधिकारी, लक्ष्मी महिला नागरिक सहकारी बँक मर्यादित, रायपुर (छ.ग.)

BRIEF

Adulterated

New Delhi: Two men were arrested for allegedly selling adulterated desi ghee in outer Delhi, police said. Anshul Bansal (22) and Arjun Kumar (30) were arrested and 1,259 litres of adulterated desi ghee of different brands was seized from them. The arrests were made on a complaint of Jitender Singh, SMC Food Ltd and VRS food Ltd marketing intelligence officer, regarding cheating and adulteration of desi ghee. The complainant alleged selling spurious desi ghee.

Attack

Baghpat: Two policemen were injured here after a liquor smuggler they had gone to arrest pelted stones and threw empty bottles at them from the roof of his house. The liquor smuggler, Vikas, was soon overpowered and arrested, they said. Acting on a tip-off, the house of liquor smuggler Vikas was raided. After policemen reached there, the accused started pelting stones and throwing empty liquor bottles at them.

Meet

Latur: The 95th Marathi literary meet will be held at Udgir in Latur district of Maharashtra from April 22 to 24, it was announced. The Akhil Bhartiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan will be inaugurated by NCP chief Sharad Pawar. President Ram Nath Kovind and Union minister Nitin Gadkari will attend concluding ceremony on April 24. Minister of State for Environment and Water Supply Sanjay Bansode told at Latur. Bansode said Marathi literary meet will be held on 36 acres of land.

Held

Gonda: A cattle smuggler was arrested after an encounter in which a police officer had a narrow escape here, police said. A truck carrying 24 bulls — four of them were dead was seized. Superintendent of Police Santosh Kumar Mishra said. One of the accused Dilip Yadav was arrested and a hunt was launched for gang leader Saleem in Ayodhya district. As policemen made an effort to arrest Saleem, he opened fire at them. A bullet hit the bullet-proof jacket of SHO.

Arrested

Imphal: A militant belonging to proscribed outfit Kuki National Army (KNA) has been arrested in Manipur's Bishnupur district and a pistol seized from his possession, police said. Acting on a tip-off, police conducted vehicle checking and frisking at Torbung Bazaar, during which two men riding a motorcycle attempted to flee, an officer said. Police chased the duo and nabbed one of them while the other managed to escape, he said, adding that a 7.65 mm pistol was seized.

'Need three 'Es' to stop migration of people from villages'



Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu with Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Minister Giriraj Singh during the inauguration of Iconic Week celebration in New Delhi, Monday.

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday said three Es — education, employment and entertainment — are needed in rural areas to stop the flight of people from villages to urban areas.

Inaugurating the National Stakeholders Conference on Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals, Naidu also took an apparent dig at Pakistan over its political turmoil. "Of course, the next big country is our neigh-

bour. But there is no democracy. We don't know what is happening there. I don't know whether they also know it or not. I don't want to comment on that. But it is a reality, we are a democracy at all levels," he said.

While referring to 2.78 lakh local bodies in rural areas, Naidu said no other country in the world will have so many democratic institutions at different levels. The vice president also hit out at people who claim that giving equal rights, and empowering women is against Indian traditions. He also noted

that all big rivers are named after women.

"Important portfolios were given to women that time also... Education Minister was Saraswati Devi, Defence Minister — Durga Devi, Finance Minister — Lakshmi Devi... Now we are hesitating to give power," he said.

He said women should get adequate representation in Parliament and state legislatures.

Naidu was of the view that devolution of funds, functions and functionaries through urban and rural local bodies was designed to give more power to people.

Recalling the words of Mahatma Gandhi that 'Ram Rajya' is incomplete without gram rajya, he said political will and administrative skills are required to give actual power to local bodies. He political will and administrative skills and not merely bill (legislation) is needed for the purpose.

TN Assembly passes resolution urging Centre to withdraw CUET

● Only BJP opposed resolution

Chennai, Apr 11 (PTI):

The Tamil Nadu Assembly on Monday adopted a resolution urging the Centre to withdraw the proposal to conduct a Common University Entrance Test (CUET), saying like NEET it would sideline school education, undermine overall development oriented learning in schools, lead to stress among students and mushrooming of coaching centres.

Barring the BJP which opposed the resolution piloted by Chief Minister MK Stalin and staged a walk-out, it was supported by all the allies of the ruling DMK including the Congress and Left parties.



Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin presenting resolution against CUET in state assembly, Chennai on Monday.

The principal opposition AIADMK, too supported the move and asked the state government to take steps to halt the test, saying it be 'nipped in the bud.' The resolution, referring to an announcement in respect of CUET to be held by the National Testing

Agency quoted it as saying that admissions to central varsities would be on the basis of national test score not taking into account the marks secured by students in the class 12 exams. The test score may also be 'followed' by state, private and deemed varsities if they opt

Microplastics in Cauvery river leading to deformities in fish

● Long-term effects can't be ruled out

Bengaluru, Apr 11 (PTI):

Pollutants like microplastics may be causing growth defects in fish, including skeletal deformities, in the Cauvery river, a new study by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has revealed.

Published in the journal Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety, the study was led by Upendra Nongthomba, Professor at the Department of Molecular Reproduction, Development and Genetics (MRDG), in the IISc. Nongthomba, who is fond of fresh water fish noticed the



Krishna Raja Sagara dam on Cauvery river.

deformities in them and did a research on this aquatic species. Over the years, I have cherished going to the backwaters of the Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) Dam and having fried fish on the Cauvery River bank, he was

quoted as saying in a press release. But in recent times, he noticed physical deformities in some of them and began to wonder whether the quality of water may have something to do with it, the statement read.

Sari weavers toil to keep tradition alive

Varanasi, Apr 11 (AFP):



Weavers give final touches to a Banarasi silk sari at a workshop in Varanasi.

In a dim room near the banks of Ganga river, arms glide over a creaking loom as another silken fibre is guided into place with the rhythmic clack of a wooden beam.

Mohammad Sirajuddin's cramped studio is typical of Varanasi's dwindling community of artisans painstakingly working by hand to produce silk saris, uniquely cherished among their wearers as the epitome of traditional sartorial style.

The city he calls home is revered among devout Hindus, who believe that cremation on the banks of its sacred waterway offers the chance to escape the infinite cycle of death and rebirth. But Sirajuddin's own reflections on mortal-

ity are centred on his craft, with competition from more cost-efficient mechanised alternatives and cheap imports from China leaving his livelihood hanging by a thread.

"If you walk around this whole neighbourhood, you'll see that this is the only house with a hand-

loom," the 65-year-old tells AFP. "Even this will be here only as long as I am alive. After that, nobody in this house will continue." Varanasi's hand-weavers have cultivated a reputation for excellence over centuries, specialising in intricate patterns, floral designs and radiant gold-

en brocades. The Banarasi saris — so-called in reference to the city's ancient name — they produce are widely sought after by Indian brides and are often passed on from one generation to the next as family heirlooms. The elegant garments fetch handsome prices — Sirajuddin's current work will go on sale for Rs 30,000 but the cost of inputs and cuts taken by middlemen leave little left for weavers.

PRICES SOAR



People buy vegetables in a market, as prices soar due to rise in fuel prices, on the outskirts of Prayagraj, Monday.

'BJP leader Kirit Somaiya, his son may flee country'

● Vikrant funds 'misappropriation' case

Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI):

Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut on Monday claimed that BJP leader Kirit Somaiya and his son Neil Somaiya, who committed a scam under the pretext of saving the decommissioned aircraft carrier Vikrant, may escape from the country and hence, a lookout notice should be issued against them.

Talking to reporters here, Raut also claimed that the father-son duo was outside Mumbai and Maharashtra and engaged in a "setting to ensure they get anticipatory bail in the matter."

The Shiv Sena leader has been accusing Somaiyas of misappropriation of over Rs 57 crore



Sanjay Raut

collected in the name of saving the ship.

The Mumbai Police last week registered a case of cheating against the Somaiyas based on a complaint lodged by a former Army personnel. However, the BJP leader has denied the allegations.

Raut said, "The biggest question is where are these two thugs...the masterminds of the mafias who collected money? Why has the BJP not made any official statement on

this yet? Where have they been hidden? In which pradesh (region) are they?"

"I am telling you they are outside Mumbai and Maharashtra. I am afraid they will flee the country till there is no 'setting' ensuring anticipatory bail for them they are trying, but it's not happening. Hence, a lookout notice should be issued in their names, the Shiv Sena's spokesperson demanded.

He alleged that fugitive diamondaire Mehul Choksi and Somaiya share old ties and wondered whether the BJP leader has fled to the businessman. Raut alleged that a mafia gang is at present trying to prepare old-dated documents and bogus evidence in favour of Somaiya through the Raj Bhavan to prove there was no scam.

'Fighting Hindutva communal polarisation major challenge'

Kannur, Apr 11 (PTI):

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury on Monday said the Hindutva communal agenda has to be frontally taken on and every attempt of communal polarisation has to be countered at each level, which is a major challenge facing the Marxist party, particularly in the Hindi speaking states.

Besides the northern states, the northeast region is also being "rapidly and most dangerously communalised" now using Assam as their access, he alleged.

That would have a very serious consequence in the future, he told at a press meet here, a day after the Marxist party's 23rd party congress con-



CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury at party's 23rd party congress in Kannur.

cluded. "Hindutva communal agenda has to be frontally taken on and that has to be done politically, ideologically, socially, culturally and organisationally," Yechury said.

They use all the social mechanisms available to

propagate the communal polarisation and this has to be countered at each level.

Asked whether the CPI(M) has any special plans for the Hindi speaking states, the senior left leader said a meeting of

party secretaries in those states would be convened soon to discuss how to implement things outlined in the party's political organisational report.

"That is basically to take on the hindutva communal agenda...it has to be met straight on.. we have to take the bull by the horns," he said.

Expressing concerns over the alleged hijacking of real issues of the country and struggles for the people's causes through polarisation, Yechury said such topics are not becoming part of the mainstream narrative. The mainstream narrative is continuously hijacked to a polarised communal situation and that's what needs to be broken, he opined.

Aanchal Malhotra pens 'Remnants of a Separation' sequel

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

The sequel to Aanchal Malhotra's debut book "Remnants of a Separation" will be published next month and it will bring together conversations recorded over many years with generations of Indians, Pakistanis, Bangladeshis and their respective diaspora.

"In the Language of Remembering: The Inheritance of Partition" is being published to coincide with the 75th year of India's Independence and Partition.

The book serves as a reminder of the price this land once paid for not guarding against communal strife - and what could happen once again should



Aanchal Malhotra

we ever choose division over inclusion, the publisher said.

The book is scheduled for release on May 10.

Malhotra says in the last decade of working as an oral historian of the 1947 Partition, she has realised that the impact of Partition does not always end with those who witnessed it. "Through interviews with

descendant generations, I noticed that some - like myself - felt shades of their ancestors' trauma. They wanted to speak about a tragedy they had not witnessed, but which impacted them sometimes in silent ways," she says. "While there are multiple archives that record eyewitness memory, there are hardly any that attribute the same seriousness to descendant testimonies or even to the passage of memory from one generation to another," she adds. According to Malhotra, it is important for this kind of intergenerational, cross-border, oral history archive to grow as well - to understand how inherited memory may shape and re-shape present worlds.

BRIEF

Chats

London: Queen Elizabeth II, after her own recent bout with COVID-19, empathized with patients, doctors and nurses at a London hospital last week as she listened to their stories about life on the front lines of the pandemic. The monarch spoke to patients and staff at the Royal London Hospital during a virtual visit that marked the official dedication of the Queen Elizabeth Unit, a 155-bed critical care facility built in just five weeks at the height of the pandemic in UK.

Positive

New York: New York City Mayor Eric Adams tested positive for COVID-19, his 100th day in office. The first-term Democrat woke up with a raspy voice and took a PCR test that came back positive, spokesperson Fabien Levy said. Levy had tweeted that Adams had taken a rapid test that came back negative but took the additional test out of an abundance of caution. Adams has no other symptoms but has cancelled all public events for the week and will be taking medications.

Tutorial

Ariha: In a bombed-out building in northwest Syria, rescue workers who for years have braved Russia's war strategies film a tutorial video for Ukrainian volunteers crammed with tips gained from first-hand experience of treating casualties. Using a dummy, members of Syria's "White Helmets" civil defence force demonstrate how to apply bandages and tourniquets in a clip shot in the rebel-held town of Ariha in Idlib province where Russian airstrikes are relatively routine attacks.

Found

Waterbury: A trove of paintings and other artwork found in an abandoned barn has turned out to be worth millions in US. Notified by a contractor, Waterbury auto mechanic Jared Whipple retrieved the dirt-covered pieces in 2017 from a dumpster containing materials from a barn in Watertown. Whipple later found out they were by Francis Hines, an abstract expressionist who died in 2016 at 96 and had kept his work stored in the barn, Hearst Connecticut Media Group reported.

Delivery

Belgrade: Russian ally Serbia took the delivery of a sophisticated Chinese anti-aircraft system in a veiled operation this weekend, amid Western concerns that an arms buildup in the Balkans at the time of the war in Ukraine could threaten the fragile peace in the region. Media and military experts said that six Chinese Air Force Y-20 transport planes landed at Belgrade's civilian airport early Saturday, reportedly carrying HQ-22 surface-to-air missile systems for the Serbian military.

Ukrainian defenders dig in as Russia boosts firepower

Kyiv, Apr 11 (AP):

A showdown looms in Ukraine as Russia appointed a new military commander and looked to concentrate its attacks on the eastern part of the country, while Ukraine's president said his troops will hold their ground, and urged Western leaders, in particular President Joe Biden, to do more.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warned in his address to the nation that the coming week would be as crucial as any during the war, saying Russian troops will move to even larger operations in the east of our state. Zelenskyy also said that Ukraine's fate as the war shifts south and east depends on whether the United States will help



People settle in a basement of an apartment building in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

match a surge in Russian weaponry in the regions. To be honest, whether we will be able to (survive) depends on this, said Zelenskyy said in a 60 Minutes interview that aired, speaking through a translator. Unfortunately, I don't have the confidence that we will be receiving everything we need.

Zelenskyy said he was grateful to Biden for US military aid to date but added that he long ago forwarded a list of specific items Ukraine desperately needed and that history would judge Biden's response. He has the list, Zelenskyy said. President Biden can enter history as the person who stood shoulder to shoulder with the

Ukrainian people who won and chose the right to have their own country. (This) also depends on him. Experts have said that the next phase of the battle may begin with a full-scale offensive. The outcome could determine the course of the conflict, which has flattened cities, killed untold thousands and isolated Moscow economically and politically. Questions remain about the ability of Russia's depleted and demoralized forces to conquer much ground after their advance on the capital, Kyiv, was repelled by determined Ukrainian defenders. Britain's Defense Ministry reported that the Russian forces were trying to compensate for mounting casualties by recalling veterans discharged in the past decade.

Guangzhou closes to arrivals as COVID-19 cases rise

Beijing, Apr 11 (AP):

The manufacturing hub of Guangzhou closed itself to most arrivals Monday as China battles a major COVID-19 surge in its big eastern cities. Shanghai has taken the brunt of the surge, with another 26,087 cases announced on Monday, only 914 of which showed symptoms. The city of 26 million is under a tight lockdown, with many residents confined to their homes for up to three weeks. No such lockdown has yet been announced for Guangzhou, a metropolis of 18 million northwest of Hong Kong that is home to many top companies and China's busiest airport. Just 27 cases were reported in the city on Monday.



Makeshift hospital constructed that will be used for COVID-19 patients in Guangzhou on Monday.

However, primary and middle schools have been switched to online after an initial 23 local infections were detected last week. An exhibition center was being converted into a makeshift hospital after authorities said earlier they would

begin citywide mass testing. Only citizens with a 'definite need' to leave Guangzhou can do so, and only if they test negative for the virus within 48 hours of departure, city spokesperson Chen Bin said in a social media announcement.

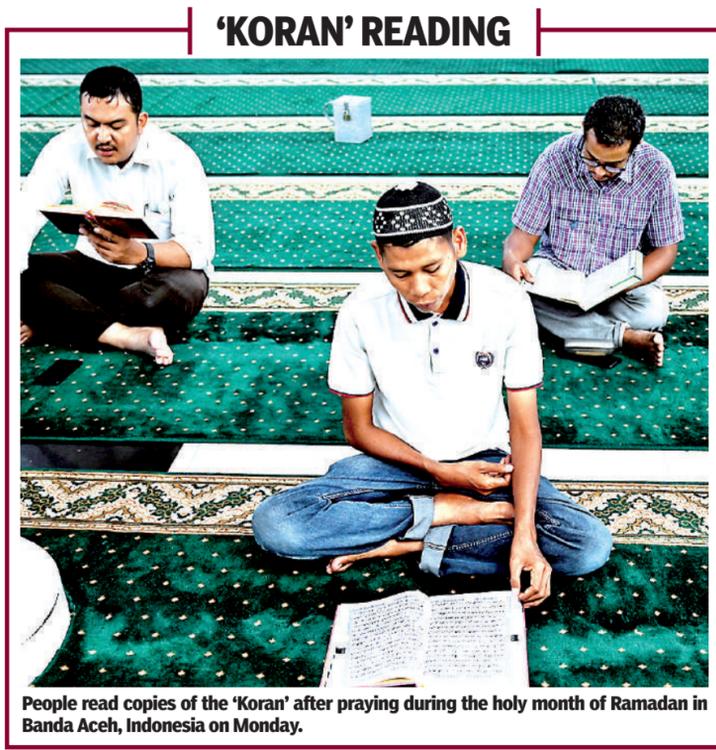
French duel as Macron vs Le Pen fight for presidency

Paris, Apr 11 (AP):

French President Emmanuel Macron may be ahead in the presidential race so far, but he warned his supporters that 'nothing is done' and his runoff battle with far-right challenger Marine Le Pen will be a hard fight. And she's ready for it.

The duel is starting Monday, after the two came out on top in first-round vote. The centrist Macron is heading to an economically depressed area of northern France where a majority of voters chose Le Pen, close to her electoral stronghold of Henin-Beaumont.

Meanwhile, Le Pen's National Rally officials will meet Monday to plan strategy for the second round, scheduled on April 24. Le Pen summed up the standoff by saying voters are faced



People read copies of the 'Koran' after praying during the holy month of Ramadan in Banda Aceh, Indonesia on Monday.



Emmanuel Macron and Marine Le Pen

with 'a fundamental choice between two opposing visions of the future.' Macron already faced Le Pen in the presidential runoff five years ago. But all opinion polls show the leader of the National Rally is much closer this time to a potential win. Macron said he wants to convince those who voted for the 'extremes' or stayed

at home that 'our project responds much more seriously to their fears and to the challenges of the time.'

On her third attempt to become France's first woman president, Le Pen was rewarded for her years-long effort to rebrand herself as more pragmatic and less extreme. Macron has accused Le Pen of pushing a danger-

ous manifesto of racist, ruinous policies. Le Pen wants to roll back some rights for Muslims, banning them from wearing headscarves in public, and to drastically reduce immigration from outside Europe. In his speech, Macron said his project would protect all religions and the freedom 'to believe, or not.' The rise of food and energy prices is at the core of Le Pen's campaign, but Macron's team argue she wouldn't have the financial means to meet her promises. 'Our focus is now on the project and the values,' Senator Francois Patriat, a member of Macron's party, said. The strategy consists in being 'proud' of what has been done over the past five years, showing 'a bit of humility,' and 'above all, some fighting spirit,' he said.

Islamic State morphs, grows in Pakistan, Afghanistan

● Threat from IS has only become more fluid

Jalalabad, Apr 11 (AP):

Basheer was a young Taliban fighter barely out of his teens when the Islamic State group took over his village in eastern Afghanistan, nearly eight years ago. The militants rounded up villagers identified as Taliban and killed them, often beheading them, forcing their families to watch.

Basheer escaped and lived in hiding during the following years when IS controlled several districts



People visit Kusha Kisaldar Shiite Mosque to offer prayers for bombing victims, in Peshawar.

in Nangarhar province. Over time, he rose in the Taliban ranks. Now known

as Engineer Basheer, he is the Taliban intelligence chief in eastern

Afghanistan, with a leading role in the campaign to crush IS. He hasn't forgotten the atrocities he saw in his home district of Kot. I can't explain their cruelty in words, whatever comes into your mind, they have done more than that, he told The Associated Press in a recent interview at his headquarters in Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar. Since coming to power in Afghanistan eight months ago, the Taliban have touted their success in repressing the Islamic State group, but the militants have expanded into neighboring Pakistan, stepping up attacks there.

Media mogul Jimmy Lai appeals to UN over Hong Kong cases

Hong Kong, Apr 11 (AP):

Lawyers for Hong Kong media mogul and pro-democracy activist Jimmy Lai are asking the United Nations to investigate his imprisonment and multiple criminal charges as legal harassment that punish him for speaking out.

The publisher of the now-defunct Apple Daily newspaper was one of the most prominent activists arrested in Hong Kong's crackdown on virtually all political criticism since mass pro-democracy protests in 2019.

The crackdown continued early Monday with the arrest of another veteran journalist, Allan Au Kalun, a teaching consultant who'd worked for a number of Hong Kong media outlets.

The actions by Lai's lawyers in Britain followed that country's announcement last month it would withdraw its judges from Hong Kong's top court because keeping them there would legit-

imize oppression in the former British colony. Lai, 74, has been charged under Hong Kong's sweeping national security law and is serving 20 months in prison.

His assets have been frozen and the raft of legal cases against him include four separate criminal prosecutions related to attending and joining various protests, his legal team at Doughty Street Chambers in the UK said in a statement. Lai faces the risk of spending the rest of his life in prison simply for speaking out, and for seeking to defend freedom of the press, democracy and the rule of law in Hong Kong," Lai's counsel, Caoilfhionn Gallagher, said in the statement.

In a follow-up email, Gallagher said the appeal had been filed with the UN special rapporteurs for freedom of opinion and expression, counterterrorism and human rights, rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and

of association, and human rights defenders. We are awaiting a response," she wrote.

Lai's son, Sebastien Lai, was quoted as urging UN special rapporteurs to investigate Chinese and Hong Kong authorities' actions against Hong Kong residents.

While the UN has a number of special rapporteurs, their powers are limited mainly to seeking information from government agencies and possibly seeking real steps to end violations.

Hong Kong authorities had no immediate comment on the request. When Britain withdrew its judges, China reacted furiously, accusing Britain of flagrant interference and harm to Hong Kong's judicial system.

Police issued a brief statement on the arrest of Au, saying a 54-year-old man had been arrested for conspiracy to publish seditious publication" and was being detained for further investigation.

Pentagon plans for next pandemic

Washington, Apr 11 (AP):

A COVID-19 patient was in respiratory distress. The Army nurse knew she had to act quickly. It was the peak of this year's omicron surge and an Army medical team was helping in a Michigan hospital. Regular patient beds were full. So was the intensive care. But the nurse heard of an open spot in an overflow treatment area, so she and another team member raced the gurney across the hospital to claim the space first, denting a wall in their rush.

When she saw the dent, Lt Col Suzanne Cobleigh, the leader of the Army team, knew the nurse had done her job. She's going to damage the wall on the way there because he's going to get that bed," Cobleigh said. "He's going to get the treatment he needs. That was the mission. That nurse's mission was to get urgent care for her patient. Now, the US military mission is to use the experiences of Cobleigh's team and other units pressed into service against the pandemic to prepare for the next crisis threatening a large population, whatever its nature.

Question raised over cancer blood tests in saving lives

Washington, Apr 11 (AP):

Joyce Ares had just turned 74 and was feeling fine when she agreed to give a blood sample for research.

So she was surprised when the screening test came back positive for signs of cancer. After a repeat blood test, a PET scan and a needle biopsy, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma.

I cried, the retired real estate broker said. Just a couple of tears and thought, OK, now what

do we do? The Canby, Oregon, resident had volunteered to take a blood test that is being billed as a new frontier in cancer screening for healthy people.

It looks for cancer by checking for DNA fragments shed by tumor cells. Such blood tests, called liquid biopsies, are already used in patients with cancer to tailor their treatment and check to see if tumors come back.

Now, one company is

promoting its blood test to people with no signs of cancer as a way to detect tumors in the pancreas, ovaries and other sites that have no recommended screening method.

It's an open question whether such cancer blood tests if added to routine care could improve Americans' health or help meet the White House's goal of cutting the cancer death rate in half over the next 25 years.

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Link language

Home minister Amit Shah's pitch for the Hindi language to replace English in states provoked trenchant criticism, with opposition parties calling it an assault on India's pluralism and asserting they will thwart the move to impose Hindi imperialism. The controversy is unnecessary as Hindi is already a growing language globally. India is among the world's most linguistically liberal states. It has 22 official languages and almost as many mother tongues as gods. According to the 2011 census 19,500 distinct tongues are spoken. Globally, most new knowledge is generated in English. People are encouraged to learn English for better economic opportunities. The modern Hindi is a language evolved from influences of several dialects. Spoken Hindi and Urdu are similar and being learnt globally due to cultural influence of India. There is no official concept of link language and people communicate as per occasion. The National Education Policy advocates a three-language formula, but a research from the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research showed that though Hindi is the dominant language of India, English as a link language is gaining strength. Changes in the distribution of Indians speaking in their mother tongue suggest that the probability of two random individuals from a particular state having the same mother tongue would decline and English will emerge as lingua franca, according to researchers at the institute. Their study concluded that the probability of two Indians being able to converse in a common language has increased from 0.18 in 1971 to 0.23 in 2011 owing to a surge in bilingualism brought on by changes in schooling and inter-state migration. The proportion of children studying in English almost doubled from 12 percent to 23 percent between 2007-08 and 2017-18. Many states changed the medium of education in government-run schools.

This, in turn, increased the probability of a randomly drawn person from a state being able to converse with a random person from the rest of India. There has been clear shift in preference of parents since they are enrolling children in English medium schools. This would suggest that English will emerge as a link language in the coming generations. Between 1971 and 2011, the proportion of Indians who could speak a scheduled language in addition to their mother tongue increased from 12.2 percent to 24.8 percent. And a comparison of data from 2001 and 2011 indicates that the proportion of bilinguals is the highest in the age group 15-29 years. However, the probability of a conversation in a common language other than the mother tongue is currently better in the northern states where Hindi is the dominant language, whereas in Maharashtra and Gujarat, the probability has declined between 1971 and 2011 by 11 and 19 percentage points respectively. Among the southern states too, there is a decline. One plausible reason would be the inflow of out-of-state migrants. Knowledge of English is necessary in a globalised economy. Gujarat government is introducing English education from class I. Tamil Nadu state schools conduct spoken English classes for students. Many state government schools in Telangana and Maharashtra have transformed to English medium due to demand from public. Choosing between English and Hindi is not a binary decision and both can exist simultaneously. Languages are meant for smooth communication and people have freedom to choose link language as per convenience.

Not rely on statistics

The debate about poverty among India's population has again been marred by contradictory reports. The definition of poverty line itself has been questioned in India. India cannot rely on statistics alone to measure poverty in the population. A new (International monetary fund) IMF paper was released, titled 'Pandemic, Poverty, and Inequality: Evidence from India' says that 'extreme poverty was maintained below 1 percent in 2020 due to Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMKAY)'. The 52-page paper authored by Surjit S Bhalla, Karan Bhasin and Arvind Virmani, also says that the expansion of India's food subsidy program absorbed a major part of the pandemic shock. As per the paper, extreme poverty was as low as 1 percent in 2019, a substantial reduction in poverty rates from 2011 levels. The paper also counters another Pew research paper that 75 million Indians were pushed into poverty, claiming that data was calculated in the absence of an 'official' Consumption Expenditure Survey (2017-18). Furthermore, it claims that 'extreme poverty' has been eradicated in India. Poverty rate in India will ease in FY22, but will still remain closer to 10 per cent levels, according to the World Bank. The poverty rate, which is internationally calculated as the percentage of population living a day with less than USD 1.9, will ease to 7 percent to 10 percent in FY22. The rate had gone up to 9 percent to 12.3 per cent in FY21.

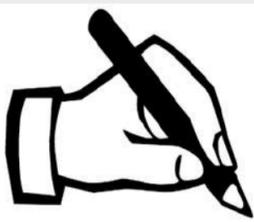
While these papers have been published by the IMF and the World Bank, they are to be considered as views of the authors and not the institutions. The World Bank study said 'Poverty in India has declined over the last decade but not as much as previously thought', Sutiirha Sinha Roy and Roy van der Weide argue in their paper. The paper gives estimates of poverty in India until 2019 using recalibrated data from the Consumer Pyramid Household Surveys (CPHS) many economists have argued that the really poor are underrepresented in the CPHS conducted by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). The criteria for deciding the poverty line in India are not enough as 'it does not consider if amenities, such as good quality education and health-care, are available to all'. As per the Tendulkar committee, there is a two per cent decline in poverty every year in the seven-year time period. An income or consumption-based poverty line can help in declining poverty, but it doesn't cover the vulnerability of the people just above the poverty line. The MDPI is a satisfactory indicator of poverty because it takes into account consumption, access to health and educational facilities and the availability of a shelter. Different criteria result in different set of statistical measures of poverty.

POSING WITH TREES



People pose for photos in front of a cherry blossom tree at the Seoul National Cemetery in Seoul, South Korea.

Growing up in city can harm your spatial skills

**HUGO SPIERS**

The science fiction film *Tron Legacy* opens with voice of main character, Kevin Flynn, musing of a digital world of his creating: The Grid. The Grid. A digital frontier. I tried to picture clusters of information as they moved through the computer. What did they look like? Ships? Motorcycles? Were the circuits like freeways? I kept dreaming of a world I thought I'd never see. And then one day, I got in. ('The Grid' a song by Daft Punk, soundtrack to *Tron Legacy*). Like computer circuit boards, many American cities are organised in a grid. People flow through them in vast numbers. In our new study published in *Nature*, we reveal the city grid has a legacy. Designed to ease navigation, they can in turn lower the spatial skill of those who grow up in them. Learning to navigate is an important life skill. It allows us to be independent, adventure to new places and avoid the embarrassment of being lost. Many factors influence navigation ability. With age, we tend to navigate less successfully. In some countries, men appear to have an advantage, but we also know navigation is a skill that can be learned. It also seems to help to grow up in a country with a higher GDP.

Spatial orientation is crucial for adapting to new environments and getting from one point to another.

Without it, people will walk around in endless circles, never being able find which way they want to go. The brain has a specialized region just for navigating the spatial environment. This structure is called the hippocampus, also known as the map reader of the brain. The hippocampus helps individuals determine where they are, how they got to that particular place, and how to navigate to the next destination. Reading maps and developing navigational skills can affect the brain in beneficial ways. In fact, using orientation and navigational skills often can actually cause the hippocampus and the brain to grow, forming more neural pathways as the number of mental maps increase. But because humans were part of large, extended social networks and may have frequently traveled to less familiar areas, they probably needed more generalizable spatial abilities to make mental maps of the environment. Thus, specific spatial skills may have been selected for, such as improved spatial perception and the capacity to mentally rotate objects.

One overlooked factor has been the environment we grow up in. For example, cities afford very different experiences in terms of navigational challenges compared to the countryside. The 'urban jungle' may provide many routes to

puzzle over and a dazzling array of landmarks to take stock of. By contrast, the countryside may stretch further and place a higher demand on keeping track of direction. We therefore wanted to find out whether it is better to grow up in the city or countryside for sharpening navigation skills. To answer this question, we tested the navigation skills of over four million people via an app-based video game we developed - *Sea Hero Quest*. We also asked participants about their background, including whether they grew up in a city, rural environment, suburbs or a mix. We revealed that, on average, people who grew up outside cities were better navigators than people who grew up in them. This applied whether they were from a rural environment or a suburb. We found this was true for most of the 38 countries where we could estimate the population. The advantage for those growing up outside cities was present across the lifespan, with a slight increase in effect in later life and similar patterns in men and women.

Cities, in fact, appear to be detrimental for developing navigation skill. But why? We first considered that it might be due to more education. Education tends to improve performance on tests, and people outside cities might be more educated. Thus, differences in navigation skill might be more strongly linked to education. We found this wasn't the case. Independently of education, cities appear to result in worse navigation skill overall. So, what is it about cities that seems to bring down our spatial abilities? A hint came from scrutinising the rankings across countries for how much their cities lowered navigation skill. Podium places were for USA, Argentina and Canada. One feature that stands out for these

countries is that they all have grid-arranged cities. For example, Buenos Aires in Argentina is particularly griddy, similarly Toronto in Canada, and of course, Manhattan in New York is world famous for its grid. At the other end of rankings were countries such as Romania and Italy, with highly irregular city layouts.

It turns out that it is possible to quantify how griddy a city is by using a measure known as the Street Network Entropy (SNE). Cities where the streets either run north south or east west have a very low SNE score (such as Chicago, USA). Cities where the streets are arranged in many directions have a much higher SNE score (such as Rome, Italy). We found the average SNE score of the cities in a country could predict how much growing up in a city impacts navigation. Do our results suggest griddy cities are a health hazard for your navigation skill? Not quite. Our video game had 45 different virtual environments to test navigation. These varied in how griddy they were. We found that people who grew up in griddy cities were more sensitive to this variation. So although they were worse at navigation overall, they were in fact slightly more skilled navigating griddy environments than people from outside cities. Since the world is generally a disorganised place, it typically pays off to grow up off grid. But traverse Manhattan or get sucked into a computer simulation where you have to fight for your life across a grid, having a fellow navigator who grew up in griddy city will be a boon. The clusters of information moving through their brain circuits have been trained to succeed in the grid.

(Hugo Spiers is Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL in US.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Independence

Delivering the 19th DP Kohli Memorial Lecture, organised by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Chief Justice of India NV Ramana said there was an immediate need for the creation of an independent umbrella institution, so as to bring various central agencies like the CBI, Enforcement Directorate and the Serious Fraud Investigation Office under one roof. Within a day Congress communications chief Randeep Surjewala promptly said: "that nothing will happen by merely expressing concern. Till the Supreme Court (SC), which has the power, takes note of actual violations and restrains the agencies from acting like the stooge of the government." No doubt, this is the timely remarks from SC, requiring its own broom to clean those organisations. Before that one has to see the difficulty faced by the CBI as per CJ Ramana, that there was a lack of manpower, infrastructure, modern equipment, questionable means of procuring evidence, change in priorities with change in political executive and repeated transfer of officers. According to CJ "These issues often lead to acquittal of guilt and incarceration of the innocent. Courts can't monitor every step." During a hearing of the Coalfield allocation cases in 2013, the SC had described the CBI as a "caged parrot" and that time, the BJP, which was in the opposition, accused the agency of being controlled by the Congress-led government. But nothing changes, instead nearly a decade after CJ flags 'falling credibility' of CBI under Modi led BJP government. Whatever, it's a futile exercise! So long these corrupt political parties are reigning this country, so long the greedy and criminals are there in the arena of our country's governance stage, nothing will do! If politicians are honest and sincere every institution would be perfect, unfortunately today politicians are only thinking of themselves and their party and power!

Bidyt K Chatterjee, Faridabad

Mask

With pandemic not gone, some reports are worrying. In such a scenario, doing away with masks or making it optional, instead of having it as mandatory protocol still, is surprising as some countries are planning to do. Mask wearing has played a crucial role, if not a very substantial one, in acting as a precautionary shield during these testing times. With schools almost functional and children yet to be vaccinated, we are still in the thick of battle.

Pavani, via email



WHAT THEY TWEET!



Arvind@data_arvind
Y'day was talking to a builder friend, say last 6 months have seen a 20-25% rise in land rates. A plot that was 45-48k psy in Sep is now selling for 55-58k. It's natural after 2 years of rise in stock markets, money is now moving to real estate.

Soumitra@netshrink
Never quite understood this fascination for 'ancient wisdom' If it was so wonderful in the past why was life expectancy not more than 35 yrs in those glorious days? If it was so wonderful in the past, why did they have so many famines in those days?



Muthukrishnan@dmthuk
Many millionaires migrate out of India. They genuinely tell other countries give them back a lot for the taxes they pay. But if you look at dispassionately, the rich in India can lead a better life than being rich elsewhere in the world. Money power purchases man power.



Sherbir@Sherbir
Cheering mob justice is all well and good, till the mob turns on you. It's shameful to see police men in uniform participating (and thereby endorsing) this vigilante nonsense. Prosecute the young man by all accounts, but this is abhorrent.



Walter@AmbLindnerIndia
Passing through a stretch of the 1600 long mountain range of the Western Ghats.



NCasthana@NcAsthana
Every time the govt makes any appointment, be it the VC of JNU or chairman of UPSC, the libbus start wailing. If you have a case and 'intellectual balls', go to the SC and get the orders quashed. Vidhwa vilap will not help. What scares you? Losing in SC or dismissal with costs?

tikul@tikulli
A tired labourer working in a flat a few floors below came up with a bottle asking for drinking water. Said no one on that floor or 1-2 above below gave so he climbed up. What sort of behaviour is this in such merciless heat? People can't fill a 2lt bottle for a thirsty worker?

BRIEF
Raises


Mumbai: Phablecare, a chronic disease management startup, on Monday said it has raised Rs 187 crore in a funding round led by Kalaari Capital. Co-founder Sumit Sinha said our focus over the next two years would be to take technology to over 30 million Indians.

Production

New Delhi: Tech titan Apple has begun production of iPhone 13 in India, bolstering India's vision of emerging as a manufacturing powerhouse. The flagship product is being made at Apple's contract manufacturing partner Foxconn's facility, near Chennai, sources said. It is pertinent to mention that Apple started manufacturing iPhones in India in 2017 with iPhone SE. It currently manufactures some of most advanced iPhones in including iPhone 11, iPhone 12.

Platform


New Delhi: Hero Lectro on Monday announced the launch of its platform to enhance direct-to-consumer (D2C) sales, besides strengthening its overall omni-channel presence. CEO Aditya Munjal said our vision is to transform way for commute and make e-cycles.

Mobility

Mumbai: The Indian subsidiary of the US-based helicopter transport firm BLADE has joined hands with Lexus, which is the luxury car arm of Japanese auto major Toyota, to offer travellers premium mobility services. The partnership includes BLADE collaborating with Lexus to provide on-ground Lexus vehicle experience to the flyers across its routes in Maharashtra and Karnataka, BLADE India said in a statement on Monday.

Deploy


Mumbai: Magenta in association with Euler Motors is planning to deploy 1,000 e-cargo three-wheelers in cities such as Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Chennai. Euler Motors CEO Saurav Kumar said it intends to make EVs more accessible and strengthen presence.

India's fuel sales hit 3-year high in March

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

The country's fuel demand soared 4.2 per cent to a three-year high in March as petrol and diesel consumption rose above pre-pandemic levels, according to official data released on Monday.

Total petroleum product consumption in March stood at 19.41 million tonnes, the highest since March 2019, data from the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell of the oil ministry showed.

As the economy continued to rebound from the deep impact of the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, demand for transport fuel rose in March.

Diesel, the most used fuel in the country accounting for almost 40 per cent of all petroleum product consumption, saw the demand rising by 6.7 per cent to 7.7 million tonnes. Petrol sales, which crossed the pre-Covid levels a few months ago, were up 6.1 per cent at 2.91 million



tonnes. Demand for both the fuels in March was above pre-pandemic levels.

Diesel consumption was higher due to strong demand from agriculture sector as well as stocking up by consumers and petrol pumps in anticipation of a price hike.

Cooking gas (LPG) demand grew by 9.8 per cent to 2.48 million tonnes in March. Fuel demand in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 was up 4.3 per cent at 202.71 million tonnes, the highest since FY20. While auto and cooking fuel consumption rose, there was a de-growth in industrial fuel. Petrol consumption was up 10.3 per cent at 30.85

million tonnes in 2021-22 while diesel sales were up 5.4 per cent at 76.7 million tonnes. The demand for petrol in FY22 was the highest ever while the diesel sales were the highest since 82.6 million tonnes of consumption in 2019-20. Consumption of LPG was up 3 per cent at 28.33 million tonnes.

Jet fuel or ATF demand soared 35 per cent to 5 million tonnes but was less than 8 million tonnes consumption in the pre-pandemic year. This was mainly because full aviation services resumed only towards the end of the last month. Petroleum coke consumption fell 9.7 per cent to 14.1 million tonnes while kerosene demand was down 17 per cent at 1.5 million tonnes in FY22. Consumption of naphtha, which is used as a fuel in industries, as well as that of bitumen, used in road construction, were marginally higher at 14.2 million tonnes and 7.7 million tonnes, respectively.

Skoda Auto India expands its reach across Northern India

Mumbai, Apr 11: Skoda Auto India has stretched its growth story even further by steadily expanding its market presence in northern India. This has resulted in an increase of customer touchpoints from 25 in 2019 to 51 in 2022 across north India, which translates to agrowth of 104% in this market over the last two years. In addition, Skoda Auto India has expanded its base in urban centres in northern India by a substantial 127%, growing from 15 cities in 2019 to 34 in 2022.

The growth in the region is part of Skoda Autos INDIA 2.0 strategy of not only introducing new platforms and product lines, but also ensuring Skoda Auto is closer to India's customers by increasing accessibility via



increased customer touchpoints. This rapid expansion of the dealer network in the north has resulted in a sales growth of 173% across the region.

The carmaker is now fully equipped with facilities and centres to cater to customers in Solan, Dehradun, Bareilly,

Kanpur, Prayagraj and Kota, among others. In the coming months, Skoda Auto India will be entering Amritsar, Moradabad, Varanasi and Roorkee.

Commenting on the growth in customer touchpoints in the north region, Mr. Zac Hollis, Brand Director, Skoda Auto India

CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

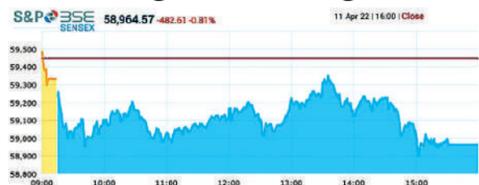


Tollywood actor Abir Chatterjee flanked by Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetable Pvt Ltd's Business Head Sanjay Sharma and GM Randhir Kumar (R) during the launch of a campaign for Mishti Doi in Kolkata, Monday.

Elon Musk decides not to join Twitter board

New York: In an unexpected turn of events, Elon Musk, the world's richest man and the biggest shareholder of Twitter, has decided not to join the board of the micro-blogging platform. The decision of Musk - who has made a raft of suggestions in recent days for Twitter, even wondering whether its headquarters should be turned into a homeless shelter - was made public by the platform's India-origin CEO Parag Agrawal in a tweet on Sunday evening. With a 9.2 per cent stake, Musk is currently the biggest shareholder of Twitter, which had entered into an agreement with the billionaire whereby he will get a seat on the platform's board till the 2024 annual shareholders' meeting. He was to join the board on April 9. In a sudden turn of events, Agrawal tweeted saying, "Elon has decided not to join our board."

Sensex tumbles nearly 483 points on selling in IT, banking shares



Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI):

Benchmark stock indices opened the week on a muted note on Monday, with the Sensex plunging nearly 483 points due to selling in IT, capital goods and banking shares amid losses in global equities.

The Sensex tanked 482.61 points or 0.81 per cent to settle at 58,964.57. During the day, it tumbled 552.78 points or 0.92 per cent to 58,894.40.

The 50-issue Nifty declined by 109.40 points or

0.62 per cent to finish at 17,674.95 as 29 of its stocks declined.

From the Sensex pack, Larsen & Toubro, HCL Technologies, Infosys, Wipro, Asian Paints, HDFC, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank were the major laggards.

In contrast, ICICI Bank, NTPC, Kotak Mahindra Bank, TCS and UltraTech Cement were among the gainers.

TCS is scheduled to announce its financial results later in the day.

Rupee settles almost flat at 75.94 against USD, bullion rises

Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI): The rupee pared initial gains to settle almost flat at 75.94 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday as weak domestic equities negated the impact of easing crude oil prices.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 75.94 against the American dollar and oscillated between a high of 75.79 and a low of 76.09 during the session. The rupee finally settled at 75.94 against the dollar, down 1 paise from the previous close. On Friday, the rupee appreciated 10 paise to settle at 75.93 against the US dollar.

Review on extension of anti-dumping duty on certain Chinese tyres



New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

The commerce ministry's investigative arm DGTR has initiated a probe to review the need for continuing anti-dumping duty on certain types of Chinese pneumatic radial tyres following a complaint from the domestic industry.

Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association has filed a

petition before the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) for sunset review of the anti-dumping duty imposed on the imports of 'new/unused pneumatic radial tyres with or without tubes and/or flap of rubber (including tubeless tyres)' originating in or exported from China.

These are used in buses and lorries/trucks. "The authority...here-

by initiates the sunset review investigation to review the need for continued imposition of the duties in force..." the DGTR has said in a notification.

It would examine whether the expiry of existing anti-dumping duties is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of the dumping and the injury to the domestic industry, it said.

The duty was imposed by the central government on September 18 2017. It would expire on September 17, 2022.

The duty is aimed at ensuring fair trade practices and creating a level-playing field for domestic producers with regard to foreign producers and exporters.

Domestic air passenger traffic up 59% in FY-22

Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI):

India's domestic air passenger traffic is estimated to have grown by around 59 per cent year-on-year to 84 million in FY22, although it is still about 40 per cent lower as compared to the pre-pandemic level, credit ratings agency Icrs said on Monday.

It also expects elevated Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) prices, aggravated by geo-political issues, to remain a near-term challenge for the industry and will be a key determinant of profitability for the sector. On a sequential basis, domestic passenger traffic spiked about 37 per cent to 10.6 million in March, driven by a near to normalcy in airline operations owing to waning of impact of the pandemic,

40% lower than pre-pandemic level



Icrs said. The passenger traffic on local air routes was 7.7 million in February 2022, it added.

Traffic growth in March this year stood at 35 per cent as compared to over 7.8 million in the year-ago month, it said.

Airlines' capacity deployment for March 2022 registered a growth of 12 per cent at 80,217 departures as compared to over

71,548 departures clocked in the same month of last year, Icrs said. Domestic departures logged 42 per cent growth in March this year over the previous month, driven by increased pace of vaccination and rapid abatement of the third wave of COVID-19, which allowed for quick lifting of travel restrictions, the ratings agency said.

"Domestic passenger traffic for FY2022 is estimated at around 84 million, y-o-y growth of 59 per cent, marginally higher than our estimate of 80-82 million, although it is

around 40 per cent lower than pre-COVID levels, Vice President and Sector Head of Icrs Suprio Banerjee said.

For March this year, the average daily departures were at around 2,588, higher than the average daily departures of around 2,308 in March 2021, and notably higher compared to around 2,023 in February 2022, he said.

The average number of passengers per flight during March this year was at 132, against an average of 135 passengers per flight in February, Banerjee said.

According to Icrs, one major positive development is resumption of scheduled international operations from March 27 after a hiatus of almost two years.

Castrol announces winners of Super Mechanic Contest 2021-22

New Delhi, Apr 11:

Castrol India Limited, India's leading automotive and industrial lubricant manufacturing company, today announced the winners of the fourth edition of its Super Mechanic Contest, India's largest mechanic skilling initiative aimed at upskilling Indian mechanics through a competitive national platform. The winners were felicitated by Hon'ble Union Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Sandeep Sangwan, Managing Director, Castrol India and Barun Das, CEO, TV9 Network at a felicitation ceremony held in Delhi NCR.

The fourth edition of



the Castrol Super Mechanic Contest was conducted using both physical and digital media to ensure maximum participation from mechanics across India.

It registered record participation from more than 140,000 mechanics, through the contest's Interactive Voice Response (IVR) round and a dedicated website. The contest included a range of new digi-

tal tools and features, including a mobile game to enable participating mechanics to master various assignments and challenges. Each contestant, in addition to testing dexterity in their field, also gained invaluable and relevant industry knowledge through the various stages. The top 50 participants competed in an on-ground finale spread over three days from 5th to

7th April 2022. Extending its commitment towards upskilling and uplifting the mechanic community, Castrol India, in partnership with the Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) created a specially designed curriculum covering new-age vehicle diagnostics, digital tools for next-generation vehicles, and BS-VI technology, etc. The masterclasses were attended by over 24,000 mechanics spread across the country.

Speaking about the contest, Sandeep Sangwan, Managing Director, Castrol India Limited said, "At the heart of Castrol's Super Mechanic Contest is our aim to create greater respect and pride that independent mechanics rightfully deserve in their profession."

Maruti Suzuki opens bookings for all-new XL6

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Monday said it has commenced bookings for the all-new version of its multi purpose vehicle, XL6, from the Nexa retail channel. The model comes with next generation K-Series engine, advanced transmission, array of sophisticated comfort and convenience features, and bold styling, the auto major said in a statement.

"The XL6 is a unique proposition that perfectly marries a strong SUV-like design and the convenience of a spacious six-seater MPV. The All-New XL6 embodies NEXA's vision of being an aspirational lifestyle brand and creating an indulgent driv-



ing experience." MSI Senior Executive Director (Marketing & Sales) Shashank Srivastava noted.

The model appeals to the discerning NEXA buyer who is looking for a perfect mix of style, comfort, performance and sophistication, he added. "We have seen demand

grow for premium MPVs over the past couple of years. We are confident that the All-New XL6 with its bold styling, host of new and advanced technologies along with enhanced safety will deliver an indulgent and stylish experience for our NEXA customers," Srivastava said.

Kumar Sanu makes presence in 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai'

Star Plus has always been a source of entertainment for almost every Indian household. It has managed to win over their hearts over the years with its diverse and audience-oriented content. One of their many entertaining shows is 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai' which is the longest running show on Indian television. The show has been a favorite of the audience over the years and we cannot ignore the fact that after the pairing of Naira and Kartik (Mohsin Khan and Shivangi Joshi), Abhimanyu (Actor Harshad Chopra) and Akshara (Actress Pranali Rathod) are now in the news. The audience is very fond of the pair. The popular fiction show will soon witness the debut of



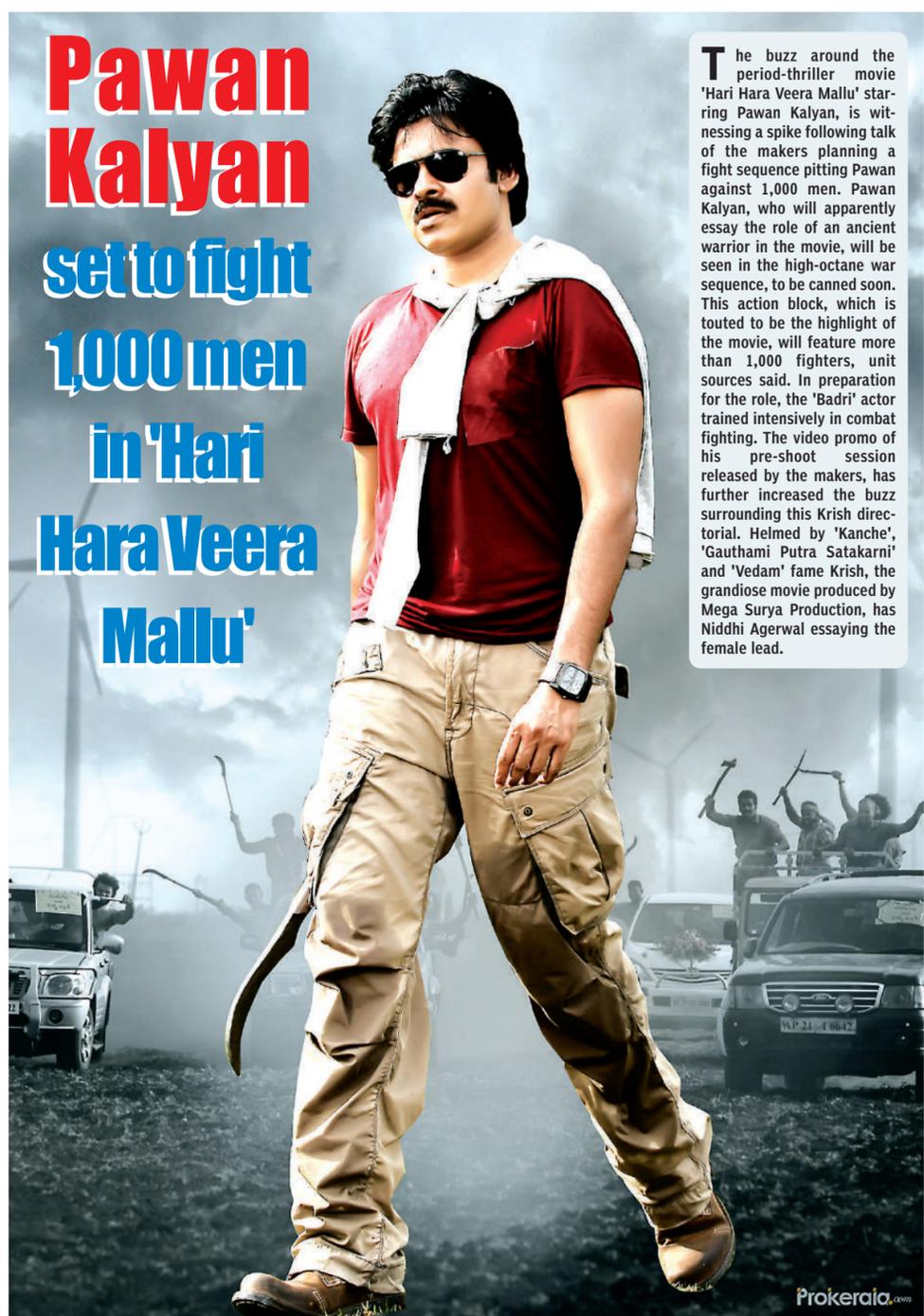
our very own singer, Kumar Sanu. The track of Abhimanyu and Akshara's wedding is currently going on in the show 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai', which is being enjoyed a lot by the viewers. Amidst these episodes, the show will have a musical ceremony episode of the lead pair and it's definitely going to delight the viewers. The audience's favorite singer

Kumar Sanu will be seen performing a song, at the evening of Abhimanyu and Akshara's musical ceremony. Talking about his debut in the show 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai', renowned singer Kumar Sanu said, "I really liked the script of the track in this show. In this episode, I will not just be singing songs, but will be seen doing a lot more. There is a lot to do after

my entry into the show and a different atmosphere will be created in my presence which is challenging for me and that is why I chose the show 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai'. The people on the sets are very cooperative and I felt like a family here. In future if I will be offered more such fiction shows then I shall definitely do it because if the artist has something interesting to do on the show then it's definitely fun, just like how I came on this show".

To witness singer Kumar Sanu sing the music of Abhimanyu and Akshara, watch Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai show every Monday to Saturday at 9:30 pm only on Star Plus.

Pawan Kalyan set to fight 1,000 men in 'Hari Hara Veera Mallu'



The buzz around the period-thriller movie 'Hari Hara Veera Mallu' starring Pawan Kalyan, is witnessing a spike following talk of the makers planning a fight sequence pitting Pawan against 1,000 men. Pawan Kalyan, who will apparently essay the role of an ancient warrior in the movie, will be seen in the high-octane war sequence, to be canned soon. This action block, which is touted to be the highlight of the movie, will feature more than 1,000 fighters, unit sources said. In preparation for the role, the 'Badri' actor trained intensively in combat fighting. The video promo of his pre-shoot session released by the makers, has further increased the buzz surrounding this Krish directorial. Helmed by 'Kanche', 'Gauthami Putra Satakarni' and 'Vedam' fame Krish, the grandiose movie produced by Mega Surya Production, has Nidhi Agerwal essaying the female lead.

Anil Kapoor on 'Thar': The film was brought to me by Harshvardhan



Actor Anil Kapoor says it was his son Harshvardhan Kapoor who brought the film 'Thar' to him and was very passionate about the project and its coming together. Talking about the film, Anil says, "Harshvardhan has a very unique approach and his choices of films are also very distinct. The film was brought to me by Harshvardhan and he was very passionate about the project and he played an integral part in this film coming together." "The story strikes the perfect balance between gritty and slick, grainy and smooth, fast paced yet nuanced. It is Harshvardhan's first film as producer and I could see the passion in him from the word go. 'Thar' is an experience and I can't wait for audiences to watch it!" 'Thar' film premieres on the streaming service on May 6. The film has an inerrant blend of suspense, mystery and thrill, set in the Western Film Noir world and promises to be an immersive experience for its audience. It is also Harshvardhan Kapoor's debut as a producer. Talking about how 'Thar' came into being, Harshvardhan shared, "When I read 'Thar', I realised right away that it was unique in terms of its mood, atmosphere and tone as well as in its narrative. I was aware that I was in a situation where I'd have to preserve to get what was on the page onto screen without any compromise." "With a film so ambitious, there was bound to be great learning both in front of and behind the camera for me personally. I believe that out of the few films I've done so far 'Thar' has been the most educational experience for me. We've tried to do something different and are excited to share it with audiences around the world with Netflix." Directed by Raj Singh Chaudhary, 'Thar' features Harshvardhan Kapoor, Fatima Sana Shaikh, Satish Kaushik and Anil Kapoor in lead roles. The film follows Siddharth, an antique dealer's journey through a remote village in Rajasthan that has recently been rocked by a series of violent killings. As the local policeman Surekha Singh investigates these killings he crosses paths with Siddharth... will that encounter be the only one? We shall soon find out! 'Thar' releases exclusively on Netflix on May 6.

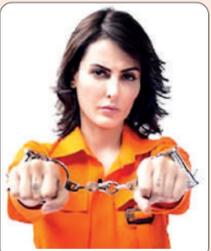
Varun Dhawan and Janhvi Kapoor-starrer 'Bawaal' goes on floors



'Dangal' director Nitesh Tiwari took his upcoming love story 'Bawaal' starring Varun Dhawan and Janhvi Kapoor to the floors on Sunday. After months of prep, 'Bawaal' had its 'mahurat' in Lucknow on Sunday where the first schedule of the film will be shot. While details are under wraps at the moment, this will be the first time when Varun and Janhvi will share screen. The film will be shot across three Indian locations and five European countries, including Paris. The film is said to boast of picturesque visuals and great storytelling given Tiwari's track record with films like 'Chillar Party', 'Bhoothnath Returns' and 'Chhichhore'. The film, produced by Sajid Nadiadwala, is scheduled to make its debut in theaters on April 7, 2023.

Mandana Karimi reveals she had an abortion

Kangana Ranaut's fearless reality show 'Lock Up' might be a very tough and brutal game but it does have a place for the soft hearts. The show with the most controversial celebrities does come with a secret. One of which will be revealed tonight on the show by Mandana Karimi which turned the flow of the game on the emotional side.



When asked to reveal her secret, Mandana Karimi disclosed about having a secretive relationship with an ace director. She said that their relationship became very strong in a few months and he planned to settle down with her but they decided to keep it secret because she was awaiting divorce from her ex. Mandana Karimi got pregnant with his child and when he got to know about her unplanned pregnancy, he backed off, the reason being, he was not emotionally and mentally prepared to take care of this responsibility. Meanwhile, he also asked her friend to convince her to plan an abortion. He kept giving

multiple reasons and denied taking care of the baby so she had to be strong and go through an abortion. Mandana shared her deep sorrowful thought about the same, "I didn't want to give birth to a child when he is not aware about his father". The Queen further consoled Mandana by saying, "In the city of dreams, life is so much of brutality and survival that no one talks about such incidents". 'Lock Up' started streaming live on ALTBalaji & MX Player from 27th February 2022.

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Aquarius: Jan 21 - Feb 18

Boy, your life seems seriously out of balance, doesn't it, Aquarius? Today provides an opportunity to rethink what is truly important. Consider exercise as one way to improve your health and manage your stress level. Once you get started with a healthy regimen, you'll see how it helps you gain perspective. It's likely that the cause of all this stress can be eliminated when viewed through a different lens.

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

You like to feel needed, Pisces, but today you might throw up your hands and say, "Enough!" You've given so much of yourself for so long that friends and loved ones tend to think of your largesse as a right rather than a privilege. Today, remind them of their error. Take a day off from indentured servitude. Go to a fancy restaurant and enjoy being waited on. Don't forget to leave a big tip.

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

You could be overwhelmed with information today, Aries, as you receive more phone calls and email messages than you can possibly answer. Be clear about your priorities and stick with them. Otherwise, you're likely to spend the day being batted around the court like a tennis ball. Take a lot of deep breaths throughout the day and make an effort to keep your temper in check.

Taurus: Apr 21 - May 21

Your mind is like a sponge today, Taurus, eager to absorb all sorts of information. Take care that the information you're absorbing is accurate. There's a high likelihood that the fascinating news you hear is mostly a mix of fantasy and fiction. Go to the source and get the facts before acting on this information. If necessary, do your own research online or in the library.

Gemini: May 22 - June 21

If you aren't careful, there's a strong possibility that you'll overindulge today, Gemini. Your career frustrations may manifest in the form of overeating, excess drinking, or reckless spending. These are just symptoms masking the real problem. If you can take some time to meditate, you'll calm your nerves and reveal the root of your frustration. Once you have the facts, it will be easier to devise an effective solution.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

You're too hard on yourself, Cancer. If things haven't gone exactly as planned over the last few days, there's no sense in berating yourself over it. As long as you did the best that you could, what's the problem? It's likely you've experienced a delay and not a cancellation. All signs indicate that your goals will come to fruition even though it might take longer than you'd anticipated.

Leo: July 23 - Aug 23

You're especially intuitive today, Leo. If this is a fairly new occurrence for you, you could be at a loss as to how to make the most of this gift. Only you can know for sure, but one suggestion is to reflect on changes that you'd like to make at work. Pitch them to your boss. With today's keen insight, you'll almost be able to read his or her mind and anticipate any objections.

Virgo: Aug 24 - Sept 22

Today's planetary aspects indicate that this is likely to be a day of excess, Virgo, some of it good, some of it not so good. Take care not to overindulge in food and drink. You could be merely acting out your stress with such behavior. You'd be better served to meditate and get to the root of the problem. On the other hand, money could come your way, possibly a lot of it!

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 23

You should make an effort to be patient and tolerant, especially at the office, even though you might not feel like it, Libra. You'll likely take a lot of deep breaths as projects get delayed and meetings drag on. There isn't much you can do about it. Stay focused and trust that everything will be resolved by day's end. In the meantime, don't step on anyone's toes. Your colleagues' nerves are raw.

Scorpio: Oct 24 - Nov 22

This could be a day of inner turmoil, Scorpio. You'll rethink some of your fundamental values, unsure if they're still relevant to your life. It's clear that some soul searching is needed. There are no right or wrong answers, only what is in your heart. If your goal is to live authentically, then you'll need to make some big changes in your life. Don't act rashly. Think things through before taking steps.

Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 21

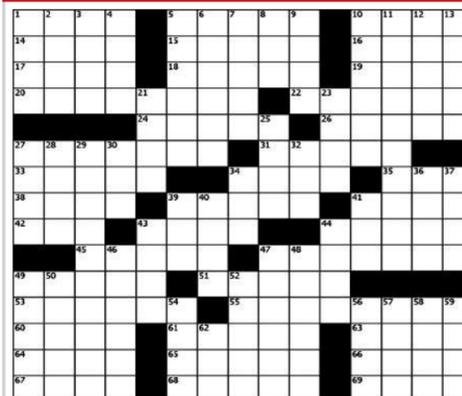
You need to pull yourself up by the bootstraps, Sagittarius. Why not take a few steps back and try to look at your life more objectively? Regardless of what you might be thinking at the moment, you do have a terrific life. Stop and count your blessings. Make a list and keep it in your wallet to refer to at low moments. Force yourself to be festive tonight. It will do you good to get out.

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 20

A particularly tricky situation could occur at work. If you aren't careful, you could lose your cool. Make a concerted effort to keep your wits about you, Capricorn. It could be that a colleague is baiting you, but that's no reason to take it. Keep to yourself as much as possible today. Close your office door. At home, go to bed early. Relax with a good book. All will be calmer tomorrow.

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- Talkative
- Photocopier liquid
- Role
- Paddy product
- Got up
- Medicinal herb
- Enlightened one's words (2 wds.)
- Uprisings
- Celebrity
- Tells (a story)

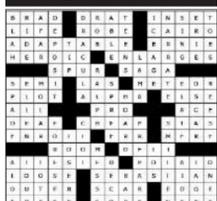
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- Big smile
- Marie Presley
- Bakery employee
- Lager
- Plaid
- Asia
- Loop of rope
- Baltimore time zone (abbr.)
- Take it easy
- Prache
- Change
- Zoo sounds
- Brief
- One who mimics
- Attention-getting sound
- Lounge about
- Mama's spouse

- Waiter's aid
- Humming sound
- Fire remains
- Gathered
- CB
- Sheik's wives
- Einstein
- Resounding
- Constricting snakes
- Pseudonym
- Canal
- Actor Reynolds
- Sheriff's helpers
- Rodents
- Brainstorm
- Navigate
- Lyric verses

- Encourage
- Shabby
- Promissory note
- Baked dessert
- Undercover agent
- Novelist Rice
- Deficiency
- Have being
- Crush
- 2nd amendment lobby
- Norse thunder god
- Dealer's car
- Afternoon snooze
- Lubricate
- Inferior
- Jewish cleric
- Orally
- Ascend
- Disney fish
- Parched
- Pleasant
- Links gadgets
- Batch

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Battered CSK look to get their confidence back against RCB

Navi Mumbai, Apr 11 (PTI):

Defending champions Chennai Super Kings would need to lift themselves after a nightmarish start to the season and play a "complete" game when they take on a high-flying Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL here on Tuesday.

In words of head coach Stephen Fleming, the team's self-belief is shaken after four losses in a row.

The four-time champions haven't played the cricket they are known for under skipper Ravindra Jadeja, who has not been able to lead from the front.

The seniors in the team including Thala Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Robin Uthappa, Ambati Rayudu and Dwayne Bravo need to step up in this crisis situation.

CSK have only posted one 200 plus score so far while scoring sub-par totals in the other three games. The CSK batters will have to face a potent RCB bowling attack including the likes of spin-



ner Wanindu Hasaranga, David Willey and Mohammed Siraj.

Young Raturaj Gaikwad, who has had a miserable season so far, will need to step up and deliver and also all-rounders

Moeen Ali and Shivam Dube will have to take more responsibility.

Fleming admitted that the side is facing two-fold problems — unavailability of Deepak Chahar due to injury and a below-

par show in all departments. "There has been issues of player availability and we have been pretty much below par in all departments — batting, bowling and fielding. We have been distant second

in all games and we need to improve in all departments - that's pretty much it," Fleming had said summing up his team's show.

A buoyant RCB, however, are ticking all the boxes. Opener Anuj Rawat, who hit his maiden IPL fifty, came to the party against Mumbai Indians, while Virat Kohli also got much needed runs.

Skipper Faf Du Plessis can take any attack to cleaners and the top-three too are in good form.

Dinesh Karthik is the firing finisher for RCB and engineer-turned cricketer Shahbaz Ahmed has also impressed with his batting so far. Apart from veteran Dwayne Bravo, CSK bowlers have been way off the mark.

They need to get the bowling combination right having tried many options.

Another key weak-link is Mukesh Choudhary, who has been leaking runs. Unless CSK find the right combination, RCB would be expected to run away with the game.

Babar Azam, Rachael Haynes named ICC 'Player of the Month'

Dubai, Apr 11 (PTI):

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam was on Monday voted as the ICC 'Men's Player of the Month' for March, while Australian opener Rachael Haynes bagged the honour among women. Azam scooped the honour following a number of thrilling batting displays in Pakistan's multi-format series against Australia. Amassing 390 runs in the pulsating Test series, his supreme contribution was highlighted by his record-breaking innings of 196 in the second Test, salvaging a draw for his side against the odds on the final day in Karachi.

At the forefront of his side's batting unit, he exploits during the subsequent ODI battles that took place in March also cemented Azam's claim as the standout player in international cricket during the month. Azam received the award ahead of fellow nominees Kraigg Brathwaite (West Indies) and Pat Cummins



(Australia), and in doing so, became the first player to win the award on two occasions, after being crowned in April 2021. Speaking about Azam's phenomenal performances in March, member of the voting panel and former West Indies international Daren Ganga said, "Babar wins this award not only because of the significant glut of runs scored during the Pakistan vs Australia tour, but also because his success with the bat across formats." "Being able to fulfil the burden of expectation as a captain

and batter for Pakistan as host to an Australian team visiting after 24 years is a monumental achievement. Haynes bagged the honour on the back of a formidable set of displays on the road to Australia's seventh ICC Women's Cricket World Cup title. Scoring 429 priceless runs in eight matches at an average of 61.28, her extraordinary feats at the top of the order proved crucial to her side's unbeaten run to the final, where they subsequently overcame England to cap a thrilling tournament.

Our bowling performance has been our biggest positive: Kuldeep Yadav



New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTI):

Delhi Capitals' left-arm spinner Kuldeep Yadav feels bowling has been the side's strong suit this season, adding that the pace department is doing a good job of keeping the pressure on the opposition during the powerplays. The Capitals defeated Kolkata Knight Riders

by 44 runs on Sunday to register their second win of the season.

"Our bowling performance has been our biggest positive this season," Kuldeep said in a media release.

"When we were bowling against Mumbai Indians in our first match, it looked like they were going to score over 200 at

one point, but we restricted them to a total of 177/5.

"The fast bowlers have been bowling really well. They kept the pressure on the opposition in the Powerplay against KKR, which allowed us to bowl freely later on," he added.

Kuldeep, who was adjudged the Player of the Match for returning with figures of 4/35, also spoke about his fantastic running catch to dismiss Umesh Yadav off his own bowling.

"I knew that only I could go for that catch. The ball was quite far away from everyone else. I kept my eye on the ball throughout while running for the catch and managed to reach for the ball in the end. The catch felt really good."

The Delhi Capitals have a five-day break before their next match.

"These two points were really important for us. The morale in the team will be high as we prepare to play for our next game on Saturday. This win will ensure that there is positive energy in the camp during our five-day break."

Amit Rohidas to lead India against Germany in FIH Pro League tie



Bhubaneswar, Apr 11 (PTI):

Defender Amit Rohidas will continue to lead the 22-member Indian men's hockey team in its next FIH Pro League tie against Germany, starting here on Thursday.

Star dragflicker Harmanpreet Singh will don the responsibility of vice-captain in the double-header at the Kalinga Stadium. The second match of the tie will be played on Friday. There were no big surprises in the squad as the Indian team management continues to test various combination from the

core group in the Pro League ties ahead of a busy calendar year, which includes the Birmingham Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

The squad includes goalkeepers PR Sreejesh, Krishan Bahadur Pathak, and defenders Varun Kumar, Amit Rohidas, Surender Kumar, Jugraj Singh, Harmanpreet Singh, Jarmanpreet Singh, and Gurinder Singh. The midfield will be manned by Nilakanta Sharma, Manpreet Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Shamsher Singh,

Hardik Singh, and Moirangthem Rabichandra Singh, while the forward line will feature Sukhjeet Singh, Abhishek, Mandeep Singh, Shilanand Lakra, Dilpreet Singh, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay, and Akashdeep Singh. Speaking about the team composition, India's chief coach Graham Reid said, "This year's FIH Pro League has provided us with great opportunities to try different combinations and tactics. We have recognised what works and, more importantly, what areas we need to improve on. "This week against Germany is the last leg of our home games for this year and we are looking forward to two more world-class encounters once again. "Germany are always an extremely tough opponent and given where we both are on the ladder it will be important for us to finish this week with as many points as possible to remain at the top of the points table," he added.

South Africa takes series 2-0 after Bangladesh 80 all out



South Africa's captain Dean Elgar poses with the trophy.

Gqeberha, Apr 11 (AP):

South Africa bowled Bangladesh out for 80 to seal a convincing 332-run win in the second and final Test and take the series 2-0 on Monday. Spinners Keshav Maharaj and Simon Harmer once again accounted for all 10 wickets in the second innings, just as they did when South Africa won the first Test by 220 runs. Maharaj picked up 7-40 and Harmer 3-34 as Bangladesh folded early on

the fourth day at St George's Park. It had been 27-3 overnight and South Africa needed another 14 overs to finish the game off. The Proteas had set Bangladesh a huge victory target of 413. South Africa was always in control after making 453 batting first and restricting Bangladesh to just 217 in its first innings. Bangladesh may have lost both Tests heavily but it did take something from the tour after winning the one-day series 2-1 last month.

Charleston Open: Sania-Hradecka lose in final



Andreja Klepac (left) and Magda Linette hold up their trophies after winning the doubles title against Lucie Hradecka and Sania Mirza in finals at the Charleston Open.

Charleston, Apr 11 (PTI):

Veteran Indian tennis player Sania Mirza and her Czech partner Lucie Hradecka's splendid run at the Charleston Open ended after they lost the title clash to Andreja Klepac and Magda Linette.

The unseeded Mirza and Hradecka went down 2-6 6-4 7-10 in one hour 24 minutes to the fourth seed Polish-Slovenian duo on Sunday.

Mirza and Hradecka had a stunning run at the WTA 500 event, reaching the women's doubles final after pulling off a major upset by stunning top

seeds Zhang Shuai and Caroline Dolehide in the semifinals.

In the quarterfinals, they got the better of third seeds Alexa Guarachi and Jessica Pegula.

Mirza and Hradecka had also reached the semi-final of the Dubai Tennis Championships in February.

The 35-year-old Mirza, who is India's most accomplished woman tennis player having won six Grand Slam titles, including three mixed doubles trophies, had earlier announced that 2022 would be her last season.

Bencic tops Jabeur 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 for Charleston Open title

Charleston, Apr 11 (AP):

Belinda Bencic won three of the last four games to outlast Ons Jabeur 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 and win the Credit One Charleston Open for her first clay-court championship.

Bencic won her sixth career WTA title and first since the Tokyo Olympic.

Bencic lost her opening match in Indian Wells last month and wasn't sure what direction she was headed. Things began to turn in Miami where she reached the semifinals before losing and she built on that positive momentum in Charleston.

I feel like is is the tournament that you breakthrough and then it goes the right way, she said. So I'm happy about it.

Bencic, of Switzerland, reached the semifinals here in her first visit in 2014 and hadn't advanced that far until this year. She earned 158,000 for winning the season's opening clay-court tournament.

It's so cozy here," Bencic told the crowd at the trophy presentation. You al-

ways make this such a family event. Bencic, seeded 10th, looked like she'd have an easy time with Jabeur, from Tunisia, who she broke twice on the way to taking the opening set.

But Jabeur, the fourth seed ranked 10th in the world, cut down on the unforced errors and drew on the energy of the crowd, who applauded almost every move the dynamic 27-year-old made much of the week. Jabeur held serve at 5-all in the second



set before ripping a forehand to break Bencic and tie the match. Jabeur got down on one knee and pumped her fist in celebration heading to the deciding set.

But it was Bencic who regained her form to open a 3-1 lead. Jabeur had one last rally, squaring the set at three-all with her final break of Bencic's serve.

That's when Bencic's smooth ground strokes and near-perfect placement wore down Jabeur.



Opelka beats Isner in Houston for first clay title

Houston, Apr 11 (AP):

Reilly Opelka beat fellow American John Isner 6-3, 7-6 (7) to win the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship in the tallest matchup in an ATP Tour final.

The 6-foot-11 Opelka won his fourth tour title and first on clay. He improved to 5-1 against the

6-10 Isner. The 24-year-old Opelka, seeded third has won all his titles in the United States, taking the first in 2019 in an indoor event in New York and following at Delray Beach in 2020 and Dallas this year.

The 36-year-old Isner, seeded fourth, won in Houston in 2013. He has 16 ATP Tour titles.

Djokovic is motivated to compete again for biggest titles

Monaco, Apr 11 (AP):

Novak Djokovic is ready to move on from the controversy surrounding his refusal to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

I miss competition, the Serbian tennis star said Sunday on the opening day of the clay-court season at the Monte Carlo Masters in Monaco.

I still feel motivation to be on the tour and compete and try to challenge the best players in the world for the biggest titles.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion has played only one tournament so far in 2022, losing to Jiri Vesely in the quarterfinals of the Dubai Championships.

Djokovic could not defend his Australian Open title in January after he was deported from the country for not being inoculated.

More recently, he had to skip tournaments in Indian Wells, California, and Miami because he couldn't travel to the United States for the same reason.

He has declared that he would not get the vaccine



in order to be able to compete. It has been a turbulent start to 2022 for Djokovic, who went through detention and a court case during an 11-day saga in Australia before he was sent home and not allowed to defend his title at Melbourne Park.

Rafael Nadal went on to win the Australian Open for his 21st major trophy, breaking a tie with Djokovic and Roger Federer.

BEATING THE HEAT



A worker drinks water while sorting wheat grain on a hot summer day, at the grain market in Jalandhar, Monday.

'Laws should be made after thorough debate & discussion'

Guwahati, Apr 11 (PTD):

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday said laws should be made after thorough debate and discussion, incorporating the needs of aspirational sections of the society. He also suggested that public representatives across the country should refrain from raising petty political issues during Question Hour in parliament rather than talking about matters of national importance.

Inaugurating the 8th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (India Region) Conference at Assam Legislative Assembly, Birla said the primary responsibility of legislature is to fulfill hopes of the people. Talking about B R Ambedkar and Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, the Lok Sabha Speaker said



LS Speaker Om Birla addresses the inauguration of 8th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Conference, in Guwahati.

India's policies and programmes should be in the direction of achieving the goals set by founding fathers of the constitution. "Laws should be made after thorough debate and discussions, incorporating the needs of the aspirational sections of the society," he underlined. Calling for ac-

tive participation of the youth and women in democratic processes, Birla said democratic institutions, from panchayat to parliament, should keep the youth and women at the centre of policy making. "This will ensure that ideas and vision of youngsters are used to make the ad-

ministration more transparent and accountable," he noted. The Speaker also observed that the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his comprehensive action on education, health, infrastructure and other areas are remarkable steps in this direction.

Discussing about the country's democratic setup, he said Indian democracy is vibrant and strong, and a guiding force to other democratic countries. Echoing similar sentiments, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said democratic values are "integral parts of the Indian way of life". "Democratic institutions are flourishing in India since ancient times and our reforms exemplified the true democratic values and traditions which continued in our society ever since," he said.

SC to hear plea seeking simplification of child adoption process

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTD):

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a plea seeking to simplify the legal process for child adoption in India saying that only 4000 adoption annually takes place in the country.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Surya Kant issued notice to the Centre after petitioner in person Piyush Saxena, appearing for an NGO The Temple of Healing, said that he had made several representations to the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development for simplifying the process of

child adoption but nothing has taken place till now.

The bench said, We will issue notice and see what the government has to say on the issue. Saxena said, As per the data available in the public domain, there are only 4000 child adoptions annually but till last year we had three crores orphan children in the country. There are several infertile couples who are willing to have a child.

He further said that people are not educated enough therefore the scheme should be based on the Income Tax scheme which was issued 16 years back. Last year, during the

pandemic the ministry issued a notification that relaxed the norms but this could be done on a regular purpose, he said.

The bench said that he represents a body and what does that have to do with the adoption.

I am the secretary in the 'The Temple of Healing' and we don't accept a donation or charge any money and provide treatment of various ailments through naturopathy, Saxena said, adding that Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System may appoint a few trained adoption preparers on the lines of Income Tax preparer

scheme of 2006.

He said that they can help prospective parents to complete the cumbersome paperwork required for adoption.

He submitted that there is also an anomaly on the legislature front as adoption is being governed by the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act of 1956 which has a nodal ministry as the Ministry of Law and Justice while the aspects of Orphans are dealt with by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

The bench said that the registry says that the petitioner has worked with cor-

porates also. Saxena said that he was senior vice president in Reliance Group of Companies but he had conducted an in-depth study on the subject.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development asked me for a detailed written submission which I gave them last March but till no action has taken place. They don't want any action to be taken as they worry that children may go into the wrong hands, he said. Justice Chandrachud said that they have genuine concerns and recalled his stint as adoption matter Judge at the Bombay High Court.

Hate, violence weakening country: Rahul

New Delhi, Apr 11 (PTD):

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday urged all citizens to stand together to secure a just and inclusive India, saying hate and violence are weakening the country.

His remarks came a day after communal violence was reported in some states during Ram Navami processions, leaving one person dead, and clashes broke out on the JNU campus allegedly over the serving of non-vegetarian food in a hostel during the festival.

"Hate, violence and exclusion are weakening our beloved country. The path to progress is paved with the bricks of brotherhood, peace and har-

mony. Let's stand together to secure a just, inclusive India," Gandhi said on Twitter. Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that during the BJP rule, festivals are being used as events of hatred and violence.

"Once upon a time, during festivals in India, people would wish peace prosperity and abundance. Now under the BJP rule, festivals have become events of hatred and violence. On the assassination of Gandhi and now on the murder of his values, only two words are relevant - 'Hey Ram'," Kharge said on Twitter.

Another Congress leader Manickam Tagore slammed the JNU incident. "It's New India of Modi sahib..For eating in hostel mess chicken and egg students beaten up by RSS arm ABVP in JNU Choice of food, what our children will eat now will be decided by Sanghis now..Condemn it," Tagore said in a tweet, using the hashtag "JNUAttack".

On Sunday, two groups of students clashed at the Jawaharlal Nehru University's Kaveri Hostel allegedly over serving non-vegetarian food on Ram Navami in the mess. At least 20 people were injured in the violence, according to police.

Congress leader Thomas served show cause notice for attending CPM seminar

Kochi, Apr 11 (PTD):

A day after senior Congress leader K V Thomas alleged that he participated in the CPI(M) 23rd party congress due to threats from within his party, he said he has received a show cause notice from the party's disciplinary committee and that he will respond to it. Meanwhile, senior state Congress leaders hit back at Thomas saying he has "betrayed" and "cheated" the party by attending that left party event in Kannur.

The Congress disciplinary committee has slapped a show cause notice on Thomas seeking his response within a week in connection with a letter by KPCC chief K Sudhakaran to AICC president Sonia Gandhi, seeking action against him for

allegedly violating party discipline by attending the conference in Kannur. Speaking to reporters in Thiruvananthapuram after receiving the show cause notice, Thomas said when party leader K C Venugopal had informed him that Shashi Tharoor was not participating in the CPI(M) party congress, he had said he too will not go.

However, the threats and intimidation from within his party came after that and therefore, he decided to attend the seminar. Both Tharoor and Thomas were invited by the CPI(M) to attend the seminar on Centre-State relations as part of its 23rd Party Congress which commenced on April 6 and concluded on Sunday.

Thomas said he will mention everything he

has to in his reply to the show cause notice and added that irrespective of the decision of the disciplinary committee, he will continue to be part of the Congress party. "I will not leave the Congress. I will continue to be a Congressman till the day I die," he said.

Thomas also sought to know how the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president and Leader of Opposition in the state assembly V D Satheesan can berate him and make accusations against him while the disciplinary committee was deliberating upon the complaint made against him.

He was referring to the press conference held in Kochi where Sudhakaran and Satheesan accused Thomas of "betraying" and "cheating" the grand

old party by attending the event in Kannur, where over the years more than 80 party workers have been killed, allegedly by the Left party. Sudhakaran told media that there were several other platforms or events where Thomas could have spoken about Centre-state relations and the CPI(M) party congress was not the only stage for that.

'Will respond to it'

Thomas said he will mention everything he has to in his reply to the show cause notice and added that irrespective of the decision of the disciplinary committee, he will continue to be part of the Congress party. "I will not leave the Congress. I will continue to be a Congressman till the day I die," he said.



Polling officials collect EVMs and other voting material, before leaving for their respective polling stations on the eve of the Ballygunge Assembly by-polls, in Kolkata, Monday.

Uma Bharti barred from Lord Shiva temple in Raisen fort

'Anguished' Uma gives up food

Bhopal, Apr 11 (PTD):

Unable to pay obeisance at the Someshwar Mahadev temple located in Raisen fort in Madhya Pradesh for the want of ASI permission, senior BJP leader Uma Bharti on Monday decided to give up food "for peace of mind" till she is allowed to perform a 'Jalabhihek' or water ritual at the temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.



Former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Uma Bharti offers prayers at Shiv Temple in Raisen, Monday.

away from Bhopal, this morning to perform the ritual but had to offer prayers from outside the temple as the Archaeological Society

of India (ASI) did not give permission to open this temple till Monday.

"I am deeply anguished for not being able to offer

'Jalabhishek' at the Someshwar Mahadev temple. To control my emotions and to have peace of mind, I have given up food till I can worship at Someshwar Mahadev temple," Bharti, who had served as the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh during 2003-04, said in a statement.

Earlier, Bharti had written to the Raisen collector for making arrangements for the water ritual she wanted to perform at the temple on Monday after Navratri. After receiving Bharti's letter, district collector Arvind Dubey wrote to ASI authorities. But the

ASI didn't permit to open this temple till Monday.

As per historian Rajiv Lochan Choube, Afghan ruler Sher Shah Suri had defeated local ruler Purnamal deceitfully in 1543 and took over the fort and the temple, which remained locked since. A mosque came up at the site.

After 1947, the Raisen Fort and the temple came under the supervision of the Central Archaeology Department, and the then chief minister Prakash Chandra Sethi allowed worship for one day on Mahashivratri following a public agitation in 1974, Choube said.

Administration starts demolition of illegal constructions of stone pelters

Khargone (MP), Apr 11 (PTD):

The district administration on Monday started demolition of at least 50 "illegal" structures of people accused of pelting stones at a Ram Navami procession in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone city, while the state government said damage caused to public and private properties during the violence will be recovered from rioters.

A curfew was clamped in Khargone city on Sunday and more than 80 people have been arrested after stones hurled at a Ram Navami procession triggered large-scale arson, officials said and added that the situation here was

under control. The government has a zero tolerance policy for rioting. So far, 84 persons have been arrested and 50 illegal constructions of these accused have been identified. The demolition of these illegal constructions has already started, Indore Divisional Commissioner Pawan Sharma told reporters in Khargone.

The illegal structures which are being demolished include homes and shops. Action has also been taken against four state government employees for spreading rumours over the communal violence in the city, he said. Of the four, three were daily wage employees, whose services

were terminated, while the fourth staffer was suspended, the IAS officer said.

Sharma said damage caused to public and private properties during the violence will be recovered from rioters. Inspector General (IG) Rakesh Gupta, who is camping in Khargone along with Sharma, said the law and order situation in the city was under control and action against anti-social elements was continuing.

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said damage caused to public and private properties will be recovered from rioters as he vowed strict action against the miscreants.