

BRIEF



Students play Holi on a road after appearing in their exams, in Agra, Friday.

Sonia admitted

New Delhi: Congress leader Sonia Gandhi has been admitted to the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital here due to fever, doctors said on Friday. According to a health bulletin issued by the hospital, her condition is stable. She was admitted to the hospital on Thursday, a spokesperson of the hospital said. D S Rana, Chairman, Trust Society, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital said Sonia Gandhi has been admitted to the hospital under the supervision of Arup Basu, senior consultant, Department of Chest Medicine, and his team, "on account of fever".

HC judges

New Delhi: Twenty additional judges, including 10 from the Allahabad High Court and one from Delhi High Court, were on Friday elevated as permanent judges in four high courts. In separate notifications, the Department of Justice in the Law Ministry said while five additional judges have been made judges of the Madras High Court, four others from the Bombay HC have been elevated as judges. Similarly, 10 additional judges in the Allahabad High Court and one from Delhi have been elevated judges in their respective HCs, the ministry said.

Mild earthquake

Bhubaneswar: A mild earthquake of 3.8 magnitude on the Richter Scale occurred in Odisha's Koraput district on Friday morning, according to the National Centre for Seismology. The earthquake took place at 5.05 am at a depth of 5 km. The epicentre was 129 km east of Jagdalpur in Chhattisgarh, it said. However, there was no report of any casualty or damage to properties. According to the Koraput district administration, tremors were felt in Narayanpatna, Laxmipur and Bandhugana areas and people came out of their houses in panic.

Naxalites torch

Gadchiroli: Suspected Naxalites set on fire three vehicles engaged in bridge construction work in Gadchiroli district of eastern Maharashtra, police said on Friday. The incident took place on Thursday night in Etpallitaluka, they said. This is the second such incident in the district this week, the police said. "Armed Naxalites torched one JCB machine, one Poclair machine and one mixer machine vehicle engaged in the construction of a bridge on Puraslagondi-Alenga road," a police official said.

Weather
High 35 Low 19

MARKET
NIFTY 17,594.35
SENSEX 59,808.97

BULLION
GOLD 55,670
SILVER 64,298

Unsatiated greed for wealth has facilitated corruption to develop like cancer: SC

New Delhi, Mar 03 (PTI):

Unsatiated greed for wealth has facilitated corruption to develop like cancer and the constitutional courts owe a duty to the people of the country to show zero tolerance to corruption and come down heavily against the perpetrators of the crime, the Supreme Court has said. The top court said corruption is a prominent hurdle in achieving "pre-ambular promise" of the Constitution to secure social justice to the people of India by striving to achieve equal distribution of wealth. A bench of Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Dipankar Datta made the observations while setting aside an order of the Chhattisgarh High Court which had quashed the FIR registered against the state's former principal



secretary Aman Singh and his wife for allegedly amassing disproportionate assets. "Though it is the preambular promise of the Constitution to secure social justice to the people of India by striving to achieve equal distribution of wealth, it is yet a distant dream. If not the main, one of the more prominent hurdles for achieving progress in this field is undoubtedly 'corruption'. "Corruption is a malaise, the presence of which is all pervading in every

SC sets aside HC order quashing DA case against former Chh'garh bureaucrat, wife

New Delhi: In a setback to Aman Kumar Singh, principal secretary to the erstwhile BJP chief minister Raman Singh, the Supreme Court has set aside the Chhattisgarh High Court order quashing an FIR against him and his wife for allegedly amassing assets disproportionate to their known sources of income, saying the "unsatiated greed for wealth has facilitated corruption to develop like cancer". The Chhattisgarh High Court had earlier quashed the FIR registered against Singh and his wife for allegedly amassing disproportionate assets observing that the registration of the case was the "abuse" of the process of law and that the allegations were prima facie based upon probabilities.

walk of life. It is not now limited to the spheres of activities of governance; regrettably, responsible citizens say it has become a way of one's life," the bench said. The top court said it is a matter of disgrace for the entire community that there a steady decline in pursuing the lofty ideals which the founding fathers of our

Constitution had in mind and degradation of moral values in society is rapidly on the rise.

"Not much debate is required to trace the root of corruption. 'Greed', regarded in Hinduism as one of the seven sins, has been overpowering in its impact. In fact, unsatiated greed for wealth has facilitated corruption to devel-

op like cancer.

"If the corrupt succeed in duping the law enforcers, their success erodes even the fear of getting caught. They tend to bask under a hubris that rules and regulations are for humbler mortals and not them. To get caught, for them, is a sin," it said.

Noting that outbreak of scams is commonly noticed, the bench said what is more distressing is the investigations or inquiries that follow.

"More often than not, these are botched and assume the proportion of bigger scams than the scams themselves.

However, should this state of affairs be allowed to continue? Tracking down corrupt public servants and punishing them appropriately is the mandate of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

ED seizes Rs 3 crore cash after raids in PMLA case against IAS officer



Rs 3 crore cash seized during searches by Enforcement Directorate as part of an ongoing money laundering probe against IAS officer Pooja Singhal, in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh district.

New Delhi/ Ranchi, Mar 03 (PTI): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday seized around Rs 3 crore cash during searches at a location in Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand as part of a

money laundering investigation against IAS officer from the state Pooja Singhal and others, officials said. They said wads of cash, largely in the denomination of Rs 500 and a few Rs 2,000 notes, were

seized from the premises of a person identified as Mohammed E Ansari. The agency recovered the cash while raids were being carried out in an ongoing money laundering investigation against Singhal. Pooja Singhal, a 2000-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on May 11 on money laundering charges linked to alleged irregularities in the MGNREGA scheme. In February, the Supreme Court had granted the suspended officer an interim bail for a period of two months so that she could look after her ailing daughter.

Lokayukta recovers Rs 6 cr unaccounted cash from BJP MLA's son's house

Bengaluru, Mar 03 (PTI):

Lokayukta sleuths recovered unaccounted cash of more than Rs six crore from the house of BJP MLA K Madal Virupakshappa's son Prashanth Madal, close on the heels of his arrest after allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 40 lakh.

Prashanth, the chief accountant of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board, was caught red-handed on Thursday evening while accepting the bribe from a contractor Shreyas Kashyap of Chemixil Corporation at the Karnataka Soap and Detergents Limited



Lokayukta police recovers cash from the house of BJP MLA Madaal Virupakshappa's son Prashanth Kumar a day after he was allegedly caught taking bribe from a contractor, in Bengaluru.

(KSDL) office. Within hours of the trap, a team of Lokayukta officials raided his house and recovered

the unaccounted cash. Virupakshappa, MLA from Channagiri constituency in Davanagere

district, is the chairman of KSDL and Prashanth was allegedly receiving first installment of the bribe on behalf of his father, according to Lokayukta sources. Facing the heat, Virupakshappa on Friday tendered his resignation from the post. In his resignation letter to the Chief Minister, he said there is no "relation" between him and the Lokayukta raid which he termed as a 'conspiracy' against him and his family. "Despite that since an allegation has been levelled against me, I am taking moral responsibility and submitting my resignation from the post of KSDL Chairman". he said.

Remarks against PM

SC extends interim bail of Congress leader Pawan Khera till March 17

New Delhi, Mar 03 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Friday extended till March 17 the interim bail granted to Congress leader Pawan Khera in a case related to alleged objectionable remarks he made against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Assam Police had arrested Khera in the case. A three-judge bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha and J B Pardiwala adjourned the hearing to March 17 as it had run out of time.

The bench also pointed out that the replies of Uttar Pradesh and Assam

were not on record and it will hear the plea after the Holi vacation.

It made clear that the interim bail granted to Khera will be extended till March 17 when it will hear the matter.

Earlier, on February 27, the court had extended the protection to the Congress spokesperson till Friday.

Khera was arrested at the Delhi airport after being deplaned from a flight to Raipur over his alleged remarks against Modi made at a press conference on February 17 in Mumbai.

He was later granted bail by a magisterial court here.

Rahul Gandhi in Cambridge

'Indian democracy under attack'

BJP accuses him of maligning country's image on foreign soil

London/New Delhi, Mar 03 (PTI):

Indian democracy is under attack and several politicians, including himself, are under surveillance, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi alleged during a lecture at Cambridge university, drawing sharp reactions from the BJP that accused him of maligning the country's image on foreign soil after facing successive electoral setbacks.

Gandhi, who is a Visiting Fellow of the Cambridge Judge Business School, made the comments during a lecture 'Learning to Listen in the 21st Century' on Tuesday evening, a video



recording of which was posted on Twitter by Congress leader Sam Pitroda, ex-adviser to former prime minister Manmohan Singh.

Referring to the controversial Pegasus snooping issue, Gandhi alleged that the Israeli spyware was installed on the phones of a large number of politicians, including him.

"I, myself, had Pegasus on my phone. A large num-

ber of politicians have Pegasus on their phones. I've been called by intelligence officers who say please be careful what you say on the phone because we are sort of recording this stuff. So, this is a constant pressure that we feel," the 52-year-old former Congress chief claimed. The former Congress president listed five key aspects of the alleged attack on Indian democracy—Capture and control of media and judiciary; surveillance and intimidation; coercion by federal law enforcement agencies; attacks on minorities, Dalits and tribals; and shutting down of dissent. "Everybody knows and it's in the news a lot that Indian democracy is under pressure and under attack. The institutional framework which is required for a democracy: Parliament, a free press, the judiciary and just the idea of mobilisation, these are all getting constrained. We are facing an attack on the basic structure of Indian democracy," he said.

Childhood obesity in India likely to rise over 9 per cent annually by 2035: Study

New Delhi, Mar 03 (PTI):

Childhood obesity in India is likely to see an annual rise of 9.1 per cent by 2035, if prevention, treatment and support do not improve, according to a global study released ahead of World Obesity Day.

Observed every year on March 4, the goal of World Obesity Day is to stimulate and support practical actions that will help people achieve and maintain a healthy weight and reverse the global obesity crisis. The report published by the World Obesity Federation predicts that more than half the global population will

be overweight and obese within 12 years if prevention, treatment and support do not improve.

In India, around 11 per cent people will be obese by 2035, with an annual increase in adult obesity between 2020 and 2035 to be 5.2 per cent, it noted.

The report 'World Obesity Atlas 2023' shows that in 2020 boys in India had a 3 per cent obesity risk, but by 2035 the risk will likely go up by 12 per cent and for girls the risk was 2 per cent in 2020, but in the next 12 years, it will rise to 7 per cent. The report also shows that Indian women in 2020 had an obesity risk of 7 per cent,

which will rise to 13 per cent by 2035. Men had a risk of 4 per cent in 2020, which will rise to 8 per cent in 12 years. The study predicts that continued failure to improve prevention and treatment could contribute to a total economic impact of UD 4.32 trillion by 2035 nearly 3 per cent of global GDP.

The likely impact on India's national GDP will be 1.8 per cent, the report shows. The main reasons for rising obesity prevalence in lower income countries include shift to highly processed foods, greater levels of sedentary behaviour, weaker policies to control the food supply

and food marketing, and less well resourced health-care services to assist in weight management and in health education. "This year's Atlas is a clear warning that by failing to address obesity today, we risk serious repercussions in the future. It is particularly worrying to see obesity rates rising fastest among children and adolescents," said Professor Louise Baur, President of the World Obesity Federation. "Governments and policymakers around the world need to do all they can to avoid passing health, social, and economic costs on to the younger generation.

SC dismisses Vijay Mallya's plea against bid to declare him fugitive economic offender

New Delhi, Mar 03 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Friday dismissed a plea by beleaguered businessman Vijay Mallya challenging the proceedings in a Mumbai court to declare him a fugitive economic offender and confiscate his properties.

The apex court dismissed the petition for non-prosecution after the counsel representing Mallya submitted that he was not getting any instructions from the petitioner in the matter.

"The counsel for petitioner states that the petitioner is not giving any instructions to the advocate for the petitioner. In view

of this statement, the petition is dismissed for non-prosecution," a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Rajesh Bindal said.

The top court, which had on December 7, 2018 issued notice to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Mallya's plea, had refused to stay the proceedings on the probe agency's plea before a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court at Mumbai seeking the fugitive tag for him under the Fugitive Economic Offenders' Act, 2018.

On January 5, 2019, the Mumbai special court had declared Mallya a fugitive under the Act. Under the

provisions of the Act, once a person is declared a fugitive economic offender, the prosecuting agency has the powers to confiscate his property.

Mallya, who fled to the United Kingdom in March 2016, is wanted in India over default of Rs 9,000 crore that was loaned to Kingfisher Airlines (KFA) by several banks.

Mallya had moved the apex court in 2018 challenging the Bombay High Court order which dismissed his plea seeking a stay on the proceedings before a special PMLA court in Mumbai on the ED's plea to declare him a fugitive economic offender under the new law.



251 couples tie the knots at mass wedding in Durg

Event organised under Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Yojana

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Bhilai, Mar 03: On Friday, 251 couples tied the nuptial knots at the mass marriage events organised under the Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Yojana. According to traditional customs, the mass marriage was completed in the presence of public representatives and administrative officials. ML Arun Vora congratulated the newlyweds in the event at Durg city. The Women and Child Development Department had made elaborate preparations for the marriage.

Vora said that several good schemes are being run by the Chhattisgarh government regarding social welfare and Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah Yojana is one of them. Congratulating the newlyweds on this occasion, Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal said that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has paid



attention to the economic development of the people as well as to the socio-cultural progress.

District Panchayat President Shalini Yadav reached Thanaud and blessed the couples. Risali Mayor Shishi Sinha also blessed the newlyweds. In Patan, Chief Minister's OSD Ashish Verma blessed the couples. Bhilai Charoda Mayor Nirmal Kosre also greeted the couples. The marriage started in the afternoon and was conducted with full ritu-

als. Giving information about the event, District Program Officer Vipin Jain said that the project officers and supervisors of the Women and Child Development Department appraised the people in the urban bodies and rural areas of the district about the Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana and registered 251 couples for marriage.

110 couples have been included from urban and rural projects of Durg, 35

couples from Dhamdha, 26 couples from Ahiwara, 36 couples from Bhilai 1, 10 from Bhilai 2, 24 from Patan and 14 couples from Jangaon M project. The relatives of the brides and grooms appreciated the arrangements. The marriage rituals were performed in a proper manner. Pandit ji explained about the importance of each ritual.

Under the Kanya Vivah Yojana in Bhilai, the marriage of a Muslim and a Christian couple also took

place according to religious customs. The wedding took place according to Muslim wedding customs and the Christian couple got married according to Christian customs.

It was very difficult to organize the marriage ceremony of 251 couples at a time when the strike of Anganwadi workers was going on. In such a situation, the supervisors and project officers of the department worked hard to make this marriage successful.

NSPCL provides Rs 1.75 crore for district hospital renovation

● A total of Rs 3.04 crore will be provided under CSR

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Bhilai, Mar 03: NSPCL is contributing funds for the renovation of the district hospital under its CSR activities. The cheque of first installment of Rs 1.75 crore was handed over by the NSPCL Business Unit Head Suryakant Rai to Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena.

NSPCL Deputy General Manager Abdul Wasim was also present on the occasion. NSPCL will provide assistance of Rs 3 crore 4 lakh to the district hospital for renovation under the CSR head.

The second installment will be given in the



month of April. It is worth mentioning that renovation work is being done in the district hospital at a cost of Rs 10.5 crore. After renovation, the district hospital will have all the facilities at par with the multispeciality hospitals.

More patients will be treated in the hospital. Along with this, better space will be available for departments like

Radiology, Casualty etc. It is worth mentioning that NSPCL has also provided significant help to the district hospital in the past.

They had provided the oxygen pipeline for the district hospital. Along with this, Semi OT is also being established here. Paediatrics unit has also been started in CCM. Collector praised the NSPCL management for this contribution.

Youth sentenced to 20 years imprisonment under POCSO Act

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 03: A Fast Track Special Court in Durg sentenced a youth to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for abducting and sexually assaulting a minor girl on the pretext of marriage.

Additional Sessions Judge (Fourth), FTSC - POCSO, Sangeeta Naveen Tiwari convicted 23-year-old Ritesh Kumar Sahu of village Kodia (PS Nandini Nagar) on Friday.

The girl's family had lodged a complaint at Nandini Nagar Police Station on October 12, 2020 after she went miss-

ing on October 11, 2020. Later the police rescued the girl from the possession of the accused.

Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Kasar informed that the accused lured the girl to flee with him on October 11, 2020. He took the girl to Bhilai on a bike and later to Pune in Maharashtra.

He stayed with the girl in Pune and established sexual relations with her. When the girl did not return home, the family lodged an FIR at Nandini Nagar Police Station after which the girl was rescued on June 04, 2021.

After trial, the Special Court found the accused

guilty and awarded different jail terms for section 366 of IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act under which the accused was tried.

He was sentenced to three years of rigorous imprisonment and Rs 100 fine under section 366 of IPC and 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and Rs 5000 fine under section 6 of POCSO Act.

The jail terms would run concurrently and penalties for different sections aggregating to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and Rs 5100 fine, informed Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Kasar.

BJP councilors of DMC extend support to striking sanitary workers

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Bhilai, Mar 03: During the 40-month tenure of the Congress-ruled Durg Municipal Corporation, the condition of the city has become pathetic. The sanitary workers are on strike and the city is littered with filth, the public is troubled by mosquitoes, but the Corporation seems helpless and silent, observed BJP councilors.

Irked by this mess the Leader of the Opposition Ajay Verma, came out in support the sanitation workers who are on strike. BJP councilors including former speaker Dinesh Dewangan have asked Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal and MIC members whether they will com-

plain about this also to the Collector? The senior councilors Chandrashekhar Chandrakar, Gayatri Sahu, Kashiram Kosare, Devnarayan Chandrakar, Narendra Banjare, Naresh Tejawani, Om Prakash Sen, Manish Sahu, Ajit Vaidya, Chameli Sahu, Councilors Leena Dinesh Dewangan, Shashi Dwarka Sahu, Pushpa Gulab Verma, Hema Sharma, Kumari Sahu, Rakesh Sahu, Jaggi Sharma, Gulab Verma, Umesh Yadav etc said in a statement issued jointly that it is the misfortune of the city that the city government under Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal has completed more than three years now, but in these three years, they have



been able to start any new scheme with their imagination.

And instead of visiting the wards to know the problems of the public, the Mayor spends his time in the circumambulation of Durg MLA Arun Vora,

the result of which is the mosquito menace from the filth in the city, which the public is suffering. On repeated strike by the sanitation workers of the corporation, Ajay Verma and other councilors have said that the result of the fail-

ure of the local MLA Arun Vora who used to flaunt his achievements on every small and big scheme of the city, instead of putting pressure on the civic government led by his party.

The BJP councilors took a dig at the DMC Mayor for submitting a memorandum to the collector seeking solution to basic problems and various demands and pointed out that it is the Mayor who should have been solving the problems.

The manner in which the ruling mayor and MIC members and councilors have complained to the District Magistrate in a hurry, shows their incompetence and helplessness towards the public.

Durg Police nabs two from Bihar for franchise fraud

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Bhilai, Mar 03: Durg Police has arrested two persons on charges of duping people online on the pretext of providing franchises of some popular commercial brands. The accused had created fake web pages of over 250 renowned commercial brands by using a web hosting site.

They applied hitech means to dupe the people across 17 states of the country. They targeted thousands of people and were successful in duping over Rs 5 crore from more than 100 people. In Durg District, they had duped Rs 9.5 lakh from a person



in pretext of providing franchise of KFC.

SP Dr Abhishek Pallava informed that they arrested Ram Pravesh Prasad

(48) of Nawada (Bihar) and his son Suraj Kumar Prasad (24). After receiving a complaint regarding the fraud, Durg Police

team examined the online transactions done by the victim and found that the beneficiary was in Bihar.

Police team camped in Nawada Bihar for several days and managed to arrest two members of the gang of fraudsters. Police have identified some other members of the gang and are trying to trace them.

Police seized 16 mobile phones, one Tablet, one Laptop, three ATM cards, Pan card, Aadhar Card, pay-in slips of banks, admin page address of different websites and Rs 467150 cash from the possession of the accused. Further action is being taken by Supela Police Station.

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Bhilai, Mar 03: Karm Shiromani and Pali Shiromani awards were given away in SAIL-BSP's Plate Mill for October to December 2022. SK Verma, GM (Elect), Sanjay Kumar, GM (Mech), J Sufhakar, GM (Mech), D Roy, GM (Operation), HK Bahrupi, GM (Operation), Navneet Kumar Shah, AGM (Mech) were present on the occasion.

SK Verma, GM (Elect) congratulated the award winners and presented the Pali Shiromani award from Plate Mill to Dhan Singh Lahre, AM (Operation-Plate Mill) for



the quarter for October to December 2022. Bhim Kuj Baghel, M/Optr, Jayant Kumar Musle, OCT, Premal Pipariya, M/Optr were awarded the Karm Shiromani award for October, November and December 2022 for their outstanding performance.

Employees are short-listed for this award for in-

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

The programme was

compered by Anjali Pillay, SM (Pers). All Section Incharges, Sr officials and Union representatives from Plate Mill were present on the occasion. Sukhchandra, ALWO, Meenu Chouhan, Shyamal Banerjee, Neeta Sarvare, K Venkateswaru contributed in making the programme successful.

Monetary assistance provided for girl's marriage



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Bhilai, Mar 03: Bhilai Truck Trailer Transport Association provided monetary assistance for the marriage of a truck driver's daughter. Senior members of the associa-

tion handed over a cheque of Rs 25000 to the family of driver Vivek Jaal. Association members and office bearers including Dilip Khatwani, Sudhir Singh Thakur, Patron Achal Jit Singh Bhatia, President Indrajit Singh

Chhotu, Executive President Anil Chaudhary, General Secretary Malkit Singh Lallu and Joga Rao, Baljinder Singh Billa, Mahendra Singh Pappi, Gokul Sharma, Rajju Singh, Moni Singh Sanu, and others were present.

Healthcare Startup: Harshit opens e-clinic in medical store

● Shares idea in Shark Tank

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Bhilai, Mar 03: Early traces of venture capital were found in the 15th century when King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain gave funds to travellers like Columbus. Today, this concept has reached the Shark Tank. Government support is also there for startups along with the reality shows on popular TV channels.

In the popular reality show "Shark Tank", the participants share ideas related to their startups. Expert entrepreneurs examine these ideas then decide to invest in them. It is a matter of pride that the youth of twin-city are also reaching out to such forums. Harshit Tamarkar, a

young entrepreneur from Bhilai came up with the idea of Medishutter E-Clinic and applied for Season 2 of Shark Tank. He was qualified but could not make it to the final round as he was just starting. However the selectors liked the idea and happily asked him to participate in the next season after expanding his startup.

The basic idea of Harshit's startup is that many times people request the pharmacist to give medicine without prescription. As such practice is not allowed in the rules; such people face difficulty in getting the medicine. Such problems are there in rural areas where MBBS and MD doctors are not available. Considering the problems of common people, Harshit rolled out the concept of e-clinic. He placed a scanner at the first medical store he started in Sector 6. The ma-



chine scans the patient after which the screen displays the list of categories of specialist doctors. Suppose there is some problem related to ENT, the patient will click on the ENT doctor and the doctor will give advice and medicines through video call.

Harshit said that the prescription is sent to the patient's mobile. Doctors will also be available for follow up. This e-clinic will be a

boon for rural areas from where CHCs and PHCs are far away. Harshit plans to start 500 such e-clinics across the state. He also has seven associates for technical work in this startup. 15 specialist doctors are presently associated with his e-clinic. The consulting fee ranges from Rs 200 to Rs 300. Harshit said that they have fixed a reasonable fee and it will keep reducing in the follow up. It is worth

mentioning that during the Corona period, Harshit had created a Medishutter app for home delivery of medicines.

Harshit said that the state government has played a big role in promoting his startup. During the incubation training, they were helped for better presentation and execution of their ideas. He also got help from the Mukhyamantri Yuva Swarozgar Yojana.

Raising venture capital for a startup through a TV show originated in Japan. The show was named The Tiger of Money. The concept was adopted in the UK as Dragons Drain. After this, a similar program was started in America by the name of Shark Tank and then it started in India as well. This is a great innovation to raise capital for startups, through which the imagination of young entrepreneurs gets wings.

Opposition demands effort for national recognition

Of CG Olympic games

Issue of opening AIIMS in Bilaspur also raised in assembly

Raipur, Mar 03: Uprarious scene prevailed during question hour on third day of budget session of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly on Friday. BJP MLA Ajay Chandrakar asked about government efforts to give recognition to the Chhattisgarh Olympic Games at the national level. He also asked whether winners of these games would be given reservation in government job and whether their union would be formed.

In response Sports Minister Umesh Patel said that National Olympic Association had the power of including all

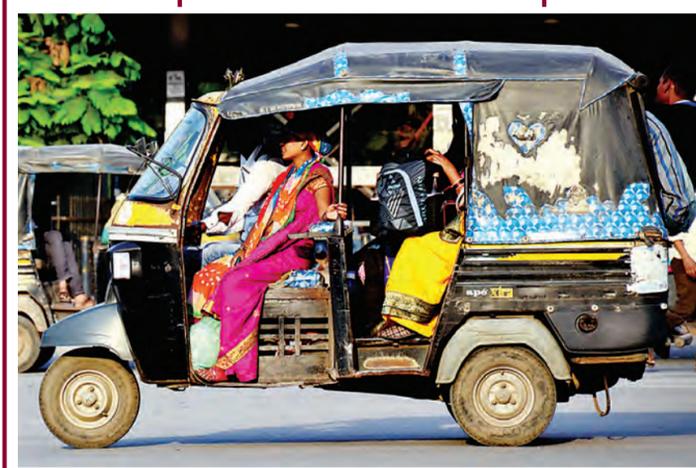


such games in Olympic. He informed that he wrote a letter to the Government of India seeking promotion of Chhattisgarh games with their inclusion in Olympics. According to BJP MLA Brijmohan Agrawal outstanding players are given reservation in government jobs under sports policy.

Congress MLA Shailesh Pandey raised issue of opening AIIMS in Bilaspur. Leader of Opposition Narayan Chandel said that whenever initiative is taken by the state,

efforts should be made in this direction to open AIIMS in Bilaspur. In reply the Health Minister TS Singhdeo said that state government wrote a semi-formal letter to the centre for opening AIIMS in Bilaspur. He said that he had also discussed with the Chief Minister regarding opening of second AIIMS in the state. There are five divisions in the state, the largest of which is Bilaspur, he said and added that he agreed to open AIIMS in Bilaspur in proportion to the population.

OVERLOADED RICKSHAWS



The traffic department is yet to take action on overloaded auto-rickshaws running amidst congested roads in capital city.

General meeting of Ch'garh College alumni association today

Raipur, Mar 03: The general meeting of Y o g a n a d a m Chhattisgarh College Alumni Association will be organized on

Saturday, 04.03.2023 at 11.30 am in the college. All the registered members of the Alumni Association will discuss college's academic, cul-

tural and infrastructure development. College's expansion activities will also be discussed on the permission of Association head.

Youth arrested on charges of murdering CA's son paraded



Raipur, Mar 03: Police on Friday paraded a youth named Rohit Yadav who was arrested in connection with the incident of murder of a CA's son in Samta Colony area on Thursday night. CA's son was murdered near Krishna Adlabs in Samta Colony area of Raipur with a scissor over transaction of Rs 2000. Shortly after the incident, the police took the killer into custody. Now he is being questioned about the incident. The boy who was murdered was the son of a CA of a big business group. Police arrested three more suspects in the incident this afternoon.

According to information available one Priyanshu Agarwal (19) was talking with his 4-5 friends in Samta Colony area. In the meantime Rohit Yadav (19) reached

at around 8.30 pm and started arguing with Priyanshu over money. The boys present on the spot told that Rohit raised his hand on Priyanshu. When Priyanshu opposed Rohit attacked him several times with the scissor kept with him. Priyanshu died due to excessive bleeding.

When Priyanshu was stabbed with scissor, some of Priyanshu's friends who were present on the spot ran away. People around brought him to the nearest private hospital, but he died. As soon as the information about Rohit was received, the police caught him. Rohit is a resident of Jorapara and runs flower decoration shop being near Samta Colony. In the investigation so far, police came to know that Rohit was in contact with history-sheeter Arun Yadav.

Ganja worth Rs 2 lakh seized in platform number 2

Of railway station Raipur

Raipur, Mar 03: Taking major action, Raipur RPF post caught two ganja smugglers and recovered ganja worth Rs 2 lakh from their possession.

Complying with the instructions of Amiya Nandan Sinha, Inspector General (RPF) Bilaspur and Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Divisional Safety Commissioner Raipur, the joint team comprising MK Mukherjee Inspector RPF Post Raipur, Divisional Task Team in-charge Sub Inspector AZ Chowdhary, SI S Thanapati, Head Constable VC Banjara



and A Devesh Singh caught two persons with two air bags containing ganja from Platform 2 of Raipur station after receiving tip off from an informer. During interrogation arrested persons revealed their names as 32-year old Ravishankar Lodhi, son of Chowra Ram Lodhi, resident of

Budena village under Gotegeon Police Station in Narsinghpur district of Madhya Pradesh and 20-year old Manu Keut, son of Dhudhnath Keut, resident of Salepada Sapahal falling under jurisdiction of Khariyar Road Police Station in Nuapada district of Odhisha.

Many police personnel injured in violent attack



and they all left for the place of controversy. Gondwana samaj charged that it was on Feb14, Durge Bhagat reportedly caused disrespect to the flag of Gondwana Samaj. This demonstration and protest was held for arrest of Durge Bhagat under leadership of District President J Lingo. On this occasion police force in large number was deployed.

Situation under control

Few police personnel have received injuries, including police officers as well and otherwise the situation is normal. The police is handling this delicate matter with due sensitivity and patience. The police force is present at the site of incident along with SP and 1 am leaving for the venue. Anand Chabda-IG Durg.

broken and during exchange of hands and lathis, there was attack on one of the IT's head and many other policemen are reported to have received injuries. The demonstrators resorted to stone-pelting on the policemen trying to control the mob. At the site of incident SP Lal Umed Singh and SP Janmajay Mohabe were present and trying to explain to the mob and bring situation under control.

As per information, the members of Gondwana Samaj turned aggressive over some disrespect to their 'Satrangi Flag'. Thousands of members of Gondwana samaj held a meeting in Rajnandgaon

By members of Gondwana Samaj with police over disrespect to their Flag

SP's finger and ASI's hand got broken

Kawardha, Mar 03: Mob in Kawardha city turned aggressive on disrespect to flag of the Gondwana Samaj and they entered into physical fight and scuffle with the police and there are reports that the SP Lal Umed Singh broke one of his fingers and hand of an ASP also got

Raipur 2nd best performing district in country



Raipur, Mar 03: In the Swachh Survekshan Gramin 2023 under the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin, district Raipur has secured the second position in the national level ranking by performing best in the Quarterly Progress Ranking be-

tween the quarter October to December 2022. The survey was conducted by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. Haveri district of Karnataka has got the first position and Bengaluru Urban District of Karnataka has got the

third position. Raipur district of Chhattisgarh has got the second position in the first star category. Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure while congratulating the people of the district and the team of Swachh Bharat Mission, said that it was possible only because of everyone's efforts. National level ranking is calculated according to Delta Achievement Score under Swachh Survekshan Gramin, Collector said.

Joint ROLC and prize distribution ceremony held

Central Govt office, Banks and PSUs were given awards for excellent implementation of Rajbasha

Raipur, Mar 03: Under the chairmanship of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Ajay Kumar Mishra a Joint Regional Official Language Conference (ROLC) and prize distribution ceremony was organised on March 3 at Shaheed Smarak Bhawan, Raipur.

During this event Anshuli Arya, Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Meenakshi Jolly, Joint Secretary of Rajbasha Department, Shailesh Verma, Regional Head, Central Bank of India and Chairman NARAKAS(TOLIC) - TOWN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IMPLEMENTATION



From left - Shailesh Verma, Regional Head, Central Bank of India and Chairman NARAKAS, Meenakshi Jolly, Joint Secretary Official Language, Ajay Kumar Mishra, Union Minister of State for Home, Anshuli Arya, Secretary Official Language, and Sanjeev Kumar RM, Railway were present on the occasion of Joint ROLC and prize distribution ceremony held at Shaheed Smarak Bhawan, Raipur on Friday.

COMMITTEE) Bank, Raipur, Sanjeev Kumar, DRM Railways and Chairman NARAKAS (TOLIC) Raipur for Central Government Departments, were also present on the dais as special guests. During the event various departments and offices of Central Government, Banks and Public Sector Undertakings

were given awards for their exemplary work in the implementation of Rajbasha. Also present on the occasion were large number of senior executives/officers of Central Government Departments/ Banks/Public Sector undertakings from Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Goa, Daman and Deu.

Bhojpuri superstar Pawan Singh to perform today

In Holi Mahostav at WRS Colony

Holi celebration organised by Sarva Uttar Bhartiya Samaj

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 03: Sarva Uttar Bhartiya Samaj will organize Holi Mahostav on March 4, Saturday from 6 pm at Dussehra Ground, WRS Colony, Raipur.

Addressing the media-persons on Friday, the head of the organizing committee and social workers Ravindra Singh and Ranjay Singh said that Bhojpuri's superstar singer Pawan Singh will perform in this Holi festival program on Saturday.



This will be his first stage performance in Raipur. They said that Holi will be played with flowers.

Famous Bhojpuri singers Arvind Akela Kallu ji, Shilpi Raj, Riya Jiya will also give a colorful performance in this programme. Social workers and program organizers Ravindra Singh and Ranjay Singh informed that the Holi Mahostav will be organised by the Sarva Uttar Bhartiya Samaj at Dussehra Ground WRS Colony from 6 pm on

March 4, Saturday. Former Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh, MP Sunil Soni, MLA Satyanarayan Sharma, Brijmohan Agarwal, Vikas Upadhyay, Kuldeep Juneja, former minister Rajesh Munat, Aam Aadmi spokesperson Sanjeev Jha and other dignitaries will participate in the Holi festival program. Mr. Ravindra Singh said that the preparations for the celebration of Holi festival are being done in full swing. Stages and stalls are being prepared. Artists

will present Bhojpuri and Holi songs in this programme. More than 50 thousand spectators will enjoy this event. Mr. Singh told that the main objective of this program is to increase brotherhood in the society and to make the importance of Holi festival accessible to the masses. On the occasion the members of the organising committee, Saroj Singh, Akhilesh Singh, Parma Singh, Vikas Mishra, BK Singh, Shiv Singh, Rajesh Singh, Sunil Singh, Jayant Singh, MN Pandey, Kanhaiya Singh, Ajay Singh, Yashwant Mishra, Chandan Pathak, Jeet Singh, Ajit Singh, Gauri Shankar Gupta, Ranjay Singh, Ravindra Singh, Satish Singh, Dilip Gupta and other members of the committee were present.

State level women's conference today

Raipur, Mar 03: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will attend the state level women's conference on March 04 at 12 noon at BTI Ground located in Shankar Nagar, Raipur. The conference is being organized by the Women and Child Development Department on the occasion of International Women's Day. The program will be presided over by Anila Bhendiya. Many public representatives including Parliamentary Secretary Rashmi Ashish Singh will participate in the event. On this occasion, Chief Minister Baghel will honor women officers for their commendable work. He will also visit the stalls set up in Mahila Madai organized for the sale of goods manufactured by self-help groups in the BTI Ground premises and will also distribute cheques of loan amount to women self-help groups and women from Chhattisgarh Mahila Kosh.

First prize to UCO Bank, Zonal Office, Raipur

For doing excellent work in the field of official language

Raipur, Mar 03: The Joint Regional Official Language Conference-2023 of Central and Western Regions was organized by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in Raipur on Friday. The chief guest of today's program was Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Ajay Kumar Mishra. Secretary of the



Department of Official Language Mrs. Anshuli Arya and Joint Secretary Dr. Meenakshi Jolly were specially present in the conference. In today's programme,

various banks, insurance companies, undertakings, central government offices and town official language implementation committees were awarded for their excel-

lent work in the field of official language. In this sequence, UCO Bank, Circle Office, Raipur was awarded the first prize in Regional Official Language Award for the excellent implementation of the Official Language Policy of the Government of India during the financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22. On behalf of the bank, Mrs. Lucky Nayak, Zonal Head, received this prestigious award from the hands of the Union Minister of State for Home, Mr. Ajay Kumar Mishra.

EPFO, Regional Office, Raipur to organise 'Pension Adalat'

Raipur, Mar 03: Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office, Raipur, Chhattisgarh organises 'Pension Adalat' programme for redressal of the grievances received from pensioners by the Regional P.F. Commissioner. The time schedule of the programme scheduled for 10th March 2023 is as under EPF Pensioner - 11.00 am to 01.00 pm at Conference Hall, 1st Floor, Bhawisyanidhi Bhawan, Pandri, Raipur. The concerned pensioners are requested to

send their specific grievance on or before March 09, 2023 positively through postal mode or by visiting office, super scribing "Pension Adalat" on the envelope. It should also be noted that the complete PF Account number/PPO number and other necessary and relevant service details/particulars along with available documentary evidences in support of the grievance should explicitly be mentioned/enclosed. All the concerned are requested to avail this opportunity.

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Prof. Chakrawal scripts another historic MoU for GGV

● **MoU signed between GGV Bilaspur and Westford Education Group of London**

Bilaspur, Mar 03: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) and Westford Education Group of London, UK on March 02, 2023. The MoU was signed by Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal on behalf of the GGV, Bilaspur and Mr. David Gleave on behalf of Westford Education Group, London, UK.

Both Institutions will benefit from the MoU. Under this MoU, the latest programs and efforts being made by both the institutions in the field of academics, research, and innovation will be shared. Research scholars and teachers of both the institutions will be able to make use of the sophisticated analytical instruments facility available with them. This will ensure speedy conduct of quality research work.

Students, researchers, and faculty of the Westford Education Group, London will be able to conduct in the field of physics and interdisciplinary research at the 3 MV Pelletron Accelerator Center available at the Central University. This research facility is available only at selected higher educational institutions of the country.



Under this MoU, students, researchers and teachers of both the institutes can make educational visits to each other's institutes for research and other academic activities. Both the institutes will jointly organize seminars, short-term programmes, workshops and symposia on various topics. Earlier, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal discussed in detail the university activities with the teachers of Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chakrawal also exchanged views on the basic points of the agreement between the two universities. He discussed various provisions of National Education Policy-2020 which can be implemented by changing the courses according to the local needs.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Chakrawal said that the emphasis in the National Education Policy 2020 is on providing value-based education to create well-rounded graduates, who will work for sustainable development with a dedicated spirit towards the society as well as the nation. He said, "Different types of opportunities can be provided to the youth along with quality education by including skill development, proper employment opportunities, motivating start-ups, providing opportunities for research and innovation etc. in the curriculum".

Endorsing the suggestions provided by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chakrawal, the teachers of Thammasat University appreciated the various positive efforts and initiatives being taken by the Guru Ghasidas Central University. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chakrawal was honored by presenting a memento on this occasion.

Complete approved construction works at earliest: Commissioner

Instructions for show cause notices to absent assistant commissioners

Reviews meeting of Central Region Tribal Development Authority



Raipur, Mar 03: Divisional Commissioner Yashwant Kumar held a review meeting of the Central Region Tribal Development Authority today and gave necessary instructions to the concerned officers. He said that short-term and long-term plans have been prepared to speed up development in the tribal sub-plan areas. He reviewed the progress, complete and incomplete status of the works approved in the sub-plan areas in the financial years 21-22 and 22-23. Expressing serious displeasure over the possible lack of progress in the approved works, he asked to complete them at the earliest. Instructions were given to speed up the works by taking a meeting of the sarpanchs. As per the instructions of the government, it was also

said that action will be taken according to the rules for negligence in the works of the concerned areas. Instructions were given to issue show cause notices on the absence of Assistant Commissioners of Kawardha, Balod and Rajnandgaon. Delay in implementation of short term and long term plans for development of tribal sub-plan area will not be tolerated, the Divisional Commissioner warned. He instructed to complete

100 percent of the approved construction works before the meeting to be held on March 23.

Deputy Commissioner Sarita Tiwari, officials from tribal sub-plan areas of Dhamtari, Gariaband, Mahasamund, Balodabazar-Bhatapara, Kabirdham, Bilaspur, Gaurela Pendra Marwahi, Mungeli, Janjgir-Champa, entire revenue district Korba under the Central Region Tribal Development Authority were present.

Adivasi Congress to take out 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'

● **In reserved wards under RMC**

Raipur, Mar 03: In a release issued Adivasi Congress District President Bhavani Singh Markam informed that 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' will be taken out in three reserve wards under RMC and the wards selected are Guru Ghansidas Ward no 49, Kashiram Nagar Vidhan Sabha North, Ravindranath Tagore Ward no 55, Vidhan Sabha Rural and Pt Ishwari



Charan Shukla Ward no 2, Vidhan Sabha West. Markam said, as part of the yatra to be taken out in his leadership activists will visit door-to-door and also convey about the public welfare schemes of the state government. This yatra will be flagged off by MLAs of VS Rural, North and West.

Three cheating cases reported from Janjgir during 12th Board exam

Raipur, Mar 03: Board examinations are being conducted systematically by Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE). All arrangements have been made in the examination centers for the convenience of the students. Flying squads have been formed in all the districts to prevent cases of copying.

CGBSE Secretary Professor VK Goyal said that the higher secondary examination began on March 01 and the high

school examination on March 02. High School Hindi paper went off today on March 02. As many as 3 lakh 35 thousand 152 candidates have been registered in the examination.

Information about three cheating cases has been received on the board's portal in Nawagarh Government Boys School in Janjgir district. Today 6 thousand 539 candidates remained absent in the high school examination.

Indigo awards Kirti Vyas



Raipur, Mar 03: Indigo Airlines Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in-charge and MD (Sales) Vikrant Deshmukh and Indigo Chhattisgarh Head and Manager Garh Abhishek Sharma awarded Vyas Holidays with Best Agent Award for 2022. Speaking on this occasion Kirti Vyas termed Indigo as a most satisfying and agent friendly airline. He added, airlines has always given preference to the comfort of air passengers. It has connected Raipur to all the metro

cities apart from Prayagraj, Lucknow, Bhubaneswar, Goa, Cochin, Bhopal and Indore, thereby facilitating in the development of Chhattisgarh. Vyas mentioned that discussions were held for connecting Raipur with Shirdi, Patna, Amritsar and Jaipur in future. Both the officials gave a positive signal for starting these routes in future. At present Indigo operates 26 flights from Raipur connecting 13 cities and owns 90% market share of Chhattisgarh.

Timely diagnosis, treatment of ear disorders key to prevention of deafness: Dr. Manya Thakur



Raipur, Mar 03: World hearing day is held on 3rd March every year to create awareness on prevention of hearing loss and deafness. It also aims at promoting ear and hearing care across the population. This year the theme is 'Ear and hearing care for all, Let's make it reality'.

On this world hearing day few tips for healthy hearing are:

1. Get your hearing checked regularly
2. Wear hearing aid regularly and as advised
3. Use ear plugs in noisy surroundings
4. Use Earbuds of appropriate size and material and avoid using for longer duration, if necessary follow rule of 1:20 i.e. take 20 minutes break after 1 hour

5. Avoid Otoxic drugs and inform your physician before taking any Ototoxic medication even if you have mild hearing loss
6. Prefer good quality headphones over earphones and clean them regularly to avoid infection
7. Consult nearby ENT specialist if there is pain, discharge, vertigo ringing sensation in Ear.
8. Avoid taking over the counter drugs for minor ENT ailments
9. Avoid itching or self cleaning ear by ear bud, pins, keyring etc.
10. Use Chewing gum, suck lozenges or instill topical nasal decongestants in nose to avoid barotrauma while air travel.

BIS organized a two-day workshop

Raipur, Mar 03: Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) organized a two-day Workshop on Draft Standardized Development and Building Regulations, 2022 for the State of Chhattisgarh at Raipur on 01-02 March 2023.

The objective of the Workshop was to disseminate the draft development and building regulations prepared by BIS in line with the National Building Code of India 2016 as well as leading national and international practices for better, efficient and transparent building regulation. This document is also aimed towards bringing uniformity in structuring and detailing of provisions in the regulations as well as the key approval processes throughout the country as per requirement of the various states/UTs and their concerned bodies. The draft regulations have been prepared in a structured and cogent manner for simple understanding and to avoid any scope for multiple interpretations. When adopted by the states/urban local bodies REGULATIONS will ensure their effective implementation by the concerned stakeholders particularly by the building professionals and the authorities involved in building regulation. This will in turn ensure safety, sustainability, durability and accessibility in buildings and built environment.



The Workshop was attended by officials of the concerned Department such as Town and Country Planning Department, Raipur Development Authority, Chhattisgarh Housing Board, Chhattisgarh Police Housing Corporation, Raipur Development Authority, Central Public Works Department, etc.

Shri Sumit Kumar, Head, Raipur Branch Office, BIS welcomed the delegates to the Workshop and apprised them about the various activities of BIS. Shri Yudhisthir Naik, Chief Engineer, CPWD, the Chief Guest of the Workshop, congratulated BIS for the mammoth exercise carried out by them for helping the States in bringing out simple yet comprehensive building regulations integrating various important safety norms. He urged the delegates to fully utilize the opportunity to understand the Draft Regulations and suggest improvements, if any in the same. Smt. Madhurima Madhav, Scientist-D & Joint Director, Civil Engineering Department, BIS DETAILLED about the specific features of the document as well as explained the contents of the various chapters of the draft regulations. Smt Madhav urged the participants to critically examine the document and share their valuable feedback with BIS.

21st All India Inter Agricultural University Sports competition



● **Excellent performance of Agricultural University Raipur: won two gold, one silver and one bronze medals**

Raipur, Mar 03: In the 21st All India Inter-Agricultural University Sports Competition organised by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at Hisar (Haryana), the players of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University performed excellently, winning two gold, one silver and one bronze medals under various events and secured the sixth position. Representing Indira Gandhi Agricultural University in this competition, students of M.Sc. of Agriculture College, Raipur, Vijay Kumar won the long jump event and

student of M.Sc Agronomy, Sameer Camaro, a student of the Department of Agricultural Meteorology, won the gold medal in the javelin throw event. Similarly, in the women's long jump event, Ms. Nilavati Nag, a student of Agriculture College, Bemetara, won a silver medal and in the 1500 meter race, Rajesh Kumar Sori, a student of Agriculture College, Rajnandgaon, won a bronze medal. The winning participants met Vice Chancellor Dr. Girish Chandel under the leadership of Dean Student Welfare, Dr. Sanjay Sharma and gave information about the awards received by them. Vice Chancellor Dr. Girish Chandel felicitated the medal winning players. Congratulating and best

wishes to the medal winning players as well as all the players in the team, he hoped to perform even better in the future. He assured all possible cooperation from the administration for the development of sports and sportspersons in the university. It is notable that the 21st All India Inter-Agriculture University Sports Competition was organised by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in Hisar (Haryana) from February 20 to 24 this year. In which 66 Agricultural University teams from across the country participated. The students of Indira Gandhi Agriculture University participated in the event under the guidance of Sports Officer of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University Dr. R.K. Thakur and Dr. Subuhi Nishad.

'Child Protection Month' from Feb 28 to March 31

● **To improve the nutrition of infants in the state**

Raipur, Mar 03: For better care of health and nutrition of infants, 'Child Protection Month' is being organised in the state from February 28 to March 31. During this, prophylactic dose of Vitamin 'A' will be given to the children from nine months to five years. Along with this, iron and folic acid syrup will be distributed to the children from six months to five years. A target has been set to provide vitamin 'A' to 25.60 lakh children and iron and folic acid to 26.90 lakh 90 thousand children across the state during the month of child protection. At the field level, health workers, Mitanins, Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi helpers will make the campaign successful by giving medicines to the children. Activities of national health programs related to the promotion of child health and the delivery of services are also being strengthened during Shishu Sanrakshan Maah. Nutritious diet is necessary for good physical and mental development of the baby and prevention of infection. A six-month-old child must be

given complementary foods along with breastfeeding. Deputy Director of Child and Health Program Dr. V.R. Bhagat said that there is a provision to provide nutritious food and hot food through different programs by the Women and Child Development Department to ensure proper nutrition in the state. As a supplement to this program, Child Protection Month is organised, which is very helpful in protecting children from malnutrition and anemia. Dr. Bhagat said that during the child protection month, children between six months and five years of age would be given IFA twice a week by visiting Mitanin's home. At the same time, children from nine months to five years will also be given vitamin 'A' supplements. In the first two years, as the child grows up, he suffers from frequent diseases like cough, cold, diarrhoea. The child needs a nutritious diet to protect and fight these infections. If after six months the child is not taking complementary foods properly then he may be malnourished. Malnourished children are more at risk of getting infected. Children should be fed only fresh and home-made food.

Judges reach village Jatam in legal awareness camp

Jagdalpur, Mar 03: As per instructions by the National Legal Services Authority New-Delhi and Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority to implement and publicize the law & legal procedure, a Legal Awareness camp was organized in Gram Panchayat of Badapara on Wednesday, March 1 in village Jatam-1-2.

In the legal awareness camp organized above, Alok Kumar, District Judge-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority informed the villagers about legal service schemes. He motivated them to take advantage of the Legal Services Scheme and made them aware of the fundamental duties and rights. Also, Motor Vehicle Act, Torture Act, Labor Law and other important legal information were provided. Geeta Kumar, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority motivated the residents of the said villages to get free legal advice and assistance. Providing information about the schemes run by the government, provided legal information related to women's legal rights, domestic violence. The residents of the



said villages and the students of the school were inspired by the conduct of judges Ajay Singh Meena and Manish Thakur to attain education by remaining restrained. Along with this, it was told that rights can be obtained only through education. Information related to sexual harassment was also provided to the present students. During this, Alok Kumar, District Judge-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Geeta Brij, Secretary District

Legal Services Authority, Ajay Singh Meena, Behavioral Judge, Manish Thakur Behavioral Judge, Sarpanch Smt. Dayawati, Police Station Parpa Assistant Sub-Inspector Dilip Meshram and Village Jatam Villagers and students along with the cluster principal, cluster coordinator and head teacher, and employees of District Legal Services Authority Mundiprasad Joshi, Kuleshran Markam and pararegal volunteers Jagannath Bharti were present.

Student of Class 7th, Nargis appears in Class 10th Hindi paper

- First case of its kind in Balod district and entire Ch'garh
- Has been granted permission to appear in Class 10th, because of her IQ-level

Central Chronicle News

Balod, Mar 03: The Class 10th Board exam of CBSE started today, and students were seen coming out of the examination hall with big smiles on their faces after the Hindi paper.

This exam is particularly important for Balod district because Nargis Khan, a 12-year-old student studying in Class 7th at Swami Atmanand Excellent School, has

been permitted by the state government to appear in the Class 10th Board exam. When she sat alongside Class 10th girls, it was not only an honour for her but also for all the other girls appearing in the exam.

This is the first case of its kind, not only for the entire state, where a Class 7th student has appeared in the Class 10th Board exam based solely on her talent and capabilities.

Had scores 99% marks in all classes

Nargis Khan has scored 99% marks in all her classes so far. She is a student of Class 7th at Swami Atmanand Government English Medium School (SAGEMS). Moreover, she can solve Maths questions of Class 10th very easily



and speaks fluent English.

Dream fulfilled

Nargis Khan expressed her desire to appear in the Class 10th Board exam due to her talent, and she put forth her demand before the CM. The government hailed her firmness and confidence and granted her permission to appear in the Class 10th Board exam. Her dream of appearing in the Class 10th

Ready for tough subjects ahead

Nargis Khan spoke to media persons and informed them that she gave the Hindi paper very confidently and solved all the questions easily, without

Board exam for the Hindi paper got fulfilled here on Friday. She informed the media that she did not find anything uncomfortable during the exam.

Ready for tough subjects ahead

Nargis Khan spoke to media persons and informed them that she gave the Hindi paper very confidently and solved all the questions easily, without

facing any difficulties. When asked how prepared she was to face the tough subjects ahead, she said she was ready for all the subjects and was confident that she would pass the Class 10th Board exam with good marks.

Mother-Father confident that she will be among top-5

Nargis Khan's parents expressed confidence that she would be among the top 5 students in the Class 10th Board exam. They understood the level of education of their daughter during the Corona period, and since then, they have given her free rein for her studies. Nargis is doing everything as per her will and desire, and her parents are very hopeful that she would meet their expectations. Nargis

parents added that if the results of the Class 10th Board of CBSE are declared, their daughter would make it to among top-5.

IQ test held on June 15

In order to appear in the Class 10th Board exam, it was compulsory for Nargis to get her IQ test done, and it was conducted on June 15 by a team of medical professionals from Hyderabad in Rajnandgaon.

Firoz, Nargis's father, informed the media that the medical team had accepted that Nargis can appear in the Class 10th Board exam. In July, the District Medical Board submitted Nargis's medical certificate, and all the required documents were sent to the CG Board of Secondary Education.

Compassionate appointment given to two persons

By Tribal Development Department



Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Mar 03: Under the guidance of Collector Chandan Kumar, after the accidental death of the departmental government servants under the district, the dependent family members were given compassionate appointment in the post of peon (at Collector rate) under the establishment of Contingency Fund by the Tribal Development Department. The appointment letter was distributed by Joint Collector and in-charge Assistant

Commissioner Aastha Rajput. In compassionate appointment, Mohan Singh Thakur father Late Bhav Singh Thakur village Kudalgaon (Guchhagada Para) post Kachnar Tehsil Bastar was given compassionate appointment in Balak Ashram Keraguda development block Bastar. Apart from this, Ramadai Nag, W/o Late Mohan Singh Nag, has been given compassionate appointment in Kanya Ashram, Baniyagaon development block, Bastar, village-post Khorkhosa (Soraguda).

Newly appointed MP representatives felicitated



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Gourela Pendra Marwahi, Mar 03: Newly appointed MP Representatives were honored, here in a function organized by district member BJP leader Brijlal Rathore, district member Pawan Paikra, and district member Monika Kori. Bilaspur Lok Sabha MP and BJP State President Arun Sau have appointed his representatives of Gourela Pendra in the past days. Gourela's newly ap-

pointed MP's representative Tapas Sharma, Rakhi Singh Gehlot, Mohit Rajput, Alok Jain, Murari Yadav, Ramprasad Rathore, Pushpendra Tripathi, Dileshwar Rajput, Pendra's MP's representative Kant Chaturvedi, Devi Singh, Vinay Suryavani, VP Singh, Kaushal Singh, Saurabh Agarwal, Mukesh Sonu Wadhvani, Arvind Namdev, Rakesh Shrivastava, Jitendra Soni were honored by the leaders by flowers and applying Tilak.

On this occasion, BJP leader Mathura Soni, Raja Upendra Bahadur Singh, Sandeep Jaiswal congratulated the MP representatives and the vote of thanks was expressed by State Working Committee member of Yuva Morcha, Pawan Paikra. On this occasion, District Vice President of BJP Dilip Yadav, Kuber Sarrati, Sandeep Singhai of Minority Morcha along with a large number of public representatives and workers were present.

ABVP stages protest outside the College

- Demands not to get any other form filled by students

Central Chronicle News

Berla, Mar 03: As & when the students face problems in entrance exam or its result, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) is always in the field in organisational, creativity and to register protest. The exams of Hemchandra Yadav University are going to start from March 13 and the students are ready with their preparations.

At present the students after issuing of admission card are coming to Colleges for signing in their admission card. In this ABVP has come to know that the students apart from signing, are



made to sign in an additional form and asking for yellow card without any prior information. In this the students from far-flung area are facing problems, as the exams are nearing.

On this ABVP Berla unit staged protest and said that at the time of signing on the admission letter, no other form should be filled up and the students who have taken books from the College library be given additional time to submit their books, so that they can prepare for the exams

easily. In support of above demands, ABVP staged massive protest and the Principal of the College informed that signing on the admission card is not important.

On this occasion, ABVP convener Durgesh Verma, District convener Kishan Sahu, Nagar co-secy. Shaileendra Sahu, Hemalaya Patil, Gunjal Sahu, Social media chief Ishwar Prasad Gulab, campus secy. Jatini Patil, Lavkush, Ajay, Praveen Dhruv and others were present.

WSHGs are making natural 'gula' and selling it

- With the help of Sihong Mart and Bihahan
- Women of Darbha are saving ancient Holi colors with Tesu flowers

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Mar 03: In Alva village of Darbha, women of Patelpara are preparing 'Gula' for Holi from Palash flowers. The name of their group is Genda Phool Self Help Group. This group of about 12 women has so far prepared around 50 kg of gula. It is being taken to the Seamart through the Gram Panchayat.



will be able to buy chemical free Gula. To prepare these colours, palash flowers were dried and made powder, after which maize flour was added to make it smooth. Natural things have also been used to make them colourful. For example, red vegetables have been used for red color, turmeric for yellow color and Fenugreek and green vegetables have been used for green color. Group member Savitri Mandavi says that she

that the beauty of Rituraj Vasantha is not complete without Palash. Palash flower is considered to be the decoration of spring. Good for skin and health. Nowadays, the bright and attractive colors found in the markets are chemical-rich. Due to which the skin gets damaged.

Not only this, these colors found in the market are also harmful for the skin of children. Even through breathing, chemical-rich colors harm the lungs by reaching our body, that is why experts recommend that the colors used for Holi should be chemical-free. The natural gula being prepared by these women of Bihahan is completely chemical free, hence this gula will prove to be a good alternative to the colors available in the market.

had received an order to make 1 quintal of Gula, which the women of her group are preparing with great effort. Savitri tells that this Gula of hers is not harmful for health as it is chemical free. It can be used by children and old people. These women will also sell their natural gula in the local markets. The Palash flower used to make natural gula has many names. It is also called Tesu Dhak Parsa Keshuk and Kesu. It is believed

Collector, SP visited remote areas of Bhairamgarh block

- Reviews various development works

Central Chronicle News

Bijapur, Mar 03: Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara, Superintendent of Police Anjaneya Varshney and CEO District Panchayat Ravi Kumar Sahu conducted a surprise visit to remote areas of Bhairamgarh block and took stock of various development works.



demand of hand-pumps for drinking water including school, Anganwadi centre, ration shop. It should be known that this is a very remote and inaccessible area where a new security camp has been established. An important road too has been constructed from Gangalur, Pusnar, Burji to Bechupal, which will directly benefit thousands of villagers from various sectors like traffic, transportation, school, education, health, agriculture. On the other hand the administration's access is ensured in these villages of remote areas will be easy to provide basic facilities like health, education, drinking water, ration shops.

During this they observed new security camp established in remote area Timmeran. On the other hand, duo met the villagers and got acquainted with their demands and problems, where the villagers talked about providing quick basic facilities on the

आम सूचना

न्यायालय नजूल अधिकारी कोण्डगांव, जिला कोण्डगांव / इस्तरार //

गणसूचक क्रमांक 20230120/100006/अ-4/2022-23

एतदु द्वारा आम जनता को सूचित किया जाता है कि आवेदिका श्रीमती विद्यावती यादव पिता श्री राजेश प्रसाद यादव जाति अहीर निवासी विकासनगर कोण्डगांव तहसील व जिला कोण्डगांव द्वारा नगर कोण्डगांव को मोहल्ला-मण्डोरी-कोण्डगांव स्थित भूमि शीट नम्बर 2 भूखण्ड क्रमांक 69/1/ अधिन्यास क्रमांक 19 क्षेत्रफल 4800 वर्गफीट भूमि का भूमि स्वामी इक में परिवर्तित (प्री-होल्ड) किया जाने हेतु श्रीमान कलेक्टर महोदय जिला कोण्डगांव से इस व्यावसायिक को ज्ञापन प्रतिलिपि हेतु प्रक्रिया प्रारम्भ हुआ है।

उक्त संवेध में यदि किसी व्यक्ति या संस्था को किसी प्रकार का कोई दावा या आपत्ति करना हो तो वे दिनांक 10.03.2023 तक अपना दावा आपत्ति मेरे सम्मुख कार्यालय समय में स्वयं अथवा अपने अधिभाषक के माध्यम से उपस्थित होकर प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं। समयावधि के पश्चात् प्राप्त दावा आपत्ति पर कोई सुनवाई नहीं किया जायेगा।

यह इस्तरार मेरे इस्तरार एवं परमुद्रा से आज दिनांक 20.02.2023 को जारी किया जाता है।

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited (TCHFL) under the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Rules already issued detailed Demand Notice dated below under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) (all singularly or together referred to "Obligors"/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice, as per details given below. Copies of the said Notices are served by Registered Post A.D. and are available with the undersigned, and the said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) to pay to TCHFL, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice(s), the amount indicated herein below against their respective names, together with further interest as detailed below from the respective dates mentioned below in column (d) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Obligor(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to TCHFL by the said Obligor(s) respectively.

S. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s)/ Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice & Date of NPA
1	TCHHF02600 00100084533	Sunil Kumar Badlani (Borrower), Mr. Mukesh Kumar Badlani, M/s A Mohan Das Jewellers, Mrs. Kiran Badlani, Mrs. Bhavika Badlani, Mrs. Anjana Badlani (Co-borrowers)	Rs. 53,39,998/-	24-02-2023 04-12-2022
2	TCHHF02600 00100084532	Sunil Kumar Badlani (Borrower), Mr. Mukesh Kumar Badlani, M/s A Mohan Das Jewellers, Mrs. Kiran Badlani, Mrs. Bhavika Badlani, (Co-borrowers)	Rs. 68,11,122/-	24-02-2023 04-12-2022

Description of the Secured Assets/ Immoveable Properties/Mortgaged Properties:
Property No. 1: All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property being a plot of land, located at Mouza- Dumartalab, Ph. No. 104 (Old) 35 (New), Kharsa No. 166/27 (Part), Measuring an Area of 1250 Sq. Ft. or 116.17 Sq. Mtrs., in Pandit Ishwaricharan Shukla Ward, Ward No. 14, R.N.M. Raipur 1, Tehsil and District Raipur, in the state of Chhattisgarh, Pin - 492 001. The Property is Bounded By: On the North - Land Under Kharsa No. 166, On the South - 30 Ft Wide Road, On the East- Pipe Factory, On the West- Land of Mamta Badlani, and

Property No. 2: All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property being a plot of land, located at Mouza- Dumartalab, Ph. No. 104 (Old) 35 (New), Kharsa No. 166/30 (Part), Measuring an Area of 1250 Sq. Ft. or 116.17 Sq. Mtrs., in Pandit Ishwaricharan Shukla Ward, Ward No. 14, R.N.M. Raipur 1, Tehsil and District Raipur, in the state of Chhattisgarh, Pin - 492 001. The Property is Bounded By: On the North - Road, On the South- House of Agarwal, On the East- Plot of Kailash, On the West-Block-A

"With further interest, additional interest at the rate as more particularly stated in respective Demand Notices dated mentioned above, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/or realization. If the said Obligor(s) shall fail to make payment to TCHFL as aforesaid, then TCHFL shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s)/Immoveable Property (ies) under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset(s)/Immoveable Property(ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of TCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Sd/-
Date: 04-03-2023, Place : Raipur
Authorised Officer

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071. **Branch Office:** Krishna Complex, Opp. Aurobindo Netralaya, Main Road, Sadar Bazar, Raipur-492001.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISOR RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date, Time & Place for Submission of Bid
1	45119420000081	1) Mr. Vijay Chunnam, S/o. Ballyiya Chunnam, 2) Mrs. Anuradha Chunnam, W/o. Vijay Chunnam	25.04.2022	20.08.2022	Rs.14,37,797.20 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Seven and Twenty Paise Only) as of 28.02.2023	10.03.2023 09.00 AM to 05.30 PM	Rs.12,40,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Forty Thousand Only)	Rs.1,24,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Only)	20.03.2023 @ 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM	18.03.2023 before 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, Krishna Complex, Opp. Aurobindo Netralaya, Main Road, Sadar Bazar, Raipur-492001.

Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Kharsa No.475/122/K (Part), total measuring area of 900 Sq.ft., together with construction thereon, Ph. No.105/45 (Others), R.N.M. Raipur-1, Mouza Mova, Situated at V Vihar, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Ward No.27, within the limits of Nagar Nigam Raipur, Tehsil & District Raipur (C.G.). Bounded by: East by: Road, West by: Others Land, North by: Remaining land of Mr. Sukdeo and South by: Remaining land of Mr. Sukdeo.

The properties are being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the E-Auction will be conducted "On Line". All payments relating to purchase of above said property to be made in favour of Jana Small Finance Bank. The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s. 4 Closure at the web portal https://bankauctions.in & www.foreclosureindia.com. For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Bhaskar Naidu, Contact Number: 8142000809/ 8142000061. email id: info@bankauctions.in / subbarao@bankauctions.in For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact Jana Small Finance Bank officers Mr. Ajay Naik (Mob No.9960948687) & Mr. Prashant Yadav (Mob. No. 9200010006) To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagees about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Sd/-
Date: 04.03.2023, Place: Raipur (CG)
Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

One person arrested for cheating youth

On charges of providing employment and taking cash

Balod, Mar 03: The so-called journalist of Balod Rahul Bhutada cheating people in the name of employment has been nabbed. The victims were lodging complaint against him through different officers and finally the police took action on Wednesday and nabbed him under section 420, 294, 323, 506 and 34 of IPC and under SC/ST Act.



vide them employment even after taking the money.

Claiming himself to be a senior journalist, Rahul used to earn confidence of the people first and then used to take money promising them some job. But failing to get any employment for long, the victims lodged complaint with the SP and Collector and pressurised them to arrest him. It was Wednesday, the

police finally nabbed him. The Balod police nabbed him from his rented residence on Wednesday and produced him in the Court and sent him to jail on judicial remand.

In this regard, TI Balod Naveen Borkar informed that employment to victims was assured by the accused in 2020 and since then no arrest of Rahul was made and later investigation was done against him and action was taken last on Wednesday.

It was after generating sufficient evidence and proof against Rahul Bhutada that he was taken into arrest. Presently the inquiry is going on. He had taken money from the tribal youths of Bhaibod in the name of employment.

SP Balod.

BJP Ahirwara workers gherao CM's, PHE Minister residence



Nandini-Ahirwara, Mar 03: The BJP leaders and party workers from Ahirwara VS and Patan VS gheraoed the residence of CM Bhupesh Baghel and PHE Minister Rudra Guru on Wednesday. Ex-MLA Sanwalmar Dahare charged that Congress government in state is cheating people from all sections of the society and are depriving the poor of benefit of shelter on their top under PMAY. They charged that people are searching for their MLA Ahirwara Rudra Guru, in order to apprise him about their problems. Leaders charged that during Congress rule in state, sale of illicit liquor, gambling-'satta' and other social evils are at its

peak, but no step has been taken by the government to check or control it. In this gherao programme, party workers of BJP Ahirwara Mandal were present in large number. In this mainly Ahirwara Nagar Palika President Natwar Tamrakar, state working committee member Ravishankar Singh, Chandrakala Manhar, Mandal President Liman Sahu, Satish Sahu, Anuj Sahu, general secy. Sanjay Pandey, Sudarshan Giri, Raja Sharma, BJYM state working committee member Dau Anand Tamrakar, corporator Shibu Agrawal, Vidyantant Kushwaha, Rahul Chandel, Gendal Joshi and others were present.

Examination preparation and mother orientation program completed



Arang, Mar 03: Examination preparation and mother orientation program was completed in Primary school Karhidih. In the program, information was given about what happened in the school throughout the year, mothers were made aware that children spend more time at home than school, so how can you make them prepare for the exam.

In the context of irregular attendance of the children, the parents were requested to send the children to regular schools so that there is no

harm to their studies during the examination time. Ravi Gilhare, a lecturer in biology from Government Higher Secondary School, Bhansoj, who came in the program, told how we can learn mathematics from the things present in our environment, such as windows, doors, tiles, bulbs, as the shape of mathematics is hidden in all of them.

Omeshwari Dewangan and Vinod Jaiswal told that the preparation for Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Test is going on every Saturday in the school and parents

should take opportunity of the availability. School Management Committee Chairman Khubchand Verma, Head Reader Primary School Karhidih Amarbai Ratre, Assistant Teachers Rajesh Banjare, Vinod Kumar Jaiswal, Inda Jangde, Lecturers Higher Secondary School Bhansoj Ravi Gilhare and Nandkishore Yadav, Teachers Devkumar Sahu, Devashankar Sahu and a large number of mothers including teacher Arun Kumar Patel were present.

BJPPV cell works for strengthening of booths



Dongargaon, Mar 03: The working committee member of BJP Pirchada Varg (BJPPB) Dr Nirendra Sahu took part in the 'Panch Parmeshwar' meeting held at Motipur booth of Dongargaon VS area for strengthening of party's booths. Dr Sahu gave information about public welfare schemes of the central government and the important works done in the state during BJP's rule in the state and apprised the party workers as to how the booths can be made stronger as per party's guidelines.

In the above meeting, General Secy Lal Bahadur Mandal Ramadheen Dewangan, Ramtola Shakti Kendra in-charge Devendra Sahu, Hemlal Verma, Heerapur booth President Somnath Verma, Secretary Arun Verma, BLA, Deepchand Verma, Chagan Verma, Murlil Verma, Lalchand Verma, Teerath Verma, District BJPPVM media in-charge Maheshwar Sahu, Booth President Chandan Sahu, Secy. Suresh Chandravanshi, Lokeshwar Sahu and others were present.

KYMM felicitates talented students



Berla, Mar 03: Kurmi Yuva Mitra Mandal (KYMM) honored the talented students of the society here and the office-bearers of Kurmi Yuva Mitra Mandal of Singraur Kurmi Kshatriya Samaj organized the felicitation ceremony for in which the promising students of class 10th and 12th were felicitated.

The chief guest of the event was Dr. Praveen Verma, member of Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission and was presided over by

Kaushal Singh Verma, the central president of the society, Mithlesh Verma, Vice President of Bemetara Janpad Panchayat, Dau Ghasi Ram Verma, Topendra Singh Verma, Rishi Verma, former president of the society, and Gana Rajendra Verma, Tuwendra Verma, Dharendra Verma, Mohan Verma, Sarpanch Kusmi, Mahesh Verma were the special guests.

The program was organized in the hospitality of Sarpanch Kanteli, Chetan

Verma, Narendra Verma, Anand Verma.

The speakers emphasized about the work being done in the development of the society and said that only the young generation will lead the society in the future. The society moves forward only with the efforts of the youth, they said.

Harish Verma, Chetan Verma, Kaushal Verma, Sumeet Verma, Yogesh Verma, Yashwant Verma, Sanjay Verma and many others were present.

Collector conducts surprise inspection of Board Exam Centers

Gourella, Pendra, Marwahi, Mar 03: District Collector took stock of the arrangements by conducting a surprise inspection of the board examination centers. Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education's Higher Secondary Examination started from March 1 Wednesday with Hindi subject as the first paper.

Collector Priyanka Rishi Mahobia inspected the board examination centers and took stock of the arrangements and inquired about the examination activities including the meeting arrangement of the students appearing for the 12th board examination which started in the examination centers of Government Higher Secondary School Tikarkala Gorela and



Mishri Devi Kanya Higher Secondary School Gorela. The Collector inquired from the principals of both the schools about the attendance of the students involved in the examination and gave necessary instructions for conducting the examination in an orderly manner and signed the inspection register. Collector Mahobia along with Principal of Higher Secondary School Tikarkala Aarti Tiwari inspected the old Higher Secondary School building Tikarkala and direct-

ed to send proposals for renovation of old buildings with tiles and boundary wall of the entire school building complex. Similarly, JD Gupta, Principal of Mishri Devi Higher Secondary School, Gorela, was also instructed to clean the school premises and beautify it by planting colorful flowers and plants during the rainy season. District Nodal (Literacy) Mukesh Kori and member of flying squad Alok Shukla were present during the inspection.

Senior students of SNKM bid farewell

Nandini-Ahirwara, Mar 03: The students of BA-Part-1-2, B.Com. Part-1-2 and B.A., B.Com.-3 were bid touching farewell by the juniors in the farewell programme organised at Shashakiya Nagrik Kalyan Mahavidyalaya (SNKM), Ahirwara here on Wednesday.



BJYM (urban) President Ahirwara Sahil Khan,

Jyoti, Khushi, Suman, Deepika, Anjali, Sohail,

Vijay, Shubham, and others were present.

Govt promoting its schemes in remote areas

Through wall-painting and 'Digital Painting'

Bijapur, Mar 03: The Public Relations (PR) department of the state government in order to take the state government prestigious schemes to the poorest of the poor is promoting the same through wall-painting and 'digital-painting' in remote areas of the district. The villagers by reading about the government schemes on the wall, are getting familiar about the schemes for their welfare and taking initiatives to avail those benefits under the schemes. In the



Swasthya Yojana; Dhanwantari Generic Medical Stores Yojana, loan waiver, Godhan Nyay Yojana, Bijili Bill Half-Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihen

Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana, Swamy Aatmanand Utkrith School, 'Suraji Gaon' and others and it is all receiving good response from the people in remote areas.

Corona survivor submits memo to Collector

Urging for help him and 4 yr old brother under state govt's scheme to survivors of Corona pandemic



brother of 4 yrs old also got affected with corona virus and in this Yamuna somehow got a lifer.

Presently he is staying and somehow living with aged grand-pa's house and facing lots of difficulties in day-to-day life and in education as well. Due to this Yamuna has made a re-

quest to the Collector to pass on the benefits to him under the schemes run by the central and state government and for which he will also be grateful. Seeing the future of mine and his younger brother, he urged to grant sanction of the benefits of the state government.

Youth Parliament organized at Samadhan Mahavidyalaya

Bemetara, Mar 03: Under the aegis of Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) District Bemetara Chhattisgarh district level neighborhood youth parliament program was organized at Samadhan Mahavidyalaya Bemetara. The chief guest of the program was Mr Vijay Baghel, Member of Parliament, Durg Lok Sabha. DK Bhardwaj, AICC Member Delhi, Awadhesh Chandel, former MLA Bemetara were present as special guests. College Director Avinash Tiwari, Dr. Awadhesh Patel and Nitin Sharma welcomed the guests.



of good thoughts. Every youth will have to live by setting the purpose of life, only then success will be certain. Every youth of India will have to think in which direction to take the country, he added.

Addressing the program, the Director of the College Avinash Tiwari said that if the understanding is correct then the idea will be correct and if the idea is correct then the implementation will be meaningful. Division head of Nehru Yuva Kendra Nitin Sharma said that Nehru Yuva Kendra works on the topic

Mahavidyalaya for the first time.

Calling himself a servant of the public he said that one can achieve his or her every goal and the time has come now to realize it and fulfill the dreams of your parents and teachers. Explaining in detail the proceedings of the Parliament he highlighted the importance of Nehru Yuva Sangathan.

On this occasion, Assistant Professor Sweety Malik informed about Millets and said that the United Nations Assembly has declared the year 2023 as International Millet Year and more than 70 countries have supported it. India is the largest producer of millet in the world. Also Sangeeta Aggarwal of the College threw light on the goals of G20 and said that the main theme of G20 is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' i.e. 'One Earth, One Family, One Goal'. Its main objective is to bring the whole

world together for a common purpose for a better future. To represent India's work from the point of view so that there is no World War and there is only one world. In the programme, the topics of women empowerment, climate change, new education policy, international millets were explained in detail by the students and assistant teachers of the college.

Karma dance was presented by the BEd faculty trainees of the Beach College. On this occasion, the Director of the College Dr. Awadhesh Patel presented gratitude to all the guests and journalists. Principal Dr. PL Yadav, Dinesh Patel, Suresh Patel, Rajesh Dewan, Anil Maheshwari, Devadas, Horilal, Lalita Sahu, journalists of the district and all assistant professors and college students from Durg district and Bemetara district, all office bearers of Nehru Yuva Sangathan be present.

Nandini-Ahirwara, Mar 03: Nagar Palika President Ahirwara Natwar Tamrakar along with Yamuna Thakur S/o Late KL Thakur, R/o Gram Kodia and his family submitted a memorandum to District Collector Durg during 'jandarshan' to provide benefit to the orphaned children of parents who died of corona virus pandemic during Covid-19. It is notable here that during corona pandemic, mother of Yamuna died on 15 April 2021 and his father on 10 April 2021. Both Yamuna and his younger

China slams Quad meeting held in New Delhi

Beijing, Mar 03 (PTI):

China on Friday reaffirmed its criticism of the Quad grouping comprising the US, India, Australia and Japan, saying the state-to-state interactions should pursue peace and development and contribute to mutual trust and regional stability rather than exclusivity.

The Quad foreign ministers carried out a comprehensive review of the situation in the Indo-Pacific at a meeting in New Delhi on Friday. Presided over by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, the meeting was attended by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, his Japanese counterpart Yoshimasa Hayashi and Australian foreign minister Penny Wong.



From left, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong and Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanya Jaishankar participate in a Quad ministers' panel at the Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi Friday, March 3.

The meeting came against the backdrop of growing global concerns over increasing Chinese assertiveness in the strategically-vital region.

A joint statement issued after the meeting reaffirmed the four-nation grouping's commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific and said it strongly supports the principles of rule of law, sovereignty and territorial integrity and peaceful settlement of disputes.

Responding to the Quad statement at a media briefing here, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Mao Ning said China believes that state-to-state interactions should be in

line with the trend of the time which is peace and development rather than exclusivity. "We think that countries should do more to contribute to regional mutual trust, peace and regional stability," she said, reaffirming Beijing's off-repeated opposition to Quad that it is an exclusive bloc aimed at containing

China's rise. In November 2017, India, Japan, the US, and Australia gave shape to the long-pending proposal of setting up the Quad to develop a new strategy to keep the critical sea routes in the Indo-Pacific free of any influence. US President Joe Biden hosted the first-ever summit of the Quad lead-

ers in the virtual format in March 2021 that vowed to strive for an Indo-Pacific region that is free, open, inclusive, anchored by democratic values, and unconstrained by coercion, sending a subtle message to China. Beijing claims almost all of the 1.3 million square miles of the South China Sea as its sovereign territory. China has been building military bases on artificial islands in the region also claimed by Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam. On China's reluctance, along with Russia, to endorse a joint statement on the Ukraine war at the G20 Foreign Ministers meeting in New Delhi on Thursday, spokesperson Mao said G20 is a premier forum for international economic cooperation.

The G20 foreign ministers' meeting in New Delhi was unable to come out with a joint communique due to a bitterly increasing rift between the US-led Western powers and Russia over the Ukraine conflict despite consistent efforts by host India to bridge the differences.

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A self-propelled artillery vehicle fires on the frontline, Donetsk region, Ukraine.

US, South Korea announce largest field exercises in 5 years

Seoul, Mar 03 (AP):

The South Korean and US militaries announced Friday they will hold their biggest joint field exercises in five years later this month, as the US flew a long-range B-1B bomber to the Korean Peninsula in a show of force against North Korea.

The North has threatened to take "unprecedentedly" strong action against such exercises. It's likely that it will respond to the upcoming training with missile tests because it views it as an invasion rehearsal. In a joint news conference, the South Korean and US militaries said they will conduct the Freedom Shield exercise, a computer-simulated command post training, from March 13 to 23 to strengthen their defence and response

capabilities, and separate large-scale joint field training exercises called Warrior Shield FTX.

Col. Isaac L. Taylor, a spokesperson for the US military, said the field training will include a combined amphibious drill and that their size would return to the scale of the allies' earlier biggest springtime field exercises called Foe Eagle. The two countries last conducted Foe Eagle in 2018. They then cancelled or downsized some combined drills to support now-stalled diplomacy with North Korea and guard against the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently, however, the two countries have been expanding their joint military exercises in the face of an evolving North Korean nuclear threat.

Friday's deployment of a US B-1B was the aircraft's first such flyover in joint aerial training with South Korean warplanes since February 19. North Korea is highly sensitive to the deployment of B-1Bs, which are capable of carrying a large conventional weapons payload. It responded to the previous flights of multiple B-1Bs by test-launching two short-range missiles the next day.

South Korea's Defence Ministry said the use of a B-1B demonstrated the US determination and ability to use the full range of its military capabilities, including nuclear, to defend its allies.

North Korea test-fired more than 700 missiles last year, the most ever in a single year, and several more this year.

Biden, Scholz to huddle on Ukraine war at White House

Washington, Mar 03 (AP):



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz is visiting the White House on Friday for a private meeting with President Joe Biden as both allies become increasingly vocal about their concerns that China may step off the sidelines and supply weapons to Russia for its invasion of Ukraine.

Such a step could dramatically change the war's trajectory by allowing Moscow to replenish its depleted stockpiles.

China is Germany's top trading partner, and European nations have generally been more cautious than the United States in taking a hard line with Beijing. However, there are signs that may be shifting as global rivalries grow more tense.

In a speech to the German parliament on Thursday, Scholz called on China to "use your influence in Moscow to press for the withdrawal of Russian troops, and do not supply weapons to the aggressor Russia."

The US and Germany have worked closely together to supply Ukraine with military and humani-

tarian assistance. But there has also been friction over issues such as providing tanks, and Washington has occasionally grown frustrated with Berlin's hesitance.

Maintaining a steady flow of weapons to Kyiv will be critical in the war's second year, especially with both sides planning spring offensives.

"We're proud of the collective efforts that we've taken together," John Kirby, a White House national security spokesman, said Thursday.

He said the US has not seen any indication that China has made a decision on whether to provide weapons to Russia.

Scholz last visited the White House a little more than a year ago, shortly before Russia invaded Ukraine. Very little of Friday's meeting will be open to the public, and no announcements are expected afterward.

Unlike formal state visits, such as when French President Emmanuel Macron came to Washington last year, there will be no pomp and ceremony. Scholz's trip will lack the customary press conference where the two leaders take questions from reporters representing both countries.

Kirby described it as a "true working visit between these two leaders." The meeting will be intimate, according to a senior German official and a US official. Rather than being constantly flanked by advisers, the officials said, Biden and Scholz are likely to be the only people in the room for much of the time. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the confidential nature of the talks.

In an interview with German broadcaster Welt, opposition leader Friedrich Merz accused Scholz of being secretive about his trip to Washington, which will take place without the customary press pack in tow. Merz suggested that Scholz had to smooth ruffled feathers over the deal to provide tanks to Ukraine.

China accuses US of attacking companies after export curbs

Beijing, Mar 03 (AP):

China accused Washington on Friday of improperly attacking Chinese companies after genetics analysis giant BGI Group and 17 others were hit with curbs on access to US technology on security or human rights grounds. The Commerce Department said it saw a danger that two BGI units might contribute to the government's surveillance apparatus, which human rights groups say is trying to create a database of genetic samples that Muslims and other minorities were compelled to provide.

Other companies were cited for their role in the ruling Communist Party's military modernisation or weapons development by Iran and Pakistan and suspected human rights abuses in Myanmar.

Washington has accused China of trying to use civilian companies to obtain processor chip, aerospace and other technologies that can be used to make weapons. Beijing retorts that the US government is trying to stop potential commercial competitors. The United States is "fabricating excuses to suppress Chinese companies," said a foreign ministry spokeswoman, Mao Ning.

She called on Washington to "abandon ideological prejudice" and "stop abusing various excuses to unreasonably suppress Chinese enterprises." Mao said Beijing would "firmly safeguard the legitimate rights" of its companies but gave no indication of possible retaliation. The government has made similar statements following previous U.S. restrictions but often takes no action.

BGI Research and BGI Tech Solutions (Hongkong) Co., Ltd. were added to an "Entity List" that requires them to obtain government permission to acquire sensitive U.S. technology.

Their genetic analysis "poses a significant risk of contributing" to surveillance and repression of minorities, the Commerce Department said. It said there was a "significant risk of diversion" to military programs. BGI Group didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. BGI previously denied accusations it provided technology to surveil Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities in China's northwest.

Beijing retaliated for earlier U.S. restrictions by creating its own "unreliable entity" list of foreign companies that might endanger China's national sovereignty, security or development interests.

Nobel laureate Bialitski sentenced to 10 years in Belarus

Tallinn (Estonia), Mar 03 (AP):



A Belarusian court on Friday sentenced Ales Bialitski, Belarus' top human rights advocate and one of the winners of the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize, to 10 years in prison.

Bialitski and three other top figures of the Viasna human rights centre he founded were convicted of financing actions violating public order and smuggling, Viasna reported Friday.

Valiantsin Stefanovich was given a nine-year sentence; Uladzimir Labkovicz seven years; and Dzmitry Salayou was sentenced to eight years in prison in absent-

ia. Bialitski and two of his associates were arrested and jailed after massive protests over a 2020 election that gave authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko a new term in office. Salayou managed to leave Belarus before he was arrested.

Lukashenko, who has ruled the ex-Soviet country with an iron fist since 1994, unleashed a brutal crackdown on the protesters, the largest in the country's history. More than 35,000 people have been arrested, and thousands have been beaten by police.

US says it hopes to work closely with India to end Ukraine-Russia conflict

Washington, Mar 03 (PTI):

India as the G20 host has a "unique role" to play in bringing about an end to the war in Ukraine due to its "longstanding historical" ties to Russia, the US has said, expressing hope to work closely with New Delhi to find a way to stop the conflict.

The G20 foreign ministers' meeting hosted by India was unable to come out with a joint communique due to a sharp rift between the West and Russia over the Ukraine conflict despite efforts by host India to bridge the differences.

"We are deeply grateful to our Indian partners for the way they have led the G20 to date. And as you alluded to, there is a lot more work to be done over the course of this year, but India is off to a very promising start with its stewardship of the G-20," State Department Spokesperson Ned Price told reporters at his daily news conference on Thursday.

The India-US partnership was a subject of discussion between Secretary of State Antony Blinken and his counterpart External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in New Delhi,

Price said, describing the ties with India as one of the most consequential relationships the US has.

On the question of whether the Secretary Blinken believes that India still has the role to play to break the ice and to stop the war between Russia and Ukraine, Price said there are countries around the world that have a relationship with Russia that is distinct from the one US has.

"India certainly falls within that category. India has longstanding historical ties to Russia. It is connected in Russia to ways that the United States is not and, for that matter, has not been," he said. India also has tremendous leverage in different areas, whether it's economic leverage, diplomatic leverage, political leverage, but also moral leverage, Price said. "And India has the ability, as we've seen from Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi, to speak with tremendous moral clarity," he said.

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E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender Notice No.: TRS-BIA-22-23-Tri-plate-4
Name of Work: "Rehabilitation of pneumatic Tri-plate panel (FTRTL make) of E-70 brake system of 3-phase locomotive of Electric Loco shed, Bhalil, for 2 years through open tender basis."
Cost of the work: ₹ 1,18,89,291.59/-(Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety One and Fifty Nine Paise Only.)
Period of the work: Twenty Four months from the date of issue of letter of acceptance.
Date & Time for closing of tender: 11.30 hrs. on 05.04.2023
Website particulars, and details of tender can be seen at: <http://www.treps.gov.in>
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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited (CSPDCL) has filed the petition for approval of a draft of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for purchase of power from biogas-based power generating plant by the distribution licensee, under sections 86(1)(b) of Electricity Act, 2003.
Draft PPA is available on the Commission's website-www.cseb.gov.in. Comments/suggestions of the stakeholders/public are invited by 10/04/2023 and public hearing on the draft will be held on 13/04/2023 at 11:30 am in the Commission's office.
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OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BILASPUR (C.G.)

3rd E-procurement Tender Notice
N.I.T. No -29/BMC/Z-05/2022-23 DATE 03/03/2023
Online tenders in Form 'A' Application are invited from those contractors registered in B & above class in new registration system 'Unified Registration System' (e-Registration) with Chhattisgarh P.W.D. State Governments and their undertaking/firms of repute registered on UADD website <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> on behalf of the Bilaspur Municipal Corporation for following works percent rate tender in Building/Road S.O.R. Issued by Engineer in Chief PWD Raipur (C.G.) in force from 01/01/15.
System Tender No. Name of Works Probable Amount of Contract (in Lacs) Online Tender Submission Due Date
126468 CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED STORM WATER DRAIN FROM NIRALA NAGAR TO JUALI NALA VIA KASHYAP COLONY 735.22 17/03/2023
The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh e-Procurement Portal <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> from 06/03/2023 at 17:31 Hours. (IST) onwards.
Superintending Engineer
Green City, Clean City, Dream City. Municipal Corporation, Bilaspur (C.G.)

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BJP emerges strong in Northeastern States

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has achieved a major victory in the recent assembly elections held in Tripura, Nagaland, and Meghalaya. In both Tripura and Nagaland, the BJP and its alliance parties have crossed the majority mark, securing a comfortable win. The party's success in Meghalaya, where it won two seats, is also crucial as it has paved the way for the incumbent Chief Minister Conrad Sangma's National People's Party (NPP) to return to power with BJP support. The BJP formed an alliance with the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) in Tripura, which helped the party win 32 seats, and in Nagaland, it allied with the ruling Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) to win 12 seats. The Congress, which contested in all three states, failed to make an impact, while the Naga People's Front (NPF) and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) won only two and one seat, respectively, in Nagaland. The BJP's success in the Northeast is significant as the party had been struggling to gain a foothold in the region until recently. The party's Northeast strategist, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, played a key role in the BJP's victory in the region. The BJP's performance in the Northeast will also have significant implications for the party's national politics. The Tripura Motha Party, which won 13 seats in Tripura, played a crucial role in splitting the opposition vote, particularly among the tribal community. The United Democratic Party, which won 11 seats in Meghalaya, emerged as a strong contender in the state. The Trinamool Congress (TMC), which won five seats, is now the principal opposition party in Meghalaya. The BJP's success in the Northeast state elections is a significant milestone for the party, and it will be interesting to see how the BJP leverages this victory in the upcoming national elections. The party's success in the region is also a reflection of the changing political landscape in the Northeast and the growing acceptance of the BJP in the region. The party has proved its dominance in the region and has consolidated its position for next year's parliamentary elections. The challenge for the BJP will be to continue its focus on development in the region and win the trust of the local population.

Linguistic imperative, lest it become a cause of linguistic parochialism?

Rajender Kumar Sharma

Recently, the "Compulsory Teaching and Learning of Gujarati Language Bill 2023" was unanimously passed in the Gujarat Legislative Assembly. With the passage of this bill, every school in the state of Gujarat, from class 1 to 8, will have to compulsorily teach and learn Gujarati language. There is a provision for fine of Rs 50,000 for the first violation, Rs 1 lakh for the second violation and Rs 2 lakh for the third violation, as well as termination of its affiliation. This is a commendable step taken for the protection and promotion of Gujarati language. It has been clearly stated in the bill that this rule will apply equally to all the IB, CBSE, ICSE and government schools running in the state. So that the instructions of the bill can be followed hundred percent. Education from class 1 to 8 comes completely under the jurisdiction of the state government, similarly the preservation and propagation of the language, literature, culture of state also comes under the jurisdiction of the state government. Where on one hand such bills are necessary to protect the identity of regional languages, on the other hand such steps also promote linguistic parochialism to some extent. Many states of South India are still forced to bear the brunt of this linguistic difference and narrow-mindedness. If we look at the structure of our Central Education Curriculum (CBSE, CISCE etc.) we will find that there is already an option to teach the regional language. The curriculum has been designed keeping in mind the regional and national needs. Schools affiliated to CBSE and CISCE follow a Three Language formula in the context of language teaching, which caters to regional as well as national linguistic needs. According to the three language formula, students from class 1 to 8 have to compulsorily study Hindi and English as first and second languages respectively and as a third language you can study any language recognized by the constitution (Most Schools choose the language of their own state, along with providing facilities to study Sanskrit to the children coming from other states). This can be understood from the example that mother tongue of Mr. Krishna Kumar Menon is "B" and he is a central government employee, he got transferred to Gujarat state and his son is in class 6th, he takes admission in a CBSE affiliated school, now according to the current practice, he has to study Hindi and English compulsorily and the school provides an option of studying Gujarati or Sanskrit as third language, which meets the regional and national language requirements. So Mr. Menon's son has the option of studying Sanskrit if he doesn't want to study Gujarati. But after the introduction of this bill, the study of Gujarati language will become compulsory for all the students and in such a situation, the possibility of neglecting Sanskrit language will also increase. Learning of 4 languages at primary level? Also can't be considered justified. Children from non-Gujarati states whose parents are living in Gujarat for a short period due to some reason will have to compulsorily study Gujarati language which can be considered as a violation of the linguistic beliefs and feelings of the people. Since Mr. Menon has gone to his home state after retirement or after transfer, he would like that his child should learn his mother tongue, but he will be compelled to learn Gujarati language as per the directions of the Bill, given by the constitution, the right to freedom of language will not conform. If such a parent feels that it is not necessary for his child to learn Gujarati language, can the State Governments compel a child to learn a language which is not his mother tongue? Perhaps doing so would be a violation of the fundamental rights granted to the citizen by the Constitution. As per Article 350(a) of our constitution, it has been clarified in the context of facilities of instruction in mother tongue at the primary stage that every state and every local authority within the state shall provide mother tongue at the primary stage of education to children belonging to linguistic minorities, endeavor to provide adequate facilities for education in the State and the President may give such directions to any State as he/she considers necessary or proper for securing the provision of such facilities. It is clear from the above article that the "right to primary education in mother tongue" of the children coming from other states should not be deprived of primary education in mother tongue. Just like the permanent residents of Gujarat have the right to love their mother tongue, their culture, in the same way, the rights of those working here from other states to get primary education in their mother tongue should also be protected. CBSE schools in Gujarat already offer the option of studying Gujarati and Sanskrit as third languages. Local children can study their mother tongue, similarly children coming from other states also have the option of studying Sanskrit language. Along with this, the feeling of linguistic equality is also strengthened in children. Gujarati language is already being taught compulsorily in class 1 to 5. Keeping in view the tender feelings of children, they should not be denied access to education in their mother tongue or to learn the language of their choice. Our attitude towards language, culture and religion should not be narrow but flexible. So that everyone respects each other's language, culture, and fulfills the statement of "unity in diversity".

WORLD HEARING DAY

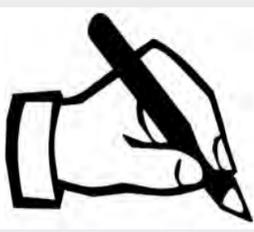


Hearing-impaired children who underwent cochlear implants take part in a demonstration to raise awareness about hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care, on the occasion of World Hearing Day, in Ahmedabad, Friday, March 3.

Holi colors fading



PRIYANKA SAURABH



There has been a difference between the Holi of yesterday and today's Holi, a few years ago people used to have enthusiasm for the festival of Holi, and there was love among themselves. There was no hatred towards anyone. People used to play Holi together with love. People's interest in traditional folk festivals has decreased due to other means of entertainment. This is because people have less time. Only a few days are left for Holi, but the colors of Holi are nowhere to be seen in the city. One month remained far away, and now the fun of Holi has not remained even for a day or two. This festival has been reduced to just half a day. Holi is done by applying color and gulal. As the traditions are changing, the sweetness of the relationship is getting lost.

Holi is such a colorful festival, which is celebrated by people of all religions with great enthusiasm and fun. On the day of Holi, everyone used to hug each other forgetting all enmity. But this festival of social brotherhood and mutual love and harmony, Holi, is also now seeing a phase of change. The sight of Falgun's fun has now become a thing of the past. The colors of Holi, which have been fading for a few years, are now making me sad. The elders of the city say that 'no laughter, no huddang, no color, no cover and no break' What is this Falgun? Neither the 'Kheil' filled with water nor the noise of Holi...ray. Nothing now, everything calm after a few hours of colour-gulal. Those colors are no more in the fun of Holi. Aao Radhe Khela Phag Holi aayi... fill the copper and brass pot... bring gold Rupali hoo pichkari... the voices of Pichkari have slowly slowed down.

The hubbub of Holi used to start as soon as Phalgun started. As soon as Phalgun arrives in the temples, 'Fag' used to start. Folk songs of Holi used to resonate. In the evening, along with

dhap-chang, a traditional dance on the songs of Phag used to spread the colors of Holi. While playing Holi, people were caught and thrown in the water game. No resentment, everything used to happen happily. Used to prepare for Holi from Vasant Panchami. The songs of Holi resounded with the beats of change in the norms and temples of the society at the crossroads. The night was the highlight of nondancing to the beat of Chang. The people singing Falgun's songs and Rasiya from outside used to dance non-stop in the night in the fun of Holi.

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fun of Holi has not remained even for a day or two. This festival has been reduced to just half a day. Holi is done by applying color and gulal. As the traditions are changing, the sweetness of the relationship is getting lost. As far as Holi is concerned, now 'Happy Holi' starts and ends on mobile and the internet only. Now that joy is no more as it used to be. Earlier children used to create gangs and create ruckus on every street. 10-12 days before Holi, Holi hoarding with friends and collecting donations for Holi in every street, and pouring color on someone without asking showed a different love. During this, people used to laugh at him even after abused him. Now people go on fighting.

Earlier, people used to consider the daughters-in-law of strangers as their own. Dishes were prepared in homes for the whole day and guests were entertained. Now everything is confined to homes only. Nowadays, it is as if there is no place left for reconciliation in relationships. When I felt like it, I did it formally by saying Happy Holi on the phone. Now that sweetness is no more in relationships. This is the reason why people do not allow their daughters-in-law to go to any acquaintance's place. Earlier, the girls of the house used to go to everyone's house and create a lot of hues and cry for Holi. Now the atmosphere has become such that if a girl stays with a relative for a long time, then the family members get worried as to why it has taken so long. Immediately they call and ask what are you doing, you should come home soon. Why now people do not have that much faith in relationships?

On the other hand, now there is a difference in the food and drink on the day of Holi. Gujiya, Puri-Kachori, Aloo Dum, Mahjum (Khowa), etc. are mere formalities. Now even on the day of Holi, things like cold drinks and fast food are being served to the guests. On the other hand, wish for happiness and peace in your home by taking seven rounds around Holika, making cow dung cakes of different shapes, making garlands made of grandmother and grandmother, and sweets from house to house with your friends in colorful dresses. Sharing, roasting wheat plants, and singing folk songs of Holi. Now all these traditions have remained in name only. The fun of Holi used to start after planting Holi.

Little girls used to make balls for Holi with cow dung. She used to make garlands by making cow dung ornaments, coconut, anklets, nettles, etc. Now all this is not visible. Before Holi, colors were made by grinding Teshu and Palash flowers in homes. Women used to sing Holi songs. On the day of Holi, there was also a Goth in which Holi songs were sung on the beat of Chang. Before planting Holi, the songs of Phag used to resonate from Basant Panchami. Today, Holi songs are heard only in some temples. On the day of Holi, people of many communities used to go out to play Holi collectively. Dholak and change used to be played together, now where is that fun and hubbub?

Now Holi is only a discharge of tradition. In recent times, resentment and hatred have increased in society to such an extent that the elite families do not want to go out on the day of Holi. People have been celebrating Holi with great enthusiasm year after year. The purpose of this festival is to maintain mutual brotherhood by burning evils and evils. Today there are a lot of problems in the country of India. Talk about social inequality, due to this mutual love, brotherhood, humanity, morality are ending in the society. Once upon a time, the Holi festival had its importance, the whole family used to be present together on Holika Dahan. And on the day of Holi, colors were applied to each other and Abir used to celebrate the Uda festival. Groups of people used to sing Fagua songs in the fun of cannabis and distributed the love of Holi by going door to door.

Now the situation is such that on the day of Holi, 40 percent of the population locks themselves in a room. Every month, every season brings the message of some or other festival and even if it comes, these festivals of ours make us alive, communicate energy, and awaken hope in sad hearts. The burden of loneliness, even for a while, is reduced and filled with the feeling of companionship, it is the festivity that gives our country a different identity, identity as compared to others. Holi has to be looked at from the point of view of humans and the basic necessity to reduce the growing hatred in society.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Country lagging behind sustainable development goals

The country is lagging behind in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) despite implementing numerous social service schemes for the upliftment of needy persons, such as the Ayushman Bharat scheme, five kg of free wheat, rupees two thousand to farmers every four months, mid-day meals for students, and many others. However, these efforts are not enough, and more is required. 17 SDGs and they aim to transform our world are No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-being, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Clean Water and Sanitation, Affordable and Clean Energy, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Reduced Inequality, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Responsible Consumption and Production, Climate Action, Life Below Water, Life on Land, Peace and Justice Strong Institutions, and Partnerships to Achieve the Goal. Despite sincere efforts to achieve the set targets, problems arise due to the country's vast area and population. Nonetheless, the country has achieved the target of 100 percent electrification of villages and the ODF target. Anganwadi workers are also playing a good role.

Yash pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

Ruling on EC members

The SC decision that members of the Election Commission will be selected by a panel which will comprise of the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Justice is indeed welcome. It will lead to impartiality and acceptance of the orders of the EC by all political parties. The EC has been mired in unending controversies, like announcements of poll dates and favouritism. A vibrant democracy needs fair elections. The existing EC members must also either be ratified by the new panel or substituted by fresh members within a short period of time to build the credibility of EC.

GDS Banga, Panchkula

Resolve Ukraine conflict

International bodies like the UNGA, UNSC, European Union, G77 and G20 have imposed sanctions on Russia and repeatedly urged Russia and Ukraine to stop the war and resolve the issues through dialogue, but it has not yielded any result. At the same time, the US, Australia, Japan and many more countries are providing military aid to Ukraine. How will the conflict end? Let all top world leaders convince Russia and Ukraine to call for ceasefire. Mere statements don't mean anything. The Ukraine war should be given top priority and resolved urgently.

O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Halt Mining Projects

Vijaykumar H K

The Karnataka reserve forests in Ballari are at the mercy of profit-driven mining companies. Last year, the Supreme Court lifted a decade-old ban and increased the annual mining limit from 28 million tonnes to 35 million tonnes. Following that, mining companies filed requests to explore minerals in thousands of acres of forest land. As a result, biodiversity hotspots such as the 500-acre Hosapete Reserve Forest, which borders the eco-sensitive Daroji Bear Sanctuary, are under threat. Kudremukh Iron Ore Corporation Limited (KIOCL) recently registered a 50-year mining lease to explore iron ore in Swamimalai Block Forest and manganese ore in Devadari Hill Range. The terrestrial and scrub forests allocated for excavation cradles diverse species of flora and fauna. The dense ecosystem is home to leopards, sloth bears, black bucks, jackals, wolf, tiger, lions amongst other thriving wildlife forms. According to reports, the government ignored Forest Department concerns about a mining proposal by KIOCL in Sandur's virgin forests. Last December the company received final clearance for a project that involves cutting of almost one lakh trees. While the government has completely ignored the negative

environmental impact, there is also no accurate Environmental Impact Assessment. Ballari was the mining capital of Karnataka. When illegal mining depleted natural resources, the Supreme Court prohibited mining in 2011, citing environmental concerns. The hazardous mining waste that was carelessly dumped proved toxic to the environment. It caused massive soil erosion and water contamination, as well as the destruction of agricultural and forest lands. The chemicals emitted by rampant mining contaminated the air, reducing air quality and endangering citizens' health. Mining activities in ecologically sensitive areas, such as Sandur, have a negative impact on wildlife while causing unnecessary disruption to their fragile habitats. Excessive mining activities in the past have robbed indigenous peoples of their health and livelihoods, while depriving Ballari of its abundant natural resources. Human intervention in Nature's intricately linked ecosystems will disrupt organic harmony, resulting in irreversible loss of indigenous biodiversity. Time is running out to learn from past mistakes and protect what we have left. As a result, the Karnataka Forest Department must publish an accurate Environmental Impact Assessment and halt mining projects for the sake of our environment and that of future generations.

Keep the environment in balance

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

The world's natural environment has been subject to centuries of human intervention. Throughout the modern era, people began clearing land for farming, cutting down trees for shipbuilding, and starting to hunt and trap for profit as they moved and established in various regions of the globe. Wildlife populations began to drop globally as poaching and hunting for wildlife increased over time. Regrettably, even today, there is an increase in the unlawful trafficking of endangered species on the black market. Not all species are protected from poachers and hunters, despite the efforts of governments around the world, some of which have been successful. Millions of people throughout the world who live in or close to forested areas are impacted, as well as the wildlife.

World Wildlife Day, observed annually on March 3, honors the day the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora was signed in 1973. Partnerships for Wildlife Protection is the theme for

2023. World Wildlife Day has become the most prominent global annual event dedicated to wildlife. On World Wildlife Day, we have the chance to both appreciate the many exquisite and fascinating types of wildlife and flora and to spread awareness of the problems that these animals confront. The day serves as a timely reminder of the critical need to intensify efforts to combat wildlife crime, which has significant negative effects on the economy, the environment, and society.

In order to keep the environment in balance, wildlife is essential. Wildlife stabilizes the special biological processes that occur in nature. Wildlife Conservation is the positive action taken to protect wild animal species and their habitats to prevent extinction. By restoring and protecting natural habitats, reintroduction programmes will increase the likelihood that animals will live in the wild rather than in captivity. Thus, it is imperative that we take action and join forces to conserve and preserve wildlife in order to assure their continued existence. Let's do everything in our power to protect and preserve wildlife. Our future will be impacted by every step we take in this direction.

BRIEF

Capacity expansion



Kokrajhar (Assam): The capacity of Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd, a part of Indian Oil, in Assam's Chirang district will be expanded to five million metric tonne per annum from the existing 2.7 MMTPA, Union Minister Rameswar Teli said. The Bodoland Territorial Council, led by Pramod Boro, has already allotted 500 bighas of land, out of the required 1,200 bighas for the expansion project, he said at the valedictory session of the first Bodoland Knowledge Festival here on Thursday.

Apple phones



Bengaluru: Apple phones would be built in a new 300-acre factory in Karnataka creating about one lakh jobs, according to Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. Apple phones to be built in a new 300-acre factory in Karnataka, tweeted Chandrasekhar. Bommai said: "Apple phones to be built in the state soon."

Investors Summit



Visakhapatnam: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Friday said the state has received investment proposals worth Rs 13 lakh crore with an employment opportunity for six lakh people. Speaking at the inaugural session of the Global Investors Summit 2023 being held here, Jagan Mohan Reddy said the investment proposals are from Reliance, Adani Group, Aditya Birla group, Renew power, NTPC and Aurobindo Group among others.

Investment



Visakhapatnam: The GMR Group which is in the process of developing an international airport at Bhogapuram near here will be investing Rs 5,000 crore on the aerodrome in the first phase. Speaking at the inaugural session of the Global Investors Summit 2023 being held here, GM Rao, chairman of GMR Group said the first phase of the airport will be developed to serve six million passengers per annum.

India 3rd largest country for Nokia for engagement in 6G standardisation: Nishant Batra

Barcelona, Mar 03:



Nokia Chief Strategy and Technology Officer Nishant Batra lauded the Indian government's approach towards 6G spectrum and said that India has become third largest country for Nokia for engagement in 6G standardisation. Nokia has started hiring top talents in its Bengaluru office with competence in 6G standardisation and India has become third largest country for Nokia for engagement in 6G standardisation, Batra told PTI at Mobile World Congress here. "We have already started seeing a moment in India to define the 6G spectrum. It is a very encouraging and progressive step by the government. In this case, I am actually proud to say that it is taking a progressive step beyond what the rest of the

world is doing," Batra said. On November 1, 2021 the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) constituted a Technology Innovation Group on 6G (TIG-6G) with members from various Ministries/Departments, R&D institutions, Telecom Service Providers and industry to develop vision, mission and goals for 6G and also develop roadmap and action plans for 6G in India. The TIG-6G has constituted six Task Forces with industry, academia,

R&D institutions and the government as members on Multi-Disciplinary Innovative Solutions, Multiplatform Next Generation Networks, Spectrum for Next Generation Requirements, Devices, International Standards Contribution and Funding Research and Development, according to an official release earlier. India is also contributing to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in 6G visioning exercise, the release added. When asked about India's progress on 5G and the strategic impact that it has on the company, Batra said Nokia's manufacturing is now getting oriented towards India. "India is emerging as a big digital opportunity of this decade. From infrastructure which is 5G, to application to the whole technology stack," Batra said.

Tata group aiming at net-zero emission by 2045



Jamshedpur, Mar 03: Tata Steel Vice-Chairman Noel N Tata on Friday said the issue of climate change can no longer be ignored and Tata group was aiming at net-zero emission by 2045. Noel Tata was here to pay homage to Tata Steel founder and doyen of Indian industries Jamssetji Nusserwanji Tata, on his 184th birth anniversary. Tata Steel CEO and Managing Director T V Narendran and other senior officials of Tata group of companies also paid tribute. The theme of this year's celebrations is "Geenovation-Make Tomorrow Green". Addressing a gathering at Bistupur Postal Park, Noel N Tata said, "We have developed a project that covers the entire Tata Group-Aalingana (embrace) which aims net-zero emissions by 2045, pave the way for circular economy through sharing, reusing and recycling; and preserve and restore nature and biodiversity".

World Bank commits USD 1 bn to India for public healthcare infra

New Delhi, Mar 03:

The World Bank and India on Friday signed two complementary loans of USD 500 million each to support and enhance the country's healthcare infrastructure.

Through this combined financing of USD 1 billion (about Rs 8,200 crore), the bank will support India's flagship Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), launched in October 2021, to improve the public healthcare infrastructure across the country, the multilateral funding agency said in a statement. In addition to the national-level interventions, one of the loans will prioritize health service delivery in seven states including Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh, it said. The agreement was signed by Rajat Kumar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs and World Bank India country director Auguste Tano Kouam, it said. The



Chief Economic Advisor V. Anantha Nageswaran addresses at the 8th national conference on 'Economics of Competition Law', organised by Competition Commission of India (CCI), in New Delhi, Friday, March 3.

COVID-19 pandemic brought to the fore the urgent need for pandemic preparedness and health system strengthening around the world and was a stark reminder that pandemic preparedness is a global public good, said Auguste Tano Kouam.

The two projects are supporting India's decision to increase the resilience and preparedness of the country's health systems against future pandemics, it said, adding, this will be of great

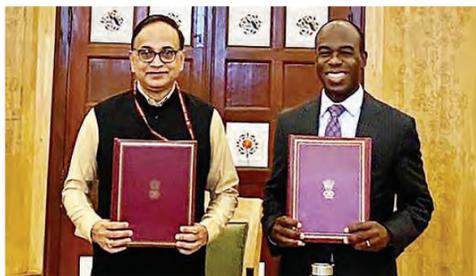
benefit for the population of the states participating in the projects and will generate positive spillovers for other states. India's performance in health has improved over time. According to the World Bank estimates, India's life expectancy at 69.8 in 2020, up from 58 in 1990 is higher than the average for the country's income level.

The under-five mortality rate (36 per 1,000 live births), infant mortality rate (30 per 1,000 live births), and maternal mortality ratio (103 per 100,000 live births) are all close to the average for India's income level, reflecting significant achievements in access to skilled birth attendance, immunizations, and other priority services. Despite these advances in the health of the Indian population, COVID-19 has underscored the need for revitalizing, reforming, and developing capacity for core public health functions, as well as for improving the quality and comprehensiveness of health service delivery, it said.

Implementation of certain norms could perpetuate existing market dominance: CEA

New Delhi, Mar 03:

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran on Friday said that implementation of certain regulations by regulators could perpetuate existing market dominance as he cited the data and privacy norms in the technology space. Delivering the keynote address at a conference organised by the Competition Commission of India (CCI), he emphasised that while competition drives innovation, there is also a distinction between competition and free markets. He pointed out that competition agencies must be mindful of the unintended consequences of their actions.



Rajat Kumar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, and World Bank India country director Auguste Tano Kouamé, during signing of two complimentary loans worth \$1 billion to support and enhance the country's healthcare infrastructure, in New Delhi, Friday, March 3.

"In the technology space, regulators implement data and privacy norms that guarantee users complete access to their data. In such situations, users can

end up chasing only the large players since they place a great degree of trust in them. This will ultimately lead to loss of competition across similar

platforms, concentrating power in the hands of few. "What we do with good intent, with public good in mind, can actually end up perpetuating existing dominance..." Nageswaran said. At the National Conference on Economics of Competition Law, he also said that excess competition itself would be undesirable, including in sectors like banking, insurance and securities. "Competition factors that make other sectors more attractive "can actually be a cause for systemic instability in these sectors", Nageswaran said, adding that regulators and competition agencies should keep an eye on systemic welfare or lack of it.

Reverting to OPS will privilege govt servants at cost of larger public: D Subbarao

New Delhi, Mar 03:

The decision of some states to restart Old Pension Scheme will be decidedly a regressive move and will provide more privilege to government servants at the cost of larger public, majority of which has no social safety net, former RBI governor D Subbarao has said. Under Old Pension Scheme (OPS), employees get a defined pension. An employee is entitled for a 50 per cent amount of the last drawn salary as pension. OPS was discontinued by the NDA government in 2003 with effect from April 1, 2004. "That will be a decidedly regressive move both for our



commitment to fiscal responsibility, and more broadly for the credibility of our reforms," Subbarao told PTI. Under the new pension scheme (NPS), employees contribute 10 per cent of their basic salary towards pension while the government contributes 14 per cent. "In a country where the large majority of the people have no social safety net, government servants with an as-

sured pension are a privileged lot. "Privileging them even further at the cost of the larger public will be morally wrong and fiscally detrimental," he said. According to Subbarao, if state governments revert to a 'pay as you go' pension scheme, the burden of pensions will fall on current revenues which in turn means forego schools, hospitals, roads and irrigation. Governments of Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand have informed the central government/ Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRA) about their decision to restart OPS for their employees.

Rupee gains 63 paise to close at 81.97 against US dollar

New Delhi, Mar 03:

The rupee appreciated by 63 paise to close at a one-month high of 81.97 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, as fresh foreign fund inflows and positive domestic equities supported investor sentiments. Forex traders said positive PMI services data also boosted investor sentiments.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.28 against the American currency and finally settled at 81.97 (provisional) against the greenback, registering a gain of 63 paise over its previous close of 82.60. During the trading session, the rupee touched a high of 81.92 and a low of 82.35

against the dollar. The Indian rupee touched a one-month high on hot services PMI data, said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. The Indian services sector expanded at the strongest rate in 12 years in February supported by favourable demand conditions and new business gains, a monthly survey said on Friday. The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index rose from 57.2 in January to 59.4 in February - its highest level in 12 years.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a slight positive bias on improved global risk sentiments and fresh FII inflows. Weak crude oil prices may also support the domestic

currency," Choudhary said. However, any pullback in the US dollar amid rising expectations of hawkish Federal Reserve and concerns over slowdown in India's GDP growth rate may cap the upside and weigh on rupee at higher levels, he added.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.19 per cent to 104.82. Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures fell 0.55 per cent to USD 84.28 per barrel. On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex advanced 899.62 points or 1.53 per cent to end at 59,808.97, while the broader NSE Nifty rose 272.45 points or 1.57 per cent to 17,594.35.

Redington collaborates with U GRO Capital to offer collateral-free dealer financing

Mumbai, Mar 03:

Redington Limited, a leading technology solutions provider; announced its partnership with U GRO Capital, a DataTech NBFC and pioneer of Lending as a Service (Laas) in India, to provide easy and affordable solar rooftop financing to its MSME customers. U GRO Capital will provide collateral-free channel finance solutions to Redington at the dealer level, as well as to end MSMEs, for the installation of captive solar rooftop projects under this agreement. This collaboration will encourage MSMEs to use sustainable energy, lowering their power bills and increasing

their business's profitability while also promoting a greener tomorrow.

One of the obstacles to solar energy's uptake in the nation's MSME sector has been the availability of easy and affordable financing. Redington and U GRO Capital have teamed up to create a special solar financing solution for MSME customers in order to address this challenge.

"Redington solar in its endeavour to support our channel partners and the end customers has tied up with U GRO Capital, which is a NBFC company offering financial support assistance to MSME's across the country. More than 3000 Solar system integrators asso-

ciated with Redington can get the benefit of this association wherein Redington will recommend U GRO Capital to offer zero collateral additional working capital limits to Redington partners for buying the products from Redington. Also, U GRO Capital offers solar loans to MSME end users for installation of solar power systems on their establishments. Redington is happy to associate with U GRO Capital as it helps Provide the much-needed financial assistance for the end customers to adopt solar rooftop," said Pradeep Srikanthan, Business Head of Redington Solar.

Reliance to set up 10 gigawatt solar energy project in AP: Mukesh Ambani



Visakhapatnam, Mar 03: Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani on Friday said his group will be investing in Andhra Pradesh to set up a 10 gigawatt renewable solar energy project. Speaking at the inaugural session of the two-day Global Investors Summit 2023 here, Ambani said under the determined and farsighted leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has now become the fastest growing economy in the world.

Eicher inaugurates new state-of-the-art dealership

Mumbai, Mar 03:

Expanding its footprint in Central India, Eicher Trucks & Buses, a business unit of VE Commercial Vehicles, inaugurated a new 3S (Sales, Service and Spares) dealership, SVP Mining Technologies Pvt Ltd., in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. In the rapidly-changing business environment, Eicher aims to ensure a seamless service experience for customers through an extensive dealership network ensuring that service is available to Eicher customers at every step and when needed - "Har Kadam Har Waqt".

Located on NH-53, the Surat-Kolkata highway, the facility is well-positioned to offer continuous support to Eicher Trucks and Buses customers involved in long-haul transportation across Central to Eastern India. This dealership is situated at close proximity of 30km from the heart of industrial city of Raipur that enables it to address sales and service needs of local Eicher customers operating primarily in agriculture, mining, metal manufacturing and cement production industries. The facility spanning across 10,000 square feet, comes equipped with multiple service bays, multi-

vehicle display area along with trained technicians to offer an immersive customer experience and 24x7 hassle-free service support to Eicher's vast community of fleet owners, mechanics, drivers of this region. Speaking on the occasion, Ramesh Rajagopalan, SVP, Customer Services and Network Strategy, VEVC, said, "Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, is the administrative hub of the state as well as a prominent commercial and industrial destination due to an abundant presence of mineral resources such as steel, coal, iron ore, bauxite among others.

Sensex rallies nearly 900 points; Nifty jumps over 272 points on firm global trends

Mumbai, Mar 03:

The Sensex jumped nearly 900 points and the Nifty rallied over 272 points on Friday, bouncing back from the previous day's fall, following a positive trend in global equities and fresh foreign fund inflows.

The BSE Sensex rallied 899.62 points or 1.53 per cent to end at 59,808.97 after starting the trade on a positive note. During the day, it jumped 1,057.69 points or 1.79 per cent to 59,967.04. The NSE Nifty advanced 272.45 points or 1.57 per cent to settle at 17,594.35. From the Sensex pack, State Bank of India, Bharti Airtel,

Reliance Industries, ITC, Tata Steel, IndusInd Bank, HDFC Bank, Tata Motors, HDFC and Titan were the major gainers. Tech Mahindra, UltraTech Cement, Nestle and Asian Paints were the laggards.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Japan, China and Hong Kong ended in the green. Equity markets in Europe were trading in the positive territory. The US markets had ended higher on Thursday.

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) bought shares worth Rs 12,770.81 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data. "The

market had more reasons to cheer today than to worry about concerns regarding inflation. PSU banks led the sectoral rally as reports of foreign investments in Adani stocks helped the sector in recouping the dampened sentiments.

The sentiment was further lightened as FIIs turned in strong buyers," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. The embattled Adani Group has sold minority stakes in four of its listed companies to US-based GQG Partners for Rs 15,446 crore as the apple-to-airport conglomerate, recovering from a sell-off

triggered by a short-seller report, looks to shore up liquidity ahead of the USD 2 billion debt repayment due in the coming months.

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Manushi to star in Varun Tej's aerial action drama based on IAF



Actress and former beauty queen Manushi Chhillar has been roped in to star in a Telugu-Hindi aerial action drama based on Indian Air Force (IAF) by Sony Pictures International Productions. Manushi will be seen portraying the role of a radar officer in the film, which stars Varun Tej.

Talking about the role, which requires intense preparation, Manushi says, "I am elated to be a part of this incredible spectacle filled with action and working with Sony Pictures International Productions and Renaissance Pictures."

"I am grateful to my director, Shakti Pratap Singh Hada, for trusting in me, and I am excited to know the life and journey of the officers in the Indian Air Force. It is an exciting beginning to sharing screen space with Varun Tej."

Inspired by true events, this untitled film is a patriotic, edge-of-the-seat entertainer and will showcase the indomitable spirit of our heroes on the frontlines and the challenges they face as they fight one of the biggest, fiercest aerial attacks that India has ever seen.

The untitled film (VT13) is produced by Sony Pictures International Productions and Sandeep Mudda from Renaissance Pictures and co-produced by Nandakumar Abbineni and God Bless Entertainment.

Shakti Pratap Singh Hada, a seasoned ad-film maker, cinematographer, and VFX aficionado will be marking his directorial debut with this film. Written by Shakti Pratap Singh Hada, Aamir Khan and Siddharth Raj Kumar, the movie will be shot in Telugu and Hindi simultaneously.

Anushka Sen-starrer 'Am I Next' to drop on OTT on Women's Day



Actress Anushka Sen, who is known for her work in 'Baal Veer' and 'Devon Ke Dev... Mahadev', will be seen in the upcoming movie 'Am I Next', directed by Rahat Kazmi. The film, which revolves around the story of a teenage rape victim and how her story unfolds from there on, will hit the screens on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8. The film tells the story of a teenage girl who was raped after which she had to fight a long battle in the court for her right to terminate pregnancy. Anushka said: "This film 'Am I Next' is super close to my heart cause the role was definitely the most challenging till date. I'm proud that this film promotes a good message, people can learn a lot from this film. And I'm fortunate to be a part of such an important film". She further mentioned: "Thanks to my director Rahat Kazmi who gave me this opportunity. My family has always loved and supported me. The entire cast and crew for being the most supportive team." Apart from Anushka Sen, Swaroopa Ghosh and Mir Sarwar play important roles in the film. NSD veteran Neelu Dogra, Tariq Khan, Pankaj Khujuria, Rajeev Rana and Satish Bhat will also be seen in pivotal roles. The film will drop on ZEE5 on March 8.



Patralekhaa in Anubhav Sinha's next?

Patralekhaa has been on a roll with an impressive line up of projects in her kitty and had a bang-on start to the year with Hotstar's Aar Ya Par for which her role was appreciated. Whilst the effervescent actress has had a super-busy 2022, she has an impressive line up of illustrious projects for 2023 as well! Patralekhaa took to Instagram and shared a picture of her director Anubhav Sinha with the caption, "Captain @anubhavsinha at work." Fans were quick to spot and guessed if she's working on Anubhav Sinha's next project. Meanwhile a source close to the team confirmed the news that actress shall be seen portraying an eminent character in the untitled project based on the infamous Kandahar hijacking. Patralekhaa shall next be seen in Raj DK's Gulkanda Tales, Luv Ranjan's comedy drama, Heer Saara which is about girls road trip. It's going to be a busy year for the actress with back to back releases in 2023 that explore different subjects.

Ranbir shares how he learnt his monologue for film 'Tu Jhooti Main Makkar'

With the festival of colors around the corner, Sony Entertainment Television's The Kapil Sharma Show is all set to spread the cheer with its 'Holi Special' this Saturday. Adding chaar chand to the festivities will be the star cast of the highly anticipated romantic comedy - 'Tu Jhooti Main Makkar' - Ranbir Kapoor, Shradha Kapoor and Anubhav Singh Bassi. Kapil's atrangi mohalla promises a 'rangeen' extravaganza filled with masaledaar Bollywood gupshup, infectious laughter and humorous gags that will leave you entertained. In a candid conversation, host Kapil Sharma will ask Ranbir Kapoor how he managed to learn such a long monologue about 'lies' for the film in one go. Giving a surprising response, Ranbir shares, "Director Luv Ranjan has a very different style of working as compared to others; so, it was a very



new experience for all of us. We used to be given the script just a few hours before the scene, so we were left with no choice but to channel our inner superheroes and tackle those 5 pages of monologues with all our might. His dialogue writing has musicality, rhythms, and tones. So, he doesn't like pauses and the sound of breathing in between the shot. Even a simple dialogue feels like we're in the midst of an intense action sequence." Leaving everybody in awe, the actor will go on to give a glimpse of what the scene looks like as he delivers a dialogue of the film. The actor will also go on to express his immense love for cinema, saying "The magic of movies has surrounded me since I was a child, and it has shaped me as an actor." Tune in to The Kapil Sharma Show this Saturday at 9:30 PM only on Sony Entertainment Television.



Jenna Ortega speaks out against stereotype that Gen-Z are 'unintelligent'

Actress Jenna Ortega has shared her two cents on stereotypes about Gen Z. In a new interview, the breakout 'Wednesday' star spoke out against the stereotypes about teenagers that irk her. The former Disney Channel star addressed the issue when making an appearance on 'Hot Ones' with host Sean Evans, reports aceshowbiz.com. In the Thursday, March 2 episode, she was asked if there's a Gen Z Trope or stereotype about teens in scripts that "gets under" her skin. Unsurprisingly, Jenna was quick to call out some misconceptions about high schoolers. The 'Scream VI' actress noticed that teenagers are often depicted as "unintelligent," which does not reflect her generation because so much is "accessible to them on the Internet." She went on to insist, "I wish that they were given a bit more credit. We can be smart, sometimes!" After "a little over a decade" in Hollywood and acknowledging that she does "look a bit younger" than her peers, the 20-year-old actress also said she's over plotlines about "bratty" teens that "bad mouth" everything. Prior to this, Jenna talked about how she feels that "a lot of" Hollywood bosses still lack awareness of today's issues. Speaking to New York Magazine's The Cut, the "You" star addressed the challenges of meeting "expectations" of what a Latina actress should look like or the kind of roles she should be taking on. "It goes back to the 'your own worst critic' thing. Nothing anybody else could say is gonna bother me as much as something I could say," Jenna said. "When it comes to Latina expectations, it's so easy for me to brush those off because the people who are in positions of power right now or who have been in positions of power for so long in the industry, a lot of them are out of touch or just not necessarily familiar because they grew up in a very different time." "So I think that I personally have so much fun pushing the boundaries and doing all of the things that, you know, the Latina character 'shouldn't' do. We were never the hero of the story or the lead of the story, and I love to be able to push back on that," she elaborated.



Sonakshi Sinha to join 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' cast

Bollywood actress Sonakshi Sinha, who returned from the Berlinale recently, is set to join the cast of the upcoming action entertainer 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'. The film's unit recently finished the Mumbai leg of the film's schedule and are currently filming in Scotland, the BTS picture of which was shared by the film's producer Jacky Bhagnani on Thursday. The Scotland schedule will be followed by the Abu Dhabi schedule which will happen by the end of March. Speaking about her association in 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan', Sonakshi said, "I'm excited to be a part of this amazing ensemble cast for 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'. It's always a pleasure to work with Akshay, and I'm looking forward to working with Tiger for the first time". 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' stars two of India's biggest action stars - Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff in the lead roles. Lauding the film's director, she said, "Ali Abbas Zafar is a brilliant director, and I have no doubt that this film is going to be a blockbuster. I can't wait for audiences to see what we have in store for them". Meanwhile, Sonakshi also has Sanjay Leela Bhansali's webseries 'Heeramandi' and Excel Entertainment & Tiger Baby Films 'Dahaad', which also marks the digital debut of the actress, in the pipeline.

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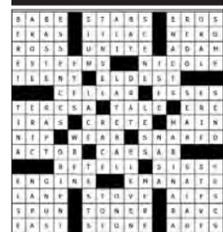


- 45. Wiped clean
- 46. Nest egg (abbr.)
- 49. Newspaper story
- 52. Crave
- 54. Unnecessary
- 59. Upper class
- 60. Family group
- 61. Motionless
- 62. Assistants
- 63. Sunrise location
- 64. Tootsies
- 65. Pipe parts
- 66. Is indebted
- 67. Goals
- 33. Wedding vow (2 wds.)
- 34. Appeal
- 35. Selects
- 36. Loafer, e.g.
- 37. Three feet
- 40. Televised
- 42. Tiny opening
- 43. Eases up
- 44. Touch lovingly
- 46. Notions
- 47. Kindled again
- 48. Apart
- 50. Relative by marriage (hyph.)
- 51. Desist
- 53. News story
- 55. Existence
- 56. Adam's home
- 57. Winter coaster
- 58. Hardens
- 60. Corp. head

- DOWN**
- 1. Defeat
 - 2. Creep slowly
 - 3. Old wound
 - 4. Tennis's ____ Sampras
 - 5. Summer beverage (2 wds.)
 - 6. ____ Prize
 - 7. Venomous snake
 - 8. Pacino and Gore
 - 9. Most competent
 - 10. Bank transaction
 - 11. Rich dessert
 - 12. Blacksmith's block
 - 13. Royal domain
 - 21. Is bold
 - 22. Tilt
 - 24. Small porch
 - 26. Clapton or Idle
 - 27. Fiddling emperor
 - 28. Aberdeen native
 - 29. Large vases
 - 32. Gypsy's card

- ACROSS**
- 1. Speech problem
 - 5. Machu Picchu dweller
 - 9. Communion table
 - 14. "____ upon a time..."
 - 15. Refrigerate
 - 16. Pioneer Daniel ____
 - 17. Begone!
 - 18. Subsidies
 - 19. Immature insect
 - 20. Document destroyer
 - 22. Soup bean
 - 23. Map books
 - 25. Shade tree
 - 26. Make certain
 - 30. Create lace
 - 31. Fun and games
 - 34. Flower
 - 38. Shackles
 - 39. Ruckus
 - 40. First Greek letter
 - 41. Folding beds
 - 42. Business owner
 - 44. Dove's comment

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Australia crush India by nine wickets, qualify for WTC final

Indian batters let the pitch overtake them: Gavaskar

Indore, Mar 03 (PTI):



The legendary Sunil Gavaskar on Friday came down heavily on the Indian batters for their below-par show in the third Test against Australia, saying the "pitch played on their minds". On a surface that offered sharp turn and variable bounce from the get-go, India were dismissed for 109 and 163 as Australia qualified for the World Test Championship final with a thumping nine-wicket win on the third morning.

"Batters actually didn't do justice to their talent. If you look at the Indian wickets, you will find it is the Indian batters who got themselves out, playing some shots anticipating that this is what the pitch is going to do," Gavaskar told Star Sports.

"If you look there is lack of confidence because in the first two matches, they did not get runs, apart from Rohit Sharma, who got a lovely hundred in Nagpur. When you are

short of runs, there is just that little tentativeness in their batting. And you can sense that they were feeling for the deliveries.

"They were not able to go down the pitch as much as they should have. They let the pitch overtake them. It was the pitch that actually started to play on their minds, even in the first innings but more so in the second innings," he added.

Despite the loss, India still lead the four-match Test series 2-1 and have already retained the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Gavaskar said India were 60-70 runs short in the first innings, after opting to bat first.

Indore, Mar 03 (PTI):

There was no twist in the tale as Australia turned the tables on India with an emphatic nine-wicket win in the third Test on a track that offered wicked turn and variable bounce, confirming their place in the World Test Championship (WTC) final here Friday.

Travis Head (49 not out) and Marnus Labuschagne (28 not out) survived some anxious moments before taking Australia home in 18.5 overs as the match got over in little over two days.

Wins in India are rare for the visiting teams and it is no different for Australia, who recorded their first victory on Indian soil in six years.

For India, it was only their third defeat in the last 10 years and they will need to rework their plans

ahead of the final Test, beginning in Ahmedabad from March 9. The pitches in the series have also come under scathing criticism but, going by Rohit Sharma's views on the subject, one can expect a raging turner to be dished out at the Narendra Modi Stadium. India's batters have been found wanting against the spinning ball and Rohit wants them to raise their game and find a way to score runs.

The hosts managed only 109 and 163 in their two innings here, with the top-order letting the team down again.

"On pitches like these, you have to find a way to score runs and you have to find your own method. We were disappointing with the bat in both the innings," said Rohit after the loss. Considering the way Australia had collapsed in



Australian batter Marnus Labuschagne reacts after winning the 3rd test cricket match against India.

second innings of Nagpur and Delhi, "anything" was on the cards on Friday morning. Chasing a meagre 76, Australia were favourites but R Ashwin raised hopes of a miracle by getting Usman Khawaja caught behind in the second ball of the day.

The ball turned sharply and took a faint tickle on way to the wicketkeeper. The wicket added to the nervousness in the Australian dressing room.

Labuschagne eased some of those nerves by square cutting Ravindra Jadeja for the first boundary of the day.

Both Labuschagne and Head, who is known for his attacking approach, were looking to defend in the first 10 overs, with Australia reaching 13 for one. However, the momentum changed decisively in favour of Australia after

the ball change following the 10th over.

Ashwin was not happy even after the change of ball and that reflected in his bowling. Head smashed the star Indian spinner for a four and six over mid-on in the 11th over as the premier spinner was guilty of bowling too full.

Head took the attack to Jadeja in the following over, hitting one straight over the bowler's head, and that also gave confidence to Labuschagne who went for the sweep in the same over to take the score to 35 for one in 12 overs.

After that, there was no looking back for the Australian duo who had gained enough confidence to go for their shots.

Labuschagne hit the winning runs, a four over mid-wicket, to complete a memorable victory.

Barcelona edges Madrid in 1st leg of Copa del Rey semifinals



Barcelona's Uruguayan defender Ronald Araujo (C) jumps to control the ball during the Copa del Rey (King's Cup) semi final first leg football match between Real Madrid CF and FC Barcelona at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid.

Madrid, Mar 03 (AP):

Barcelona triumphed in the first battle against rival Real Madrid. The Catalan club won 1-0 win at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in the first leg of the Copa del Rey semi-

finals. The first of three matches between the Spanish powerhouses in the next few weeks. Barcelona took the victory with an own-goal by Madrid defender der Milito in the first half. The rivals will also meet

South Africa's Fulton is new chief coach of Indian men's hockey team

New Delhi, Mar 03 (PTI):

India on Friday named South Africa's Craig Fulton as the new chief coach of the men's national hockey team that finished a disappointing ninth in the World Cup at home. Fulton, who has nearly 25 years of coaching experience, replaces Australian Graham Reid, who quit after India's dismal show in the World Cup. Not just Reid, the team's analytical coach Greg Clark and scientific advisor Mitchell Pemberton had also tendered their resignations.

Reid, though, had guided the Indian team to a historic bronze medal-winning show at the Tokyo Olympics. Fulton said he would strive to take Indian hockey to the next level. "It is an honour to be appointed in the role of chief coach for the Indian men's



hockey team. India has a deep history and legacy of the sport and I look forward to taking this forward with the current team which has some very promising talent," Fulton said in a press release.

Fulton has shown exemplary results in his previous stints as coach. His rise to fame started with a stint with the Irish men's team as its head coach between 2014 to 2018 when the team qualified for the Rio Olympics in 2016.

WTC: India need to win last game to qualify for WTC final

New Delhi, Mar 03 (PTI):

Humbled in Indore, an outright victory in Ahmedabad will seal India's place in the World Test Championship final against Australia but if Rohit Sharma's team loses or plays a draw, its fate will depend on the outcome of the Sri Lanka-New Zealand series. Australia by virtue of their nine-wicket win in Indore have already qualified for the grand finale at the Oval from June 7-11. Australia are sitting atop the WTC table with 68.52 percentage points (PCT). Percentage points are calculated when points earned by a team are divided by the points contested for.

A team earns 12 points for a win, four for a draw and six in case it's a tie. As of today, Australia have 148 points by virtue of 11 wins and four draws from

18 matches. Playing for 216 points on offer, they have a PCT of 68.52. Even if Australia lose the fourth and final Test against India, they would still remain on top with 64.91 PCT (148/228 100).

What happens to India
India's PCT is 60.29 after earning 123 points in 17 Tests (10 wins and 2 draws) so far. India have lost a few points during the course of this cycle due to slow over rate.

If India win the last Test, their PCT will go up to 62.5 with 135 points from a maximum of 216 on offer (18 Tests). They will then retain their second position and will qualify for final. However, in case of a defeat, India's PCT will drop to 56.94 and then they will have to depend on the result of Sri Lanka's away-series against New Zealand. In case of a draw, India's PCT will drop to

58.79 and even then they will have to wait for the result of the Sri Lanka-New Zealand series. Ditto in case of a tie where India's PCT will be 59.72.

How can Sri Lanka qualify

Sri Lanka's only shot at the final qualification will depend on a 2-0 victory in New Zealand which is one of the toughest away assignments for sub continental teams. Sri Lanka's current PCT is 53.33 with 64 points from possible 120 (10 Tests).

If India happen to lose, draw or tie final Test and Sri Lanka win the series 2-0, their PCT will be 61.11 with 88 points from a maximum 144 points at stake. But if Sri Lanka draws even one game and win 1-0, their maximum PCT will be 55.55 which will be less than what India (56.94) will have even if they lose the final Test.

Women's Premier League: Beginning of new dawn for India's Gen-Next

Mumbai, Mar 03 (PTI):

India's women cricketers will not only get the much-needed exposure to take their game to the next level but also enjoy the perks of a cash-rich tournament when the Women's Premier League (WPL) ushers in a new dawn for the sport in the country.

The 21-match tournament will commence on Saturday with Gujarat Giants taking on India captain Harmanpreet Kaur-led Mumbai Indians in the tournament-opener.

The WPL will not just be about the creme-de-la-creme of world cricket with huge pay packets and reputations to play for but also for someone like Sneha Deepthi, who would like to prove that motherhood hasn't robbed her of the passion to play elite sport.

A certain hard-hitting Jasia Akhtar from Jammu and Kashmir will be eager to send the ball soaring into the stands and expect that people from her state will take her name alongside Umrani Malik.

For the Kaurs, Jemimah Rodrigues, and the Shafali Vermas, the pressure and arclights of a high octane tournament will prepare them for those tight games in global tournaments, which they have been struggling to close in their favour.

The inaugural edition of the T20 league some would argue was long overdue will feature a total of five teams and 87 players, with girls as young as a little above 15 set



to ply their trade with and against some of the best in the world.

The competition consists of an overall 21 matches including two knockout games, and will be played across two venues in Mumbai, with the iconic Brabourne Stadium being the other.

WPL has created a compelling buzz in the world of cricket, with the five franchises being sold for a grand total of INR 4,669 crore, which includes Adani Group's purchase of the Gujarat franchise for a whopping INR 1,289 crore.

The player auction witnessed a total of INR 59.50 crore spent by the five franchises, not only providing the players with a further boost to their financial being, but also ensuring a promising road ahead to young girls whose India's star batter Smriti Mandhana was the most expensive buy at the auction held in Mumbai Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) bought her for INR 3.4 crore and expectedly named her

World Cups which include the final of the 2020 edition.

Gujarat Giants, captained by champion Australian batter Beth Mooney, consists of Indian stars Harleen Deol, Sneha Rana also the team's vice-captain and the experienced Sushma Verma.

They also have a healthy bank of overseas stars such as recent T20 World Cup winners from Australia, Ashleigh Gardner and Georgia Wareham, West Indies' Deandra Dottin and England's Sophia Dunkley, who will be key to their campaign in this WPL edition.

Former India captain Mithali Raj is also an indomitable figure in the Gujarat Giants' camp in capacity of the team's mentor and advisor. She expressed her happiness at the promise which WPL brings.

"I'm just happy that it has come to a point where women's cricket now is a sustainable sport on its own for young girls in India. Not just in India, even club cricketers abroad in two-three years' time, maybe even they would probably want to be a part of a set-up like this," Mithali said. UP Warriorz grabbed Australia's aggressive wicket-keeper-batter Alyssa Healy in the auction and later announced her as captain, with India star Deepti Sharma the second-most expensive Indian player at INR 2.6 crore as her deputy. With a strong squad, the UP Warriorz will hope to make a strong dent from their first game onwards.

DATE	FIXTURES		TIME	
MAR 4	GUJARAT GIANTS	VS	MUMBAI INDIANS	7:30 PM
MAR 5	BANGALORE	VS	DELHI CAPITALS	3:30 PM
MAR 5	UP WARRIORZ	VS	GUJARAT GIANTS	7:30 PM
MAR 6	MUMBAI INDIANS	VS	BANGALORE	7:30 PM
MAR 7	DELHI CAPITALS	VS	UP WARRIORZ	7:30 PM
MAR 8	GUJARAT GIANTS	VS	BANGALORE	7:30 PM
MAR 9	DELHI CAPITALS	VS	MUMBAI INDIANS	7:30 PM
MAR 10	BANGALORE	VS	UP WARRIORZ	7:30 PM
MAR 11	GUJARAT GIANTS	VS	DELHI CAPITALS	7:30 PM
MAR 12	UP WARRIORZ	VS	MUMBAI INDIANS	7:30 PM
MAR 13	DELHI CAPITALS	VS	BANGALORE	7:30 PM
MAR 14	MUMBAI INDIANS	VS	GUJARAT GIANTS	7:30 PM
MAR 15	UP WARRIORZ	VS	BANGALORE	7:30 PM
MAR 16	DELHI CAPITALS	VS	GUJARAT GIANTS	7:30 PM
MAR 18	MUMBAI INDIANS	VS	UP WARRIORZ	3:30 PM
MAR 18	BANGALORE	VS	GUJARAT GIANTS	7:30 PM
MAR 20	GUJARAT GIANTS	VS	UP WARRIORZ	3:30 PM
MAR 20	MUMBAI INDIANS	VS	DELHI CAPITALS	7:30 PM
MAR 21	BANGALORE	VS	MUMBAI INDIANS	3:30 PM
MAR 21	UP WARRIORZ	VS	DELHI CAPITALS	7:30 PM
MAR 24	ELIMINATOR		7:30 PM	
MAR 26	FINAL		7:30 PM	

RANGBHARI EKADASHI



Shiv devotees celebrate Rangbhari Ekadashi with ashes from burnt pyre at Harishchandra Ghat in Varanasi.

Stringent security measures to be taken to provide security to minority community members in Kashmir: CRPF

Srinagar, Mar 03 (PTI):

Stringent measures are being taken to provide security to the members of the minority community in the valley, a senior CRPF officer in Jammu and Kashmir said here on Friday. "Minority pickets of CRPF are on alert, we review the security regularly. Our endeavour is to keep all the minorities in south Kashmir safe and we are in touch with them on a regular basis," IG CPRF (Kashmir Operations) M S Bhatia told reporters in Anantnag district of south Kashmir.

His remarks come in the backdrop of terrorists on

Sunday killing a 40-year-old Kashmiri Pandit in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district while he was on his way to a local market, in yet another targeted killing of a minority community member in the valley. Sanjay Sharma, who worked as an ATM guard, was shot in the chest at point-blank range barely 100 metres from his residence in Achan area of south Kashmir.

The killing evoked widespread condemnation and demand for security for the community members. Bhatia said every measure will be taken to provide security to the community. "I want to assure that we are

taking stringent security measures to provide a sense of security to them and everything will be done for their security," he said.

To a question about the security measures for the Amarnath Yatra, which is likely to begin in June, the CRPF officer said security agencies have started assessing the security measures for the annual pilgrimage to the south Kashmir Himalayas.

"Last year, the yatra concluded peacefully and a huge number of yatis came. This year too, we hope for a huge number of yatis. Stringent security measures will be put in place, including use of

technology like drones. Also, ROPs, bullet-proof vehicles will be used in such a manner that the yatis have a wonderful experience," he said.

Bhatia said whatever steps need to be taken to facilitate the yatis will be taken like the last year. "CRPF's helpline Madadgar proved very helpful last year and this year too, we are ready to work in the same manner," he added. Asked about the number of militants in south Kashmir, the IG CPRF said while it is difficult to give the exact number of militants as it keeps on changing, the forces have an upper hand.

Judge who declared personal assets online in defiance no more

Bengaluru, Mar 03 (PTI):

Retired Judge of the High Court of Karnataka Justice D V Shylendra Kumar whose eventful tenure saw him declare his personal assets online in defiance, died here on Friday. Kumar, 71, was suffering from age-related health issues, and is survived by wife and a son, who is a practicing advocate in New Delhi.

During his tenure as a HC judge, Justice Shylendra Kumar declared his personal assets as well as those of his wife on a personal blog. This followed his criticism of the then Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan who had opposed the declaration of assets by HC and Supreme Court judges.

NPCPCR writes to Police against Sena's Sanjay Raut, AAP's Raghav Chadha, Atishi for posting photos of children

New Delhi, Mar 03 (PTI):

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NPCPCR) has written to the Delhi Police seeking inquiry and necessary action against Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut and AAP's Raghav Chadha and Atishi for allegedly posting a "picture of minor" on Twitter in "furtherance of political agenda".

In its letter, the commission also observed that the image allegedly uploaded by the leaders was in order to divert attention in the ongoing/pending investigation by CBI against Manish Sisodia. While Chadha and Raut are Rajya Sabha members, Atishi is an MLA of the

ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Delhi.

Sisodia, who had 18 portfolios in the Delhi government, including education, resigned from the Cabinet following his arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with alleged corruption in the formulation and implementation of the now-scrapped liquor policy for 2021-22.

The apex child rights body said it has received a complaint regarding social media posts of Raut and Chadha who have uploaded images on their Twitter handles wherein AAP leader and state education minister Manish Sisodia is seen with children in schools.

"To initiate inquiry and

take necessary action against Shri Sanjay Raut and Shri Raghav Chaddha for posting 'picture of minor' on Twitter in furtherance of political agenda" was the subject of the letter to the Delhi Police commissioner with a copy also addressed to the Delhi chief secretary.

The commission has asked the Delhi Police to take appropriate action under the Juvenile Justice Act. "It is alleged that the said image is uploaded by Sanjay Raut and Raghav Chadha in order to divert attention in the ongoing/pending investigation by CBI against Manish Sisodia in Delhi liquor policy case in furtherance of their personal agenda," the NPCPCR said.

"It is observed that the images uploaded by Sanjay Raut and Raghav Chadha may have been taken during a function/programme organised in the school but it seems that the same is used by them without consent of the parents/guardian of the minors," it said in the letter dated February 27.

In Atishi's case, the NPCPCR has asked that an FIR be registered against her for "misusing her position and power for her personal agenda by involving children, posting and using images of minors without their consent".

"Therefore, in view of the sensitivity of the matter, the commission requests your good

Tamil Nadu tells SC 'Not completely opposed to RSS route marches'

New Delhi, Mar 03 (PTI):

The Tamil Nadu government told the Supreme Court on Friday it is not completely opposed to allowing the RSS' route marches and public meetings across the state on March 5 but cited intelligence reports to say these cannot be held in every street or locality.

The state government sought some time to come up with a list of routes for the march. Granting the prayer of senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, representing the state government, a bench of Justices V Ramasubramanian and Pankaj Mittal deferred the hearing till March 17.

Rohatgi said the state will try and work out a solution and decide the routes it wanted the processions to take by then. "The idea is not to ban the processions but it needs to have some conditions," he said. Senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani, appearing for the RSS, said the state has allowed similar events by organisations like the Dalit Panthers' but the RSS was being singled out for harsh treatment. The RSS, he said, was allowed to conduct marches in six districts which it did. However, it has been asked to hold the event in enclosed spaces in 42 places. "In the areas where we

were allowed, we went ahead and there was no law and order problem. Now, they say that the PFI has been banned by the central government and it is a threat (to RSS events). They are not able to control a terrorist organisation and that is why they are banning us. I cannot exercise my right. Can this be a ground?" Jethmalani said.

Jethmalani said that on March 5, the RSS is not going to hold the march anyway and, if the state wants time, there is no difficulty. "We are not going to do anything till at least March 10 or 12, even a week later if my friends want," he said.

PRICE HIKE PROTEST



Biju Janata Dal (BJD) women's wing workers stage a demonstration outside the Odisha Raj Bhawan over the price hike in LPG cylinders, in Bhubaneswar, Friday.

SC asks ex-CS of Andaman to respond to plea challenging bail granted to him in rape case

New Delhi, Mar 03 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Friday sought the response of a former chief secretary of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, facing prosecution in a rape case, on a plea by the 21-year-old alleged victim woman challenging the bail granted to him by the high court. A bench of Justices Krishna Murari and Ahsanuddin Amanullah issued notice to accused Jitendra Narain on the plea by alleged rape survivor.

The apex court, however, refused to stay the order of Port Blair circuit bench of the Calcutta High Court which had granted bail to Narain on February 20. The woman has alleged that she was raped by Narain and others after being lured to the then chief secretary's residence with the promise of a government job. The FIR was registered

on October 1, 2022, when Narain was posted as the chairman and managing director of the Delhi Financial Corporation. The Centre suspended him on October 17, 2022. During the hearing before the top court, the counsel for the woman argued the high court granted bail to the former chief secretary in a casual manner.

The counsel submitted the sessions court judge had recorded in the order that the accused is the most influential person and had tampered with the CCTV footage and destroyed the hard disk.

He said the high court has given a certificate in favour of the accused and said it is a first time offence. When the complainant's counsel prayed for a stay on the HC order, the bench said, "Stay of the order so that he is arrested and sent to the jail!!"

The Calcutta High Court had earlier directed

Narain to appear before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the allegation of rape against him and other accused by October 28, 2022.

The SIT was probing the woman's allegation that she was raped by Narain and others on April 14, 2022 and May 1, 2022 following an FIR filed at the Aberdeen police station in Port Blair.

The SIT has filed a charge sheet on February 3 against Narain, businessman Sandeep Singh alias Rinku and suspended labour commissioner Rishishwarlal Rishi based on the statements of nearly 90 witnesses, forensic science reports and electronic evidence, police said. It was alleged in the charge sheet that Narain misused his position to destroy evidence at his official residence last year.

House of 3rd person linked to Atiq Ahmed being demolished

Prayagraj (UP), Mar 03 (PTI):

Authorities began bulldozing the house of a criminal allegedly linked to gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed here on Friday amid heavy police deployment, the third such demolition in three days.

Prayagraj Development Authority (PDA) officials arrived at the house of Mashookuddin, who has dozens of cases registered against him, in Puramufti area on Friday afternoon with bulldozers and other heavy-duty earth movers

and began pulling down the structure. PDA officials said the house was built illegally.

Police and administration officials were present in large numbers as the demolition progressed. Mashookuddin is said to be closely associated with Atiq Ahmed, who is lodged in a Gujarat prison.

This is the third consecutive day of PDA action against "illegal" structures built by people linked to Atiq Ahmed, who has been booked by UP police in connection with the killing of Umesh Pal, a key witness in the murder of

BSP MLA Raju Pal and his two security personnel last week.

Following the incident, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had vowed in the assembly that his government would destroy the mafia in the state.

On Thursday, a two-storey building in Dhoomanganj area owned by Safdar Ali, an alleged arms trader linked to Atiq Ahmed, was demolished. A day before that, the house of Zafar Ahmed, another alleged aide of Atiq Ahmed, was demolished in the city.

New Delhi, Mar 03 (PTI):

The Jamia Millia Islamia has decided not to implement the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate courses except for 20 programmes, citing lack of time to change the university rules, a senior official said Friday.

Twenty courses including B.Sc.(Hons) Physics, B.Sc.(Hons) Chemistry this year will allow admission through the CUET, 10 more than the last academic year. The varsity has written

to the University Grants Commission (UGC), informing it about the latest decision and also apprised that it will implement CUET-UG in all courses from the academic year 2024-25 as it requires sufficient time to change admission rules.

The UGC introduced the CUET last year for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), however, did not adopt the CUET for all its undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Recently, UGC asked the

JMI to implement CUET UG from the academic session 2023-24 in all courses.

In its reply to the UGC, the university informed that it will take admission through CUET UG and PG in only 20 courses- 15 undergraduate courses and 5 postgraduate courses.

The JMI offers admission into several programmes based on merit determined by an entrance test conducted by the university, and wherever applicable, followed by an in-

terview and or other components.

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