



BRIEF



India-based American dancer Lauren Gottlieb, who performed on the song 'Naatu Naatu' at the 95th Academy Awards ceremony.

Oath

Agartala: Altogether 44 newly elected MLAs of Tripura assembly took oath on Thursday. They were sworn in as Protam Speaker Binoy Bhusan Das at a ceremony on the assembly premises. Thirty MLAs of BJP including Chief Minister Manik Saha, its ally IPFT's lone member Sukla Charan Noatia, and 11 lawmakers of CPI(M) including its state secretary Jitendra Chaudhury took oath as MLAs.

Collision

Akola: Three persons including a couple were killed in a collision between two motorcycles in Maharashtra's Akola district on Thursday afternoon, police said. The incident took place near Wai village on Akot-Anjangaon road around 1 pm, said inspector Nitin Deshmukh of Akot rural police station.

TEST OF DEMOCRACY

'Will I be allowed to reply'

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday alleged the whole "tamasha" around his remarks in the UK has been created by the government to divert attention from the Adani issue and asserted it is a "test of Indian democracy" as to whether he would be allowed to respond to the allegations by the BJP in Parliament.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, Gandhi said the question before the



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi speaks during a press conference at AICC headquarters in New Delhi, Thursday.

country is that whether after four BJP leaders have made allegations about a member of Parliament, that person would be given the same space as them or he be "going to be told to shut up". In an apparent reference to the controversy over his remarks in the UK, Gandhi said this whole thing is about distraction, and claimed that the government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi are "scared" over the Adani issue and that is why they have "prepared this whole tamasha".

Gandhi on Thursday arrived in Parliament House after his return from abroad and met Speaker Om Birla urging him to allow him to speak in Lok Sabha. "I went to Parliament this morning with the idea of putting (forward) what I have said or what I feel on the floor of the House. Four ministers have raised allegations against me in Parliament House, it is my right to be allowed to speak on the floor of the House," the former Congress chief said.

Two pilots killed in Army chopper crash

Itanagar, Mar 16 (PTI):



Wreckage of the Cheetah helicopter that crashed near Mandala in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday.

Two pilots on board a Cheetah helicopter of the Army were killed when it crashed near Mandala in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday morning, a defence spokesperson said.

The deceased officers have been identified as Lt Colonel VVB Reddy and his co-pilot Major Jayanth A, he said.

Defence spokesperson Lt Colonel Mahendra Rawat said in Guwahati that the helicopter was on an operational sortie from Missamari in Assam's Sonitpur district to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh. The flight en-

around 9.15 am. Five search parties of the Indian Army, SSB and ITBP were immediately launched. The wreckage of the aircraft was found near Banglajaap east village of Mandala," Rawat said.

"A Court of Inquiry is ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident," he added.

Rohit Rajbir Singh, the superintendent of police, Special Investigation Cell (SIC), said villagers had found the crashed chopper ablaze in Dirang, and informed district officials.

"Villagers from Banglajep at Dirang located the chopper around 12.30 pm," Singh said.

FEEDBACK UNIT CASE

CBI slaps fresh case on Sisodia

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

Delhi's jailed former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia has been booked by the CBI in a new case related to alleged misuse of official position and financial impropriety in the government's Feedback Unit (FBU) which was also used for "political snooping", officials said Thursday.

Already arrested by the CBI in the excise policy case and at present in the custody of the Enforcement Directorate, the woes of 51-year-old Sisodia aggravated after the agency registered a fresh case against him and



five others on Tuesday for alleged criminal conspiracy, criminal breach of trust, forgery and under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, they said.

The agency booked Sisodia, a 1992-batch IRS

officer Suresh Kumar Jain who was then secretary of vigilance, retired CISF DIG Rakesh Kumar Sinha who was working as special advisor to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and joint director in the Feedback Unit, they said.

Besides, former joint deputy director of Intelligence Bureau Pradeep Kumar Punj, who was working as deputy director of the Feedback Unit, retired assistant commandant of CISF Satish Khetrapal who was working as feedback officer, and Gopal Mohan, advisor, anti-corruption, to Kejriwal were also booked in the case, officials said.

RISE IN COVID CASES

Centre writes to 6 states to contain infection

New Delhi, Mar 16:

With Covid cases rising, particularly in six states, the Centre has written to them saying they should focus on controlling the sudden increase in the viral infection. The Union Health Secretary on Wednesday wrote to Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka asking them to stress on testing, treating, tracking, and vaccination. "There are few states which are reporting higher number of cases indicating possible localised spread of infection and there is a need to follow a risk assessment-based

approach to prevent & contain the infection, without losing the gains made so far in the fight against the pandemic," the letter said.

More than 700 Covid cases were recorded in a day after a gap of over four months, taking the active caseload to 4,623, according to Union Health Ministry data updated on Thursday morning. The country had recorded 734 cases on November 12 last year. "It is essential that the state must maintain a strict watch and take pre-emptive action if required in any areas of concern to control emerging spread of infection," the letter said.



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Rs 600 crore of illegal online cricket betting seized from shell companies

Durg Police to take action against directors of 12 shell companies

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: On Thursday, SP Dr Abhishek Pallava chaired a crime review meeting of all the gazetted officers, police station / chowki in-charges of Durg District. SP reviewed the progress of pending cases / death cases / summons warrant / complaints cases and complaints. He discussed all the unresolved and pending cases with all the supervising officers and police station and chowki in-charges. He gave significant instructions for quick redressal and reducing pendency.

Durg Police has seized an amount of Rs 600 crores mainly from 12 shell companies of online cricket betting "Mahadev Book" App. SP instructed for the early arrest of the directors of these companies after lodging 12 new FIRs under Chit Fund Act. He further instructed to in-



stall more and more CCTV cameras in the district for detection of crime and criminals. Police will take help from administration, BSP, PHQ for installing CCTV cameras in the main traffic junctions.

Initiative was taken to install cameras under 'Intelligent Traffic Management System'. In all the police stations where CCTV cameras are not installed, instructions were given by the Superintendent of Police, Durg, to install them immediately and if they are

out of order, to get them repaired. He asked to constitute a separate team to keep an eye on social media. The team would identify the people flaunting illegal weapons on social media posts and register cases against them under the Arms Act to prevent criminal incidents.

The Superintendent of Police said that there should be no negligence towards the instructions issued by the police headquarters in crimes related to women. He asked to trace the missing minor

and take legal action on the basis of the evidence. He asked to check the POI of Dial 112 and reduce the response time.

All the gazetted officers were directed to form police teams and send them to other states as per requirement after reviewing the complaints related to Chit Fund Company and IT Act cases along with pending serious cases related to crimes against women and children.

Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Sanjay Dhruv,

Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Kumar, City Superintendent of Police (Durg) Vaibhav Banker, City Superintendent of Police (Bhilai Nagar) Nikhil Rakhecha, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Crime) Prabhakar Kumar Jha, City Superintendent of Police (Chhawani) Ashish Banchole, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters) Mani Shankar Chandra, Sub-Divisional Officer of Police (Patan) Devansh Singh Rathore, Sub-Divisional Officer of Police (Dhamdha) Sanjay Pundhir, Deputy Superintendent of Police (IUCAW) Shilpa Sahu, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Satish Thakur, Deputy Superintendent of Police (AJK) Vinod Minj along with all the police station in-charges and chowki in-charges were present.

Rs 5.26 lakh cash recovered from office; Patwari suspended



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: On the instructions of Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena, SDM Laxman Tiwari conducted a surprise inspection of the

Patwari Office (Halka No 45) in Kohka, Bhilai.

During the inspection, Rs 5.26 lakh cash was recovered in the Patwari's office. When asked about the cash, the Patwari was able to clarify the source of this

money. After preliminary investigation, SDM Durg took immediate action and directed the concerned officials to issue suspension order to Patwari Shatruhan Mishra.

Swachhata drive begins in Rajhara Mines

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: A Cleanliness awareness campaign was launched by Personnel Department, Rajhara, on March 16, 2023. The campaign has been started to give a concrete shape to the objective of "Swachh Bharat Mission".

At the beginning of the cleanliness awareness campaign, Cleanliness Oath was administered by Vikash Chandra, DGM (Personnel-IOC) in the presence of RK Gaharwar, CGM (Mines). The outline of the programme was communicated by Dr JS Baghel.

The cleanliness campaign started from one end of the building and ended at the other end in the premises of Rajhara Administrative Building.



RK Gaharwar, CGM (Mines) said that this campaign should be observed continuously. Such campaigns leave a deep impact on the mindset of people towards cleanliness as the mind and body remain healthy with a clean workplace. RC Behera, GM (I/c),

Vipin Kumar, GM, VK Srivastava, GM(TSD), S Raza, DGM (Geo) Satyendra Kumar, DGM (Safety & Training), Chandrabhushan DGM SS Raghuvanshi, Nitesh Kshatri, Naresh Sahu Senior Managers, Dr JS Baghel from Personnel

Department, Joth Kumar, Personnel Officer and Sandhya Rani Verma, RK Thakur, ALWO, Harakh Ram, Anil Ghosh, Virso Dugga contributed in making the campaign successful. All participants contributed generously in the cleanliness drive.

BSP employees feted with Pali Shiromani & Karm Shiromani Award

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: Employees belonging to Utilities zone of Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded with the 'Pali Shiromani' and 'Karm Shiromani Puraskar' on March 14 for their exemplary work performance under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' of Bhilai Steel Plant.

Pali Shiromani Award was given to Shriprakash Nigam, Senior Manager (ACWE), Karm Shiromani Award winners included Kashi Ram Thakur, Chief MOC, PLEM, Mahar Singh Thakur, Chargeaman cum Senior Technician, WMD, Rama Shankar, Master Technician, OP-II



and Rajesh Kumar Lucas, Chief Master Operator cum Technician CAS N CWP were felicitated for their exemplary work.

The function was presided over by AK Joshi, CGM (Utilities). In this

function different department head SK Chattri, GM (ACWE), Utpat Dutta, GM (WMD), Chinmoy Khan, GM (CAS N CWP) M Venkatesh Babu, GM (PLEM) and Mohammad Nadeem Khan, GM (OP-II),

presented the award winners with a certificate of merit, memento and appreciation letter for the spouse of the employee. The programme was conducted by Personnel Office of P&E Zone.

St Thomas College organises career counseling programme

In association with MoU partner Govt KDR Mahila College & Holy Cross Womens College Ambikapur

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: St Thomas College in MoU collaboration with Government Kamla Devi Rathi Mahila PG College Rajnandgaon and Holy Cross Women's College Ambikapur organised a programme on

career counseling. The resource person of the event was Sunil Kumar Suman. The programme was organised for the PG students of the department of all the three colleges.

Career counseling is the need of the hour as students are always in

need of guidance. The student

must know all the options available and how to move forward in their career using the available

resources. The resource person of the event spoke about awareness of digital literacy and career literacy. He

further explained that in order to achieve career goals one must know his or her strengths and weaknesses. The speaker stressed that one has to know oneself and then set goals. The various



methods to explore career was also discussed. The students learned about the various

strengths and weaknesses. They also learned about the national level portal for skill develop-

ment and job seeking. Fr Dr Joshi Varghese

addressed the gathering and motivated the departments organizing such events for the students. Principal Dr MG Roymon, St Thomas College appreciated the program. Principal Dr Sister Shanta Joseph, Holy Cross Women's College Ambikapur sent her best wishes to all the students learning from this program. Principal Dr Alok Mishra, Government Kamla Devi Rathi Mahila PG College, Rajnandgaon expressed his desire to conduct more such programmes

for the students in future. Dr Debjani Mukherjee, Head PG Department of Psychology, St Thomas College, spoke about Career Counseling as a service that helps people begin, change, or advance their careers.

Dr Basant Sonber, Head PG Department of Psychology Government KDR Mahila College addressed

the gathering referring that finding a fulfilling career is considered to be important to mental well-being. When choosing the most fitting career or finding a new job the services of a career coun-

selor may be helpful. Dr Mamta Awasthi, Holy Cross Women's College Ambikapur spoke

about the programme that career counseling helps people assess their skills, needs, and desires in

order to find a career that works for them. This type of counseling is considered to be an important step to take before deciding on a permanent career. Dr Ankita Deshmukh and Tammya Pattnaik helped in the smooth functioning of the program. Dr Sumita Singh proposed vote of thanks.

Free Eye Camp at OA Building on Mar 19

Bhilai, Mar 16: MGM Eye Institute, Raipur, the renowned eye hospital of the Chhattisgarh state, in cooperation with Officers' Association (OA) Bhilai Steel Plant, is organizing a free Eye Check-up camp at Pragati Bhavan (OA Building), Civic Centre on March 19, 2023, Sunday. The camp will start at 10:00 hrs and close at 16:00 hrs. In addition to eye check-up by computerised machine for glasses number and Cataract Screening & advise, the highlight of this free eye camp will be Screening & Diagnosis for Glaucoma, the silent eye disease which causes blindness. Moreover, Retina examination of those patients, who have BP sugar will be done in the camp. Those desirous of availing the benefit of the eye examination facility of the well-known MGM Eye Institute,

Ministry of Statistics organises quiz competition at Govt VYT College

Students deliberated on career prospects available in the field of statistics

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India, Raipur in collaboration with Government VYT Autonomous PG College, Durg organised quiz programme for college students on March 15, 2023 for spreading awareness about statistics. The quiz competition was organised at Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishna Hall of Durg College. The chief guest of the programme was Principal-in-charge of the college Anupama

Asthaana while Roshan Lal Sahu, Deputy Director General, National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India, Raipur presided over.

The programme was inaugurated by the traditional lamp lighting ceremony by the guests. On this occasion, Head of the Department of Economics, Prof AK Khan, In-charge, Placement Cell of College Dr Suchitra Sharma and Dr Alka Mishra were also present. George Minz, Assistant Director, National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Raipur welcomed the guests. He informed the students about the career prospects available in the field of statistics and said that there are



various career opportunities available in the field of statistics. Keeping the possibilities in mind students should prepare for competitive exams.

Addressing the programme, Prof AK Khan, Department of Economics said that students should be aware about statistics and they should know the utility of the subject they read and how it connects

the people. He said now-a-days data is very important and is used in every field of life. Roshan Lal Sahu, Deputy Director General of National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Raipur while presiding over the programme said that for determining the country's GDP, data is collected through various surveys on agriculture, in-

dustry and service sectors. Also, to know the current status of labour and employment, quarterly data is collected through periodic labour force survey, in which data is currently being collected on important topics like labour force participation, working population and unemployment rate. On the basis of the data obtained through this survey,

efforts are made by the Central Government to improve these areas. Urban Frame Survey is also being conducted. He also advised the students to find the career prospects in the field of statistics.

The chief guest Anupama Asthaana, Principal-in-charge of the college in her address appreciated NSO (FOD), Regional Office, Raipur for

conducting such a useful and beneficial programme for the students of this college and said that with this programme students will be definitely benefitted and will be aware about the statistics. She advised the students to take maximum advantage of the knowledge of the experienced officers of the National Statistical Office and get information related to the possibilities of employment for themselves.

It is worth mentioning that the National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India, organised the program for college students with the aim of increasing awareness related to statistics among the students and underlining the impor-

tance of statistics in policy making and planning. A quiz competition was organized for Students of Government VYT Autonomous P G College, Durg in which students participated. Those who answered correctly were awarded with prizes and certificates.

Dr Jagjeet Kaur Salooja, Dr Alka Mishra and A Malik, SRO In-charge, NSO(FOD), Durg also expressed their views. RK Srivastava, Senior Statistical Officer-in-Charge, National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Raipur conducted the quiz competition. PL Sonwani, SSO In-charge, along with Senior Statistical Officers, CPS Markam, Sujet Behera, Vijay Kumar Rakhonde and other officers and employees of the office were also present.

BJP stages walkout over Employment status data

MLAs allege hasty decision to introduce Unemployment Allowances to youth

Raipur, Mar 16:

The Principal opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday staged walkout from the proceedings of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly on the unemployment registration data with the state government.

Raising the issue during Question Hour, the BJP Legislator Ajay Chandrakar sought the number of people registered at the District



Employment Registration Offices across Chhattisgarh and also sought the details about the Unemployment status. In his reply, the Minister for Higher Education and Employment Umesh Patel informed that nearly 18 lakh people are registered at the Employment Registration Offices and added that the

Speaker Mahant for well-equipped Employment Registration Offices

Raipur: Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant on Thursday directed the Minister for Higher Education and Employment Planning Umesh Patel to make the District Employment Offices well-equipped as the state government has taken decision to provide Unemployment Allowances to the Youth. Dr Mahant made the above statement during the Question Hour session in Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly as the opposition BJP leaders questioned the status. Speaker further asked to inform the Assembly about the criteria fixed by the state government to provide Unemployment Allowances from next financial year.

exact number of unemployment people cannot be told as the survey are conducted only for selective samples.

However, the Opposition BJP members gheraoed the Treasury bench which resulted in ruckus. To register protest against the al-

leged insufficient reply from the Treasury bench, the BJP members registered walkout from the proceedings. BJP members were also registering protest over the claims made by the state government on the CMIE data.

CM to hold cabinet meeting today

Raipur, Mar 16:

A meeting under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will be held on Friday in his Vidhan Sabha office and in this the employees are keeping their fingers crossed over the likely decision on regularization of adhoc or contractual employees and demand of hike in DA and HRA by Chhattisgarh Officers-Employees' Federation and who are on strike at present. There are about 1 lakh temporary employees either working on contractual or adhoc mode in the state and they are keeping a ray of hope alive about their regularization to be made in this budget session. As to on which issue the cabinet will hold discussions, but the state's misappropriation bill is expected to get cabinet's approval. At present the department-wise discussions are in process in the Vidhan Sabha.

OVERLOADED



Autorickshaws are being driver overloaded in capital city and no action is being taken by the traffic police.

Congmen take out awareness rally

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 16: Congress workers from Raipur South Legislative Assembly segment under the leadership of PCC General Secretary Kanhaiya Agrawal on Thursday took out "Haath Se Haath Jodo" yatra to create awareness among people towards the welfare schemes of Congress government.

Congress workers also highlight the alleged faulty economic policies



of Centre which they said has resulted in inflation and unemployment.

Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the Congress Youth Congress Vice President from the constituency Md Siddaq said that they had taken the campaign to inform people with the opinion of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

Kanhaiya Agrawal, Jagesh Rajput, Javed, Sagar and others were present during the campaign.

BJP wanted to capture assembly: Cong

Raipur, Mar 16:

Countering BJP's allegations, Pradesh Congress communication department chief Sushil Anand Shukla said that senior BJP leaders deliberately tried to make the movement violent. Policemen were assaulted and abusive words were used, he said, alleging that an attempt was made to damage government property. It is the right of every political party to

protest in a democracy, but there is dignity and limit to the movement, Shukla said. The BJP wanted to capture the assembly by inciting the mob, he alleged. The gherao of the assembly does not mean that you are going to capture the assembly. In a democracy, there is a democratic process of capture in the assembly, he said, adding that public gives this right to the political party by voting them in the election.

BJP accuses police of 'barbaric' action during its protest

Raipur, Mar 16:

The Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday hit out at the Congress government in the Chhattisgarh Assembly over "barbaric" police action against its leaders and workers during a protest on "poor" implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in the state.

Police fired tear gas shells, used water cannons

and resorted to lathicharge as several BJP workers and others tried to lay siege to the Assembly building in Raipur during an agitation over implementation of the Centre-sponsored housing scheme on Wednesday.

Raising the issue in Zero Hour, BJP members claimed the police used tear gas shells to target r party workers and even women protestors were treated with barbarity. They demanded a discussion on the issue by

giving an adjournment motion notice. Leader of Opposition Narayan Chandel of the BJP alleged the Bhupesh Baghel government adopted an "oppressive" policy to deal with the stir which is inappropriate in a democracy.

However, the demand for a discussion on the issue of police action led to an uproar in the House as MLAs of the ruling Congress vociferously countered the Opposition charges.

Many policemen injured in BJP's VS gherao

No arrest made so far in this case

Raipur, Mar 16:

BJP on Wednesday staged Vidhan Sabha gherao over 'Mor-Aawas-Mor Adhikar' in capital city and in which hundreds of BJP party workers and leaders took part. In this many a protestors broke down the barricades conducted to control the protestors and tried to reach upto Vidhan Sabha. Here massive police force was deployed and they tried to stop them, but this resulted in minor scuffle with the protestors and during which many a BJP work-



ers entered into physical fight with the police and in which many got injured.

Few of the protestors were found carrying lathis as well and of which the police has shared their photos and videos as well. At one place where the police has filed FIR against the protes-

tors creating unrest during the protest and in this two different FIRs have been filed. This includes filing of FIR under section 147, 186, 353, 332 of IPC. So far no arrest in this regard has been made till date.

Asst. Engineer filed first FIR:

It was an Assistant

Engineer who filed the first FIR. In this VS gherao, the PWD has created barricades using woods, sticks, bamboos and tin-sheds to stop the protestors from entering VS area and this was done at Pirda Chowk, Over-bridge and Zero-point of VS.

There were about 40-50 BJP workers who even after explanation by the Judicial Magistrate did not listen and getting united they broke down the barricades of woods, bamboos and sticks and tin-sheds and caused damage to government's property. The policemen have watched the entire incident and taken Video and photos as proof.

Over 1400 unauthorized constructions regularized



Regularization Authority Committee meeting
Regularization becomes easy and fast with simplification of rules

Raipur, Mar 16:

Regularization of unauthorized constructed parts on houses and plots in the district is now being carried out at a fast pace with simplification of rules on the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. So far three thousand 438 unauthorized construction works have been regularized in Raipur district. One thousand 410 cases have also been regularized in the meeting of the Regularization Authority Committee headed by

Collector Dr Sarveshwar Bhure here on Wednesday.

As many as 1275 cases in Raipur Municipal Corporation area, 101 cases in Birgaon Municipal Corporation area and 34 unauthorized constructions in town planning areas were regularized in the meeting. Total regularized cases included maximum 979 residential cases and 296 non-residential unauthorized constructions in Raipur Municipal Corporation area. Municipal Commissioner Mayank Chaturvedi, Zone Commissioners of all zones of Raipur Municipal Corporation, Birgaon Municipal Corporation Commissioner Kirtiman Rathore, Member Secretary of the committee and Deputy Director of Town Planning Department DPS Patel and other officials were present at the meeting.

Ch'garh gains independence for NARCO test

As permission granted to conduct NARCO test in AIIMS

Raipur, Mar 16:

State Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu stated in Vidhan Sabha that NARCO test, which was previously restricted to major cities, can now be conducted in Chhattisgarh as well, and that people will no longer have to wait in long lines for their NARCO test to be conducted in big cities of the country. Chhattisgarh has now become self-dependent on NARCO tests. The state government has completed

the necessary formalities for the NARCO test and along with Raipur AIIMS, necessary machines have also been bought for it. In addition to this, State Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, while discussing the demands for grants in the Vidhan Sabha, stated that Chhattisgarh Police is constantly using new techniques to curb criminals. Cyber police stations are being established in all five range headquarters to combat the escalating cybercrime. Forensic Science Laboratory College will be constructed in Durg to overcome crime.

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Enrolling for this great cause will offer the opportunity to not only study and graduate with a degree/s in Yog (BA, MA, BAMS and BYNS) but also in Philosophy, Ved Shastra, Sanskrit Grammar and Sanskrit Literature (BA and MA). With the aim of training future leaders with the visions of our ancient sages, this drive will be ensuring infusion of sage-like personality traits, character and leadership qualities among the young men and women who would be pledging to be Sannyasi. These youth with training in the ideologies of great Indian saints and sages are expected to play a crucial role in making India (Bhāratvarsh) a World Guru. Patanjali will take care of the needs of these Sannyasi brothers and sisters for the rest of their lives, who pledge to devote themselves towards establishing Yog Dharm, Ved Dharm and Sanatan Dharm.

Patanjali has done what had never been done in the past thousands of years and aims to achieve more milestones in the next 5-10 years. It has resolved to run a movement to serve Yog, Ayurved, Swadeshi and Sanatan Dharm to save the country from Macaulay's conspiratorial education system and loot of medical mafia and ensure economic, ideological, and cultural freedom as well as the freedom of education and medicine. Even in history, religion has succeeded in doing what could not be done through political and economic powers. Therefore, those youths are welcome who wish to devote their lives to the cause of Rashtira Dharm and Sanatan Dharm for realizing the dreams of great men like Veer Savarkar, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Maharishi Dayanand, Swami Vivekanand and Golwalkar Gurujii, who wanted to create an integral Hindu nation and supremely glorious India.

It is our belief which the world has also witnessed that the seemingly ordinary yet immensely valiant people, irrespective of caste and community, have been behind all great revolutions. Therefore, valiant and patriotic youth from all over India (Bhāratvarsh) is urged to join the Sannyas Mahotsava at Patanjali on New Year Ram Navami and cultivate personality, character and leadership qualities, like great sages to create a new history of character building, nation building and create a yogic era by adopting Sannyas and getting educated at Patanjali University and Sannyas Ashram under the holy tutelage of Yog Rishi Swami Ramdevji and Pujya Acharya Shri Balkrishnaji.

Parents of any caste and region, willing to bring glory to their clan by educating their talented progeny under the tutelage of revered Swami ji and Pujya Acharya ji, as well as raising their children as true descendants of sages and dedicate them to the nation and Sanatan Dharm may send their children to Patanjali. And, youth whose parents are unwilling to listen to the calling due to their excessive attachment or ignorance, may also come to Patanjali Yogpeeth even without the consent of their parents. Most of the sannyasis including revered Swamiji, Pujya Acharyaji, or even Maharshi Dayanand had to opt for this route to Sannyas.

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- Nearly 107.75 lakh quintal cow dung was purchased in Gauthans till last month



Raipur, Mar 16:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday virtually released Rs 7.04 crore to cattle rearers, women's groups, and Gauthan committees under the Godhan Nyay Yojana (GNY) in a programme organized in his office located in the Vidhansabha premises here. This includes payment of Rs 4.25 cr to cattle rearers, farmers, and the landless in the lieu of 2.13 lakh quintal cow dung purchased in the Gauthans from February 16 to February 28. Besides, Rs 1.65 cr was paid to Gauthan committees and Rs 1.14 crore to women groups. Addressing the

programme, Chief Minister said that every month, the 5th to the 15th date is special for the farmers because on this day they receive the amount of the Godhan Nyay Yojana (GNY). It is good news that a large number of Gauthans are becoming self-supporting. To encourage self-supporting Gauthans, it has been decided to provide an honorarium to the chairman and members of the Gauthan Management Committee. He also urged to make efforts to make other Gauthans self-supporting as well. He added that it is good news that work has started on generating electricity from cow dung, in addition to making other useful products

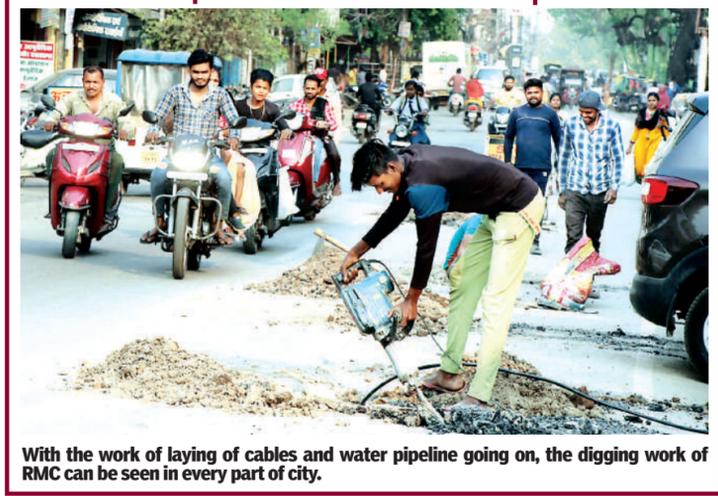
from cow dung. The plant for generating electricity from cow dung in Domarpal in Bastar has been synchronized with the grid. The rate of electricity produced through this will be fixed at Rs 9 per unit. It is worth mentioning here that these self-supporting Gauthans are contributing to the purchase of cow dung under GNY. Over the past few weeks, the share of self-supporting Gauthans in the payment made for the purchase of cow dung accounts up to 60-70 per cent. In the current scenario, more than 50 per cent of the Gauthans have become self-supporting, fulfilling their other activities with their own funds along with the purchase of cow dung

and 'go-mutra'. From February 16 to February 28, a total of 2.13 lakh quintals of cow dung were purchased in Gauthans, for which a sum of Rs 4.25 cr is transferred to cow dung sellers, out of which Rs 1.92 cr is paid by the Agriculture Department and Rs 2.33 cr is paid by self-supporting Gauthans. So far, self-supporting Gauthans have made a payment of Rs 45.52 cr for cow dung purchases using their own funds. Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey also addressed the programme. Food Minister Amarjeet Bhagat, Chief Minister's Advisor Rajesh Tiwari, Additional Chief Secretary Subrat Sahoo, Agriculture Production Commissioner Dr. Kamal Preet Singh, Special Secretary of Agriculture Department Ayaz Tamboli, Director of Agriculture Department Ranu Sahu, Director of Horticulture Department Chandan Tripathi were present on the occasion.

Anemia check-up camp in all health centers from today

Balodabazar, Mar 16: Collector Rajat Bansal has directed that anemia tests be conducted at all community health centers, sub-health centers, and primary health care centers throughout the district in order to reduce anemia under the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Yojana. Because of a Women and Child Development Department event on March 16, 2023, Anemia testing will be performed in development block Simga on March 17, 2023. Anganwadi didis are in charge of taking women to health centers for check-ups. Following an anemia test, Anganwadi centers will provide healthy hot food to anemic women. Previously, beginning in February 2022, 11 thousand 335 anemic women were given hot food three days a week. As a result, 2132 anemic women were cured of their anemia. It is worth noting that the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Yojana is an important government scheme. For this reason, the District Program Officer has urged all women to seek anemia tests at their nearest health centers.

DIGGING ALL OVER CITY



With the work of laying of cables and water pipeline going on, the digging work of RMC can be seen in every part of city.

Visually impaired Kailash's dream of owning a pucca house fulfilled

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Mar 16: "I have got a pucca house under the government's scheme, I never thought my dream would come true," said Kailash, a resident of Gullidam Gram Panchayat, who is a beneficiary of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The village is located 50 kilometers away from the district headquarters of Gaurela. Kailash, who is completely visually impaired, used to live in a dilapidated hut. "I can neither see with

Through Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

both eyes nor can I do anything," Kailash says adding that "All thanks to the Government that provides me with rice for food and also gives me a pension. Now, I have also received a beautiful pucca house to live in."

Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) has made my dreams come true. Under this scheme, I was able to build a beautiful house with the financial assistance of Rs 1.20 lakh received under the scheme and earning wages from MNREGA", he said. He added that he has also got a toilet built in the house under Swachh Bharat Mission. He said that he and his family are leading a happy life availing the benefits of various schemes.

Two-day art exhibition organised at Magneto Mall



Raipur, Mar 16:

A two-day art exhibition has been organised at Magneto Mall, which was inaugurated by cartoonist Trimbak Sharma, editor of Cartoon Vaach

on Saturday here. With the aim of showcasing and encouraging the art of various artists, this exhibition has been organized by the group. The efforts of Sanchal, the director of this exhibition,

were appreciated by the people who came to Magneto, in which she taught in detail about fabric painting, hyper realistic portrait, mix media, bonsai art and glass painting art.

Bajaj Chetak Electric Scooter launched in Raipur

Raipur, Mar 16:

Bajaj Auto has launched the 2023 Chetak Electric scooter in Raipur on Thursday at Vandana Auto authorised showroom of Bajaj Auto. On the first day the showroom received more than 100 bookings out of which the keys of the 50 new Bajaj Chetak Electric Scooter were handed over to the customers. Addressing the scribes here, Bhanu Vadhvani, Zonal Head, Bajaj Chetak said that the new EV comes with multiple changes addressing the design and features of the two-wheeler. He said that the new Edition of the Chetak electric scooter comes in five new colours: matte coarse grey, matte



caribbean blue, satin black red and golden. He said that 2023 Bajaj Chetak electric scooter continues to be powered by a 2.88 kWh battery pack. This battery pack gives the electric scooter an ARAI-certified range of 108 km on a single charge. However, as per the company, the true range of the electric scooter is 90 km on a single charge. All of this comes with a power of 4.2 kW power and a peak torque of

20 Nm of peak torque. It also has a new, full-color LCD display. Other product highlights include a two-tone seat, body-colored rear view mirrors, a satin black grab rail, and matching pillion footrest

castings. Now in Charcoal Black is the headlight housing, blinkers, and centre trim components. The scooter has fully metallic body. The customers will also get better service facility here. Customers purchasing the vehicle in 33 districts of Chhattisgarh will get servicing facility at Vandana Auto. On the occasion Vandana Auto, General Manager, Sumit Chawda said that the bookings for the 2023 Bajaj Chetak are open now and deliveries have also been started from showroom. He said that on the occasion of inauguration, we have handed over the keys of Bajaj Chetak Electric Scooter to 50 new customers along with the gift.

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Raipur Boys enter the finals of India's biggest Quiz Competition

- Organised by HistoryTV18 CBSE Heritage India Quiz 2022

Raipur, Mar 16: After multiple challenging rounds, teams from 4 of the top schools across India went head-to-head in semi-final 4 for a place in the final of HistoryTV18 CBSE Heritage India Quiz 2022. As expected each team put up a good fight but there could be only one winner. In the nervy moments, students of Krishna Public School kept their wits to emerge victorious in the semi-final. Launched in 2001 by CBSE, the HistoryTV18 CBSE Heritage India Quiz today is the benchmark for



pan-India inter-school quizzes and attracts the brightest and the sharpest young minds from various prestigious CBSE schools in India and from around the world. Its success can be gauged by the fact that more than 8049 students participated in the preliminary elimination rounds followed by 16 zonal rounds conducted on

ground across India, where 90 students from 30 schools in each zone competed to qualify for the next round. Overall, 2683 CBSE schools participated in the quiz. Atharv Sharma, Manan Sethi and Shreansh Naidu from Krishna Public School had displayed great composure, knowledge and presence of mind in previous rounds

to keep coming out on top. But in the semi-final they were up against 3 teams from Springdale Senior School, Amritsar, Delhi Public School, Guwahati & Delhi Public School, Ranchi who had put in great performances to win every round on their way to this stage. The quiz saw an evenly matched contest, with very little separating the teams. After 3 rounds of swinging fortunes, the team from Krishna Public School came out on top as the deserving winner. Krishna Public School will now be competing with 3 other schools from across India to be the coveted champions at the National Finale of the quiz competition.

Int'l Women's Day held at Columbia Institute of Pharmacy

Raipur, Mar 16:

As always ahead in the social activities International Women's Day was celebrated at Columbia Institute of Pharmacy is association with Indian Pharmaceutical Graduate Association (IPGA) chapter. On this occasion Dr. Sushma Purohit a renowned Gynec Cancer Surgeon of Kamla Women's Hospital Raipur was the speaker invited. She addressed the gathering on "Lessons for today's Youth", in which she discussed key points for successful life. She also narrated on confidence, hard work devotion and smartness along with education, through popular examples



of daily life like Ratan Tata, Dhirubhai Ambani, Bill Gates, Swami Vivekananda etc. She emphasized on self respect and humanity. She also urged that we should be original which is authentic rather than becoming copy of someone else. To become successful long term goal per-

sistence and focused are must. She also covered some of the quotation from bhagwat gita which are source of inspiration, positivity and lessons for life. A large number of students from all the branches of pharmacy participated in the event. On this occasion Dr. Ravindra Kumar Pandey, Principal

Columbia Institute of Pharmacy who is also General Secretary of Indian Pharmacy Graduate Association, Chhattisgarh Chapter along with Mr. Harjeet Singh Hura, Secretary Columbia Group of Institution as well as large number of faculty members.

Lecture held on Macroeconomic policy cooperation among G20 countries

In IIT Bhilai

Raipur, Mar 16:

India assumed the Presidency of the G20 with the theme "One Earth, One Family, One Future". IIT Bhilai is observing India's G20 Presidency with an innovative outreach program to provide a fresh perspective on issues under the ambit of the G20. This programme takes inspiration from the University Connect programme of the Ministry of Education, GOI, which is an exercise aimed at projecting the country's youth as its cultural ambassadors to build a long-lasting relationship with the G20 fraternity. The Department of Liberal Arts at IIT Bhilai



is hosting a lecture series to raise awareness on issues of pertinence concerning the G20. A lecture titled "Macroeconomic policy cooperation among G20 countries" was organized on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 in this regard. Prof Pradyumna Dash, Professor of Economics at the Indian Institute of Management Raipur, delivered the lecture. In his lecture, Prof Dash

pointed out that the G20 nations represent around 85 percent of the global GDP, over 75 percent of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population. Highlighting that the G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation, he emphasized that macroeconomics policy cooperation is crucial to support economic activity and central banks' mandates for

the stability of the world economy. In other words, the G20 has a significant role in bolstering the efficiency of fiscal and monetary policy cooperation at the global stage. Prof Dash pointed out that the G20 played a tremendous role in facilitating cooperation on monetary and fiscal policy during the Great Recession of 2008-09 and the COVID-19 recession. In 2008-09, due to policy coop-

eration, the G20 ultimately delivered more than what was forecast in terms of outcome. Likewise, during the COVID-19 period, G20 developed nations provided 4.5% of their GDP in fiscal support. However, the level of cooperation amongst G20 nations during periods of comparative peace and stability leaves more to be desired, especially in the context of emerging markets and developing economies (EMDE). Prof Dash concluded by iterating that no economy, developed or emerging, can follow independent monetary policy and capital mobility at the same time and that cooperation is the need of the hour to ensure stability and growth in the global economic order.

Ration card immediately issued to a lady and her son

- Who visited the Janchaupal

Gariyaband, Mar 15: A ration card was instantly issued yesterday to a woman and her son who visited the Janchaupal, organized every week, with an application. The Collector, Prabhat Malik, while resolving the applications received in the Janchaupal, solved the problems of people on the spot. Girja Sahu, the wife of Champeshwar Sahu, is a resident of village Dandesra. A priority ration card is issued in the Dhamtari district in her name. Mrs. Girja is currently residing with her parents in the village Panchayat Kopra under the Fingeshwar develop-



ment block in the Gariyaband district. She had requested a ration card in the Gariyaband district in her application. In this regard, the Food Officer of Dhamtari was contacted, and her ration card was immediately transferred to Gariyaband. The said card

was instantly issued after attaching it in the village Panchayat Kopra in the district. Now the applicant will be able to collect food grains from her residential village. She thanked the district administration for resolving her problem instantly at the Janchaupal.

'Clean Energy: Bilaspur Division Committed to Green Energy'

With 100% electrification of Bilaspur Railway Division, annual carbon footprint savings of lakhs of tonnes

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Mar 16: Indian Railways is working in mission mode to become the largest green railway in the world and moving towards becoming "Zero Carbon Emitter" before the year 2030. To meet the growing needs of New India, Indian Railways is being prepared with a holistic approach of being an eco-friendly, efficient, cost-effective, punctual and modern carrier of passengers as well as freight.

Indian Railways has embarked on an ambitious plan to electrify its entire broad gauge network. This scheme will not only lead to better fuel energy utilization leading to increased production, reduction in fuel expenditure, but also save valuable foreign exchange.

In this series, 100% elec-

trification work of railway lines of Bilaspur Railway Division has been completed. The journey of electrification in Bilaspur Railway Division started in 1969-70 with the electrification of Jharsuguda-Raigarh railway line on Mumbai-Howrah Main Line.

Jharsuguda-Raigarh railway section was completed on 19th January, 1970, Raigarh-Bilaspur railway section on 24th January, 1970 and Bilaspur yard on 31st January, 1970. Bilaspur Railway Division is 100% electrified with a total of 819.457 route kilometer and 2215.455 track kilometer rail lines.

At present, about two dozen MEMU trains are being operated from Bilaspur Railway Division, including the country's famous train like Vande Bharat, Rajdhani,



Janshatabdi and other express trains operate in abundance from here. Along with this, Bilaspur Railway Division has the distinction of being the highest freight loading railway division in the entire Indian Railways, as a result of which goods

With 'Head on Generation' (HOG) technology, trains are drawing power directly from the grid through Over Head Equipment (OHE) instead of burning expensive diesel fuel. 100% electrification of Bilaspur Railway Division to save revenue and lakhs of tonnes of carbon. Along with saving in footprint, it will also play a benevolent role in environmental protection.

The pace of environment-friendly and pollution-reducing railway electrification in Indian Railways has increased 9 times since 2014. The scheme of electrification of broad gauge lines by Railways will facilitate the elimination of diesel traction which will result in significant reduction in environmental pollution along with reduction in carbon footprint.

RPF conducts special operation

Action was taken against 48 eunuchs under the Railway Act.

Bilaspur, Mar 16: In view of the inconvenience caused by eunuchs to passengers during rail travel, an intensive and special campaign was launched against eunuchs. Complaints in this regard were being received continuously by rail passengers through Rail Madad, Twitter, social media and other mediums. Passengers were being harassed by eunuchs forcibly demanding money and doing unusual activities. To curb this, a special campaign against eunuchs was conducted in all the three divisions of Bilaspur, Raipur and Nagpur from March 13 to 15, 2023. Railway Protection Force, Crime Intelligence Branch and other railway personnel took part in this campaign. In the three-day special campaign, action has been taken against a total of 48 eunuchs under the Railway Act by the three divisions. South East Central Railway is determined for passenger convenience and safety. This campaign will continue continuously in future.

Winners of Letter Writing competition awarded

By the Postal Department

Central Chronicle News

Pithora, Mar 16: The winners of the 'Dhai Akshar Patra Lekhan' and 'Deendayal Sparsh Yojana' by the Postal Department of the central government were presented with prizes at the hands of Chief Post Master General (CPGM) Chhattisgarh circle and Director Postal Service here on Thursday. This competition was organised with an objective to create interest among the youth in 'letter writing' and to create interest about postal stamps in the present day world of mobile and internet.



Fine of Rs 1.25 lakh imposed



On vehicles violating traffic norms, documents

Central Chronicle News

Gourela, Pendra, Marwahi, Mar 16: As per instructions by the Collector Priyanka Mahobia, checking of schools vans, autos, pick-up Vans and commercial vehicles and school buses was done in the district at different places over violation of traffic rules. A total

of fine of Rs 1.26 lakh was recovered on charges of not running the vehicles as per traffic rules.

District Transport Officer (DTO) Vivek Sinha informed that this checking drive was carried out in front of district hospital, Semara triangle, Madhana over-bridge; Lalpur chowk and a fine of Rs 1.26 lakh was imposed on all the vehicles violating traffic norms, rules and regulations. During the checking, the fitness,

permit, pollution certificate, insurance papers of autos, pick-up vans, and other vehicles were checked. In this fine of Rs 94000 was imposed on autos; Rs 11,500 on small vehicles and Rs 20500 on 4 school vans.

DTO Sinha informed that even after warning by the Transport Department, the vehicles were driven without proper permit, fitness certificate and other relevant RTO documents. In this regard challan was made against the vehicles and many others were explained about following traffic rules and regulations and not to drive overloaded vehicles, hold valid insurance certificate; permit; pollution certificate and other documents. In this action, DTO along with Heeralal Dhruv, Home Guard Durgesh Kumar, Ramkumar Thakur and others were present.

Fertilizer godown of Baronda in dilapidated condition!

Farmers forced to travel extra 10 kms to fetch fertilizers



Central Chronicle News

Rajim, Mar 16: The 70 yr old Fertilizer godown in Baronda is in dilapidated condition with holes emerging from the cracks in-between the walls and the parts of the slab too are peeling off from many place and which can collapse anytime and can cause some casualty as well.

The people of Gram Brando are pretty concerned about it and have urged the public reps right from MP to MLA and to local administration to get a new build-

ing of the godown constructed, but to no avail. Not only this the farmers have to cover around 10 kms to Patthra near Rajim, to collect the fertilizer from the godown and this apart from time also cost them heavy in their budget.

Sarpanch and Kissan leader from Gram Panchayat Baronda Danendra Kumar Sen, Dy. Sarpanch Parmeshwar Yadav, Bharat Nirmalkar and other farmers informed that the Fertilizer godown of Gram



Baronda is about 70 yrs old and here the registration of Sahakari Samiti was done first. From this godown, the farmers from Gram Shayamnagar, Ghuma, Singhouri and others come to purchase chemical fertilizers.

But with no repair work or renovation over the last two-three years, it has turned into dilapidated condition and now the fertilizers cannot be stored in the godown.

Therefore the farmers have to travel 10 kms to Gram Patthra near Rajim to collect fertiliz-

ers. Danendra Sen informed that seeing the problems to the farmers seeing the problems to the farmers, he got the fertilizer purchased from Patthra just before rains at his own risk and got it distributed among the farmers, so that the fertilizers do not get drenched in rainwater.

The farmers of the four villages have got a very big land area for farming and they have urged the MLA Amitesh Shukla to grant funds for the construction of new godown for fertilizers soon.

Collector gives patient hearing to grievances

In the weekly 'Jandarshan' prog

Central Chronicle News

Balod, Mar 16: The Collector Kuldeep Sharma convened weekly time-limit meeting in the District office here on Thursday. In the 'Jandarshan' programme held after the meeting, he gave patient hearing to the grievances and problems of the rural persons present.

Sharma met the persons from remote village area one after another and took information about their complaints and problems. In some cases he directed the cases of the persons to concerned officer of the



department and directed them to sort it out at the earliest.

In Jandarshan programme, applications related to power connection in Gram Bhibhdo; construction of shed for Goat-farming by Shailendra Kumar in Gram Kotera; labour card by Gaytri Bai in Gram Jevartala and others. In the same way

other applicants also submitted their applications to the Collector.

On this occasion, CEO District Panchayat Dr Renuka Shrivastava, Upper Collector Indira Tomar and all RIs and district-level officers were present.

Action taken against 40 vehicle riders

Balod, Mar 16: As per instructions by SP Balod Dr Jitendra Kumar Yadav and under guidance of Addl. SP Harish Rathore and under supervision of all the gazetted police officer, all TIs and Chowki in-charge and Inspector Traffic In-charge Dilleshwar Chandravanshi, a special motor vehicle checking campaign was launched.

The objective of this MV checking is to reduce the increasing road accidents and take action against the vehicle drivers driving the vehicles carelessly and to create awareness among the general public about the traffic rules and regulations and its strict compliance. On March 14, action was taken against the 40 careless vehicle riders and fine of Rs 14,800 was charged.

नाम परिवर्तन

में अभिषेक अग्रवाल पिता नरेश कुमार अग्रवाल शपथपूर्वक घोषणा करता हूँ कि मेरी सुपुत्री का पूर्व में नाम अमायरा अग्रवाल था अब उसका नाम आरिनी अग्रवाल है अब उसे उसके नाम आरिनी अग्रवाल के नाम से जाना जाये एवं समस्त दस्तावेजों में नया नाम दर्ज किया जाये

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न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी, रायपुर नोटिस

क्रमांक/43/र-121/2022-23/133 रायपुर, दिनांक 02 मार्च 2023

1. श्रेष्ठ जाली जनरल स्टोर (प्रायतकमी) 2. श्री विजय कुमार कार्यालय (प्रायतकमी) 3. श्री वल्लभ सिंह जाली जनरल स्टोर, म.नं. 50, स्ट्रीट क्र. 03 आशीर्वाद चौराहे के पास सेक्टर 2 रायपुर

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कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर

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

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (CIN:L65922DL2005PL136029)** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 10.12.2022 calling upon the Borrower(s) **SULTAN MAHMOOD PROPRIETOR COOL JUNCTION AND SHAHEEN PARVEEN** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.19,31,202.32 (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Two and Paise Thirty Two only)** against Loan Account No. **HHLRPR00428248** as on 15.11.2022 and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **symbolic possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 15.03.2023.

The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED** for an amount of **Rs. 19,31,202.32 (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Two and Paise Thirty Two only)** as on 15.11.2022 and interest thereon.

The Borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

FLAT NO. 508, HAVING AREA 746 SQ. FT. AND BUILT-UP AREA 600 SQ. FT. ON 5TH FLOOR, WITH ADDITIONAL AREA RIGHT TO ENJOYMENT AND OTHER COMMON AREA ABOUT 146 SQ. FT., SITUATED AT RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX KNOWN AS "GOKUL TOWER", PART OF KHASRA NO. 405/1, 405/3, MOUJA GOGAON WARD NO. 03, SANT KABIR DAS WARD TEHSIL AND DISTRICT RAIPUR - 492001, CHATTISGARH.

BOUNDED BY:
EAST : OPEN TO SKY WEST : OPEN AREA OF LOBBY
NORTH : FLAT NO. 507 SOUTH : OPEN TO SKY

Sd/
Date : 15.03.2023
Place: RAIPUR
Authorised Officer
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Under Symbolic Possession)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : DATE : 06.04.2023
TIME : 300 MINUTES FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M., WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSIONS OF 10 MINUTES FOR EACH BID.

Interested bidder may deposit Pre-Bid EMD with MSTC before the close of e-Auction. Credit of Pre-bid EMD shall be given to the bidder only after receipt of payment in MSTC's Bank account and updation of such information in the e-auction website. This may take some time as per banking process and hence bidders, in their own interest, are advised to submit the pre-bid EMD amount well in advance to avoid any last minute problem.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India (Lead Bank) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 06.04.2023 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (through website <https://www.mstccomerce.com/auctionhome/bapi/index.jsp>) for recovery of Rs 1,04,72,87,260.74 (Rupees One Hundred Four Crores Seventy Two Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty and Seventy Four Paise Only) as on 28.02.2023 + Accrued Interest and Charges thereon due to the Secured Creditor from Saumya Mining Limited formerly Saumya Mining Private Limited (Borrower), Mr Ashok Jain (Personal Guarantor), Mrs Pradnya Jain (Personal Guarantor) & Mr Ajay Jain (Personal Guarantor) and Saumya Infraventures Private Limited (Corporate Guarantor).
Details of the property, Reserve Price & EMD are as under:

Sl No.	Description of Property/ Asset	a) Reserve Price b) EMD c) Bid Incremental Amount
1.	(Property ID: SBIN200001422938) (Under Symbolic Possession) (Multiple patches open lands at Khasra No's 1805, 1804/1, 1806/1, 1862, 1510/2, 1736, 1737, 1731/2, 1734/2, 1735, 1509/3, 1818/2, 1569/1, 1681/3, 1453/5, 1462, 1570, 1571, 1724/2, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1857/1, 1768, 1752/1, 1752/3, 1754/2, 1756/2, 1804, 1806/2, 1453/3, 1458/2, 1460, 1760/2, 1775/2, 1776/1, 1776/2, 1791, 1792, 1795, 1779/3, 1787/2, 1743/2, 1752/2, 1754/1, 1756/1, 1753/3, 1753/4, 1738, 1739, 1755, 1770, 1742, 1786/1, 1787/1, 1753/1, 1753/2 via Deed Nos 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2854, 2855, 2856, 2857, 2858, 2859, 600, 595, 593, 591, 590, 592, 602, 595, 589, 594 in the name of Saumya Mining Limited and Khasra Nos: 1447/2, 1459, 1741/1, 1773/1, 1775/3 via Deed Nos 904 and 905 in the name of Ashok Kumar Jain admeasuring 11.135 Hectares at Mouza: Aruda, PH:30, PS: Pussore, Tahsil: Raigarh, Under Aruda Gram Panchayat, Dist: Raigarh, Chhattisgarh. Date and time of Property Inspection : 23.03.2023 02:00 P.M. to 04:00 P.M.	a) Rs. 2,24,00,000.00 b) Rs. 22,40,000.00 c) Rs. 1,00,000.00
2.	(Property ID: SBIN90909090) (Under Symbolic Possession) (Multiple patches of open land at Khasra No's 37, 871 & 872/1, 875/1, 875/2, 881/1, 881/2, 881/3, 881/4, 873 via Deed nos 5463, 4489B, 5906A in the name of Saumya Infraventures Private Limited and Khasra Nos 872/2, 874 via Deed Nos 3850 and 3849 in the name of Ajay Jain, admeasuring 5.83 Hectare at PH No 27 (Old) 60 (New), Village: Bandrabad, RNM, Ahlwara, Tahsil: Dhamada, Dist: Durg Chhattisgarh. Date and time of Property Inspection : 24.03.2023 02:00 P.M. to 04:00 P.M.	a) Rs. 2,60,00,000.00 b) Rs. 26,00,000.00 c) Rs. 1,00,000.00

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor website <https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others>, <https://www.mstccomerce.com/auctionhome/bapi/index.jsp>

Date : 17.03.2023, Place : Kolkata
Authorised Officer, State Bank of India

BRIEF



Devotees pull a chariot of Lord Ranganath during 'Rath Ka Mela', in Vrindavan, Thursday.

Inaugurate

Nashik: Various weapons and equipment used by the Indian Army will be on display at an exhibition which will be inaugurated by Union minister Nitin Gadkari in Maharashtra's Nashik city on March 18. Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde will be present for the inaugural ceremony of the two-day exhibition, "Know Your Army", while Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis will attend the concluding function on March 19.

Board exam

Imphal: The High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) exam conducted by the Board of Secondary Education commenced in Manipur on Thursday, an official said. A total of 38,127 students, including 18,628 girls, are giving the examination that will conclude on April 3.

Acquitted

Mumbai: A special CBI court here on Thursday acquitted two accused in a 1989 case pertaining to an alleged attempt on the life of businessman Nusli Wadia. The accused, Ivan Sequeira and Ramesh Jagotia, were acquitted for want of evidence by special judge S P Naik Nimbalkar.

Blast

Dharmapuri: Two women were killed and a male worker was grievously injured in a blast at a firecracker manufacturing unit at Nagadasampatti village, Pennagaram, in the district on Thursday, police said. Fire at the unit, involved in making firecrackers for temple festivals, was triggered by friction when the workers were handling an inflammable substance, a senior police officer said.

Protest

Mumbai: Hundreds of lawyers at the Metropolitan Magistrate court in Mumbai's Borivali suburb went on a strike on Thursday after one of their colleagues was allegedly assaulted by a cop inside a police station, an official said.

Unearthed

Diphu: A buried cache of arms and ammunition, including an AK series rifle and pistols, was unearthed in Assam's Karbi Anglong district, a senior police officer said on Thursday. Acting on a tip-off, a police team carried out an operation in Doidak in Dokmoka Police Station area on Wednesday night and dug out an AK-56 rifle, a 9mm pistol, a .32 calibre pistol, a sten gun and ammunition, Karbi Anglong Superintendent of Police Sanjib Kumar Saikia said.

EYE ON 2024 POLLS

Andhra Budget allocates lion's share for welfare

Amaravati, Mar 16 (PTI): Keeping its interests in mind ahead of the Assembly elections scheduled for 2024, the Andhra Pradesh government has allocated the lion's share of the state Budget — more than Rs 54,000 crore of the total Rs 2,79,279 crore — to Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes, targeting potential voter segments such as pensioners, farmers, students and women.



Andhra Pradesh Finance Minister Buggana Rajendranath presents the annual State budget for 2023-24 in the Legislative Assembly, in Vijayawada, Thursday.

Finance Minister Buggana Rajendranath tabled the 2023-24 Budget in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday. Andhra Pradesh has for long focused on governance that balances both welfare and development, and its budgetary allocation of as much as Rs

54,228 crore for DBT schemes is in keeping with that model. The increase of about 10 per cent in the allocation, from Rs 48,882 crore in 2022-23, indicates that the government has its eye on the upcoming elections next year. The DBT schemes include YSR Pension Kanuka (Rs 21,435 crore) for senior citizens, persons with disabilities and trans-

gender persons; YSR Rythu Bharosa (Rs 4,020 crore), which provides financial assistance for farmers; Jagananna Vidya Devena (Rs 2,842 crore) that reimburses the higher education fees of students from poor economic backgrounds; and Jagananna Vasati Devena (Rs 2,200 crore), which takes care of the hostel and mess fees of poor stu-

dents who otherwise cannot afford higher education. Other major DBT schemes are YSR Asara (Rs 6,700 crore) which provides funds to Self Help Groups; YSR Cheyuta (Rs 5,000 crore) which aids middle-aged women financially; and Amma Vodi (Rs 6,500 crore) that incentivises poor families to send their children to school.

'Cong poll promises only a visiting card'



Basavaraj Bommai

Mangaluru, Mar 16 (PTI): The major promises made by the Congress ahead of the State Assembly elections are nothing but a visiting card, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Thursday. Talking to reporters on his arrival here to attend the meeting of beneficiaries of various government schemes,

Bommai said the people will not take heed to the "guarantee card" of the Congress that it will implement all its promises. The Congress had announced three poll "guarantees" — 200 units of free power to all households (Gruha Jyoti), Rs 2,000 monthly assistance to the woman head of every family (Gruha Lakshmi) and 10 kg of rice free to every member of a BPL household (Anna Bhagya). It seems that the Congress itself does not believe in their oral promises. "Otherwise, what is the need for a guarantee card," Bommai asked. He was replying to a question whether BJP is wary of the Congress promises including free electricity and financial assistance to women in every household.

'Plant 5 L tulips sourced from J-K, HP in city'

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

Lt Governor V K Saxena has directed officials to ensure that Delhi is adorned with flowering plants throughout the year and asked the NDMC to plant five lakh tulips, sourced from Jammu and Kashmir or Himachal Pradesh, in the next season, officials said on Thursday. The Lt Governor chaired a meeting to review the Horticulture divisions of various departments and agencies and their future preparedness with regards to flower plantation and other activities. "In line with his often professed goal of turning the capital into a 'city of flowers' and in cognizance of the enthusiastic response of Delhi residents to the prevalent, extraordinary spring

DELHI LG TO NDMC

bloom in the city, Saxena directed officials to come up with a detailed plan of action for the remaining year within the next 15 days," a Raj Niwas official said. The meeting was attended by the chief secretary, chairman NDMC, VC DDA Commissioner MCD and Engineer-in-Chief (PWD) and their Horticulture heads. These are civic agencies and departments that own Delhi's parks, green stretches and roads, and undertake and execute most of the Capital's horticultural activities, that include, planting flowers and flowering trees on roads and parks and maintaining nurseries among others, he said. This year, about 1.5 lakh tulips were planted across the NDMC area. The LG also issued instructions for five lakh tulips to be

ROAD INSPECTION



Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari with BJP leader Ramvir Singh Bidhuri inspects the progress of the Urban Extension Road Project (UER-II), on Thursday.

Comedian Khyali booked for rape

Jaipur, Mar 16 (PTI): Famous stand-up comedian Khyali Saharan has been booked for allegedly raping a 25-year-old woman in a hotel room here, police said on Thursday. On the basis of a complaint lodged by the woman, a case was registered against the comedian on Tuesday at Mansarovar police station here, they said.

According to police, the incident took place on Monday when the comedian, who is an AAP activist, in an "inebriated condition" allegedly raped the woman in a hotel room in Mansarovar area on the pretext of helping her get a job. "A case under IPC Section 376 (rape) has been registered against the comedian following a com-

plaint lodged by the woman. The matter is being investigated," said sub-inspector Sandeep Yadav who is posted at Mansarovar police station. Police said that the woman hailing from Sriganganagar worked as a marketing executive for a firm. She, along with another woman, came in contact with the comedian nearly a month ago seeking help for a job. According to police, Khyali booked two rooms in a hotel, one for himself and another for the two women. The comedian allegedly consumed beer and forcibly asked the women to drink beer. Later, one of the women left the room and he raped the other woman, police said.

Sardana Int'l School received the esteemed 'Best Boarding School' award

In Madhya Pradesh

Indore, Mar 16: Sardana International School, situated in Dewas, has been honored with the title of 'Best Boarding School' in Madhya Pradesh. It is popular for its unique and special educational services. This prestigious award was presented to the school for its exemplary work in promoting educational excellence and securing a better future for the students at the boarding school. Educationist and founder of Sardana International School, Lalit Sardana was felicitated by the Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Narottam Mishra. Sardana International School is a premium CBSE boarding school for chil-



dren. The facility of this boarding school is for both boys and girls. The founder of Sardana International School, Lalit Sardana, who has secured All India Rank 243 in IIT, has been teaching Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics for the last 26 years and has the highest selection ratio in India. To ensure boarders have a complete educational ex-

perience, a range of facilities are provided. This includes a library, an e-library, language lab and robotics labs to give students the best learning environment. Lalit Sardana, Founder & Educationist, Sardana International School, says, "It is a matter of great pride for the entire Sardana team to be recognized as the best boarding school.

PROTEST MARCH



Mahila Congress activists during their protest march to the Legislative complex demanding immediate action against the marshals and ruling LDF legislators who had allegedly attacked UDF MLAs in the Assembly, in Thiruvananthapuram, Thursday.

'Sikkim yet to utilise untapped power potential'

Gangtok, Mar 16 (PTI):

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on Thursday said the Himalayan state till now has utilised only 27.5 per cent of its 8,000 MW power potential. He was speaking at the Business 20 (B20) conference organised as part of India's G20 presidency. "We have only utilised 2,200 MW till now and the scope for Hydropower, clean and green energy is ample in Sikkim", said the chief minister at the conference on Opportunities for multi-lateral business partnership in Tourism, Hospitality, pharmaceuticals, and organic farming. Urging the delegates to consider Sikkim as a good



Prem Singh Tamang

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Tamang told a press conference on Wednesday. "Organic Tourism is what Sikkim can offer, we are the first organic state in the world and have been recognised by the United Nations. We would like to urge the participants today to deliberate on what Sikkim can give to the nation and the world" the chief minister said. The Himalayan state will host the StartUp20 conference on March 18 and 19. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative to let Sikkim host the two events B20 and Startup 20 has given a boost to the state's economy", said the chief minister.

Mehbooba snubs critics after performing ritual inside Shiv temple

Jammu, Mar 16 (PTI):

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday defended her recent visit to a Shiv temple in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch and performing a ritual there, saying "we live in a country that is home to the Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb" and there is no need to discuss the matter further. A video of the former chief minister offering water to Shivaling inside Navgraha temple, Mandi-Ajote in Poonch on Tuesday has gone viral, drawing criticism from some quarters. "We are living in a secular country that is home to Ganga-Jamuni



PDP President Mehbooba Mufti offers prayers at Navagraha temple in Poonch district.

Tehtzeeb. The temple was built by Yashpal Sharma (former PDP leader who died last year) and his sons want me to visit the

place. I went inside and someone gave me a small vessel filled with water with a lot of belief and love.

"I do not want to break his heart by refusing to pour water (on the Shivaling). He asked for it and I did it (out of respect for him)," Mehbooba Mufti told reporters here. Asked about some Islamic scholars from Deoband in Uttar Pradesh disliking it, she said she did not want to go into it and whether it is allowed or not in her religion. "In our country, Hindus and Muslims live together and there are more Hindus offering Chadar' at Muslim shrines than Muslims themselves. This issue is related to myself and there is no need for further discussion over it," she said.

US releases video of Russian jet dumping fuel on its drone

Kyiv, Mar 16 (AP):

The Pentagon on Thursday released footage of what it said was a Russian aircraft pouring fuel on a U.S. Air Force surveillance drone and clipping the drone's propeller in international airspace over the Black Sea.

The 42-second video shows a Russian Su-27 approaching the back of the MQ-9 drone and beginning to release fuel as it passes, the Pentagon said.

Dumping the fuel appeared to be aimed at blinding its optical instruments and driving it out of the area.

On a second approach, either the same jet or another Russian fighter that had been shadowing the



This photo taken from video released on Thursday, March 16, shows a Russian Su-27 approaching the back of the MQ-9 drone and beginning to release fuel as it passes, over the Black Sea, the Pentagon said.

MQ-9 struck the drone's propeller, damaging one blade, according to the U.S. military.

The U.S. military said it ditched the MQ-9 Reaper in the sea after what it de-

scribed as the Russian fighter making an unsafe intercept of the unmanned aerial vehicle.

The video excerpt released by the Pentagon does not show events be-

fore or after the apparent fuel-dumping confrontation. Russia said its warplanes didn't strike the drone and claimed the unmanned aerial vehicle went down after making a sharp maneuver over the sea. Asked Thursday if Russia would try to recover the drone debris, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters the decision was up to the military.

"If they consider it necessary to do so in the Black Sea for the benefit of our interests and our security, they will do it," he said.

Nikolai Patrushev, the secretary of Russia's Security Council, said Wednesday that Moscow would try to recover the drone fragments.

MINERS PROTEST



Miners from the municipalities of Bajo Cauca protest against the government of President Gustavo Petro in Taraza, Colombia. For two weeks wildcat miners working in illegal gold mines have protested against the destruction of machinery used in the search of gold.

Nepal's PM Prachanda likely to visit India next month

Kathmandu, Mar 16 (PTI):

Nepal's Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' is likely to travel to India on an official visit next month - his first foreign trip since assuming the office for the third time in December last year, a media report said on Thursday.

Though the official date of his visit to India is yet to be announced, boosting bilateral ties and talks on trade, energy, agriculture, culture and air service will prominently feature in his talks with Indian leaders.

Sources close to the 68-year-old Prime Minister said that his visit to India in the near future is in the cards and the date



would be fixed once the Prime Minister gets a vote of confidence from the House of Representatives.

"The visit will take place after the PM seeks a vote of confidence and expands his cabinet," a source said.

Earlier, the Prime Minister had announced

that he would visit India on his first foreign trip after assuming the post. The Prime Minister is seeking a vote of confidence from the Parliament on March 20.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has started preparations for the visit," The Kathmandu Post newspaper reported.

The ministry has started groundworks works for the purpose and meetings are being organised with the line ministries to prepare the agenda, the daily reported, quoting an official at the Foreign Ministry.

Mid-April will be the tentative date for the Prime Minister to embark for the official visit, said the paper.

Japan, South Korea renew ties at Tokyo summit



South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, left, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, right, shake hands following a joint news conference at the prime minister's official residence in Tokyo, Japan, Thursday, March 16.

Tokyo, Mar 16 (AP):

Japan and South Korea agreed to resume regular visits between their leaders and took steps to resolve a trade

dispute as a highly anticipated summit began Thursday, a sign that the two countries are rebuilding their nations' security and economic ties as they try to over-

come a century of difficult history.

The summit could reverse the strategic map of northeast Asia. The two U.S. allies, who have long often been at odds over their history, are seeking to form a united front, driven by shared concerns about a restive North Korea and a more powerful China.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol both stressed the importance of improved ties as they opened Thursday's summit, hours after a North Korean missile launch and encounters between Japanese and Chinese vessels in disputed waters.

Taiwan chip pioneer warns US plans will boost costs

Taipei, Mar 16 (AP):

U.S. government efforts to shift production of processor chips from Asia to the United States will double their cost and slow the spread of their use in phones, cars and other products, the billionaire founder of the global industry's biggest manufacturer warned Thursday.

Morris Chang of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp. said he supports U.S. efforts to slow China's development

of chip technology on security grounds.

But Chang said he can't understand why Washington wants to move so much manufacturing from efficient Asian sites to the United States.

The Biden administration is promising tens of billions of dollars to support construction of U.S. chip foundries and reduce reliance on Asian suppliers, which Washington sees as a security weakness.

After Cyclone Freddy, flood risk lingers for southern Africa

Blantyre (Malawi), Mar 16 (AP): After four days of destructive wind and rain, local communities and relief workers are now confronting the aftermath of Cyclone Freddy which has killed more than 250 people and displaced tens of thousands of others across Malawi and Mozambique and may still cause further damage.

Cyclone Freddy dissipated over land late Wednesday, but weather monitoring centers warned that countries are still vulnerable to flooding and landslides.

At least 225 people have been killed in southern Malawi, including within the financial capital of Blantyre, officials said. Around 88,000 people are still displaced and parts of



the region remain inaccessible. Malawi's president, Lazarus Chakwera, has declared a 14-day national mourning period. In Mozambique, authorities said at least 53 were killed

since late Saturday, with 50,000 more still displaced. Scientists say human-caused climate change has worsened cyclone activity, making them more intense and more frequent.

The recently-ended La Nina that impacts weather worldwide also increased cyclone activity in the region in recent years.

Cyclone Freddy has caused destruction in southern Africa since late February, when it pummeled Mozambique as well as the islands of Madagascar and Reunion.

Freddy first developed near Australia in early February and traveled across the entire southern Indian Ocean before it bounced around the Mozambique Channel. The U.N.'s weather agency has convened an expert panel to determine whether it has broken the record for the longest-ever cyclone in recorded history, which was set by 31-day Hurricane John in 1994.

US spreading disinformation, suppressing TikTok: China

Beijing, Mar 16 (AP): China accused the United States on Thursday of spreading disinformation and suppressing TikTok following reports that the Biden administration was calling for its Chinese owners to sell their stakes in the popular video-sharing app. The U.S. has yet to present evidence that TikTok threatens its national security and was using the excuse of data security

to abuse its power to suppress foreign companies, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin told reporters at a daily briefing. "The U.S. should stop spreading disinformation about data security, stop suppressing the relevant company, and provide an open, fair and non-discriminatory environment for foreign businesses to invest and operate in the U.S.," Wang said.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
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Group No. 01 Name of work - C.C. LINING BETWEEN R.D. 5.00 KM. TO R.D. 10.17 KM., CHHATA MINOR R.D. 0 M. TO R.D. 2100 M., KHAPARI MINOR R.D. 0 M. TO 1260 M., RENOVATION OF 05 NOS. STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NOS STRUCTURES, FIXING OF 05 NOS. COLABA OF MUNGELI DISTRIBUTORY OF MANIYARI TANK.
 (FIRST CALL) System Tender No. 127569, Probable Amount of Contract - Rs. 798.47 Lakhs (As Per SOR Amended on 22.08.2022)

Group No. 02 Name of work - C.C. LINING BETWEEN R.D. 10.17 KM. TO R.D. 16.74 KM., DEORI MINOR R.D. 7080 M. TO R.D. 7920 M., SURDAMINOR R.D. 0 M. TO 1980 M., SURIGHAT MINOR R.D. 0.00 M. TO 480 M., RENOVATION OF 06 NOS. STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCTION OF 4 NOS STRUCTURES, FIXING OF 30 NOS. COLABA OF MUNGELI DISTRIBUTORY OF MANIYARI TANK.
 (FIRST CALL) System Tender No. 127570, Probable Amount of Contract - Rs. 815.66 Lakhs (As Per SOR Amended on 22.08.2022)

Group No. 03 Name of work - C.C. LINING BETWEEN R.D. 16.74 KM. TO R.D. 25.50 KM., BIRGAON MINOR R.D. 0 M. TO R.D. 480 M., LALAKAPAMINOR R.D. 0 M. TO 480 M., RENOVATION OF 07 NOS. STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NOS STRUCTURES, FIXING OF 40 NOS. COLABA OF MUNGELI DISTRIBUTORY OF MANIYARI TANK.
 (FIRST CALL) System Tender No. 127571, Probable Amount of Contract - Rs. 601.10 Lakhs (As Per SOR Amended on 22.08.2022)

Group No. 04, Name of work - CONSTRUCTION OF ANCUT ON TESUA NALLA NEAR VILLAGE GHUTHALI, (THIRD-CALL) System Tender No. 127572, Probable Amount of Contract - Rs. 274.84 Lakhs
 (As Per SOR 01.08.2010 and Amendments 01.08.2014)

Group No. 05 Name of work - RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR DIVISIONAL OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER AND 2 NO. G-TYPE QUARTER, 01 NO. F-TYPE QUARTER WITH BOUNDARY WALL AT GOVERNMENT LAND SITUATED IN VILLAGE DHARAMPURA OF MUNGELI.
 (FORTH CALL) System Tender No. 127573, Probable Amount of Contract - Rs. 162.71 Lakhs (As Per SOR 01.08.2010 and Amendments 01.08.2014)

Group No. 06 Name of work - CONSTRUCTION OF CANAL FROM R.D. 7140 M. TO 12600 M. AND CONSTRUCTION OF 23 NOS. STRUCTURES AND CEMENT CONCRETE LINING FROM R.D. 7140 M. TO 12600 M. OF HALF RIVER DIVERSION SCHEME & RENOVATION OF TEMPI TANK.
 (FORTH CALL) System Tender No. 127574, Probable Amount of Contract - Rs. 464.97 Lakhs (As Per SOR 01.08.2010 and Amendments 01.08.2014)

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 22.03.2023, at 17:31 Hours, (IST) onwards.

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UN nuclear watchdog: 2.5 tons of uranium missing in Libya

Dubai, Mar 16 (AP): Some 2.5 tons of natural uranium stored in a site in war-torn Libya have gone missing, the United Nations nuclear watchdog said Thursday, raising safety and proliferation concerns.

Natural uranium can't immediately be used for energy production or bomb fuel, as the enrichment process typically requires the metal to be converted into a gas, then later spun in centrifuges to reach the levels needed.

However, each ton of natural uranium if obtained by a group with the technological means and resources can be refined to 5.6 kilograms (12 pounds) of weapons-grade material over time, experts say. That makes finding the missing metal important for nonprolif-

eration experts. In a statement, the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency said its

director-general, Rafael Mariano Grossi, informed member states Wednesday about the missing uranium.

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Sealed tenders are invited from eligible experienced bidder on labour contract basis for the following works:-

SN	Tender No.	Particulars	E.M.D
01.	02-17/Pur/T-318/2568	Job work for construction of 02 No. addl. 33KV feeder bays for connectivity of 33KV S/s Semra & 33KV Sheorinarayan -II feeders at 132KV S/s Sheorinarayan under EE (S/s) Dn. CSPTCL Bilaspur on labour contract basis.	7,500

Last Date & Time of Sale of Tender: - 05/04/2023 15:00 Hrs
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 Date & Time of Opening of Tender :- 06/04/2023 15:30 Hrs

Terms & conditions:- The tender document can be obtained from the O/o the CE (S/s) CSPTCL, Bilaspur on payment of cost of tender documents or can be downloaded from our website. For all other details of NIT and terms & conditions, please visit our website www.csptcl.co.in (go through CSPTCL tender notice-Sub-station O&M Bilaspur).

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
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System Tender No. : 127245/NIT No. : 04/SAC/22-23,
Dated : 14.03.2023

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 05.04.2023 at 17:30 Hour

Name of Work: Renovation work of Madded Tank Head Work and Canal Lining of Bhopalpatnam Block of District Bijapur.

Probable Amount of Contract - Rs. 285.06 Lakhs
 (As per S.O.R. dated 01.08.2010 and amended upto dated 01.08.2014).

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 21.03.2023, at 17:31 Hours, (IST) onwards.

NOTE - All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/ Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Executive Engineer
Water Resources Division, Bijapur
For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project Raipur (C.G.)

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(नियम 6 देखिये) अचल संपत्ति के विक्रय की उद्घोषणा
(छत्तीसगढ़ भू-राजस्व संहिता 1959 की धारा 147 (ग) के अधीन)

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क्योंकि नीचे बणित संपत्ति को श्रीमती सुनित्रा देवी अग्रवाल, डायरेक्टर मेसर्स लोकेश सिंघल ट्रेडिंग प्रायवेट लिमिटेड, मैसूरान रोड, रायपुर पिन-22421205752 पर की वसूली के लिये कुर्क की गई है। एतद द्वारा उद्घोषणा की जाती है, कि यदि इसमें नीलामी के लिये नियत तिथि से पूर्व कुल देय राशि का मुगलान नहीं किया जाता है, तो उक्त अचल संपत्ति का विक्रय निम्नलिखित शर्तों के अधीन कॉलम नं.-2 में दर्शित भूमि पर दिनांक 24.03.2023 दिन शुक्रवार को समय 3:00 बजे (अथवा उस समय के लगभग), सार्वजनिक नीलाम द्वारा किया जावेगा। विक्रय का विस्तार उक्त संपत्ति में केवल उक्त बकायादार के स्वको, उनके द्वारा नीलामी की समस्त शर्त स्वीकार है, इस आशय का घोषणा पत्र संलग्न करना।

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- नीलामी की नीलामी जहाँ है, जैसी है के आधार पर तथा छत्तीसगढ़ भू-राजस्व संहिता 1959 की धारा 146 एवं 147 के प्राधान्यों के तहत की जायेगी।
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- प्रत्येक बोलीदार को नीलामी में भाग लेने हेतु उक्त घरोहर राशि के साथ पहचान पत्र (पासपोर्ट / ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस / वोटर आई.डी.) में से एक, पैन कार्ड की स्व-प्रमाणित छायाप्रति के साथ, उनके द्वारा नीलामी की समस्त शर्त स्वीकार है, इस आशय का घोषणा पत्र संलग्न करना होगा।
- न्यूनतम तीन बोलीदार होने पर ही नीलामी की कार्यवाही आरंभ की जायेगी।
- नियम एवं शर्तों के अधीन, पूर्णरूपेण सही एवं सार्वजनिक बोली लगाने वाले को सफल घोषित किया जावेगा व अन्य बोलीदारों की जमा की गई घरोहर राशि नीलामी के बाद बिना ब्याज के वापस कर दी जायेगी।
- सफल बोलीदार को विक्रय मूल्य के 25 प्रतिशत का मुगलान, पे-आउट / डी.डी. के माध्यम से, तत्काल (या निर्देशानुसार), वाणिज्यिक कर अधिकारी रायपुर वृत्त-पाँच रायपुर, के पक्ष में करना होगा, घरोहर राशि इसमें समायोजित की जायेगी। नियम समय के भीतर राशि जमा करने पर घरोहर राशि जप्त कर ली जायेगी। संपत्ति की पुनः नीलामी की प्रक्रिया आरंभ की जायेगी।
- नीलामी की पुष्टि होने व अधिकतम बोली लगाने वाले को सफल बोलीदार मानकर उक्त संपत्ति हस्तांतरित करने का निर्णय लिया जाता है तो सफल बोलीदार का विक्रय मूल्य की शेष 75 प्रतिशत राशि निर्णय के पंद्रह दिन के भीतर जमा करना होगा अन्यथा पूर्व में जमा 25 प्रतिशत राशि जप्त कर ली जाएगी एवं उक्त संपत्ति की पुनः नीलामी की प्रक्रिया आरंभ की जाएगी।
- किसी भी विवाद की स्थिति में नीलामीकर्ता का निर्णय अंतिम व सर्वमान्य होगा।

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Provocative Acts

US-Russia Tensions Amid Ukraine War

Tensions between the US and Russia have intensified with the recent crash of a US spy drone into the Black Sea, marking a dangerous escalation in hostilities amid the one-year-old Ukraine war. The incident has further hardened battle lines in the West-vs-Russia conflict, with both sides accusing each other of provocation. The threat of mutual retaliation looms large, and the possibility of initiating an independent probe into the drone case and working out a mechanism to prevent recurrence of such happenings appears remote. According to the US military, two Russian Su-27 jets carried out a "reckless intercept" of the MQ-9 drone while it was in international airspace, dumped fuel on it, and flew in front of it in "unsafe maneuvers." However, Russia has denied any wrongdoing, stating that the drone, which was detected near the Crimean peninsula, crashed after "sharp maneuvering." Russian Ambassador to the US Anatoly Antonov has alleged that the UAV deliberately moved towards Russian territory with its transponders turned off. The direct confrontation between Washington and Moscow comes during a critical stage of the war. The geopolitical polarization is so acute that the possibility of defusing the situation appears remote. The prevailing mistrust and insecurity have been aggravated by the deal that the US, UK, and Australia have sealed to create a fleet of nuclear-powered attack submarines. The move is ostensibly aimed at ensuring that the strategic Indo-Pacific region remains "free and open," but the objective of countering China's assertiveness is an open secret. No wonder Beijing has warned that the three countries are travelling "further down the dangerous and wrong path." This incident highlights the dangers of escalating tensions between major powers, particularly at a time when the world is grappling with multiple crises. In recent years, there have been several similar incidents involving the US and China, which have led to heightened tensions between the two nations. Last month, a Chinese surveillance balloon was shot down by the US after it made an incursion into American airspace. Tensions were eventually reduced, but the incident cast a shadow on the already strained US-China relations, prompting Secretary of State Antony Blinken to call off his Beijing trip. The situation in Ukraine remains precarious, and any escalation of hostilities could have dire consequences not only for the region but also for the wider world. The onus is on the major players to exercise restraint and not resort to provocative moves that could trigger an even more devastating war than the one dragging on in eastern Europe. It is essential that diplomatic channels remain open, and both sides should work towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict. The recent drone incident in the Ukraine war underscores the need for greater caution and restraint from major powers. Any escalation of tensions could have severe consequences, and it is essential that all sides work towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict. The world is already grappling with multiple crises, and a major war could have catastrophic consequences. The onus is on the major players to exercise restraint and avoid provocative moves that could trigger a wider conflict.

Importance of Financial Stability for Women

In today's society, it is crucial for women to achieve financial stability. Financial stability is a state where a person is able to support themselves and their dependents without facing financial hardships. This includes having enough savings, investments, and a steady source of income to cover daily expenses, emergencies, and long-term goals.

Here are some reasons why financial stability is important for women

Independence: Financial stability gives women the freedom to make their own choices and live life on their own terms. It provides them with the power to make decisions about their careers, education, and personal life without being dependent on others.

Safety: Financial stability can also be a means of protection for women. In situations of abuse, financial dependence can be a significant obstacle for women who want to leave their partners. Having financial stability can give them the means to escape an abusive situation and start a new life.

Retirement: Women tend to live longer than men and often have to rely on their own savings in their old age. Therefore, it is essential for women to plan for their retirement and have enough savings to sustain themselves after they retire.

Equal opportunities: Financial stability can help bridge the gender pay gap and create equal opportunities for women. With financial stability, women can invest in their education, start their own businesses, and have the means to negotiate for better pay. Financial stability is not only important for women's personal growth but also for their safety, security, and independence. Therefore, it is crucial for women to take charge of their finances and work towards achieving financial stability.

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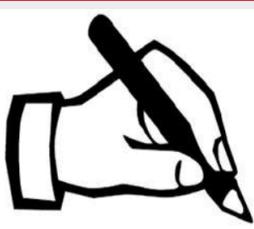
LA PEROUSE EXERCISE



Indian Navy's indigenously built guided missile frigate, INS Sahyadri and fleet tanker, INS Jyoti participated in the third edition of the multilateral exercise La Perouse conducted in the Indian Ocean Region.

Humanity is being trampled by the madness of comfort

DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH



The modern lifestyle's fixation on a narrow definition of the good life is undermining multiple moral values. To tackle this crisis, it's crucial to encourage a more comprehensive view of what constitutes a fulfilling existence. Buddha famously abandoned his riches and household to discover the purpose of life. We can also draw inspiration from the examples set by Raja Harishchandra, Mahatma Gandhi, and Dr. Kalam, who embodied values such as honesty, compassion, and uprightness. Prioritizing a wider range of moral principles can safeguard the long-term prosperity of both individuals and society.

Moral values are permanent beliefs and ideas within a person and reflect a preference for good or bad. In modern times many societies have increasingly focused on the accumulation of material wealth, power, and status as the primary goal of human life. This has led to a narrow definition of the good life, where success is measured by the ability to accumulate material wealth, often at the expense of others. A narrow conception of the good life is leading to a crisis of moral values. Like the issue of corruption, a narrow notion of the good life leads to the erosion of values such as transparency, probity, social responsibility, and honesty. Due to this, personal interests have been promoted in place of public interest. Climate change Meeting the

never-ending human demands over the years has put tremendous pressure on the planet's resources. The planet is warming at an unprecedented rate, glaciers are melting, and wildlife is disappearing. All these calamities have arisen out of attachment to over-materialism. For example, the crisis in Joshimath is the result of choosing economics over ecology or the ecosystem. It is often said that "unlimited power is apt to corrupt the minds of those who possess it". A recent example is that of a civil servant who cleared a sports stadium for dog walking and asked the athletes to leave. Today, if someone is asked what is his goal, he would say that money. They have the urge to do anything to get it. Even if it has to be accomplished by adopting

the wrong path. Don't know how many such examples will be seen which show how much the youth have dropped their moral values in themselves. Sadly, they do not recognize manners, culture, and morality, nor are they ready to accept them. Today's young generation is walking like a mad elephant, forgetting morals and values and trampling everything that comes its way. He is oblivious to what will happen whenever he falls to the ground. This is happening only because of a lack of moral values.

The great land on which great personalities like Maryada Purushottam Shriram and Arjuna were born. Today manners, morals, and values are being lost from the same land. Sanskar takes us to the heights of success. When we forget our ideals, culture, and purpose, then only failures come into our hands. The bitter truth is that today's youth do not know about values, ideals, and principles. If we think honestly, then there is no one else who is spreading immorality and rudeness but we are. We have to take steps to save them as well. Give good manners and education to your children. A child is like a blank paper; it is our duty to write a note of culture, moral values, and manners on that blank paper. There is still time and from today itself we have to take an oath that instead of blaming the youth, we should teach values, morals, and manners to the children. Today the focus is on wealth, modern luxuries, and sensual pleasures, with a focus on the end rather than the means.

Reasonable means are not given importance to achieve these means, due to which moral values are neglected. This leads to crony capitalism,

scams, crime, and growing inequality in society. The narrow notion of a good life, being against Gandhian principles, is leading to the Gandhian 7 Social Sins, which can cause serious harm to society. For example, black money and tax evasion - a result of 'money without work', similarly the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki - reflects 'science without humanity'. Dissatisfaction, alienation, disturbance, agitation, inequality, disharmony, anarchy, lack of ideals, injustice, tyranny, humiliation, failure, depression, instability, uncertainty, struggle, and violence... all these surround our lives today. Communalism, ethnicity, linguism, regionalism, and violence in the individual and the society is the responsible reason behind the narrow ill feelings and problems.

If the elements of morality are not sufficiently available in the children's environment, then the elements which will be dominant in the environment will become a part of life. That is why it is said that values are not taught, they are acquired. To address the crisis of moral values, there is a need to promote a holistic vision of the good life. To find the true meaning of life, Buddha left his home and wealth. One can learn the values of truthfulness, righteousness, honesty, and compassion from the lives of Raja Harishchandra, Mahatma Gandhi, and Dr. Kalam. Emphasizing the broad dimensions of moral values can ensure the long-term well-being of individuals in particular and society as a whole.

(Writer is a Poet, freelance journalist, and columnist, All India Radio and TV panelist. Views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bhopal Gas Tragedy: A Hard-Fought Battle

The Bhopal Gas Tragedy is a tragic event that had a profound impact on the lives of thousands of people, and it is regrettable that it took so long to reach a final conclusion. However, it is important to note that the legal process can be complex, and it often takes time to resolve complicated cases like this. While the court's decision to reject the curative petition filed by the government may seem harsh, it is based on a careful examination of the facts and legal principles involved. The court's observations about the government's negligence and failure to take out relevant insurance policies are a reminder of the importance of corporate responsibility and accountability. It is also worth noting that the Bhopal Gas Tragedy was not just a legal issue, but also a human tragedy that had far-reaching social and environmental consequences. While the legal process can provide some measure of closure and compensation, it cannot undo the damage that has already been done. While the Bhopal Gas Tragedy case may be a testament to the slow pace of justice, it also highlights the importance of holding corporations accountable for their actions and ensuring that victims are adequately compensated.

Yash pal Raihan, Jalandhar

Need strong agri policy

I am writing to express my concern over the current state of agriculture in our country. In my opinion, there is a dire need for a strong agriculture policy that covers all aspects of the industry, including the depletion of natural resources, soil health, and environmental changes affecting food production. It is essential that farmers, particularly those with small landholdings, are encouraged to practice diversified farming. Many of these farmers stick to traditional farming methods of wheat and paddy due to the assured remuneration, but diversifying their crops could help conserve groundwater. Crops like millets, maize, and barley could be viable alternatives. To support these farmers, the government needs to provide an assured price mechanism and purchase system for their crops. Additionally, the Department of Agriculture and research institutions should collaborate to develop climate-resilient crop varieties. Moreover, a strong sale-purchase mechanism policy that aligns with farmers' needs is crucial. With proper implementation, such policies could help promote sustainable agriculture practices and provide much-needed support to our farmers.

Manoj Kumar, Raipur

Statistics: Neither Be-all Nor End-all of Cricket

Kajal Chatterjee

English writer Neville Cardus had compared scoreboard with "Ass", but what is statistics apart from mere compilation of data registered in scoreboards. So by drawing inspiration from that Cardus theory, Statistics can also be equated to "Ass". However it gets regularly seen how statistics are adjudged as the be-all and end-all of Cricket and cricketers/teams getting judged or compared on basis of such mere compilation of numbers. But a cricketer's worth can never be necessarily judged by mere statistics only. If one takes a glimpse at the statistics of Madanlal, it will not draw enough inspiration as such. But those who used to watch cricket in the decade of the 1980s can assert with much conviction that be it as a batsman bowler or fielder, Madanlal used to give his best with heart out with a never-say-die unconquering attitude. Despite not being a specialist batsman, he used to face the fearsome battery of Marshal-Roberts-Holding-Garner with head hold high despite equipped

with inferior protective gear compared to present times. Same holds true for the likes of Yashpal Sharma, Roger Binny or a bit junior to them Chetan Sharma - - - might not have a "glorious" statistics, but all used to possess toughness enough to get going when the going were tough. No wonder why barring Sunil Gavaskar Kapildev Mohinder Amarnath and Syed Kirmani ; the Indian first eleven of the 1983 Prudential Cup was not made of world-class cricketers with glorious statistics to show off, yet they managed to beat the mighty West Indies of Clive Lloyd (one of the strongest teams in the history of international cricket) to emerge as World Champions. In contrast, the much overhyped team of Virat Kohli, despite a flood of cricketers with "enviable" statistics in all departments of the game, had not managed to win Test Championship, ODI World Cup or even the global version of T20. Also it gets regularly noted that many cricketers, possessed of various sorts of records in their kitty, hardly excel when the chips are down. In contrast, the

non-specialist batsman Wriddhiman Saha regularly used to shine with the bat and come up with crucial innings whenever the team used to find itself in dire straits - - - remember his brave innings of 61 not out to save India from a possible defeat against New Zealand in Kanpur Test that too when he was suffering from unbearable pain of stiff neck. The Bengal lad might have been brutally "rewarded" with a stern declaration by the team management in crystal clear terms that he has no future in the national team due to the presence of "very very special" Rishabh Pant in the mix ; yet the fact remains that in critical times, the much-neglected much-discriminated Saha's bat used to talk much more effectively than many overhyped glamorous top order batters of "glorious" statistics. So statistics can never be the be-all and end-all of the game.

And never can cricketers, spanning generations, be compared with each other by virtue of mere statistics as conditions of the game (nature of pitch, bowling/ fielding restrictions, quality of protective gear, fre-

quency of matches, coaching/training facilities) undergo swift or drastic changes in successive decades. So with cricketing environment undergoing significant changes with time, never can any cricketer of say 1970-s be compared with that of 1950-s 1990-s or current times by latching on mere statistics which can never differentiate between runs scored against Clive Lloyd's West Indies (that too in Caribbean Islands) and that against Sri Lanka/Bangladesh/ Zimbabwe in respective home conditions. In the same vein, bowling against the likes of Zaheer Abbas Greg Chapell Graham Gooch or Vivian Richards can definitely not be compared with garnering mountain of wickets against the batters of much lesser calibre of ordinary opposition teams. In this context, isn't it naive to debate whether Bishan Singh Bedi /Bhagwat Chandra-sekhar is inferior /superior to Anil Kumble/Ravindra Jadeja just by having a glimpse at respective statistics.

Lastly, mere accessibility of statistics at the click of a mouse can never make a person more

appreciative of the game. Previously "uninformed" spectators used to eagerly watch the home team blocking deliveries after deliveries to save the Test on the fifth day wicket and often used to admonish the batter if he knocked a boundary by losing patience. Today in exactly same situation of the game, I wonder how many "statistically-enlightened" Indian spectators would relish the fight between bat and ball with hardly any boundary /over boundary in sight and no DJ/cheerleaders in background. Rather the batters would be booed on accusation of "boring" batting. And yes draws can be enjoyable too depending upon the overall situation of the match; only a poor student of the game believes that Test cricket should be about mere winning or losing i.e result - bearing with no provision of Honorable Draws in its lexicon. After all many Drawn Test matches have generated infinite times more entertainment thrill and skills in history than several Indian wins in underprepared wickets in home soil with the opposition getting "spinned to death" within 3-4 days.

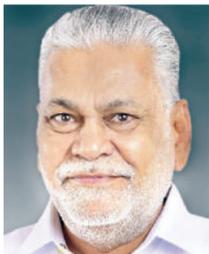
BRIEF

Appointment



New Delhi: The government has appointed Deepak Mohanty as chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). He replaced Supratim Bandyopadhyay, whose term ended in January. Prior to this, Mohanty, a former executive director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), served as a member of PFRDA. The central government hereby appoints Deepak Mohanty, former whole-time member, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), to the post of chairperson, PFRDA, a government notification dated March 14, 2023 said.

Milk production



New Delhi: India's milk production rose 5.29 per cent in 2021-22 to 221.06 million tonnes, the government said on Wednesday. Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Parshottam Rupala on Wednesday unveiled an annual publication 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2022'. The Minister congratulated Animal Husbandry's Statistics Division for coming out with this publication. He said the book has become an important source of information in the field of livestock, according to an official statement. "Total milk production in the country during 2021-22 is 221.06 million tonnes," the statement said. In 2021-22, the milk production has registered an annual growth rate of 5.29 per cent.

Coal stock



New Delhi: Thermal power plants monitored by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) had 33.5 million tonne of coal stock as on Sunday, which was sufficient to run them for 12 days at 85 per cent capacity utilisation, Parliament was informed on Thursday. This assumes significance in view of projection of an unprecedented high demand of electricity during this summer. Electricity demand is expected to touch 229 GW next month as per power ministry estimates.

Economy likely to log in a tepid 6 per cent growth next fiscal: Crisil

Mumbai, Mar 16:

The economy is likely to log in a tepid 6 per cent growth next fiscal, in line with the consensus estimates, rating agency Crisil said on Thursday. The agency also sees the economy averaging a growth rate of 6.8 per cent over the next five fiscals.

Crisil further said it expects the corporate revenue to log in double-digit rise again next fiscal. The National Statistical Organisation (NSO) had pencilled in a 7 per cent growth for the outgoing fiscal — something most analysts consider to be an ambitious number because for the economy to close the year with 7 per cent growth, it will have to grow at over 4.5 per cent in the present quarter of fiscal 2023, which looks ambitious. In its annual growth

forecast, Crisil chief economist D K Joshi said a complex interplay of geopolitical events, stubbornly high inflation — and sharp rate hikes to counter that — have turned the global environment gloomier. On the domestic front, he said, the peak impact of the rate hikes — 250 basis points since May 2022, which has pushed interest rates above pre-Covid levels will play out more in the next fiscal. Consumer inflation is expected to moderate to 5 per cent on average in fiscal 2024 from 6.8 per cent in fiscal 2023, owing to high-base effect and some softening of crude and commodity prices. However, a good rabi harvest would help cool food inflation, while the slowing economy should moderate core inflation. The risks to inflation are tilted

upward, given the ongoing heat wave and the World Meteorological Organization's prediction that an El Niño warming event is likely over the next couple of months, Joshi said.

Joining him, Amish Mehta, the agency's managing director, said the country's medium-term growth prospects are healthier. Over the next five fiscals, "we expect GDP to grow at 6.8 per cent annually", with the next fiscal delivering 6 per cent, driven by capital and productivity increases.

He further said what is also good to see is the increasing sustainability footprint of capex. At present, nearly 9 per cent of the infrastructure and industrial capex is green. "We see this number rising to 15 per cent" by this fiscal.

NTPC commissions green coal plant in Varanasi

New Delhi, Mar 16: State-owned power giant NTPC has commissioned first-of-its-kind commercial green coal plant in Varanasi, which will make torrefied charcoal from municipal waste. Nearly three years ago NTPC had planned to make green coal (torrefied charcoal) from municipal waste, a company statement said. NTPC's arm NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd (NVVNL) had awarded the project on an EPC (engineering procurement construction) basis to Macawber Beekay, and recently the first reactor module of 200 tonnes per day (TPD) capacity green coal plant was installed and commissioned for NTPC's Harit Koyla (Green Coal) Pariyojna plant at Ramana in Varanasi, it stated. The total capacity of this plant after installation of all three modules shall be 600 TPD of waste handling capacity. The plant is built on 20 acres of land. Torrefied charcoal (green coal) which is similar to natural coal can be successfully blended with fuel in thermal power plants to produce electricity. The process is environment-friendly as there is no burning of waste, it is rather processed inside the reactor using Macawber Beekay's specialised conversion technology.

Lamborghini to deploy hybrid tech across model range in India by 2024-end



New Delhi, Mar 16:

Italian automaker Automobili Lamborghini plans to deploy hybrid technology in its models in India by the end of 2024 as the Italian super sports car maker aims to halve the emissions from its cars in the coming years, according to a top company executive. The niche player also expressed confidence that the country's taxation policy remains consistent though any tax reductions will be welcome. The company currently sells three models — premium SUV Urus and two super sports

cars Huracan Tecnica and Aventador in the country, with prices starting upwards of Rs 3 crore. "The roadmap for us is that by the end of 2024 we are going to hybridise our entire model range. So this year we will have a first hybrid, the new V12, then in 2024 we will have the Urus hybrid and also a new V10 which is also going to be a hybrid," Lamborghini India Head Sharad Agarwal told PTI. In 2023, the company plans to bring in a fourth model globally which is going to be the fully electric model, he added. "The idea is to

reduce 50 per cent of the emissions from our cars by 2025," Agarwal said. The company will bring in the upgraded models globally and then introduce them in the Indian market as well. Lamborghini began its India operations in 2007. Last year, it sold 92 units in India, a growth of 33 per cent over 69 units in 2021. When asked if the high rate of taxation on imported cars is affecting the growth of the luxury car segment in India, Agarwal said: "Today, the market is aligned to the current tax structure that we have."

Himalaya Rose Face Wash celebrates inclusivity

Mumbai, Mar 16: Himalaya Wellness Company, a leading Wellness brand, has announced the launch of its latest product, Himalaya Natural Glow Rose Face Wash. The launch is supported by the #NotFair campaign that it ran in collaboration with Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) team in Women's Premier League (WPL). During the first two days of the match, the RCB players were seen sporting #NotFair on their headgears, which sparked curiosity among viewers. Following that, the headgears had the message "Himalaya Rose, Beauty is not equal to Color", this generated discussion about the importance of embracing every skin color and every face. This reveal was planned on International Women's Day (8th March),

which also marked the official launch of the product. The #NotFair campaign's motive is to debunk beauty myths and encourage inclusivity. It is not only highlighting the importance of embracing all skin tones but also celebrate this diversity, challenging unfair beauty standards prevalent in society. It promotes self-love by appreciating the individuality of every beauty, irrespective of skin color.

The partnership between Himalaya and RCB during the Women's Premier League (WPL) is a step towards promoting beauty positivity. The key message conveyed through the campaign is that "Beauty Has No Color. Every face has a special glow, and this individuality of glow should not only be appreciated but also celebrated."

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Truecaller Bengaluru Office Inauguration
16th March, 2023

Truecaller CEO & Co-founder Alan Mamedi speaks as Truecaller India MD Rishit Jhunjhunwala looks on during the opening of Truecaller's first exclusive office space outside of Sweden, in Bengaluru, Thursday, March 16.

India can navigate well financial market turmoil: Uday Kotak

New Delhi, Mar 16:

Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO Uday Kotak said on Thursday that with macro factors turning positive, India can "navigate well" the current turmoil in the global financial market and stand out. India, he said, will benefit from low oil prices in the international market and the country's current account deficit (CAD) is expected to decline to below 2 per cent in 2023-24.

The global markets have roiled over the last week after two banks in the United States went belly up. "Even as the global turmoil continues in financial markets, the macro factors are turning better for India. The current account deficit looks



below 2.5 per cent in FY 23 and going below 2 per cent in FY 24. Lower oil helps. If we walk our talk and navigate well, India can stand out in this turbulence," Kotak tweeted. Signature Bank, New York, which lent mostly to the crypto industry, was shut down by the regulators on Sunday after there was a run on their deposits.

Nexon EV makes a landmark entry into India Book of Records

Mumbai, Mar 16:

Tata Motors, India's leading automobile manufacturer and the pioneer of the EV evolution in India, today proudly announced that India's most trusted and driven EV — the Nexon EV has successfully entered the India Book of Records by covering the 'Fastest' Kashmir to Kanyakumari drive by an EV.

The Nexon EV — India's number one electric vehicle completed the drive of 4003kms in just 95 hours and 46 minutes (under 4 days), successfully proving its ability to undertake multi-city trips. Furthermore, this non-stop drive was also possible because of the enhanced uninterrupted Public Charging network



present on the Indian Highways. Having spent a total of 28 hours resulting in only 21 stops for fast charging throughout the trip, the Nexon EV not only saved up on time in the completion of the total trip but also saved up a considerable amount on the cost when compared to an ICE vehicle.

During the drive, the Nexon EV, which was driv-

ing just like any other car across challenging terrains and extreme weather conditions, delivered an average real-world range of 300+kms with ease. This beautiful drive was also enjoyed by the company's very own leadership team, who drove the Nexon EV along the landscapes of India. In addition to the 'Fastest' K2K drive by an EV record, the

Nexon EV has created 23 additional records.

Commenting on this remarkable achievement, Mr. Shailesh Chandra, MD, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd., said, "The Nexon EV has further validated its capabilities by entering the Indian Book of Records, for the fastest K2K drive by an EV. This achievement is a testament of the enormous competency of the product and the availability of a healthy charging infrastructure across the country — further bolstered by Tata Power's presence across the country. There was a fast charging station at regular intervals, between 75 kms -100 kms, which itself is a great feat for India's EV ecosystem."

Global uncertainty rising, need to maintain 'margins of safety': CEA

New Delhi, Mar 16:

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran on Thursday said the global uncertainty has been rising after the recent developments in the United States and governments, businesses and individuals should keep 'margins of safety' in fiscal, corporate and savings account planning. He said the global growth estimates of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) given in January looks outdated and countries will have to watch what the developments in the US over the last week would do to confidence, bank lending growth and



the subsequent chain effects. Two banks in America have gone belly up over the last week. Signature Bank, New York, which lent mostly to crypto industry was shut down by the regulators on Sunday after there was a run on their deposits. Besides, the

failure of Silicon Valley Bank last week left many startups, tech companies, entrepreneurs and VC funds nervous and jittery. SVB, the 16th largest bank in the United States, was closed on Friday last by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation which later appointed the FDIC as its receiver. Speaking at the Crisil India Outlook seminar, Nageswaran said uncertainty has been on a rising trend and has gone up a few notches in the last week and this is something which countries need to live with, not only this year but for the next year and beyond.

Honda recalling 500,000 vehicles to fix seat belt problem

Detroit, Mar 15: Honda is recalling a half-million vehicles in the U.S. and Canada because the front seat belts may not latch properly. The recall covers some of the automaker's top-selling models including the 2017 through 2020 CR-V, the 2018 and 2019 Accord, the 2018 through 2020 Odyssey and the 2019 Insight. Also included is the Acura RDX from the 2019 and 2020 model years. Honda says in documents posted Wednesday

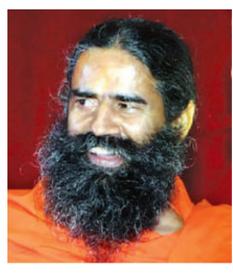
by U.S. safety regulators that the surface coating on the channel for the buckle can deteriorate over time. The release button can shrink against the channel at lower temperatures, increasing friction and stopping the buckle from latching. If the buckle doesn't latch, a driver or passenger may not be restrained in a crash, increasing the risk of injury. Honda says it has no reports of injuries caused by the problem.



Patanjali to bring another FPO for Patanjali Foods; to start process from April, says Baba Ramdev

New Delhi, Mar 16:

With stock exchanges freezing shares of its promoters, Patanjali Foods on Thursday said the move will not impact the company's operation and it will start the process of launching a Follow-On Public Offering (FPO) in April to increase the public shareholding to 25 per cent. Stock exchanges NSE and BSE have frozen the shares of promoters of Baba Ramdev-led Patanjali Group firm Patanjali Foods, which is a major edible oil player. In an interview with PTI, Ramdev assured his investors and public shareholders that there would be no impact of Patanjali Foods Ltd's (PFL) operation and financial per-



formance and its growth trajectory will remain intact. "There is no reason for the investors to worry," he said. According to Ramdev, promoters' shares are already under lock-in as per Sebi guidelines till April 8, 2023, which is one year from the date of listing, and the latest move by stock exchanges do not appear to have a negative impact on

the functioning of PFL. He further said that PFL is being operated by Patanjali group in an "ideal way" and is taking care of all factors such as the expansion of business and distribution, profitability and performance. "We will be diluting around 6 per cent stake. There are no questions about that," he said, adding the delay was because the market condition was not favourable.

When asked about the time frame, he said: "We will start the process for FPO in April, immediately after finishing the current financial year." The Haridwar-based group has already "lined up" offshore and domestic investors, who are ready to invest into the PFL.

HDFC Bank, Flipkart Wholesale launch industry-first co-branded credit card

Mumbai, Mar 16:

HDFC Bank, India's largest private bank and Flipkart Wholesale, the omnichannel B2B platform with an extensive online and offline presence, of India's homegrown Flipkart Group, today launched an industry-first co-branded credit card exclusively for Flipkart Wholesale members. The credit card will run on the Diners Club International® network, part of the Discover Global Network, and can be used in more than 200 countries around the world where Diners Club cards are accepted. As part of this collaboration, registered members of Flipkart Wholesale will be able to avail of 5% cashback — an industry-first offer, on Flipkart Wholesale online

spends. Other benefits include INR 1,500 worth of activation cashback, with zero joining fee, along with additional cashback on utility bills and other expenses.

Through the launch of these credit cards, we will help smaller retailers manage their cash flows better while ensuring that the benefits of digitalization trickle into the entire B2B ecosystem.

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Chitrangda finds her chemistry 'exceptional' with Sara, Vikrant in 'Gaslight'

Bollywood actress Chitrangda Singh, who will be seen playing the role of Rukmini in the upcoming web series 'Gaslight', shared her experience working with Sara Ali Khan and Vikrant Massey in the suspense thriller.

The actress is playing the lead character Misha's (Sara Ali Khan) stepmother. While Misha is a physically challenged girl, Rukmini is a mysterious character. While Chitrangda in the trailer of the web series apparently looks like a caring mother who welcomes her physically challenged stepdaughter, there are many secrets she seems to be hiding from Misha about her missing father. On the other hand, Vikrant Massey is seen as the king's personal assistant.

Sharing her working experience with Sara and Vikrant, Chitrangda said: "It was absolutely lovely working with Sara and Vikram. The two have done an abundance of work in Bollywood and the casting of this film sets you up for interesting scenes." Chitrangda who made her film debut with 'Hazaaroon Khwaishein Aisi', was also seen in the comedy movie 'Desi Boys', 'Inkaar', and she was also appreciated for her role as Latika in the series 'Modern Love Mumbai' and she was also part of 'Bob Biswas'.

The actress further shared that as a person she, Sara, and Vikrant are completely different but their on-screen chemistry looks perfect and makes the plot intriguing. "The three of us are very distinct from one another as people and actors, but together the chemistry and suspense we were able to build and create in regard to the plot are honestly exceptional. You can only expect that we have had a great time on set," she added. 'Gaslight' will be streaming from March 31 on Disney+ Hotstar.



Radhika shoots in her hometown Delhi



One of the busiest actors of the industry right now, Radhika Madan resumes shoot of her seventh consecutive film. However, what makes it special is that in nine years of her career and twelve different films, Radhika is shooting in her hometown Delhi for the first time. Hailing from Delhi, Radhika left her hometown at a very young age and has been making a mark in the entertainment industry with diverse, experimental and impressive performances one after another. Creating a record, Radhika shot for and wrapped six projects last year, which are slated to release this year. Hopping on to her next, the Angrezi Medium actor began shooting for her next earlier this year. Beginning the next schedule of her film, Radhika Madan has reached her hometown Delhi and expressed her happiness of shooting in her city through an Insta story.

Will Pushpa be able to safeguard her family?

Sony SAB's Pushpa Impossible is the story of Pushpa, who with her cheery disposition, optimistic mindset, and unique approach toward life, has captured our hearts. Recently, in the show, the viewers witnessed a thrilling plot wherein Pushpa (Karuna Pandey) and Devi (Urvashi Dholakia) did everything they could to rescue their daughters from the evil hands of the kidnappers. On the other hand, the mastermind behind the kidnapping, Dilip Patel (Jayesh More) who is also Pushpa's ex-husband has begun plotting another evil plan against Pushpa, and uses his and Pushpa's daughter, Raashi as a victim. While every-



one has indulged in the festival of colors, he in disguise goes and meets

Raashi to greet her. Everyone in the chawl is happy and celebrating Holi as with Devi's help Pushpa, Raashi and Roshni were rescued from the kidnappers. Dilip on the other hand decides to use Raashi, his own daughter, as a pawn in his evil plan to take revenge against Pushpa. Will Pushpa find out about Dilip's evil plan? Karuna Pandey, who plays the role of Pushpa Patel, said, "Pushpa as a character, never gives up no matter what situations life puts her in. Though Pushpa has just dealt with such a huge occurrence in her life, there is no stopping to the evil plans that her ex-husband is plotting against her."

Kangana says Wikipedia is 'hijacked by Leftists' as info about her is wrong

Actress Kangana Ranaut has claimed that the info-based website Wikipedia has been "totally hijacked by Leftists" as the information about her birthday and background is "warped". Kangana took to Instagram stories and said that her birthday falls on March 23 and not the given date on the website which states it is on March 20.



The actress wrote: "Wikipedia is totally hijacked by leftists, most of the information about me like my birthday or my height or background is totally wrong ... no matter how much we try to rectify it, it's warped again..." She added: "Anyway many radio channels, fans clubs, and well wishers start to send birthday greetings on 20th March..."

Shriya Saran: Upendra Rao doesn't act like the superstar he is

Actress Shriya Saran, who is known for her work in films like 'Drishyam' franchise, 'Awarapan', 'Sivaji: The Boss' and 'RRR', is awaiting the release of her next film 'Kabzaa'. She recently shared that her co-actor in the film Upendra Rao, does not act like a superstar when he is on the sets and is very humble.

Talking about the first time she shared screen space with Upendra, Shriya said: "The first time I met him, we were shooting for the song 'Namaami Namaami'. It's beautifully choreographed by Chinmi sir. The crew mentioned that Upendra sir is coming on set and everyone around was talking about him. Suddenly he walked in

while I was learning my dance steps." She then spoke about how Upendra graced the set, in great detail. She told IMDB: "I turned back and saw him in his regal outfit as he is dressed as a king in the song. He was smiling even though everyone around him was very quiet and serious. He walked in with a big smile and was full of laughter. He is a superstar but doesn't act like one. He is simply in love with his film set and is having a good time. For him it's really hard to accept appreciation but it's very easy for him to appreciate and praise others, and that speaks volumes about him."



Parineeti Chopra to sing her first song for a film

The recently concluded LFW X FCI event in Mumbai saw a lot go Bollywood glamour both on and off the runway. While many say it is a return to pre pandemic days, others say that fashion has gone back to a time in the business when stars overpowered fashion and collections were sidelined. Be that as it may, from amongst the bevy of beauties at the event, we got a rare sighting of actress Parineeti Chopra who walked the runway for designer Ritika Mirchandani. Chopra was a picture of elegance when she stopped the show, in a shimmering, white, long, fitted, skirt with a high slit, matching bralette teamed with a structured-shoulders long-sleeved, heavily embellished, floor-length jacket.

The "Fair La Fete" collection, was a homage to joyful fashion at Lakme Fashion Week in partnership with FDCI.

Parineeti speaks about her upcoming project.

Talent or hard work, what do you think is stronger our more important?

Chopra: Neither of them can exist without the other; you could be very talented

but if you don't put in the work it's going to take you nowhere and without talent sometimes you can work very hard and take yourself a long way, so I think they both are intervened and I always believe they go together.

Any upcoming project that's very close to your heart?

Chopra: I recently finished shooting a film called Chamkila with Diljeet, directed by Intiaz and I am very excited about it, because it's the first time that I will be singing in a film. It's a very important biopic about the greatest Punjabi singer of all time and it's really close to my heart.

What's your take on fashion?

Chopra: I never really follow trends as I really don't understand fashion as much. I am always a sneaker and comfort dressing girl and I think I will continue being that.

What is your go to style and what makes you happy when it comes to fashion?

Chopra: A white t-shirt, blue shorts and white sneakers is something what I would like to wear at my own wedding. So, you can imagine how much I love it.



Maniesh Paul lauds Kubbra's strength and courage

Recently Kubbra Sait revealed dark and untold chapters of her life in a book authored basis her experiences, commending the actress for shedding her baggage bravely through her book, Maniesh Paul adored her strength and courage as he hosted the actress on his show, The Maniesh Paul Podcast.

After suffering from the emotional trauma and baggage of physical abuse at a young age of seventeen at the hands of her own uncle, Kubbra Sait finally let herself free by penning her experiences in her book. Engaging in a heartfelt conversation discussing the same along with other untold stories of her journey, Kubbra Sait graced 'The Maniesh Paul Podcast'.

Maniesh revealed he had goosebumps on reading Kubbra's dreadful incident of being molested by her uncle in the short insight posted by the actor and host on his social media. Sharing the glimpse into the episode, Maniesh Paul said,



"AND SHE IS STRONG AND HOW!!! You can't miss this episode!!!"

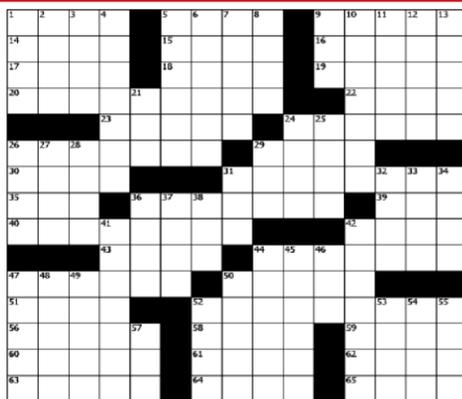
Hailed for his deep and insightful conversations with people from different walks of life, Maniesh Paul has unfolded the unknown aspects of various personalities through his show 'The Maniesh Paul Podcast'.

Earlier, Maniesh has hosted many eminent names on his show including Govinda, Anu Malik, Rajpal Yadav, Gulshan Grover, Geeta Kapoor, Prajakta Koli, Bharti Singh, Krushna Abhishek amongst others, in fact, the podcast has proven instrumental in resolving the ages-old rift between Govinda and his nephew Krushna.

On the work front, Maniesh Paul has been on an award winning spree for his much-loved and appreciated performance in Jugjugg Jeeyo and is currently gearing for his digital debut as the lead for an interesting web show that presents him in an all new avatar.

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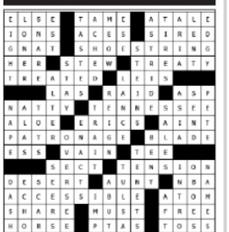
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1st ODI: Hardik faces leadership test vs Australia

Mumbai, Mar 16 (PTI):

Star all-rounder Hardik Pandya's leadership skills and India's overall World Cup preparedness will be under focus when the home side begin their three-match ODI series against Australia here on Friday.

Pandya will captain the Indian team in the absence of regular skipper Rohit Sharma, who is unavailable for the first ODI at the Wankhede Stadium due to family commitments.

The day-night match will be Pandya's first as captain in an ODI, though he is the regular India skipper in the T20 format. He is also the designated vice-captain for the ODI series. Collectively as a team, the focus will shift from winning the four-match Test series for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and qualifying for the World Test Championships final in June against the same opponents - Australia - to starting preparations for the 50-over World Cup the country is hosting later this year.

Keeping in mind that India had won the title the last time the country hosted the tournament - with



Mohammed Siraj, Suryakumar Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal of India during a practice session ahead of the ODI cricket series against Australia at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

Match starts: 1:30pm IST.

MS Dhoni's team winning the trophy in 2011 - similar expectations will be from Sharma and company.

The expectations will be particularly high because the Indian team is a different beast in any format while playing at home. Moreover, the unwanted record of not doing well enough in the knockout matches of the ICC hounding this group of players,

the team will be desperate to turn things around.

India will also look to make the most of the incredible start they have had in ODIs at home this year, winning all six matches in total - against Sri Lanka and New Zealand in two separate series. The Indians will be wary of the fact that the five-time World Cup winners Australia have enough firepower in their ranks to pull off wins, de-

spite the absence of regular captain Pat Cummins who has decided to be with his family after the passing of her mother.

Cummins' absence will be felt by the visiting team as it also looks to finalise its preparations for the World Cup in October-November this year.

Like he did in the last two matches of the Test series, the wily Steve Smith will lead Australia in the ODI series as well.

Indian men's hockey team climb to No. 4 in world rankings

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

The Indian men's hockey team jumped two places to fourth in the latest FIH rankings on the back of its rare back-to-back wins against world champions Germany and Australia in the Pro League matches in Rourkela.

Significantly, India moved ahead of hockey powerhouse Australia, who dropped one place to fifth.

Germany, who were on top spot after winning World Cup title in Odisha in January, also slipped two places to third spot after losing back-to-back matches to India.

India won all their four matches - two each against Germany and Australia - in their FIH Pro League matches played at the Birsa Munda Stadium, the world's largest all-seater venue.

This is less than two months after India made a shocking last 16 exit in the World Cup held here and in Bhubaneswar in January.

India won both the double-legged matches against Germany 3-2 and 6-3 while they beat Australia 5-4 and 4-3 in penalty shootout (after 2-2 in regulation time) in the first and second games.

Boxing Worlds: Nikhat opens with scintillating win



India's Nikhat Zareen (red) lands a punch on Azerbaijan's Anakhanim Ismayilova during 48kg-50kg (Light Flyweight) category Round of 64 match at the 2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championship, in New Delhi, Thursday.

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

Ace Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen started the defence of her title with an emphatic RSC (referee stops contest) win over Anakhanim Ismayilova in the opening round of the Women's World Championships here on Thursday.

The tournament started with home favourite Nikhat's bout and the pugilist did not disappoint. Competing in the 50kg category, the 2022 Commonwealth Games gold medallist took her time to judge her opponent, but once she fig-

ured out the Azerbaijan boxer's game, there was no stopping her: Nikhat, who is unseeded despite being the reigning champion, was at her aggressive best as she landed a flurry of combination punches on her opponent.

Such was the Indian's domination that the referee had to give Ismayilova the 'count' thrice before stopping the contest in the second round. On being unseeded, Nikhat said, "It's not a problem. That's the thing about draws, anyone can get any seeding. It doesn't matter but my draw is good, as the competition

goes on I'll get tough opponents."

Nikhat will next face top seed, 2022 African champion Roumaysa Boualam, in the round of 32.

"I know that boxer but I haven't played against her. I'm happy that India's first bout started with me and hopefully, I will only end it." Sakshi (52kg) advanced to the pre-quarterfinals with a 5-0 unanimous decision win over Colombia's Martinez Maria Jose in the first round. Debutant Sakshi and Jose indulged in a fast-paced bout, where the Indian jabbed her way through.

When Virat Kohli had no belief and 'tank was empty'

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

Star India batter Virat Kohli has opened up on his decision to step down as skipper of Royal Challengers Bangalore after 2021 season, saying he had no "belief" and his "tank was absolutely empty" towards the end of his IPL captaincy tenure.

RCB had a horror run in 2019 when they lost six games in a row to eventually finish at the bottom of the IPL table. They were wooden spooners in the 2017 edition as well.

Kohli quit as RCB captain after the 2021 season with South Africa's Faf du Plessis taking over the reins. "The time when my captaincy tenure was coming to an end here, I was left with no belief, to be very honest. I was gone, the tank was absolutely empty," Kohli said during his motivational speech to the RCB



women's team ahead of their clash against UP

Warriorz in the WPL on Wednesday. "But that was my own perspective, that was me just an individual saying that I have seen so much of this, I can't just manage it, handle it anymore." RCB made it to the playoffs in the 2020 edition for the first time since 2016 season and also reached the knockouts in the next two editions.

"But the next season, new people came in, they had new ideas, there was another opportunity. They were excited, may be as an individual I wasn't that excited. But they created the energy and we reached the playoffs three years in a row," Kohli said. "Now we start every season with the excitement that was before and I feel excited now, the person who was not up to the mark. So it is a collective responsibility, if someone is feeling down as well, the others can pull them up."

Gianni Infantino re-elected FIFA president by acclaim



Kigali, Rwanda, Mar 16 (AP):

Gianni Infantino was re-elected FIFA president by acclaim on Thursday through 2027, after suggesting the financial results under his leadership would keep an industry CEO in the job for life.

Infantino had no election opponent and won by acclaim instead of a formal vote by the congress of 211 member federations whose basic annual funding from FIFA has risen from 250,000 to 2 million since his first win in 2016. FIFA had 4 bil-

lion reserves after the World Cup in Qatar finished in December. It has conservatively forecast record revenue of at least 11 billion through the men's 2026 World Cup being hosted in North America.

"If a CEO tells the stakeholders that the products were multiplied by seven I believe that they would keep that CEO forever," Infantino told FIFA members.

"They would love for this story to keep on going. But I am here for a four-year cycle only," said Infantino, whose presidency can eventually run for 15 years through 2031.

The Swiss lawyer was first elected in 2016 with FIFA in crisis after a sweeping United States federal investigation of corruption removed a swath of soccer officials in the Americas. The fallout also removed veteran FIFA president Sepp Blatter from office within months of being re-elected.

Real Madrid beats Liverpool to reach Champions League QF

Madrid, Mar 16 (AP):

There was no historic comeback for Liverpool. Real Madrid's title defense in the Champions League rolls into the quarterfinals.

Liverpool never really came close to overcoming its three-goal deficit from the first leg against the titleholders at the Santiago Bernabé Stadium on Wednesday, losing 1-0 to end its hopes of another run to the final.

Karim Benzema scored late and Madrid advanced to the last eight for the third straight season with a 6-2 aggregate score following a 5-2 win from the first leg in England, when it rallied from two goals down early in the first half.

Liverpool was trying to pull off something never done before in the Champions League erase a three-goal loss as a visitor: Only five times the team that



lost at home rallied in the second leg in Europe's top club competition. "You need-

ed a special performance and we didn't show a special performance," Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said. "In moments, it was a good performance, but Real Madrid was the team in control the whole game. Madrid was the better team and deserved to advance."

The only time Madrid failed to advance in the Champions League after winning the first leg on the road was in 2019, when it was eliminated by Ajax in the round of 16. It had won six of its last seven matches against Liverpool in the tournament, drawing another:

Real Madrid's French forward Karim Benzema celebrates after scoring his team's first goal during the UEFA Champions League last 16 second leg football match between Real Madrid CF and Liverpool FC.

Tiafoe, Medvedev reach Indian Wells semifinals



Frances Tiafoe of the United States celebrates against Cameron Norrie of Great Britain during the BNP Paribas Open at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden on March 16 in Indian Wells, California.

Indian Wells, Mar 16 (AP):

Frances Tiafoe defeated 10th-seeded Cameron Norrie 6-4, 6-4 to reach the semifinals of the BNP Paribas Open.

well all week. Let's keep it going."

Tiafoe hit 22 winners and had just nine unforced errors. He punctuated the victory, which was briefly interrupted by rain, by serving a love game.

"I played really quick, really close to the baseline and I was pressuring him a lot," Tiafoe said. "I didn't allow him to extend points and I was being super active with my feet, being really aggressive." Tiafoe hasn't dropped a set in four matches during the tournament. Next, he'll play No. 5 Daniil Medvedev, who beat Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 6-3, 7-5. Medvedev won his 18th consecutive match and improved to 23-2 this year. He hurt his right ankle in a three-set win over Alexander Zverev a day earlier. "When I warmed up it was hurting pretty bad," Medvedev said. "But I knew I was going to play." But his woes weren't over. He fell on the court and opened a cut on his thumb in the sixth game of the second set. The cut was bandaged during a medical timeout.

Medvedev broke Davidovich Fokina at love to go up 6-5 before serving out the victory. Medvedev won 12 of the last 14 points.

David Warner named Delhi Capitals captain for this IPL season



New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

Veteran Australia batter David Warner was on Thursday named as captain of Delhi Capitals for the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) season in the absence of Rishabh Pant, who is currently undergoing rehabilitation after a car crash. India all-rounder Axar Patel will be the vice-captain of the Delhi team, a role he performed last year also. IPL 2023 begins on March 31. DC also announced former India captain and Ex BCCI chief Sourav Ganguly as the franchise's Director of Cricket. Ganguly has been associated

with Delhi Capitals in the past too, in the role of mentor, during the 2019 season.

"Rishabh has been a terrific leader for Delhi Capitals, and we're all going to miss having him around. I would like to thank the management for the faith and trust they've always shown in me," Warner said in a release. "This franchise has always been home for me, and I couldn't be more excited to lead such a supremely talented bunch of players. I can't wait to meet them all, and get cracking!"

The naming of Warner as DC captain was on expected lines after Pant - who led the team from 2021 season - met with a horrific car accident in late December and successfully underwent a knee ligament tear surgery in Mumbai. Warner is currently in India for Australia's ODI leg of the tour which begins in Mumbai on Friday. He is one of IPL's most prolific batters with 5881 runs from 162 matches in the 13 seasons that he has featured since 2009. He has an average of 42.01, strike rate of 140.69 and has hit four hundreds and 55 fifties. Warner began his IPL stint with the Delhi franchise in 2009 - when it was Delhi Daredevils then - and remained part of the team till 2013.

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TEA HARVESTING



Workers carrying baskets pluck tea leaves, at Numaligarh Golaghat Tea Estate in Sivasagar district, Thursday.

PREZ TO NAVY PERSONNEL

'Keep updated with latest tech advancements'

Kochi, Mar 16 (PTI):

President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday urged Indian Navy personnel to keep themselves updated on technological advancements as well as the changing operational dynamics of the maritime domain, as having a strong and modern Navy was paramount to protecting the country's long coastline. The Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces said India's naval strength was critical to the country's strategic, military, economic, and commercial interests.

She was speaking after presenting the President's Colour -- the highest honour that can be bestowed



President Droupadi Murmu being accorded a Guard of Honour on her visit to Kochi, Thursday.

upon any military unit of India -- to INS Dronacharya, a premier Gunnery training institute of the Indian Navy

here. The award was presented in recognition of the exceptional service that the INS Dronacharya rendered to the nation,

both in war and peace. Lauding the institute for being a training establishment of international repute and a centre for excellence in gunnery and missile warfare, the President said she was happy to note that personnel from paramilitary and police forces have also been trained at INS Dronacharya.

"In addition, the institute has fostered India's vision for a secure maritime region by training officers and sailors of our friendly countries as well," she said. This was her second visit to a Navy establishment as the President of India, after she took part in Navy Day celebrations at Visakhapatnam with the sailors there.

LAND-FOR-JOBS-SCAM

Tejashwi Yadav to appear before CBI on Mar 25

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

The Central Bureau of Investigation on Thursday assured the Delhi High Court it will not arrest Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav this month, after which the politician agreed he will appear before the probe agency on March 25 for questioning in connection with a case related to the alleged land-for-jobs scam.

Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma recorded the CBI counsel's statement that the agency was not contemplating to arrest Tejashwi Yadav this month. Following the assurance, senior advocate

Maninder Singh, representing Tejashwi Yadav, submitted to the court that the leader will appear on March 25 before the investigating officer at CBI headquarters in Delhi at 10:30 am.

Noting the submissions of both the sides, the high court disposed of the petition in which Tejashwi Yadav has sought quashing of summons issued to him by the CBI for appearing before it in Delhi.

RJD supreme and former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav's son Tejashwi in his plea said he has requested the investigating officer through multiple letters to allow him some time as



the current Bihar assembly session will conclude on April 5.

Tejashwi Yadav's lawyer said three summons have been issued to him since February and he has requested the

through his authorised representative in New Delhi.

He said one of the co-accused was called for questioning to CBI's Delhi office but was arrested. "My apprehension is they will do the same thing to me. Their endeavour is that I come here and they arrest me," the senior lawyer said on behalf of Tejashwi Yadav, who holds four portfolios in the Bihar government.

To this, CBI's counsel D P Singh said the house does not assemble on Saturdays and Tejashwi Yadav can appear before the agency on any Saturday this month as per his convenience.

Court extends ED custody of businessman Pillai



Businessman Arun Ramachandra Pillai, accused in Delhi liquor policy case, at the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office in New Delhi, Thursday.

By 4 days

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

A city court on Thursday extended by four days the ED custody of Hyderabad-based businessman Arun

Ramchandra Pillai, an alleged frontman for the liquor cartel 'South Group' arrested in a money laundering case related to the Delhi excise policy case.

The Enforcement Directorate has claimed Pillai is a close aide of Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) MLC and

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao's daughter K Kavitha.

The ED has accused the cartel of having paid around Rs 100 crore as kickbacks to the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) to gain a larger share of the liquor market in the national capital under the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy for 2020-21.

Special Judge M K Nagapal extended Pillai's custodial remand by four days till March 20 on a prayer by the federal anti-money laundering agency which has sought extension of his custody by five days.

The judge noted the central agency's submission that following Pillai's confrontation

with Hyderabad-based chartered accountant Butchibabu Gorantla on Wednesday, some new details have come up and that Gorantla has been summoned again for further confrontation on Friday.

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BRIEF



India-based American dancer Lauren Gottlieb, who performed on the song 'Naatu Naatu' at the 95th Academy Awards ceremony.

Oath

Agartala: Altogether 44 newly elected MLAs of Tripura assembly took oath on Thursday. They were sworn in as Protam Speaker Binoy Bhusan Das at a ceremony on the assembly premises. Thirty MLAs of BJP including Chief Minister Manik Saha, its ally IPFT's lone member Sukla Charan Noatia, and 11 lawmakers of CPI(M) including its state secretary Jitendra Chaudhury took oath as MLAs.

Collision

Akola: Three persons including a couple were killed in a collision between two motorcycles in Maharashtra's Akola district on Thursday afternoon, police said. The incident took place near Wai village on Akot-Anjangaon road around 1 pm, said inspector Nitin Deshmukh of Akot rural police station.

TEST OF DEMOCRACY

'Will I be allowed to reply'

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi speaks during a press conference at AICC headquarters in New Delhi, Thursday.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday alleged the whole "tamasha" around his remarks in the UK has been created by the government to divert attention from the Adani issue and asserted it is a "test of Indian democracy" as to whether he would be allowed to respond to the allegations by the BJP in Parliament.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, Gandhi said the question before the

country is that whether after four BJP leaders have made allegations about a member of Parliament, that person would be given the same space as them or he be "going to be told to shut up". In an apparent reference to the controversy over his remarks in the UK, Gandhi said this whole thing is about distraction, and claimed that the government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi are "scared" over the Adani issue and that is why they have "prepared this whole tamasha".

Gandhi on Thursday arrived in Parliament House after his return from abroad and met Speaker Om Birla urging him to allow him to speak in Lok Sabha. "I went to Parliament this morning with the idea of putting (forward) what I have said or what I feel on the floor of the House. Four ministers have raised allegations against me in Parliament House, it is my right to be allowed to speak on the floor of the House," the former Congress chief said.

Two pilots killed in Army chopper crash

Itanagar, Mar 16 (PTI):



Wreckage of the Cheetah helicopter that crashed near Mandala in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday.

Two pilots on board a Cheetah helicopter of the Army were killed when it crashed near Mandala in West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday morning, a defence spokesperson said.

The deceased officers have been identified as Lt Colonel VVB Reddy and his co-pilot Major Jayanth A, he said.

Defence spokesperson Lt Colonel Mahendra Rawat said in Guwahati that the helicopter was on an operational sortie from Missamari in Assam's Sonitpur district to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh. The flight en-

around 9.15 am. Five search parties of the Indian Army, SSB and ITBP were immediately launched. The wreckage of the aircraft was found near Banglajaap east village of Mandala," Rawat said.

"A Court of Inquiry is ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident," he added.

Rohit Rajbir Singh, the superintendent of police, Special Investigation Cell (SIC), said villagers had found the crashed chopper ablaze in Dirang, and informed district officials.

"Villagers from Banglajep at Dirang located the chopper around 12.30 pm," Singh said.

FEEDBACK UNIT CASE

CBI slaps fresh case on Sisodia

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):



Delhi's jailed former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia has been booked by the CBI in a new case related to alleged misuse of official position and financial impropriety in the government's Feedback Unit (FBU) which was also used for "political snooping", officials said Thursday.

Already arrested by the CBI in the excise policy case and at present in the custody of the Enforcement Directorate, the woes of 51-year-old Sisodia aggravated after the agency registered a fresh case against him and

five others on Tuesday for alleged criminal conspiracy, criminal breach of trust, forgery and under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, they said.

The agency booked Sisodia, a 1992-batch IRS

officer Suresh Kumar Jain who was then secretary of vigilance, retired CISF DIG Rakesh Kumar Sinha who was working as special advisor to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and joint director in the Feedback Unit, they said.

Besides, former joint deputy director of Intelligence Bureau Pradeep Kumar Punj, who was working as deputy director of the Feedback Unit, retired assistant commandant of CISF Satish Khetrapal who was working as feedback officer, and Gopal Mohan, advisor, anti-corruption, to Kejriwal were also booked in the case, officials said.

RISE IN COVID CASES

Centre writes to 6 states to contain infection

New Delhi, Mar 16:

With Covid cases rising, particularly in six states, the Centre has written to them saying they should focus on controlling the sudden increase in the viral infection. The Union Health Secretary on Wednesday wrote to Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka asking them to stress on testing, treating, tracking, and vaccination. "There are few states which are reporting higher number of cases indicating possible localised spread of infection and there is a need to follow a risk assessment-based

approach to prevent & contain the infection, without losing the gains made so far in the fight against the pandemic," the letter said.

More than 700 Covid cases were recorded in a day after a gap of over four months, taking the active caseload to 4,623, according to Union Health Ministry data updated on Thursday morning. The country had recorded 734 cases on November 12 last year. "It is essential that the state must maintain a strict watch and take pre-emptive action if required in any areas of concern to control emerging spread of infection," the letter said.



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Rs 600 crore of illegal online cricket betting seized from shell companies

Durg Police to take action against directors of 12 shell companies

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: On Thursday, SP Dr Abhishek Pallava chaired a crime review meeting of all the gazetted officers, police station / chowki in-charges of Durg District. SP reviewed the progress of pending cases / death cases / summons warrant / compensations cases and complaints. He discussed all the unresolved and pending cases with all the supervising officers and police station and chowki in-charges. He gave significant instructions for quick redressal and reducing pendency.

Durg Police has seized an amount of Rs 600 crores mainly from 12 shell companies of online cricket betting "Mahadev Book" App. SP instructed for the early arrest of the directors of these companies after lodging 12 new FIRs under Chit Fund Act. He further instructed to in-



stall more and more CCTV cameras in the district for detection of crime and criminals. Police will take help from administration, BSP, PHQ for installing CCTV cameras in the main traffic junctions.

Initiative was taken to install cameras under 'Intelligent Traffic Management System'. In all the police stations where CCTV cameras are not installed, instructions were given by the Superintendent of Police, Durg, to install them immediately and if they are

out of order; to get them repaired. He asked to constitute a separate team to keep an eye on social media. The team would identify the people flaunting illegal weapons on social media posts and register cases against them under the Arms Act to prevent criminal incidents.

The Superintendent of Police said that there should be no negligence towards the instructions issued by the police headquarters in crimes related to women. He asked to trace the missing minor

and take legal action on the basis of the evidence. He asked to check the POI of Dial 112 and reduce the response time.

All the gazetted officers were directed to form police teams and send them to other states as per requirement after reviewing the complaints related to Chit Fund Company and IT Act cases along with pending serious cases related to crimes against women and children.

Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Sanjay Dhruv,

Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Kumar, City Superintendent of Police (Durg) Vaibhav Banker, City Superintendent of Police (Bhilai Nagar) Nikhil Rakhecha, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Crime) Prabhakar Kumar Jha, City Superintendent of Police (Chhawani) Ashish Banchole, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters) Mani Shankar Chandra, Sub-Divisional Officer of Police (Patan) Devansh Singh Rathore, Sub-Divisional Officer of Police (Dhamdha) Sanjay Pundhir, Deputy Superintendent of Police (IUCAW) Shilpa Sahu, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Satish Thakur, Deputy Superintendent of Police (AJK) Vinod Minj along with all the police station in-charges and chowki in-charges were present.

Rs 5.26 lakh cash recovered from office; Patwari suspended



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: On the instructions of Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena, SDM Laxman Tiwari conducted a surprise inspection of the

Patwari Office (Halka No 45) in Kohka, Bhilai.

During the inspection, Rs 5.26 lakh cash was recovered in the Patwari's office. When asked about the cash, the Patwari was able to clarify the source of this

money. After preliminary investigation, SDM Durg took immediate action and directed the concerned officials to issue suspension order to Patwari Shatruhan Mishra.

Swachhata drive begins in Rajhara Mines

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: A Cleanliness awareness campaign was launched by Personnel Department, Rajhara, on March 16, 2023. The campaign has been started to give a concrete shape to the objective of "Swachh Bharat Mission".

At the beginning of the cleanliness awareness campaign, Cleanliness Oath was administered by Vikash Chandra, DGM (Personnel-IOC) in the presence of RK Gaharwar, CGM (Mines). The outline of the programme was communicated by Dr JS Baghel.

The cleanliness campaign started from one end of the building and ended at the other end in the premises of Rajhara Administrative Building.



RK Gaharwar, CGM (Mines) said that this campaign should be observed continuously. Such campaigns leave a deep impact on the mindset of people towards cleanliness as the mind and body remain healthy with a clean workplace. RC Behera, GM (I/c),

Vipin Kumar, GM, VK Srivastava, GM(TSD), S Raza, DGM (Geo) Satyendra Kumar, DGM (Safety & Training), Chandrabhushan DGM SS Raghuvanshi, Nitesh Kshatri, Naresh Sahu Senior Managers, Dr JS Baghel from Personnel

Department, Joth Kumar, Personnel Officer and Sandhya Rani Verma, RK Thakur, ALWO, Harakh Ram, Anil Ghosh, Virso Dugga contributed in making the campaign successful. All participants contributed generously in the cleanliness drive.

BSP employees feted with Pali Shiromani & Karm Shiromani Award

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: Employees belonging to Utilities zone of Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded with the 'Pali Shiromani' and 'Karm Shiromani Puraskar' on March 14 for their exemplary work performance under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' of Bhilai Steel Plant.

Pali Shiromani Award was given to Shriprakash Nigam, Senior Manager (ACWE), Karm Shiromani Award winners included Kashi Ram Thakur, Chief MOC, PLEM, Mahar Singh Thakur, Chargeaman cum Senior Technician, WMD, Rama Shankar, Master Technician, OP-II



and Rajesh Kumar Lucas, Chief Master Operator cum Technician CAS N CWP were felicitated for their exemplary work.

The function was presided over by AK Joshi, CGM (Utilities). In this

function different department head SK Chattri, GM (ACWE), Utpat Dutta, GM (WMD), Chinmoy Khan, GM (CAS N CWP) M Venkatesh Babu, GM (PLEM) and Mohammad Nadeem Khan, GM (OP-II),

presented the award winners with a certificate of merit, memento and appreciation letter for the spouse of the employee. The programme was conducted by Personnel Office of P&E Zone.

St Thomas College organises career counseling programme

In association with MoU partner Govt KDR Mahila College & Holy Cross Womens College Ambikapur

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: St Thomas College in MoU collaboration with Government Kamla Devi Rathi Mahila PG College Rajnandgaon and Holy Cross Women's College Ambikapur organised a programme on

career counseling. The resource person of the event was Sunil Kumar Suman. The programme was organised for the PG students of the department of all the three colleges.

Career counseling is the need of the hour as students are always in

need of guidance. The student

must know all the options available and how to move forward in their career using the available

resources. The resource person of the event spoke about awareness of digital literacy and career literacy. He

further explained that in order to achieve career goals one must know his or her strengths and weaknesses. The speaker stressed that one has to know oneself and then set goals. The various

methods to explore career was also discussed. The students learned about the various



strengths and weaknesses. They also learned about the national level portal for skill develop-

ment and job seeking. Fr Dr Joshi Varghese addressed the gathering and motivated the departments organizing such events for the students. Principal Dr MG Roymon, St Thomas College appreciated the program. Principal Dr Sister Shanta Joseph, Holy Cross Women's College Ambikapur sent her best wishes to all the students learning from this program. Principal Dr Alok Mishra, Government Kamla Devi Rathi Mahila PG College, Rajnandgaon expressed his desire to conduct more such programmes

for the students in future. Dr Debjani Mukherjee, Head PG Department of Psychology, St Thomas College, spoke about Career Counseling as a service that helps people begin, change, or advance their careers.

Dr Basant Sonber, Head PG Department of Psychology Government KDR Mahila College addressed

the gathering referring that finding a fulfilling career is considered to be important to mental well-being. When choosing the most fitting career or finding a new job the services of a career coun-

selor may be helpful. Dr Mamta Awasthi, Holy Cross Women's College Ambikapur spoke about the programme that career counseling helps people assess their skills, needs, and desires in

order to find a career that works for them. This type of counseling is considered to be an important step to take before deciding on a permanent career. Dr Ankita Deshmukh and Tammya Pattnaik helped in the smooth functioning of the program. Dr Sumita Singh proposed vote of thanks.

Dr Jagjeet Kaur Salooja, Dr Alka Mishra and A Malik, SRO In-charge, NSO(FOD), Durg also expressed their views. RK Srivastava, Senior Statistical Officer-in-Charge, National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Raipur conducted the quiz competition. PL Sonwani, SSO In-charge, along with Senior Statistical Officers, CPS Markam, Sujet Behera, Vijay Kumar Rakhonde and other officers and employees of the office were also present.

Free Eye Camp at OA Building on Mar 19

Bhilai, Mar 16: MGM Eye Institute, Raipur, the renowned eye hospital of the Chhattisgarh state, in cooperation with Officers' Association (OA) Bhilai Steel Plant, is organizing a free Eye Check-up camp at Pragati Bhavan (OA Building), Civic Centre on March 19, 2023, Sunday. The camp will start at 10:00 hrs and close at 16:00 hrs. In addition to eye check-up by computerised machine for glasses number and Cataract Screening & advise, the highlight of this free eye camp will be Screening & Diagnosis for Glaucoma, the silent eye disease which causes blindness. Moreover, Retina examination of those patients, who have BP sugar will be done in the camp. Those desirous of availing the benefit of the eye examination facility of the well-known MGM Eye Institute,

Ministry of Statistics organises quiz competition at Govt VYT College

Students deliberated on career prospects available in the field of statistics

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 16: National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India, Raipur in collaboration with Government VYT Autonomous PG College, Durg organised quiz programme for college students on March 15, 2023 for spreading awareness about statistics. The quiz competition was organised at Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishna Hall of Durg College. The chief guest of the programme was Principal-in-charge of the college Anupama

Asthaana while Roshan Lal Sahu, Deputy Director General, National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India, Raipur presided over.

The programme was inaugurated by the traditional lamp lighting ceremony by the guests. On this occasion, Head of the Department of Economics, Prof AK Khan, In-charge, Placement Cell of College Dr Suchitra Sharma and Dr Alka Mishra were also present. George Minz, Assistant Director, National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Raipur welcomed the guests. He informed the students about the career prospects available in the field of statistics and said that there are



various career opportunities available in the field of statistics. Keeping the possibilities in mind students should prepare for competitive exams.

Addressing the programme, Prof AK Khan, Department of Economics said that students should be aware about statistics and they should know the utility of the subject they read and how it connects

the people. He said now-a-days data is very important and is used in every field of life. Roshan Lal Sahu, Deputy Director General of National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Raipur while presiding over the programme said that for determining the country's GDP, data is collected through various surveys on agriculture, in-

dustry and service sectors. Also, to know the current status of labour and employment, quarterly data is collected through periodic labour force survey, in which data is currently being collected on important topics like labour force participation, working population and unemployment rate. On the basis of the data obtained through this survey,

efforts are made by the Central Government to improve these areas. Urban Frame Survey is also being conducted. He also advised the students to find the career prospects in the field of statistics.

The chief guest Anupama Asthaana, Principal-in-charge of the college in her address appreciated NSO (FOD), Regional Office, Raipur for

conducting such a useful and beneficial programme for the students of this college and said that with this programme students will be definitely benefitted and will be aware about the statistics. She advised the students to take maximum advantage of the knowledge of the experienced officers of the National Statistical Office and get information related to the possibilities of employment for themselves.

It is worth mentioning that the National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India, organised the program for college students with the aim of increasing awareness related to statistics among the students and underlining the impor-

tance of statistics in policy making and planning. A quiz competition was organized for Students of Government VYT Autonomous P G College, Durg in which students participated. Those who answered correctly were awarded with prizes and certificates.

BJP stages walkout over Employment status data

MLAs allege hasty decision to introduce Unemployment Allowances to youth

Raipur, Mar 16:

The Principal opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday staged walkout from the proceedings of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly on the unemployment registration data with the state government. Raising the issue during Question Hour, the BJP Legislator Ajay Chandrakar sought the number of people registered at the District



Employment Registration Offices across Chhattisgarh and also sought the details about the Unemployment status. In his reply, the Minister for Higher Education and Employment Umesh Patel informed that nearly 18 lakh people are registered at the Employment Registration Offices and added that the

Speaker Mahant for well-equipped Employment Registration Offices

Raipur: Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant on Thursday directed the Minister for Higher Education and Employment Planning Umesh Patel to make the District Employment Offices well-equipped as the state government has taken decision to provide Unemployment Allowances to the Youth. Dr Mahant made the above statement during the Question Hour session in Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly as the opposition BJP leaders questioned the status. Speaker further asked to inform the Assembly about the criteria fixed by the state government to provide Unemployment Allowances from next financial year.

exact number of unemployment people cannot be told as the survey are conducted only for selective samples. However, the Opposition BJP members gheraoed the Treasury bench which resulted in ruckus. To register protest against the al-

CM to hold cabinet meeting today

Raipur, Mar 16:

A meeting under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will be held on Friday in his Vidhan Sabha office and in this the employees are keeping their fingers crossed over the likely decision on regularization of adhoc or contractual employees and demand of hike in DA and HRA by Chhattisgarh Officers-Employees' Federation and who are on strike at present. There are about 1 lakh temporary employees either working on contractual or adhoc mode in the state and they are keeping a ray of hope alive about their regularization to be made in this budget session. As to on which issue the cabinet will hold discussions, but the state's misappropriation bill is expected to get cabinet's approval. At present the department-wise discussions are in process in the Vidhan Sabha.

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Autorickshaws are being driver overloaded in capital city and no action is being taken by the traffic police.

Congmen take out awareness rally

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 16:

Congress workers from Raipur South Legislative Assembly segment under the leadership of PCC General Secretary Kanhaiya Agrawal on Thursday took out "Haath Se Haath Jodo" yatra to create awareness among people towards the welfare schemes of Congress government. Congress workers also highlight the alleged faulty economic policies



of Centre which they said has resulted in inflation and unemployment. Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the Congress Youth Congress Vice President from the constituency Md Siddaq said that they had taken the campaign to inform people with the opinion of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. Kanhaiya Agrawal, Jagesh Rajput, Javed, Sagar and others were present during the campaign.

BJP wanted to capture assembly: Cong

Raipur, Mar 16:

Countering BJP's allegations, Pradesh Congress communication department chief Sushil Anand Shukla said that senior BJP leaders deliberately tried to make the movement violent. Policemen were assaulted and abusive words were used, he said, alleging that an attempt was made to damage government property. It is the right of every political party to

protest in a democracy, but there is dignity and limit to the movement, Shukla said. The BJP wanted to capture the assembly by inciting the mob, he alleged. The gherao of the assembly does not mean that you are going to capture the assembly. In a democracy, there is a democratic process of capture in the assembly, he said, adding that public gives this right to the political party by voting them in the election.

BJP accuses police of 'barbaric' action during its protest

Raipur, Mar 16:

The Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday hit out at the Congress government in the Chhattisgarh Assembly over "barbaric" police action against its leaders and workers during a protest on "poor" implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in the state. Police fired tear gas shells, used water cannons

and resorted to lathicharge as several BJP workers and others tried to lay siege to the Assembly building in Raipur during an agitation over implementation of the Centre-sponsored housing scheme on Wednesday. Raising the issue in Zero Hour, BJP members claimed the police used tear gas shells to target r party workers and even women protestors were treated with barbarity. They demanded a discussion on the issue by

giving an adjournment motion notice. Leader of Opposition Narayan Chandel of the BJP alleged the Bhupesh Baghel government adopted an "oppressive" policy to deal with the stir which is inappropriate in a democracy. However, the demand for a discussion on the issue of police action led to an uproar in the House as MLAs of the ruling Congress vociferously countered the Opposition charges.

Many policemen injured in BJP's VS gherao

No arrest made so far in this case

Raipur, Mar 16:

BJP on Wednesday staged Vidhan Sabha gherao over 'Mor-Aawas-Mor Adhikar' in capital city and in which hundreds of BJP party workers and leaders took part. In this many a protestors broke down the barricades conducted to control the protestors and tried to reach upto Vidhan Sabha. Here massive police force was deployed and they tried to stop them, but this resulted in minor scuffle with the protestors and during which many a BJP work-



ers entered into physical fight with the police and in which many got injured. Few of the protestors were found carrying lathis as well and of which the police has shared their photos and videos as well. At one place where the police has filed FIR against the protes-

tors creating unrest during the protest and in this two different FIRs have been filed. This includes filing of FIR under section 147, 186, 353, 332 of IPC. So far no arrest in this regard has been made till date. **Asst. Engineer filed first FIR:** It was an Assistant

Engineer who filed the first FIR. In this VS gherao, the PWD has created barricades using woods, sticks, bamboos and tin-sheds to stop the protestors from entering VS area and this was done at Pirda Chowk, Over-bridge and Zero-point of VS. There were about 40-50 BJP workers who even after explanation by the Judicial Magistrate did not listen and getting united they broke down the barricades of woods, bamboos and sticks and tin-sheds and caused damage to government's property. The policemen have watched the entire incident and taken Video and photos as proof.

Over 1400 unauthorized constructions regularized



Regularization Authority Committee meeting
Regularization becomes easy and fast with simplification of rules

Raipur, Mar 16:

Regularization of unauthorized constructed parts on houses and plots in the district is now being carried out at a fast pace with simplification of rules on the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. So far three thousand 438 unauthorized construction works have been regularized in Raipur district. One thousand 410 cases have also been regularized in the meeting of the Regularization Authority Committee headed by

Collector Dr Sarveshwar Bhure here on Wednesday. As many as 1275 cases in Raipur Municipal Corporation area, 101 cases in Birgaon Municipal Corporation area and 34 unauthorized constructions in town planning areas were regularized in the meeting. Total regularized cases included maximum 979 residential cases and 296 non-residential unauthorized constructions in Raipur Municipal Corporation area. Municipal Commissioner Mayank Chaturvedi, Zone Commissioners of all zones of Raipur Municipal Corporation, Birgaon Municipal Corporation Commissioner Kirtiman Rathore, Member Secretary of the committee and Deputy Director of Town Planning Department DPS Patel and other officials were present at the meeting.

Ch'garh gains independence for NARCO test

As permission granted to conduct NARCO test in AIIMS

Raipur, Mar 16:

State Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu stated in Vidhan Sabha that NARCO test, which was previously restricted to major cities, can now be conducted in Chhattisgarh as well, and that people will no longer have to wait in long lines for their NARCO test to be conducted in big cities of the country. Chhattisgarh has now become self-dependent on NARCO tests. The state government has completed

ed the necessary formalities for the NARCO test and along with Raipur AIIMS, necessary machines have also been bought for it. In addition to this, State Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, while discussing the demands for grants in the Vidhan Sabha, stated that Chhattisgarh Police is constantly using new techniques to curb criminals. Cyber police stations are being established in all five range headquarters to combat the escalating cybercrime. Forensic Science Laboratory College will be constructed in Durg to overcome crime.

CALL TO BECOME 'SANNYASI'

Those who have resolved to establish HINDU SANATAN DHARM as National and World Religion and to make INDIA MOST POWERFUL NATION in the world

Class 12th Pass, Graduate and Post-Graduate young men and women are invited.

You are cordially invited to become a Sannyasi at the Sannyas Mahotsava being organized from Chaitra Pratipada March 22 to March 30, 2023, Ram Navami, of the Hindu New Year. On Ram Navami, 100 stoic scholars and intellectuals will be initiated into Sannyas at this historic and divine grand occasion. Those who cannot attend the nine-day Sannyas ceremony due to exams or any other reasons, must register themselves in advance by calling 8954555999 and 8954555111, from 6 am to 10 pm, and those who can come may come anytime from March 20th.

Enrolling for this great cause will offer the opportunity to not only study and graduate with a degree/s in Yog (BA, MA, BAMS and BYNS) but also in Philosophy, Ved Shastra, Sanskrit Grammar and Sanskrit Literature (BA and MA). With the aim of training future leaders with the visions of our ancient sages, this drive will be ensuring infusion of sage-like personality traits, character and leadership qualities among the young men and women who would be pledging to be Sannyasi. These youth with training in the ideologies of great Indian saints and sages are expected to play a crucial role in making India (Bhāratvarsh) a World Guru. Patanjali will take care of the needs of these Sannyasi brothers and sisters for the rest of their lives, who pledge to devote themselves towards establishing Yog Dharm, Ved Dharm and Sanatan Dharm.

Patanjali has done what had never been done in the past thousands of years and aims to achieve more milestones in the next 5-10 years. It has resolved to run a movement to serve Yog, Ayurved, Swadeshi and Sanatan Dharm to save the country from Macaulay's conspiratorial education system and loot of medical mafia and ensure economic, ideological, and cultural freedom as well as the freedom of education and medicine. Even in history, religion has succeeded in doing what could not be done through political and economic powers. Therefore, those youths are welcome who wish to devote their lives to the cause of Rashtira Dharm and Sanatan Dharm for realizing the dreams of great men like Veer Savarkar, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Maharishi Dayanand, Swami Vivekanand and Golwalkar Gurujii, who wanted to create an integral Hindu nation and supremely glorious India.

It is our belief which the world has also witnessed that the seemingly ordinary yet immensely valiant people, irrespective of caste and community, have been behind all great revolutions. Therefore, valiant and patriotic youth from all over India (Bhāratvarsh) is urged to join the Sannyas Mahotsava at Patanjali on New Year Ram Navami and cultivate personality, character and leadership qualities, like great sages to create a new history of character building, nation building and create a yogic era by adopting Sannyas and getting educated at Patanjali University and Sannyas Ashram under the holy tutelage of Yog Rishi Swami Ramdevji and Pujya Acharya Shri Balkrishnaji.

Parents of any caste and region, willing to bring glory to their clan by educating their talented progeny under the tutelage of revered Swami ji and Pujya Acharya ji, as well as raising their children as true descendants of sages and dedicate them to the nation and Sanatan Dharm may send their children to Patanjali. And, youth whose parents are unwilling to listen to the calling due to their excessive attachment or ignorance, may also come to Patanjali Yogpeeth even without the consent of their parents. Most of the sannyasis including revered Swamiji, Pujya Acharyaji, or even Maharshi Dayanand had to opt for this route to Sannyas.

Register to become a Sannyasi, Brahmachari contact at: **PATANJALI SANNYAS ASHRAM, PATANJALI YOGPEETH, HARIDWAR**

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CM Baghel virtually released Rs 7.04 cr

To the beneficiaries of Godhan Nyay Yojana

- Rs 419.25 cr paid to the beneficiaries of GNY so far
- Nearly 107.75 lakh quintal cow dung was purchased in Gauthans till last month



Raipur, Mar 16:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday virtually released Rs 7.04 crore to cattle rearers, women's groups, and Gauthan committees under the Godhan Nyay Yojana (GNY) in a programme organized in his office located in the Vidhansabha premises here. This includes payment of Rs 4.25 cr to cattle rearers, farmers, and the landless in the lieu of 2.13 lakh quintal cow dung purchased in the Gauthans from February 16 to February 28. Besides, Rs 1.65 cr was paid to Gauthan committees and Rs 1.14 crore to women groups. Addressing the

programme, Chief Minister said that every month, the 5th to the 15th date is special for the farmers because on this day they receive the amount of the Godhan Nyay Yojana (GNY). It is good news that a large number of Gauthans are becoming self-supporting. To encourage self-supporting Gauthans, it has been decided to provide an honorarium to the chairman and members of the Gauthan Management Committee. He also urged to make efforts to make other Gauthans self-supporting as well. He added that it is good news that work has started on generating electricity from cow dung, in addition to making other useful products

from cow dung. The plant for generating electricity from cow dung in Domarpal in Bastar has been synchronized with the grid. The rate of electricity produced through this will be fixed at Rs 9 per unit. It is worth mentioning here that these self-supporting Gauthans are contributing to the purchase of cow dung under GNY. Over the past few weeks, the share of self-supporting Gauthans in the payment made for the purchase of cow dung accounts up to 60-70 per cent. In the current scenario, more than 50 per cent of the Gauthans have become self-supporting, fulfilling their other activities with their own funds along with the purchase of cow dung

and 'go-mutra'. From February 16 to February 28, a total of 2.13 lakh quintals of cow dung were purchased in Gauthans, for which a sum of Rs 4.25 cr is transferred to cow dung sellers, out of which Rs 1.92 cr is paid by the Agriculture Department and Rs 2.33 cr is paid by self-supporting Gauthans. So far, self-supporting Gauthans have made a payment of Rs 45.52 cr for cow dung purchases using their own funds. Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey also addressed the programme. Food Minister Amarjeet Bhagat, Chief Minister's Advisor Rajesh Tiwari, Additional Chief Secretary Subrat Sahoo, Agriculture Production Commissioner Dr. Kamal Preet Singh, Special Secretary of Agriculture Department Ayaz Tamboli, Director of Agriculture Department Ranu Sahu, Director of Horticulture Department Chandan Tripathi were present on the occasion.

Two-day art exhibition organised at Magneto Mall



Raipur, Mar 16:

A two-day art exhibition has been organised at Magneto Mall, which was inaugurated by cartoonist Trimbak Sharma, editor of Cartoon Vaach

on Saturday here. With the aim of showcasing and encouraging the art of various artists, this exhibition has been organized by the group. The efforts of Sanchal, the director of this exhibition,

were appreciated by the people who came to Magneto, in which she taught in detail about fabric painting, hyper realistic portrait, mix media, bonsai art and glass painting art.

Raipur Boys enter the finals of India's biggest Quiz Competition

- Organised by HistoryTV18 CBSE Heritage India Quiz 2022

Raipur, Mar 16: After multiple challenging rounds, teams from 4 of the top schools across India went head-to-head in semi-final 4 for a place in the final of HistoryTV18 CBSE Heritage India Quiz 2022. As expected each team put up a good fight but there could be only one winner. In the nervy moments, students of Krishna Public School kept their wits to emerge victorious in the semi-final. Launched in 2001 by CBSE, the HistoryTV18 CBSE Heritage India Quiz today is the benchmark for



pan-India inter-school quizzes and attracts the brightest and the sharpest young minds from various prestigious CBSE schools in India and from around the world. Its success can be gauged by the fact that more than 8049 students participated in the preliminary elimination rounds followed by 16 zonal rounds conducted on

ground across India, where 90 students from 30 schools in each zone competed to qualify for the next round. Overall, 2683 CBSE schools participated in the quiz. Atharv Sharma, Manan Sethi and Shreansh Naidu from Krishna Public School had displayed great composure, knowledge and presence of mind in previous rounds

to keep coming out on top. But in the semi-final they were up against 3 teams from Springdale Senior School, Amritsar, Delhi Public School, Guwahati & Delhi Public School, Ranchi who had put in great performances to win every round on their way to this stage. The quiz saw an evenly matched contest, with very little separating the teams. After 3 rounds of swinging fortunes, the team from Krishna Public School came out on top as the deserving winner. Krishna Public School will now be competing with 3 other schools from across India to be the coveted champions at the National Finale of the quiz competition.

Lecture held on Macroeconomic policy cooperation among G20 countries

In IIT Bhilai

Raipur, Mar 16:

India assumed the Presidency of the G20 with the theme "One Earth, One Family, One Future". IIT Bhilai is observing India's G20 Presidency with an innovative outreach program to provide a fresh perspective on issues under the ambit of the G20. This programme takes inspiration from the University Connect programme of the Ministry of Education, GOI, which is an exercise aimed at projecting the country's youth as its cultural ambassadors to build a long-lasting relationship with the G20 fraternity. The Department of Liberal Arts at IIT Bhilai



is hosting a lecture series to raise awareness on issues of pertinence concerning the G20. A lecture titled "Macroeconomic policy cooperation among G20 countries" was organized on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 in this regard. Prof Pradyumna Dash, Professor of Economics at the Indian Institute of Management Raipur, delivered the lecture. In his lecture, Prof Dash

pointed out that the G20 nations represent around 85 percent of the global GDP, over 75 percent of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population. Highlighting that the G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation, he emphasized that macroeconomics policy cooperation is crucial to support economic activity and central banks' mandates for

the stability of the world economy. In other words, the G20 has a significant role in bolstering the efficiency of fiscal and monetary policy cooperation at the global stage. Prof Dash pointed out that the G20 played a tremendous role in facilitating cooperation on monetary and fiscal policy during the Great Recession of 2008-09 and the COVID-19 recession. In 2008-09, due to policy coop-

Anemia check-up camp in all health centers from today

Balodabazar, Mar 16: Collector Rajat Bansal has directed that anemia tests be conducted at all community health centers, sub-health centers, and primary health care centers throughout the district in order to reduce anemia under the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Yojana. Because of a Women and Child Development Department event on March 16, 2023, Anemia testing will be performed in development block Simga on March 17, 2023. Anganwadi didis are in charge of taking women to health centers for check-ups. Following an anemia test, Anganwadi centers will provide healthy hot food to anemic women. Previously, beginning in February 2022, 11 thousand 335 anemic women were given hot food three days a week. As a result, 2132 anemic women were cured of their anemia. It is worth noting that the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Yojana is an important government scheme. For this reason, the District Program Officer has urged all women to seek anemia tests at their nearest health centers.

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With the work of laying of cables and water pipeline going on, the digging work of RMC can be seen in every part of city.

Visually impaired Kailash's dream of owning a pucca house fulfilled

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Mar 16: "I have got a pucca house under the government's scheme, I never thought my dream would come true," said Kailash, a resident of Gullidam Gram Panchayat, who is a beneficiary of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The village is located 50 kilometers away from the district headquarters of Gaurela. Kailash, who is completely visually impaired, used to live in a dilapidated hut. "I can neither see with

- Through Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

both eyes nor can I do anything," Kailash says adding that "All thanks to the Government that provides me with rice for food and also gives me a pension. Now, I have also received a beautiful pucca house to live in."

"I never thought that I would be able to have a pucca house in my life, but the Pradhan

Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) has made my dreams come true. Under this scheme, I was able to build a beautiful house with the financial assistance of Rs 1.20 lakh received under the scheme and earning wages from MNREGA", he said. He added that he has also got a toilet built in the house under Swachh Bharat Mission. He said that he and his family are leading a happy life availing the benefits of various schemes."

Bajaj Chetak Electric Scooter launched in Raipur

Raipur, Mar 16:

Bajaj Auto has launched the 2023 Chetak Electric scooter in Raipur on Thursday at Vandana Auto authorised showroom of Bajaj Auto. On the first day the showroom received more than 100 bookings out of which the keys of the 50 new Bajaj Chetak Electric Scooter were handed over to the customers. Addressing the scribes here, Bhanu Vadhvani, Zonal Head, Bajaj Chetak said that the new EV comes with multiple changes addressing the design and features of the two-wheeler. He said that the new Edition of the Chetak electric scooter comes in five new colours: matte coarse grey, matte



caribbean blue, satin black red and golden. He said that 2023 Bajaj Chetak electric scooter continues to be powered by a 2.88 kWh battery pack. This battery pack gives the electric scooter an ARAI-certified range of 108 km on a single charge. However, as per the company, the true range of the electric scooter is 90 km on a single charge. All of this comes with a power of 4.2 kW power and a peak torque of

20 Nm of peak torque. It also has a new, full-color LCD display. Other product highlights include a two-tone seat, body-colored rear view mirrors, a satin black grab rail, and matching pillion footrest

castings. Now in Charcoal Black is the headlight housing, blinkers, and centre trim components. The scooter has fully metallic body. The customers will also get better service facility here. Customers purchasing the vehicle in 33 districts of Chhattisgarh will get servicing facility at Vandana Auto. On the occasion Vandana Auto, General Manager, Sumit Chawda said that the bookings for the 2023 Bajaj Chetak are open now and deliveries have also been started from showroom. He said that on the occasion of inauguration, we have handed over the keys of Bajaj Chetak Electric Scooter to 50 new customers along with the gift.

Int'l Women's Day held at Columbia Institute of Pharmacy

Raipur, Mar 16:

As always ahead in the social activities International Women's Day was celebrated at Columbia Institute of Pharmacy is association with Indian Pharmaceutical Graduate Association (IPGA) chapter. On this occasion Dr. Sushma Purohit a renowned Gynec Cancer Surgeon of Kamla Women's Hospital Raipur was the speaker invited. She addressed the gathering on "Lessons for today's Youth", in which she discussed key points for successful life. She also narrated on confidence, hard work devotion and smartness along with education, through popular examples



of daily life like Ratan Tata, Dhirubhai Ambani, Bill Gates, Swami Vivekananda etc. She emphasized on self respect and humanity. She also urged that we should be original which is authentic rather than becoming copy of someone else. To become successful long term goal per-

sistence and focused are must. She also covered some of the quotation from bhagwat gita which are source of inspiration, positivity and lessons for life. A large number of students from all the branches of pharmacy participated in the event. On this occasion Dr. Ravindra Kumar Pandey, Principal

Columbia Institute of Pharmacy who is also General Secretary of Indian Pharmacy Graduate Association, Chhattisgarh Chapter along with Mr. Harjeet Singh Hura, Secretary Columbia Group of Institution as well as large number of faculty members.

Ration card immediately issued to a lady and her son

- Who visited the Janchaupal

Gariyaband, Mar 15: A ration card was instantly issued yesterday to a woman and her son who visited the Janchaupal, organized every week, with an application. The Collector, Prabhat Malik, while resolving the applications received in the Janchaupal, solved the problems of people on the spot. Girja Sahu, the wife of Champeshwar Sahu, is a resident of village Dandesra. A priority ration card is issued in the Dhamtari district in her name. Mrs. Girja is currently residing with her parents in the village Panchayat Kopra under the Fingeshwar develop-



ment block in the Gariyaband district. She had requested a ration card in the Gariyaband district in her application. In this regard, the Food Officer of Dhamtari was contacted, and her ration card was immediately transferred to Gariyaband. The said card

was instantly issued after attaching it in the village Panchayat Kopra in the district. Now the applicant will be able to collect food grains from her residential village. She thanked the district administration for resolving her problem instantly at the Janchaupal.

AC in-charge holds meeting with parents' committee

- In context of incident in hostel of EARS
- Parents urge to create conducive atmosphere in hostel

Central Chronicle News

Kawardha, Mar 16: As per instructions by the Collector Janmajay Mohabe, the Joint Collector and Asst. Commissioner (AC) in-charge Tribal Development Department Dr Monika Kodo convened a meeting of Parents' samiti and Monitoring Committee of Eklavya Adarsh Residential School (EARS) in Gram Taregaon jungle here on Thursday.

In the meeting, the Parents and members of Monitoring Committee passed a censure motion condemning the video of the institute which went viral on social media and to ensure that such an incident does not take place again, it was decided to fix accountability of the Hostel Superintendent and take some firm action against him.

In the meeting, discussions were held to explain it to the students of the hostel, to prepare conducive and favourable atmosphere, taking action against guilty children and carry out necessary infrastructure works in the hostel, repair works, boundary construction work and ensuring facility of guard for security and improvement in the lodging and boarding.



Joint Collector Dr Monika Kodo informed the parents that the video which went viral on social media has been brought into cognizance of the Collector and after which the Hostel Superintendent has been separated from the hostel with immediate effect.

Holding point-wise discussions by the Parents, he informed that the suggestions and request by all would be taken into consideration on priority basis. He informed that the Collector on knowing about the viral video on social sites, has directed the officers to monitor the same. Presently the annual exam of the schools is in progress and in view of which special monitoring is being done.

In the meeting the parents urged to appoint a Tribal Superintendent in

SP holds talks with students, parents

SP Kawardha Dr Lal Umed Singh on reaching Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya Vidyalaya (EAAV) in Gram Taregaon, held separate talks with the parents and school children. SP Dr Singh as per request from parents, directed to impose duty of police jawans for 24 hrs in the School bhavan premise and hostel building in order to maintain law & order. He said that presently the board and other exams are in process and to ensure that the attention of students is not diverted, all will have to make special efforts. He informed that the viral video is being investigated and due action will be taken as per the law after its analysis. To ensure that such incident is not repeated, the head of the institution and students of Hostel have been given due clarification.

the hostel and also urged to fulfill the shortage of employees, cooks, security guard, watchman and teachers in the Eklavya Adarsh Residential School at the earliest.

Parents also urged to ensure strict compliance of the daily work chart in the hostel and maintain a register of the parents of the children visiting the hostel on daily basis. As per in-

structions from the Collector, the members of District Child Protection team would also visited the hostel hold talks and counselling with the students and held talks separately with the High School and secondary school children and took information about the incident and informed that how to avoid such incidents and about its likely consequences.

About the incident

According to officials, the alleged incident took place at Eklavya Model Residential School in Taregaon Jungle village under Bodla development block on March 11 and videos of it surfaced on social media platforms on Tuesday. In one of the videos, a boy is seen slapping a junior pupil and chopping off his hair with a pair of scissors while several young kids are seen sitting on the floor watching the act. Preliminary probe revealed students of Class 11 allegedly assaulted and chopped hair of pupils of Grade 6 and recorded the act on a mobile phone.

Action taken...

After the videos came to the notice of the district administration, Kabirdham Collector Janmejay Mahobe constituted a team of district officials to probe the incident. Based on preliminary findings, the superintendent of the residential school, Malikram Markam, has been removed from his post, while its principal, Pramod Prakash, has been issued a show-cause notice.

RPF conducts special operation

Action was taken against 48 eunuchs under the Railway Act.

Bilaspur, Mar 16: In view of the inconvenience caused by eunuchs to passengers during rail travel, an intensive and special campaign was launched against eunuchs. Complaints in this regard were being received continuously by rail passengers through Rail Madad, Twitter, social media and other mediums. Passengers were being harassed by eunuchs forcibly demanding money and doing unusual activities. To curb this, a special campaign against eunuchs was conducted in all the three divisions of Bilaspur, Raipur and Nagpur from March 13 to 15, 2023. Railway Protection Force, Crime Intelligence Branch and other railway personnel took part in this campaign. In the three-day special campaign, action has been taken against a total of 48 eunuchs under the Railway Act by the three divisions. South East Central Railway is determined for passenger convenience and safety. This campaign will continue continuously in future.

Office of the Sub-Divisional officer (Revenue) & Competent Authority (Land Acquisition) Janjgir, Dist. Janjgir-Champa (C.G.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Under section 3G (3) & (4) of National Highways Act-1956)

It is to inform that in exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1) of Section 3D of The National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) and further in pursuance of sub-section (2) of he said Act, the Central Government vide Gazette Notification no. S.O. 1080 (E) dated 07th March 2023, has declared that on publication of this notification, the land specified in the schedule of the notification no. 1080 (E) dated 07th March 2023, published in the Gazette of India, extraordinary, part II, section 3, Sub-section (ii), shall vest absolutely in the Central Government free from all encumbrances, for building (widening/Four laning etc), maintenance, management and operation of national Highway on the stretch of land from km. 15.600 to km. 51.500 of Bilaspur-Urga section in Tchsil- Akaltara and Baloda, Dist. Janjgir-Champa, in the state of Chhattisgarh.

Thereby, in accordance with sub section (3) & (4) of section 3G of the said Act, before proceeding to determine the amount under sub-section (1) or sub-section (2), public notice is hereby issued to all persons interested in the kind specified in the schedule below, within 21 days from the date on publication of this public notice, they may submit their claims either in person or by an agent or by a legal practitioner.

Sub Divisional Officer(Revenue) Competent Authority (Land Acquisition) Janjgir, Dist- Janjgir-Champa(C.G.)

The details of Gazette published and schedule of land are as under:

रजिस्ट्री सं.डी.एन.-33004/99 REGD.NO. D.L.-33004/99

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PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

सं. 1036] नई दिल्ली, मंगलवार, मार्च 7, 2023/फाल्गुन 16, 1944
No. 1036] NEW DELHI, TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023/PHALGUNA 16, 1944

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 7th March, 2023

S.O. 1080(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. 1150(E) dated 14 March 2022, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH-130A on the stretch of land from Km. 15.600 to Km. 51.500 (Bilaspur-Urga Section) in the district of Janjgir-Champa in the state of Chhattisgarh;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Navbharat" and "Central Chronicle" both dated 24 March, 2022; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the Competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the Competent Authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE
Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the stretch of land from Km. 15.600 to Km. 51.500 (Bilaspur-Urga Section) of National Highway No. 130A in the District of Janjgir-Champa in the state of Chhattisgarh.

State: CHHATTISGARH District: JANJGIR-CHAMPA					
Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/ Interested Person Part Survey No.
Taluk: Akaltara					
Village: Sankar					
1	20/18	Private	Irrigated	0.0024	Gopal S/o Bisahu 20/18
2	24/1	Private	Irrigated	0.02	Lakhan Singh S/o Gangaram 24/1
3	24/4	Private	Irrigated	0.089	Dulari Singh S/o Gangaram 24/4
4	25/2	Private	Irrigated	0.0588	Rajkumar S/o Abheram 25/2
5	25/6	Private	Irrigated	0.012	Gangaram S/o Tikaram 25/6
6	26/3	Private	Irrigated	0.0534	Ramgovind, Manmohan S/o Pitamber, Bundkunwar late Pitamber, Echharam S/o Moharsay 26/3
7	27/1	Private	Irrigated	0.0815	Anuj kumar, Amit kumar S/o Bahadur singh, Anjulata, Riya kumari, Santoshi bai late Bahadur singh 27/1
8	27/3	Private	Irrigated	0.0056	Ramayan singh S/o Shinarayan, Dhaga bai late Shinarayan 27/3
9	28/2	Private	Irrigated	0.096	Jhadu Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Jagdev Singh S/o Chamru, Dokri, Puratan S/o Chamru, Mahetrin Bai late Chamru 28/2
10	28/3	Private	Irrigated	0.02	Jhadu Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Jagdev Singh S/o Chamru, Dokri, Puratan S/o Chamru, Mahetrin Bai late Chamru 28/3
11	32/2(32)	Private	Irrigated	0.0426	Mohanlal S/o Ramadhar, Ramkumari, Mohan Kunwar, Shivkumari, Princess, Devkumari S/o Ramadhar, Besaheen late Ramadhar 32/2
12	35/36/3	Private	Irrigated	0.0354	Jhadu singh S/o Chamru 35, 36/3
13	36/2	Private	Irrigated	0.0022	Thanwar singh S/o Abhilal 36/2
14	36/5	Private	Irrigated	0.0156	Jhadu Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Jagdev Singh S/o Chamru, Dokri, Puratan S/o Chamru, Mahetrin Bai late Chamru 36/5
15	36/6	Private	Irrigated	0.002	Thanwar Singh S/o Abhilal 36/6
16	370/17	Private	Irrigated	0.04	Anant Singh S/o Jivrakhan Singh 370/17
17	370/20	Private	Irrigated	0.073	Gajanand S/o Jeevrakhan singh 370/20
18	373/5	Private	Irrigated	0.036	Nandkumar minor late c/o mother Laxmin bai 373/5
19	374/3	Private	Irrigated	0.0045	Harkunwar W/o Shivkumara 374/3
20	38/6	Private	Irrigated	0.0024	Ramkhalawan S/o Tikaram 38/6
21	384/3	Private	Irrigated	0.3148	Devendra S/o Maheshwar singh 384/3
22	384/4	Private	Irrigated	0.0225	Yaswant singh S/o Surendra singh 384/4
23	384/5	Private	Irrigated	0.18	Balwant singh S/o Surendra singh 384/5
24	385/1	Private	Irrigated	0.0018	Ashok kumar S/o Surendra singh 385/1
25	46/13	Private	Irrigated	0.012	Sitaram S/o Jhaduram 46/13
26	46/6	Private	Irrigated	0.032	Ramkhalawan S/o Tikaram 46/6
27	54/1	Private	Irrigated	0.26	Ashabai late Kunjibihari, Akash S/o Kunjibihari, Ashra, Kavita S/o Kunjibihari 54/1
28	66/2	Private	Irrigated	0.073	Daduram, Dujram, Anujram S/o Munna, Sonmat late Munna 66/2
29	66/3	Private	Irrigated	0.1097	Anandram S/o Jhuram singh 66/3
30	66/4	Private	Irrigated	0.0148	Melan bai S/o Jhatar singh 66/4
31	66/6	Private	Irrigated	0.135	Sonmat bai W/o Munna singh 66/6
Taluk: Baloda					
Village: Bhalai					
1	588	Private	Irrigated	0.027	Amir Singh S/o Nanak Singh 588
				TOTAL	1.875

[F. No. NHA/LA/27011/02/Notif.-C.G./Bilaspur/3D] ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy.

Winners of Letter Writing competition awarded

- By the Postal Department

Central Chronicle News

Pithora, Mar 16: The winners of the 'Dhai Akshar Patra Lekhan' competition and 'Deendayal Sparsh Yojana' by the Postal Department of the central government were presented with prizes at the hands of Chief Post Master General (CPMG) Chhattisgarh circle and Director Postal Service here on Thursday. This competition was organised with an objective to create interest among the youth in 'letter writing' and to create interest about postal stamps in the present day world of mobile and internet.



Action taken against 40 vehicle riders

Central Chronicle News

Balod, Mar 16: As per instructions by SP Balod Dr Jitendra Kumar Yadav and under guidance of Addl. SP Harish Rathore and under supervision of all the gazetted police officer, all TIs and Chowki in-charge and Inspector Traffic In-charge Dileshwar Chandravanshi, a special

motor vehicle checking campaign was launched.

The objective of this MV checking is to reduce the increasing road accidents and take action against the vehicle drivers driving the vehicles carelessly and to create awareness among the general public about the traffic rules and regulations and its strict compliance.

SBI STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH-I, KOLKATA E-AUCTION NOTICE

'Nagaland House', 8th Floor, 11 & 13 Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata - 700071
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Authorised Officer's Details: Name: Sridip Banerjee, e-mail ID: clo5.04151@sbi.co.in, Mobile No: 9674712147
[Refer proviso to rule 8(6)] read with Rule 9(1)

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision Rule 8(6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : DATE : 06.04.2023
TIME : 300 MINUTES FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M. WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSIONS OF 10 MINUTES FOR EACH BID. Interested bidder may deposit Pre-Bid EMD within the close of e-Auction. Credit of Pre-bid EMD shall be given to the bidder only after receipt of payment in MSTC's Bank account and updation of such information in the e-auction website. This may take some time as per banking process and hence bidders, in their own interest, are advised to submit the pre-bid EMD amount well in advance to avoid any last minute problem.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India (Lead Bank) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 06.04.2023 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (through website <https://www.mstccomerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>) for recovery of Rs 1,04,72,87,260.74 (Rupees One Hundred Four Crores Seventy Two Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty and Seventy Four Paise Only) as on 28.02.2023 + Accrued Interest and Charges thereafter due to the Secured Creditor from Saumya Mining Limited formerly Saumya Mining Private Limited (Borrower), Mr Ashok Jain (Personal Guarantor), Mrs Pradnya Jain (Personal Guarantor) & Mr Ajay Jain (Personal Guarantor) and Saumya Infraventures Private Limited (Corporate Guarantor).
Details of the property, Reserve Price & EMD are as under:

Sl No.	Description of Property/ Asset	a) Reserve Price b) EMD c) Bid Incremental Amount
1.	(Property ID: SBIN200001422938) (Under Symbolic Possession) Multiple patches open lands at Kharsa No's 1805, 1804/1, 1806/1, 1862, 1510/2, 1736, 1737, 1731/2, 1734/2, 1735, 1509/3, 1818/2, 1569/1, 1681/3, 1453/5, 1462, 1570, 1571, 1724/2, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1857/1, 1768, 1752/1, 1752/3, 1754/2, 1756/2, 1804, 1806/2, 1453/3, 1458/2, 1460, 1760/2, 1775/2, 1776/1, 1776/2, 1791, 1792, 1795, 1779/3, 1787/2, 1743/2, 1752/2, 1754/1, 1756/1, 1753/3, 1753/4, 1738, 1739, 1755, 1770, 1742, 1786/1, 1787/1, 1753/1, 1753/2 via Deed Nos 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2854, 2855, 2856, 2857, 2858, 2859, 600, 506, 593, 591, 590, 592, 602, 595, 589, 594 in the name of Saumya Mining Limited and Kharsa Nos: 1447/2, 1459, 1741/1, 1773/1, 1775/3 via Deed Nos 904 and 905 in the name of Ashok Kumar Jain admeasuring 11.135 Hectares at Mouza: Anuda, PH-30, PS: Pussore, Tahsil: Raigarh, Under Aruda Gram Panchayat, Dist: Raigarh, Chhattisgarh. Date and time of Property Inspection : 23.03.2023 02:00 P.M. to 04:00 P.M.	a) Rs. 2,24,00,000.00 b) Rs. 22,40,000.00 c) Rs. 1,00,000.00
2.	Property ID: SBIN90909090 (Under Symbolic Possession) Multiple patches of open land at Kharsa No's 37, 871 & 872/1, 67, 875/1, 875/2, 881/1, 881/2, 881/3, 881/4, 873 via Deed nos 5463, 4489B, 5906A in the name of Saumya Infraventures Private Limited and Kharsa Nos 872/2, 874 via Deed Nos 3850 and 3849 in the name of Ajay Jain, admeasuring 5.83 Hectare at PH No 27 (Old) 60 (New), Village: Bandrabad, RNM, Ahlwara, Tahsil: Dhamada, Dist: Durg Chhattisgarh. Date and time of Property Inspection : 24.03.2023 02:00 P.M. to 04:00 P.M.	a) Rs. 2,60,00,000.00 b) Rs. 26,00,000.00 c) Rs. 1,00,000.00

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor website <https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others>, <https://www.mstccomerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>
Date : 17.03.2023, Place : Kolkata Authorised Officer, State Bank of India

कार्यालय : जनपद पंचायत - तखतपुर, जिला - बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)

निविदा सूचना

क्रमांक /857/ज.प./रीपा/2023 तखतपुर, दिनांक 01.03.2023
महात्मा गांधी ग्रामीण औद्योगिक पार्क (रीपा) योजना अन्तर्गत बिलासपुर जिले के तखतपुर जनपद के ग्राम पंचायत बेलवान में फ्लाई ऐश ब्रिक्स निर्माण हेतु निम्नानुसार मशीनों की आवश्यकता है।

मशीनरी का नाम	Specification	दिनांक
फ्लाई ऐश ब्रिक्स	Semi automatic (8000-10000/ shift) press machine with 6/8 bricks - 01 160 ltr power pack with 10 hp hawells motor - 01 22 ft conveyor belt - 01 500 kg mixture machine with 7.5 hp hawells motor - 01 Trolley - 02	10.03.2023

उक्त कार्य हेतु इच्छुक संस्था / फर्म से मोहर बंद निविदाये रजिस्टर्ड डाक, स्पैड पोस्ट अथवा कोरियर से आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा पत्र के साथ रुपय 14000/- बैंकर्स चेक/बैंक ड्राफ्ट जनपद पंचायत तखतपुर के नाम से प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य होगा अन्य नियम व शर्तों की विस्तृत जानकारी कार्यालय जनपद पंचायत तखतपुर के परिसर में कार्यालयीन समय में अवलोकन किया जा सकता है।

निविदा जमा करने की तिथि	दिनांक
निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	दिनांक 30.03.2023 समय अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक
निविदा खोले जाने एवं संस्था / फर्म का प्रस्तुतीकरण तिथि	दिनांक 30.03.2023 समय अपराह्न 4:00 बजे तक

मुख्य कार्यालय अधिकारी
जनपद पंचायत तखतपुर

BRIEF



Devotees pull a chariot of Lord Ranganath during 'Rath Ka Mela', in Vrindavan, Thursday.

Inaugurate

Nashik: Various weapons and equipment used by the Indian Army will be on display at an exhibition which will be inaugurated by Union minister Nitin Gadkari in Maharashtra's Nashik city on March 18. Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde will be present for the inaugural ceremony of the two-day exhibition, "Know Your Army", while Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis will attend the concluding function on March 19.

Board exam

Imphal: The High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) exam conducted by the Board of Secondary Education commenced in Manipur on Thursday, an official said. A total of 38,127 students, including 18,628 girls, are giving the examination that will conclude on April 3.

Acquitted

Mumbai: A special CBI court here on Thursday acquitted two accused in a 1989 case pertaining to an alleged attempt on the life of businessman Nusli Wadia. The accused, Ivan Sequeira and Ramesh Jagothia, were acquitted for want of evidence by special judge S P Naik Nimbalkar.

Blast

Dharmapuri: Two women were killed and a male worker was grievously injured in a blast at a firecracker manufacturing unit at Nagadasampatti village, Pennagaram, in the district on Thursday, police said. Fire at the unit, involved in making firecrackers for temple festivals, was triggered by friction when the workers were handling an inflammable substance, a senior police officer said.

Protest

Mumbai: Hundreds of lawyers at the Metropolitan Magistrate court in Mumbai's Borivali suburb went on a strike on Thursday after one of their colleagues was allegedly assaulted by a cop inside a police station, an official said.

Unearthed

Diphu: A buried cache of arms and ammunition, including an AK series rifle and pistols, was unearthed in Assam's Karbi Anglong district, a senior police officer said on Thursday. Acting on a tip-off, a police team carried out an operation in Doidak in Dokmoka Police Station area on Wednesday night and dug out an AK-56 rifle, a 9mm pistol, a .32 calibre pistol, a sten gun and ammunition, Karbi Anglong Superintendent of Police Sanjib Kumar Saikia said.

EYE ON 2024 POLLS

Andhra Budget allocates lion's share for welfare

Amaravati, Mar 16 (PTI): Keeping its interests in mind ahead of the Assembly elections scheduled for 2024, the Andhra Pradesh government has allocated the lion's share of the state Budget — more than Rs 54,000 crore of the total Rs 2,79,279 crore — to Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes, targeting potential voter segments such as pensioners, farmers, students and women.



Andhra Pradesh Finance Minister Buggana Rajendranath presents the annual State budget for 2023-24 in the Legislative Assembly, in Vijayawada, Thursday.

Finance Minister Buggana Rajendranath tabled the 2023-24 Budget in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday. Andhra Pradesh has for long focused on governance that balances both welfare and development, and its budgetary allocation of as much as Rs

54,228 crore for DBT schemes is in keeping with that model. The increase of about 10 per cent in the allocation, from Rs 48,882 crore in 2022-23, indicates that the government has its eye on the upcoming elections next year. The DBT schemes include YSR Pension Kanuka (Rs 21,435 crore) for senior citizens, persons with disabilities and trans-

gender persons; YSR Rythu Bharosa (Rs 4,020 crore), which provides financial assistance for farmers; Jaganna Vidya Devena (Rs 2,842 crore) that reimburses the higher education fees of students from poor economic backgrounds; and Jaganna Vasati Devena (Rs 2,200 crore), which takes care of the hostel and mess fees of poor stu-

dents who otherwise cannot afford higher education. Other major DBT schemes are YSR Asara (Rs 6,700 crore has been allocated) which provides funds to Self Help Groups; YSR Cheyuta (Rs 5,000 crore) which aids middle-aged women financially; and Amma Vodi (Rs 6,500 crore) that incentivises poor families to send their children to school.

'Cong poll promises only a visiting card'



Basavaraj Bommai

Mangaluru, Mar 16 (PTI): The major promises made by the Congress ahead of the State Assembly elections are nothing but a visiting card, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Thursday. Talking to reporters on his arrival here to attend the meeting of beneficiaries of various government schemes,

Bommai said the people will not take heed to the "guarantee card" of the Congress that it will implement all its promises. The Congress had announced three poll "guarantees" — 200 units of free power to all households (Gruha Jyoti), Rs 2,000 monthly assistance to the woman head of every family (Gruha Lakshmi) and 10 kg of rice free to every member of a BPL household (Anna Bhagya). It seems that the Congress itself does not believe in their oral promises. "Otherwise, what is the need for a guarantee card," Bommai asked. He was replying to a question whether BJP is wary of the Congress promises including free electricity and financial assistance to women in every household.

'Plant 5 L tulips sourced from J-K, HP in city'

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

Lt Governor V K Saxena has directed officials to ensure that Delhi is adorned with flowering plants throughout the year and asked the NDMC to plant five lakh tulips, sourced from Jammu and Kashmir or Himachal Pradesh, in the next season, officials said on Thursday. The Lt Governor chaired a meeting to review the Horticulture divisions of various departments and agencies and their future preparedness with regards to flower plantation and other activities. "In line with his often professed goal of turning the capital into a 'city of flowers' and in cognizance of the enthusiastic response of Delhi residents to the prevalent, extraordinary spring

DELHI LG TO NDMC

bloom in the city, Saxena directed officials to come up with a detailed plan of action for the remaining year within the next 15 days," a Raj Niwas official said. The meeting was attended by the chief secretary, chairman NDMC, VC DDA Commissioner MCD and Engineer-in-Chief (PWD) and their Horticulture heads. These are civic agencies and departments that own Delhi's parks, green stretches and roads, and undertake and execute most of the Capital's horticultural activities, that include, planting flowers and flowering trees on roads and parks and maintaining nurseries among others, he said. This year, about 1.5 lakh tulips were planted across the NDMC area. The LG also issued instructions for five lakh tulips to be

ROAD INSPECTION



Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari with BJP leader Ramvir Singh Bidhuri inspects the progress of the Urban Extension Road Project (UER-II), on Thursday.

Comedian Khyali booked for rape

Jaipur, Mar 16 (PTI): Famous stand-up comedian Khyali Saharan has been booked for allegedly raping a 25-year-old woman in a hotel room here, police said on Thursday. On the basis of a complaint lodged by the woman, a case was registered against the comedian on Tuesday at Mansarovar police station here, they said.

plait lodged by the woman. The matter is being investigated," said sub-inspector Sandeep Yadav who is posted at Mansarovar police station.

According to police, the incident took place on Monday when the comedian, who is an AAP activist, in an "inebriated condition" allegedly raped the woman in a hotel room in Mansarovar area on the pretext of helping her get a job. "A case under IPC Section 376 (rape) has been registered against the comedian following a com-

plaint lodged by the woman. The matter is being investigated," said sub-inspector Sandeep Yadav who is posted at Mansarovar police station. Police said that the woman hailing from Sriganganagar worked as a marketing executive for a firm. She, along with another woman, came in contact with the comedian nearly a month ago seeking help for a job.

According to police, Khyali booked two rooms in a hotel, one for himself and another for the two women. The comedian allegedly consumed beer and forcibly asked the women to drink beer. Later, one of the women left the room and he raped the other woman, police said.

Sardana Int'l School received the esteemed 'Best Boarding School' award

In Madhya Pradesh

Indore, Mar 16: Sardana International School, situated in Dewas, has been honored with the title of 'Best Boarding School' in Madhya Pradesh. It is popular for its unique and special educational services. This prestigious award was presented to the school for its exemplary work in promoting educational excellence and securing a better future for the students at the boarding school. Educationist and founder of Sardana International School, Lalit Sardana was felicitated by the Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Narottam Mishra. Sardana International School is a premium CBSE boarding school for chil-



dren. The facility of this boarding school is for both boys and girls. The founder of Sardana International School, Lalit Sardana, who has secured All India Rank 243 in IIT, has been teaching Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics for the last 26 years and has the highest selection ratio in India. To ensure boarders have a complete educational ex-

perience, a range of facilities are provided. This includes a library, an e-library, language lab and robotics labs to give students the best learning environment. Lalit Sardana, Founder & Educationist, Sardana International School, says, "It is a matter of great pride for the entire Sardana team to be recognized as the best boarding school.

PROTEST MARCH



Mahila Congress activists during their protest march to the Legislative complex demanding immediate action against the marshals and ruling LDF legislators who had allegedly attacked UDF MLAs in the Assembly, in Thiruvananthapuram, Thursday.

'Sikkim yet to utilise untapped power potential'

Gangtok, Mar 16 (PTI):

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on Thursday said the Himalayan state till now has utilised only 27.5 per cent of its 8,000 MW power potential. He was speaking at the Business 20 (B20) conference organised as part of India's G20 presidency. "We have only utilised 2,200 MW till now and the scope for Hydropower, clean and green energy is ample in Sikkim", said the chief minister at the conference on Opportunities for multi-lateral business partnership in Tourism, Hospitality, pharmaceuticals, and organic farming. Urging the delegates to consider Sikkim as a good



Prem Singh Tamang

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Tamang told a press conference on Wednesday. "Organic Tourism is what Sikkim can offer, we are the first organic state in the world and have been recognised by the United Nations. We would like to urge the participants today to deliberate on what Sikkim can give to the nation and the world" the chief minister said. The Himalayan state will host the StartUp20 conference on March 18 and 19. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative to let Sikkim host the two events B20 and Startup 20 has given a boost to the state's economy", said the chief minister.

Mehbooba snubs critics after performing ritual inside Shiv temple

Jammu, Mar 16 (PTI):

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday defended her recent visit to a Shiv temple in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch and performing a ritual there, saying "we live in a country that is home to the Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb" and there is no need to discuss the matter further. A video of the former chief minister offering water to Shivaling inside Navgraha temple, Mandi-Ajote in Poonch on Tuesday has gone viral, drawing criticism from some quarters. "We are living in a secular country that is home to Ganga-Jamuni



PDP President Mehbooba Mufti offers prayers at Navgraha temple in Poonch district.

Tehtzeeb. The temple was built by Yashpal Sharma (former PDP leader who died last year) and his sons want me to visit the

place. I went inside and someone gave me a small vessel filled with water with a lot of belief and love.

"I do not want to break his heart by refusing to pour water (on the Shivaling). He asked for it and I did it (out of respect for him)," Mehbooba Mufti told reporters here. Asked about some Islamic scholars from Deoband in Uttar Pradesh disliking it, she said she did not want to go into it and whether it is allowed or not in her religion. "In our country, Hindus and Muslims live together and there are more Hindus offering Chadar' at Muslim shrines than Muslims themselves. This issue is related to myself and there is no need for further discussion over it," she said.

US releases video of Russian jet dumping fuel on its drone

Kyiv, Mar 16 (AP):

The Pentagon on Thursday released footage of what it said was a Russian aircraft pouring fuel on a U.S. Air Force surveillance drone and clipping the drone's propeller in international airspace over the Black Sea.



This photo taken from video released on Thursday, March 16, shows a Russian Su-27 approaching the back of the MQ-9 drone and beginning to release fuel as it passes, over the Black Sea, the Pentagon said.

The 42-second video shows a Russian Su-27 approaching the back of the MQ-9 drone and beginning to release fuel as it passes, the Pentagon said.

Dumping the fuel appeared to be aimed at blinding its optical instruments and driving it out of the area.

On a second approach, either the same jet or another Russian fighter that had been shadowing the

fore or after the apparent fuel-dumping confrontation. Russia said its warplanes didn't strike the drone and claimed the unmanned aerial vehicle went down after making a sharp maneuver over the sea. Asked Thursday if Russia would try to recover the drone debris, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters the decision was up to the military.

"If they consider it necessary to do so in the Black Sea for the benefit of our interests and our security, they will do it," he said.

Nikolai Patrushev, the secretary of Russia's Security Council, said Wednesday that Moscow would try to recover the drone fragments.

MQ-9 struck the drone's propeller, damaging one blade, according to the U.S. military.

The U.S. military said it ditched the MQ-9 Reaper in the sea after what it de-

scribed as the Russian fighter making an unsafe intercept of the unmanned aerial vehicle.

The video excerpt released by the Pentagon does not show events be-

Nepal's PM Prachanda likely to visit India next month

Kathmandu, Mar 16 (PTI):

Nepal's Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' is likely to travel to India on an official visit next month - his first foreign trip since assuming the office for the third time in December last year, a media report said on Thursday.

Though the official date of his visit to India is yet to be announced, boosting bilateral ties and talks on trade, energy, agriculture, culture and air service will prominently feature in his talks with Indian leaders.

Sources close to the 68-year-old Prime Minister said that his visit to India in the near future is in the cards and the date



would be fixed once the Prime Minister gets a vote of confidence from the House of Representatives.

"The visit will take place after the PM seeks a vote of confidence and expands his cabinet," a source said.

Earlier, the Prime Minister had announced

that he would visit India on his first foreign trip after assuming the post. The Prime Minister is seeking a vote of confidence from the Parliament on March 20.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has started preparations for the visit," The Kathmandu Post newspaper reported.

The ministry has started groundworks works for the purpose and meetings are being organised with the line ministries to prepare the agenda, the daily reported, quoting an official at the Foreign Ministry.

Mid-April will be the tentative date for the Prime Minister to embark for the official visit, said the paper.

Japan, South Korea renew ties at Tokyo summit



South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, left, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, right, shake hands following a joint news conference at the prime minister's official residence in Tokyo, Japan, Thursday, March 16.

Tokyo, Mar 16 (AP):

Japan and South Korea agreed to resume regular visits between their leaders and took steps to resolve a trade

dispute as a highly anticipated summit began Thursday, a sign that the two countries are rebuilding their nations' security and economic ties as they try to over-

come a century of difficult history.

The summit could reverse the strategic map of northeast Asia. The two U.S. allies, who have long often been at odds over their history, are seeking to form a united front, driven by shared concerns about a restive North Korea and a more powerful China.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol both stressed the importance of improved ties as they opened Thursday's summit, hours after a North Korean missile launch and encounters between Japanese and Chinese vessels in disputed waters.

MINERS PROTEST



Miners from the municipalities of Bajo Cauca protest against the government of President Gustavo Petro in Taraza, Colombia. For two weeks wildcat miners working in illegal gold mines have protested against the destruction of machinery used in the search of gold.

Taiwan chip pioneer warns US plans will boost costs

Taipei, Mar 16 (AP):

U.S. government efforts to shift production of processor chips from Asia to the United States will double their cost and slow the spread of their use in phones, cars and other products, the billionaire founder of the global industry's biggest manufacturer warned Thursday.

Morris Chang of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp. said he supports U.S. efforts to slow China's development

of chip technology on security grounds.

But Chang said he can't understand why Washington wants to move so much manufacturing from efficient Asian sites to the United States.

The Biden administration is promising tens of billions of dollars to support construction of U.S. chip foundries and reduce reliance on Asian suppliers, which Washington sees as a security weakness.

After Cyclone Freddy, flood risk lingers for southern Africa

Blantyre (Malawi), Mar 16 (AP): After four days of destructive wind and rain, local communities and relief workers are now confronting the aftermath of Cyclone Freddy which has killed more than 250 people and displaced tens of thousands of others across Malawi and Mozambique and may still cause further damage.



Cyclone Freddy dissipated over land late Wednesday, but weather monitoring centers warned that countries are still vulnerable to flooding and landslides.

At least 225 people have been killed in southern Malawi, including within the financial capital of Blantyre, officials said. Around 88,000 people are still displaced and parts of

the region remain inaccessible. Malawi's president, Lazarus Chakwera, has declared a 14-day national mourning period. In Mozambique, authorities said at least 53 were killed

since late Saturday, with 50,000 more still displaced. Scientists say human-caused climate change has worsened cyclone activity, making them more intense and more frequent.

The recently-ended La Nina that impacts weather worldwide also increased cyclone activity in the region in recent years.

Cyclone Freddy has caused destruction in southern Africa since late February, when it pummeled Mozambique as well as the islands of Madagascar and Reunion.

Freddy first developed near Australia in early February and traveled across the entire southern Indian Ocean before it bounced around the Mozambique Channel. The U.N.'s weather agency has convened an expert panel to determine whether it has broken the record for the longest-ever cyclone in recorded history, which was set by 31-day Hurricane John in 1994.

US spreading disinformation, suppressing TikTok: China

Beijing, Mar 16 (AP): China accused the United States on Thursday of spreading disinformation and suppressing TikTok following reports that the Biden administration was calling for its Chinese owners to sell their stakes in the popular video-sharing app. The U.S. has yet to present evidence that TikTok threatens its national security and was using the excuse of data security

to abuse its power to suppress foreign companies, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin told reporters at a daily briefing. "The U.S. should stop spreading disinformation about data security, stop suppressing the relevant company, and provide an open, fair and non-discriminatory environment for foreign businesses to invest and operate in the U.S.," Wang said.

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UN nuclear watchdog: 2.5 tons of uranium missing in Libya

Dubai, Mar 16 (AP): Some 2.5 tons of natural uranium stored in a site in war-torn Libya have gone missing, the United Nations nuclear watchdog said Thursday, raising safety and proliferation concerns.

Natural uranium can't immediately be used for energy production or bomb fuel, as the enrichment process typically requires the metal to be converted into a gas, then later spun in centrifuges to reach the levels needed.

However, each ton of natural uranium if obtained by a group with the technological means and resources can be refined to 5.6 kilograms (12 pounds) of weapons-grade material over time, experts say. That makes finding the missing metal important for nonprolif-

eration experts. In a statement, the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency said its

director-general, Rafael Mariano Grossi, informed member states Wednesday about the missing uranium.

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SN	Tender No.	Particulars	E.M.D
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Terms & conditions:- The tender document can be obtained from the O/o the CE (S/s) CSPTCL, Bilaspur on payment of cost of tender documents or can be downloaded from our website. For all other details of NIT and terms & conditions, please visit our website www.csptcl.co.in (go through CSPTCL tender notice-Sub-station O&M Bilaspur).

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- प्रत्येक बोलीदार को नीलामी में भाग लेने हेतु उक्त घरोहर राशि के साथ पहचान पत्र (पासपोर्ट / ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस / वोटर आई.डी.) में से एक, पैन कार्ड की स्व-प्रमाणित छायाप्रति के साथ, उनके द्वारा नीलामी की समस्त शर्त स्वीकार है, इस आशय का घोषणा पत्र संलग्न करना होगा।
- न्यूनतम तीन बोलीदार होने पर ही नीलामी की कार्यवाही आरंभ की जाएगी।
- नियम एवं शर्तों के अधीन, पूर्णरूपेण सही एवं सार्वजनिक बोली लगाने वाले को सफल घोषित किया जाएगा व अन्य बोलीदारों की जमा की गई घरोहर राशि नीलामी के बाद बिना ब्याज के वापस कर दी जाएगी।
- सफल बोलीदार को विक्रय मूल्य के 25 प्रतिशत का मुगलान, पे-आउट / डी.डी. के माध्यम से, तत्काल (या निर्देशानुसार), वाणिज्यिक कर अधिकारी रायपुर वृत्त-पाँच रायपुर, के पक्ष में करना होगा, घरोहर राशि इसमें समायोजित की जाएगी। नियम समय के भीतर राशि जमा करने पर घरोहर राशि जप्त कर ली जाएगी। संपत्ति की पुनः नीलामी की प्रक्रिया आरंभ की जाएगी।
- नीलामी की पुष्टि होने व अधिकतम बोली लगाने वाले को सफल बोलीदार मानकर उक्त संपत्ति हस्तांतरित करने का निर्णय लिया जाता है तो सफल बोलीदार का विक्रय मूल्य की शेष 75 प्रतिशत राशि निर्णय के पंद्रह दिन के भीतर जमा करना होगा अन्यथा पूर्व में जमा 25 प्रतिशत राशि जप्त कर ली जाएगी एवं उक्त संपत्ति की पुनः नीलामी की प्रक्रिया आरंभ की जाएगी।
- किसी भी विवाद की स्थिति में नीलामीकर्ता का निर्णय अंतिम व सर्वमान्य होगा।

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Provocative Acts

US-Russia Tensions Amid Ukraine War

Tensions between the US and Russia have intensified with the recent crash of a US spy drone into the Black Sea, marking a dangerous escalation in hostilities amid the one-year-old Ukraine war. The incident has further hardened battle lines in the West-vs-Russia conflict, with both sides accusing each other of provocation. The threat of mutual retaliation looms large, and the possibility of initiating an independent probe into the drone case and working out a mechanism to prevent recurrence of such happenings appears remote. According to the US military, two Russian Su-27 jets carried out a "reckless intercept" of the MQ-9 drone while it was in international airspace, dumped fuel on it, and flew in front of it in "unsafe maneuvers." However, Russia has denied any wrongdoing, stating that the drone, which was detected near the Crimean peninsula, crashed after "sharp maneuvering." Russian Ambassador to the US Anatoly Antonov has alleged that the UAV deliberately moved towards Russian territory with its transponders turned off. The direct confrontation between Washington and Moscow comes during a critical stage of the war. The geopolitical polarization is so acute that the possibility of defusing the situation appears remote. The prevailing mistrust and insecurity have been aggravated by the deal that the US, UK, and Australia have sealed to create a fleet of nuclear-powered attack submarines. The move is ostensibly aimed at ensuring that the strategic Indo-Pacific region remains "free and open," but the objective of countering China's assertiveness is an open secret. No wonder Beijing has warned that the three countries are travelling "further down the dangerous and wrong path." This incident highlights the dangers of escalating tensions between major powers, particularly at a time when the world is grappling with multiple crises. In recent years, there have been several similar incidents involving the US and China, which have led to heightened tensions between the two nations. Last month, a Chinese surveillance balloon was shot down by the US after it made an incursion into American airspace. Tensions were eventually reduced, but the incident cast a shadow on the already strained US-China relations, prompting Secretary of State Antony Blinken to call off his Beijing trip. The situation in Ukraine remains precarious, and any escalation of hostilities could have dire consequences not only for the region but also for the wider world. The onus is on the major players to exercise restraint and not resort to provocative moves that could trigger an even more devastating war than the one dragging on in eastern Europe. It is essential that diplomatic channels remain open, and both sides should work towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict. The recent drone incident in the Ukraine war underscores the need for greater caution and restraint from major powers. Any escalation of tensions could have severe consequences, and it is essential that all sides work towards a peaceful resolution of the conflict. The world is already grappling with multiple crises, and a major war could have catastrophic consequences. The onus is on the major players to exercise restraint and avoid provocative moves that could trigger a wider conflict.

Importance of Financial Stability for Women

In today's society, it is crucial for women to achieve financial stability. Financial stability is a state where a person is able to support themselves and their dependents without facing financial hardships. This includes having enough savings, investments, and a steady source of income to cover daily expenses, emergencies, and long-term goals.

Here are some reasons why financial stability is important for women

Independence: Financial stability gives women the freedom to make their own choices and live life on their own terms. It provides them with the power to make decisions about their careers, education, and personal life without being dependent on others.

Safety: Financial stability can also be a means of protection for women. In situations of abuse, financial dependence can be a significant obstacle for women who want to leave their partners. Having financial stability can give them the means to escape an abusive situation and start a new life.

Retirement: Women tend to live longer than men and often have to rely on their own savings in their old age. Therefore, it is essential for women to plan for their retirement and have enough savings to sustain themselves after they retire.

Equal opportunities: Financial stability can help bridge the gender pay gap and create equal opportunities for women. With financial stability, women can invest in their education, start their own businesses, and have the means to negotiate for better pay. Financial stability is not only important for women's personal growth but also for their safety, security, and independence. Therefore, it is crucial for women to take charge of their finances and work towards achieving financial stability.

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LA PEROUSE EXERCISE



Indian Navy's indigenously built guided missile frigate, INS Sahyadri and fleet tanker, INS Jyoti participated in the third edition of the multilateral exercise La Perouse conducted in the Indian Ocean Region.

Humanity is being trampled by the madness of comfort

DR. SATYAWAN SAURABH



The modern lifestyle's fixation on a narrow definition of the good life is undermining multiple moral values. To tackle this crisis, it's crucial to encourage a more comprehensive view of what constitutes a fulfilling existence. Buddha famously abandoned his riches and household to discover the purpose of life. We can also draw inspiration from the examples set by Raja Harishchandra, Mahatma Gandhi, and Dr. Kalam, who embodied values such as honesty, compassion, and uprightness. Prioritizing a wider range of moral principles can safeguard the long-term prosperity of both individuals and society.

Moral values are permanent beliefs and ideas within a person and reflect a preference for good or bad. In modern times many societies have increasingly focused on the accumulation of material wealth, power, and status as the primary goal of human life. This has led to a narrow definition of the good life, where success is measured by the ability to accumulate material wealth, often at the expense of others. A narrow conception of the good life is leading to a crisis of moral values. Like the issue of corruption, a narrow notion of the good life leads to the erosion of values such as transparency, probity, social responsibility, and honesty. Due to this, personal interests have been promoted in place of public interest. Climate change Meeting the

never-ending human demands over the years has put tremendous pressure on the planet's resources. The planet is warming at an unprecedented rate, glaciers are melting, and wildlife is disappearing. All these calamities have arisen out of attachment to over-materialism. For example, the crisis in Joshimath is the result of choosing economics over ecology or the ecosystem. It is often said that "unlimited power is apt to corrupt the minds of those who possess it". A recent example is that of a civil servant who cleared a sports stadium for dog walking and asked the athletes to leave. Today, if someone is asked what is his goal, he would say that money. They have the urge to do anything to get it. Even if it has to be accomplished by adopting

the wrong path. Don't know how many such examples will be seen which show how much the youth have dropped their moral values in themselves. Sadly, they do not recognize manners, culture, and morality, nor are they ready to accept them. Today's young generation is walking like a mad elephant, forgetting morals and values and trampling everything that comes its way. He is oblivious to what will happen whenever he falls to the ground. This is happening only because of a lack of moral values.

The great land on which great personalities like Maryada Purushottam Shriram and Arjuna were born. Today manners, morals, and values are being lost from the same land. Sanskar takes us to the heights of success. When we forget our ideals, culture, and purpose, then only failures come into our hands. The bitter truth is that today's youth do not know about values, ideals, and principles. If we think honestly, then there is no one else who is spreading immorality and rudeness but we are. We have to take steps to save them as well. Give good manners and education to your children. A child is like a blank paper; it is our duty to write a note of culture, moral values, and manners on that blank paper. There is still time and from today itself we have to take an oath that instead of blaming the youth, we should teach values, morals, and manners to the children. Today the focus is on wealth, modern luxuries, and sensual pleasures, with a focus on the end rather than the means.

Reasonable means are not given importance to achieve these means, due to which moral values are neglected. This leads to crony capitalism,

scams, crime, and growing inequality in society. The narrow notion of a good life, being against Gandhian principles, is leading to the Gandhian 7 Social Sins, which can cause serious harm to society. For example, black money and tax evasion - a result of 'money without work', similarly the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki - reflects 'science without humanity'. Dissatisfaction, alienation, disturbance, agitation, inequality, disharmony, anarchy, lack of ideals, injustice, tyranny, humiliation, failure, depression, instability, uncertainty, struggle, and violence... all these surround our lives today. Communalism, ethnicity, linguism, regionalism, and violence in the individual and the society is the responsible reason behind the narrow ill feelings and problems.

If the elements of morality are not sufficiently available in the children's environment, then the elements which will be dominant in the environment will become a part of life. That is why it is said that values are not taught, they are acquired. To address the crisis of moral values, there is a need to promote a holistic vision of the good life. To find the true meaning of life, Buddha left his home and wealth. One can learn the values of truthfulness, righteousness, honesty, and compassion from the lives of Raja Harishchandra, Mahatma Gandhi, and Dr. Kalam. Emphasizing the broad dimensions of moral values can ensure the long-term well-being of individuals in particular and society as a whole.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bhopal Gas Tragedy: A Hard-Fought Battle

The Bhopal Gas Tragedy is a tragic event that had a profound impact on the lives of thousands of people, and it is regrettable that it took so long to reach a final conclusion. However, it is important to note that the legal process can be complex, and it often takes time to resolve complicated cases like this. While the court's decision to reject the curative petition filed by the government may seem harsh, it is based on a careful examination of the facts and legal principles involved. The court's observations about the government's negligence and failure to take out relevant insurance policies are a reminder of the importance of corporate responsibility and accountability. It is also worth noting that the Bhopal Gas Tragedy was not just a legal issue, but also a human tragedy that had far-reaching social and environmental consequences. While the legal process can provide some measure of closure and compensation, it cannot undo the damage that has already been done. While the Bhopal Gas Tragedy case may be a testament to the slow pace of justice, it also highlights the importance of holding corporations accountable for their actions and ensuring that victims are adequately compensated.

Yash pal Raihan, Jalandhar

Need strong agri policy

I am writing to express my concern over the current state of agriculture in our country. In my opinion, there is a dire need for a strong agriculture policy that covers all aspects of the industry, including the depletion of natural resources, soil health, and environmental changes affecting food production. It is essential that farmers, particularly those with small landholdings, are encouraged to practice diversified farming. Many of these farmers stick to traditional farming methods of wheat and paddy due to the assured remuneration, but diversifying their crops could help conserve groundwater. Crops like millets, maize, and barley could be viable alternatives. To support these farmers, the government needs to provide an assured price mechanism and purchase system for their crops. Additionally, the Department of Agriculture and research institutions should collaborate to develop climate-resilient crop varieties. Moreover, a strong sale-purchase mechanism policy that aligns with farmers' needs is crucial. With proper implementation, such policies could help promote sustainable agriculture practices and provide much-needed support to our farmers.

Manoj Kumar, Raipur

Statistics: Neither Be-all Nor End-all of Cricket

Kajal Chatterjee

English writer Neville Cardus had compared scoreboard with "Ass", but what is statistics apart from mere compilation of data registered in scoreboards. So by drawing inspiration from that Cardus theory, Statistics can also be equated to "Ass". However it gets regularly seen how statistics are adjudged as the be-all and end-all of Cricket and cricketers/teams getting judged or compared on basis of such mere compilation of numbers. But a cricketer's worth can never be necessarily judged by mere statistics only. If one takes a glimpse at the statistics of Madanlal, it will not draw enough inspiration as such. But those who used to watch cricket in the decade of the 1980s can assert with much conviction that be it as a batsman bowler or fielder, Madanlal used to give his best with heart out with a never-say-die unconquering attitude. Despite not being a specialist batsman, he used to face the fearsome battery of Marshal-Roberts-Holding-Garner with head hold high despite equipped

with inferior protective gear compared to present times. Same holds true for the likes of Yashpal Sharma, Roger Binny or a bit junior to them Chetan Sharma - - - might not have a "glorious" statistics, but all used to possess toughness enough to get going when the going were tough. No wonder why barring Sunil Gavaskar Kapildev Mohinder Amarnath and Syed Kirmani; the Indian first eleven of the 1983 Prudential Cup was not made of world-class cricketers with glorious statistics to show off, yet they managed to beat the mighty West Indies of Clive Lloyd (one of the strongest teams in the history of international cricket) to emerge as World Champions. In contrast, the much overhyped team of Virat Kohli, despite a flood of cricketers with "enviable" statistics in all departments of the game, had not managed to win Test Championship, ODI World Cup or even the global version of T20. Also it gets regularly noted that many cricketers, possessed of various sorts of records in their kitty, hardly excel when the chips are down. In contrast, the

non-specialist batsman Wriddhiman Saha regularly used to shine with the bat and come up with crucial innings whenever the team used to find itself in dire straits - - - remember his brave innings of 61 not out to save India from a possible defeat against New Zealand in Kanpur Test that too when he was suffering from unbearable pain of stiff neck. The Bengal lad might have been brutally "rewarded" with a stern declaration by the team management in crystal clear terms that he has no future in the national team due to the presence of "very very special" Rishabh Pant in the mix; yet the fact remains that in critical times, the much-neglected much-discriminated Saha's bat used to talk much more effectively than many overhyped glamorous top order batters of "glorious" statistics. So statistics can never be the be-all and end-all of the game.

And never can cricketers, spanning generations, be compared with each other by virtue of mere statistics as conditions of the game (nature of pitch, bowling/ fielding restrictions, quality of protective gear, fre-

quency of matches, coaching/training facilities) undergo swift or drastic changes in successive decades. So with cricketing environment undergoing significant changes with time, never can any cricketer of say 1970-s be compared with that of 1950-s 1990-s or current times by latching on mere statistics which can never differentiate between runs scored against Clive Lloyd's West Indies (that too in Caribbean Islands) and that against Sri Lanka/Bangladesh/ Zimbabwe in respective home conditions. In the same vein, bowling against the likes of Zaheer Abbas Greg Chapell Graham Gooch or Vivian Richards can definitely not be compared with garnering mountain of wickets against the batters of much lesser calibre of ordinary opposition teams. In this context, isn't it naive to debate whether Bishan Singh Bedi /Bhagwat Chandra-sekhar is inferior /superior to Anil Kumble/Ravindra Jadeja just by having a glimpse at respective statistics.

Lastly, mere accessibility of statistics at the click of a mouse can never make a person more

appreciative of the game. Previously "uninformed" spectators used to eagerly watch the home team blocking deliveries after deliveries to save the Test on the fifth day wicket and often used to admonish the batter if he knocked a boundary by losing patience. Today in exactly same situation of the game, I wonder how many "statistically-enlightened" Indian spectators would relish the fight between bat and ball with hardly any boundary /over boundary in sight and no DJ/cheerleaders in background. Rather the batters would be booed on accusation of "boring" batting. And yes draws can be enjoyable too depending upon the overall situation of the match; only a poor student of the game believes that Test cricket should be about mere winning or losing i.e result - bearing with no provision of Honorable Draws in its lexicon. After all many Drawn Test matches have generated infinite times more entertainment thrill and skills in history than several Indian wins in underprepared wickets in home soil with the opposition getting "spinned to death" within 3-4 days.

BRIEF

Appointment



New Delhi: The government has appointed Deepak Mohanty as chairman of Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). He replaced Supratim Bandyopadhyay, whose term ended in January. Prior to this, Mohanty, a former executive director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), served as a member of PFRDA. The central government hereby appoints Deepak Mohanty, former whole-time member, Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), to the post of chairperson, PFRDA, a government notification dated March 14, 2023 said.

Milk production



New Delhi: India's milk production rose 5.29 per cent in 2021-22 to 221.06 million tonnes, the government said on Wednesday. Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Parshottam Rupala on Wednesday unveiled an annual publication 'Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2022'. The Minister congratulated Animal Husbandry's Statistics Division for coming out with this publication. He said the book has become an important source of information in the field of livestock, according to an official statement. "Total milk production in the country during 2021-22 is 221.06 million tonnes," the statement said. In 2021-22, the milk production has registered an annual growth rate of 5.29 per cent.

Coal stock



New Delhi: Thermal power plants monitored by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) had 33.5 million tonne of coal stock as on Sunday, which was sufficient to run them for 12 days at 85 per cent capacity utilisation, Parliament was informed on Thursday. This assumes significance in view of projection of an unprecedented high demand of electricity during this summer. Electricity demand is expected to touch 229 GW next month as per power ministry estimates.

Economy likely to log in a tepid 6 per cent growth next fiscal: Crisil

Mumbai, Mar 16:

The economy is likely to log in a tepid 6 per cent growth next fiscal, in line with the consensus estimates, rating agency Crisil said on Thursday. The agency also sees the economy averaging a growth rate of 6.8 per cent over the next five fiscals.

Crisil further said it expects the corporate revenue to log in double-digit rise again next fiscal. The National Statistical Organisation (NSO) had pencilled in a 7 per cent growth for the outgoing fiscal — something most analysts consider to be an ambitious number because for the economy to close the year with 7 per cent growth, it will have to grow at over 4.5 per cent in the present quarter of fiscal 2023, which looks ambitious. In its annual growth

forecast, Crisil chief economist D K Joshi said a complex interplay of geopolitical events, stubbornly high inflation — and sharp rate hikes to counter that — have turned the global environment gloomier. On the domestic front, he said, the peak impact of the rate hikes — 250 basis points since May 2022, which has pushed interest rates above pre-Covid levels will play out more in the next fiscal. Consumer inflation is expected to moderate to 5 per cent on average in fiscal 2024 from 6.8 per cent in fiscal 2023, owing to high-base effect and some softening of crude and commodity prices. However, a good rabi harvest would help cool food inflation, while the slowing economy should moderate core inflation. The risks to inflation are tilted

upward, given the ongoing heat wave and the World Meteorological Organization's prediction that an El Niño warming event is likely over the next couple of months, Joshi said.

Joining him, Amish Mehta, the agency's managing director, said the country's medium-term growth prospects are healthier. Over the next five fiscals, "we expect GDP to grow at 6.8 per cent annually", with the next fiscal delivering 6 per cent, driven by capital and productivity increases.

He further said what is also good to see is the increasing sustainability footprint of capex. At present, nearly 9 per cent of the infrastructure and industrial capex is green. "We see this number rising to 15 per cent" by this fiscal.

NTPC commissions green coal plant in Varanasi

New Delhi, Mar 16: State-owned power giant NTPC has commissioned first-of-its-kind commercial green coal plant in Varanasi, which will make torrefied charcoal from municipal waste. Nearly three years ago NTPC had planned to make green coal (torrefied charcoal) from municipal waste, a company statement said. NTPC's arm NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd (NVVNL) had awarded the project on an EPC (engineering procurement construction) basis to Macawber Beekay, and recently the first reactor module of 200 tonnes per day (TPD) capacity green coal plant was installed and commissioned for NTPC's Harit Koyla (Green Coal) Pariyojna plant at Ramana in Varanasi, it stated. The total capacity of this plant after installation of all three modules shall be 600 TPD of waste handling capacity. The plant is built on 20 acres of land. Torrefied charcoal (green coal) which is similar to natural coal can be successfully blended with fuel in thermal power plants to produce electricity. The process is environment-friendly as there is no burning of waste, it is rather processed inside the reactor using Macawber Beekay's specialised conversion technology.

Lamborghini to deploy hybrid tech across model range in India by 2024-end



New Delhi, Mar 16:

Italian automaker Automobili Lamborghini plans to deploy hybrid technology in its models in India by the end of 2024 as the Italian super sports car maker aims to halve the emissions from its cars in the coming years, according to a top company executive. The niche player also expressed confidence that the country's taxation policy remains consistent though any tax reductions will be welcome. The company currently sells three models — premium SUV Urus and two super sports

cars Huracan Tecnica and Aventador in the country, with prices starting upwards of Rs 3 crore. "The roadmap for us is that by the end of 2024 we are going to hybridise our entire model range. So this year we will have a first hybrid, the new V12, then in 2024 we will have the Urus hybrid and also a new V10 which is also going to be a hybrid," Lamborghini India Head Sharad Agarwal told PTI. In 2022, the company plans to bring in a fourth model globally which is going to be the fully electric model, he added. "The idea is to

reduce 50 per cent of the emissions from our cars by 2025," Agarwal said. The company will bring in the upgraded models globally and then introduce them in the Indian market as well. Lamborghini began its India operations in 2007. Last year, it sold 92 units in India, a growth of 33 per cent over 69 units in 2021. When asked if the high rate of taxation on imported cars is affecting the growth of the luxury car segment in India, Agarwal said: "Today, the market is aligned to the current tax structure that we have."

Himalaya Rose Face Wash celebrates inclusivity

Mumbai, Mar 16: Himalaya Wellness Company, a leading Wellness brand, has announced the launch of its latest product, Himalaya Natural Glow Rose Face Wash. The launch is supported by the #NotFair campaign that it ran in collaboration with Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) team in Women's Premier League (WPL). During the first two days of the match, the RCB players were seen sporting #NotFair on their headgears, which sparked curiosity among viewers. Following that, the headgears had the message "Himalaya Rose, Beauty is not equal to Color", this generated discussion about the importance of embracing every skin color and every face. This reveal was planned on International Women's Day (8th March),

which also marked the official launch of the product. The #NotFair campaign's motive is to debunk beauty myths and encourage inclusivity. It is not only highlighting the importance of embracing all skin tones but also celebrate this diversity, challenging unfair beauty standards prevalent in society. It promotes self-love by appreciating the individuality of every beauty, irrespective of skin color.

The partnership between Himalaya and RCB during the Women's Premier League (WPL) is a step towards promoting beauty positivity. The key message conveyed through the campaign is that "Beauty Has No Color. Every face has a special glow, and this individuality of glow should not only be appreciated but also celebrated."

EXCLUSIVE OFFICE

Truecaller Bengaluru Office Inauguration
16th March, 2023

Truecaller CEO & Co-founder Alan Mamedi speaks as Truecaller India MD Rishit Jhunjhunwala looks on during the opening of Truecaller's first exclusive office space outside of Sweden, in Bengaluru, Thursday, March 16.

India can navigate well financial market turmoil: Uday Kotak

New Delhi, Mar 16:

Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO Uday Kotak said on Thursday that with macro factors turning positive, India can "navigate well" the current turmoil in the global financial market and stand out. India, he said, will benefit from low oil prices in the international market and the country's current account deficit (CAD) is expected to decline to below 2 per cent in 2023-24.

The global markets have roiled over the last week after two banks in the United States went belly up. "Even as the global turmoil continues in financial markets, the macro factors are turning better for India. The current account deficit looks



below 2.5 per cent in FY 23 and going below 2 per cent in FY 24. Lower oil helps. If we walk our talk and navigate well, India can stand out in this turbulence," Kotak tweeted. Signature Bank, New York, which lent mostly to the crypto industry, was shut down by the regulators on Sunday after there was a run on their deposits.

Nexon EV makes a landmark entry into India Book of Records

Mumbai, Mar 16:

Tata Motors, India's leading automobile manufacturer and the pioneer of the EV evolution in India, today proudly announced that India's most trusted and driven EV — the Nexon EV has successfully entered the India Book of Records by covering the 'Fastest' Kashmir to Kanyakumari drive by an EV.

The Nexon EV — India's number one electric vehicle completed the drive of 4003kms in just 95 hours and 46 minutes (under 4 days), successfully proving its ability to undertake multi-city trips. Furthermore, this non-stop drive was also possible because of the enhanced uninterrupted Public Charging network



present on the Indian Highways. Having spent a total of 28 hours resulting in only 21 stops for fast charging throughout the trip, the Nexon EV not only saved up on time in the completion of the total trip but also saved up a considerable amount on the cost when compared to an ICE vehicle.

During the drive, the Nexon EV, which was driv-

ing just like any other car across challenging terrains and extreme weather conditions, delivered an average real-world range of 300+kms with ease. This beautiful drive was also enjoyed by the company's very own leadership team, who drove the Nexon EV along the landscapes of India. In addition to the 'Fastest' K2K drive by an EV record, the

Nexon EV has created 23 additional records.

Commenting on this remarkable achievement, Mr. Shailesh Chandra, MD, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd., said, "The Nexon EV has further validated its capabilities by entering the Indian Book of Records, for the fastest K2K drive by an EV. This achievement is a testament of the enormous competency of the product and the availability of a healthy charging infrastructure across the country — further bolstered by Tata Power's presence across the country. There was a fast charging station at regular intervals, between 75 kms -100 kms, which itself is a great feat for India's EV ecosystem."

Global uncertainty rising, need to maintain 'margins of safety': CEA

New Delhi, Mar 16:

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran on Thursday said the global uncertainty has been rising after the recent developments in the United States and governments, businesses and individuals should keep 'margins of safety' in fiscal, corporate and savings account planning. He said the global growth estimates of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) given in January looks outdated and countries will have to watch what the developments in the US over the last week would do to confidence, bank lending growth and



the subsequent chain effects. Two banks in America have gone belly up over the last week. Signature Bank, New York, which lent mostly to crypto industry was shut down by the regulators on Sunday after there was a run on their deposits. Besides, the

failure of Silicon Valley Bank last week left many startups, tech companies, entrepreneurs and VC funds nervous and jittery. SVB, the 16th largest bank in the United States, was closed on Friday last by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation which later appointed the FDIC as its receiver. Speaking at the Crisil India Outlook seminar, Nageswaran said uncertainty has been on a rising trend and has gone up a few notches in the last week and this is something which countries need to live with, not only this year but for the next year and beyond.

Honda recalling 500,000 vehicles to fix seat belt problem

Detroit, Mar 15: Honda is recalling a half-million vehicles in the U.S. and Canada because the front seat belts may not latch properly. The recall covers some of the automaker's top-selling models including the 2017 through 2020 CR-V, the 2018 and 2019 Accord, the 2018 through 2020 Odyssey and the 2019 Insight. Also included is the Acura RDX from the 2019 and 2020 model years. Honda says in documents posted Wednesday

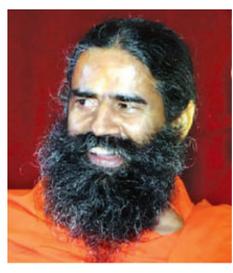
by U.S. safety regulators that the surface coating on the channel for the buckle can deteriorate over time. The release button can shrink against the channel at lower temperatures, increasing friction and stopping the buckle from latching. If the buckle doesn't latch, a driver or passenger may not be restrained in a crash, increasing the risk of injury. Honda says it has no reports of injuries caused by the problem.



Patanjali to bring another FPO for Patanjali Foods; to start process from April, says Baba Ramdev

New Delhi, Mar 16:

With stock exchanges freezing shares of its promoters, Patanjali Foods on Thursday said the move will not impact the company's operation and it will start the process of launching a Follow-On Public Offering (FPO) in April to increase the public shareholding to 25 per cent. Stock exchanges NSE and BSE have frozen the shares of promoters of Baba Ramdev-led Patanjali Group firm Patanjali Foods, which is a major edible oil player. In an interview with PTI, Ramdev assured his investors and public shareholders that there would be no impact of Patanjali Foods Ltd's (PFL) operation and financial per-



formance and its growth trajectory will remain intact. "There is no reason for the investors to worry," he said. According to Ramdev, promoters' shares are already under lock-in as per Sebi guidelines till April 8, 2023, which is one year from the date of listing, and the latest move by stock exchanges do not appear to have a negative impact on

the functioning of PFL. He further said that PFL is being operated by Patanjali group in an "ideal way" and is taking care of all factors such as the expansion of business and distribution, profitability and performance. "We will be diluting around 6 per cent stake. There are no questions about that," he said, adding the delay was because the market condition was not favourable.

When asked about the time frame, he said: "We will start the process for FPO in April, immediately after finishing the current financial year." The Haridwar-based group has already "lined up" offshore and domestic investors, who are ready to invest into the PFL.

HDFC Bank, Flipkart Wholesale launch industry-first co-branded credit card

Mumbai, Mar 16:

HDFC Bank, India's largest private bank and Flipkart Wholesale, the omnichannel B2B platform with an extensive online and offline presence, of India's homegrown Flipkart Group, today launched an industry-first co-branded credit card exclusively for Flipkart Wholesale members. The credit card will run on the Diners Club International® network, part of the Discover Global Network, and can be used in more than 200 countries around the world where Diners Club cards are accepted. As part of this collaboration, registered members of Flipkart Wholesale will be able to avail of 5% cashback — an industry-first offer, on Flipkart Wholesale online

spends. Other benefits include INR 1,500 worth of activation cashback, with zero joining fee, along with additional cashback on utility bills and other expenses.

Through the launch of these credit cards, we will help smaller retailers manage their cash flows better while ensuring that the benefits of digitization trickle into the entire B2B ecosystem.

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Chitrangda finds her chemistry 'exceptional' with Sara, Vikrant in 'Gaslight'

Bollywood actress Chitrangada Singh, who will be seen playing the role of Rukmini in the upcoming web series 'Gaslight', shared her experience working with Sara Ali Khan and Vikrant Massey in the suspense thriller.

The actress is playing the lead character Misha's (Sara Ali Khan) stepmother. While Misha is a physically challenged girl, Rukmini is a mysterious character. While Chitrangada in the trailer of the web series apparently looks like a caring mother who welcomes her physically challenged stepdaughter, there are many secrets she seems to be hiding from Misha about her missing father. On the other hand, Vikrant Massey is seen as the king's personal assistant.

Sharing her working experience with Sara and Vikrant, Chitrangada said: "It was absolutely lovely working with Sara and Vikram. The two have done an abundance of work in Bollywood and the casting of this film sets you up for interesting scenes." Chitrangada who made her film debut with 'Hazaaroon Khwaishein Aisi', was also seen in the comedy movie 'Desi Boys', 'Inkaar', and she was also appreciated for her role as Latika in the series 'Modern Love Mumbai' and she was also part of 'Bob Biswas'.

The actress further shared that as a person she, Sara, and Vikrant are completely different but their on-screen chemistry looks perfect and makes the plot intriguing. "The three of us are very distinct from one another as people and actors, but together the chemistry and suspense we were able to build and create in regard to the plot are honestly exceptional. You can only expect that we have had a great time on set," she added. 'Gaslight' will be streaming from March 31 on Disney+ Hotstar.



Radhika shoots in her hometown Delhi



One of the busiest actors of the industry right now, Radhika Madan resumes shoot of her seventh consecutive film. However, what makes it special is that in nine years of her career and twelve different films, Radhika is shooting in her hometown Delhi for the first time. Hailing from Delhi, Radhika left her hometown at a very young age and has been making a mark in the entertainment industry with diverse, experimental and impressive performances one after another. Creating a record, Radhika shot for and wrapped six projects last year, which are slated to release this year. Hopping on to her next, the Angrezi Medium actor began shooting for her next earlier this year. Beginning the next schedule of her film, Radhika Madan has reached her hometown Delhi and expressed her happiness of shooting in her city through an Insta story.

Will Pushpa be able to safeguard her family?

Sony SAB's Pushpa Impossible is the story of Pushpa, who with her cheery disposition, optimistic mindset, and unique approach toward life, has captured our hearts. Recently, in the show, the viewers witnessed a thrilling plot wherein Pushpa (Karuna Pandey) and Devi (Urvashi Dholakia) did everything they could to rescue their daughters from the evil hands of the kidnappers. On the other hand, the mastermind behind the kidnapping, Dilip Patel (Jayesh More) who is also Pushpa's ex-husband has begun plotting another evil plan against Pushpa, and uses his and Pushpa's daughter, Raashi as a victim. While every-



one has indulged in the festival of colors, he in disguise goes and meets

Raashi to greet her. Everyone in the chawl is happy and celebrating Holi as with Devi's help Pushpa, Raashi and Roshni were rescued from the kidnappers. Dilip on the other hand decides to use Raashi, his own daughter, as a pawn in his evil plan to take revenge against Pushpa. Will Pushpa find out about Dilip's evil plan? Karuna Pandey, who plays the role of Pushpa Patel, said, "Pushpa as a character, never gives up no matter what situations life puts her in. Though Pushpa has just dealt with such a huge occurrence in her life, there is no stopping to the evil plans that her ex-husband is plotting against her."

Kangana says Wikipedia is 'hijacked by Leftists' as info about her is wrong

Actress Kangana Ranaut has claimed that the info-based website Wikipedia has been "totally hijacked by Leftists" as the information about her birthday and background is "warped". Kangana took to Instagram stories and said that her birthday falls on March 23 and not the given date on the website which states it is on March 20.



The actress wrote: "Wikipedia is totally hijacked by leftists, most of the information about me like my birthday or my height or background is totally wrong ... no matter how much we try to rectify it, it's warped again..." She added: "Anyway many radio channels, fans clubs, and well wishers start to send birthday greetings on 20th March..."

Shriya Saran: Upendra Rao doesn't act like the superstar he is

Actress Shriya Saran, who is known for her work in films like 'Drishyam' franchise, 'Awarapan', 'Sivaji: The Boss' and 'RRR', is awaiting the release of her next film 'Kabzaa'. She recently shared that her co-actor in the film Upendra Rao, does not act like a superstar when he is on the sets and is very humble.

Talking about the first time she shared screen space with Upendra, Shriya said: "The first time I met him, we were shooting for the song 'Namaami Namaami'. It's beautifully choreographed by Chinmi sir. The crew mentioned that Upendra sir is coming on set and everyone around was talking about him. Suddenly he walked in

while I was learning my dance steps." She then spoke about how Upendra graced the set, in great detail. She told IMDB: "I turned back and saw him in his regal outfit as he is dressed as a king in the song. He was smiling even though everyone around him was very quiet and serious. He walked in with a big smile and was full of laughter. He is a superstar but doesn't act like one. He is simply in love with his film set and is having a good time. For him it's really hard to accept appreciation but it's very easy for him to appreciate and praise others, and that speaks volumes about him."



Parineeti Chopra to sing her first song for a film

The recently concluded LFW X FCI event in Mumbai saw a lot go Bollywood glamour both on and off the runway. While many say it is a return to pre pandemic days, others say that fashion has gone back to a time in the business when stars overpowered fashion and collections were sidelined.

Be that as it may, from amongst the bevy of beauties at the event, we got a rare sighting of actress Parineeti Chopra who walked the runway for designer Ritika Mirchandani. Chopra was a picture of elegance when she stopped the show, in a shimmering, white, long, fitted, skirt with a high slit, matching bralette teamed with a structured-shoulders long-sleeved, heavily embellished, floor-length jacket.

The "Fair La Fete" collection, was a homage to joyful fashion at Lakme Fashion Week in partnership with FDCI.

Parineeti speaks about her upcoming project.

Talent or hard work, what do you think is stronger our more important?

Chopra: Neither of them can exist without the other; you could be very talented

but if you don't put in the work it's going to take you nowhere and without talent sometimes you can work very hard and take yourself a long way, so I think they both are intervened and I always believe they go together.

Any upcoming project that's very close to your heart?

Chopra: I recently finished shooting a film called Chamkila with Diljeet, directed by Intiaz and I am very excited about it, because it's the first time that I will be singing in a film. It's a very important biopic about the greatest Punjabi singer of all time and it's really close to my heart.

What's your take on fashion?

Chopra: I never really follow trends as I really don't understand fashion as much. I am always a sneaker and comfort dressing girl and I think I will continue being that.

What is your go to style and what makes you happy when it comes to fashion?

Chopra: A white t-shirt, blue shorts and white sneakers is something what I would like to wear at my own wedding. So, you can imagine how much I love it.



Maniesh Paul lauds Kubbra's strength and courage

Recently Kubbra Sait revealed dark and untold chapters of her life in a book authored basis her experiences, commending the actress for shedding her baggage bravely through her book, Maniesh Paul adored her strength and courage as he hosted the actress on his show, The Maniesh Paul Podcast.

After suffering from the emotional trauma and baggage of physical abuse at a young age of seventeen at the hands of her own uncle, Kubbra Sait finally let herself free by penning her experiences in her book. Engaging in a heartfelt conversation discussing the same along with other untold stories of her journey, Kubbra Sait graced 'The Maniesh Paul Podcast'.

Maniesh revealed he had goosebumps on reading Kubbra's dreadful incident of being molested by her uncle in the short insight posted by the actor and host on his social media. Sharing the glimpse into the episode, Maniesh Paul said,



"AND SHE IS STRONG AND HOW!!! You can't miss this episode!!!"

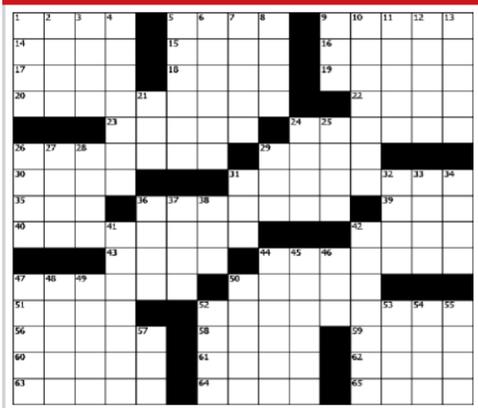
Hailed for his deep and insightful conversations with people from different walks of life, Maniesh Paul has unfolded the unknown aspects of various personalities through his show 'The Maniesh Paul Podcast'.

Earlier, Maniesh has hosted many eminent names on his show including Govinda, Anu Malik, Rajpal Yadav, Gulshan Grover, Geeta Kapoor, Prajakta Koli, Bharti Singh, Krushna Abhishek amongst others, in fact, the podcast has proven instrumental in resolving the ages-old rift between Govinda and his nephew Krushna.

On the work front, Maniesh Paul has been on an award winning spree for his much-loved and appreciated performance in Jugjugg Jeeyo and is currently gearing for his digital debut as the lead for an interesting web show that presents him in an all new avatar.

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1st ODI: Hardik faces leadership test vs Australia

Mumbai, Mar 16 (PTI):

Star all-rounder Hardik Pandya's leadership skills and India's overall World Cup preparedness will be under focus when the home side begin their three-match ODI series against Australia here on Friday.

Pandya will captain the Indian team in the absence of regular skipper Rohit Sharma, who is unavailable for the first ODI at the Wankhede Stadium due to family commitments.

The day-night match will be Pandya's first as captain in an ODI, though he is the regular India skipper in the T20 format. He is also the designated vice-captain for the ODI series. Collectively as a team, the focus will shift from winning the four-match Test series for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy and qualifying for the World Test Championships final in June against the same opponents - Australia - to starting preparations for the 50-over World Cup the country is hosting later this year.

Keeping in mind that India had won the title the last time the country hosted the tournament - with



Mohammed Siraj, Suryakumar Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal of India during a practice session ahead of the ODI cricket series against Australia at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

Match starts: 1:30pm IST.

MS Dhoni's team winning the trophy in 2011 - similar expectations will be from Sharma and company.

The expectations will be particularly high because the Indian team is a different beast in any format while playing at home. Moreover, the unwanted record of not doing well enough in the knockout matches of the ICC hounding this group of players,

the team will be desperate to turn things around.

India will also look to make the most of the incredible start they have had in ODIs at home this year, winning all six matches in total - against Sri Lanka and New Zealand in two separate series. The Indians will be wary of the fact that the five-time World Cup winners Australia have enough firepower in their ranks to pull off wins, de-

spite the absence of regular captain Pat Cummins who has decided to be with his family after the passing of her mother.

Cummins' absence will be felt by the visiting team as it also looks to finalise its preparations for the World Cup in October-November this year.

Like he did in the last two matches of the Test series, the wily Steve Smith will lead Australia in the ODI series as well.

Indian men's hockey team climb to No. 4 in world rankings

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

The Indian men's hockey team jumped two places to fourth in the latest FIH rankings on the back of its rare back-to-back wins against world champions Germany and Australia in the Pro League matches in Rourkela.

Significantly, India moved ahead of hockey powerhouse Australia, who dropped one place to fifth.

Germany, who were on top spot after winning World Cup title in Odisha in January, also slipped two places to third spot after losing back-to-back matches to India.

India won all their four matches - two each against Germany and Australia - in their FIH Pro League matches played at the Birsa Munda Stadium, the world's largest all-seater venue.

This is less than two months after India made a shocking last 16 exit in the World Cup held here and in Bhubaneswar in January.

India won both the double-legged matches against Germany 3-2 and 6-3 while they beat Australia 5-4 and 4-3 in penalty shootout (after 2-2 in regulation time) in the first and second games.

Boxing Worlds: Nikhat opens with scintillating win



India's Nikhat Zareen (red) lands a punch on Azerbaijan's Anakhanim Ismayilova during 48kg-50kg (Light Flyweight) category Round of 64 match at the 2023 IBA Women's World Boxing Championship, in New Delhi, Thursday.

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

Ace Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen started the defence of her title with an emphatic RSC (referee stops contest) win over Anakhanim Ismayilova in the opening round of the Women's World Championships here on Thursday.

The tournament started with home favourite Nikhat's bout and the pugilist did not disappoint. Competing in the 50kg category, the 2022 Commonwealth Games gold medallist took her time to judge her opponent, but once she fig-

ured out the Azerbaijan boxer's game, there was no stopping her: Nikhat, who is unseeded despite being the reigning champion, was at her aggressive best as she landed a flurry of combination punches on her opponent.

Such was the Indian's domination that the referee had to give Ismayilova the 'count' thrice before stopping the contest in the second round. On being unseeded, Nikhat said, "It's not a problem. That's the thing about draws, anyone can get any seeding. It doesn't matter but my draw is good, as the competition

goes on I'll get tough opponents."

Nikhat will next face top seed, 2022 African champion Roumaysa Boualam, in the round of 32.

"I know that boxer but I haven't played against her. I'm happy that India's first bout started with me and hopefully, I will only end it." Sakshi (52kg) advanced to the pre-quarterfinals with a 5-0 unanimous decision win over Colombia's Martinez Maria Jose in the first round. Debutant Sakshi and Jose indulged in a fast-paced bout, where the Indian jabbed her way through.

When Virat Kohli had no belief and 'tank was empty'

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

Star India batter Virat Kohli has opened up on his decision to step down as skipper of Royal Challengers Bangalore after 2021 season, saying he had no "belief" and his "tank was absolutely empty" towards the end of his IPL captaincy tenure.

RCB had a horror run in 2019 when they lost six games in a row to eventually finish at the bottom of the IPL table. They were wooden spooners in the 2017 edition as well.

Kohli quit as RCB captain after the 2021 season with South Africa's Faf du Plessis taking over the reins. "The time when my captaincy tenure was coming to an end here, I was left with no belief, to be very honest. I was gone, the tank was absolutely empty," Kohli said during his motivational speech to the RCB



women's team ahead of their clash against UP

Warriorz in the WPL on Wednesday. "But that was my own perspective, that was me just an individual saying that I have seen so much of this, I can't just manage it, handle it anymore." RCB made it to the playoffs in the 2020 edition for the first time since 2016 season and also reached the knockouts in the next two editions.

"But the next season, new people came in, they had new ideas, there was another opportunity. They were excited, may be as an individual I wasn't that excited. But they created the energy and we reached the playoffs three years in a row," Kohli said. "Now we start every season with the excitement that was before and I feel excited now, the person who was not up to the mark. So it is a collective responsibility, if someone is feeling down as well, the others can pull them up."

Gianni Infantino re-elected FIFA president by acclaim



Kigali, Rwanda, Mar 16 (AP):

Gianni Infantino was re-elected FIFA president by acclaim on Thursday through 2027, after suggesting the financial results under his leadership would keep an industry CEO in the job for life.

Infantino had no election opponent and won by acclaim instead of a formal vote by the congress of 211 member federations whose basic annual funding from FIFA has risen from 250,000 to 2 million since his first win in 2016. FIFA had 4 bil-

lion reserves after the World Cup in Qatar finished in December. It has conservatively forecast record revenue of at least 11 billion through the men's 2026 World Cup being hosted in North America.

"If a CEO tells the stakeholders that the products were multiplied by seven I believe that they would keep that CEO forever," Infantino told FIFA members.

"They would love for this story to keep on going. But I am here for a four-year cycle only," said Infantino, whose presidency can eventually run for 15 years through 2031.

The Swiss lawyer was first elected in 2016 with FIFA in crisis after a sweeping United States federal investigation of corruption removed a swath of soccer officials in the Americas. The fallout also removed veteran FIFA president Sepp Blatter from office within months of being re-elected.

Real Madrid beats Liverpool to reach Champions League QF

Madrid, Mar 16 (AP):

There was no historic comeback for Liverpool. Real Madrid's title defense in the Champions League rolls into the quarterfinals.

Liverpool never really came close to overcoming its three-goal deficit from the first leg against the titleholders at the Santiago Bernabé Stadium on Wednesday, losing 1-0 to end its hopes of another run to the final.

Karim Benzema scored late and Madrid advanced to the last eight for the third straight season with a 6-2 aggregate score following a 5-2 win from the first leg in England, when it rallied from two goals down early in the first half.

Liverpool was trying to pull off something never done before in the Champions League erase a three-goal loss as a visitor: Only five times the team that



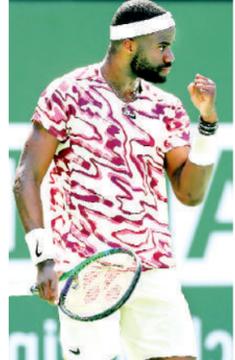
lost at home rallied in the second leg in Europe's top club competition. "You need-

ed a special performance and we didn't show a special performance," Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said. "In moments, it was a good performance, but Real Madrid was the team in control the whole game. Madrid was the better team and deserved to advance."

The only time Madrid failed to advance in the Champions League after winning the first leg on the road was in 2019, when it was eliminated by Ajax in the round of 16. It had won six of its last seven matches against Liverpool in the tournament, drawing another:

Real Madrid's French forward Karim Benzema celebrates after scoring his team's first goal during the UEFA Champions League last 16 second leg football match between Real Madrid CF and Liverpool FC.

Tiafoe, Medvedev reach Indian Wells semifinals



Frances Tiafoe of the United States celebrates against Cameron Norrie of Great Britain during the BNP Paribas Open at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden on March 16 in Indian Wells, California.

Indian Wells, Mar 16 (AP):

Frances Tiafoe defeated 10th-seeded Cameron Norrie 6-4, 6-4 to reach the semifinals of the BNP Paribas Open.

well all week. Let's keep it going."

Tiafoe hit 22 winners and had just nine unforced errors. He punctuated the victory, which was briefly interrupted by rain, by serving a love game.

"I played really quick, really close to the baseline and I was pressuring him a lot," Tiafoe said. "I didn't allow him to extend points and I was being super active with my feet, being really aggressive." Tiafoe hasn't dropped a set in four matches during the tournament. Next, he'll play No. 5 Daniil Medvedev, who beat Alejandro Davidovich Fokina 6-3, 7-5. Medvedev won his 18th consecutive match and improved to 23-2 this year. He hurt his right ankle in a three-set win over Alexander Zverev a day earlier. "When I warmed up it was hurting pretty bad," Medvedev said. "But I knew I was going to play." But his woes weren't over. He fell on the court and opened a cut on his thumb in the sixth game of the second set. The cut was bandaged during a medical timeout.

Medvedev broke Davidovich Fokina at love to go up 6-5 before serving out the victory. Medvedev won 12 of the last 14 points.

David Warner named Delhi Capitals captain for this IPL season



New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

Veteran Australia batter David Warner was on Thursday named as captain of Delhi Capitals for the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) season in the absence of Rishabh Pant, who is currently undergoing rehabilitation after a car crash. India all-rounder Axar Patel will be the vice-captain of the Delhi team, a role he performed last year also. IPL 2023 begins on March 31. DC also announced former India captain and Ex BCCI chief Sourav Ganguly as the franchise's Director of Cricket. Ganguly has been associated

with Delhi Capitals in the past too, in the role of mentor, during the 2019 season.

"Rishabh has been a terrific leader for Delhi Capitals, and we're all going to miss having him around. I would like to thank the management for the faith and trust they've always shown in me," Warner said in a release. "This franchise has always been home for me, and I couldn't be more excited to lead such a supremely talented bunch of players. I can't wait to meet them all, and get cracking!"

The naming of Warner as DC captain was on expected lines after Pant - who led the team from 2021 season - met with a horrific car accident in late December and successfully underwent a knee ligament tear surgery in Mumbai. Warner is currently in India for Australia's ODI leg of the tour which begins in Mumbai on Friday. He is one of IPL's most prolific batters with 5881 runs from 162 matches in the 13 seasons that he has featured since 2009. He has an average of 42.01, strike rate of 140.69 and has hit four hundreds and 55 fifties. Warner began his IPL stint with the Delhi franchise in 2009 - when it was Delhi Daredevils then - and remained part of the team till 2013.

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PREZ TO NAVY PERSONNEL

'Keep updated with latest tech advancements'

Kochi, Mar 16 (PTI):

President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday urged Indian Navy personnel to keep themselves updated on technological advancements as well as the changing operational dynamics of the maritime domain, as having a strong and modern Navy was paramount to protecting the country's long coastline. The Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces said India's naval strength was critical to the country's strategic, military, economic, and commercial interests.

She was speaking after presenting the President's Colour -- the highest honour that can be bestowed



President Droupadi Murmu being accorded a Guard of Honour on her visit to Kochi, Thursday.

upon any military unit of India -- to INS Dronacharya, a premier Gunnery training institute of the Indian Navy

here. The award was presented in recognition of the exceptional service that the INS Dronacharya rendered to the nation,

both in war and peace. Lauding the institute for being a training establishment of international repute and a centre for excellence in gunnery and missile warfare, the President said she was happy to note that personnel from paramilitary and police forces have also been trained at INS Dronacharya.

"In addition, the institute has fostered India's vision for a secure maritime region by training officers and sailors of our friendly countries as well," she said. This was her second visit to a Navy establishment as the President of India, after she took part in Navy Day celebrations at Visakhapatnam with the sailors there.

LAND-FOR-JOBS-SCAM

Tejashwi Yadav to appear before CBI on Mar 25

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

The Central Bureau of Investigation on Thursday assured the Delhi High Court it will not arrest Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav this month, after which the politician agreed he will appear before the probe agency on March 25 for questioning in connection with a case related to the alleged land-for-jobs scam.

Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma recorded the CBI counsel's statement that the agency was not contemplating to arrest Tejashwi Yadav this month. Following the assurance, senior advocate

Maninder Singh, representing Tejashwi Yadav, submitted to the court that the leader will appear on March 25 before the investigating officer at CBI headquarters in Delhi at 10:30 am.

Noting the submissions of both the sides, the high court disposed of the petition in which Tejashwi Yadav has sought quashing of summons issued to him by the CBI for appearing before it in Delhi.

RJD supreme and former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav's son Tejashwi in his plea said he has requested the investigating officer through multiple letters to allow him some time as



the current Bihar assembly session will conclude on April 5.

Tejashwi Yadav's lawyer said three summons have been issued to him since February and he has requested the

through his authorised representative in New Delhi.

He said one of the co-accused was called for questioning to CBI's Delhi office but was arrested. "My apprehension is they will do the same thing to me. Their endeavour is that I come here and they arrest me," the senior lawyer said on behalf of Tejashwi Yadav, who holds four portfolios in the Bihar government.

To this, CBI's counsel D P Singh said the house does not assemble on Saturdays and Tejashwi Yadav can appear before the agency on any Saturday this month as per his convenience.

Court extends ED custody of businessman Pillai



Businessman Arun Ramachandra Pillai, accused in Delhi liquor policy case, at the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office in New Delhi, Thursday.

By 4 days

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI):

A city court on Thursday extended by four days the ED custody of Hyderabad-based businessman Arun

Ramchandra Pillai, an alleged frontman for the liquor cartel 'South Group' arrested in a money laundering case related to the Delhi excise policy case.

The Enforcement Directorate has claimed Pillai is a close aide of Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) MLC and

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao's daughter K Kavitha.

The ED has accused the cartel of having paid around Rs 100 crore as kickbacks to the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) to gain a larger share of the liquor market in the national capital under the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy for 2020-21.

Special Judge M K Nagapal extended Pillai's custodial remand by four days till March 20 on a prayer by the federal anti-money laundering agency which has sought extension of his custody by five days.

The judge noted the central agency's submission that following Pillai's confrontation

with Hyderabad-based chartered accountant Butchibabu Gorantla on Wednesday, some new details have come up and that Gorantla has been summoned again for further confrontation on Friday.

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