

BRIEF



A woman while playing Holi with 'Gulal' at the Gangshyam Ji temple as part of celebrations of the festival of colours, in Jodhpur, Wednesday.

Death sentence

New Delhi: A special NIA court in Lucknow has sentenced to death seven ISIS-linked terrorists, while awarding life imprisonment to an associate of theirs in a 2017 case related to various terror activities, including a bomb blast inside a train in Uttar Pradesh, an official said on Wednesday.

Recover

Jaipur: Police recovered an estimated Rs 5 crore in cash from a car in Pratapnagar area of Rajasthan's Bhilwara district in the early hours of Wednesday, officials said. A huge amount of cash was recovered during the checking of a car, said Deputy Superintendent of Police (Bhilwara City) Narendraya Dayma.

CBI action

New Delhi: The CBI has seized Rs 50 lakh cash, gold and a list of 1,500 aspirants to teaching posts during its searches at the premises allegedly purchased by S P Sinha, then advisor of West Bengal Central School Service Commission, who is facing corruption case, officials said Wednesday.

Suicide

Jaipur: A couple jumped to their deaths in a canal with their five children in Rajasthan's Jalore district on Wednesday, police said. Shankarlal (32) and his wife Badli (30) jumped into the Narmada main canal near Siddheshwar Paldi with their five children, Sanchoore police station SHO Niranjana Pratap Singh said.

Arrested

Bareilly: Two men accused of cow slaughter were arrested following an encounter with police here on Wednesday morning, officials said. The accused sustained bullet injuries in their legs during the operation that was carried out by police personnel from two police stations of the district, they said.

Indefinite strike

Guwahati: The Assam Petroleum Mazdoor Union (APMU) on Wednesday announced an indefinite strike from March 4 by all workers engaged in carriage of LPG tankers and cylinders across Assam demanding higher remuneration and other statutory benefits. The strike will stop the movement of all LPG carrying tankers and cylinder trucks which will result in shortage of the fuel in the retail market, APMU general secretary Ramen Das told PTI.

Weather
High 34 Low 20

MARKET
NIFTY 17,450.90
SENSEX 59,411.08

BULLION
GOLD 55,831
SILVER 63,849

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SESSION

Bastar's identity changing from Naxalgarh' to Vikasgarh': Guv

Raipur, Mar 01:

Governor Biswa Bhushan Harichandan on Wednesday hailed the state government's initiatives for socioeconomic empowerment in remote areas and said Bastar which was once known as Naxalgarh' (den of Naxalites) is getting a new identity as Vikasgarh' (hub of development).

In his address on the first day of the 16th session (budget Session) of the fifth Chhattisgarh assembly, the governor said focus on the development of farmers and agriculture-related activities has made the state's rural economy prosperous.



Governor Biswa Bhushan Harichandan addressing on the first day of the 16th session (budget Session) of the fifth Chhattisgarh assembly.

"My government formulated rules under Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act (PESA) in the interest of tribals. My government

ensured the release of tribals embroiled in unnecessary litigations and languishing in jails (in tribal-dominated areas)." Harichandan said.

LPG price hiked by steep Rs 50

ATF price cut by 4%

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI)

Cooking gas LPG price on Wednesday was hiked by Rs 50 per cylinder - the first increase in rates in almost eight months - that came within days of end of polling in three northeastern states and was sharply criticised by the Opposition.

A 14.2-kg LPG cylinder in Delhi now costs Rs 1,103, up from Rs 1,053, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers. State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) said Rs 1,103 was the rate for a 14.2-kg non-subsidised LPG cylinder.

The government doesn't pay any subsidy to most

non-Ujjwala users and this is the rate that they will have to pay for buying cooking gas refills. The government pays Rs 200 per cylinder subsidy to the 9.58 crore poor who got free LPG connection under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. The effective price for them would be Rs 903 per cylinder. State-owned fuel retailers are supposed to revise rates on a monthly basis in line with cost but they have not done so since 2020 and were in October last year given a one-time grant of Rs 22,000 crore to make up for losses they incurred between June 2020 and June 2022. They last revised domestic LPG price on July 4, 2022. With the latest increase, LPG now costs Rs 1,102.50 per 14.2-kg cylinder in Mumbai, Rs 1,129 in Kolkata and Rs 1,118.50 in Chennai.

CCS approves procurement of 70 basic trainer aircraft

For Rs 6,828 cr

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI)

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday approved the procurement of 70 HTT-40 basic trainer aircraft costing Rs 6,828 crore for the Indian Air Force.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the aircraft will be supplied over a period of six years.

"The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) chaired by Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi has approved procurement of 70 HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft at the cost of ₹6,828.36 crores," Singh said on Twitter. The defence

Interruptions by BJP...

Senior BJP legislators Brijmohan Agrawal, Ajay Chandrakar and Shivratna Sharma tried to disrupt saying the Congress government has filed a petition in the Chhattisgarh High Court challenging the powers of the governor. "If the government does not have faith in the governor, then what kind of constitutional tradition is this to get his (governor's) address passed by the cabinet and get it delivered by the governor in the House," said one of them.

This was Harichandan's first address in the House after he took oath as the ninth governor of Chhattisgarh on February 23. The central state's budget for 2023-24 will be tabled on March 6.

"The steps taken for their (tribals') socioeconomic empowerment created an atmosphere of

trust due to which measures could be taken for road construction, electricity supply, health facilities, employment generation and recruitment in Bastar Fighters' forces in remote areas. At least 300 schools, which were shut for the past 13 years, could be renovated and reopened," he said.



Undated picture of HTT-40 Basic Trainer Aircraft.

ministry said the HTT-40, produced by state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, is a turbo-prop aircraft designed to have good low-speed handling qualities and provide better training effectiveness. Singh said the procurement decision will open new opportunities for hundreds of MSMEs (Ministry of Micro, Small

and Medium Enterprises) and create thousands of jobs. "It is a significant step towards strengthening India's self-reliance in defence," he said.

The HTT-40 contains approximately 56 per cent indigenous content which will progressively increase to over 60 per cent through the indigenisation of major components and subsystems, according to the ministry.

"The HAL would engage Indian private industry, including MSMEs, in its supply chain. The procurement has the potential to provide direct employment to approx. 1,500 personnel and indirect employment for up to 3,000 people spread over more than 100 MSMEs," it said in a statement.

Two killed in elephant attacks

Surajpur/Surguja, Feb 28:

About the incidents...

Two persons were killed in attacks by elephants in Surajpur and Surguja districts, forest officials said on Tuesday.

Jitan Vek (30) was trampled to death by an elephant in Pampapur village under Surajpur forest range on Monday night. The victim and a few other villagers were on their way to a wedding at the time of the attack. The others managed to escape from the spot. In a similar incident, a 65-year-old man was killed by a tusker in Lundra forest range in Surguja on Tuesday. The victim had ventured into a jungle to collect wood when he was attacked and killed, he said.

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CHHAWLA GANGRAPE-MURDER CASE

SC to review Chhawla convicts' acquittal today

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI)

The Supreme Court is likely to consider on Thursday as many as five petitions seeking review of its verdict acquitting three death row convicts in the gangrape and murder case of a 19-year-old girl in Chhawla area here in 2012.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices S Ravindra Bhat and Bela M Trivedi will decide by circulation in chambers the fate of the five review petitions at 1.50 PM on March 2. According to the list of business uploaded on the apex court website, the review pleas are listed for consideration on

Thursday. The top court, on February 8, had agreed to constitute a three-judge bench to consider pleas for a review of its verdict acquitting the three death row convicts in the sensational case.

Besides the Delhi government, the father of the victim, Uttarakhand Bachao Movement and Uttarakhand Lok Manch have sought the review of the judgement. In 2012, the three accused had allegedly gangraped the girl, murdered her and mutilated her body with a screwdriver and other weapons. The trial court had awarded them death sentence and the high court upheld it in August 2014.

LATHMAR HOLI



Nandgaon women beat men from Barsana with sticks during traditional 'Lathmar Holi', in Nandgaon, Wednesday.

'Important to build infrastructure that is futuristic'

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said that well-planned cities will determine the fate of the country, asserting that India's position in the world would have been completely different if 75 planned cities had been developed since Independence.

Addressing a post-Budget webinar on 'Urban Planning, Development and Sanitation', he noted that only one or two planned cities have been developed in the country in 75 years of India's Independence. The prime minister said with India urbanising rapidly, it is important to build infrastructure that is futuristic. "Urban planning will determine the fate of our cities in 'Amrit Kaal' and it is only well-planned cities that will deter-



mine the fate of India. When planning is better, our cities will become climate resilient and water secure," the prime minister said. He urged the participants of the webinar to focus on three main questions about how to strengthen the urban planning ecosystem in the states, how to properly use the expertise available in the private sector in urban planning and lastly how to develop a centre of excellence that will take urban planning to a new level.

COVID originated from Wuhan lab, 'confirms' FBI chief

Washington, Mar 01 (PTI):

FBI Director Christopher Wray has said that the bureau believes that the deadly Covid-19 pandemic was most likely caused by a "potential lab incident" at a Chinese government-controlled facility in Wuhan.

It is the first public confirmation of the FBI's classified judgement of how the pandemic virus emerged from the central Chinese city of Wuhan in late 2019. "The FBI has for quite some time now assessed that the origins of the pandemic are most likely a potential lab incident," Wray told Fox News in an interview aired on Tuesday. Wray's comments

Atiq Ahmed knocks on SC door

For protection from UP police

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI):

Jailed former Samajwadi Party MP and gangster Atiq Ahmed on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court for protection, claiming that he and his family have been falsely "roped in" as accused in the Umesh Pal murder case in Prayagraj and he may be killed in a fake encounter by the Uttar Pradesh Police.

In his plea, Ahmed, who is presently lodged at the central jail Ahmedabad in Gujarat, has referred to the statement made by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister

Authorities bulldoze house of Atiq Ahmed aide



Prayagraj: In a crackdown on associates of gangster Atiq Ahmed named in the sensational Umesh Pal murder case, the Prayagraj Development Authority on Wednesday demolished the house of a close aide of Ahmed. Prayagraj Development Authority secretary Ajit Singh said the house belonging to

Zafar Ahmed has been bulldozed. He said Atiq's wife Shaista Parveen used to stay in the same house earlier. Pal and one of his security personnel were shot dead in Jaitipur under the Dhoomanganj police station last week. Pal was the main witness in the BSP MLA Raju Pal murder case.

Yogi Adityanath on the floor of the Assembly to "completely ruin and destroy" him and claimed there is a "genuine and perceptible threat" to his and his family members' lives.

He said the Uttar Pradesh Police in all likelihood will seek his transit remand and also police remand to take him from Ahmedabad to Prayagraj and he "genuinely apprehends that he may be eliminated during this transit period". In his plea filed in the apex court, 61-year-old Ahmed has sought directions to the Centre, state of Uttar Pradesh and others to protect his life against the "open, direct and immediate threat" to his life from high state functionaries of Uttar Pradesh.

Centre for Policy Research can't source foreign funds

Govt suspends FCRA licence

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI)

The Ministry of Home Affairs has suspended the FCRA licence of prominent public think-tank Centre for Policy Research (CPR) for six months over alleged violation of laws, officials said on Thursday.

CPR, a non-governmental organisation (NGO), in a statement, said it continues to cooperate fully with authorities, is in complete compliance with the law and is routinely scrutinised and audited by government authorities, including the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. CPR was under scrutiny after Income

Tax surveys on it and Oxfam India in September last year. The Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) licence of CPR has been suspended over alleged violation of laws, the officials said.

Oxfam's FCRA licence was suspended in January last year, after which the NGO had filed a revision petition with the home ministry. With the suspension of its licence, given under the FCRA, the Centre for Policy Research will not be able to receive any funds from abroad. The donors of CPR included the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the University of Pennsylvania, the World Resources Institute and the Duke University, the officials said.

City Development Committee to be constituted for Durg

Bhilai, Mar 01:

On Wednesday, Collector Pushpendra Meena chaired a meeting to discuss the public problems and future development plans of Durg city. Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal shared the problems of the citizens. He spoke about the need for proper disposal of wastes, inclusion of villages near the city in the urban body and providing land for public facilities. Along with this, he also proposed to constitute a City Development Committee for the proper development of Durg city. The CDC would conduct regular meetings with the officials of the district administration and put forth suggestions regarding the problems and development of the city. Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena, presiding over the meeting, agreed on this proposal. He said that CDC would facilitate departmental coordination and quick decisions would



be taken. The Collector said that every possible facility would be provided by the administration to the citizens. The Corporators spoke about the problems of their wards.

DMC Speaker Rajesh Yadav, MIC members and Corporators were present in the meeting. The Corporators demanded proper management of the waste generated from the city. On this the Collector said that the problem would be resolved. The matter of cleaning the ponds was also discussed in the meet-

ing. Along with this, the Corporators raised the issue of dumping garbage in the vacant plots. On this, the Collector said that it will be the responsibility of the owner of the plot to keep the vacant plot clean, if it is not done, a fine will be imposed as per rules.

The Mayor and Corporators said that land is needed for development of other infrastructure including sports grounds in the corporation area. The Collector asked them to select the land and send a proposal. In the meeting, the Collector said that the

schools in the corporation area need renovation. All the repair work will be done before the commencement of the new academic session. Apart from this, maintenance of the roads will also be completed soon.

Mayor also raised the problem of vehicle parking in important markets and suggested developing a multi-level parking facility. The issue of increased traffic pressure on the road connecting Maharaja Chowk to Azad Chowk was also raised. It was decided to reconsider the road widening.

BSP team wins grand finale of Samridhi Quiz

Bhilai, Mar 01: Bhilai Steel Plant added another feather to its cap of achievements in the domain of Quizzing, when two young women executives, i.e. Shalini Chourasia and Sushmita Patla, Asst Managers (Personnel) won the Grand Finale of the SAIL level 'Samridhi' Quiz conducted at MTI, Ranchi on Feb 27, 2023. The preliminary/Screening Rounds of this Quiz were conducted earlier at different plants/units respectively.

'Samridhi' is one of the three SAIL level Quiz Contest conducted annually. While 'Samridhi' is exclusively meant for women employees, 'Saksham' is for Executives and 'Samarth' for Non-Executives. For Bhilai Collective, it is heartening to note that this year (2022-23), all the three competitions have been won by different teams from BSP.

While the 'Saksham' Quiz was won by Umesh Malayath, SM (OP-II) and V Nivesh, Manager (Personnel); the 'Samarth'



Quiz was won by Priyanka Raj Gupta and Priyanka Sahoo, OCTs in SMS-II. In fact, the Grand Finals of 'Saksham' and 'Samarth' were hosted by HRD Department of BSP.

Although, Bhilai has had a rich tradition as well as a culture of Quizzing, the same have been further strengthened in recent times, when the HRD Department re-launched its monthly Business & Management Quiz event 'QuestOn' at HRDC. This event is conducted on the 4th Saturday of every month, and is open to 2-member teams consisting of Executives as well as

Non-Executives. It is conducted by the in-house Quiz Masters of BSP. This has paid rich dividends in the sense that BSP now has a rich pool of Quiz Masters as well as Quizzers. In fact, the grand finales of 'Samarth' and 'Samridhi' were conducted by Quiz Masters from BSP. In addition to 'QuestOn', the HRD Department also conducted special Quiz Events like 'Tech Quest 2.0', a technical Quiz on the occasion of Engineers' Day (September 15), and SAIL Swarna Jayanti Quiz Grand Finale on Jan 21, 2023, in order to commemorate SAIL's Golden Jubilee.

Record breaking performances by URM & Coke Ovens



Bhilai, Mar 01: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Universal Rail Mill recorded its best ever daily average rolling of 2467 Tonnes of prime rails in Feb 23 as against previous best average of 2401 T per day recorded in Nov 2022. The Mill also recorded best ever average rolling of 334 blooms in Feb 23 as against previous best of 326 blooms rolled in a day on an average in Nov 2022. URM also recorded best ever average production of 157 welded rail panels in a day surpassing previous best of 151 welded rail panels produced in a day in Nov 2022. URM ended the month by recording its best February performance with production of 69,077 Tonnes recorded in Feb 23 as against previous best Feb performance of 58,314 T recorded in Feb 2022. Director I/c Bhilai Steel Plant Anirban Dasgupta and ED (Works) Anjanji Kumar congratulated the collec-

tive of URM and associated shops for the record-breaking performances. Anish Sengupta, CGM (URM) thanked the entire team of URM and associated shops including RCL, SMS-3, Traffic, PPC and RITES for their continued support to URM that enable the Mill to record excellent performance in the month of February 2023. The Plant's Coke Ovens & Coal Chemicals Dept also put up a sterling performance. Best ever oven pushing of 824 equivalent ovens was recorded on Feb 28, 2023, surpassing previous best 820 ovens recorded on January 20, 2023. On February 27, 2023, Coke Ovens set a new record of unloading 444 wagons of coal, surpassing previous best of 441 wagons unloaded on January 08, 2023. Director I/c and ED (Works) congratulated CO & CCD Team and associated shops for the record performance.

Commission takes cognizance of WhatsApp messages and letters also: Dr Kiranmayi Nayak

Bhilai, Mar 01:

Women and girls should not tolerate harassment or exploitation at all and raise their voice against it. If they are unable to visit the office of Women Commission due to some reason, they can also message on WhatsApp or write a letter. The Commission will take cognizance of messages and letters and will take prompt action, said Women's Commission President Dr Kiranmayee Nayak while addressing a workshop at BIT auditorium on Tuesday. Aggrieved women can send a message or make a call on the Women Commission's call center number 9098382225 to tell their problem. Dr Nayak said that out of 322 cases, 133 cases have been heard in total 16 hearings under Durg division in the last two years. In this way, a big relief has been given to the suffering women. She said that women are



being made aware about their rights through Mahtari Nyay Rath. The Chairperson of the Commission said that women should always resist injustice. With this, their independence will increase further and they will be able to work without any worry.

MLA Arun Vora also addressed the workshop. He said that the Women Commission is playing an important role in women's safety. Awareness about

women's safety increases through such workshops. The initiative taken by the commission in the last years has proved to be the foundation stone for the safety of women.

Forensic expert Dr Sunanda Dhenge highlighted the crime evidence collection and security. She gave detailed information to the policemen on the facts related to investigation on crime against women. Additional District Public Prosecutor



Shamim Rahman highlighted the issue of sexual harassment and stated that everyone has been made aware on the subject of exploitation. Commission member Dr Anita Raote, Risali Mayor Shashi Sinha and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Sujata Das said that on the initiatives of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, an exclusive mobile app for women 'Abhiyakti' has been launched for

women's safety. All women should install this app on their mobile. Police help immediately reaches the user as soon as the SOS button is pressed in this app. This app has proved to be a boon for women's safety. This app can be downloaded from Play Store. In the workshop, ASP of Kabirdham district, Manisha Thakur Rawate spoke about the aspects related to the challenges of women's safety. The participants were in-

formed that sometimes offers come to women through placement agencies to go abroad or work in other states. Some of these placement agencies are bogus and the motive behind them is human trafficking. Therefore, after taking information from the local administration, contact the legal placement organizations only, so that human trafficking can be avoided.

Javed Hussain, another speaker of the program, spoke about the nuances related to crimes related to cyber security. He said that not only is there a danger of leakage of personal information but there is also a possibility of financial fraud. Do not download any such app whose reliability is doubtful or you feel that your personal information is being collected through the app which can harm you socially and economically. Never share the links sent by unknown people, he said.

Obituary

Hemant Kumar Gupta

Bhilai: Senior member of Durg Kasasudhan Vaishya Samaj and Girdhari Nagar Durg resident Hemant Kumar Gupta left for heavenly abode on Feb 28. Last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Harnabandha Muktidham.

Dr Shivendra Bahadur Srivastava



Bhilai: Renowned diabetologist, writer and philanthropist Dr Shivendra Bahadur Srivastava left for heavenly abode at the age of 73 years. He breathed last at a private hospital in Raipur. He was one of the founders of Chitragupt Mandir Samiti Sector 6 and was the patron of Chhattisgarh State Kayasth Mahasabha. Funeral procession was taken out from his residence situated at 2/4, Nehru Nagar and last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He is survived by wife Dr Shobha Srivastava, two sons and family.

BSP bids farewell to CGM I/c Utilities GA Sorte

Bhilai, Mar 01: Director I/c Bhilai Steel Plant, Anirban Dasgupta and senior management of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant bid a warm farewell to the Plant's CGM I/c Utilities GA Sorte at a function in DIC Conference Hall in Ispat Bhavan today on February 28, 2023. Armed with B Tech in Chemical Engineering, GA Sorte joined SAIL as MTT in July 1989. After his training, Sorte was posted in Oxygen Plant 1 as Junior Manager in July 1990 where he rose through the ranks to become Senior Manager, OP 1 in 2002. In 2007, Sorte was transferred to Oxygen Plant 2 as Asst General Manager in 2007 where he became DGM in June 2013 and General Manager in



2019. In June 2020, he was elevated to the rank of Chief General Manager (Utilities). In Feb 2023, he was given charge of Utilities as CGM I/c. Sorte played a crucial role in ensuring steady supply of liquid medical oxygen (LMO) to different parts of the country during the COVID 19 crisis period. Director I/c Anirban

Dasgupta and senior officers present at the farewell function wished Sorte, his family members all the best for his post retirement life. Sorte thanked the management of SAIL-BSP for all the support he had received during his entire service period and shared some of his personal experiences.

'Saryupariya Mahila Sakhis' organises get together

Bhilai, Mar 01: Sarupariya Mahila Sakhis organised Holi Milan and Women's Day get together at Supela recently. The programme began with lighting lamps and offering prayers to Shakti Swaroopa Maa Durga. Sudha Mishra delivered the welcome address. Dr Hansa Shukla (Principal, Swami Swaroopanand College, HUDCO), Police Station Incharge Inspector Navi Monika Pandey and Padma (President, Andhra Samaj) were present as guests in the programme. Women were honored for their exemplary contribution in different fields. Ramlali Tiwari (Samaj), Urmila Upadhyay (Social and Political sphere), Asha Shukla, Neelam Tiwari and Shanti Mishra were the prominent women who were honoured in the programme. The guests shared their views and gave guidance on different issues.



Dr Hansa Shukla praised the programme and emphasized on the unity of Brahmin women power. Inspector Monika Pandey, in her address, inspired all the women to help each other and assured that she will always be available for legal advice and guidance. In her address, Padma inspired the women to stay healthy through yoga. Women staged cultural programmes and the game of Housie

was also organized. The women exchanged Holi wishes in advance. Pratibha Tripathi successfully conducted the program while Mamta Shukla proposed the vote of thanks. Rupa Mishra, Varalakshmi, Mamta Sharma, Anita, Savita Tripathi, Manju, Mamta, Sudha, Sheela and Sharmila made significant contributions in organising the programme, informed Sudha Mishra and Mamta Shukla.

Home Minister inaugurates new Police Station and Chowki

Bhilai, Mar 01:

The Police Chowki of Padmanabhpur has been providing law and order services for the last 32 years to more than 15 wards of Borsi, Potia, Padmanabhpur, Police Lines, Kasaridih and Subhash Nagar area. This Chowki has been upgraded to a Police Station and was inaugurated by Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu and MLA Arun Vora on Tuesday. Superintendent of Police Dr Abhishek Pallava, Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal, police officers, personnel and other public representatives were present. MLA Vora thanked Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu and said that the chowki was opened about 32 years ago on the initiatives of Late Motilal Vora.

With the increase of population and expansion of the city, the area under this Chowki has also increased. The demand of the public and public representatives has been fulfilled today. Soon the construction work of the full-facilitated police station building will be started. Rs 5 lakh will be spent on construction work. Police Station in-charge Rajeev Tiwari, ward councilor Bhaskar



Kundale, Rajesh Sharma, Hamid Khokhar, Gyandas Banjare, Deepak Sahu, Premlata Sahu and public representatives and police personnel were present. Later, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu inaugurated the new police chowki in village Nagpura of Durg (Rural) assembly area. The rural areas of Nagpura, Bhedsar, Damoda, Khurshidih, Khursul and

Borai will come under this chowki. In view of security, the villagers of the area had been demanding a police chowki for the past several years. The Home Minister took the demand of the residents seriously and got a Chowki established in Nagpura. SP Abhishek Pallava and top officers of police department and people of the area were present. The Home Minister was

given a guard of honor in the police station premises. The villagers hoped that with the opening of Chowki, the criminal activities including illegal liquor trade would be curbed. District Panchayat President Shalini Yadav, presiding over the programme, thanked the Home Minister for opening a new police chowki in village Nagpura. On this occasion, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu congratulated the people and said that his aim is to provide basic facilities to the last person of the society.

Keshshilpi Welfare Board President Nandkumar Sen, Mati Kala Board President Balam Chakradhari, Janpad Panchayat Durg President Devendra Deshmukh, District Panchayat (agriculture) Speaker Yogita Chandrakar, Janpad Panchayat Vice President Jhamit Gaikwad, Janpad members Saraswati Sen, Bhana Bai Thakur, Sarpanch (Nagpura) Bhupendra Rigr, Sarpanch (Borai) Padma Bai Sahu, Sarpanch (Potia) Uttam Sahu, Sagar Deshmukh, Itwari Nishad, Krishna Dewangan, Rajendra Rajak, Ajit Yadav, Lalji Gupta and others were present.

AAP indirectly helping BJP in Cong ruled states: Baghel

Suggests AAP to stay away from states having direct contest between BJP-Cong



Raipur, Mar 01: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that AAP should understand as to how & why BJP is troubling them and added that they (AAP) should not go the states where there is direct contest between BJP and Congress.

Speaking in context of arrest of Dy. CM AAP Manish Sisodia and subsequent protest all over nation and in Chhattisgarh by AAP leaders, CM Bhupesh Baghel said that

wherever AAP goes, they want to defeat BJP and clarified that Congress is already fighting against all odds in its own way, but if they (AAP) goes to such states, where there is direct contest between Congress and BJP, they are indirectly helping BJP only.

Saying that he had been to Mumbai to seek blessings of Lord Shri

Siddhivinayak for peace & prosperity of all in the state and also to provide more of 'Sadbhuddhi' to both BJP and now AAP as well. It is notable here that the budget session of state assembly has started from March 1 and since it is going to the last budget of the present Congress government in the state before election, they may present all sopps to woo the electorate and retain the power in the state. It was probably keeping the same in mind, Baghel hinted AAP to stay away from state elections and on the other hand, AAP is all set to make a dent in the state politics, with arrival of Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM on March 5.

Oppn members continue to cause interruption

During speech by the Governor on state's Budget Session

Raipur, Mar 01: The budget session of the State Assembly started here on March 1 with the speech by the Governor Biswa Harichandan and during this there was lot of interruption by the members of the Opposition in the Vidhan Sabha, causing hindrance in his speech. No sooner the Governor started his speech, the Opposition raised question saying that the ruling government has gone to Court against the rights of the Governor and in such conditions whether it is granting recognition to him in what capacity?

First MLA Brijmohan Agrawal raised this issue and then MLA Shivratna Sharma raised it from his seat asking the state government to clarify

upon it. The Opposition continuously was reiterating about the rights of the Governor and for the state government to clarify upon it. The Opposition members were causing lot of hindrance during the speech by the Governor. When the Governor was presenting his speech in English, the Opposition members were heard saying they fail to understand what he is saying and tried to create hindrance in delivery of his speech in the House.

On the other hand, BJP MLA Brijmohan Agrawal went on to say asking the ruling party in the House to tell him when to clap and when not to clap, as he also fails to understand. This type of disturbances by the Opposition members continued for quite some time in an hour-long speech by the Governor on the opening day of the state's budget session.

CHECKING ROLL NUMBERS



Students of the Class 10th Board CBSE checking their roll numbers at the examination centre just before start of the annual exams here on Wednesday.

Nine accused nabbed in fake Pharmacy diploma, degree certificates

Had applied for CSCP Raipur office for Registration with fake certificates

19 other accused still absconding, search on



Raipur, Mar 01: The capital police taking action on the fraud in Pharmacy Diploma and degree case and nabbed 9 accused involved and seized forged certificates and other documents from them. The police is inquiring about the 19 other accused involved in this forgery and making efforts for their early arrest.

The complainant Dr Srikant Rajimwale of CG State Pharmacy Council, Raipur had filed a report in the Telibadha thana the

candidates obtaining Diploma or Degree in Pharmacy submit application in the office of Chhattisgarh State Pharmacy Council (CSCP) Raipur, Anand Nagar, for their registration and on which the action is taken likewise. After this the Food & Drugs Department issues Drug licence. In the year 2021 and 2022 many applications were submitted in the office of CSCP Raipur for registration and when the certificates were cross-checked the certificates by Ramakant

Nishad, SK Mahar, Sanjay Kushwah, SK Agrawal from Sunrise University, Baigard Rajpur, Rajasthan; by CK Sahu, DK Sahu, OPJS University Charu Rajasthan; RK Sahu from Sridhar University, Pilani, Rajasthan; KL Dheewar from Swamy Vivekanand University Sagar were found to be fake. In this way many other applicants too had submitted fake certificates in CPSC Raipur office for their registration and a case under section 420, 467, 468, 471, 120B of IPC was filed.

It was forming combined team of anti-crime, Cyber Crime and Telibandha police, the case was investigated and 9 accused have been nabbed and search for 19 others is still going on. The nine accused arrested are RK Sahu of Janjgir-Champa; Rameshwar Sahu of Kasdol, Balodabazar; Dameshwar Kumar Sahu of Lalbagh, Rajnandgaon; Sanjay Kushwah of Pragati Nagar, Risali, Bhiiali; Khemlal Dheewar of Kharora, Raipur; Ramakant Nishad of Thana Pallari, Balodabazar; Chandresh Sahu of Basantpur, Rajnandgaon and Suraj Agrawal of Tendukona Mahasamund and Sheetal Kumar of Thana Pulgaon Durg.

Congmen gherao ED's office, raise slogans in protest

Demands inquiry into NAN and Panama Paper scam of BJP govt



Raipur, Mar 01: The DCC workers and leaders gheraoed in front of the ED's in Tikrapara demanding inquiry into NAN (Food & Civil Supplies scam), Panama Paper scam and Chit Fund company scam during erstwhile BJP rule in the state. Congmen stage sit-in for hours in front of ED's office and raised slogans in protest against the BJP government at the Centre.

The DCC workers from Raipur (urban) and (rural) staged massive protest outside ED's office in Tikrapara here on Wednesday. They demanded inquiry and investigations into Rs 36000 cr NAN Scam (Food & Civil Supplies scam) and Panama Paper scam. On this occasion DCC District President (urban) Girish Dubey charged ED officials of taking

one-sided action only in Congress-ruled states. He charged that it is as per instructions from the Central government that ED is taking action on Congress leaders and party office bearers here in Chhattisgarh. He said that if any evidence has been found against any of the Congress leaders then it should be made public. Even after raids in about half-a-dozen leaders, no evidence or proof of

money laundering has been found by ED so far and ED only job is to cause trouble in Congress government's working in the state.

Mayor Ejaz Dhebar charged that ex-CM Raman Singh in 2008 was having assets worth Rs 1.07 crore and which in 2018 has shot upto Rs 10.18 cr and questioned how it is possible? As to what type of business Raman Singh has done that his assets have

increased ten-folds, he questioned and this should be first investigated.

The Congmen even sang patriotic songs and 'Bhajans' outside ED's office. DCC spokesman Banshi Kanouje it is to awaken the ED officials that they were singing patriotic songs and to raise issue of one-sided action and conduct free & fair inquiry into huge Rs 36000 cr NAN scam and Panama Scam by the leaders of erstwhile BJP government in the state. The female Congress workers staged protest with bangles in their hand and raised slogans in protest against ED and BJP government at the Centre.

Demonstration was participated by CMDC Chairman Girish Dewangan, Mayor Ejaz Dhebar, Speaker Pramod Dubey, Pankaj Sharma, Shiv Singh Thakur, Sunny Agrawal, Kanhaiya Agrawal, Udhoram Verma, Srikumar Menon, Aakash Sharma, Satam Panag and other party leaders and workers.

IIM Raipur hosts its first Women's Day Summit

Raipur, Mar 01: IIM Raipur hosted its inaugural Women's Day Summit under the theme "Shaktirath: Celebrating the Journey of Women in Business" on 1st March 2023. A panel discussion on the topic "The Glass Ceiling: Redefining Women Leadership in Business" was organized as a part of this summit to facilitate discourse on the leadership style of women, and the challenges that they face, in terms of gender discrimination and stereotyping. The discussion revolved around promoting equality and equity in the workplace. The summit commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries, followed by the panel discussion. The discussion was moderated by Prof. Archana Parashar, Associate Professor, IIM Raipur, and she began by setting the context for the discussion stating that women's achievements must be recognized. Ms. Gauri Das, Vice President and Head of Human Resources, India Factoring, began talking about her journey as a leader in her career. She expressed that it was hard for women back in the day to succeed due to the lack of a support system. She also emphasized that women face biases at their workplace primarily due to the upbringing of those in charge,



and these biases are often ingrained in their minds. She highlighted the use of technology as the biggest enabler that can help bring inclusion into the workplace and help women stand against these biases.

Anamika Sirohi, Vice President - Marketing, Amway, talked about the importance of speaking up and how women can use it to empower themselves and others. Talking about biases, she gave an example of the literature in society and how books restricted women to unnamed caregiver roles with no career aspirations. In her view, the positive representation of women in literature significantly impacts society's mindset. Mahima Garg, Head of Marketing, Training, and Certification, AWS, India, reiterated the importance of speaking up and stated that speaking up has no gender, however, it is a powerful tool. She brought up the advantages of technology

while saying that women can use it to not only take charge but also establish a work-life balance. She further added that women must be privy to conversations about financial decisions to be financially independent.

Dr. Satarupa Bhattacharjee Kapoor, Institutional Business Development, Emerging Markets, and Funded Projects Division, South Asia Region, Trimble Inc. recounted her experience of entering the field of geology. She stated that it was a difficult field to be in, especially due to the lack of technology, however, the field has changed drastically since then. She mentioned that discrimination can happen to anyone regardless of their gender, but what can help people fight is confidence, and confidence needs to be built over time by taking initiative. She encouraged the students to believe in themselves and always stand by their values.

Verdict made it clear that allegations were politically motivated: Dr Raman

Raipur, Mar 01: Former Chief Minister and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Dr Raman Singh on Wednesday said that the High Court verdict against him on case related with his Income-Asset, makes it clear that the allegations against him were politically motivated. Talking to the media persons, he said that the petition filed against him was politically motivated as no concrete documents could

not be presented before the Court. He said that the truth can be harassed but could not be defeated. He said that while the verdict makes it clear that the case against him was politically motivated and added that the final outcome would be in his favour.

It is notable that the Congress leader Vinod Tiwari had filed petition against Dr Raman Singh in High Court on the issue.

Inauguration of transferred branch of Canara Bank Devendra Nagar

Raipur, Mar 01: The inauguration of transferred branch of Canara Bank, Devendra Nagar was held on February 27 in the presence of Regional Head - Mr. Supriya Maitra (Assistant General Manager). On the occasion, Mr. B.K. Upadhyay, Manager (A&M Department), Bharat Kumar Gupta (Branch Manager), Canara Bank, Branch Manager, Shankar Nagar Tanushree and all



branch employees and customers were present.

Two from Chh'garh selected for National Police Water Sports tournament

Raipur, Mar 01: Dinesh Kumar Sahu and Kamalkant Tonde from 13th Battalion of Chhattisgarh have been selected in the team for the 22nd Police Water Sports tournament to be held at Una in Himachal Pradesh.

Providing the above information, the Joint Secretary of Chhattisgarh Pradesha Kayaking & Canoeing Association (CPKCA) Prashant Singh Raghuvanshi said that the above tournament would be held at Una from March



2. CPKCA President Baldeo Singh Bhatia, Working President Rohit Kale and Secretary Abhijit Mishra have ex-

tended best wishes to the players for the tournament. Suresh Kumar Bind has also congratulated them for the achievement.

Inter Institutional Professional TT league from Friday

Raipur, Mar 01: Rajdhani Table Tennis Association (RTTA) is organizing Inter Institutional Table Tennis Tournament for various professionals including the Retired government employees, CAs, Doctors, Advocates, Journalists,

etc from March 3 to 5 at Sapre School-based TT Hall. Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the Association Secretary Vinay Baiswade said that tournament would be held in three categories including Men' single,

Women' single and Lucky Doubles. Interested people can get their names registered by Friday evening at the venue. Tournament would be held in League basis whereas the Open Draw would be taken out in the evening.

'Rangsarovar Chollywood' Holi Milan ceremony to be held on Mar 4

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Raipur, Mar 01: Like every year, this year also a colorful Holi Milan programme of Chhattisgarhi film artists is being organised on March 04. Addressing the scribes here, Patron of the event Dr. Ajay Sahai, Yogesh Agarwal, Alak Rai said that this time Holi will be celebrated with dry colorful gull. Cultural program of 'Rangsarovar Chollywood' Holi Milan ceremony will be organised on Saturday, March 4 from 2 pm to 10 pm at Dr. Ajay Sahay Studio,



Raipur, Jora. Dr Ajay Sahai said that this will for the first time that film

artists of Chhattisgarh along with journalists of Chhattisgarh will be seen

playing Holi together on the occasion of Holi Milan ceremony in a colourful event. Two stages are being built. In one stage, there will be dance and anchoring, while in the second stage there will be the launching of Holi based album to be released this year and dancing program. After passing to two years in corona pandemic we are organising this grand event this year to make Holi festival more colorful, said Dr Sahai. With dry holi, we are giving the message of saving water and use of natural colours instead of

chemical based colours, he added. This year the main attraction of the event is the lucky draw in which the guests present in the programme will be given about 40 coupons of Inox Cinema, Miraj Cinema and Fast Track. Dilip Nampalliwar, Arun Bagde, Raja Barmal, Raju Nayak, Nitendra Sinha, Subhashini George, Ekta Pansari, Aanchal Goswami are making all efforts to make this event a grand success. Visitors' car parking facility has been made at the back side of the Sahai complex.

STTP on 'Quantum Computing and its Applications: Modern Approaches and Practices' gets underway

Raipur, Mar 01: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Department of Information Technology is organizing a five-day Short Term Training Programme (STTP) on 'Quantum Computing and its Applications: Modern Approaches and Practices' from 27th February to 3rd March 2023. The aim of this STTP is to provide upgradation of knowledge and skills to the attendees and provide in-depth exposure to them. Crucial topics such as 'A Modern Journey of

Quantum Mechanics to Quantum Computing', 'Quantum Information and Applications', 'Quantum Computer and Quantum Algorithms', 'Quantum Secure Cryptography', 'IBM Qiskit, UI Tools and Open Quantum Assembly Language', 'Quantum Programming Languages, Platforms and Frameworks', 'Quantum Search, Quantum Subroutines, Grover's Algorithm', 'Quantum Fourier Transforms, Discrete Logarithms, Shor's Algorithm, BB84', 'Quantum Cryptography

& Key Distribution', 'Quantum Machine Learning, Opportunities & Applications', and 'Quantum and Blockchain Applications' are to be covered and expatiated upon in this STTP. The STTP is open to participants diversifying from students, research scholars and faculties of engineering and basic sciences of educational institutes, and employees of industries. The STTP is set to conclude on 3rd March 2023 with distribution of certificates to the attendees.

Mahila Madai will show a glimpse of Ch'garh women: Bhediya

Towards self-reliance

W&CD Minister Anila Bhediya inaugurates Mahila Madai

66 stalls were set up by women's groups and entrepreneurs from 33 districts



Raipur, March 01: Women and Child Development Minister (W&CD) Anila Bhediya inaugurated a 6-day Mahila Madai at BTI Ground, Shankar Nagar in the state capital on the occasion of International Women's Day. There are 66-stalls display of self-made materials by women self-help groups and women entrepreneurs from the state's 33 districts. Mrs. Bhediya also honored 100 swachta didi's of the Municipal Corporation on this occasion by presenting them with caps and T-shirts.

During this, former Rajya Sabha MP Chhaya Verma, Chairperson of Chhattisgarh State Women's Commission Dr. Kiranmayi Nayak, Chairperson of

Chhattisgarh Child Protection Commission Mrs. Tej Kunwar Netam, MLA from Dharsinwa Anita Yogendra Sharma, MLA from Pandariya Mamta Chandrakar and President of Raipur District Panchayat Domeswari Verma were also present. The Mahila Madai organized by Women and Child

Development Department will continue till March 4.

In Madai, the women public representatives admired the skill of Chhattisgarh women and went shopping. They also tasted Chhattisgarhi food, including Cheela, Pidia, Thethri, Laddu, and Lai Badi made by women's groups. Women's representatives also participated in

cultural performances and danced to Chhattisgarhi songs and music.

Meanwhile, Bhediya bought sarees and cloth bags from Madai. She stated that the state administration has planned numerous new initiatives to empower women through self-employment. A clear idea of Chhattisgarh women being empowered and self-sufficient can be observed in this madai. Women's groups and entrepreneurs will have a platform and a new identity as a result of this.

On this occasion, Director of the Women and Child Development Department, Divya Umesh Mishra, members of the Chhattisgarh Child Protection Commission, Pushpa Patle, Asha Santosh Yadav, Sonal Kumar Gupta, Augustine Bernard and departmental officers-employees were present.

Explanation sought from DPO on negligence in ready-to-eat distribution

Jagdalpur, Mar 01: Collector Chandan Kumar reviewed the development works being conducted in the district in a time-bound meeting held at the Prerna meeting hall of the district office on Tuesday. During the review, he expressed deep displeasure over the negligence in the implementation of departmental schemes including distribution of ready-to-eat. He sought clarification from the District Program Officer (DPO) of Women and Child Development about the places where ready to eat has not been



distributed. The project officers and supervisors of those areas have also been directed to issue notices. Divisional Forest Officer DP Sahu, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Prakash Sarve, Additional Collector Hareh Mandavi and dis-

tributed. The project officers and supervisors of those areas have also been directed to issue notices. When the newly appointed assistants went on strike during the probation period, he gave instructions for disciplinary action to the chief executive officers of the district panchayat.

Instructions issued to DPCR in-charge of all districts

Raipur, March 01: Additional Director General of Police Pradeep Gupta on Tuesday held a meeting of all district in-charges for smooth operation of Dial 112 emergency service operated in 11 districts at Chhattisgarh Dial 112 C-4, Civil Line, Raipur. He gave necessary direc-



tions to all the district in-charges to improve the ERV response time, so that the public can get timely and maximum benefits of this scheme. In the meet-

ing, Superintendent of Police Dial 112 Dr. Sangeeta Mahilkar and Deputy Superintendent of Police K.P.S. Dhruve, Inspector Ravi Upadhyay, Deputy Inspector Usha Thakur, Sindhu Sahu, Rajnesh Kaushik and Rajeshchandra Shahi were present.

Three-day RBSK training for Jashpur Chirayu teams

SSSSH acted as technical partner

Jashpur, Mar 01: The Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) program is a flagship nationwide program of the Government of India aimed at providing comprehensive healthcare services to children. In Chhattisgarh, RBSK programme is called as Chirayu Programme. Under this program, checkup of all children in Anganwadis and government schools is conducted by Mobile Health Teams consisting of one Male MO, one Female MO, one ANM, one Pharmacist and one Lab Technician. Collector of Jashpur district Dr. Ravi Mittal conducted a review of Chirayu programme in the district wherein several shortcomings were noted in RBSK implementation. As per request from district administration, UNICEF Chhattisgarh Office included Shree Sathya Sai Hospital as a technical partner.

Team from Dept. of Public Health, Shree Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital (SSSSH) conducted Baseline evaluation of Jashpur Chirayu program in January 2023. Following which, training of teams has been organised in 2 batches of 40 staff each. Dr. Shruti Prabhu, Head,



Public Health led the RBSK baseline evaluation and training program. In 3 days, training sessions and practical demonstrations were held covering all key topics. The program aims to equip the RBSK team members with the necessary knowledge and skills to provide high-quality healthcare services to children.

Dr. Shruti Prabhu discussed about Anthropometry and growth charts, Group C conditions and Adolescent Health. Dr. Payal Arora elaborated basic genetics, neural tube defects and Group A, B and D conditions. Dr. MS Ravindra, Consultant Pediatric Cardiologist explained about Congenital Heart Diseases and demonstration of cases. Dr. Deepshika Agrawal, Director MGM Hospital elaborated on Pediatric Eye Conditions. Dr.

Nikhil Shukla informed the participants about the Public Health Department and its various activities. Dr. Mayank Chandrakar gave information about dental diseases in children. The programme included interactive sessions, group discussions and practical demonstrations to ensure that the participants gain a thorough understanding of the subject matter. Vilas Bhoskar, MD, NHM and Dr. Bhagat, DD, Child Health were chief guest for the concluding valedictory function. State RBSK team members Dr. Sangita Patanwar and Abhishek provided training on Chirayu data reporting. Further, Supportive supervision and monitoring guidance will also be provided by team from Department of Public Health, Sathya Sai Hospital.

Jagdalpur, Mar 01: Women and Child Development Department, in collaboration with the Police Department, organised one-day workshop on the subject of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, as amended in 2022, for child welfare police officers and other stakeholders posted in all the police stations of the district. The district-level training was organized at Police Coordination Center Lalbagh.

Superintendent of Police Jitendra Singh Meena, who was present as the chief guest in the programme, said that the subject of protection of child rights is such a subject which needs cooperation and coordination of all the departments. Therefore, child welfare police officers should work with sensitivity for the rights of children and their rehabilitation. At the same time, work in the interest of the children without acting from a criminal point of view in the case of the child. He encouraged all the departments to work together in unison and in coordination.

Addl. SP Nivedita Paul gave information regarding the Juvenile Justice Act and child rights. He discussed about the practical difficulties faced by child welfare officers during



deliberations. Through this training, he talked about working in the best interest of the children by becoming aware of the solutions to their curiosities.

Manoj Sinha, the District Program Officer of the Women and Child Development Department, told in his address that the matters of children and women are very sensitive, for which work should be done in coordination with the stakeholders of all the departments, so that the rights of children can be protected.

The participants present by Assistant District Prosecution Officer Pramod Ghritalhare were given detailed information on various sections of the Juvenile Justice Act, crimes and the latest amendments in it. The outline and purpose of the program was informed by Deputy Superintendent of Police Ms. Apoorva.

Santosh Kumar Baidh, Legal Co-Probation Officer posted in the District Child Protection Unit, gave information to the

present participants regarding the procedures to be followed while presenting the case to the Juvenile Justice Board and discussed their solution.

During this a question and answer session was organized in which the questions asked by the participants were answered by the present speakers as well as by the District Child Protection Officer. District Child Protection Officer Dr. Vijay Shankar Sharma thanked the guests and participants present. In this training, in addition to the child welfare police officers of the Police Department, along with the members of Juvenile Justice Board and Child Welfare Committee, Labor Department, Education Department, Health Department, Social Welfare Department, Tribal Welfare Department as well as representatives of voluntary organizations be present. The stage in the program was moderated by UNICEF District Coordinator Durga Shankar Nayak.

Assembly Speaker, CM inaugurate newly-built offices

For ministers in Chhattisgarh VS premises



Raipur, Mar 01: Chhattisgarh Assembly Speaker Dr. Charandas Mahant and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday inaugurated newly constructed offices for ministers in the premises of Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha. Deputy Speaker of Legislative Assembly Santaram Netam, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ravindra Choubey, and Public Works Department Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu along with other cabinet ministers, parliamentary secretaries, and legislators were also present on the occasion.

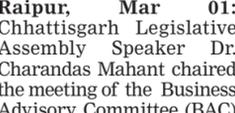


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Special yoga camp to create awareness about healthy living



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Female accused arrested with 10.310 kg Ganja

Jagdalpur, Mar 01: The Nagarnar police of the district stopped the passenger bus of Manish Travels coming from Odisha towards Jagdalpur on Monday as per tip from an informer. During the search of the bus, 10.310 kg ganja was recovered from the bag of a woman. The estimated market value of the seized ganja has been pegged at around Rs 1.25 lakh. After recovering Ganja, the accused woman Urmila



Hatal was sent to jail on judicial remand after proceeding under NDPS Act at police station Nagarnar.

According to the information received from the

Nagarnar police, the woman sitting in the bus, Urmila Hantal, resident of Simliguda, Odisha, was traveling illegally by keeping intoxicant Marijuana in the bus. On the information of the informer, a total of 10.310 kg of intoxicant Ganja was recovered from the bag kept near the accused woman Urmila Hantal, after reaching Dhanpunji Forest Naka, in search of the passenger bus of Manish Travels.

Special initiative to promote millets crops in the state

Raipur, March 01: As per the intention of the Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, to promote the crops of Kodo, Kutki and Ragi in Chhattisgarh, they are being procured at the support price. So far, 38,686 quintals of Kodo, Kutki and Ragi worth Rs 11.94 crore have been procured in the state

under the efficient guidance of Forest Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar. According to the information received from the State Minor Forest Produce Association, Kodo is being procured at the rate of Rs.30 per kg, Kutki at Rs.31 and Ragi at the rate of Rs.35.78 per kg. So far 31,750 quintals of Kodo,

1,378 quintals of Kutki and 5,558 quintals of Ragi have been procured.

It is noteworthy that Kodo, Kutki and Ragi are being procured by all the Primary Forest Produce Cooperative Societies of the State Minor Forest Produce Federation in the entire state.

Richness and strength of India's culture make a mark on global stage: Prof. Chakrawal

VC Prof. Chakrawal delivers keynote address, MoU between CU and Mubun University

Bilaspur, Mar 01: Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University), Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal delivered the keynote address on March 1, 2023, made a seed statement at the '11th Mubun Chombueng Rajabhat University of Thailand Seminar 2023'. The theme of the seminar was 'The Research and Innovation for Creative Communities Sustainable Development 2022'. On this occasion, both the universities signed a memorandum of understanding.



While delivering the keynote address in the seminar, Vice-Chancellor Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal said, "The culture and knowledge of Asian countries, while being ancient in origin, is establishing on a rich and strong base. We can achieve the 17 sustainable development goals set in the United Nations Development Program by using our knowledge tradition and culture". The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chakrawal presented the under- standing.

Create, Connect and Creativity and 4 'I' Ingenuity, Innovation, Imagination, and Inspire. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chakrawal said that Indian knowledge and intellect is getting displayed all over the world. He added that Fortune Five Hundred companies are dominated by the presence of people of India or Indian origin. The whole world acknowledges and endorses Indian knowledge in Silicon Valley. India's name is also included in the first list in

the records of Unicorn Start Ups. The fourth goal of the Sustainable Development Program, Professor Chakrawal explained, is quality education and in this regard National Education Policy 2020 is a revolutionary initiative which includes empirical education, skill development, employment generation, and providing value-based quality education. The National Education Policy 2020 has opportunities for everyone and carries the spirit of equity, access, flexibility, research and innovation. Drawing attention to Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Prof. Chakrawal stressed, "Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya is preparing youth dedicated to nation who are ready to meet their obligations towards the socie-

ty". The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chakrawal said that through the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by the illustrious Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, a serious consciousness for cleanliness has been awakened in the country. At the same time, he added, India is playing the role of a leading nation to meet the goals of UNDP.

Referring to India's role on the international stage, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Chakrawal said, "The world should take a leaf out of India's book to achieve the goals of sustainable development. India first provided assistance during the disastrous earthquake in Turkey and also sent the NDRF squad and completed the construction of a temporary hospital. India has been constantly trying for in-

creased use of solar energy, wind energy, social forestry, agro forestry, millet production and to battle malnutrition, climate change, and reduction in carbon footprint, while working pro-actively for carbon credits, better health facilities as well as global peace and cooperation".

MoU Signed between both institutions Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal on behalf of Guru Ghasidas Central University, and Dr. Chairit Siladeh, Chairman on behalf of Mubun Chom Bueng Rajabhat University, Thailand signed a memorandum of understanding for mutual cooperation in academics and research. Through this MoU, the two institutions will cooperate mutually in the field of research and innovation.

Students of Govt HS School Hasuwa felicitated



With Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Honour certificate

Gidhouri, Mar 01: It was under guidance of the National President NHRC- CB Dr Randhir Kumar, State President Jatinder Pal Singh and state patron Dilip Kumar Sahu, talented students of the Govt HS School Hasuwa were felicitated here on Wednesday. On occasion of National Science Day, Rajneesh Sahu, Poonam Khute, Nela Yadav of Class 11th; Himani Kurre, Dimple Sahu of Class 10th and Jamuna Kaiwart, Ragini Sahu of Class 9th of Govt HS School Hasuwa were felicitated with Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Science honour certificate.

In this programme Arun Kumar Sahu, Divisional Patron Raipur of National Human Rights and Crime Control Bureau, Ishwar Prasad Sahu-District President Balodabazar, Pawan Kumar Sahu District Patron; Pankaj Kumar Kurre, Shankar Lal Sahu, Seerjan Kumar Sahu, Principal Mrs. P. Jaiswal, teachers- Mithilesh Tiwari, Ramgopal Patel, Aagar Singh Paikra, Jaikishan Sharma, Chandrabhan Kaiwart, Santosh Kumar Kashyap, Vivek Singh Thakur, Ravikumar; Manoj Kumar K h u n t e s h w a r , Nandkumar Kashyap, Satyaprakash Banjare, Aditya Kumar Dewangan and Vimal Sahu and Budhram Paikra and others were present.

Mining of sand despite open water filling in river bed



Dalli-Rajhara, Mar 01:

The rules for sand mining in the dry river of Harrahthema, Pendri, Singanwahi are in abeyance, as also according to the rules, sand mining is prohibited after evening, but the rules of the administration are being flouted till night. As per information, due to negligence of mineral officer Shashank Soni the rules and regulations are being flouted and the officials are sitting as silent spectators. At the same time, in this serious mat-



ter, the Department of Minerals has remained a silent spectator due to which the functioning of the responsible officials has been questioned. Illegal sand mining in Harrahthema, Pendri,

Singanwahi. In region Harrahthema, Pendri, the department had issued the tender for sand extraction in Singanwahi sand mine to a contractor from another district for the period from 15 October 2020

to 14 October 2023 in which the department has given permission for sand extraction following the rules of the National Tribunal and Environment Department. But despite the water being filled in the river, mining sand by using Chain Mountains is being done.

Due to sand extraction in Balod, the local people think that they will get sand at low prices, but the royalty is collected at the rate of 56 rupees per cubic meter fixed by the government of the contractor.

It should be noted that the sand contractor takes a loading charge of 4 to 5 thousand rupees for filling one hive while maximum in one hive 10 cubic meters of sand is filled.

What officer says: The complaint of illegal sand mining has been received and action will be taken soon: Meenakshi Sahu, Minerals Officer.

Schools running with handful of teachers

Churikala, Mar 01: The State Government, in order to make girls strong and self-reliant, efforts are being made to improve education by promoting the education sector and improving education, but the education department's official's ignorance, many schools in the region are running without teachers or sometimes with one or two teachers. In a similar case, the government pre-secondary girls' school in Rawatpara, which is run by Nagar Panchayat Churikala under Katghora development section, is running the school on the trust of two teachers, which is affecting the stu-

dent's. The annual examination is to be held in April and in this situation, the parents are also worried about the future of the children. It is said that earlier there were 4 teachers, in which one teacher Bhupendra Markam, the district panchayat officer, was appointed as his assistant to the district panchayat chairman. Same way Balan Prajapati, a teacher posted in the girl's school, Churikala, was transferred to the secondary school in Jawali and due to which the education system of children and other social activities are also affected due to non-implementation of departmental plans. Keeping in mind

the educational level of the children, the school principal Mr. Pathak requested Development Section Education Officer on 18 October 2022 at the school level, but no cognizance has been taken so far by the District Education Officer and the Development Section Education Officer regarding the permanent teacher post. It is reported that the number of teachers in most of the schools in the region has decreased due to the transaction tax on

the district level transfers made in October 2022, and the number of teachers has decreased further. Meanwhile Goral Yadav, president of Block Congress Committee, Katghora and Hiralal Yadav, Jeevan Yadav MP representative met with the state education minister Prem Singh Tekam during the Raipur Convention and demanded the appointment of permanent teachers before the annual exam-

Webinar on National Science Day organized in SAGES



Rajim, Mar 01: On the occasion of National Science Day, a webinar was organized at SAGES Rajim under the auspices of Prayagraj Science-Mathematics Club in which young scientist Dr. Rajan Kumar was the main speaker. The webinar was coordinated by Club In-charge Samiksha Gaekwad, said that with the aim of attracting students to science, making them aware of science and scientific achievements, a webinar was organized in the school on National Science Day in which Professor Dr. Rajan, who is serving in National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra (Haryana), spoke about 'Science And Technology: Scientific Approach in Student Life'. Dr. Rajan is recipient of 4th BRICS Young Scientist Award in Rio de Janeiro

Brazil, Dr. Ramamurthy Best Paper Award, and Gandhian Youth Technological Innovation, Addressing the students, Dr. Rajan said that the invention of new technology is possible through science, but along with science, we should adopt a humanistic approach. Science should always be used for the development and welfare of society and concentration and discipline while studying can make it possible to learn more in a limited period of time, he said. Lecturer/NCC Officer Sagar Sharma, Kamal Sonkar, Teacher Kanchan Chandrakar, Jameel Ahmed had special participation. Samsika Gaekwad, Principal Dway Sanjay Ekka, B. L. Verma, Vice Principal B.L. Dhruva, Senior Lecturer R. K. Yadav, M. K. Chandan, M. L. Sen, Vikram Singh Thakur, Principal AG Goswami, Complex Coordinator Subhash Sharma, Santosh Suryavanshi, Gopal Devangan, Upasana Bhagat, Pinky Tarak were present.

NAME CHANGE

I P V SRINIVASA RAO, S/o Late Venkata Joga Rao Puddipeddi, one and same person aged 63 years, resident of Ward No 19/1, Panchsheel Nagar West, Satsang Vihar Road, Behind Sharma Bore well, Residency/Charoda, Shila, District Durg, State: Chhattisgarh, Pin: 490025 do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

1. I submit that an Ex-Serviceman in Indian Navy, Rank: Ex-LR0(Tel) No: 142530 H, was retired from my service on 31-12-1993 at the time of my retirement, submitted my family member particulars into the service records and my spouse age only was registered. Recently E-PPO issued notification for Change of date of birth of spouse along with documentary proof.

2. I hereby submit that my wife P KALYANI RAO (P KALYANI) one and the same person having possess Aadhaar Card No 7836 1076 8686, and my Aadhaar Card No 4126 1936 6424, which was by the said by the Central Government of India, except Aadhaar Card, she did not possess any educational certificates for proof of date of birth. Hence, based on the Aadhaar Card and PAN Card No: AWPKPSGSA on the concerned officials may please be amend my wife date of birth into my service records as on 02-08-1960 and also submit my second service/Defence Service code PPO NO 5/18539/2016 (Army) copy enclosed for proof of date of birth and Name as Record.

3. The affidavit is being submitted with a request to consider the concerned officers for Amendment of my wife P KALYANI RAO (P KALYANI) W/O P V SRINIVASA RAO (PVS RAO), date of birth into my Service records and the same may please be registered into my service records as on 02-08-1960, based on the above given documents.

DEPONENT
P V SRINIVASA RAO

कार्यालय राजस्व निरीक्षक मण्डल-18, तहसील व जिला-रायपुर

:- आम सूचना :-

जारी दिनांक- 1/3/2023

एतद द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि आम - देसी पट्टन 78 रा.नि.सं-रायपुर-18 तहसील व जिला-रायपुर रा.प. में आवेक करण किन्ना प्रति ए.के. सिन्हा निवासी शिला, पिनड 490025 द्वारा भूमि/कच्ची भूमि के मूले करना नंबर 122/3 रकबा 0.0370 हे. का सीमांकन कर 2023/2023/10800127 जे-12 जे-22-23 अर्थात् दिनांक 20.02.2023 को प्रचलन में आवेक की भूमि का सीमांकन दिनांक - 10.03.2023 को संपन्न 12.00 बजे किया जाना निगम है। अतएव उक्त भूमि के सभी बदाकम्बारी भूमिस्वामियों तथा आसपास के भूमिस्वामियों को सूचना दी जाती है कि उक्त भूमि व संपत्ति को पूर्व पदावधि कार्यालय में एक उक्त दिनांक व समय को अवगत करवा कर उपर्युक्त डॉकर उक्त करवर नंबर के संबंध में जो भी दावा/अपेक्षा हो तो प्रस्तुत करें। आपकी अनुपस्थिति में सीमांकन/बदाकन कार्य किया जा सकता है। सीमांकन/बदाकन उपररत कोई भी दावा/अपेक्षा मान्य नहीं होगी।

जी सूचना जारी।

राजस्व निरीक्षक
रायपुर, 18 कांड़ल

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

Government of India, Ministry of Finance
Department of Finance Services, (Banking Division)
797-II, Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur 482001 (M.P.)
Case No. : R.C/175/2016 in O.A. No. 194/2015
BANK OF INDIA Vs. UDAY PRATAP SINGH
E-Auction No. 16/2023

Under mentioned properties will be sold by 'on line e-auction' through website <https://www.bankauctions.com> for recovery of a sum of Rs.24,33,719.00 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Only) payable by you/him in respect of recovery certificate in O.A. No. 194/2015 issued by Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Jabalpur with interest at 12.00% p.a. with simple interest from 06.07.2015 and cost payable as per recovery certificate till realization.

Date and time of e-auction : 06/04/2023 Between 12.00 Hrs. to 13.00 hours.

SPECIFICATION OF THE PROPERTIES PUT FOR SALE

Agriculture Land bearing Khassa No. 19 (Area 0.02 hect.), 34 (area 0.67 hect.), 35 (area 0.26 hect.), 93 (area 0.05 hect.), 103 (area 0.42 hect.), 117 (area 0.41 hect.), 135 (area 0.20 hect.), 137 (area 0.50 hect.), 140 (area 0.14 hect.), 143/1 (area 1.46 hect.), 144/2 (area 0.41 hect.), 145 (area 0.18 hect.), 147 (area 0.41 hect.), 149 (area 1.18 hect.), 152 (area 0.46 hect.), 154/1 (area 0.21 hect.), 217 (area 9.95 hect.), 287/1 (area 0.56 hect.), and 289/1 (area 0.49 hect.), Total area 17.98 hect. Excluding Pond on Khassa no. 136 having area 22.80 Hectare, situated at Village - Komakhan, P.C. No. 55, Rin Pustika No. - 0829376, Tehsil - Baghara, District - Mahasamund (C.G.), property in the name of Uday Pratap Singh S/o. Late Shri Narendra Pratap Singh.

Upset Price: Rs. 2,45,80,000.00 (Rupees Two Crore Forty Five Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)

Conditions of Sale

1. Intending bidders must hold a valid digital signature certificate. For details contact M/s. C-1, India Pvt. Ltd., website : <https://www.bankauctions.com> ; Helpline No. 0124-4302020/21/22/23/24, for help a bidder in e-auction contact to Mr. Danish Khan on Mob. No. 9826804343, 911444797; E-mail id mpeca@clindia.com or 8319822113, E-mail ID : support@bankauctions.com
2. Intending bidders are advised to go through website <https://www.bankauctions.com> for auction bid form and details, terms and conditions of sale before submitting their bids.
3. Bids should be submitted only online in the prescribed form along with a copy of identity document as an attachment to the bid form (refer detailed terms and conditions). Bidder should satisfy them self with regard to correctness, measurement, encumbrances etc by their own sources (Govt. Office), also later on DRT will not be responsible for this.
4. 10% of the Upset Price i.e. Rs. 24,58,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Only) must be remitted towards EMD through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the credit of Account 940221110000005 in the name of Recovery Officer, E-auction account, DRT Jabalpur with BANK OF INDIA, CIVIL LINES BRANCH, JABALPUR (IFSC Code : BKID0009402) and the remittance must be clearly mentioned in the bid form.
5. Bids should be submitted on or before 17.00 hours on 03-04-2023 online.
6. A copy of the bid form along with its enclosure submitted online should be sent to Recovery Officer, DRT, Jabalpur, 797-II Shanti Kunj, South Civil Lines, Jabalpur so as to reach at the earliest.
7. Online bidding will commence from the highest bid quoted among the bid and the minimum increase for each bid will be Rs. 2,00,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakh Only) in case of bid received before closure of Auction window, there shall be an automatic extension of 5 minutes in Auction time by the system.
8. The refund of EMD of the unsuccessful bidders will be remitted to the same account from which the payment has been made and no inquiry in this regard will be entertained. After deposit of EMD by intending bidder they cannot withdraw the EMD amount until they are declared as "Unsuccessful bidder" otherwise the amount will be forfeited.
9. In the case of immovable property listed in the schedule below, the successful bidder shall remit 25% of the bid amount (less EMD) on the next day on declaration, if the sale is knocked down in his / her favour, through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer to the Account No. 940221110000005 mentioned in SL No. 4 and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold and amount deposited as EMD will be forfeited.
10. The successful bidder shall remit balance 75% of the sale amount along with postage of 1% of sale amount plus Rs. 10/- for each Property Separately within 15 days of auction, to the Account No. 940221110000005 mentioned at SL No. 4 through RTGS/NEFT/Money Transfer, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office working day after 15th day. In default of payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be resold after the issue of a fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit will be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
11. Property will be sold "As is Where is and No Complaint Basis".
12. The property can be inspected on 18.03.2023 between 12.00 hours to 16.00 hours.
13. Property will not be sold below the upset price.
14. Recovery Officer have the absolute right to accept or reject the bid or postpone/cancel the sale without assigning any reason.
15. Intending bidders are advised to peruse copies of the title deed available with the Shri Mohammad Shayzi, Senior Manager, Mob. No. 9819757784 and Shri Pradeep Bara, Credit Officer, Mob. No. 9826129698, and also check the identity and correctness of the property details and encumbrances etc from their own sources also, DRT will not be responsible for correctness etc.
16. Details regarding e-auction shall be obtained from M/s C-1 India Pvt. Ltd., Website : <https://www.bankauctions.com>, Helpline No. 0124-4302020/21/22/23/24, for help a bidder in e-auction contact to Mr. Danish Khan on Mob. No. 9826804343, 911444797, E-mail id : mpeca@clindia.com or 8319822113, E-mail ID : support@bankauctions.com.
17. Further property details if any required shall be obtained from Shri Mohammad Shayzi, Senior Manager, Mob. No. 9819757784 and Shri Pradeep Bara, Credit Officer, Mob. No. 9826129698.
18. The bidders may participate in the e-auction by quoting / bidding from their own offices / places of their choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by each bidder himself. DRT/ Bank / Service Provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, Power failure etc.

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, SHABANA SHEIKH W/o SHEIKH MUSHIR Resident of, H.No. 02, Chisti Bada, Afroz Bag, Modhapara, Raipur, Teh. & Dist. Raipur C.G., have changed my old name SHABANA SHEIKH W/o SHEIKH MUSHIR, so in future I should be recognized by my new name SHABANA AKHTAR W/o SHEIKH MUSHIR in all government and other documents.

SHABANA AKHTAR
H.No. 02, Chisti Bada, Afroz Bag, Modhapara, Raipur, Teh. & Dist. Raipur C.G.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL

Registered Office- Indian Rayon Compound, Varanasi, Gujarat - 362286
Branch Office- G Corporation Tech Park, Kasarvadavali, Ghodbunder Road, Thane -400607 (MH)

ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

(under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s 13 (2) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Notices are hereby given to the borrowers as mentioned below that since they have defaulted in repayment of the credit facility availed by them from Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited (ABHFL), their loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of the Company as per RBI guidelines. Therefore, ABHFL, has issued demand notices under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to repay the entire outstanding amount together with further interest at the contractual rate on the arrear amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the demand notice is also being served by way of publication, as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules).

Sl. No.	Name and Address Borrower/Co-Borrower and Guarantor / Co-Guarantor and Loan A/c No.	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice	Amount due as per Demand Notice as on Date
1	1. KANCHAN SANTWANI, Kh No 147/31 147/32, Khata No. 737, Ph No 11040 Khata No 697, Vll. V, V. Vihar Shankar Nagar Raipur; Dr Bhimrao Ward No 27 Behind Vp Karanaha Raipur Chhattisgarh India - 492001. 2. KANCHAN SANTWANI Hg C - 87, Shalendra Nagar, Near Navkar Hospital, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001. 3. KANCHAN FRAME, House No. 450 B, Prayadashim Nagar, Ring Road No - 1, Raipur (C.S.), 492001. 4. KANCHAN SANTWANI Waley Mousa - V.V. Vihar Shankar Nagar Phn - 11040 Rtnr Raipur - 1th Bhimrao Ambedkar Ward No. 27 Khata No. 147/31, 147/32 147/3 Khata No. 737, 697 Bishnu Vaj Karanaha Raipur 492009. 5. KANCHAN SANTWANI House No. 450 B, Prayadashim Nagar, Ring Road No - 1, Raipur (C.S.), 492001. 6. SURESH SANTWANI House No. 450 B, Prayadashim Nagar, Ring Road No - 1, Raipur (C.S.), 492001. 7. KANCHAN FRAME Kh No 147/31 147/32, Khata No. 737, Ph No 11040 Khata No 697, Vll. V, V. Vihar Shankar Nagar Raipur, Dr Bhimrao Ward No 27 Behind Vp Karanaha Raipur Chhattisgarh India - 492001. 8. KANCHAN SANTWANI Beside Om Shanti Boutique, New Shanti Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 492001. 9. KANCHAN SANTWANI C/O Kanchan Frame 18-43, Beside Om Shanti Boutique, New Shanti Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 10. KANCHAN SANTWANI C/O Kanchan Frame 18-43, Beside Om Shanti Boutique, New Shanti Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 11. CHANDRA MUHNI DEWANGAN At Paradise, Ring Road-1, Raipur, Chh. Snder Nagar, Raipur, C.G. 492001. 12. SURESH SANTWANI Hg C - 87, Shalendra Nagar, Near Navkar Hospital, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001. Loan Account No. LNR/RAIPNO-0219002958 & LNR/RAIPNO-02200072730	08.02.2023	21.02.2023	Rs. 62,58,893.53/- (Rupees Sixty Two Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three and Fifty Three Paise Only) by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 11.02.2023.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/PROPERTIES MORTGAGED: All That Piece And Parcel Of Khata No. 147/31, 147/32, Addressing 1010 Sq. Ft., i.e., 93.86 Sq. Mtrs., And 1010 Sq. Ft., Totally Measuring 2020 Sq. Ft., Khata No. 737, Ph No 11040, Khata No 697, Village V, V. Vihar Shankar Nagar, Raipur, Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Ward No. 27, Behind Vp Karanaha, Raipur, Chhattisgarh India - 492001 And Bounded As: North: Open Plot, South: Road, East: Open Plot, West: House Of Anant Lalwani.

1. RAJ KUMAR DEWANGAN (In The Capacity Of Available Legal Heir Of Late Kunj Bihari Lal Dewangan) Plot No. 14, H. No. 14, Mauza-Nehru Nagar, Sundar Nagar Adarsh State Bank Of India Employees Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd., Pandit Sunder Lal Sharma Ward No. 66, - Raipur, Chhattisgarh- 492001. 2. CHANDRA MUHNI DEWANGAN (In The Capacity Of Available Legal Heir Of Late Kunj Bihari Lal Dewangan) Plot No. 14, H. No. 14, Mauza-Nehru Nagar, Sundar Nagar Adarsh State Bank Of India Employees Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd., Pandit Sunder Lal Sharma Ward No. 66, - Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 3. RAJ KUMAR DEWANGAN C/O P.G. Home Guard & Civil Hg, Raipur, C.G. 492001. 4. CHANDRA MUHNI DEWANGAN At Paradise, Ring Road-1, Raipur Chowk, Snder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492013. 5. RAJYAWARDHAN DEWANGAN (IN THE CAPACITY OF AVAILABLE LEGAL HEIR OF LATE KUNJ BIHARILAL DEWANGAN) Plot No. 14, H. No. 14, MAUZA-NEHRU NAGAR, SUNDAR NAGAR ADARSH STATE BANK OF INDIA EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LTD., Pandit Sunder Lal Sharma Ward No. 66, - Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 6. RAJ KUMAR DEWANGAN PLOT NO. 14, H. NO. 14, MAUZA-NEHRU NAGAR, SUNDAR NAGAR ADARSH STATE BANK OF INDIA EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LTD., Pandit Sunder Lal Sharma Ward No. 66, - Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 7. SMRITI DEWANGAN (IN THE CAPACITY OF AVAILABLE LEGAL HEIR OF LATE KUNJ BIHARILAL DEWANGAN) Plot No. 14, H. No. 14, MAUZA-NEHRU NAGAR, SUNDAR NAGAR ADARSH STATE BANK OF INDIA EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LTD., Pandit Sunder Lal Sharma Ward No. 66, - Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 8. RAJYAWARDHAN DEWANGAN (IN THE CAPACITY OF AVAILABLE LEGAL HEIR OF LATE KUNJ BIHARILAL DEWANGAN) Plot No. 14, H. No. 14, MAUZA-NEHRU NAGAR, SUNDAR NAGAR ADARSH STATE BANK OF INDIA EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LTD., Pandit Sunder Lal Sharma Ward No. 66, - Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 9. CHANDRA MUHNI DEWANGAN Plot No. 14, H. No. 14, MAUZA-NEHRU NAGAR, SUNDAR NAGAR ADARSH STATE BANK OF INDIA EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LTD., Pandit Sunder Lal Sharma Ward No. 66, - Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 10. RAJ KUMAR DEWANGAN C/O P.G. Home Guard & Civil Hg, Raipur, C.G. 492001. 11. RAJ KUMAR DEWANGAN C/O P.G. Home Guard & Civil Hg, Raipur, C.G. 492001. 12. CHANDRA MUHNI DEWANGAN At Paradise, Ring Road-1, Raipur Chowk, Snder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492013. 13. CHANDRA MUHNI DEWANGAN C/O P.G. Home Guard & Civil Hg, Raipur, C.G. 492001. 14. MIS PLUTUS FUELS PRIVATE LIMITED Plot No. 14, State Bank, Snder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 15. RAJ KUMAR DEWANGAN (IN THE CAPACITY OF AVAILABLE LEGAL HEIR OF LATE KUNJ BIHARILAL DEWANGAN) At Paradise, Ring Road-1, Raipur Chowk, Snder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492013. 16. CHANDRA MUHNI DEWANGAN (IN THE CAPACITY OF AVAILABLE LEGAL HEIR OF LATE KUNJ BIHARILAL DEWANGAN) At Paradise, Ring Road-1, Raipur Chowk, Snder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492013. 17. SMRITI DEWANGAN (IN THE CAPACITY OF AVAILABLE LEGAL HEIR OF LATE KUNJ BIHARILAL DEWANGAN) At Paradise, Ring Road-1, Raipur Chowk, Snder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492013. 18. SMRITI DEWANGAN (IN THE CAPACITY OF AVAILABLE LEGAL HEIR OF LATE KUNJ BIHARILAL DEWANGAN) At Paradise, Ring Road-1, Raipur Chowk, Snder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492013. 19. RAJYAWARDHAN DEWANGAN At Paradise, Ring Road-1, Raipur Chowk, Snder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492013. 20. RAJYAWARDHAN DEWANGAN At Paradise, Ring Road-1, Raipur Chowk, Snder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492013. 21. MIS PLUTUS FUELS PRIVATE LIMITED At Paradise, Ring Road-1, Raipur Chowk, Snder Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492013. Loan Account No. LNR/RAIPNO-12160028335 & LNR/RAIPNO-10200075628

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/PROPERTIES MORTGAGED: All That Piece And Parcel Of Plot No. 14, House No. 14, Addressing Plot Area 4000 Sq. Ft., Situated At Mauza Nehru Nagar, Sundar Nagar Adarsh State Bank Of India Employees Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd., Pandit Sunder Lal Sharma Ward No. 66, Tth. & Dist. Raipur (C.G.), And Bounded On The: East: Road West: Drain North: HO M.P. Soti South: HO O.R.K.S. Agrawal.

We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount (together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. therein falling which we shall be at liberty to enforce the security interest including but not limited to taking possession of and selling the secured asset entirely at your risk as to the cost and consequences).

Please note that as per section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consent of the Company. Any contravention of the said section by you shall invoke the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard.

Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of ABHFL together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by ABHFL are tendered to ABHFL at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by ABHFL, and no further step shall be taken by ABHFL or transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Date: 02.03.2023
Place: RAIPUR

Sd/-
(Satish Solanki)
Recovery Officer

IDBI BANK Branch- Nehru Nagar, Bhilai (C.G.)

APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1))
POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of IDBI Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 16.12.2022 calling upon the borrower M/s Metlicsec Fabricators Private Limited, Morgagors- Shri Rajeev Jain and Shri Sanjay Gupta and Guarantors- Shri Tushar Jain and Smt. Vandana Gupta to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 5,36,19,371.38 (Rupees Five crore thirty six lac nineteen thousand three hundred seventy one and paise thirty eight only) within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 24th day of February of the year 2023.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IDBI Bank Limited for an amount of Rs. 5,36,19,371.38 (Rupees Five crore thirty six lac nineteen thousand three hundred seventy one and paise thirty eight only) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Property No. 1- All that piece and parcel of land comprised in and forming part of Plot No. 24, Block No. 75, Ward No. 02, Motilal Nehru Nagar (East), Bhilai admeasuring 540 sq.mtrs. and situate on Bhilai Dist.Durg and which is bounded as follows:- East : Plot No. 25, West : Plot No. 23, South : Plot No. 01, North : Road. (Assets owned and mortgaged by Shri Rajeev Jain).

Together with all buildings and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth.

Property No. 2- All that piece and parcel of land comprised in and forming part of Plot No. 10, Block No. 47, Ward No. 02, Motilal Nehru Nagar (East), Bhilai admeasuring 216 sq.mtrs. and situate on Bhilai, Dist.Durg and which is bounded as follows:- East : Plot No. 47/11, West : Plot No. 47/09, South : Plot No. 02, North: Road. (Assets owned and mortgaged by Shri Sanjay Gupta).

Together with all buildings and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth.

Date : 02.03.2023, Place : Bhilai Authorised Officer, IDBI Bank Ltd.

Bank of Baroda Regional Office, First Floor, Zonal Market, Sector-10, Bhilai (C.G.) - 490006

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POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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

The under mentioned Borrower / Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub - section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 and under section 14 of the Act of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 .

S. N.	Branch Name/Ph.No.	Name of Borrower / Guarantor	Description of Property	Demand Notice Date, Amount & Symbolic / Physical Possession Date
01	Padmantara Brumthra 7024101844	Mr. Dushyant Das and Co-Borrowers Mrs. Archana Das Add: H.No. 44, Ward No. 17, Vardhaman Nagar, Rajnandgaon, C.G. - 491441 and Co-Borrowers- Mr. Raghvendra Das Vaishnav, Add.: 1 A Anushtha Residency, Phase -1, Sector-1, Ward No.-1, Bhilai, Junwani Kharnayra Road, Jeora Sira, Durg, C.G.-491001	1. Equitable mortgage of open Diverted Residential Plot No. E-08, (Constructed Building thereon) KH. No. - 313/106 (K), Area 0.05(1/2) A (0.022 Hect / 2400 Sq Ft. Situated at Lakhoi (Gujrati Grih Nirman Sahkari Samiti Maryadit), Rajnandgaon P.H.No. 26/50, R.I Circle Rajnandgaon - 1, Tehsil & District Rajnandgaon (C.G.) - 491441 belonging to Co-obligant Mrs. Archana Das. Demarcation Boundaries as per Sale Deed as under- North-Road, South- Plot No. E-60, East- Road, West- Plot No. E-05	14.12.2022 Rs. 2,58,57,152.68 + interest + other charges 27.02.2023 Symbolic Possession
			2. Equitable mortgage of an open diverted Commercial Property (Land) bearing KH. No. - 57/2, area mortgaged is 23411.00 Sq. Ft. (out of 51400.00 Sq. Ft. or 0.47 Hect.) situated at Mouja Junwani, P.H. No.-15, R.I Circle Durg-1, Tehsil & District Durg (C.G.) 490020 - belonging to Co-obligant Mr. Raghvendra Das Vaishnav. Demarcation Boundaries as per Sale Deed as under- North-Rest land of seller, South- Rest land of other Farmer, East- Rest land of Laxman Sahu, West- Rest land of other Farmer. As per area mortgaged:-North- Rest land of seller, South- Rest land of other and Road, East - Road as per Approved layout, West - R.R. Road as per Approved layout.	Physical Possession

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above mentioned property and any dealings with the properties/will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for above mentioned amount interest and other charges thereon.

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

Date: 02.03.2023, Place: Bhilai, Chhattisgarh Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda



BRIEF



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar during the birth centenary celebrations of M S Ramaiah, in Bengaluru, Wednesday.

Escape

New Delhi: Around 100 fire-fighters had a narrow escape on Wednesday as a three-storey godown that had caught fire collapsed in north Delhi while they were dousing the blaze, officials said. No injuries have been reported yet, the Delhi Fire Service officials added. The department said it received a call about a fire at a factory on Roshanara Road near the Pulbangash metro station, but as its teams reached the spot, they saw it was a godown.

Detained

New Delhi: Two juveniles were apprehended for allegedly robbing a shop owner at gunpoint in northwest Delhi's Prem Nagar, police said on Wednesday. The incident was reported on Tuesday. The victim told the police that two persons allegedly entered the shop and robbed him of Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,500 at gunpoint, a senior officer said.

Protest

Chandigarh: Sarpanches of several villages on Wednesday staged a protest in Panchkula against the Haryana government's e-tender policy for development works in rural areas. Police were deployed in large numbers and barricades set up at the Panchkula-Chandigarh border as members of the Haryana Sarpanches' Association — a body representing the village heads — threatened to march towards Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's residence.

Raid

Thane: Police raided an orchestra bar here in Maharashtra and arrested seven people for allegedly flouting rules and indulging in obscene acts, an official said on Wednesday. Following a complaint and a tip-off, officials of the Mira Bhayander-Vasai Virar police's anti-human trafficking cell (AHTC) raided the bar located in Kashmir area on the intervening night of Monday-Tuesday, senior police inspector Sameer Ahirrao said.

Repoll

Kohima: Repolling is underway in four polling stations in Nagaland on Wednesday, an official said. The repolling is in being held in New Colony polling station in Zunheboto constituency, Pangti V in Sanis constituency, Jaboka Village in Tizit constituency and Pathso East Wing in Thonoknyu constituency, the official said.

Nadda kickstarts BJP's 'Vijay Sankalp Yatra'

● In poll-bound K'taka

Chamarajanagara (K'taka), Mar 01 (PTI): BJP national president JP Nadda on Wednesday kickstarted the first part of 'Vijay Sankalp Yatra' here reaching out to tribal communities, as he expressed confidence about the party coming back to power in Karnataka.

The yatra from four different directions across the poll-bound State, in specially designed vehicles or "Rathas", will be launched by the party's Central leaders in the next couple of days.

Nadda, who visited the Male Mahadeshwara Hills, kick-started the yatra, after offering prayers at the Male Mahadeshwara temple here.

He was accompanied by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, BJP veteran B S Yediyurappa, and party's state president Nalin Kumar Kateel among other leaders.

Later addressing people from the Soliga tribal community, Nadda said, "With the Vijaya Sankalp Yatra beginning from an auspicious place and with the grace of god, I'm confident about BJP getting the blessings of the people in the upcoming Assembly



BJP National President JP Nadda beats a drum at the inauguration of the Vijaya Sankalp Ratha Yatra, in Chamarajanagar, Wednesday.

polls."

He said, the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is marching ahead with strength and he has changed the political dimension of the country from "casteism, vote bank and dynasty politics", to taking everyone together with a motto 'sabka-saath-sabka-vikas-sabka-vishwas-sabka-prayas'.

(Together, for everyone's growth, with everyone's trust).

Highlighting that the country is today the fifth largest economy overtaking the British, Nadda spoke about the nation's progress in pharma, mobile and automobile, among other sectors.

The BJP government under Modi has worked for the development of all

sections of the society especially the poor and downtrodden, he said, adding that today several prominent positions in the country are occupied by personalities from the SC/ST community, and President of India Droupadi Murmu belongs to the tribal community.

There has been a 190 per cent increase in the tribal budget under the BJP government at the Centre, the party president said, as he spoke about setting up Ekalavya Vidyalaya in tribal areas, and other schemes and programmes for the betterment of the tribal community, including opening of the Tribal Research Centres.

"I want to assure that under Modi, with Yediyurappa's blessings and Bommai's efforts we will bring changes in the lives and livelihood of the people here," he said.

While Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to flag off second yatra on March 2 from Nandagad in Belagavi district, Union Home Minister Amit Shah is slated to launch the third and fourth yatra that will start from Basavakalyana in Bidar district and Avathy in Devanahalli near Bengaluru, on March 3, in the morning and afternoon, respectively.

PANCHARATNA RATH YATRA



Former K'taka CM HD Kumaraswamy's supporters during his 'Pancharatna Rath Yatra', in Chikmagalur, Wednesday.

Drone shot in Dec had China, Pak 'footprints'

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI)

A drone that was shot down by the Border Security Force along the India-Pakistan international border in Punjab last year had taken flight and had 'footprints' in China and Pakistan, a BSF spokesperson said on Wednesday quoting a forensic analysis report. The quadcopter was downed on December 25, 2022 near the Rajatal border post in Punjab's Amritsar district.

A forensic analysis of the drone found that it flew in Fengxian district in Shanghai, China on

BSF ANALYSIS

11.06.2022 and later it was flown from 24.09.2022 to 25.12.2022 for 28 times "within" Khanewal district of Punjab in Pakistan, the spokesperson said. An FIR on the illegal activity of the drone and its shooting on the Indian side was filed by the Border Security Force (BSF) with the Amritsar district police last year, he said. The BSF, that is tasked to guard the India-Pakistan border, has set up a forensic analysis laboratory for drones at a camp in the national capital where it culls

out data from the chips of the seized drones and studies its flight path and other scientific details. A total of 22 drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) coming across from Pakistan were shot down by the BSF last year. All these downings took place along the international border in Punjab. While one drone each was shot down in Punjab and Jammu during the entire 2020 and 2021, six have been brought down or seized by the force till February 20 this year. Out of the six drones caught during 2023, four captures were made in Punjab and the rest in Rajasthan.

Oppn leader in Maha Council submits breach of privilege notice

● Against Shinde over remarks

Mumbai, Mar 01 (PTI)

The Leader of Opposition in the Maharashtra Legislative Council on Wednesday submitted a breach of privilege notice against Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for allegedly referring to Opposition legislators as "anti-national".

Leader of Opposition Ambadas Danve submitted the notice to the office of Council deputy chairperson Neelam Gorhe.

The senior MLC of the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) said the Chief Minister's alleged comments, made on the eve of the Budget session, were an insult to the supremacy of the legislature.

He appealed to Gorhe to accept the notice and send it to the privileges committee of the House for further action.

In a related development, Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Sunil Prabhu wrote a letter to Assembly Speaker Rahul Narvekar requesting that he be allowed to speak in the Lower House on Shinde's remarks.

Both houses of the state legislature were adjourned for the day after Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut's alleged "chormandal" remarks rocked the proceedings and triggered bedlam.

Talking to reporters in Kolhapur, Raut allegedly called the "vidhimandal" (legislature) a "chormandal" (a body of thieves).

Cong stages protest near AAP office

● Demand Kejriwal's resignation

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI)

The Congress in Delhi on Wednesday staged a protest near the Aam Aadmi Party office here, demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal following the arrest of his deputy Manish Sisodia by the CBI. Several Congress leaders and workers, led by their state unit president Anil Chaudhary, gathered near the AAP's DDU Marg office and raised slogans against Kejriwal and Sisodia.

The party said a fair probe would not be possible as long as Arvind Kejriwal remains in power. "The entire Delhi government is fully immersed in corruption. As long as



Congress leaders and supporters during a protest demanding resignation of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over the now-scrapped excise policy, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

Kejriwal remains in power, there will not be an independent probe in the liquor scam, and therefore, he should also submit his resignation," Chaudhary said.

Meanwhile, Delhi Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit wrote to Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena, urging him to direct central agencies to invoke the

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) or similar laws in the feedback unit (FBU) case. "We believe that UAPA or similar Acts should be invoked in this case and the CBI and NIA must be directed by yourself to investigate under laws governing sedition and anti-national activities," he wrote.

All set for counting of votes in TN's Erode East

Erode (TN), Mar 01 (PTI)

All arrangements are in place to count votes on March 2 for the bypoll held to Erode East Assembly constituency, a senior official said here on Wednesday.

The vote counting exercise is set to begin at 8 AM and expected to be completed before 5 PM. District Election Officer and District Collector H Krishnanunni said all arrangements have been made for counting of votes. The bypoll, termed by DMK President and Chief Minister M K Stalin as 'Edaipodum therthal,' a byelection to weigh all the good work completed within 22 months after he took over the reins of power, is expected to be a test of the government's popularity and set the mood for the 2024 Lok

Sabha polls. Fare-free travel for women in State-run town buses were among the 85 per cent of 'fulfilled promises' underscored by Stalin in his campaign.

The main opposition AIADMK strained every nerve to take on the ruling party over a string of issues including rise in electricity tariff and DMK regime not getting exemption for the State from NEET to make its electoral mark. The campaign was led by Edappadi K Palaniswami and challenger O Panneerselvam's camp, which withdrew its candidate disappeared from the poll scene. For the AIADMK, the Supreme Court's directive allowing Palaniswami to continue to lead the party proved to be the much needed shot in the arm for the party.

BACK TO SCHOOL



Students arrive at their school on the first day after winter break in the Valley, in Srinagar, Wednesday.

245 elephant deaths in Odisha

● In last 3 years

Bhubaneswar, Mar 01 (PTI)

As many as 245 elephant deaths were reported in Odisha in last three years, officials said on Wednesday.

The 245 elephant deaths were reported from 2019 to 2022, they said.

Odisha's Forest and Environment minister P K Amat on Tuesday told

the Assembly that of the 245 jumbo deaths, six were killed by poachers.

The minister informed the House that 47 persons were arrested for their alleged involvement in killing elephants, smuggling tusks and tiger hides.

A total of 39 tusks, one tiger hide and nine tiger nails were recovered from the accused, he said.

The minister said that no tiger was killed in any Odisha forest during the

last three years.

Amat said the state government has set up anti-poaching camps and formed special squads to protect tigers and their habitats.

Meanwhile, a report from Balasore district said that at least six pachyderm deaths were reported from Kuldiha Wildlife Sanctuary this year. One female ailing elephant died on Tuesday.

DFO, Balasore, Sumit Kar, however, claimed

that there was no case of poaching of jumbos in the sanctuary in last two years. Official sources said that poachers were arrested from Angul, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Boudh, Cuttack, Deogarh, Kalahandi, Deogarh and Subarnapur districts during the last three years.

The highest of 16 tusks were recovered in Keonjhar district followed by 12 in Mayurbhanj district.

CONG ON LPG PRICE HIKE

'Will end loot if party comes to power at Centre'

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI)

The Congress on Wednesday hit out at the government over the hike in price of LPG cylinders, saying if it comes to power at the Centre, it would end the "loot" by providing cylinders for domestic users under Rs 500.

Cooking gas LPG price on Wednesday was hiked by Rs 50 per cylinder — the first increase in rates in almost eight months — that came within days of end of polling in three northeastern states and was sharply

criticised by the Opposition.

In Delhi, a 14.2-kg LPG cylinder now costs Rs 1,103, up from Rs 1,053, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that the price of domestic cooking gas cylinder has been raised by Rs 50 and that of commercial gas cylinder by Rs 350 at a time when every person in the country is facing the brunt of high inflation.

"The public is asking -

how to make Holi dishes now, for how long will these orders of loot continue? Every person is facing the brunt of back-breaking inflation implemented by (Narendra) Modi government," Kharge said in a tweet in Hindi.

Party spokesperson Gaurav Vallabh said Prime Minister Modi has given a Holi "gift" to the people in the form of the LPG price hike.

If the Congress comes to power at the Centre, it would provide gas cylinders under Rs 500 on the

lines of that provided by its government in Rajasthan, he said.

"If the Congress comes to power, the party pledges to provide domestic LPG cylinders at below Rs 500 as being provided by the Rajasthan government. Modi ji should draw lessons from the Congress government in Rajasthan and not loot the people of the country with high taxes," Vallabh told reporters.

He added that any hike in prices has a cascading effect on all articles.

'Manzil-e-Noor': Book of Urdu verses inspired by Guru Nanak released

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI)

An English translation of Urdu book, 'Manzil-e-Noor', which contains 96 verses inspired by "the eternal and divine message of peace, oneness, sewa and coexistence" of Guru Nanak Dev, was released here.

The book, "Abode of Light", was originally written in Urdu by Sikh spiritual master Darshan

Singh in 1969 and has been translated into English by Rajinder Singh, the head of the international non-profit organisation 'Sawan Kirpal Ruhani Mission'.

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri said that this book brings the message of Guru Nanak Dev to a larger audience.

"Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj has done a

tremendous work in translating this book and has succeeded in bringing the message of Guru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj to a larger audience. The sagacity, wisdom and humility of poet-saint Sant Darshan Singh Ji Maharaj's work has been honoured by Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj, who is a supreme example of how pure living and devotion can be met," Puri said.

Fiery Greece train collision kills 32, injures at least 85

Tempe (Greece), Mar 01 (AP):

A passenger train carrying hundreds of people collided at high speed with an oncoming freight train in a fiery wreck in northern Greece, killing 32 and injuring at least 85, officials said Wednesday.

Multiple cars derailed and at least three burst into flames after the collision near the town of Tempe on Tuesday just before midnight. Rescue crews illuminated the scene with floodlights before dawn on Wednesday as they searched frantically through the twisted, smoking wreckage for survivors.

Survivors said several passengers were thrown through the windows of the train cars due to the impact. They said others fought to free themselves after the passenger train buckled, slamming into a field next to the tracks near a gorge about 380 kilometres (235 miles)



Debris of trains lie on the rail lines after a collision in Tempe, about 376 kilometres (235 miles) north of Athens, near Larissa city, Greece, Wednesday, March 1.

north of Athens where major highway and rail tunnels are located.

"There were many big pieces of steel," said Vassilis Polyzos, a local resident who was one of the first people on the scene. "The trains were completely destroyed, both passenger and freight trains."

He said dazed and disoriented people were escaping out of the train's

rear cars as he arrived.

"People, naturally, were scared very scared," he said. "They were looking around, searching; they didn't know where they were."

The trains crashed just before the Vale of Tempe, a gorge that separates the regions of Thessaly and Macedonia.

Costas Agorastos, the regional governor of the Thessaly area, told Greece's Skai

television the two trains crashed head on at high speed. "Carriage one and two no longer exist, and the third has derailed," he said.

Rescuers wearing head lamps worked in thick smoke, pulling pieces of mangled metal from the cars to search for trapped people. Others scoured the field with flashlights and checked underneath the wreckage. Several of the dead are believed to have been found in the restaurant area near the front of the passenger train.

Hospital officials in the nearby city of Larissa said at least 25 of those hurt had serious injuries.

"The evacuation process is ongoing and is being carried out under very difficult conditions due to the severity of the collision between the two trains," said Vassilis Varthakoyiannis, a spokesperson for Greece's firefighting service.

Hari Balakrishnan awarded prestigious Marconi Prize

New York, Mar 01 (PTI):

Hari Balakrishnan, an Indian-origin MIT Professor, has received the prestigious Marconi Prize for his fundamental discoveries in wired and wireless networking, mobile sensing, and distributed systems.

Balakrishnan, a Fujitsu Professor of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the Massachusetts Institute of



Technology (MIT), was named the winner of the award on February 22, a press release by The Marconi Society said.

The Marconi Prize is awarded annually by The Marconi Society to innovators who have significantly contributed to increasing digital inclusivity through advanced information and communications technology.

"By focusing his research on the application of technology to solve large societal problems, Balakrishnan's work has made millions of people safer and has made the Internet and wireless communications more efficient and robust," the

press release said.

"I am delighted to be honoured with the Marconi Prize, whose previous recipients are a

"Who's Who" of communications technology innovators. As a researcher inspired by how people use network applications and motivated to build networked systems for a safer and more resilient world, I am privileged to be part of the Marconi Society and its mission to advance digital equity," Balakrishnan said in a statement.

Military may pull back from Bakhmut: Ukraine official

Kyiv, Mar 01 (AP):

Ukraine's military could pull back from the key eastern stronghold of Bakhmut, an adviser to the Ukrainian president said Wednesday, amid a relentless Russian offensive that has sought for months to capture the city.

"Our military is obviously going to weigh all of the options. So far, they've held the city, but if need be, they will strategically pull back," Alexander Rodnyansky, an economic adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, told CNN. "We're not going to sacrifice all of our people just for nothing."

The battle for Bakhmut, in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region, has become a symbol of



Ukrainian resistance as defenders hold out against relentless shelling and waves of Russian troops taking heavy casualties in a months-long campaign to capture it.

Rodnyansky noted that Russia was using the best troops of the Wagner Group, a private military company led by a rogue millionaire with longtime links to Russian President Vladimir Putin, to encir-

cle Bakhmut. Recent drone footage shows the scale of devastation in the city, while Zelenskyy has described it as "destroyed."

Meanwhile, one of Zelenskyy's top advisers, Mykhailo Podolyak, denied on Wednesday that Ukraine had used drones to attack Russian territory following Russian official statements that Ukraine had targeted in-

frastructure deep inside Russia.

"Ukraine does not strike on the territory of the Russian Federation. Ukraine is waging a defensive war with the aim of de-occupying all its territories," Podolyak wrote on Twitter, suggesting the targeting of Russian infrastructure was the result of "internal attacks."

Ukraine's western allies have discouraged Ukraine from attacking targets in Russia proper to avoid escalation of the conflict, and Podolyak's statement could reflect an attempt by Kyiv to maintain a degree of deniability in view of those Western concerns.

In the past, Ukrainian officials have stopped short of claiming responsibility for attacks in

Russia, but also insisted that Ukraine has the right to strike any target on Russian territory in response to its aggression.

Asked about Podolyak's denial, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, "We don't believe it."

Pictures of one drone that fell near the village of Gubastovo, less than 100 kilometres (60 miles) from Moscow, showed it was a small Ukrainian-made model with a reported range of up to 800 kilometres (nearly 500 miles), but no capacity to carry a large load of explosives.

In the Russian Bryansk region, local Gov. Aleksandr Bogomaz said in a Telegram post that Russian forces had shot down another Ukrainian drone on Tuesday.

Sri Lanka's trade unions hold nationwide strike

Colombo, Mar 01 (PTI):

The one-day token strike organised by Sri Lanka's trade unions on Wednesday to protest the government's massive tax and utility rate hikes has brought daily life in the crisis-hit island nation to a grinding halt and disrupted services in key sectors like airports, ports and banking.

The trade unions belonging to various sectors called the strike after defying an essential services order issued by President Ranil Wickremesinghe and urged his government to withdraw its tax hikes.

In January, President Wickremesinghe, who is also the country's finance minister, hiked corporate taxes to 30 per cent from 24 per cent, after raising VAT (Value Added Tax) to 15 per cent last year.

The Sri Lankan government introduced tax hikes with effect from

January widely believed to be on demand by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

"We have launched the strike from 7 am today to 7 am tomorrow. We won't accept the essential services order. This is an action to highlight our

hardships with tax increases," Niroshan Gorakanage, a port trade union leader, told PTI. He said the eight ships that were set to arrive on Wednesday and ships that were scheduled to leave the Colombo port were hit by the strike.

Channa Dissanayake, a bank employees trade union official said work in the two state banks, including the Central Bank of Sri Lanka have been curtailed on Wednesday. Joseph Stalin, the teacher's trade union spokesman said

teachers were wearing black armbands to work to protest the government's move.

Charuka Ilangasinha of the University teachers federation said the strike would be resorted to until the government rolled back the tax hikes.

PORT WORKERS PROTEST



Sri Lankan port workers protesting against the newly increased income tax block traffic during their lunch break outside the entrance to the port in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Wednesday, March 1.

Pakistan's top court orders elections in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa within 90 days

Islamabad, Mar 01 (PTI):

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Wednesday ordered the election commission to hold elections in the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces within the 90-day period as mandated by the Constitution.

The Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assemblies were dissolved on January 14 and 18, respectively by the Imran Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party as part of its bid to force early general elections in the country.

The court launched suo motu proceedings last week regarding the delay in the announcement of a date for elections in the two provinces.

A five-member bench

headed by chief justice Umar Ata Bandial issued the split decision, passed by a majority of three, with two judges expressing reservations over the admissibility of suo motu action by the top court.

The decision paved the way for elections in the two provinces, currently run by interim governments. The respective governors, empowered to set the election dates, have demurred, apparently due to political reasons.

The court also ruled that President Arif Alvi's orders to hold elections on April 9 will be binding on the Punjab assembly but not on the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assembly, as the latter was dissolved by the governor, while the former was not.

"If the governor dis-

solved the assembly, then the governor will announce the election date," ruled the apex court.

The top court ordered the governor of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province to announce the date for provincial elections. It also ruled that the president and the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) should declare Punjab's polls scheduled after consultation.

The bench concluded the case on Tuesday after hearing all parties, including the lawyers of counsels of the ruling coalition, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), the president, and

others.

The ruling by the court is a moral victory for the Imran Khan-led PTI which had demanded early elections. To put pressure on the coalition government in Islamabad, Khan, the former prime minister, whose party was in power in Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, dissolved the two assemblies.

As the federal government miserably failed to improve the economic situation, it is feared that an early election would only benefit Khan, who was ousted as Prime Minister in April last year.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE FOR ENGINEERING WORKS

(1) Tender Notice No.: E-R-T-72-22-23, Date: 27.02.2023.
 Name of Work: (i) Construction of RUB on Km 785/23-25 in lieu of LC No. 394 (Khapri Gate) in between Hathband - Tada section in Howrah - Mumbai main line (By Box Pushing Method), (ii) Construction of RUB on Km 807/7-9 in lieu of manged LC No. 406 between Silyari - Mandhar section in Howrah - Mumbai main line (By Box Pushing Method). Tender Value: ₹ 17,57,97,892/- EMD: ₹ 10,29,000/-

(2) Tender Notice No.: E-R-T-73-22-23, Date: 27.02.2023.
 Name of Work: Improvement of under ground sewer drainage behind second class waiting hall and circulating area of Raipur Station. Tender Value: ₹ 21,44,619/- EMD: ₹ 42,900/-

(3) Tender Notice No.: E-R-T-74-22-23, Date: 27.02.2023.
 Name of Work: Widening of side slope, improvement of retaining wall and raising of side drain wall at Km. 938/4 to 939/3 and 945/0 to 945/5 in Durg - Dalirajhara section. Tender Value: ₹ 1,46,55,471/- EMD: ₹ 2,23,500/-

Submission of Tender : Upto 11.00 hours on 31.03.2023.
 Opening of Tender: 11.00 hours on 31.03.2023

For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Sr. Divisional Engineer (Co.)/South East Central Railway, Raipur or refer/download tender document which is available on our website: www.ireps.gov.in

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क्र. 51/न.पा.नि./जल विभाग/2022-23 दिनांक 01/03/2023
 निविदा के माध्यम से अतिरिक्त विद्युत कार्य हेतु मनुष्यल निविदा विभाग 22.03.2023 को सार्व 5:30 बजे तक स्वीकृत पोस्ट से आर्नाईज्ड की जाती है :-

क्र.	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलन राशि (लाखों में)
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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN, RAIPUR (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
 eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
(2nd Call)

System Tender No. : 125766/NIT No. : 09/SAC/2022-23, Kasdol, Dated : 27.02.2023
 Online Tenders are Invited for The Following Works up to 16.03.2023 at 17:30 Hour (IST) :-

Name of Work: RENOVATION OF HEAD WORK, WASTE WEIR, HEAD SLUICE, REMODELLING AND C.C.LINING OF R.B.C. FROM R.D.0 TO 1590 M, L.B.C. FROM R.D.0 TO 1590 M, CONSTRUCTION OF 01 NO. SUPER PASSAGE, 05 NOV.R.B., 10 NO OUTLETS ON R.B.C. AND CONSTRUCTION OF 04 NO. V.R.B., 10 NO OUTLETS ON L.B.C. OF TITHIDIH TANK SCHEME OF SIMGA BLOCK OF BALODAMPARA - BHATAPARA DISTRICT.

Probable Amount of Contract - Rs. 226.16 Lakhs
 (As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 22.08.2022))

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 06.03.2023, 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 Construction Division, Kasdol
 for, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godawari Basin
 Water Resources Department, Raipur (C.G.)
 G-98946/2

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR
 (TELEPHONE NO. 07752-241232, FAX NOS. 241031,241040)

Tender Notice
 Bilaspur, Dated 28/02/2023
 No. 2563/PRO-2023

Chhattisgarh State Judicial Academy under the aegis of High Court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur invites tender for providing catering services at Chhattisgarh State Judicial Academy during the training period and workshops.

Interested Parties may view detailed terms and conditions from the website viz. highcourt.cg.gov.in and submit Physical documents in the receipt section of High Court of Chhattisgarh accordingly.

1)- Documents Download start date - 01/03/2023
 2)- Last date of submission of Physical documents - 31/03/2023

(ARVIND KUMAR VERMA)
 REGISTRAR GENERAL
 G-98971/1

NMDC Limited
 (A Government of India Enterprise)
 Khanji Bhawan, 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500028 (CN) - L13100TG1858Q1001674

CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT
 Tender Enquiry No: HO (Contracts)/DMP/BUSES/2023/167 Dtd. 01.03.2023
 NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Gov. of India, invites **open bids** through GEM Portal from experienced domestic bidders for "Hiring of 03 Nos. (52-Seater Buses & 1 No. (24-Seater) Bus for a period of 2 years at Diamond Mining Project, Majhgawan, Panna".

The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and / or downloaded from 01.03.2023 to 16.03.2023 from following website links:
 1. NMDC website <http://www.nmdc.co.in>
 2. Central Public Procurement portal (CPP PORTAL) <http://www.eprocure.gov.in/republish/app> and
 3. GeM Portal - <http://mkt.gem.gov.in/registration/signup#seller> and search the Bid Number: - GEM/2023/B/3205206 dated 01.03.2023.

For further help refer to seller-registration-pre-requisites-v1.2 on GeM Portal. The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through GeM Portal only. The details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT. The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website/CPP Portal/GeM website for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

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B.	Anaesthesia Department	1. Post Doctoral Fellowship in Neuro Anaesthesia	MD/Diploma in Anaesthesia	1yr	08
		2. Fellowship in Critical Care Medicine	MD General medicine or MD Chest medicine or MD Anaesthesia DTCT of DA	1yr	08
		3. Fellowship in Pediatric Anaesthesia	MD/DNB in Anesthesiology	1yr	08
		4. Fellowship in Pain Medicine	MD/DNB in Anaesthesia / palliative Medicine	1yr	04

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KGF in Odisha

The surveys of the Directorate of Mines and Geological Survey of India (GSI) reveal the presence of gold reserves in three districts, including Deogarh, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj. The gold reserves were found in four different places in Keonjhar and four places in Mayurbhanj along with one location in Deogarh. These areas include Dimerimunda, Kushakala, Gotipur, Gopur, Joshipur, Suriaguda, Ruansila, Dhushura hill and Adas. The first surveys in the area were conducted in the 1970s and the 1980s, but the findings of the surveys had not been published. A new survey of the area was conducted by the GSI over the last two years. In Mayurbhanj district, Jashipur, Saraguda, Ruansi, Idelkucha, Badampahar and Suleipat (Dhusura Hill) were found to have reserves of gold. In the Idellucha-Maredi-Badampahar area, the survey found 0.1-2.6 gram of gold per 1 tonne of auriferous lode (rocks containing the metal). In Suleipat, the Mines and Geology Directorate detected 0.1 – 0.8 gram of gold per 1 tonne of rock spread across 2.3 km in conglomerate horizon of Dhusura Hill in 1970-71. Similarly, in Deogarh district's Adas, 1,685 kg of gold was detected in copper ore. Along with gold, 6.67 million tonne copper, 0.638 million tonne silver and 0.10 million tonne nickel were found in the area. In Keonjhar district, areas like Gopur, Gajipur, Kusakala, Adal and Saleikana, Dimerimunda and Karadanga of Telkoi were found to be in possession of the precious metal reserves. Between 1977 and 1983, geologists found 1 gram of gold per tonne in two quartz veins in Telkoi tehsil. In Gopur, a 60-metre-long and 1-metre-wide quartz vein contained 2.5-10 gram of gold per tonne. Currently, India has three working gold mines in the country – Hutti and Uti mines in Karnataka and the Hirabuddini mines in Jharkhand. At present, Hutti in Raichur district is the biggest gold mine in India. The gold in Kolar Gold Fields has almost been exhausted or is of low grade. Gold is also produced in Bellara in Tumakuru district and Ajjanahalli near Sirsa. India's gold production is around 1.6 tonnes a year, compared to the 774 tonnes a year of gold that it consumes. Amid rising demand and prices of the precious metal, the Centre wants to increase gold production in the country. Last year, NITI Aayog conducted an extensive study to identify potential gold mines in the country. Currently, India's gold reserves stand at a total of 70.1t (17.2Mt at 4.1g/t), according to data from the Ministry of Mines. The large extent of reserves is located in South India, with 88 percent of reserves located in Karnataka alone. The World Gold Council in a report last year had stated that India could ramp up its gold production to as much as 20 tonnes a year over the long term through improvements in mining infrastructure, as well as regulatory reforms.

CROWN PRINCESS OF DENMARK



Crown Princess of Denmark Mary Elizabeth arrives to participate in the 25th anniversary celebrations of pump manufacturer Grundfos, in Chennai, Wednesday, March 1.

Urban 20: Creating collaborative cities for a galvanised global order



HARDEEP PURI



The inaugural event of the Urban 20 Engagement Group was held in Ahmedabad on 9-10 February 2023. Urban 20, or U20, is among the most influential city-level diplomacy initiatives held annually. Receiving participation from Mayors and designated 'City Sherpas' from the G20 cohort, the deliberations at U20 inform G20 negotiations and are integral to the broader discourse around urban development. The inaugural meeting was attended by more than 70 delegates from 42 cities – the largest recorded attendance since the inception of U20! It is fitting that India is anchoring the discourse on urbanisation and urban dynamics this year. Under the Modi government, India has increasingly led action on issues of global governance. One such success story has been the transformation of our urban areas which has now become a blueprint for other countries to learn from, particularly in the Global South. This year's U20 aims to shed light on the powerful implications that policies and practices adopted by cities have on global agendas of development. The inaugural meeting built on these themes by foregrounding the role of cities in economic prosperity and ecological harmony. Significant progress was made on develop-

ing a consensus around the six priority areas identified. The highest emphasis was given to the urgency of adopting environmentally responsible behaviours to reduce our carbon footprint. Secondly, conserving water resources and providing equitable access to water assumed greater salience. Thirdly, there was acceptance that climate financing needed to be accelerated as we seek to retrofit legacy infrastructure. Fourth, it became imperative that we rethink regulatory and governance frameworks in order to achieve strategic targets. Fifth, the popular demand to promote local identities of cities to animate civic society was recognised. Lastly, it was deemed essential to democratise processes that champion the use of technology and data. City representatives expressed their solidarity in taking forward this collaborative agenda. This sixth edition of the U20 has morphed into a platform that aims to equip city governments to close the gap between policy and practice by translating deliberations on urban governance into on-ground solutions. As 'Chair City' of the U20, Ahmedabad led by example as it expounded on the innovations adopted in developing the Sabarmati riverfront as well as the key features of its affordable housing policy and her-

itage management plan, among other reforms.

Ahmedabad encapsulates the spirit of citizen-oriented rejuvenation that India has embarked upon. In the last nine years, the Modi government has undertaken the largest planned urbanisation programme in the world, based on cooperative and competitive federalism; universalisation and saturation of basic services; technological innovation; economic opportunity; and a rural-urban continuum. Our urban transport policies are designed to fulfil the commitments of the Paris Agreement by adding green mobility options to India's urban landscape. Various transformative urban missions have resulted in Indian cities poised to help the country achieve its economic and SDG targets.

It is widely acknowledged that the onus of achieving SDG targets will lie with cities. In the case of India—which will have more than 600 million people residing in its cities by 2030—I have often said that "if India succeeds, the SDGs will succeed; and for the SDGs to succeed, India must succeed." I have no doubt that India will succeed, and in doing so, shall show the rest of the world how developing economies can tackle global challenges. The proof of our urban capabilities lies in the way we overcame the pandemic despite the fact that our populous cities were severely affected. Through measures such as decentralised healthcare, direct cash transfers, universal service delivery and affordable rental housing, India demonstrated a governance approach that not only received global adulation, but also led to recent calls for replication. At a time when the world is beset with geopolitical

conflict, financial uncertainty and climatic stress, it is imperative that we coordinate and calibrate policy response from the lowest local level to the highest global gathering. As the oldest and largest democracy, it is in the Indian DNA to gain consensus among diverse opinions. It is from this ethos that the theme of this year's G20 summit emanates: 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – One Earth. One Family. One Future.'

G20 2023 has the potential to be the crucible from which a framework for mutually beneficial and sustainable international economic cooperation will emerge. I believe U20 Ahmedabad will be the vanguard for this spirit of collective action to take shape among our cities. With continuous guidance from the G20 Secretariat, the National Institute of Urban Affairs which is the U20 Technical Secretariat, and knowledge partners from across the globe, I am convinced that Ahmedabad's stewardship will enhance the impact of this sixth edition of U20.

I commend the City Sherpas who made meaningful contributions to the inaugural U20 event. I hope Mayors, Sherpas and representatives from cities will continue to participate in the 2023 U20 cycle leading up to the Mayoral Summit in July. As we pursue the shared goal of a prosperous and sustainable world, this sixth edition of the U20 has the unique opportunity to build a roadmap that can inform urban policies for years to come.

(Writer is Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, and Petroleum and Natural Gas in the Government of India.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congress' stake

'Congress prepares for 2024' and 'Challenge for Congress to reinvent itself' are in themselves a realistic summing up of the potential ifs and buts that foretell the party's stake and stock in the 2024 General Election. The electoral challenge boils down to the simple fact that the seemingly insurmountable BJP citadel can be conquered only if the Congress awakens to the realities of the national political ground realities and readies itself to play a constructive role as one among equals. The Opposition parties' call demands the Congress-glue to remain united in the face of the NDA's brutal onslaught, provided the Congress readies itself for politics of adjustment.

DV Sharma, Mukerian

Question BJP, too

Why is the Congress alone under media scrutiny, and not the BJP? What is the party agenda; what are its leadership and organisational plans; who would be the prime ministerial candidate, etc., these are part of the war plans and tactics of the Congress. Has the media questioned the Prime Minister in connection with Adani? Those who criticise the PM and his policies are arrested to create terror. Is it not undeclared emergency? Why is the PM not refuting the allegations which Rahul Gandhi has levelled in Parliament? These are very serious questions of public concern which the media must ask. What is Congress strategy and how strong and popular PM Modi is, only elections will tell. The BJP has conducted many fouls of serious nature, but since it has captive umpires who ignore the fouls, no one can stop it. The media must rise to the occasion and question the government on its various failures and favours.

Capt Amar Jeet (Retd), Kharar

India must do its bit

New Delhi should act as a Good Samaritan by negotiating a peace agreement between Russia and Ukraine. Although India has frequently abstained itself from casting a vote in the UNGA and in the UNSC against Russia's invasion, it has been vocal in highlighting the importance of the UN Charter, international law and respect for the territorial integrity of states. At least 8,000 non-combatants have been killed since the invasion last year. Nearly 18 million people are in dire need of humanitarian assistance, with 14 million people displaced from their homes. Building stronger ties with Russia without hurting the sentiments of the West has always been a challenge part for our foreign policy. Since India can ill afford to hamper its diplomatic ties with none of the two powerful blocs with whom it shares vested interests, it will be intriguing to see how PM Modi convinces the Russian President for an armistice.

Tushar Anand, Patna

Pakistan-terrorism and its present woes

Pakistan is no longer a reliable partner in any forum, and this is beyond dispute. It led the United States astray in its fight against terrorism following the worst terrorist attack on American soil on September 11, 2001. The USA hunted in the wilderness for OBL in the mountainous terrain of Afghanistan, but ultimately the number one declared enemy of the USA was found nowhere else but in Pakistan, just adjacent to the military cantonment area of Abbottabad. The same is true of India, which has repeatedly extended a hand of friendship to Pakistan but has been turned down each time. Our PM Vajpayee's historic Lahore Bus Yatra was followed by the Kargil war, and PM Modi's friendship visit to Pakistan was returned by the Pathankot Airbase and the Uri terrorist attacks. Pakistan is the hub of Global Terrorism and state-sponsored terrorism is its official policy. Instead of focusing on its economy and development, it was busy in breeding terrorists. The present GoI took the decisive historic decision that "talks and terrorism cannot go together." Since then, the Indian strategy has taken a U-turn; whenever Pakistan provoked, it received an appropriate response immediately; the Uri attack was followed by surgical strikes, and the Pulwama attack prompted retaliation in the form of the Balakot operation. India revoked Pakistan's MFN status and imposed a 200% customs duty on Pakistani goods. The net result is for everyone to see: a failed country begging for help, but nobody is ready to bail out Pakistan this time, be it the IMF, the World Bank, the USA, or other Islamic countries. India is also in no mood to help Pakistan without action on terrorism, all perpetrators of terrorism are roaming free in Pakistan while the victims are still waiting for justice in India. Dossier after dossier from India had no effect as Pakistan shamelessly brazened out all pieces of evidence with one line, there is not enough evidence; provide more. 'Talks and terrorism cannot go together' was the old slogan, the latest is "Terrorism and financial help cannot go together." For the last four years, Pakistan has been on the Grey List of FATF (Financial Action Task Force), the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog. While India has become the fifth biggest economy in the world and has cordial relations with all other neighbours, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives, a global power to reckon with G-20 Presidency and on other hand is Pakistan, a failed state. But it is still parroting Kashmir at the UN and fomenting trouble in our Kashmir. The manifestations of a nuclear Pakistan are not going to end soon. Pakistan has learned no lessons from its miserable condition, as no democratically elected Government has completed its tenure in Pakistan and the misadventures of its army have landed them in a no-return situation. Least development, nearly Rs 300 for a dollar currency, no wheat to feed its people, commodity prices that are out of reach for the average person, and no money to pay interest on international debt. It's time up for Pakistan now, and taking corrective measures is the only option left.

Ukraine war: why Russia has had such a disastrous 12 months

Frank Ledwidge

When Russia's ramshackle armies trundled into Ukraine a year ago, very few gave the defenders a chance. After all, they'd spent eight years unsuccessfully trying to fight off pro-Russian separatists (heavily backed by Moscow) in the east of their country. Meanwhile Russia had been ostentatiously developing and modernising its armed forces and using them with decisive effect in Syria. Analysts focused on Russia's supposed "hybrid" "approach to war" had failed to appreciate two things. First, shiny gear and buzzwords does not an army make. Second, a nation in arms, united, motivated and well led makes a very formidable opponent. Russian forces looked good on parade but, behind the paint and uniforms, the military was corroded by corruption, graft and inefficiency. The men manning its modern equipment were led by gener-

als who had failed to obey the essential precept that planning and preparation prevents poor performance. Troops were not trained properly, or at all, and had little or no idea of what they required to do.

Such planning should and does involve a deep appreciation of the environment into which they are about to plunge this is called "intelligence preparation of the battlefield". By the way, while western generals might sagely comment on these matters, they made exactly the same mistakes in their disastrous wars in the Middle East and Afghanistan. The signs were there early on, when units of Russia's elite airborne troops were annihilated at Hostomel airfield near Kyiv. It took a just month for Russia's chaotic and ramshackle columns to be thrown back from Kyiv. A highly regarded Russian tank brigade was defeated by a Ukrainian armoured unit a tenth of its size at the battle of Chernihiv

just one of several embarrassing defeats for Moscow's war machine.

All at sea (and in the air)

Ukrainian air defences were as well organised and prepared as the Russian air force was inadequate in all respects. They dispersed their assets, ensuring the survival both of most of its aircraft and vitally intact and superbly efficient ground based air defence system. This continues to defend Ukraine with panache. Ukrainian airspace is denied to Russian aircraft, with the area above the battlefield an aerial no man's land where only drones venture. Russia continues to conduct a failing strategic air campaign against Ukrainian civilian targets from aircraft flying deep inside Russian territory.

Even inside Russia, at its most vital and secure bases, Ukrainian drone attacks have forced Russia's most capable bombers to seek safety. In the maritime domain, Ukraine didn't just manage to sink

the flagship of Russia's Black Sea Fleet. It was also able to retake Snake Island, which is not only an iconic symbol of Ukrainian resistance, but a vital asset in the battle for the western Black Sea.

Russian ships venture out now rarely, and usually only to fire their cruise missiles at civilian targets before scurrying back to ports that find themselves under Ukrainian attack.

What to expect

Having won the battle of Kherson and retaken a poorly defended Kharkiv region in a lightning assault, the lines have been drawn for the next, and decisive stage. The war has for now devolved into a first world war-style sloggy match, where artillery dominates. Russia is now capitalising on its only advantage: sheer numbers of largely poorly trained troops and mercenaries. It has been said that quantity has a quality all its own, but in modern

warfare there are serious limits to the validity of that axiom. It is true only if that quantity can be protected by some form of armoured mobility and protection (apart from deep trench systems) on a battlefield saturated by artillery. Western assistance has been vital and will be critical in two major respects. First, Ukraine needs to strengthen its air and ground defences and reconstitute them along higher-quality Nato lines. Nato and other western tanks, missiles and especially precision gun and rocket systems like the brutally effective HIMARS, have allowed Ukraine to counter Russian advantages in artillery. Second, as Ukraine has taken fearful casualties including and especially in its most experienced units, training will become more and more vital. As Russia discovered early in the war, equipment is of little use unless troops have been properly trained to use it.

BRIEF

Enterprise development



Gangtok: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said Sikkim has risen beyond tourism, and stepped into the world of 'with some of its organic products making their mark in the global market. Addressing a programme organised by NABARD and the banks in the state at the Chintan Bhawan here, she lauded the sustainable growth in various sectors of Sikkim's economy, stating that it remained understated despite the efficacy. "The ready-for-market products with high standards displayed at the stalls in MG Marg reflect the grit and resilience of the local producers of the state," Sitharaman said.

Telecom bill



New Delhi: The telecom bill will drive significant reforms in the areas of spectrum, licences and regulations, and the government is hopeful of getting the legislation passed in the monsoon session of the Parliament, Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. The government is looking at the inputs it received after circulating the first draft of the bill, and the second draft is currently in the works. "Our next major target is getting the telecom bill passed in the coming monsoon session. And that will lead to a major series of reforms in terms of spectrum, licences, regulation, there will be significant reform because of the telecom bill," the minister said. The government is working on the inputs received from various ministries, industry participants, global bodies, and other regulators such as TRAI and CCL.

Tech sector

Mumbai: The Indian technology industry is set to grow by 8.4 per cent in FY23 to become a USD 245 billion sector, Nasscom said on Wednesday. The sector had revenues of USD 226 billion in FY22, the industry lobby said in its strategic review. The cross currency headwinds have shaved off over 2 per cent of the revenue growth. Nasscom president Debjani Ghosh said it will be difficult to make a prediction for revenue growth in FY24, but pointed to a chief executives' survey which said they are "cautiously optimistic" about the new fiscal. The sector added 2.90 lakh new jobs to take the overall number to 54 lakh employees in the sector. The top-five companies have a strong deal pipeline of USD 18 billion, but there are a slew of headwinds the sector is staring at, Ghosh told reporters.

GST collection rises 12 pc to Rs 1.49 lakh crore in February

On buoyant economic activities

New Delhi, Mar 01:

Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections rose 12 per cent to more than Rs 1.49 lakh crore in February as domestic economic activities and consumer spending on high-end goods gained momentum. However, the collections are lower than January mop up of Rs 1.58 lakh crore, which was also the second highest monthly revenue figure since the rollout of GST on July 1, 2017. "Rs 1,49,577 crore gross GST revenue collected in February 2023; 12 per cent higher than GST revenue in same month last year," the finance ministry said in a statement on Wednesday. Generally, February being a 28-day month, witnesses a relatively lower collection of GST revenue, the ministry said.



During the month, revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) were 15 per cent higher while revenues from import of goods was 6 per cent higher compared to the same month last year. KPMG in India Partner, Indirect Tax, Abhishek Jain said this indicates a growing self reliance within the domestic market and is a positive sign for the Indian economy. As per the ministry data, out of the gross GST revenue, Central GST was Rs 27,662 crore, State GST was Rs 34,915 crore, Integrated GST was Rs 75,069 crore (including Rs 35,689 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess was Rs 11,931 crore (including Rs 792 crore collected on import of goods). The cess collection of Rs 11,931 crore was the highest since implementation of GST. AMRG & Associates Senior Partner

Rajat Mohan said enforcement action by tax authorities against pan masala and tobacco manufacturers in the past few months could have led to higher collection of taxes and thus contributed to the cess pool. "Indian automakers reported solid domestic sales for vehicles which also fuelled collection of compensation cess during February," Mohan said. ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said the sequential dip in the GST collections in February 2023 is partly on account of the boost to the January figure from the quarter-ending inflows for the month of December, which were remitted in the following month.

Akasa Air to place order for fleet of aircraft in 'three digits'

Bengaluru, Mar 01:

Akasa Air is going to place an order for a fleet of aircraft which will be in three digits by the year-end, the company said on Wednesday. The company's founder and Chief Executive Officer, Vinay Dube said it plans to go international by the year-end and intends to set up a learning academy in Bengaluru.

He also said Akasa has already ordered a fleet of 72 aircraft of which 18 have been delivered. "By the end of the year we will place a large order for aircraft. I'm not going to disclose the number but the order will be in three digits and it will be significant," Dube said in a press conference here. In the next one year, Akasa is going to hire 300 pilots,



Founder & CEO, Akasa Air, Vinay Dube holds a model of an aircraft during a press conference after completing six month of operations, in Bengaluru, Wednesday, March 1.

Dube said, adding that the company is also going to open a learning centre in Bengaluru. According to him, Akasa Air will need at least 3,500 pilots in the next one decade.

Bill Gates praises India's connectivity infrastructure, digital networks

New Delhi, Mar 01:

Billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates on Wednesday said India has "great" digital network and high levels of smartphone usage with "very good" connectivity and added this will be the cheapest 5G market.

Under the G20 presidency of India, a session on 'Building resilient and inclusive economies- the Promise of Digital Public Infrastructure' was held on Wednesday in New Delhi. Microsoft co-founder Gates, who addressed the session, appreciated India's competitive private market, reliable and low-cost connectivity, and went on to say this will be the cheapest 5G market. India has great digital network and very high percentage



Industrialist Ratan Tata and Tata Sons Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran in a meeting with Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates.

of people using smartphones, he noted. Telecom and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw termed 2023 a landmark year, and said the digital technology has come of age. Artificial intelligence, 5G and quantum computing have matured to become mainstream technology. India has created unique framework for digital economy that focuses on making a difference in people's lives, the minister said.

Petrol, diesel sales surge

New Delhi, Mar 01:

India's fuel demand witnessed the sharpest rebound in February as petrol and diesel consumption rose by double digits after a winter lull in the previous month, preliminary industry data showed on Wednesday.

Petrol sales of state-owned fuel retailers jumped 12 per cent to 2.57 million tonne in February, as compared to 2.29 million tonne of consumption in the same period of last year.

Sales were 1.57 per cent higher than in COVID-marred February 2021 and 20 per cent more than in the same period of 2020. Month-on-month, the demand was up 13.5 per cent, reversing the dip in the previous month. Sales had fallen 5.1 per cent month-on-month in January as cold conditions cut vehicular movement.

Need to shift to profit model through enhancing R&D capacities in pharma sector: Mandaviya

New Delhi, Mar 01:

There is a need to shift to a profit model through enhancing research and development capabilities in the pharmaceutical sector, chemicals & fertilizers minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Wednesday.

The minister, who chaired the first ever governing council meeting of the National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs), emphasised on the importance of research and innovation for the growth of the pharma industry.

"Research and innovation are necessary for the sustained growth of the pharmaceuticals sector. Our focus must shift from self-sustenance model to profit model through ex-



panding research base, creating industry connect and ramping up infrastructure," Mandaviya said in an official statement.

The expertise of human resources must be utilised along with implementation of best practices from other institutions, he said. "Only then will we be able to make NIPERs as the centre for high quality research and create a fundamental base for pharmaceutical innovation in the country," the minister stated.

Markets bounce back after 8 days of fall; end nearly 1 pc higher

Mumbai, Mar 01:

Stock market benchmarks ended nearly 1 per cent higher on Wednesday, halting their eight days of decline, amid gains in Asian and European equity exchanges. The BSE Sensex advanced 448.96 points or 0.76 per cent to settle at 59,411.08 after a positive beginning. During the day, it jumped 513.33 points or 0.87 per cent to 59,475.45. The NSE Nifty climbed 146.95 points or 0.85 per cent to end at 17,450.90. In the past eight days, the BSE benchmark had tumbled 2,357.39 points or 3.84 per cent, and the Nifty declined 731.9 points or 4.22 per cent. "Markets started the March month on a positive note and gained nearly a per cent, taking a breather after the recent fall. After



the initial uptick, the Nifty index traded in a narrow range for most of the session but buying in select heavyweights kept the tone positive. On the sectoral front, recovery in the IT and metal pack combined with continued resilience in banking played a crucial role. Besides, recovery on the broader front further added to the buoyancy," Ajit Mishra, VP - Technical Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said.

Rupee gains 8 paise to close at 82.50 against US dollar

New Delhi, Mar 01:

The rupee appreciated by 8 paise to close at 82.50 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, as a positive trend in domestic equities and easing crude oil prices supported investor sentiments. At the inter-bank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.48 against the American currency and finally settled at 82.50 (provisional) against the greenback, registering a gain of 8 paise over its previous close of 82.58. During the trading session, the rupee touched a high of 82.36 and a low of 82.61 against the dollar. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.39 per cent to 104.45. Global oil benchmark



Brent crude futures declined 0.41 per cent to USD 83.11 per barrel. Rupee traded strong as the dollar faced hurdles near 105 along. Moreover, weakness in crude oil prices also supported the local unit, with WTI taking resistance at USD 77 per barrel, said Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst at LKP Securities.

Moody's ups India's growth projection for 2023 to 5.5% on higher capex Budget

New Delhi, Mar 01:

Moody's Investors Service on Wednesday raised India's economic growth estimate for 2023 to 5.5 per cent from 4.8 per cent pegged earlier, on the back of a sharp increase in capital expenditure in the Budget and a resilient economic momentum. It however revised downwards India's growth estimate for 2022 to 6.8 per cent from 7 per cent pegged in November last year. In its February update to Global Macro Outlook 2023-24, Moody's raised the baseline 2023 real growth projections "meaningfully" for several G20 economies, including the US, Canada,

the Euro area, India, Russia, Mexico, and Turkiye, accounting for a stronger end to 2022.

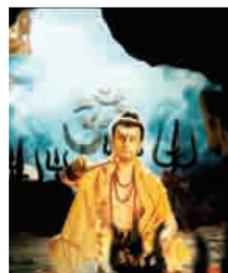
"In the case of India, the upward revisions additionally incorporate the sharp increase in capital expenditure budget allocation to Rs 10 trillion (3.3 per cent of GDP) for fiscal year 2023-24, up from Rs 7.5 trillion for the fiscal year ending in March 2023," Moody's said while projecting a 70 basis points increase in 2023 real GDP growth at 5.5 per cent and 2024 growth at 6.5 per cent. It said India's growth projection has been "meaningfully raised" as strong data in the second half of 2022 created large carry-over effects for 2023.

JetSynthesys' Global Music Junction presents 'Mahamrutunjay Mantra'

Mumbai, Mar 01:

On the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri, Padmashri Sonu Nigam's I Believe Music along with Global Music Junction - the digital entertainment arm of JetSynthesys launched the music video for Mahamrutunjay Mantra.

The audience will get a chance to immerse in this powerful chanting performed by the legendary Sonu Nigam accompanied by the dynamic visuals in the video. Considered a 'moksha' mantra that grants immortality and longevity, it is believed to have a positive and a profound effect on one's mental, emotional, and physical health.



Talking about the music video, Sonu Nigam says, "There are many Mahamrutunjoya Mantra recitals in the market, but I haven't heard a complete and full version of it yet. I did some research on this subject and learnt that the mantra is incomplete without the second part which I have included in

my version. I have recited this Mahamrutunjoya Mantra in its correct notations & pronunciations, as originally stated by our ancient Rishi's. The ambience created by this full version is beyond imagination."

Commenting on the launch, Rajan Navani, Founder and CEO, JetSynthesys said, "We are excited to launch another collaboration with Sonu Nigam's I Believe Music. The wonderful success of the Hanuman Chalisa has encouraged us to bring in more such immersive experiences for our listeners and we hope the audience will respond favourably to the Mahamrutunjoya Mantra as well."

Nuvovo launches campaign for Duraguard cement franchisee

Mumbai, Mar 01:

Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., India's fifth-largest cement group and the leading cement player in East India in terms of capacity, has launched an integrated marketing campaign across the country with a key focus on northern India. This campaign aims to further strengthen the consumer connect with Duraguard Franchise, which has several unique selling propositions. This Duraguard Franchise includes India's first and only Microfiber Cement, Void Reduction Technology Cement, Superset Technology Cement and Foundation to Finish Cement. This wide and differentiated range is aimed at meeting the construction requirements of the discerning customer. The campaign is spread across the key regions of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh,

Punjab and Madhya Pradesh. The campaign consists of a series of short films showcasing this franchisee's unique properties. During this campaign, the company hopes to inspire customers to make better and more informed decisions about building their dream homes with the power of choice that the range offers. The campaign capitalizes on the differentiators and creatively incorporates humor to break the monotony in the commodity advertising space. Ms. Madhumita Basu - Chief Strategy and Marketing Officer, Nuvoco, commenting on the launch, said, "Our commitment has always been towards building a portfolio of innovative and sustainable products backed by robust research and innovations. Historically, the cement business has attempted to amplify the generic benefits of product such as strength and size.

Savlon Swasth India announces Sachin Tendulkar as 'Hand Ambassador'

Mumbai, Mar 01:

In a unique move, Savlon Swasth India Mission unveiled the World's first 'Hand Ambassador' with one of the greatest cricketers of all time, Sachin Tendulkar. Globally revered for his immense contribution to the cricketing world, the Master Blaster, has inspired generations with the many firsts in cricketing history. Now, in yet another first, he lends his priceless hands to a special cause - as a Hand Ambassador to inspire billions to practice proper handwashing. ITC's Savlon Swasth India Mission has been at the forefront, seeding behavioural change towards hand hygiene through innovative experiences and initiatives. Preventable infections create a huge economic burden on our country and regular



handwashing is one of the simplest, most effective ways to stop the spread of diseases. With Sachin Tendulkar as the First Ever Hand Ambassador, Savlon Swasth India Mission goes even further in its journey to develop the culture of hand hygiene for a healthier nation. Sameer Satpathy, Divisional Chief Executive, Personal Care Products Business, ITC Limited, said, "Washing hands with soap or handwash is a critical part of everyday hy-

giene, which helps us maintain overall health. This needs continuous emphasis and engagement to build a healthy habit for children in particular and society at large. Savlon Swasth India Mission has been at the forefront of enabling this behavioral change in hand hygiene. We are very happy to have Sachin on board, who himself has been a strong advocate of this practice as the 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon Swasth India Mission"

TKM partners with Indian Bank to offer attractive financing scheme

Bangalore, Mar 01:

In its pursuit to enhance customer experience and enable easy ownership process, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Indian Bank, one of India's leading nationalised banks, to offer exciting vehicle financing options to all.

The new tie-up will offer innovative solutions that match the evolving expectations of customers, with up to 90% on-road funding, with no processing fee, foreclosure, and part-payment charges. This development will now enable customers, especially in rural and semi-urban markets, to access easier funding options to buy their favourite Toyota vehicle with ease.

Elaborating on the tie-up, Mr. Atul Sood, Vice President, Sales and Strategic Marketing, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "We are delighted to join hands with Indian Bank in line with our commitment of providing an awesome Toyota experience to all our customers."

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Rasika Dugal on 'The Broken Table': There's a wide audience for short films

Actress Rasika Dugal is known for her performance in a number of TV shows, web series, and films. Now she is seen starring in a short film 'The Broken Table' also featuring Naseeruddin Shah, who is playing Giri, a person suffering from Alzheimer's disease, to whom Rasika plays a caregiver and a budding psychologist.

The 'Mirzapur' actor said: "I am delighted that this simple yet unusual story about love and acceptance is resonating with people. I am always intrigued by the precision required for storytelling in the short film format. And I am happy that there is a wide audience for short films who are noticing and appreciating the nuances of this kind of storytelling."

Rasika was seen in TV shows such as 'Upanishad Ganga', 'Kismat', 'Devlok with Devdutt Pattanaik'. She also acted in movies like 'Anwar', 'Bombay Talkies', 'Hijack', 'Aurangzeb', and 'Lust Stories', among others. About her experience working with Naseeruddin Shah, she said: "Collaborating with Naseer Sahab again was a wonderful experience, every moment with him on set is a masterclass. His commitment to the work never ceases to amaze me and brings out the best in me as an actor." Rasika will be seen in 6 different projects this year, Supernatural Horror 'Adhura', black comedy thriller 'Lord Curzon Ki Haveli', dramedy 'Little Thomas', and the action-crime thriller 'Mirzapur 3'.

MasterChef India celebrates Holi with acclaimed Sous Chefs

This week, Sony Entertainment Television and SonyLIV's most loved culinary reality show 'MasterChef India,' will not only be colourful but will also introduce audiences to renowned Sous Chefs! The 'MasterChef' family will be celebrating Holi together by making some delectable meals and adding to the festivities, the 'Top 9' home cooks will get the chance to collaborate with Sous Chefs Shivesh Bhatia, Aanal Kotak, Depinder Chibber, Sanjana Patel, Marina Balakrishnan, Ashish Bhasin, and Chinu aka Shilarna Vaze. Judged on taste, innovation, and presentation by Chefs Garima Arora, Ranveer Brar, and Vikas Khanna - the home cooks must prepare a three-course meal with the sous chefs they have been paired with. Taking full advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity to learn from and work



alongside the sous chefs, the contestants will cook up a storm in the kitchen. Santa Sarmah from Guwahati will be working along with Chef Marina and the duo will be quite confident about the dish they will be creating. They would be making some delicious dishes like meetha & namkeen pulao with tamatar ki laungi and Kesar flavoured Chandrakala with Paan Sharbat.

Talking about the dishes, Chef Garima says, "If I get such delicious food every time during the festival of Holi, I do not mind celebrating Holi every day!"

Chef Ranveer Brar shares, "Holi is incomplete without delectable food and beverages and when we mention Holi, thandai and gujiya immediately come to mind. Staying true to the spirit of Holi, Santa Sarmah's

three-course meal was complete in all senses. I got emotional eating the dessert she made because it reminded me of home. Santa absorbed the spirit of Holi and her pairing with Chef Marina paid off!"

Talking about her experience Santa Sarmah from Guwahati shares, "It was such an honour to work alongside Chef Marina. I got to learn a lot from her, and it was a wonderful experience which will be helpful to me in future challenges too. We tried to put the best three-course meal forward. I could not have done this so precisely without her help. Holi is a special festival, and I was reminded of home when I was making the food. I tried to imbibe those emotions on the plate and that effort was what touched the judges I feel."

Will Assam's Santa Sarmah complete the task with flying colours commemorating Holi?

&TV artists prepare finest Holi delicacies

Holi, the festival of colours, symbolises the vivid and colourful spirit and great enthusiasm. People smear colours on each other's faces and indulge in delicious delicacies and beverages. This year &TV artists intend to play Holi in high spirits and prepare the finest Holi delicacies popular in their hometowns. And what's more, they reveal these secret recipes to us! These include Neha Joshi (Yashoda) from Doosri Maa, Yogesh Tripathi (Daroga Happu Singh) from Hattu ki Ultan Paltan, Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabhi) from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai. Neha Joshi, essaying



Yashoda in &TV's Doosri Maa, says, "Although I am from Maharashtra, this year my festive celebrations will be in the pink city, Jaipur."

Harshil Shah, all set to appear in Zee5 and 'Taj: Divided by Blood'

Harshil Shah from Mumbai has been an eminent name in the advertising industry and the New York theatre circuit. Now, the versatile actor shall be seen in Zee5 and Contiloe Pictures' 'Taj: Divided by Blood.'

Harshil is a trained dancer and comes with a professional degree in acting from the Mecca of acting schools - the illustrious NYU Tisch School of Arts & the globally renowned Lee Strasberg Studio. Besides being a versatile actor, he also understands the business aspect of media and comes with a professional expertise in media entertainment and



technology. Prior to 'Taj: Divided by blood,' Harshil has also worked as an assistant director on projects like 'Kedarnath' and with Rajkumar Hirani Films Pvt. Ltd. for an ad film. He has also worked with Viacom18 and has been one of the eminent faces for last year's 'Jio Dhan Dhan IPL campaign.'



Saiyami Kher: 'Ghoomer' opened my eyes in a way

I never thought could happen

Actress Saiyami Kher will be seen playing the role of a para-athlete, a cricket prodigy in R.Balki's 'Ghoomer' which is a sports drama. The actress said that it is not at all an easy role for her as although she grew up playing cricket, in this film, she has to portray a character with a disability. Saiyami said: "I play the role of a left-handed bowler in 'Ghoomer' and, for me, in real life, I am a right-handed player. I could never actually step into the shoes of a real-life para-athlete, but even the small hurdles I had to overcome being an athlete myself, reminded

me of things we take for granted." The actress, who worked in 'Mirzya', 'Unpaused', 'Special OPS' and 'Breathe: Into the Shadows', shared further how she prepared herself for playing this character on-screen physically and mentally. She said that essaying this role challenged her not only physically but also mentally. The plot of this film is inspired by the story of Karoly Takacs, the late Hungarian right-hand shooter who won two Olympic gold medals with his left hand after his other hand was seriously injured.



Khushi Dubey learnt stunts for third season of 'Aashiqana'

Actress Khushi Dubey, who plays Chikki in the third season of the web series 'Aashiqana', learnt stunts, kicks and punches for the show as the new season focuses more on action.

Elaborating on the same, the actress shared, "The audience is in for a surprise as Chikki will be seen performing stunts and action like never before in this season. There is thrice the action and drama and I am super excited. I have learnt many stunts, kicks, punches and various other moves. While it was challenging, I thoroughly enjoyed this experience. 'Aashiqana 3' is heavy on action and we are ready to bring a whole new series of twists and turns with us."

Zayn Ibad Khan and Khushi Dubey have returned for the third instalment of the show -- directed by Gul Khan -- along with Inderjeet Modi, Anurag Vyas, Raghav Tiwari and Geeta Tyagi.

Zayn, who plays Yash in the show, said: "Season 1 and 2 have set a benchmark for action sequences but Season 3 will be even better. Khushi and I are performing many action sequences together this time.

There are jump scares and hectic stunts that the audience will surely enjoy. In fact, Season 3 will have gripping power-packed stunts and more. I am excited for audience reactions and hope they enjoy this side of ACP Yash."



Shraddha Kapoor: Grateful to Mohit Suri for letting me record 'Teri Galliyan'

Bollywood actress Shraddha Kapoor recounted recording the track 'Teri Galliyan' from the 2014 film 'Ek Villain' and expressed gratitude to Mohit Suri for letting her sing the song.

Sharing her experience, she said: "Before recording the song, when we were shooting 'Aashiqui 2', I requested Mohit Suri to allow me to sing one song in the film. But he was looking for a great voice to sing for the film."

"So, one day during the filming of 'Ek Villain,' Mohit Suri called me and asked where I was going to be the next day, to which I replied, 'I will be at home only'. He immediately said, 'come to the studio let's



record the song 'Teri Galliyan'." Shraddha, who has been part of numerous movies including 'Aashiqui 2', 'Ek Villain', 'Haider', 'ABCD 2', 'Baaghi', 'Rock On 2', 'OK Jaanu', 'Half Girlfriend', and many more shared further that initially, she was nervous as she was not so prepared but Mohit trusted her and she said that this his trust became her motivation.

"I was terrified because I was not prepared. There was a scene in 'Aashiqui 2' where Arohi says, 'Muhje Nahi Hoga' before singing, and this was replicated in my real life as well because I was in the studio when Mohit sir arrived, and I was unable to record it. But this is so special to me;

had this moment not occurred in my life, I would never have sung this song."

"I believe that whoever believes in you and your abilities, and the strength we gain from them, is the most beautiful thing in life, and I am grateful to Mohit Suri for this opportunity," she added.

Shraddha along with Ranbir Kapoor graced the singing reality show 'Indian Idol 13' to promote their film 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar'. Moreover, ace singer Javed Ali also joined the panel of judges including Vishal Dadlani, Neha Kakkar, and Himesh Reshammiya as a guest judge. 'Indian Idol 13' airs on Sony Entertainment Television.

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Kuhnemann, Khawaja star in Australia's best day on tour

Indore, Mar 01 (PTI):

Matthew Kuhnemann's maiden five-wicket haul and Usman Khawaja's hard fought half-century gave Australia their best day of the tour, as they finished the first day in Indore 47 ahead of India's 109 with six wickets in hand.

On a pitch that was bare at both ends with a green patch in the middle, Rohit Sharma had no hesitation in batting after winning a toss for the first time in the series. However, with plenty of turn and variable bounce on offer, Australia's spinners Kuhnemann and Nathan Lyon bundled India out for 109 in 33.2 overs.

Trailing 0-2 in the series, Australia came out with a strong resolve and purpose to end the day at 156 for four, taking a 47-run lead. Ravindra Jadeja (4/63) took all four wickets for India including that of stand-in captain Steve Smith (26 off 38) before close of play.

Usman Khawaja (60 off 147) was the standout performer for Australia as he tackled the skillful Jadeja and R Ashwin with a straight bat and soft hands. Marnus Labuschagne (31 off 91 balls), who was bowled off



Australia's Matthew Kuhnemann (C) celebrates with teammates during the first day of the third Test cricket match between India and Australia at the Holkar Stadium in Indore on March 1.

a no ball early in his innings, rode on his luck to share a 96-run stand with Khawaja, the highest partnership of the series for the visitors. Though the usually accurate Indian spinners were not relentless with their lines and lengths, Khawaja and Labuschagne rectified the "sweeping" mistakes they made in Delhi by playing straight and trusting their defense. When India were batting, the pitch seemed

unplayable but Khawaja and Co. showed the way to the home team.

Khawaja's gritty knock also had a couple of drives on the off-side. He was also not shy of playing the reverse sweep but mostly played straight.

The southpaw hardly put a foot wrong in his crafty knock but when he did, he had to pay for it. In the 43rd over of the innings, Khawaja went for the sweep from around the

off-stump off Jadeja and ended up giving a catch at deep midwicket. Like Nagpur and Delhi, the game is set for another three-day finish and a 100-run lead on this surface will be worth gold. India were also guilty of bowling four no-balls.

Earlier, having lost seven of the batters by the end of the opening session, India could add only 25 more runs to their total with Kuhnemann ending

with career-best figures in first-class cricket.

If it wasn't for Umesh Yadav's 17 off 13 balls, India would have struggled to get past the 100-run mark. The only wicket that came India's way in the afternoon session was of Travis Head (9), who missed a straight ball from Jadeja to be adjudged lbw.

It was a sign of desperation that India exhausted two of their three views in the first 10 overs. Labuschagne got a second life when India did not review a lbw call off Ashwin.

The great Matthew Hayden on air called the black soil surface at the Holkar Stadium a day-three pitch and it sure behaved like one.

Three India batters including skipper Rohit Sharma (12), Jadeja (4) and Shreyas Iyer (0) perished while trying to attack.

Kohli looked assured in the middle before being trapped lbw by Todd Murphy towards the end of the session.

Winning the toss for the first time in the series, India expectedly decided to bat first. Shubman Gill replaced an out-of-form K L Rahul in the playing eleven while Umesh Yadav was brought in for the rested Mohammad Shami.

Teenaged Fruhvirtova, top Indian players in action at ITF Women's Open

Bengaluru, Mar 01 (PTI):

The 15-year-old Brenda Fruhvirtova, who qualified for the Australian Open main draw and is the youngest player in the top-250, will be the star attraction along with home favourites Ankita Raina and Karman Kaur Thandi when the ITF Women's Open begins here on March 6. Fruhvirtova had become the fifth-youngest qualifier in the Australian Open history. The Czech player is the younger sister of world number 54 Linda. Raina (ranked 241) and Thandi (ranked 267) will lead the Indian challenge at the KSLTA Stadium. "It was a great time for tennis fans during the (ATP) Bengaluru Open and we are ready to bring another week full of exciting tennis action with KPB Trust ITF Women's Open. This underlines the status of Bengaluru and KSLTA as one of the premier tennis destinations in the country," said KSLTA secretary Maheshwar Rao.

Former world No. 30 Misaki Doi of Japan, France's Amandine Hesse and Valentini Grammatikopoulou of Greece are among the other international players participating in the event. The main draw will begin from March 7 while the qualifying matches will be played on March 5 and 6.

Harmanpreet Kaur to lead Mumbai Indians in WPL

Mumbai, Mar 01 (PTI):

India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur was on Wednesday officially announced as the captain of the Mumbai Indians (MI) team ahead of the inaugural edition of the Women's Premier League (WPL) starting here on Saturday.

Harmanpreet, who recently became the first female player ever to complete 150 T20 Internationals during the ICC T20 World Cup 2023 in South Africa, was bought for Rs 1.8 crore by Mumbai Indians at the auction last month.

WPL will be held this month in Mumbai across two venues -- DY Patil Stadium and Brabourne Stadium.

"We are thrilled to have Harmanpreet as the captain of Mumbai Indians' first-ever women's cricket team," said team's owner Nita Ambani in a media release on Wednesday.

"As the national captain, she has led the Indian Women's team to some of their most exciting wins. With Charlotte and Jhulan's support, she (Harmanpreet) will inspire our MI women's team to play their best cricket, display a sense of pride, and bring even more glory to women in sports."

Mumbai Indians will be coached by former



England captain Charlotte Edwards and the legendary Indian fast bowler Jhulan Goswami will be the team's bowling coach and mentor. Former India player Devika Palshikar will be the batting coach, while England's Lydia Greenway will be the fielding coach.

Harmanpreet led India to the semifinals of the recently-concluded T20 World Cup, where the team crashed out after a heartbreaking loss to eventual winners Australia but not before some heroics from the India captain.

Despite suffering from a bout of sickness due to which she visited a hospital on the eve of the semifinal, Harmanpreet kept India in the contest with a fluent 34-ball 52 laced with a six and six boundaries.

She was dismissed at a crucial point during the chase as India crumbled despite being in a comfortable situation.

Dhoni an impressive captain and one of the best tacticians: Faf du Plessis



Bengaluru, Mar 01 (PTI):

Former South Africa captain Faf du Plessis believes Mahendra Singh Dhoni, among others, helped him mature as a leader, adding that the former India skipper is tactically one of the best in the business.

Du Plessis had two long stints with IPL side Chennai Super Kings -- 2011-2015 and 2018-2021 -- before he moved to

Royal Challengers Bangalore as captain last season.

Du Plessis said when he realised he was not going to be a leader like former Proteas skipper Graeme Smith or Dhoni, he decided to just be himself.

"I think what was really good for me to go through (during his career) was the conviction that I am not going to be Graeme Smith as a captain, I'm not going to be Stephen Fleming as a captain, I'm not going to be MS Dhoni as a captain."

"In order for me to be true to who I am as a person, I need to be me. Because if you're not being you, then people will see through it, maybe not when you're doing well but definitely when you are under pressure, or under-performing, the real you will reveal itself," du Plessis said in a RCB podcast. Du Plessis said during his debut season with CSK, he used to spend a lot of time with former New Zealand captain and Chennai team chief coach Stephen Fleming, just picking his brains on captaincy and trying to imbibe the nuances of leadership.

Irani Cup: Jaiswal hits brilliant double ton in ROI's 381/3

Gwalior, Mar 01 (PTI):

Yashasvi Jaiswal reaffirmed his status as the next big thing coming out of Mumbai's famed batting stable as his superlative double hundred propelled Rest of India to a commanding 381 for 3 against Madhya Pradesh on the opening day of Irani Cup, here on Wednesday.

Jaiswal's 213 off 259 balls was well complemented by opener Abhimanyu Easwaran's 154 (240 balls) after skipper Mayank Agarwal missed out on a run-feast on a batting belt.

The duo added a whopping 371 runs for the second wicket before both were dismissed in quick succession during the fog end of the day. While Easwaran reached century way before Jaiswal, the Bengal right-hander paled in comparison to Mumbai southpaw's regal shot selection and the manner in which he dominated the two MP spinners - off-break bowler Saransh Jain (0/103 in 24 overs) and left-arm spinner Kumar



Kartikeya (0/90 in 20 overs).

Both spinners failed to hit the right length throughout the day and were short on most occasions. Since they failed to stop the scoreboard from ticking, there was no pressure on batters with as many as 47 boundaries and five sixes being hit on the day. MP bowlers toiled hard but stand-in skipper Himanshu Mantri had no answer to Jaiswal, who followed up his 265 in Duleep Trophy final with a hundred in an Irani Cup game.

Jaiswal has had an underwhelming Ranji Trophy season in which he scored only 315 runs in five games with a single hundred and an average of 45, way less than his astounding career average of 81 in 15 first-class games.

Despite not being among top 50 run-getters in Ranji Trophy, Jaiswal was selected in the Rest of India squad purely because selectors and head coach Rahul Dravid believes in his ability. He is someone, who like Shubman Gill, has the po-

Brief Scores
Rest of India 381/3 in 87 overs (Yashasvi Jaiswal 213, Abhimanyu Easwaran 154, Avesh Khan 2/51) vs MP.

tential to be fast-tracked into top tier of international cricket. At this point, there might not be any vacancy in the Indian Test squad but once this World Test Championship (WTC) cycle is over, Cheteshwar Pujara could well be phased out and India wouldn't mind a dominant No. 3 in the international set-up.

The difference between Jaiswal and Easwaran was very stark. While Easwaran punished the poor deliveries, Jaiswal didn't let the good deliveries go unpunished too. Jaiswal hit 30 fours and five sixes during his innings.

There were back-foot punches, lofted shots but what stayed during the opening day's play was back-to-back boundaries off Avesh Khan just before the final hour of the day.

Bismah steps down as Pakistan women's team captain

Lahore, March 01 (PTI):

Bismah Maroof has stepped down as Pakistan women's cricket team captain, ending a nearly six-year stint of leading the side.

Maroof's last assignment as captain was the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa where the team failed to make it to the semi-final, losing three of the four group games, including a thriller against arch-rivals India.

The 31-year-old had played a pivotal role in guiding Pakistan to a competitive 149 in the T20 World Cup, remaining unbeaten at 68 runs. But India overhauled the target with six balls to spare to win by seven wickets.

The veteran batter has played 124 WODIs and 132 WT20Is so far, of which she led the team in 34 ODIs (16 wins) and 62 T20Is (27 wins). Bismah will, however, remain available for selection as a player, the



Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said in a statement on Wednesday. Bismah was named Pakistan's all-format captain in September 2017 and has had the best win-loss ratio amongst all the regular players to lead the country. Her replacement will be announced in due course, said the PCB.

"It has been an honour for me to captain my country and I feel fortunate to have led an incredible and hardworking bunch of cricketers. It has been one exciting ride, which has been full of highs and lows, but, at the end of the day, I will always be thankful to Almighty for providing me this opportunity.

Djokovic holds on in Dubai, extends winning streak to 18

Dubai, Mar 01 (AP):

Top-ranked Novak Djokovic held on to beat Czech qualifier Tomas Machac 6-3 3-6 7-6 (1) at the Dubai Championships in his first match since winning his 10th Australian Open title. Djokovic's first-round victory on Tuesday came a day after the 35-year-old Serb broke the record for the most time spent at No. 1 in the professional tennis rankings by a man or woman. Djokovic was a bit rusty on his return from a few weeks off after overcoming a hamstring problem in Australia to win his record-equaling 22nd Grand Slam singles title. He led 4-1 in the third set Tuesday before the 130th-ranked Machac forced a tiebreaker.

"He was giving me all kinds of trouble, but I guess when it mattered I found another gear," Djokovic said in his on-court interview. "I haven't played much tennis (recently), so I'm hoping as the tournament progresses I

can raise the level." Djokovic, who next faces Tallon Griekspoor, is 13-0 this season and extended his overall winning streak to 18 matches.

A presentation was held after Tuesday's match to recognize Djokovic's 378th week in the ATP's top spot, surpassing Steffi Graf's 377 leading the WTA.

"As a young boy growing up in Serbia, I dreamt of two things winning Wimbledon and being No. 1 in the world. I've been blessed to achieve both of my childhood dreams, several times," he said. Also on Tuesday, third-seeded Daniil Medvedev beat Matteo Arnaldi 6-4 6-2 to extend his winning streak to 10 matches. Fourth-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime defeated Maxime Cressy 7-6(4) 3-6 6-3 and Botic van de Zandschulp beat sixth-seeded Karen Khachanov 7-5 6-2.



a national record-breaking lunge of 14.14 metres.

Having been provisionally suspended in July last year, Aishwarya has already served six months of her four-year ban.

NADA said the substance Aishwarya used was an "anabolic steroid" listed under WADA's 2022 prohibited. It added that the athlete had not taken a therapeutic use exemption (TUE) for it.



Heart harvested from patient at Delhi hospital sent to AIIMS

Via 10-km green corridor

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI): The heart of a 32-year-old man who died in a road accident was donated to a patient after the organ was ferried through a 10-kilometre 'green corridor' set up between a private hospital here and the AIIMS on Wednesday, hospital authorities said.

The victim was brought in an "extremely critical condition" at Fortis Hospital, Vasant Kunj, following a road accident on the morning of February 25. His CT examination revealed "severe brain damage", doctors said.

Despite the best efforts of a team of doctors, the patient could not be saved. After he was declared

brain dead, his family consented to donating his organs, a Fortis Hospital spokesperson said.

The organs were retrieved on Wednesday and sent to three different hospitals. One of his kidneys was used for a patient at the hospital, she said.

The heart was donated to a patient at AIIMS, the liver to one at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital here and a kidney to a patient at Max Hospital in Delhi's Shalimar Bagh, Fortis Hospital said in a statement.

A green corridor was set up from Fortis Hospital to transport the harvested heart to AIIMS, covering the 10-kilometre distance

in just 11 minutes, it said. "A transplant surgery for the patient who has received the donated heart is still underway at AIIMS," the spokesperson said.

A 61-year-old Delhi woman suffering from renal failure was the recipient of a kidney. The transplant is over, she said.

Dr Gauri Shankar Sharma, director and head of critical care medicine at Fortis Hospital, said, "The clockwork precision of all internal and external teams, including Delhi Traffic Police, made this donation a reality. This should encourage more people to come forward and get themselves registered for organ donation to

save more lives." According to data available with the National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), 11 cadaver donations were done with successful retrieval of 30 organs in Delhi in 2022, the statement said.

Every year, hundreds of people die waiting for an organ transplant in India. Due to misconceptions and the lack of awareness, there is a shortage of organ donors, doctors said.

The gap between the number of organs donated and the people waiting for a transplant is growing wider with each passing year.

HOLI CELEBRATIONS



Women dance as they play Holi at the Nand Bhawan temple as part of celebrations of the festival of colours, in Nandgaon near Mathura, Wednesday.

Delhi's master plan proposes conservation plans, heritage cells, cultural hubs

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI):

The draft Master Plan of Delhi - 2041 envisions identification and preparation of conservation and revitalisation management plans for cultural precincts, adaptive reuse of old buildings and constitution of heritage cells, a move that seeks to promote holistic development in the historic city.

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on Tuesday approved the draft master plan with Lt Governor VK Saxena highlighting its thrust for inclusive development, sustainability and innovative interventions such as transit-oriented development hubs, land pooling, heritage and Yamuna rejuvenation, and regen-

eration of the city.

Besides proposing to boost infrastructure growth, the voluminous vision document also includes norms for heritage zones, archaeological parks and cultural precincts as well as instruments for improving conservation of heritage buildings to promote Delhi's rich history and culture.

It suggests for "identification and preparation of conservation and revitalisation management plans (CRMPs) for cultural precincts, permits adaptive reuse of heritage buildings", according to a statement issued by the DDA on Tuesday.

The officials said the master plan also suggests constitution of heritage

cells. It also proposes to promote the development of cultural and entertainment hubs and emphasises on the development of city hubs, circuits, plazas, and night-time circuits.

Specific corridors and trails will be identified for promoting the night-time economy.

The plan also proposes the rejuvenation of the Yamuna and its floodplain through preparation of comprehensive river development plan for the river as also enhancing Delhi's preparedness for climate change impacts and in tackling pollution, the statement said.

The first master plan was promulgated in 1962 under the Delhi Development Act, 1957.

These plans are prepared for 20 years' perspective periods and provide a holistic framework for planned development of the city.

The draft Master Plan of Delhi - 2041 is a "strategic" and "enabling" framework to guide future growth of the city, built upon the lessons learnt from the implementation of the previous plans and based on learnings from across the country with respect to implementation of various projects and schemes.

The draft has been divided into two volumes comprising 10 chapters. The vision for Master Plan of Delhi - 2041 is to "foster a sustainable, liveable and vibrant Delhi", officials said.

Creating extensive transport infrastructure, affordable housing for all, healthy environment and "24-hour city" with night-time economy and checking unauthorised colonies and pollution are part of the guiding principles on which the DDA laid out the draft Master Plan of Delhi - 2041.

The vision document largely covers the policies of environment, economy, mobility, heritage, culture and public spaces.

The draft Master Plan of Delhi - 2041 was first approved by the Authority, the DDA's apex body, on April 13, 2021, and then made available in June the same year on its website, inviting public suggestions and objections.

Govt employees in K'taka withdraw strike

After 17 per cent interim relief announcement

Bengaluru, Mar 01 (PTI):

Government employees in Karnataka on Wednesday withdrew their indefinite strike after the State government announced a 17 per cent hike in basic salary as interim relief and constituted a committee on the pension scheme. The employees had demanded interim relief of 40 per cent increase in basic salary and revision of salaries as per the 7th Pay Commission.

The order will be applicable to the employees of the local bodies under the State government and the government-aided educational institutions.

The local bodies will bear the expenses benefiting the employees working there. The government also announced increasing the basic pension of State

government employees by 17 per cent from April 1, 2023.

On their demand to scrap the New Pension Scheme (NPS) and revert to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), the Government said the committee under Additional Chief Secretary would study the feasibility.

"The State government has constituted a committee led by the Additional Chief Secretary to study the steps taken by those States which have re-introduced the old pension scheme and submit a report. The committee will visit those States where the new pension scheme has been stopped and the old pension scheme has been introduced and would submit the report in two months," the government order said. The deci-

sion on withdrawal of the indefinite strike which commenced today was announced by the Karnataka State Government Employees' Association president C S Shadakshari. In a statement, Shadakshari said, "In view of the State government responding to the demands put forth by the Karnataka State Government Employees Union, the strike has been called off with immediate effect."

He also expressed his gratitude to all the government officers and employees who took part in the strike and made it a success. Many primary schools did not function as teachers did not turn up while the Outpatient Department (OPD) in some government hospitals was also affected.

B'DAY GREETINGS



DMK President and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin being greeted by party leaders on his 70th birthday, at Anna Arivalayam, in Chennai, Wednesday.

'99 % of women unaware of changes in abortion laws'

New Delhi, Mar 01 (PTI):

A recent study on the level of awareness of medical termination of pregnancy has claimed that one of every three women it interviewed did not consider abortion as a health right or were unsure of it.

The survey by the NGO Foundation for Reproductive Health Services India (FRHS India) also claimed 32 per cent of respondents were unaware of abortion as a legal right and that 95.5 per cent of Indian women were uninformed of the existence of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021. FRHS India,

which provides clinical family planning services in the country, recently released the findings of its study on the level of awareness of the MTP Act and practices related to safe abortion. The study was conducted by the FRHS in Delhi, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

"The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act was modified 1.5 years ago but abortion-seekers are still unaware of the changes brought about in the Act. We found that even service providers (doctors) in Rajasthan were unclear about the shift in the gestational age from 20 to 24 weeks," Debanjana

Choudhuri, primary researcher and director of programmes and partnerships at FRHS India, said.

Even after five decades, approximately 95.5 per cent of Indian women are uninformed of the existence of the MTP Act, which gives access to safe abortion services, Choudhuri claimed.

The study said it is "worrying" that 99 per cent of women in India did not know the laws have changed. "Also, the MTP Act 1971 amendment is unknown to 95 per cent of frontline healthcare providers (FLWs) or ASHA workers who are the initial point of contact for women," Choudhuri claimed.

Veteran BJP leader defends Sisodia, blames system

Shimla, Mar 01 (PTI):

Veteran BJP leader and former Himachal Pradesh chief minister Shanta Kumar on Wednesday lauded AAP leader Manish Sisodia for his "clean image" but suggested that he might be "collecting money" for his party to fight elections. Sisodia was arrested Sunday over alleged irregularities in the formulation and implementation of the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22. In remarks that could embarrass his own party, Shanta Kumar said the AAP formed its government in the national capital "right under the nose of the BJP government at the Centre", after badly defeating the ruling party. He said the AAP government worked for five years and then came back to power, calling it a "big achievement." Sisodia became well known as a deputy chief minister with a clean image who did "commendable work", and is now in jail, the BJP leader said, according to a statement posted on Facebook. Shanta Kumar said there have been charges and counter charges from both sides. It is also difficult to imagine that Sisodia may have been put in jail by the CBI without having committed any crime, he added.

Char Dham priests threaten agitation

If restrictions on yatra not lifted

Dehradun, Mar 01 (PTI):

Char Dham priests on Wednesday threatened to launch an agitation if those coming for the annual pilgrimage were not exempted from mandatory regulations like online registration and proposed daily limit on the number of pilgrims visiting the Himalayan temples.

"A majority of the pilgrims are poor, elderly and illiterate. Registering for the yatra online is not easy for them. It is impractical to impose the formality on the yatri prior to the pilgrimage," Teerth Purohit Mahapanchayat president Suresh Semwal told PTI.

Citing the example of last year, he said many pilgrims who came for the yatra from rural areas of Uttar Pradesh had to re-

turn from Rishikesh and Haridwar as they had not registered in advance for it.

As far as keeping a record of the yatri going on the pilgrimage is concerned, it can also be done through police verification, he said.

Semwal also raised objections to the order in which the registration process was being followed, saying it tampered with the Hindu traditions.

"According to our scriptures, Yamunotri is to be visited first by pilgrims followed by Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath. But this order has been changed. The registration for Kedarnath and Badrinath has started, while the registration for Yamunotri and Gangotri which are scheduled to

open before them are yet to begin," he said.

Yamunotri and Badrinath open for devotees after the winter break on April 22, while Kedarnath and Badrinath open on April 25 and April 27, respectively.

Semwal also opposed the tourism department's proposal to impose a daily limit on the pilgrims visiting the Himalayan temples.

Calling it totally "illogical", he said the tourism department has proposed a daily limit of 6,000 for Yamunotri and 18,000 for Badrinath, the road to which goes through land subsidence-hit Joshimath.

"We have put forward our demands before Chief Minister Pushkar Dhama. He has assured us to resolve them, but if he does

not, we will have to agitate," Semwal said. Though a proposal for the imposition of a daily cap on pilgrims is under consideration, especially in view of the land subsidence crisis in Joshimath, a decision on this is yet to be made.

"These regulations only complicate the pilgrimage for the yatri rather than making it smooth," Semwal, who had led a delegation of teerth-purohits to Dhami recently in protest against the regulations, said.

"... if our demands are not conceded, we will have no option but to resort to an agitation with the support of all stakeholders, including tour and travel operators," the Teerth-Purohit Mahapanchayat president said.

Asia's longest cycle race kicks off from Kashmir



Physically challenged participant Geeta Rao after Asia's longest Ultra-Cycling Race - from Kashmir to Kanyakumari - was flagged off, in Srinagar, Wednesday.

Srinagar, Mar 01 (PTI): Asia's longest cycle race began here on Wednesday as 29 cyclists, including one woman set off for the first of its kind 3655 kilometre event. "We have had people cycling from

Kashmir to Kanyakumari earlier but this is the first-of-its-kind race not only in India but in Asia, which will cover a distance of 3655 kilometres," director of the ultra cycling project, Jitendra Nayak, told

PTI here. The race has been accorded the status of Asian Ultracycling Championship by the World Ultracycling Association (WUCA), Nayak said.

"The cyclists who complete this race will automatically qualify for the World event," he added.

While the organisers have set a time of 12 to 14 days for the cyclists to complete the race, most participants have set a target of completing in nine to 11 days. Among the participants is specially-abled cyclist Geeta Rao, who is also the only woman contestant. "I am very excited and (want) to spread a positive message to all women. If I can dream of it and achieve it, everyone can do it."