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## 'Ready to align with like-minded parties to defeat BJP in 2024 LS polls'

**Willing to make sacrifices**

**Nava Raipur, Feb 25:** Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday said his party is willing to forge a viable alternative by aligning with like-minded parties in order to get rid of the "anti-people" BJP government in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, and is ready to make any sacrifice required to achieve the goal.

In his address at the Congress' 85th plenary session, Kharge also took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that the "pradhan sevak of Delhi, who gets advertisements printed every day, is serving his own friend".

The Congress chief launched a blistering attack on the BJP-led government at the Centre, alleging that "the DNA of those sitting in Delhi is anti-poor" and they are attempting to "destroy" democracy. He also called for a people's movement against the prevailing situation in the country.

Hailing party leader Rahul Gandhi for the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Kharge said the Kanyakumari-to-Kashmir march united the country with people from all walks of life coming together. The yatra emerged as a strong voice against the unprecedented challenges that people face today, Kharge said.

"Such challenges include continuing assault on the constitutional values, democracy and social fabric of our country, issues of national security at the border with China, the prevailing atmosphere



of hatred and fear, all-time high inflation, record unemployment and the increasing economic inequality," he said.

In the prevailing difficult circumstances, the Congress is the only party that can provide capable and decisive leadership to the country, Kharge asserted.

From 2004 to 2014, the Congress-led alliance with like-minded parties effectively served the people of the country, he noted. "We once again look forward to forging a viable alternative by aligning with like-minded parties to defeat the anti-people and undemocratic BJP government."

"We are ready to strive for the welfare of the people of our country and (will make) whatever sacrifices that are required," Kharge said. Kharge also said the goal for the upcoming state elections and the 2024 Lok Sabha polls is clear.

The Congress president's remarks assume significance as they come amid talk of forging Opposition unity. The Congress' vehement criticism of the TMC has drawn a sharp response from the party, signalling cracks in the Opposition

ranks.

In his address, Kharge also alleged that the people in power were attacking people's rights and there is a need for a movement against such attempts. He also raised the slogan of "Seva, sangharsh aur balidan, sabse pehle Hindustan (Service, struggle, sacrifice). The country comes first)". Kharge also claimed that the BJP is breaking parliamentary and constitutional traditions and "misusing" agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for toppling governments.

He claimed that the plenary session was also targeted with ED raids in Chhattisgarh, adding that Congress leaders fought bravely to ensure that the session could be held. In an apparent reference to industrialist Gautam Adani, Kharge said, "I want to ask at what crossroads is our country standing where farmers have a per-day income of Rs 27 while the wealth of one of the prime minister's friends is Rs 1,000 crore."

He claimed that 72 per cent MSMEs (Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) could not

earn anything during Covid but the wealth of one of the "friends" of the prime minister increased by 1,300 per cent. "The 'pradhan sevak' of Delhi who gets advertisements printed every day is serving his friend," Kharge alleged, in an apparent swipe at Modi. He also claimed that the BJP-led government is "handing over all the country's assets to his friends".

"Rail, BHEL (Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited), SAIL (Steel Authority of India Limited), they are selling everything, from the sky land to everything in existence," he said, adding that people are worried whether the LIC (Life Insurance Corporation) and the SBI (State Bank of India) will survive or even these institutions will be "sold".

"Such is the situation today that the poor and the middle class are suffering, price rise has destroyed household budgets but the wealth of a handful of crony capitalist friends have increased so much that one of them became the second richest in the world," he said.

He also alleged that amid economic disparities, discrimination is

being carried out against the poor, SCs (Scheduled Castes), STs (Scheduled Tribes), OBCs (Other Backward Classes) and minorities.

They are being "trampled under the bulldozer of power", Kharge said. He also launched an attack on the government over the border issue with China, claiming that the Chinese intruded but the "PM said no one has come in". External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has also said this and then talked about personal issues, saying his father was not given promotion, Kharge said.

The government cannot talk like this, he added. Restoring the status quo ante of April 2020 will only prove that "you have a 56-inch chest, otherwise we would know that it has shrunk," Kharge said in a swipe at the prime minister. Kharge asserted that going forward, the Congress' aim is to generate employment for crores through MSMEs, control the inflation and the rising prices of essential commodities, reduce the gap between the rich and the poor and ensure that farmers get a fair price for their produce.

He said the party will also make efforts to rid the country of the prevailing environment of hate and spread harmony.

"Our aim is to stop the use of money power, muscle power and the misuse of government agencies like CBI, ED in toppling democratically elected governments. This is the Congress' vision of participation and partnership in the country's development," Kharge added.

## Priyanka accorded rose-carpet welcome



**Arrives in Raipur to attend Cong plenary session**

**Raipur, Feb 25:** Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra arrived in Raipur on Saturday morning to attend the party's three-day 85th plenary session, and to accord her a grand welcome, a stretch of road in front of the city airport was carpeted with a thick layer of rose petals.

More than 6,000 kilograms of roses were used to decorate the road for about two km where folk artists wearing colourful traditional dresses were also seen performing on a long stage erected along the route, a Congress leader said.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel,

state Congress Chief Mohan Markam and other party leaders received Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as she arrived at Swami Vivekananda Airport at around 8.30 am.

Congress workers, supporters congregated in large numbers to accord a grand welcome to her and waved flags as well as raised slogans hailing her. She left in a car along with Baghel from the airport followed by a long convoy of vehicles. Standing on the vehicle's running board, she waved at the supporters. Baghel, who was in the back seat also waved at the supporters.

The stretch of road for about two km was carpeted with a thick layer of roses and its petals and the supporters also showered rose petals on

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. She told reporters that she is overwhelmed to get such a grand welcome.

"More than 6,000 kg of roses were used for decorating the road. I always try to do something new to welcome our senior leaders," Raipur Mayor Aijaz Dhebar said.

"Stages were set up at various locations enroute to the plenary session's venue to welcome Priyanka ji where supporters also showered rose petals on her," he added. The road from airport to the session's venue has been decked up with colourful posters and hoardings of the senior Congress leaders. The hoardings contain messages propagated during Bharat Jodo Yatra to unite the country and spread love.

### RAHUL, PRIYANKA VISIT SIRPUR



**Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi, MP Rahul Gandhi along with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel visited Sirpur a place of historical and archaeological significance in Mahasamund district.**

## BJP-led Centre, AAP govt responsible for 'deteriorating' law and order situation in Punjab: Congress

**Nava Raipur, Feb 25:** The Congress on Saturday accused the BJP-led Centre and the AAP government in Punjab of being responsible for the "deteriorating" law and order situation in the state and alleged they were working in collusion.

The Congress' reaction came after radical preacher Amritpal Singh's supporters, some of them brandishing swords and guns, broke through barricades and stormed into a police station complex in Ajnala on Thursday, camping there till they were "assured" that Singh's arrested aide

would be released. "First, we want to ask Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann...on one hand you are holding an investment summit and on the other near the border disinvestment is happening. If such a situation arises how investments will come," Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly Partap Singh Bajwa said at a press briefing on the sidelines of the Congress' 85th plenary session here. "This is a complete failure and I want to assure the people of Punjab that the Congress was standing with them, is standing with them and

those forces that want to weaken Punjab and India, we will stand strongly against them," said Bajwa flanked by Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh and other leaders from Punjab. He alleged that the central and state governments are working in collusion and are responsible for the deteriorating law and order situation in Punjab. Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring alleged that the Centre wants that Punjab's situation deteriorates and it is able to establish its rule there and it is able to establish itself dominantly.

### Congress to provide 50 pc reservation to SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities, women, youngsters in CWC

**Nava Raipur, Feb 25:** The Congress amended its constitution at its 85th plenary session here on Saturday to provide a 50 per cent reservation to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), women, youngsters and minorities in its working committee.

According to the amended constitution of

the party, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) will now include the former prime ministers from the party and the former AICC chiefs.

The number of CWC members will go up to 35 from the earlier 25.

The amended constitution says from now on, the party will only have digital membership and records.

## IIM Raipur kicks off Y20 Consultation Event with a Bang!

**Raipur, Feb 25:** IIM Raipur commenced the Y20 consultation event at its campus with much enthusiasm and anticipation on a bright morning on Saturday. The event aimed to gather young leaders from all over the world to exchange ideas and thoughts on topics that impact the youth globally.

Prior to the start of the event, the guests were given a tour of the campus. Additionally, they were treated with millet-based breakfast, as a contribution to India's observance of the International Year of Millets 2023. Further, the registration process was completed and a session for introductions and socializing was conducted for the delegates.

Dr. Ram Kumar Kakani, the Director of IIM Raipur, expressed his belief that the Y20 Consultation event is a powerful driver of global transformation. He highlighted the importance of coming together to address the challenges posed by terrorism, socialist groups, and societal feudalism.



Governments have a critical role to play in striking a balance between upholding human rights and maintaining law and order. Inter-community dialogue is crucial to ensuring that peace and harmony prevail. He encouraged the participants to engage in active discussions and brainstorming sessions throughout the event, so that they could generate innovative solutions to the world's most pressing issues.

Renuka Singh, MoS, Tribal Affairs, GoI, the Guest of Honour, began her speech by emphasizing the importance of the Y20 Consultation event as an opportune moment to pay tribute to all the freedom fight-

ers who secured India's independence and contributed to its progress. She stated that the Prime Minister also shared this vision and recognized the significance of Indian youth on the global stage. To tackle issues effectively, it is necessary to engage in multilateral dialogues and forums. Despite the difficulties that India has faced, the country has played a crucial role in promoting world peace since gaining independence. She cited examples of how conflict had been curbed in Jammu and Kashmir and Northeastern states, where the youth are thriving. She expressed optimism that the discussions in this consultation would aid in peacebuilding and enable us to achieve the goal of "Vasudev Kutumbakam."

A panel discussion on the subject of "Channelizing youth in conflict resolution," was conducted. According to Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh, Ex-CS, Assam, Bodoland peace negotiator, the young generation should follow the es-

tablishment of peace, uphold and preserve that. Dr. Mohit Garg, IPS, SP, Balrampur, frontline LWE experience, said that gradual erosion of faith in the system and in the government can be observed in naxal conflicted areas. The trust can be earned through getting in touch with the younger generation belonging to these areas, having conversations with them, and planning activities for them to participate in, including educational, cultural, and athletic pursuits. Mohd. Aijaz Asad, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar emphasized that acts of terrorism and violence stifle the aspirations of the youth. Reinhard Baumgarten, Reputed journalist, international conflict zones, German, brought up the conflict in Sudan and suggested that love could serve as a foundation for lasting peace. Priyanka Bissa, Youth icon, Nehru Yuva Kendra, said that the discussion of wars also brings up the issues related

to food, water, and resources, national security.

The second panel discussion on Experience Sharing Peacebuilding and Peacekeeping was moderated by Rajat Bansal, IAS (DC, Balodabazar). The panelists of this session were Brig. Basant K Ponwar (Retd.), AVSM, VSM (Ex-Director, Counter-Terrorism and Jungle Warfare College), Ratan Lal Dangi, IPS (Director, CG State Police Academy), Rob York (Director, Regional Affairs, Pacific Forum, USA) and Dr. Aditi Narayani (Track chair Y20). The key takeaway from this session was that resolving problems through the use of weapons is not effective, and that the way of thinking is more important than the tools available.

The third panel talk, overseen by Dr. Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure, IAS (DC Raipur), was focused on Building consensus among communities. The panel included Nitesh Kumar Sahu, a young leader from

### Mentality of western countries was imposed on India for 70 years: Anurag Thakur

**Raipur, Feb 25:** Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur on Saturday said that "mentality of western countries" was imposed on India for 70 years but the thinking has been changing now. He also cautioned the youth to remain alert against the forces trying to break up the country using "a report, billionaire and other means."

Thakur was speaking at Yuva Samvaad India @2047 organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangthan Chhattisgarh unit at Rawatpura Sarkar University in Dhaneli village.

"We should be proud of our heritage, history, art, culture and tradition. The mentality of western countries was imposed on our country for 70 years. The work of changing this thinking

has been done in the last eight years," the BJP leader said. "Today, we can say with pride that magnificent Somnath Dham, Kashi Dham, Kedarnath Dham and Mahakal Dham were built, and next year the construction of Ayodhya Dham will be completed," he added.

The development of these places has increased tourist footfall, generating employment for the locals, the minister said. Thakur warned the youth to remain alert against "forces trying to break up the country using a report, billionaire and other means." He, however, did not elaborate which "report" or "billionaire" he was referring to. There is a need to remain alert against those who spread propaganda against the country and mislead people, Thakur added.

Mungeli, Chhattisgarh; Dr. Philippe Eyebe Awono, an assistant professor at Jean Moulin University; and

Shwetha Karambelkar, a 2nd year PGP student from IIM Raipur. One of the significant speakers in this session was B

Markam, an ex-naxalite, who later surrendered and brought peace and transformation in the communities. The session highlights the significance of the United Nations and Indian leaders such as Gandhi and Buddha in advocating for peace. India's demographic dividend is its youth population, the largest in the world. However, when it comes to building communities and promoting peace, citizens are not fully involved as peace-makers tend to focus on suppressing conflicts rather than resolving them. Another session moderated by the first year PGP students of IIM Raipur was focused on Multiple perspectives on reconciliation.

The speaker Dr. Prem Singh Bogzi (Visiting Distinguished Professor, IIM Raipur) commented that reconciliation involves recognizing that past actions may not have been ideal or efficient, but it requires bringing about social, economic, and political transformations and establishing a shared vision for moving forward.



### BRIEF



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat, in New Delhi, Saturday.

### Debut

**New Delhi:** Five Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) of the Indian Air Force will participate in a multilateral exercise in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the first participation of the indigenously developed jets in a military wargame in a foreign country. An IAF contingent comprising of 110 air warriors has arrived at Al Dahfra air base of United Arab Emirates for participating in the exercise Desert Flag, officials said.

### Sink

**Kolkata:** A portion of a Bangladesh-bound cargo vessel carrying fly ash collided with another ship and has sunk in Hooghly river, an IWA official said on Saturday. The incident took place at Nischintapur in South 24 Parganas district about 60 km from here in the early hours of the day. Nine crew members were rescued after senior police officers rushed to the spot on getting information.

### Notification

**Kolkata:** The West Bengal government on Friday issued a notification for the grant of dearness allowance (DA) to the employees, pensioners, and family pensioners at the rate of six per cent of the basic pay with effect from March 1, following the recommendations of the 6th Pay Commission.

### Name change

**Mumbai:** The Union government has approved the renaming of Maharashtra's Aurangabad city as 'Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar' and that of Osmanabad city as 'Dharashiv'. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis shared the news on Twitter on Friday.

### Fire

**Noida:** A fire broke out at a scrap warehouse near Noida early on Saturday, officials said. Two trucks were gutted in the fire reported around 12.30 am from the warehouse at Chechda village in the Dadri area, Chief Fire Officer Pradeep Kumar Choubey said. "Six water tenders along with fire-fighters were rushed to the spot immediately and the blaze doused in an operation that lasted around six and a half hours," Choubey said.

### Mishap

**Jajpur:** At least seven people from West-Bengal were killed when the mini-truck in which they were travelling hit a stationary truck in Odisha's Jajpur district on Saturday, police said. Vinit Agrawal Superintendent of Police Jajpur told PTI that six persons died on the spot, while one succumbed enroute to SCB Medical College and hospital.

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### 85TH CONG PLENARY SESSION

## 'Gratified that my innings could conclude with Bharat Jodo Yatra'

Nava Raipur, Feb 25 (PTI):

Congress leader Sonia Gandhi expressed gratification on Saturday that her innings could conclude with the "Bharat Jodo Yatra", as the party showered praise on the septuagenarian for the achievements after she became its president 25 years ago.

Addressing party leaders and workers at the 85th plenary session of the Congress here, Gandhi congratulated Mallikarjun Kharge as the new party chief and hoped that with his long experience, he would lead the young generation in taking the party forward. After a video was played at the plenary session on her contributions to the party, Gandhi said she must express her grat-



Senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi speaks during the 85th Plenary Session of the Indian National Congress, in Raipur, Saturday.

itude for all that has been said about her tenure as the Congress president and the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) regimes. "This also shows how old I have be-

come and now, young people under the leadership of Mallikarjun Kharge must come forward," she said.

The former Congress chief was all praise for Kharge's journey from the grassroots levels to the top party post.

"I had the honour of taking office as the party president for the first time in 1998. Over these 25 years, our party has seen times of high achievement and deep disappointment... Our victory in (the) 2004 and 2009 (Lok Sabha polls), along with the able leadership of (former prime minister) Manmohan Singh, gives me personal satisfaction, but what gratifies me the most is that my innings could conclude with the Bharat Jodo Yatra, which came at a crucial point," she said.

### 'BJP fuels fire of hatred'

Former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi launched an all-out attack on the BJP government on Saturday, accusing it of "fuelling the fire of hatred" and "viciously targeting minorities, women, Dalits and tribals". She urged the Congress workers to tackle the current regime with vigour and reach out to people to convey the party's message. Addressing the party's 85th plenary session here, Gandhi accused the government of causing economic ruin by favouring a particular businessman, making a veiled attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over a controversy involving the business empire of industrialist Gautam Adani.

### 'India to become 3rd largest economy'



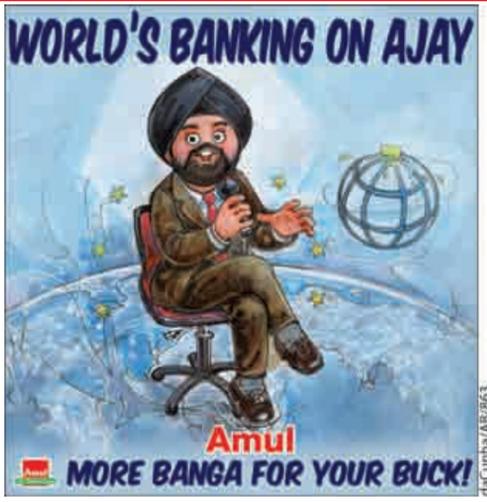
Piyush Goyal

Pune, Feb 25 (PTI):

India would become the third largest economy in the world in the next five years and by 2047 could be at the level the United States of America is at present, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday.

He also called the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership trade deal as a "disaster in the making" and it "was music to my ears" when Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the country would not be joining it.

The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry was speaking at the Asia Economic Dialogue 2023 event here.



### TERROR PLOT

## NIA court convicts 8 ISIS operatives

**New Delhi, Feb 25 (PTI):** A special court in Lucknow convicted eight suspected ISIS operatives in a terror conspiracy case, an official of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) said on Saturday, adding their conviction was a "big shot" in the arm of the agency in its nationwide crackdown on members of the global terror group. The quantum of punishment will be pronounced by the special NIA court on Monday, a spokesperson of the federal agency said. The convicts were also involved in an explosion on board the Bhopal-Ujjain passenger train on March 7, 2017, which had left 10 people injured. The train explosion case is currently under trial, the spokesperson said.

### CONG DRAFT POLITICAL RESOLUTION

## 'Emergence of any third force will provide advantage to NDA'

Nava Raipur, Feb 25 (PTI):

The Congress should go all out to identify, mobilise and align like-minded secular forces as well as include secular regional outfits who agree with its ideology, the party said in its draft political resolution on Saturday, asserting that the emergence of any third force will provide advantage to the NDA.

The resolution was being deliberated on the second day of the party's three-day 85th plenary session here and was expected to be passed by the evening.

The draft was prepared by the political affairs subgroup for the plenary and it is being headed by former Union minister M Veerappa Moily and former



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Chhattisgarh state President Mohan Markam and other party leaders during the 85th plenary session, in Raipur, Saturday.

Maharashtra chief minister ashok Chavan. "Unity of secular and socialist forces will be the hallmark of the future of the Congress party. The Congress should go all

out to identify, mobilise and align like-minded secular forces," the draft resolution said. "We should include secular regional forces who agree with our ideology. There is an urgent need for a united opposition to take on the NDA (National Democratic Alliance) on common ideological grounds. Emergence of any third force will provide advantage to the BJP/NDA," it said.

The draft resolution asserted that the Congress will prepare a vision document for 2024, following a largest-ever mass contact programme, which will encompass issues of unemployment, eradication of poverty, inflation, women empowerment, job creation and national security.

## Three policemen killed in encounter with Naxalites

Sukma, Feb 25:

Three personnel of the Chhattisgarh police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) were killed in an encounter with Naxalites in Sukma district of the state on Saturday, a senior official said.

The face-off took place around 9 am between Jagargunda and Kunded villages when a team of DRG was out on a search operation, Inspector General of Police (Bastar range) Sundarraj P told PTI. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel expressed grief over the incident and said the martyrdom of these police personnel will not go in vain. Giving de-



The body of three deceased jawans.

tails about the incident, the IG said the DRG team had launched an operation from Jagargunda police station limits, located over

400 km away from capital Raipur.

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### Deceased jawans

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### CM expresses grief

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Vanjam Bheema (31) were killed in the exchange of fire, he said. Reinforcement was rushed to the spot and the bodies of the deceased personnel were brought to Jagargunda, he said.

### ADDRESS NEW AND EMERGING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

## 'India, Germany to play important role'

New Delhi, Feb 25 (PTI):

India and Germany can play an important role in addressing new and emerging global challenges, President Droupadi Murmu said on Saturday.

Welcoming German Chancellor Olaf Scholz who is on a two-day visit to the country, Murmu said that India and Germany have shared aims in upholding democratic values, rules-based international order, multilateralism as well as the reform of multilateral institutions. "Our bilateral relationship encompasses a wide range of areas, reflecting the mutual trust that has



President Droupadi Murmu with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz during a meeting at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi, Saturday.

been nurtured over decades," she said. As two

### PM Modi, Chancellor Scholz interact with top CEOs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz interacted with top executives from Indian and German companies on Saturday to discuss ways to deepen economic ties. The focus areas for mutual cooperation include digital transformation, financial technology, IT and telecom. "Chancellor @OlafScholz and I met top CEOs to discuss ways to strengthen economic relations between our nations. Sectors like digital transformation, FinTech, IT and Telecom featured prominently in the meeting," Prime Minister Modi tweeted. Scholz arrived in Delhi on Saturday on a two-day visit to India, his first to the country after he became the German chancellor in December 2021, following Angela Merkel's historic 16-year tenure at the top post.

vibrant, pluralistic democracies, India and Germany can play an important role in addressing new and emerging global challenges, the president was quoted as having said in a statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Scholz arrived here this morning on a two-day India visit, his first as German chancellor.

Murmu said that India and Germany have a long-standing relationship, which is underpinned by common values and shared goals.

Dinhata (WB), Feb 25 (PTI):

The convoy of Union Minister Nisith Pramanik was attacked on Saturday allegedly by Trinamool Congress supporters in Dinhata area of West Bengal's Cooch Behar district.

The ruling TMC dubbed the allegation as "baseless".

The attack came within a week after TMC's day-long sit-in near the residence of Pramanik, the union minister of state for home, at Bhetaguri in Cooch Behar, seeking justice for an "innocent Rajbanshi youth who was branded as cattle smuggler and shot dead by the

### TMC denies charge

Responding to the allegation, TMC state general secretary Kunal Ghosh accused the Bengal BJP leadership of "instigating" its workers to disrupt the "peaceful" atmosphere of the state. TMC dubbed the allegation as "baseless".

BSF". "My convoy was not only pelted with stones but also shots were fired. Bombs were also hurled. The entire incident happened in front of the police, and they were just mute spectators," Pramanik claimed. The minister's convoy

was attacked when he was on his way to meet party workers at a programme.

When contacted, the union minister told PTI that several BJP activists were injured in the attack.

TMC supporters showed black flags to him, following which clashes broke out between supporters of the two parties.

TV grabs showed activists of both parties clashing, with police resorting to baton charges to control the situation.

BJP state president Sukanta Majumdar said, "if a central minister's car is attacked in this manner, this only proves the dismal (law and order) situation of the state".

# Kesra women cultivate vegetables; earn over Rs 17 lakh

**26 women of 11 self-help groups produce organic vegetables in 25 acre baadi**

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Feb 25:** Rural women have benefited from the Baadi scheme run by the state government. The women of Adarsh Gauthan Kesara, located under Janpad Panchayat Patan, have earned a net profit of Rs 17.49 lakh by producing cauliflower, string beans, radish, brinjal, guar bean and leafy vegetables.

11 self-help groups working at Kesra Gauthan are meeting the local market needs by producing organic vegetables in community baadi developed on 25 acres of land. 11 SHGs have a total of 26 members, who are engaged in vegetable production. Initially, women of the self-help group had to spend an



amount of about Rs 2.43 lakh.

Women of self-help groups have earned a profit of about 17.49 lakh by selling vegetables worth Rs 19.92 lakh. He said that the seeds were planted in a planned manner in three stages according to the cal-

endar of seasonal vegetables. Women of self-help groups have become financially stronger through community baadi.

Women self-help groups working in community baadi include Jai Maa Chandhi, Maa Gayatri, Maa Lakshmi, Khushi, Jai Maa



Sheetla, Vindhya Vasini, Niharika, Ambika, Sita, Panchmukhi and Jai Maa Danteshwari Self Help Group.

Anju Sen of Gayatri Self Help Group said that since 2019, she has received an amount of Rs 1.02 lakh and has pur-

chased a scooty. Nandani Thakur of Khushi Self Help Group said that she had a kutcha house and now she had constructed a pukka house with an investment of Rs 3.50 lakh. Radhika of Jai Maa Lakshmi Group bought jewellery for herself.

# Govt to earn Rs 4.05 cr through 400 regularisation cases

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Feb 25:** A meeting of the District Regularization Authority was held on February 23. Collector Pushendra Kumar Meena chaired this meeting. 398 cases were tabled by the Member Secretary and Joint Director, Town and Country Planning, Superintendent of Police Durg, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Durg, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai-Charoda and Chief Municipal Officer, Jamul Municipal Council were present in the meeting.

A total of 398 cases tabled in the meeting will be regularized. 206 cases were from Municipal Corporation Bhilai, 82



cases of Municipal Corporation Durg, 65 cases of Municipal Corporation Bhilai Charoda, 30 cases of Municipal Corporation Risali, 04 cases of Kumhari Municipal Council, 03 cases of Jamul Municipal Council, 04 cases of Amleshwar

Municipal Council, 01 case of Nagar Panchayat Utai, 01 case of Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Durg and 02 cases of Sub Divisional Officer (Revenue) Patan. In the total 400 cases, a receipt of Rs 4,04,79,323 has been fixed.

# Special camp organised for slum fire victims

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Feb 25:** Bhilai Municipal Corporation organised a special camp for people affected by slum fire at Sector 9. The special camp was organized on the instructions of Bhilai Nagar MLA, Mayor Neeraj Pal, Collector Pushendra Meena and Corporation Commissioner Rohit Vyas.

Documentation process of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana was also conducted besides making Aadhar cards, ration cards, etc as these documents were destroyed in fire.

The affected families took advantage of the schemes in the camp. It needs to be mentioned here that about 25 shanties were destroyed in a fire about one week ago. Since



then, relief work is being done on the instructions of local MLA and Mayor.

Every possible help is being provided to the affected families. They have also been provided basic

facilities including food and daily use items. A camp has been organized twice under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana to provide them affordable housing.

# Man on bail commits suicide

**Bhilai, Feb 25:** A man allegedly committed suicide by hanging self at village Jeora Sirsa on the intervening night of Saturday. He was facing charges of murder and was recently released from jail on bail.

On Saturday morning, the family members came to know that he has committed suicide in his room. According to information, the deceased was Alakh Niranjani (37), a resident of Jeora Sirsa. In the year 2022, Alakh and his friends entered into a violent clash with the people of a marriage party. A person of the other group had died after suffering fatal injuries in this incident. Later, Alakh and his friends were arrested on charges of murder and were sent to jail. Recently, he came out of jail on bail. Family members stated that Alakh Niranjani was in depression and possibly committed suicide due to this reason.

# Anirban Dasgupta releases souvenir of GE Foundation

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Feb 25:** The way the members of Golden Empathy (GE) Foundation are rendering selfless service continuously in the field of social service is really exemplary, said Anirban Dasgupta, Director Incharge, BSP, while releasing the annual souvenir of GE Foundation in the Ispat Bhavan auditorium on February 22.

Dasgupta said that it becomes even more exemplary as the members contribute to the society after completing their duty in BSP. He expressed hope that the members of the Foundation will do better work in future also.

Earlier at the outset, Pradeep Pillai on behalf of



the GE Foundation gave elaborate details of the organization's work in his welcome address and also presented a layout of the future work.

He revealed that most of the members of the Foundation are employees of Bhilai Steel Plant and in their spare time after duty, they are contributing for the betterment of the poor, deprived and disabled

community and children of the society. Director incharge Dasgupta released the souvenir in the presence of other senior officials and members of the GE Foundation.

ED (Material Management) AK Chakraborty, ED (Projects) S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Finance) Dr Ashok Kumar Panda, Commandant CISF SK

Bajpai, GM (Personnel and Administration) Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited Pankaj Tyagi, GM (RED) Prashant Shah, RED AGM Bharat Goyal, Srikant Ramaraju posted in secretariat Director Incharge, and Senior Manager V Kumar. On behalf of GE Foundation Ravesh Gupta, Umesh Patel, Rahul Sarkar, Govind Kannauije and others were present.

# SR Hospital organises free health check up camp

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Feb 25:** On the occasion of the death anniversary of Dr Khubchand Baghel, SR Hospital and Research Centre Chikhali Durg organized a free health check-up camp for the students and staff studying in Dr Khubchand Baghel Post Graduate College, Bhilai-3.

The team conducted eye test, general test, blood pressure, sugar and many other tests in the camp. The college students were examined by Dr Sweta Rani Prasad (Gynecologist). The program was inaugurated with the garlanding of the statue of Dr Khubchand Baghel.



The chief guest of the program chairman of SR hospital Sanjay Tiwari. In his address he said that Dr Khubchand Baghel son of

the soil of Chhattisgarh was a great freedom fighter. He wished for a bright future to the students of the college. Principal Dr

Reena Majumdar in her address urged the students to take inspiration from the life of Dr Khubchand Baghel.

At the outset, Dr Deepti Baghel threw light on the life of Dr Khubchand Baghel. She informed that Dr Khubchand Baghel during the days of struggle composed many plays for social reform. Dr Sheela Vijay, in-charge of the Red Cross Society Committee and the coordinator of the program, while highlighting the purpose of the event, said that through such programs, the young generation gets information about the great personality of our great men. She informed that 250 students and staff took benefit from the free health

check up camp.

Asit Yadav, Sheetal Yadav, Raj Kumar and Pankaj Tandon were present as special guests in the program. Tips on how to stay healthy were given by Dr Chhaya Bharti of SR Hospital. Dr Chhaya Bharti (Retina Surgeon), Dr Sweta Rani Prasad (Gynaecologist), Dr Neelam Chandrakar, Dr Shiv Patel, Chandsen Rathore, Prem Chandrakar, Sirin Sant, Seema Sharma, Rekha Parkar provided health services in the health check-up camp. The program was coordinated by Uma Adil. All the officers, employees and a large number of students of the college were present in this program.

# Man sentenced to five years RI for setting neighbour's house on fire

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Feb 25:** The Sessions Court of Durg on Saturday sentenced a man to five years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 10000 after finding him guilty of setting his neighbour's house on fire.

Following an altercation with the neighbour, he poured kerosene and set the neighbour's house on fire. Household items worth lakhs were damaged in his incident.

Public Prosecutor Balmukund Chandrakar informed that District and Sessions Judge

Sanjay Kumar Jaiswal convicted Tijauram Jangde (35) son of Ramcharan Jangde a resident of Ghasidas Nagar, Jamul for the offence under section 436 of IPC.

On May 04, 2020, the convict Tijauram Jangde entered into an altercation with his neighbour Parmeshwar Sonwani, who was constructing a hutment behind his house. Tijauram raised objections over this construction.

Later, Tijauram and his family members attacked Sonwani family with sticks and caused damage to the household items. Injured

Parmeshwar and his family members lodged a complaint at Jamul Police Station. On the other hand, his daughter and son-in-law were at home when Tijauram again trespassed into Sonwani's house and set it on fire after pouring kerosene.

After trial, the Court found him guilty for an offence under section 436 of IPC. He was sentenced to five years of rigorous imprisonment and Rs 10000 fine. In case of non-payment of fine, the convict will serve an additional rigorous imprisonment of six months.

# Daya Singh pays courtesy visit to MS Governor Ramesh Bais

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Feb 25:** President of Bol Bam Sewa Evam Kalyan Samiti and Deputy Leader of Opposition of Bhilai Municipal Corporation Daya Singh met Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais.

In this courtesy visit, Daya Singh presented idol of Ganesha, the lord of new beginnings to Ramesh Bais as he has been recently appointed the Governor of Maharashtra.

Daya Singh also felicitated him with the shawl of Bol Bam and briefed him about the successful conduct of "Bhole Baba ki Barat".



# HR Conclave held at Rungta Engineering College R-1 Campus

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Feb 25:** There is no dearth of talent, attitude and skill in the youth of Chhattisgarh, but still they do not want to leave the state. In the last three years, 21.9 percent hiring has been done from the youth of the state with maximum being engineers and MBA graduates. These figures were presented by the HR heads of the country's renowned multinational companies during the HR Conclave held at Rungta Engineering College R-1 the other day.

Dr MK Verma, Vice-Chancellor of Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University was the chief guest at the Conclave. In his address he said that the University at its level is also motivating the youth to become their own boss. To increase entrepreneurship, many such programs have been launched, which will help them. Director of Rungta Group Dr Saurabh Rungta, Dr Edwin

Anthony, Dr Ejazuddin, Principal Dr Rakesh Himte, Dr Neema S Balan, Dean Dr Manoj Varghese participated in the program.

Dr Arun Kumar Singh, founder and CEO of Adhik Scitech firm, who arrived as a speaker in the program, said that whenever it comes to communication skills, there is a lot of buzz about use of English language among the youth, while HR of companies have nothing to do with English.

HRs only want to see depth of knowledge during the interview. If a candidate speaks in Hindi with confidence he can be selected, provided he or she is able to impress HR with positive attitude. Technical and communication skills are taught by the company and one just has to carry attitude for the job.

Talking to the students, Amit Kataria, CHRO Officer, Minfi Technology said that there is a misconception among people that companies do not hire freshers. The truth is that companies want to



offer jobs to freshers so that they can take forward that company with new skills and new thinking. Packages worth lakhs have been offered to hundreds of freshers from Chhattisgarh. Companies like Amazon and Walmart have given packages up to 45 lakhs. Gunjan Mishra, head of HR, RNF Technologies, said that now industries themselves give hints as to what skills they want in the youth.

That's why institutions also need to groom students accordingly. The job industry needs an army of skilled youth but is not getting enough.

Sharing his experience, Veera Reddy, Global HR Head, Signity Technologies, said that on a post the company was supposed to hire an engineer, but a BA graduate was given the job. This happened because he had all the three knowl-

edge, skill and attitude. That's why degree doesn't matter anymore.

Rajat Sharma of Pyramid Consulting and HR Ranganath IVS, head of Shiram Bioseed firm, citing the example of pizza, said that no one would like to eat pizza bread, everyone likes the toppings on it, similarly, skill, attitude, confidence are required for companies. Those are the toppings, which are a prerequisite for the job.

Vinay Kumar Shetty, director of MNC Capgemini revealed that about 8 percent of the youth of Chhattisgarh are making lakhs of rupees a month by doing freelance work sitting at their homes. Companies are also hiring them on big packages.

The expenses of the companies are being saved. That's why it is not necessary to work sitting in offices, you can start your job from home. In the next one year, the demand for freelance employees in companies is going to increase by 30 percent.

# Mela venue looming in darkness, now wearing deserted looks!

# Flower Show inaugurated at Officer's Club Sambalpur

Central Chronicle News



Sambalpur, Feb 25: East Coast Railway, Sambalpur Division is organising two days (25th and 26th February-2023) Flower Show at Officer's Club, Rail Nagar, Sambalpur.

The Flower Show was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Vineet Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Sambalpur at Officer's Club, Rail Nagar, Sambalpur. Mrs Anjani Singh, President, East Coast Railway Women's Welfare Organisation, Sambalpur and Anand Singh, Additional Divisional Manager, Sambalpur joined as Guest of honour. On this occasion all officers, members of ECoRWWO, staff & their family members, general public and flower lovers were present in the flower

show. On this occasion, Chief guest Vineet Singh said that "Flowers are the greatest gift of nature. Flowers are symbol of love, affection and celebration".

Various Railway units of Sambalpur, Baragarh, Balangir, Kantabanji, Rairakhol, Titlagarh, Mahasamund, Muniguda and other organisations have also taken part in the flower show. More than 50 categories of flowers and

thousands of colourful flower pots along with saplings are attracting the viewers. The Flower show will remain open for the general public upto 10.00 pm.

A cultural programme will also be organized between 7 pm to 8 pm. Food stalls are also available in the flower show. Flower lovers and the general public are requested to witness and enjoy the exhibition.

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Rajim, Feb 25: The scene at the venue of Maghi Punni Mela on occasion of Mahashivratri is wearing deserted looks and which otherwise used to be filled with the crowd day & night. Majority of the shops have been lifted from here and the work of shifting of government stalls and 'pandals' is in progress.

Along with this lights too have been removed and it has now become dark and silent. The lights on 'Laxman Jhula' too have dimmed, which otherwise used to be with lot of illumination.

It is learnt that the stones placed on the sandy road are still intact and the lifting of it has been started from some places. Due



to this the people from Dhamtari district used to come via Gariyaband district. This time new roads were formed for Rajim Mela and due to which the people were able to reach the mela venue in their bikes itself. The road from Atal Ghat directly to Nehru Ghat also help the devotees in saving their time. On the other hand the second road from Pancheshwar Nath Mahadev temple to Kuleshwar Nath Mahadev

temple and Belahi Ghat adn third was from Laxman Jhula to Navapara. With removal of stone on sandy road, the movement of people too has stopped.

Mahotsav Manch turns black..

The 'Muktakashi Mahotsav Manch' during the fair used to be illuminated with lights and busy with activities throughout the 14 days of the fair from Feb 5 to 18. Here the folk artists of the state present-



ed the rich folk art & Culture of the state and mesmerized the audience. Just before this was the audience gallery and in which around 10 lakh odd people have witnessed the colourful extravaganza of folk, art culture and dance. But now the same dais is looming in darkness and at a short distance there is dim light in the government stalls. But at present the massiveness of 'Ram Vatika' is still intact. Gaurav Path full of

wastes... Slowly all the shops and vendors from the mela venue have started closing down and majority of them have rounded up along with all their materials. But behind this they have left waste and garbage piled up without cleaning it. Pieces of polythene have got piled up near the Gaurav Path and have started flying to nearby venues.

Though the river looks clean, but it is not sufficient. On the other hand, the Mela venue is full of waste and garbage and it may lead to further deterioration of the land and water if it is not timely cleaned to its full and may lead for more of mosquito breeding and for which few social serving groups may have come forward.

# 'Youth Varta' and awareness prog held

In Govt. Shaheed Venkatrao PG College



Central Chronicle News

Yogesh Baske secured second place. In the same way, Sharun Kuldeep came first

for his essay on the subject 'Role of India in World Peace' and Sakshendra Rana came second. In poster competition, Dheeraj Pradhan came first and KG Shiva second. On this occasion Asst. Professor Ugendra Sahu, Veena Karpal, Shourilal Chouhan and other teachers and students were present.

Bijapur, Feb 25: NSS unit of Govt Shaheed Venkatrao PG College held College-level 'Youth Varta' and awareness programme in District Bijapur on Thursday. In this selection of subject-wise selectors, judges too was done subject-wise. In this in-charge of NSS Pramod Kurre was appointed as the Nodal Officer. Busara Khatun secured first place for her speech on Global Outcome on Climate Change and

**SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA BRANCH PAKHANJUR KANKER (CG)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

We are pleased to inform that our Pakhanjur Branch (Code 03271) is going to be shifted in new premise on 11.03.2023. All respected customers are here by informed that the branch will be functioning at new premise w.e.f. 13.03.2023 (monday)

**Our New Address--**  
SBI PAKHANJUR (Branch code 03271)  
Near Maa Kali Petrol Pump, Pakhanjur, Kanker (CG) 494776

**Our Contact No. 7415075001**

Date: 24.02.2023

Branch Manager

**SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA BRANCH PAKHANJUR KANKER (CG)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

We are pleased to announce the shifting of our SBI Pakhanjur Branch (Code 03271) to a more convenient and spacious location with effect from 11.03.2023.

Our humble request to our respected locker holder kindly vacate your locker and remove your valuable articles from the locker on or before date of shifting 11.03.2023. Bank will not be responsible for any damage caused to locker during the shifting.

**Our New Address--**  
SBI PAKHANJUR (Branch Code 03271)  
Near Maa Kali Petrol Pump, Pakhanjur, Kanker (CG) 494776

**Our Contact No. 7415075001**

Date: 24.02.2023

Branch Manager

## State level badminton competition from March 3

Dongargaon, Feb 25: A three-day state level badminton tournament is being organized by the Dongargaon Sports Association and Welfare Society of the city and according to the information received, this competition has been organized from 3 to 5 March. State ranking level star badminton players will participate in this competition and this competition will be organized in two categories above 40 years age group and below 40 years age group, in which state level players in both the age groups will display their best game. Dongargaon Sports Association family has asked all the players and spectators of the city and region to participate in this event and enjoy excellent sports.

**Bank of India BOI** SARAIPLI BRANCH - BESIDE GAYATRI SHAKTI, PEETH POST TEHSIL BLOCK, MAHASAMUND STATE CHHATTISGARH, SARAIPLI, 493558

**POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)**

Whereas, (Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of India, Saraipli Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the following borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being detailed as mentioned here under, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules as mentioned below.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of India Saraipli Branch for an amount detail given as below.

Borrower's Name	Description of the Properties	Demand Notice	Amount Due
Mrs. Satyabati Meher and Mr. Sudhanshu Sekhar Meher	All that Part and Parcel of the Property consisting of P.H. No. 45, Khasara No. 882/2, Village Singhoda, Tehsil Saraipli, District Mahasamund Within the registration Sub-district Saraipli and District Mahasamund. Boundaries - North - Land of Laru, South - Village Dharsa Road, East - Land of Jodh Ram, West - Land of Bhagrathi.	Date 09.11.2022 Possession Notice Date 24.02.2023	₹ 27,43,131.28/- (Twenty Seven Lacks Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty Rupees and Twenty Eight Paise One + interest + Other expenses)

Date: 26.02.2023, Place : Saraipli  
Authorized Officer, Bank of India

**SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA** RAGCP BHLAI, SBI Premises, Sector-1, Bhlai, Dist. Durg (C.G.) Pin-490601, Ph.-0788-2226903

**Publication of Notice Regarding Possession of Property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002**

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated herein after calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon.

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

S. No.	Name of the Borrower	Demand Notice Dt.	Outstanding Amount	Properties Details
1.	Borrower- Mr. Rajkumar Rajak S/o Mr. Komal Prasad Rajak.	(1) 09.12.2022 (2) 20.02.2023	Rs. 15,21,058/- + Interest & Other Charges thereon.	Flat No. 41 (2 BHK), 6th Floor, Block D-10, admeasuring builtup Area- 663.27 Sqft. Chouhan Housing, Situated at Opp. Chouhan Town, Khariyari & Junwani, PC No. 15/21, Bhlai, Dist.- Durg (C.G.) Boudaries: North: Open to Sky, South: Flat No. D 10-42, East: Open to Sky/Block No. D11, West: Flat No: D10-48.

Date: 26.02.2023, Place: Bhlai  
Authorized Officer, State Bank of India

**Canara Bank** Durg Branch (C.G.)

**POSSESSION NOTICE [Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)]**

Whereas, The under signed being the Authorised officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice was issued on the dated in the given following table calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days of receipt of said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against the account. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the CANARA BANK (Below mentioned Branches) for the amount and interest mentioned thereon.

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

S. No.	Borrower/Branch Name	Description of the movable/immovable Property	Demand Notice Amount	Demand Notice Date
1.	Borrower-M/s. Monarch Screen and Offset Printers, Prop. Mr. Vijay Gopale and Guarantor- Mrs. Jyoti Gopale and Mrs. Madhumati Gopale. Branch: Durg Branch	All that part & parcel of the property consisting of Commercial Building- Nazool Sheet No. 45C, Plot No. 101/2, Shop No. 2, Anzil Complex, Opp. Farishta Complex Station Road, Pachpanara, Ward No. 28, Teh and Dist- Durg, Measuring 168 Sqft. Owned by Mrs. Madhumati Gopale. Bounded: North- Hotel, South- Passage, East- Shop No. 03, West- Shop No. 01.	12,43,817.00 with interest and applicable charges thereon.	19.12.2022 23.02.2023

Date: 25.02.2023 Place: Durg (C.G.)  
Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

**Bank of India** Kawardha Branch, Surjit Singh Khanuja Complex, Infront of Bus Stand, Kawardha (C.G.) PIN-491995

**POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)**

Whereas, (Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of India, Kawardha Branch 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 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice on the dates, mentioned against each account (given below) calling upon the Borrowers/ Mortgagees to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notices / date of receipt of the said notices. The Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagees having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagees and the public in general that the undersigned has taken of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned below.

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

The Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagees in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Bank of India for the amounts and interest thereon.

S. No.	Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Description of the Propertie	Demand Notice Dt. Posse. Notice Dt.	Amount Due
1.	M/s. Maa Sharda Gud Udyog, Prop. Mr. Dilip Kumar Maravi.	Equitable Mortgage of immovable property of freehold diverted land and building situated at Khasra No. 20/4, PH Ho 24, Add.- Vill- Jhiriyara Khurd, Tah.- Pandariya, District- Kabirdham, pin-491995, state C.G. admeasuring area-0.547 hect. belongs to in the name of Mr. Dilip Kumar Maravi. Boundaries Survey no. 20/4: North- Road, South- Land of Ramu, East- Land of Arta, West- Land of Arawat Mohan.	14.10.2022 23.02.2023	₹ 11,92,414.88 + further interest as applicable

Date: 25.02.2023 Place : Kawardha (C.G.)  
Authorized Officer, Bank of India

**Indian Bank** Branch: MCB Raipur (Shyamnagar) (C.G.), Ph: 0771-2960464

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Through this notice, we wish to draw the attention of all the esteemed Locker holders of our Shyamnagar (Telbandha) Branch (Code - 5875) Indian Bank located at Hotel Ariena Complex, VIP Road, Raipur, 492001 that the existing Lockers will be shifted to our Avanti Vihar Branch (2331), N/2 Sector-1, Avanti Vihar Main Road, Raipur, 492001 expected by 31.03.2023. Please note to call on us in the above new address for operation of locker from 01.04.2023 onwards.

We also request you to arrange for removal of the articles if any, kept in the locker in order to avoid any untoward incident / likely damage of valuables / articles during transit, while all care and caution will be taken by the Bank to protect such content in the lockers. Please also note that the Bank will not be responsible for any loss/ damage that may be caused to the articles / items kept in the locker on account of shifting of the locker cabinet.

While we regret for the inconvenience may be caused due to relocation of Lockers, we assure you, the best of services and attentions.

Assistant General Manager  
Indian Bank, MCB Raipur (Shyamnagar)

Date: 26.02.2023

**Bank of Baroda** Regional Office, Jeevan Prakash, L.I.C. Building, Pandri, Raipur (C.G.) PH : 0771-422611, 412612, E-mail : recovery.raipur@bankofbaroda.com

**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF PROPERTIES "APPENDIX - IV-A" (See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6))**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" & Whatever there is "for recovery of below mentioned amounts. The details of Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s) / Guarantor(s) / Secured Assets(s) / Dues/ Reserve Price/ E-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:

Name & Address of Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor (s)	Give short description of the movable / immovable property with Any encumbrance-Not Known to Bank. (All in)	Total Dues (i) Reserve Price (ii) EMD and (iii) Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	
Smt. Neema Dewangan W/o. Tulsi Dewangan	Residential Land and Building Situated at Kh No. 339/3/61, Shami (339/14,340/1-2, 341/1-2, 367/2-4-5/6/1, P.H.No 15/49, Area 2420 SqFt. Village- Ratna bandha, R.N.M. Bhothali, Dhamtari, Tehsil & Distt.- Dhamtari (C.G.)	₹ 49,86,000 Lakh + Interest + Other Charges	i) ₹ 99,73,000 Lakh ii) ₹ 5,07,000 Lakh iii) ₹ 0.10 Lakh	Symbolic Possession

Date & Time of E-Auction 28.03.2023, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM & Property Inspection Date & Time 24.03.2023, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. For detailed terms & conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm> and <https://bapi.in>. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Mob. No. 8825138773.

Date : 26.02.2023, Place : Raipur (C.G.)  
Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

**Indian Bank** Branch: DDU Nagar Raipur (C.G.)

**APPENDIX - IV-A" (See proviso to rule 8 (6))**

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Indian Bank, DDU Nagar Raipur branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 15/03/2023, for recovery of Rs. 20,26,589/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Nine Only) (as on 05/07/2022) with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon due to the Indian Bank, DDU Nagar Raipur branch, Secured Creditor, from Borrowers (1) M/s Parampara The Legacy (Prop.- Akansha Santwani), Shop No. 31/392, Near Governor House, Civil Lines, Raipur, Dist.- Raipur (C.G.), (2) Ms. Akansha Santwani D/o Mr. Ashok Kumar Santwani, Dolphin Plaza Residency, Banglow No. 4, Daldai Seoni Road, Mowa, Raipur, Dist.- Raipur (C.G.) and Guarantor Mr. Ashok Kumar Santwani S/o Shri Takam Das Santwani, Dolphin Plaza Residency, Banglow No. 4, Daldai Seoni Road, Mowa, Raipur, Dist.- Raipur (C.G.)

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below.

**Detailed Description of the Property:-**

Plot no.- 81, Kh. No. 292(Part) P.H. No. 135/03, Vardhan Green City (Madhav Vihar), Vill- Khiloura, Tehsil- Abhanpur, Dist.-Raipur (C.G.) area 3110 Sq.ft., in the name of Mr. Ashok Kumar Santwani. Boundaries: North : Plot No. 80, South : Plot No. 82, East: Road, West: Boundary Wall

Encumbrances on property	Not Known
Reserve Price	Rs. 18,60,000.00
EMD Amount	Rs. 1,86,000.00
Bid incremental amount	Rs 10,000.00
Date and Time of E-auction	15/03/2023, Time- 11.00 AM to 04:00 PM
Property ID No.	IDIB30275827057

Bidders are advised to visit the website ([www.mstcecommerce.com](http://www.mstcecommerce.com)) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact [ibapi@mstcecommerce.com](mailto:ibapi@mstcecommerce.com) or for EMD status please contact [ibapi@mstcecommerce.com](mailto:ibapi@mstcecommerce.com).

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: <https://bapi.in> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number 1800162526 and 011-41106131.

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://bapi.in> and [www.mstcecommerce.com](http://www.mstcecommerce.com).

Date: 25.02.2023, Place : Raipur  
Authorized Officer, Indian Bank

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**APPENDIX IV (See Rule 8 (1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of YES Bank Limited (herein referred as the "bank") under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("herein referred as "the Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, had issued a demand notice, calling upon below mentioned Borrowers/ security providers to repay below mentioned outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice being under section 13(2) of the Act.

The Borrowers/ security providers having failed to repay the amount within the stipulated time period hence this notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ security providers and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules.

The Borrowers / security providers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned below and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for a repay outstanding amount together with all the other amounts outstanding including the costs, charges, expenses and interest thereon.

Please note that under Section 13 (8) of the aforesaid Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

S. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower (s)/Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) & Loan A/c	Details of the security/ security interest details of the mortgaged property	Date of Demand Notice Date of Possession	Notice Amount (Rs.)
1.	1. Mr. Amit Pateria S/o Ashok Pateria 2. Mrs. Deepthi Vaishanava W/o Amit Pateria Both are at- Sai Nagar, Urla Road, Near Kiran Beauty Parlour, Durg, CG. Pin-491001. Loan A/c No. AFH004700408244	ALL THAT piece and parcel of land comprising an area about of 1000 Sq.ft, situated at Mouza-Danganiya, P.H.N- 104/57, Khasra No. 179/36, under Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Ward No. 69, R.N.M-Raipur-1, P.S. & Dist.-Raipur, CG. Boundaries : North: House of D.K.Tiwari, South: Road, East: Land of Pradeep Chhatri, West: House of Bhakta Rajbanshi	24.11.2022 23.02.2023	Rs. 19,98,751.37 as on 21.11.2022
2.	1. Mr. Ahmed Hamdani @ Ahmed Abdul Habib S/o Abdul Habib Hamdani 2. Mrs. Amina Hamdani @Amina Ahmad W/o Ahmed Hamdani 3. Mrs. Sharma Hamdani D/o Ahmed Hamdani All are at- 31/7 & 31/8, Nehru Nagar (East), Ward No.2, Bhlai, Behind East Commercial Market, Dist.-Durg, Chhattisgarh, Pin-490020 & also at Bhlai Nursing Home, Opp. Moyna Cinema, Ramnagar Road, Supla, Bhlai, Dist.-Durg, C.G. Pin-490023 Loan A/c No. MOR004700894118 & MOR004700715643	1) ALL THAT piece and parcel of plot being no. 8, Area of about 216 Sq.mit. Block no. 31, Situated at Motilal Nehru Nagar East, Bhlai, Dist.-Durg. Boundaries: North: Road, South: Staff quarter, East: Plot No. 9, West: Plot No. 7 2) ALL THAT piece and parcel of plot being no. 7, Area of about 216 Sq.mit. , Block no. 31, Situated at Motilal Nehru Nagar East, Bhlai, Dist.-Durg Boundaries: North: Road, South: Lane East: Plot No. 8, West: Plot No. 6	14.12.2022 24.02.2023	Rs. 1,31,22,123.17 as on 14.12.2022

Date : 26.02.2023  
Place : Chhattisgarh  
For Yes Bank Limited (Authorized Officer)

## Rural technical centers will be established in RIPA with help of BARC

Efforts to make rural economy more dynamic as per Chief Minister's concept



Raipur, Feb 25: The dreams of young rural entrepreneurs working in rural industrial centers established in Gauthans of Chhattisgarh state are about to get a new dimension. Rural industrial centers i.e. RIPA will now be set up in collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC) Mumbai, in all RIPA centers of Chhattisgarh for demonstration and training of rural technology.

In these centres, more than 72 rural economy-based enterprise techniques will be imparted to the youth. Master trainers will also be prepared here by BARC. BARC officials appreciated the efforts being made by the government to provide better opportunities for rural economy and employment in Chhattisgarh and agreed to cooperate in setting up rural technical centers in RIPA.

here that according to the intention of Chief Minister Mr. Baghel, Rural Industrial Park is being constructed in 300 Gauthans of the state. For this, Rs 300 crore has been sanctioned by the state government. Construction of several RIPAs has been completed and various rural enterprises are being operated there. Youth will also be given training in various employment-business, preparation of various products of fruits, vegetables and minor forest produce in rural technical centers.

In the meeting of the Planning Commission held under the chairmanship of Ajay Singh, Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Commission, meaningful discussions were held regarding the establishment

of Rural Technical Centers in RIPA and expansion of latest technology and units for production of electricity from cow dung.

It was also decided in the meeting that a main rural technical center would be established at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur. In the meeting, BARC officials told that youth will be encouraged to join employment by training them in rural technical centers. In these centres, training will be imparted in relation to the method and other methods of making different types of food items from fruits, vegetables and forest produce.

Sushma Taishete, Joint Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India ap-

preciated the vision and initiative of the State regarding power generation from cow dung and food irradiation technology in the State. He assured cooperation in setting up rural technical centers in all the rural industrial parks established in the state. BARC scientists Dr. Gautam, Dr. S.T. Mehete gave information about the modern radiation technology regarding the preservation of food items for a long time.

In the meeting, Advisor to the Chief Minister Mr. Pradeep Sharma told about power generation from cow dung in the state that Chhattisgarh is the largest vermicompost producing state in the country. He informed about the possibilities of food irradiation technology in the state and livelihood gener-

ation from it. Sharma expected technical cooperation from BARC while giving information about the protection and utility of mahua, tamarind, tomato etc. and minor forest produce and other products in the state.

In the meeting, Joint Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, Mrs. Sushma Taishete, Bhabha Atomic Research Center scientist Dr. S. Gautam, Dr. S.T. Mehete, Member Secretary of the State Planning Commission Mr. Anoop Kumar Srivastava, Secretary of Energy Department Mr. Ankit Anand, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University Prof. Girish Chandel, Chhattisgarh Biofuel Development Authority's CEO Mr. Sumit Sarkar, Nodal of Rural Industrial Park Mr. Gaurav Singh, Secretary of Forest Department Mr. Prem Kumar, Managing Director of Small Forest Produce Association Mr. Anand Babu and representatives of other departments were present.

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Raipur, Feb 25: Paryavaran Mitra, Little Yoga Champion and CBSE Judo Gold Medalist 9 year old Aditya Raje Singh met the newly sworn Governor of Maharashtra Ramesh Bais on Friday evening in Raipur. He shared a plant with the recently designated Governor of Maharashtra and wished him. Aditya Raje shared about the works done by him on the various fields like Environment, Yoga,



Sports, Social development and etc. which was patiently observed by the Governor Ramesh Bais. The esteemed Governor blessed Aditya Raje and wished him with all luck for his future endeavors.

Aditya Raje shared with us that meeting the dignified Governor of Maharashtra gave him the golden opportunity to witness the aura of such a successful personality and Aditya Raje felt very inspired after meeting him.

## Action taken on 6 Hywa and 8 tractors

For illegally transporting minor minerals



Jagdalpur, Feb 25: Action was taken by the Mineral Department on the instructions given by the Collector of Bastar district, Chandan Kumar, to control illegal transportation of minor minerals. In the proceedings, 6 Hywa and 8 tractors have been seized and handed over to the police after they were found illegally transporting limestone, sand and mud-bricks in Bhanpuri, Kodanar, Jagdalpur and Adawal areas.

According to the information received by the Department of Minerals, a case was registered for illegal transportation of limestone and clay bricks in Bhanpuri, Kodanar, Jagdalpur and Adawal areas. In these, 4 Hywa were caught while illegally transporting limestone, 2 Hywa while illegally transporting sand and 6 tractors were caught while illegally transporting mud bricks. All the seized vehicles have been handed over to police custody. This action against illegal transportation of minor minerals was done by Mineral Inspector Midul Guha, Mineral Constable Dikeshwar Khare of the District Mineral Investigation Team.

## Two hospitals of Ch'garh got NQAS certificate

Under 'Muskan' programme

Raipur, Feb 25: Durg District Hospital and Patan Community Health Center, providing excellent health care and better treatment to children and newborns under the 'Muskan' program, was awarded the National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS - National Quality Assurance Standard) certificate by the Union Ministry of Health.

The Union Health Ministry team had inspected the Durg District Hospital in December last and the Community Health Center Patan in January this year and tested the quality of services available for children and newborns in both these hospitals. The team had also taken feedback in this regard from those undergoing treatment there. District Hospital Durg got 97 percent and Community Health Center Patan got 84 percent marks in the evaluation of

the team of Union Health Ministry. The team visited the Pediatric OPD, Pediatric Ward, SNCU and NRC (Nutritional Rehabilitation Center) at Durg District Hospital. They inspected and evaluated Pediatric OPD and NBSU (Newborn Stabilization Unit) at Patan Community Health Center. National Quality Assurance Standard certification of hospitals is done on the basis of 12 standards.

The services and satisfac-

tion level of the hospital are tested on several parameters by the team of experts before awarding the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate. For this, the organization evaluates the quality of parameters such as service delivery, patient satisfaction, clinical services, inputs, infection control, support services, quality management, outputs.

Only those hospitals which pass the evaluation are issued quality certificates by the Union

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

## EPFO's scheme 'Nidhi Aapke Nicht-2.0' on Feb 27

Raipur, Feb 25: Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has organised 'Nidhi Aapke Nicht-2.0' program in every district of Chhattisgarh on 27th of every month to provide easy, simple, accessible and home-access service to its respected EPF members and pensioners. In order to solve the problems related to provident fund and pension of provident fund members living in remote districts of Chhattisgarh state, now 'Nidhi Aapke Nicht' program is being organised by the office in every district on 27th of every month (in case of holiday), in the next working day from 9.00 am to 5.45 pm, in which the officers and employees of the office will be present themselves and try to solve the complaints quickly. This month the program is being organised in 33

districts of Chhattisgarh. According to the instructions of Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner, (MP and Chhattisgarh) Pankaj, in this program being organised in the month of February 2023, withdrawal of funds from provident fund and various other schemes (withdrawal), transfer of provident fund accounts, transfer of their knowledge/understanding Provident Fund account and updating KYC and complaints related to UAN will be redressed after receiving them. Apart from provident fund members and pensioners, employers of institutions, their representatives, heads of contractors and trade unions and their representatives can participate in the program and get solutions to their respective problems.

## CM congratulates Padma Vibhushan Teejanbai and Dr M Chandrakar

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Raipur, Feb 25: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has congratulated and extended his best wishes to Chhattisgarh's famous Pandvani singer, Padma Vibhushan Teejanbai on receiving the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Ratna). The Chief Minister has said that Teejan Bai has promoted the folk song tradition of Chhattisgarh. Her contribution to bestowing Chhattisgarh with a new identity in India and abroad is unprecedented. Padma Vibhushan Teejan Bai was felicitated with the Sangeet

Natak Akademi Fellowship on Thursday during a ceremony in New Delhi by the President Draupadi Murmu. The Vice Chancellor of Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya Khairagarh, Dr. Mokshada (Mamta) Chandrakar, was felicitated with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.

Chief Minister Baghel congratulated and expressed his best wishes to Dr. Mokshada (Mamta) Chandrakar and said that she has made Chhattisgarh proud with her accomplishments in the field of folk art and music.

## Prize distribution ceremony at Lakhe School, and SP English Medium School



Raipur, Feb 25: Prize distribution and cultural programmes 2023 were organised at Shri Vaman Rao Lakhe Higher Secondary School Hirapur and SP English Medium School. Ajay Tiwari was present

on the occasion as chief guest. RK Gupta presided over the programme. Anil Tiwari was present as distinguished guest.

Such events are necessary to encourage students to participate in cul-

tural programmes, sports and literature for their all round development, Anil Tiwari said in his address. He congratulated the winning players. Those who could not perform well should not get disheart-

ened, he added. In his address, RK Gupta announced the construction of a Celtic playground and 6 rooms in view of the enthusiasm of the children and the talent of the school players.

Chief Guest Ajay Tiwari in his speech congratulated the meritorious students and also the students who brought laurels to the school with their performance in archery. He announced Rs 5000 to school's meritorious students and free college study to students who represent the school in national and international level sports events. Chhattisgarhi artiste Deepak Sahu, Karan Chouhan and Sangeeta Sahu presented dance on song 'Kiran Ke Mayaraja Jeet'.

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वधु चाहिए- सत्यपरोम ब्राम्हण- 32/5'10", छत्तीसगढ़ शासन में क्लास-2 अधिकारी (पोस्टमैत्री सलेक्टेट) हेतु डॉक्टर/प्रोफेसर/शासकीय सेवारत वधु चाहिए, मो.- 9302382870 (शैरिन चंद्रा शर्मा), (251205)	वधु चाहिए- मांगलिक, पादक (ओहर) 35/5'8", बी.ई., एमबीए, प्राइवेट जॉब हेतु सुन्दर, सुशील, गृहकार्य में दक्ष वधु चाहिए, संपर्क करें- मो.- 9850209071, (251287)	प्रकाशिता (कुमार) एम.बी.बी.एस. डॉक्टर दिल्ली में कार्यरत उम्र 38, सल सलाना आयरली 20-25 लाख वर के लिए सुन्दर सुशील स्वच्छ स्नातकोत्तर प्राथमिकता कर्करत स्वच्छ वधु अनार्यवर्तित वधु चाहिए सम्पर्क- 7587144375, 9958044901, (251079)	वधु 51, शिक्षा-एम.कॉम, इन्कम टैक्स डिपार्टमेंट, (गवर्नमेंट) सेलरी 79,000/- स्वयं का घर, गाड़ी अंतरजातीय लान, रिलेशनशिप साथी चाहिए, 7028664528-मो, 9049095450-आर.
<b>वंगाली</b>	<b>वर चाहिये</b>	<b>वधु चाहिये</b>	<b>भैरिज ब्यूरो</b>
वधु चाहिए- ब्राम्हण विधुर वचन वयोग 33 वर्ष, रंग गेलाआ, लैन नीव अंको में के लिए ब्राम्हण वधु चाहिए, संपर्क करें- मो.- 8815375759, (251250)	वधु चाहिए- ब्राम्हण विधुर वचन वयोग 33 वर्ष, रंग गेलाआ, लैन नीव अंको में के लिए ब्राम्हण वधु चाहिए, संपर्क करें- मो.- 8815375759, (251250)	वधु चाहिए- 35/5'8", बी.ई., एमबीए, प्राइवेट जॉब हेतु सुन्दर, सुशील, गृहकार्य में दक्ष वधु चाहिए, संपर्क करें- मो.- 9850209071, (251287)	उम्र 65 वर्ष, मासिक आय 30000/- व्यक्ति हेतु बेसुकाय, सुंदर, सुशील, शिक्षित एवं सावधवरी महिला चाहिए, इच्छुक महिला स्वयं मिले या संपर्क करें- मो.- 7869560225, (251297)
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वधु चाहिए- ब्राम्हण 26/5'2", बी.कॉम, रंग-गोरा अत्यंत सुन्दर गृहकार्य में दक्ष कन्या मध्यम वर्गीय परिवार हेतु सुयोग्य वर चाहिए, अतिशोध विवाह (सभी ब्राम्हण स्वीकार्य) मो.- 6266127900, (251288)	वधु चाहिए- युक्तुत, 27.1/2 वर्षीया 5'4", बी.ए., गौर कश्यप गोरी सुन्दर कन्या हेतु वर एवं 28 वर्षीय 5'3", बी.सी.ए., गौर रघुवंशी, किराना दुकान एवं खेती सुचक हेतु वधु चाहिए, केवल छत्तीसगढ़ निवासरत संपर्क करें- मोबाईल- 9300274132, (251275)	वधु चाहिए- 33 वर्ष 5'11", एमबीए, प्राइवेट जॉब कार्यरत वर हेतु सुन्दर, सुशील, उल्लासपूर्वक वधु चाहिए, सभी मुस्लिम मान्य, संपर्क- मो.- 8982680494, 9589855463, (251290)	उम्र- 42 उल्लासपूर्वक मुस्लिम युवक को खोजने वाली चाहिए, जिसको कोई कारणात्मक शर्तों में दिक्कत हो, सरकारी सेक्टर या अर्बिक रूप में सम्पन्न रिश्ता चाहिए, सभी धर्म मान्य, संपर्क- मो.- 9303903469, (251302)
<b>अग्रवाल</b>	<b>वधु चाहिये</b>	<b>वधु चाहिये</b>	<b>वधु चाहिये</b>
वधु चाहिए- 26.01.1995, सोप, लोगो ट्रेडिंग, इन्कम सालाना 60 लाख, रिश्ता अग्रवाल 01.05.1990 बी कॉम, होलमिल किराना, इन्कम सालाना 18 लाख, सोनू अग्रवाल 13.08.1975 बी.कॉम रिश्ता इन्स्ट्रुट रायपुर, इन्कम सालाना 60 लाख, वधु चाहिए- 90393-21951, (251185)	वधु चाहिए- युक्तुत, 27.1/2 वर्षीया 5'4", बी.ए., गौर कश्यप गोरी सुन्दर कन्या हेतु वर एवं 28 वर्षीय 5'3", बी.सी.ए., गौर रघुवंशी, किराना दुकान एवं खेती सुचक हेतु वधु चाहिए, केवल छत्तीसगढ़ निवासरत संपर्क करें- मोबाईल- 9300274132, (251275)	वधु चाहिए- 33 वर्ष 5'11", एमबीए, प्राइवेट जॉब कार्यरत वर हेतु सुन्दर, सुशील, उल्लासपूर्वक वधु चाहिए, सभी मुस्लिम मान्य, संपर्क- मो.- 8982680494, 9589855463, (251290)	वधु चाहिए- युक्तुत, 26/5'2", बी.कॉम, रंग-गोरा अत्यंत सुन्दर गृहकार्य में दक्ष कन्या शिक्षा व्यवसायी परिवार हेतु सुयोग्य वर चाहिए, अतिशोध विवाह (सभी गुजराती मान्य) मो.- 8224906578, (251286)

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# Pakistan govt halts clearance of bills, salaries amidst economic crisis



Islamabad, Feb 25 (PTI):

The cash-strapped Pakistan government has directed the accountant general to cease the clearing of bills, including salaries, owing to the current economic crisis, according to a media report on Saturday.

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue also instructed the Accountant General of Pakistan Revenues (AGPR) to halt the clearing of all the bills of the federal ministries/divisions and attached departments

until further notice, The News International quoted official sources as saying.

The newspaper reported that the operational cost-related releases faced difficulties mainly due to the economic hardship facing the country.

Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves, which fell to a critically low level of USD 2.9 billion a few weeks ago, have now risen closer to USD 4 billion, even as the country eagerly waits for the USD 1.1 billion tranches of funding from the

The exact reasons could not be ascertained why the clearance of bills was stopped on an immediate basis.

The sources said the salaries and pensions of defence-related institutions had already been cleared for next month.

Finance Minister Dar while meeting on February 22 with a delegation of Rothschild and Co had said "the government was steering the economy towards stability and growth".

He added that "the government is committed to completing the IMF programme and fulfilling all international obligations". Dar's commitment to unlocking the IMF tranche was visible on February 20 when the national assembly had unanimously approved the Finance (Supplementary) Bill 2023 or "mini-budget" - a move mandatory for seeking funding.

The bill increases sales tax from 17 to 25 per cent on imports ranging from cars and household appliances to chocolates and cosmetics. A general sales tax was raised from 17 to 18 per cent.

International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar, who was contacted for a comment by the newspaper, said it might be untrue but promised to get back after confirmation.

Sources said that they went to the AGPR office for clearance of their outstanding bills but were informed that the Ministry of Finance had directed them to stop clearing all the bills, including the salaries, because of the prevailing difficult financial positions.

# EU slaps sanctions on top Russia officials, banks, trade

Brussels, Feb 25 (AP):

The European Union agreed on Saturday to impose new sanctions on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine targeting more officials and organizations accused of supporting the war, spreading propaganda or supplying drones, as well as restricting trade on products that could be used by the armed forces.

The EU's Swedish presidency said the sanctions "are directed at military and political decision-makers, companies supporting or working within the Russian military industry, and commanders in the Wagner Group. Transactions with some of Russia's largest banks are also prohibited."

Asset freezes were slapped on three more Russian banks and seven Iranian "entities" companies, agencies, political parties or other organisations that manufacture military drones, which the EU suspects have been used by Russia during the war.

The new measures, proposed by the EU's executive branch three weeks ago, were only adopted after much internal wrangling over their exact make-up, and made public one day after the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine the intended target date.

The delay, which was minor but symbolically important, is yet more evidence of how difficult it has become for the 27-nation bloc to identify new targets for restrictive measures that are acceptable to all member nations. The sanctions are meant to undermine Russia's economy and drain funds for its war effort, but they are also increasingly inflicting pain on European economies already hit by high inflation and energy prices and still suffering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before this latest round of measures, the EU had already targeted almost 1,400 Russian officials, including President Vladimir Putin, govern-

ment ministers, lawmakers and oligarchs believed loyal to the Kremlin, but also officers believed responsible for war crimes or targeting civilian infrastructure. The bloc had also frozen the assets of

more than 170 organisations, ranging from political parties and paramilitary groups to banks, private companies and media outlets accused of spreading pro-Kremlin propaganda.

# DEMONSTRATION



British human rights campaigner Peter Tatchell (3L) holds a placard with demonstrators in support of arming Ukraine in central London on February 25, following Friday's first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

# Afghan Taliban wants Pakistan to bear the cost of disarming TTP militants

Islamabad, Feb 25 (PTI):

The Taliban-led government in Afghanistan has for the first time proposed to Pakistan that it should bear the cost of disarming and rehabilitating the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP) members and their families numbering more than 30,000 from the Pak-Afghan border areas, according to a media report. This was revealed during the National Apex Committee meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday to formulate a strategy to deal with the rising incidents of terror attacks in Pakistan, according to The Express Tribune news-



paper. The Afghan Taliban has said it is willing to disarm and relocate the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP) militants and their

families across the border but wants Islamabad to bear the

cost of the proposed rehabilitation, the report said.

The meeting was attended by a raft of high-profile members from the political and military establishment. Friday's meeting comes after Defence Minister Khawaja Asif and the Director General of the country's spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Lt. General Nadeem Anjum met the top brass of the Afghanistan Taliban regime in Kabul to share "irrefutable evidence" with them about the presence of TTP in the neighbouring country.

**कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता**  
**लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड, गरियाबंद छत्तीसगढ़**  
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**ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट निविदा सूचना**

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत पंजीकृत सक्षम ठेकेदारों से निम्नांकित कार्य हेतु प्रपत्र "ए" में निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

कार्य का नाम:- जल जीवन मिशन अन्तर्गत विभिन्न ग्रामों में एकल ग्राम/रेट्रोफिटिंग नल जलप्रदाय योजनाओं का कार्य।

नि.सू.क्र./दिनांक	सिस्टम क्र.	ग्राम/वि.ख.	अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)
804/22.02.2023	125919	भुलबहु/मैनपुर	49.45
805/22.02.2023	125921	भालुडिंगी/मैनपुर	7.47
806/22.02.2023	125926	डरगंजी/मैनपुर	8.53
807/22.02.2023	125928	महाल/मैनपुर	10.07
808/22.02.2023	125929	नारडर/मैनपुर	22.05

नोट:- उपरोक्त कार्यों की निविदा को सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापन, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट वेबपोर्टल <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> दिनांक 24.02.2023 से देखी जा सकती है तथा बिड सबमिशन को अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 14.03.2023 है।

**कार्यपालन अभियंता**  
**लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड,**  
**गरियाबंद (छ.ग.)**

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**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH,**  
**WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**  
**WATER RESOURCES & GROUND WATER SURVEY CIRCLE**  
**SIHAVA BHAWAN CAMPUS, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.)**

**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
**eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>**

(2nd Call)

System Tender No. : 125761/NIT No. : 12/SAC/2022-23, Dhamtari, Dated: 24.02.2023

Online Tenders are invited for The Following Works up to 13.03.2023 at 17:30 Hour (IST):-

Name of work: **REPAIR WORK OF DUMARPALI ANICUT OF MAGARLOAD BLOCK OF DHAMTARI DISTRICT.**

Probable Amount of Contract:- **Rs. 100.60 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 03.03.2023, at 17:31 Hours. (IST) onwards.

**NOTE:-** All eligible/intrested 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 Resource, Division, Dhamtari  
 for, Superintending Engineer, Water Resources & Ground Water Survey Circle, Raipur (C.G.)

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**कार्यालय अतिरिक्त तहसीलदार/वाणिज्यिक कर अधिकारी**  
**रायपुर वृत्त-तीन (छ.ग.)**  
**राजभवन के पास, सिविल लाईन, रायपुर,**  
**फोन : 0771-2331458**

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

अधिक मात्र में बर्णित अचल संपत्ति को वे. अर्थात् इन्फ्रस्ट्रक्चर, प्रिपर्टीज/नगर रायपुर टिन 2289/1303997 (पार्श्वर- श्रीमती अश्विनि पति श्री अश्विनी शर्मा एवं श्रीमती प्रमोदा पति श्री तुषार वाइकर दोनों निवासी धामतारी रोड, धामतारी, रायपुर) पर कालम (5) में विनिर्दिष्ट भू-राजस्व के बकाया रु. 90,77,141/- और आदेशिका नुसार के लेख में देय रु. 50/- की वसूली के लिये कुर्क को गई है।

एतद्द्वारा उद्घोषणा की जाती है कि, यदि हमारे नीलामी के लिये विपक्ष तिथि से पूर्व कुल देय राशि का भुगतान नहीं किया जाता है, तो उक्त अचल संपत्ति का विक्रय निम्नांकित शर्तों के अधीन मातृश्री परिसर, प्रिपर्टीज/नगर, रायपुर पर दिनांक 28.02.2023 दिन मंगलवार को समय 03 बजे दोपहर (अथवा उस के लगभग), सार्वजनिक नीलामी द्वारा किया जाएगा। विक्रय का विस्तार उक्त संपत्ति में केवल उक्त बकायादार के स्वामी, स्वभाविकारों एवं हितों तक सीमित रहेगा।

**संपत्ति का ब्यौरा**

स्वा.न	संपत्ति का ब्यौरा	क्षेत्रफल	बकाया राशि	संपत्ति का आरक्षित मूल्य (अनुमानित)	धरोहर राशि
1	2	3	4	5	6
क्र. 46	मातृश्री परिसर, प्रिपर्टीज/नगर, रायपुर वृत्त-तीन (पूर्वत)	1325 वर्गफुट	90,77,141/-	39,09,015/- (पूर्वत)	3,90,000/-

टीप:- उक्त संपत्ति का वर्तमान आरक्षित मूल्य ज्ञात नहीं, पूर्व में प्राप्त उप-पंजीयक, रायपुर के द्वारा निर्धारित किये गये मूल्य में 10 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि किया जाकर आरक्षित मूल्य का निर्धारण किया गया है। वर्तमान मूल्य के निर्धारण हेतु उप-पंजीयक, रायपुर के पत्र क्रमांक 284 दिनांक 18.08.2020 अनुसार संपत्ति का बाजार मूल्य रु. 15,750/- वर्ग मीटर अर्थात् 2019-20 हेतु निर्धारित किया गया है।

**नीलामी की शर्तें:-**

- संपत्ति को नीलामी 'जहाँ है वही है' के आधार पर तथा छत्तीसगढ़ भू-राजस्व संहिता 1959 की धारा 146 व 147 के प्रावधानों के तहत की जायेगी।
- नीलामी में भाग लेने के इच्छुक नीलामीदारों को वाणिज्यिक कर अधिकारी वृत्त तीन रायपुर के पास में आरक्षित मूल्य को लगभग 10 प्रतिशत राशि, अर्थात् रु. 3,90,000/- (अक्षरी तीन लाख नब्बे हजार रुपये) का पे-आउट/डी.डी., धरोहर राशि के रूप में नीलामी आरंभ होने के पूर्व बकाया करना आवश्यक है।
- प्रत्येक नीलामीदार को नीलामी में भाग लेने हेतु उक्त धरोहर राशि के साथ, बहबान पत्र (पासपोर्ट/ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस/वोट आई.डी. में से एक) एवं पेन कार्ड की स्व-प्रामाणित छायाप्रति के साथ, उक्त के द्वारा नीलामी को समस्त शर्तें स्वीकार कीं, इस आशय का घोषणा पत्र संलग्न करना होगा।
- न्यूनतम तीन नीलामीदार होने पर ही नीलामी की कार्यवाही आरंभ की जायेगी।
- निम्न व शर्तों के अधीन, पूर्ण रूप से सही एवं सार्वजनिक बोली लगाने वाले को सफल घोषित किया जायेगा व अन्य नीलामीदारों को जमा को गई धरोहर राशि नीलामी के बाद बिना शर्त के वापस कर दी जायेगी।
- सफल नीलामीदार को विक्रय मूल्य के 25 प्रतिशत का भुगतान, पे-आउट/डी.डी. के माध्यम से, उक्तकाल (या निर्देशानुसार), वाणिज्यिक कर अधिकारी रायपुर वृत्त-तीन के पास में, करना होगा, धरोहर राशि इसमें समाविष्ट की जायेगी। निम्न समय के भीतर राशि जमा न करने पर धरोहर राशि जप्त कर ली जायेगी। संपत्ति को पुनः नीलामी की प्रक्रिया आरंभ की जायेगी।
- नीलामी की वृद्धि होने पर अधिकतम बोली लगाने वाले को सफल नीलामीदार माना जायेगा। संपत्ति हस्तांतरित करने का निर्णय लिया जाता है तो, सफल नीलामीदार को विक्रय मूल्य को शेष 75 प्रतिशत राशि निर्णय के पन्द्रह दिवस के भीतर जमा करना होगा अन्यथा पूर्व में जमा 25 प्रतिशत राशि जप्त कर ली जायेगी एवं उक्त संपत्ति को पुनः नीलामी की प्रक्रिया आरंभ की जायेगी।
- किसी भी विवाद की स्थिति में नीलामीकारों का निर्णय अंतिम व सर्वोच्च होगा।

**वाणिज्यिक कर अधिकारी**  
 रायपुर वृत्त-तीन, रायपुर  
 (बसुली हेतु अतिरिक्त तहसीलदार की शक्तियों प्रदत्त)

दिनांक: 26/02/2023  
 मुद्रा: G-98798/1

**All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur**  
 An Autonomous Institute Under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of Chhattisgarh

**ADMISSION NOTICE**  
**SPOT COUNSELING FOR DM/MCh - Jan. 2023**

Spot Counseling for filling up vacant DM/MCh seats of AIIMS Raipur for January 2023 session will be held on 28-02-2023 (Tuesday) at 12.00 Noon at AIIMS Raipur.

The list of vacant seats is available on the website of AIIMS Raipur. Final updated list of vacant seats will be uploaded on the website of the institute ([www.aiimsraipur.edu.in](http://www.aiimsraipur.edu.in)) by 02.00 PM on 27.02.2023.

Those eligible candidates, who are desirous of seeking admission in the spot counseling as per the result Final Result Notification No. No. 197/2022 dated 01.12.2022 (<http://docs.aiimsexams.ac.in/sites/AIIMS-INI-SS-JN23-STAGE2-RESULT-FINAL-NET.pdf>) issued by AIIMS New Delhi should register on or before 27.02.2022 (5 PM) by clicking on the given link <https://forms.gle/UatM2brYPHs4KNvA9>.

**SPOT COUNSELING FOR MD/MS/MDS JAN. 2023**

Institute Level Spot Counseling for filling up vacant Postgraduate (MD/MS/MDS) seats of AIIMS Raipur for January 2023 session will be held on 28.02.2023 (Tuesday) at 10.00 AM at AIIMS Raipur.

The list of vacant seats is available on the website of AIIMS Raipur. Final updated list of vacant seats will be uploaded on the website of the institute ([www.aiimsraipur.edu.in](http://www.aiimsraipur.edu.in)) by 05.00 PM on 27.02.2023. Those candidates who have secured 50th percentile or more (45th percentile for OBC/SC/ST/PwBD candidates) in the entrance examination (INICET-Jan 2023) conducted by AIIMS New Delhi on 13.11.2022 and desirous of seeking admission in the Institute Level spot counseling should register on or before 28.02.2023 (9 AM) by clicking on the given link <https://forms.gle/RxxpPvJfOCBpkuV7>.

Registered candidates are required to remain physically present at AIIMS Raipur along with all original certificates/documents mandatorily. For essential eligibility conditions, other details and terms and conditions please visit the website of AIIMS Raipur.

- Director

**कार्यालय, कार्यपालन अभियंता**  
**ग्रामीण यांत्रिकी सेवा सभाग कोरबा**

**संक्षिप्त निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना क्रमांक-18**  
 (द्वितीय चार)

क्रमांक/808/टेंडर/प्राधासेवा/2023 कोरबा, दिनांक 23.02.2023

छत्तीसगढ़ के राज्यपाल के ओर से एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत लोक निर्माण विभाग द्वारा सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्न दर्शित सिविल कार्य हेतु प्रमुख अभियंता, ग्रामीण यांत्रिकी सेवा रायपुर द्वारा जारी दिनांक 01.11.2021 एवं प्रमुख अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग, रायपुर द्वारा जारी दिनांक 01.01.2015 (सिविल) से प्रचलित प्रभावशाली दर अनुसूची मुद्रित एवं अद्यतन संशोधित दरों पर ऑफलाइन (Offline) प्रतिशत दर पर निविदा दिनांक 06.03.2023 समय 17.30 बजे तक निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

- कार्य का नाम:- जोनल टेंडर (वित्तीय वर्ष 2022-23) जिला कोरबा के विकासखण्ड कटघोरा (जोनल क्रमांक 01 से 03 तक) विकासखण्ड कटघोरा (जोनल क्रमांक 01, 02 एवं 04 हेतु), विकासखण्ड पाली (जोनल क्रमांक 02) एवं विकासखण्ड पोडीउपरोडा (जोनल क्रमांक 01, 03 एवं 04 हेतु) अंतर्गत विभिन्न पत्रा में रु. 10.00 लाख लागत तक के स्वीकृत भवन एवं अन्य प्रकार के सिविल कार्य।
- ठेके की अनुमानित लागत - रु. 20.00 लाख (प्रत्येक जोनल क्र. हेतु)
- निविदा की धरोहर राशि - रु. 15000.00 (प्रत्येक जोनल क्र. हेतु)
- निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य - रु. 750.00 (प्रत्येक जोनल क्र. हेतु)

2/ निविदा को सामान्य शर्तें, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापन (परिशिष्ट-2, 10 एवं निविदा दस्तावेज परिशिष्ट-2.13) यथा संशोधित व अन्य जानकारी विभागीय वेबसाइट <http://res.cg.gov.in/manual tender> में अथवा कार्यालयीन अवधि में कार्यालय में उपस्थित होकर दिनांक 23.02.2023 समय 10.30 बजे से देखी जा सकती है।

**कार्यपालन अभियंता**  
**ग्रामीण यांत्रिकी सेवा सभाग**  
 कोरबा, जिला-कोरबा (छ.ग.)

G-98863/7

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**अचल संपत्ति के विक्रय की उद्घोषणा**  
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अधिक मात्र में बर्णित अचल संपत्ति को वे. अर्थात् इन्फ्रस्ट्रक्चर, प्रिपर्टीज/नगर रायपुर टिन 2289/1303997 (पार्श्वर- श्रीमती अश्विनि पति श्री अश्विनी शर्मा एवं श्रीमती प्रमोदा पति श्री तुषार वाइकर दोनों निवासी धामतारी रोड, धामतारी, रायपुर) पर कालम (5) में विनिर्दिष्ट भू-राजस्व के बकाया रु. 90,77,141/- और आदेशिका नुसार के लेख में देय रु. 50/- की वसूली के लिये कुर्क को गई है।

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क्र. 46	मातृश्री परिसर, प्रिपर्टीज/नगर, रायपुर वृत्त-तीन (पूर्वत)	1325 वर्गफुट	90,77,141/-	39,09,015/- (पूर्वत)	3,90,000/-

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- संपत्ति को नीलामी 'जहाँ है वही है' के आधार पर तथा छत्तीसगढ़ भू-राजस्व संहिता 1959 की धारा 146 व 147 के प्रावधानों के तहत की जायेगी।
- नीलामी में भाग लेने के इच्छुक नीलामीदारों को वाणिज्यिक कर अधिकारी वृत्त तीन रायपुर के पास में आरक्षित मूल्य को लगभग 10 प्रतिशत राशि, अर्थात् रु. 3,90,000/- (अक्षरी तीन लाख नब्बे हजार रुपये) का पे-आउट/डी.डी., धरोहर राशि के रूप में नीलामी आरंभ होने के पूर्व बकाया करना आवश्यक है।
- प्रत्येक नीलामीदार को नीलामी में भाग लेने हेतु उक्त धरोहर राशि के साथ, बहबान पत्र (पासपोर्ट/ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस/वोट आई.डी. में से एक) एवं पेन कार्ड की स्व-प्रामाणित छायाप्रति के साथ, उक्त के द्वारा नीलामी को समस्त शर्तें स्वीकार कीं, इस आशय का घोषणा पत्र संलग्न करना होगा।
- न्यूनतम तीन नीलामीदार होने पर ही नीलामी की कार्यवाही आरंभ की जायेगी।
- निम्न व शर्तों के अधीन, पूर्ण रूप से सही एवं सार्वजनिक बोली लगाने वाले को सफल घोषित किया जायेगा व अन्य नीलामीदारों को जमा को गई धरोहर राशि नीलामी के बाद बिना शर्त के वापस कर दी जायेगी।
- सफल नीलामीदार को विक्रय मूल्य के 25 प्रतिशत का भुगतान, पे-आउट/डी.डी. के माध्यम से, उक्तकाल (या निर्देशानुसार), वाणिज्यिक कर अधिकारी रायपुर वृत्त-तीन के पास में, करना होगा, धरोहर राशि इसमें समाविष्ट की जायेगी। निम्न समय के भीतर राशि जमा न करने पर धरोहर राशि जप्त कर ली जायेगी। संपत्ति को पुनः नीलामी की प्रक्रिया आरंभ की जायेगी।
- नीलामी की वृद्धि होने पर अधिकतम बोली लगाने वाले को सफल नीलामीदार माना जायेगा। संपत्ति हस्तांतरित करने का निर्णय लिया जाता है तो, सफल नीलामीदार को विक्रय मूल्य को शेष 75 प्रतिशत राशि निर्णय के पन्द्रह दिवस के भीतर जमा करना होगा अन्यथा पूर्व में जमा 25 प्रतिशत राशि जप्त कर ली जायेगी एवं उक्त संपत्ति को पुनः नीलामी की प्रक्रिया आरंभ की जायेगी।
- किसी भी विवाद की स्थिति में नीलामीकारों का निर्णय अंतिम व सर्वोच्च होगा।

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### Are investors losing faith in stock market?

The market is facing a dilemma since it touched a lifetime high in early December last year. At first, it was a high valuation which made the Indian market expensive and other Asian peers cheaper and attractive. Then came the Q3 earnings results! Just when the street was getting comfortable with inflation below RBI's tolerance limit, the economic indicator shot up higher than expected, and once again worries about how long the rate hike cycle will continue heightened. By late January, things couldn't have gotten any worse when a US-based short seller dropped a bombshell report on Adani Group leading to one of the biggest carnage in the conglomerate's stocks. These pressures led to a huge decline in trading volumes on exchanges. Investors are likely leaving the market. Are they losing faith in the stock market? In a tweet, Ashish Bahety, a Sebi-registered analyst and also co-founder of NAV Investment Research, cited NSE data which showed that 38 Lakh clients have left the stock market in the last 6 months. He said, "the 'lockdown traders' must have seen the reality of the stock market." Last month, leading online-trading platform Zerodha's chief executive Nithin Kamath said, they have already seen an almost 50% fall in monthly new account openings from January this year, and this trend has been similar across the industry. Bahety expects more drops in client base in market ahead. According to NSE data, in the cash market, the turnover was at Rs 10,20,626 crore --- down from Rs 11,60,846 crore in December and Rs12,01,108 crore in November last year. Further, the NSE data showed that the average daily turnover stood at Rs 48,601 crore in January 2023, down from Rs 52,766 crore in December and Rs 5,71,96 crore in November 2022. Demat securities traded in January 2023, dropped by 40.6% to Rs 5,168.47 crore versus Rs 8,704.49 crore in December 2022. In November last year, the Demat securities traded stood at Rs 5,947.05 crore. Also, in January 2023, the market cap of the cash market on NSE declined by nearly Rs 12.17 lakh crore to Rs 268.02 lakh crore compared to Rs 280.19 lakh crore. Not just that, the total turnover of equity on BSE has dropped from Rs 1,18,132.64 crore in September 2022 to Rs 68,103.37 crore in January, as per the data. Explaining the dip in investors on market, Rohan Mehta, CEO & Portfolio Manager, Turtle Wealth said, "this is a clear signal of people losing hope in markets, the quote of buy-in fear and sell in greed should be tweaked to buy when people lose hope and sell when people are too optimistic." Mehta further highlighted that this has happened across in last 20 years, after every bull run there is a huge consolidation period and before also the same happens, we are now at the 16th month of consolidation in a range of NIFTY 50 or NIFTY 500, the index remains at the same level, but the broader markets are widely wounded, on every one 52 week high stock, there is 9 stock which has shown 52 weeks low. He pointed out four reasons for the current correction in the market. Firstly, bad quarterly numbers; secondly India is a bit overvalued so most of the money is shifted to other cheaper emerging markets; thirdly Adani's saga, has made people fear the markets; and lastly overall sign of slowdown in the core business. However, Turtle Wealth CEO believes after big consolidation, there is as structural Bull Run which starts, pre covid we saw nearly 9 quarters of consolidation and after that, we had seen a major bull rally, but the question here is how many peopled stay invested? He added, "Most people enter the markets for the money, but soon lose track of that goal and start chasing some private version of fun." He believes this is the best time to do a portfolio review and rebuilding, removing weeds and watering flowers, the stock which price are intake, and the Quarter number has been impressive are the flowers and visa versa." The CEO concluded, it may take 1 or 2 quarters more but a structural rally in markets is likely to happen soon. Year-to-date, Sensex has plunged nearly 2.8%, while Nifty 50 has seen even larger decline of over 4%. Currently, Sensex is below 59,500 and Nifty 50 is under 17,500 levels.

### Child labour affects millions of children worldwide

Vinod Chandrashekar Dixit

In Metropolitan cities like Mumbai, Ahmedabad & Delhi, one would have noticed everywhere - hovering around the crossings, shining shoes, washing automobiles, working in the fields or worse, working in inhuman conditions in the factories. In Ahmedabad today, there are no less than 25,000 children below the age of 14 who fall into this category of "Child labourers". Child labour is a growing menace which requires immediate attention of the government. According to International Labour Organization, the child labour is widespread in the Third world countries while it has decreased dramatically in industrial countries in recent years. Mumbai & Delhi over the years has developed an industrially biased economic structure. Small industries have multiplied on the eastern outskirts of the city. 31 million children are part of India's workforce, the highest number in the world. A minute analysis of the available child labour data reveals that a greater number of children in the age group of 5-14 years are engaged in agricultural labour in rural India. The incidents of drought in the neighbouring state, Earthquake has forced families and individuals to flee to the city. As a result, the labour market has been flooded. No doubt, Child labour has often been restricted to the "media developed concept" of those working at the Sivakasi fireworks plant in Tamil Nadu or the bangle industry in U.P., the carpet weavers of Rajasthan or the diamond polishers in Surat but today child workers are concentrated mainly in three areas, namely, agriculture, the urban informal sector and domestic services because these sectors are most hidden from public scrutiny. Millions of children below the age of 14 are employed in occupations like lock making, diamond cutting, match and fireworks, carpet weaving etc. The other problems faced by young workers are long hours of work for low wages, lack of schooling. Today, this universal problem is not our concern. The concern is for Metropolitan's children who aimlessly walk her streets, the thousands who have to put in 16 working hours a day, to earn just one meager meal and a few rupees. In cities today child labourers are not only found in the factories and mills, but are exploited as domestic servants, as general hands at tea-galls or fast food stalls, at garages or going anything else that would earn them a rupee or two. I have found that there are many child labourers who have to go through a 16 hours routine each day to earn a very meager salary. By late night, their eyes are almost drooping and their frail bodies look as if they would collapse at any moment, but somehow they carry on with all the cleaning, serving and anything else the saheb orders them to do. The exploiters or godfathers as they would call themselves, are always there. Child labours are paid very low wages that range from one third to a half of that of adults, even when their output is greater. Taking into consideration the law concerning child labour, the child workers are virtually unprotected by the Indian constitution. While the government proposes to abolish the problem of child labour according to the Act of 1986 but it seems impossible as unfair means are being practiced to evade legislation of any kind by the employers. The child labourer has often been understood as cheap labour, which is a vital economic asset to developing industry. But this never justifies the inhuman conditions, which these innocent ones face. It is seen that Child labourers are totally sidelined by some organizations. No doubt, due to immense poverty and adult unemployment, many children do need work; hence I would like to suggest that to have a complete ban on any kind of work for children below 14 is impractical but there should be cut off age. Children below ten should not be allowed to work at any cost. Time has now come when we need to organize "Workshops-cum-training" centers for poor children in Gujarat so that they can earn while learning some skills.

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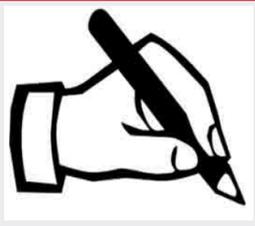
### POTATOES HARVESTING



Agra: Farmers harvest potatoes at a field in Agra, Saturday, Feb. 25.

## Mental Health of Indian children and youth deteriorating

DR. GYAN PATHAK



Mental health of Indian children and youth has been deteriorating, if ever increasing number of their suicides is of any indication. Girls below the age of 18 are more vulnerable than boys, while boys between 18-30 are more prone to fall in the trap. Since the entire future of individuals, societies, and the nations depend on the healthy growth of individuals below 30 years of age, the issue must not be allowed to deteriorate further. Education and examination related stress is, of course, one of the major cause of rising suicides of our younger population, and PM Narendra Modi is trying to mitigate it personally through his "Pariksha Pe Charcha" programme, and now the Centre has asked states to keep his book "Exam Warriors" (2018) in all school libraries and educational institutions, in reality these are but only cosmetic and escape routes from really addressing the larger issue of deteriorating mental health of our youngsters, for which India would need deeper understand-

ing and a concrete plan of action.

In 2014, the year when PM Narendra Modi had come to power 899 boys and 821 girls below the age of 14 had committed suicides, as per the data of the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB). In the age group 14-18, the number of suicides for boys was 4682 and for girls was 4548, which was even larger to 27,343 and 17,527 respectively for age group 18-30. During the pandemic year 2020, suicides of girls below 18 were sharply increased to 6004, while there was little decline in suicides by boys to 5392. However, both the boys and girls in the age group of 18-30 were in great mental stress, and the number of their suicides were increased to 34,629 and 18,073. These were highest in any of the age group, showing that the younger of this age group were suffering from greatest mental stress.

The latest data released by NCRB just a few months ago in August 2022 for the year 2021, revealed suicides, both by girls and boys marginally declined to 5655 and 5075. It showed a little relaxation compared to the pandemic year 2020. Girls of this age group were still in greater mental stress than the boys. However, for the age group of 18-30, mental stress was even higher in 2021 than in 2021, perhaps due to second wave of the pandemic. Boys committing suicides in this age group were 37,941 and girls 18,588. Boys of this age group were under greater mental stress than the

girls. It should also be noted that suicides in this age group was highest compared to any age group revealing that youngsters of this age group was undergoing the biggest mental distress.

It should also be noted that a total of 1,64,033 suicides were reported in the country in 2021 which is an increase of 7.2% in comparison to the previous year in terms of total numbers. In terms of rate of suicide, India reported a rate of 12 (per lakh population) and this rate reflects a 6.2% increase during 2021 over 2020. The number reported is the highest ever recorded in the country since inception of reporting of suicides by the NCRB in 1967.

In India, children in the age group of 0-14 years are 25.69 per cent of the population of the country while 26.3 per cent are in the age group 15-30 years. In absolute number about 37 crore youth are in the age group 15-30. Out of them only 4.13 crore were enrolled in education in 2020-21, and 10.19 crore were in job in 2020 and 10.23 crore in 2021. About 22.64 crore boys and girls in this age groups were without any employment or not enrolled for educations. Thus, the highest number of suicides and mental stress in this age group is self-explanatory. In 2021, according to the NCRB data, as many as 13,039 students between 18-30 years of age had committed suicides. The highest percentage of suicides consistently occurring in the young about 34.5 per cent between 18-30 years age group over the years calls for serious

action.

One should not forget the post pandemic stress of this younger generation due to increased economic hardship and their fast changing social and online behaviour. Socio-political stress has also been increasing fast in highly communalized environment, and these younger are also surrounded by online dangers. There may be many other reasons as to why our children and youth are experiencing this crisis, but many of them are not known due to lack of study and government will. Youth's engagement with social media and online platforms are sometimes alleged to be a culprit despite its potential benefits in education and counselling. Since their behaviour and mental status are also shaped through interactions among neural, biological, social, contextual, and social systems, we need a deeper understanding of the issue, apart from alleging only the harmful effect of the online indulgences which does not provide right kind of material. It has also been alleged to reduce social interaction in physical mode and to increase loneliness and negative influences. Policymakers, educators, parents, caregivers et al need to play their parts carefully. The negative psychological outcome of these youngsters is failure of all of us. Obviously, India needs a well-designed comprehensive policy to prevent further deterioration of mental health of our younger generation. India needs a comprehensive national response to the problem.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Broker peace

It is true that the West provoked Russia in an effort to 'bark at the gates of Russia', and now, the visit of the US President to the capital of Ukraine to show solidarity and promise of weapons has only added fuel to the fire. What should a country do when an opposing country makes a scapegoat of a smaller country to serve its end? The US did the same using NATO to reach the gates of Russia. Ukraine was lured to join NATO and unscrupulously it announced the same. What did Ukraine achieve by announcing its plan to join NATO? The US has been by expanding its arms market. India has a good rapport with all the stakeholders, and as the head of G20, it enjoys good clout. We have a bold leadership, impactful diplomacy and wisdom. India should offer to mediate to end the war and bring peace. Prime Minister Modi's suggestion that 'this is not an era of war' should serve as a guiding principle.

Arun Sareen, Mohali

#### Need for timely action

Radicals storm police station to force release of kidnap accused is unfortunate and disturbing. Punjab being a border state is vulnerable to infiltration and terrorism. Radicals getting violent with the police and raising pro-Khalistan slogans remind us the time when Punjab was reeling under violence and bloodbath in the name of Khalistan. The situation is turning sensitive and is widening in Punjab. The AAP government must collaborate with the Centre, NGOs and religious groups to address the problem before it becomes uncontrollable.

Abhimanyu Malik, Jind

#### Interference by Governors

Governors have been used as the Centre's political agents in the past, too, but the present situation in various non-BJP states is dangerous for democracy and the Constitution. A look at some of the Opposition-ruled states like Punjab, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Jharkhand would reveal the needless interference of Governors in the smooth functioning of these states. The makers of the Constitution envisaged the position of the Governor as an apolitical head who must act on the advice of the Council of Ministers of the state. However, they are interfering and trying to run the governments, and even trying to destabilise elected governments. The way the Governors and Lieutenant Governors are harassing and obstructing the work of non-BJP governments, at the behest of the Centre, there seems to be a need for a debate in the country on the necessity for the posts of Governor.

Balbir Singh Kakkar, Jalandhar

## Exploiting technology to undermine democracy

Mirza

A recent disconcerting report based on an investigation carried by 30 global media outlets, including the Guardian and Der Spiegel, claims to have exposed a team of freelance units based in Israel, which disrupt elections and manipulate public opinion using disinformation campaigns. Undercover reporters recorded a group of covert cyber intelligence specialists as they pitched their services for seeking fresh business, which involve using disinformation campaigns, false intelligence, hacks and blackmail to promote their clients' interests. The group, which calls itself 'Team Jorge', claims to have worked on dozens of presidential elections around the world and charges multimillion-dollar fees. Undercover journalists who carried out the investigation included Gur Meggido (The Marker), Frédéric Métézeau (Radio France), and Omer Benjakob (Haaretz). The journalists were part of a collaborative investigation called 'Story Killers', which was coordinated by 'Forbidden Stories' - an international consortium of investigative journalists that pursue the work of journalists who have been killed or work under threat.

As reported, the covert units or contractors, used the pseudonym "Team Jorge," headed by Tal Hanan, who previously worked as an Israeli special forces operative, and was apparently caught in an undercover sting operation by the

journalists posing as potential clients. However, Tal Hanan denies any wrongdoing. But he allegedly told the reporters that his unit's services were available to intelligence agencies, political campaigns, and private companies, and that many European, African, Americans well as Central and South American clients had already used them around the globe. Their modus operandi is said to involve creating thousands of fake social media profiles on Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, Telegram, Gmail, Instagram, and YouTube. These fake accounts, which allegedly used profile pictures from real social media accounts, were also linked to credit cards and could be used to create thousands of bots that sent mass messages.

In one secretly filmed meeting quoted by the Guardian, Hanan is seen boasting that at present his team is now involved in one election in Africa, besides two other teams in Greece and the UAE. Boasting further, he said that his team has so far delivered 33 presidential-level campaigns globally, 27 of which were successful. Hanan also reportedly boasted to the undercover reporters that he could hack the email and messenger services of election campaigners, and send messages to their contacts designed to damage their campaign. The investigators found that Team Jorge's tech toolbox included "a platform of influence" called Advanced Impact Media Solutions or AIMS, which Hanan claims to have sold to the intelligence

services of more than 10 countries. The AIMS software is designed to create convincing avatars for social media campaigns. The avatars, or bots, use stolen photos of real people, operate on any social media platform, and can be connected to functioning Amazon and Bitcoin accounts. They also appear to have a longstanding presence online, including Gmail accounts and trite comments on celebrity YouTube videos, to give investigators the impression they are real people. In this regard Hanan told reporters that they relied successfully on imitating human behaviour.

Though nowadays most online accounts require phone number and email address verification to keep out bots like those deployed by AIMS. But to overcome that there are websites available, which have been set up specifically to allow one-off SMS-verification services, for 50 cents or less. Many accounts such as Gmail and WhatsApp - can be registered with "verified" phone numbers. Apparently Team Jorge used a service called SMSpva.com for phone number verifications. Keeping abreast of social media platforms checks, AIMS relied on residential proxies to reroute internet traffic from bots through peoples' homes so it appeared authentic, in order to avoid detection and shut-downs by social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook. This made it difficult for social media platforms to identify a coordinated disinformation campaign. Verification and analysis of the

recorded conversations by reporting partners Le Monde and the Guardian identified clusters of avatars, including those seen in Hanan's pitch presentations, that appeared to have been used for coordinated Twitter campaigns. Reporters found over 1,700 Twitter accounts connected to 21 AIMS-related campaigns, whose networks had produced tens of thousands of tweets. In December last, during a in-person meeting with undercover reporters, Team Jorge showed off a new capability of AIMS: Artificial intelligence tools to generate fake news using specified key words, tone and topic.

The identities of Team Jorge members were shrouded in secrecy but reporters managed to piece together some background information on some members of the clandestine group. Some of it lines up with claims Team Jorge made about team members in calls with journalists. One team member described his other colleagues as former senior information officers, former senior financial information and warfare experts, and psychological warfare specialists, all with intelligence services background. Hanan indicated that he had orchestrated lobbying operations in the U.S. despite not registering as a "foreign agent", as required by law. He said he worked via consultants and companies that are already registered, and told reporters he had recently set up a public relations firm called Axiomatics to promote Team Jorge with

"existing lobby groups." During calls with undercover reporters, Team Jorge went into specifics about the technology they say the group uses to swing elections. They added that they have six offices and employ at least 100 people, emphasising that they draw on the backgrounds of colleagues with experience in the intelligence services.

This pushes Team Jorge's activities far beyond the realm of public relations strategies that are commonly deployed in elections. As far as the financial pickings are concerned, Team Jorge told the reporters they would accept payments in a variety of currencies, including crypto currencies such as Bitcoin, or cash. He said he would charge between €6m and €15m for interference in elections. The information gleaned by the investigative reporters points to one rather disconcerting fact, that there are people out there and they would be there in future too, who would always be ready to interfere in other country's internal affairs and ready to subterfuge the democratic institutions. But the bigger question is shall we just ignore them calling it scaling another frontier in the technology advancement or shall we start a campaign to ban such illegal and undesirable activities which may one day be able to destabilise the whole global democratic system?

(The author is a political commentator based in New Delhi.)

**BRIEF**

**Resignation**



**New Delhi:** Adani Green Energy (AGEL) on Saturday said its director Sunil Mehta has resigned to avoid any conflict of interest following his appointment as Chairman of IndusInd Bank. "Sunil Mehta has informed the company that pursuant to RBI approval, he has been appointed as part-time/non-executive Chairman of IndusInd Bank Ltd (bank) and that he has been advised by the bank to relinquish his directorship in the company to avoid any conflict of interest, in view of ongoing credit facilities extended by the bank to the Company," a BSE filing said.

**Agriculture budget**



**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Union Budget 2023-24, like in the previous 8-9 years, focuses on the agriculture sector; and steps are being taken to reduce India's import dependence on oilseeds and edible oils. Addressing a post-budget webinar with stakeholders of agriculture and cooperative sectors, the Prime Minister said India's agriculture budget has increased many-folds to Rs 1.25 lakh crore. "Before we came to power in 2014, the budget for the agriculture sector was less than Rs 25,000 crore."

**AI technology**



**Mumbai:** Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a massive technology tool for increasing productivity and India should take a lead in adopting such technologies, Bhavish Aggarwal, the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Ola Cabs, said on Saturday. Speaking at the ABP Network's Idea of India Summit here, Aggarwal also discounted the notion that embracing such technology would result in job losses.

**Trade gateway**



**Amaravati:** Andhra Pradesh is gateway to Asian countries for all exports and imports, said Finance Minister Buggana Rajendranath, promoting the State for investments in the forthcoming Global Investors Summit (GIS) scheduled on March 3 and 4 in Visakhapatnam.

## FM meets heads of World Bank, IMF; discusses debt restructuring



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with Jim Chalmers, Treasurer of Australia, on the sidelines of the 1st G20 FMCBG meeting under the G20India Presidency, in Bengaluru, Saturday, Feb. 25.

Bengaluru, Feb 25:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday held a roundtable with the heads of the World Bank and the IMF and discussed the issue of debt restructuring faced by some of the countries.

World Bank President David Malpass and IMF managing director Kristalina Georgieva held on the sidelines of the first G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting here discussed the issue of debt restructuring challenges and debt vulnera-

bilities. "Finance Minister Smt. @nsitharaman flagged the need to acknowledge today's diverse creditor landscape and build a common understanding of challenges and ways to address them," a tweet from the Finance Ministry said. She called for the voices of

the vulnerable and under-represented debtor countries to be heard through the G20. "Ms@KGeorgieva, MD, IMF@IMFNews and Mr@DavidMalpassWBG, President @WorldBank called for faster debt restructuring processes and noted the debt forum was an opportunity to work together and help vulnerable countries," another tweet said. Following the outbreak of COVID-19, many countries were pushed into debt distress.

There have been small steps on debt restructuring side. Creditor committees have been established for some of the worst-off debtors Zambia, Chad, and Ethiopia with varied results. Committees for Ghana and Sri Lanka are likely to follow suit. The scale and depth of debt issues faced in particular by many African countries require a multilateral approach from all classes of creditors, experts said.

## Maruti Suzuki hikes Ignis price by up to Rs 27,000



New Delhi, Feb 25:

Maruti Suzuki India said it has increased prices of its premium compact model Ignis by up to Rs 27,000 (ex-showroom Delhi) with the addition of new features. The model is now being equipped with electronic stability programme (ESP) and Hill Hold Assist as standard feature across all the variants providing an added safety shield for customers, the country's largest carmaker said in a regulatory filing. The Ignis is also compliant with the upcoming E20 and Real Driving Emission (RDE) norms, it added. "The price change varies across trims and ranges up to Rs 27,000 (ex-showroom - Delhi)," Maruti Suzuki India said. The new prices are effective with immediate effect, it added.

## Textiles minister Piyush Goyal pitches for freeze in fee hikes at NIFT

Navi Mumbai, Feb 25:

Union Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal said he is all for a freeze in fee hikes at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT). Speaking at the convocation of NIFT Mumbai at the Kharghar node, Goyal said the entire admission process also needs to be "replanned" in such a way that students enter on merit and are not asked about their fee-paying ability. Those who cannot afford the education will get scholarships which will also be increased, he said. "I have asked the governing council to consider a freeze for some time on your fees," he said, addressing the graduating students at the campus here. However, it was not clear if the proposal is only for the Mumbai campus or all the 18 campuses of the institute. As per the NIFT website, non-NRI students pay about Rs 3 lakh as fee for the two semesters in an academic year. Goyal said the

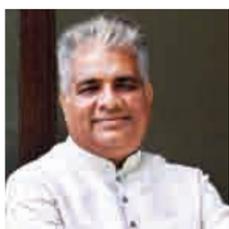


35-year-old institution also requires a facelift and promised to hold a call with architect Hafeez Contractor to give the 10-acre campus a new look and shape. Promising students that the ministry will coordinate more with the industry for internships and placements, Goyal said there is a need for the internships to be extended to six months instead of the present eight weeks and also stressed that students should be paid for the same. He said scholarships also need to be doubled and the whole admission process which takes over six months at present should be halved in time.

## ESIC to have 28,116 beds, 241 hospitals in coming days, says Bhupender Yadav

New Delhi, Feb 25:

Union minister Bhupender Yadav said the number of beds and hospitals of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) will be increased to 28,116 and 241, respectively, in coming days. Yadav was addressing a function to mark 71 foundation day of ESIC here. The minister informed that there were 18,933 beds and 151 hospitals of ESIC in 2014. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi started ESIC 2.0 and in a span of eight years, the number of ESIC beds and hospitals increased to 20,211 and 160 respectively. In coming days the beds would be increased to 28,116 and hospital number will be 241." The minister also referred to government's com-



mitment to provide social security to unorganised workers in the country saying almost 29 crore informal workers are registered on eShram portal. He was of the view that this national database will be an aid to provide various social security benefits to informal sector workers in the country. Labour ministry stated in a statement that the eShram portal was launched on 26th August 2021 by the

Ministry of Labour & Employment to create a national database of the unorganised/migrant workers and to provide each of them with a Universal Account Number (UAN). The portal has received unprecedented response from the unorganised/migrant workers of the country and as on 24th February 2023, over 28.60 crore workers have registered on the eShram portal. One of the objective of the eShram portal is to extend the benefits of social security and welfare schemes to unorganised workers especially migrant workers, and to identify workers who are deprived of the various benefits of the welfare schemes of the central and/or state government due to lack of awareness or otherwise.

## Urgent action needed to strengthen international financial architecture: IMF MD to G20

Bengaluru, Feb 25:

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva on Saturday said there is an urgent need to strengthen the international financial architecture, especially in the area of debt resolution and Global Financial Safety Net at a time when global growth is set to slow in 2023. Terming India a relative bright spot, she said, it is an important engine of growth for the world economy, representing about 15 per cent of global growth in 2023. India's remarkable progress on Digital Public Infrastructure provides a strong basis to secure robust and inclusive growth over the medium term, she said at the first G20 Finance



US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen interacts with technology leaders from India and the United States during a round table conference on the sidelines of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting, in Bengaluru, Saturday, Feb. 25.

Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting under India Presidency here. "With

global growth set to slow in 2023 and remain below its historical average, too many people in too many

countries are struggling to make ends meet a point that I highlighted in my recent blog on policy priorities for G20. The international community, therefore, has a responsibility to come together to find solutions for the most vulnerable members of our global family," she said.

This calls for urgent action to strengthen the international financial architecture, especially in the area of debt resolution and strengthening Global Financial Safety Net, she added. Global Financial Safety Net is a set of institutions and mechanisms that provide insurance against crises and financing to mitigate their impact.

## India asks IMF, FSB to prepare technical paper on regulating crypto

Bengaluru, Feb 25:

India, which is currently holding G20 Presidency, has asked the IMF and Financial Stability Board (FSB) to jointly prepare a technical paper on crypto assets, which could be used in formulating a coordinated and comprehensive policy approach to regulate them.

The international organisations are expected to present their joint paper during the 4th Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting in October 2023, said a finance ministry release. "To complement the ongoing dialogue on the need for a policy framework, the Indian Presidency has proposed a joint technical paper by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and

the FSB, which would synthesise the macroeconomic and regulatory perspectives of crypto-assets. This would help in the formulation of a coordinated and comprehensive policy approach to crypto assets," it said.

In their entirety, the IMF's discussion paper, the policy seminar and the joint IMF-FSB paper are expected to integrate the policy questions pertaining to macro-financial and regulatory perspectives of crypto assets and facilitate a global consensus on a well-coordinated and comprehensive policy approach to crypto assets, it said. Despite the rapid evolution of the crypto universe, there is no comprehensive global policy framework for crypto assets.

## PM Modi, Chancellor Scholz interact with top CEOs

**On ways to boost economic ties**

New Delhi, Feb 25:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz interacted with top executives from Indian and German companies on Saturday to discuss ways to deepen economic ties.

The focus areas for mutual cooperation include digital transformation, financial technology, IT and telecom. "Chancellor @OlafScholz and I met top CEOs to discuss ways to strengthen economic relations between our nations. Sectors like digital transformation, FinTech, IT and Telecom featured prominently in the meeting," Prime Minister Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz prior to their meeting at the Hyderabad House, in New Delhi, Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz is on his first two-day visit to India after becoming the chancellor in December 2021.

tweeted. Scholz arrived in Delhi on Saturday on a two-day visit to India, his first to the country after he became the German chancellor in December 2021, following Angela Merkel's historic 16-year

tenure at the top post. Modi and the German Chancellor held wide-ranging talks with a focus on boosting the bilateral ties in the areas of clean energy, trade and new technologies.

## ASIA JEWELS SHOW 2023



Model Rubal Shekhawat at the grand launch of Asia Jewels Show 2023, in Hyderabad, Saturday, Feb. 25.

## India ranks 42 in 55 countries on International IP Index

Washington, Feb 25:

India ranks 42nd among 55 leading global economies on the International IP Index released by the US Chambers of Commerce, according to which India is ripe to become a leader for emerging markets seeking to transform their

economy through IP-driven innovation," Patrick Kilbride, senior vice president of the US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Center who publishes the annual report said Friday.

According to the report, which covers everything from patent and copyright laws to the ability to monetize IP assets and the ratification of international agreements, India has maintained continued strong efforts in copyright piracy through the issuing of "dynamic" injunction or-

ders. India not only has generous R&D and IP-based tax incentives, but also has a strong awareness-raising efforts regarding the negative impact of piracy and counterfeiting. It is a global leader on targeted administrative incentives for the creation and use of IP assets for SMEs, it said. "India has taken steps to improve enforcement against copyright-infringing content and provides a best-in-class framework to promote better understanding and utilisation of IP assets.

## No step back from Bali agreement on Ukraine crisis: Spanish Economy Minister

Bengaluru, Feb 25:

Spain Minister of Economy Nadia Maria Calvino Santamaria on Saturday said G20 finance ministers should not "go back" on the language agreed by leaders in Bali Summit on Ukraine crisis continuing over a year. At the last G20 Summit in Bali in November 2022, the declaration read: "Most members strongly condemned the war in Ukraine." However, some member countries held "other views and different assessments of the situation and sanctions". Russia, which is part of G20, calls its invasion of Ukraine as a "special military operation". Almost a year back Russia invaded Ukraine and leaders of the world's top 20 economies, referred to as G20, are debating how it should be addressed in a joint communicate that is to be



issued later in the day after conclusion of first G20 finance ministers and central bank governors (FMCBG) meeting here. Speaking to media on the sidelines of the FMCBG, Calvino said, "I will share with you the position of Spain, which is very much aligned with the G7 position that we cannot go back on the language that was agreed by our leaders in Bali. And these has to feature in the communique since the war is right now."

## CSMT redevelopment project in Mumbai to be awarded in mid-March: Vaishnav

Mumbai, Feb 25:

Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said the Rs 18,000-crore CSMT redevelopment project in the city will be awarded in mid-March. Speaking at ABP Network's Ideas of India 2023 event, the bureaucrat-turned-politician said in three years, India will emerge as an exporter of railway technology which will be a quantum leap from being an importer for the longest time. "Middle of March the tender will be allotted. Every

authority in Mumbai has given its go-ahead for the project," Vaishnav said while making a presentation on the railways.

He said huge space will be created in the otherwise space-starved city and also assured that the movement of people will be smooth. The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) redevelopment project has been on the drawing board for some years now, and nine entities, including the Adani Group, are in the race to bag the project.

## Neha Kakkar: Tony composed 'Oh Humsafar' for all kinds of relationships

Popular singer Neha Kakkar, who is judging singing reality show, 'Indian Idol 13', spoke about her brother Tony Kakkar's composition 'Oh Humsafar' and said that it is not only for lovers but dedicated to all other relationships as well.

Amidst the performances by the top 8 contestants, Sonakshi Kar from Kolkata sang the songs 'Mile Ho Tum Humko' from the film 'Fever' and also the romantic track 'Oh Humsafar'.

Neha, who is known for giving several hits like 'Second Hand Jawaani' from 'Cocktail' and 'Sunny Sunny', 'London Thumakda', and so on, praised the contestant for her singing style.

Neha complimented Sonakshi on her performance of 'Humsafar' and said: "You sang this song beautifully. My brother, Tony Kakkar composed this song not just for lovers, but for all kinds of relationships. It is important to perform this song with the right emotions, and your emotions were evident in your voice."

Vishal Dadlani, Neha Kakkar, and Himesh Reshammiya are the judges on 'Indian Idol 13'. The show airs on Sony Entertainment Television.



## Swapnil Joshi: 'I feel I could have done every shot, scene better'

Actor Swapnil Joshi has shared his experience of working in the Marathi film 'Vaarvi' and discussed the changes he would like to make in his performance in the film. He also talked about the gaining popularity of regional cinema and how OTT is playing the role of a catalyst.

While talking about the changes he would like to make in his performance, he said: "Most actors would give you the same answer that once you watch your work you like nothing about it. I am no different and I would like to do this entire film differently. Every time I see this film, with all humbleness I say that in every

scene and every shot, I feel I could have done this better or that better, the look could have been different. I am extremely self-critical, but I give credit to Paresh and his entire team for getting the best out of us."

The actor is known for his work in Marathi cinema and was also seen in shows such as 'Krishna', 'Dil Vil Pyaar Vyaar', 'Kehta Hai Dil', 'Des Mein Nikla Hoga Chand', and many more. He was also part of movies like 'Ghulam-E-Mustafa', 'Welcome Zindagi', 'Laal Ishq' among others.

He further agreed to the fact that regional cinema is gaining momentum and is finally getting its due credit on a pan-India level.

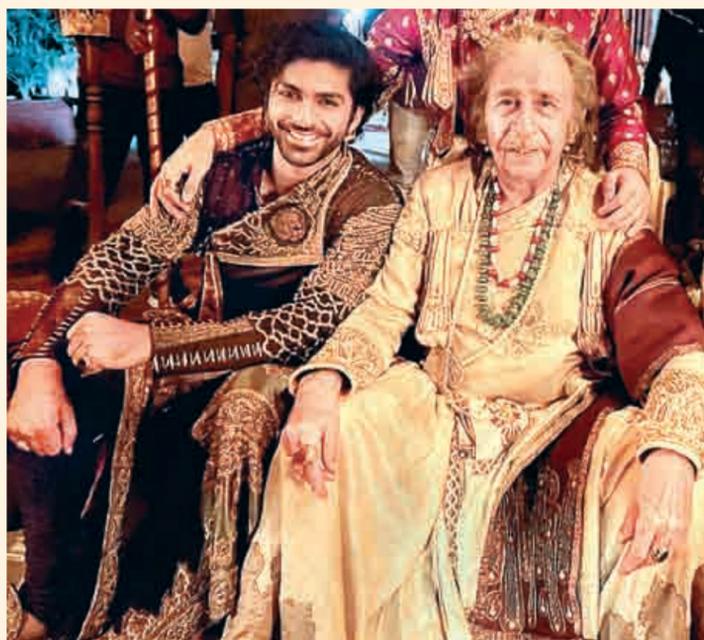


## 'Everyday with Naseer sir has been a learning experience'

Recently the trailer of the much ambitious magnum opus Taj-Divided by blood featuring an ensemble cast of actors including Naseeruddin Shah, Dharmendra, Aditi Rao Hyadri and Taha Shah Badussha amongst others was launched, receiving a roaring response from the netizens.

Unveiling the unknown details of the Mughal empire in the rule of Akbar the great, Taj-Divided by Blood features promising actor Taha Shah Badussha playing Murad, second son of Akbar, played by Naseeruddin Shah.

Stating his enriching experience of shooting with Naseeruddin Shah, Taha Shah Badussha said, "I feel fortunate to be able to share screen space for a pivotal role like Murad alongwith the legendary actor Naseeruddin Shah for Taj-Divided by blood. While he played my on screen father, Naseer sir was an absolute delight to work with off screen as well. It was a learning experience of a lifetime to



take tips about the craft while working with him. Despite being such a veteran performer, Naseer sir amazed me with his approach towards the script, the analysis and amount of work he puts

in for a project, even after years of an illustrious career such as his, he is always reading his scripts akin to a newcomer, striving to make each scene better, and it was an absolute humbling experi-

ence to watch. Not only does he share his inputs towards the script but also encourages thoughts and ideas from his co-actors, no matter how new or established they are, which inspired me. We

would chat about our scenes, acting styles, process of acting and his experiences over the years, which not only facilitated my growth as an actor but also as a person."

Narrating the experience of shooting for a particular scene, Taha added, "We were shooting one of our most intense scenes together and I was extremely excited for it, he slaps me in the scene and I felt grateful to be even hit by him as a part of the script, that's how much of a fan I am and I feel blessed to be working with him."

Slipping into the challenging role, Taha Shah Badussha underwent immense training and preparation for his role. From learning horse riding, sword fighting to training in using an axe amongst others, Taha also took diction lessons to ace his Urdu enunciations, in addition to shooting with heavy armours and costumes on grand sets.

Releasing on 3rd March, Taj-Divided by blood starts streaming on Zee 5.

## &TV artists in helpless situations

In &TV's Doosri Maa, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, the characters will be in helpless situations. About &TV's Doosri Maa track, Yashoda shares, "Yashoda (Neha Joshi) lights diyas to ensure Ashok (Mohit Dagga) is safe. Meanwhile, the Inspector informs everyone that they have found Ashok's belongings in a bus which met with an accident and no one has survived. Suresh (Sunil Dutt) is devastated by his son's death and blames Yashoda and Krishna (Aayudh Bhanushali). Yashoda refuses to believe the news and tries to convince everyone that he is alive. However, Kamini



(Priety Sahay) suggests Suresh (Dadaji) to arrange for Ashok's Shaanti Path and forces Yashoda to perform Ashok's funeral." About &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan track, Rajesh shares, "Rajesh (Kamna Pathak) requests Happu (Yogesh Tripathi) to go for a vacation in Nainital, but he refuses.

## 'Even if you become Bachchan Sahab's voice on-screen, it will suit you'

An internationally acclaimed format and a platform that makes an ordinary contestant a national superstar - Sony Entertainment Television's 'Indian Idol - Season 13' will be completing 50 episodes. This Saturday, India's most loved singing reality show will be 'Celebrating Bappi Da' who gave his heart and soul to the music industry for 54 long years! Bappi Lahiri's daughter Rema Lahiri and grandson Swastik Bansal aka Rego B will be joining the show and narrating lesser known tales of the late 'Disco King'. Ayodhya's Rishi Singh mesmerizes everyone in this special episode by singing 'Thodi Si Jo Pee Li Hai' and 'Yaad Aa Raha Hai' from Namak Halaal and Disco Dancer respectively. Impressed by his singing style, host Aditya Narayan says, "The song, 'Yaad Aa Raha Hai' is Bappi Da's recognition. In the past, whenever he used to grace the sets of Indian Idol, we would request him to sing the song."



## Eisha Singh: 'Bekaboo' goes down as my first brush with fantasy genre

'Ek Tha Raja Ek Thi Rani' actress Eisha Singh has been roped in for the upcoming fantasy drama 'Bekaboo' along with Shalin Bhanot, and Monalisa. The show revolves around two separate worlds of fairies (pari) and demons (rakshas) and the actress is excited about playing the role of a fairy (pari) and exploring the fantasy genre for the first time. She said: "Bekaboo show marks many special firsts for me. Until this point in my career, I was drawn to social dramas as an actor and this show goes down as my first brush with the fantasy genre. The show is my first collaboration with Ekta Kapoor's Balaji Telefilms and being part of her vision is a dream come true for me." At the age of 17, Eisha made her TV debut in 2015 as Dhaani Tripathi in the show 'Ishq Ka Rang Safed'. Later, she acted in 'Ek Tha Raja Ek Thi Rani', 'Ishq Subhan Allah', 'Pyaar Tune Kya Kiya', 'Sirf Tum', among others.



## Sai Ketan Rao: Action sequences are my personal favourites

Mehndi Hai Rachne Waali actor Sai Ketan Rao, who will be seen playing 'Raunaq' in the upcoming show 'Chashni', opened up about his character, his interest in doing action scenes, and how he prepared himself mentally and physically to shoot for an action sequence in the fictional drama.

The actor said: "Raunaq is quite young, and intelligent but keeps it low-key. I am preparing my body and mind the same way that Raunaq would react to a certain situation. I lost a few kilos for the character who has a very active way of reacting and keeps on smiling and believes in positivity."

Sai made his television

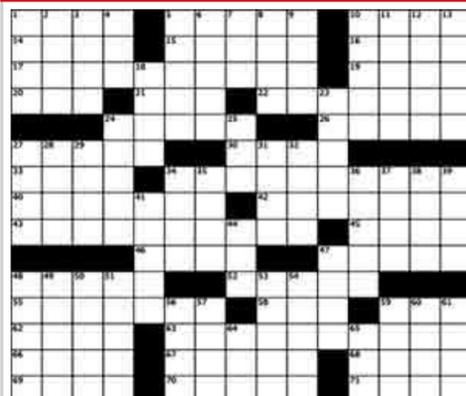


debut with 'Agni Sakshi'. He also worked in Hindi web series and a few Telugu web series, including 'Three Half Bottles', 'Love Studio', 'Lovely', and 'Aham Bhramhasmi', among others.

Sai also acted in Tollywood films such as 'Ajay Passayadu' and 'Strangers'. Sharing his interest in doing action sequences, Sai said: "Action sequence is my personal favourite. I love to design it with the fight master, we practice it until it's up to the mark, but due to the tight schedule in serial shooting, we miss a few pointers. I recently shot a fight sequence for my show. We shot till 4 a.m., I got a few bruises and also got hit on my head with a stick.

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### ACROSS

- Harmonized
- Unpaid toilet
- Hideout
- Plow-pulling animals
- Lugged
- Apex
- Heal
- Snare
- Lodge member
- Blvd.
- Very busy (3 wds.)

### DOWN

- Hockey venue
- Bowler's button
- Granny Smith, e.g.
- Ready to eat
- Ruckus
- Fun and games
- Angered
- Newspaper story
- Skin tightener
- Regard
- Thirst quenchers
- Rodeo rope

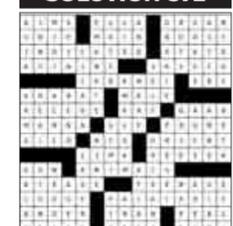
- Criminal burning
- Hiking path
- Music performance
- Poet's "before"
- Mighty tree
- Not shut
- Self-assurance
- Submerged
- Becomes weary
- Recipe instruction
- Needle openings
- Catch
- Mail

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- Painful
- Skating jump
- Giraffe's feature
- Large antelope
- Comic Martin
- Actress Sophia
- Loss for words (2 wds.)
- Kill a bill
- Genesis location
- Woodturning machine
- Farm units
- Picture
- Transplant
- Whittle down
- Trick or \_ \_ \_
- Church feature
- de Triomphe
- Locale
- Bowling targets
- Red wine
- Iraq's neighbor
- Sassy

- Tear apart
- Cliff's brink
- wave
- Frosts
- Bullring shouts
- Fictional clownfish
- Huge
- Detroit time zone (abbr.)
- Told untruths
- Ascended
- Settle a debt
- of the crime
- Pig's sounds
- Recommend
- Get up
- Deeds
- Meat cut
- Informed about
- Fighter pilots
- Saved
- Gun owners' org.
- Clairvoyant's letters

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## 'Invincible' Australia stand between SA and their fairytale

Cape Town, Feb 25 (PTI):

South Africa will get their fairytale finish at home if they find a way to halt the Australian juggernaut in the Women's T20 World Cup final here on Sunday.

South Africa showed commendable fighting spirit to upset England in the semifinals but they will need to stitch together a perfect game to topple the mighty Australia, who are the record five-time champions and are in their seventh successive final.

South Africa have made rapid strides over the past 12 months and after making the semifinals of the ODI World Cup last year, they entered their maiden final of an ICC event here on Friday.

In Laura Wolvaardt and Tazmin Brits, a former world junior javelin champion whose Olympic dream was shattered in 2012 due to a car accident, South Africa have one of the best opening pairings in the tournament.

They both go into the final in top form and are vital to the team's chances against Australia who



managed to beat India in the semifinals despite not playing their best game.

All-rounder Marizanne Kapp is another important player for South Africa

and produced a much needed cameo in the semis. Skipper Sune Luus thinks she has the world's best bowling attack at her disposal and why not when you have the express pace duo of Shabnam Ismail and Ayabonga Khaka in your ranks.

The crowd will be fully behind South Africa and the home team will look to feed off them like they did on Friday.

Australia had comfortably beaten South Africa in the group stage but they will be wary of them in the title clash.

Australia, who by far have been the most successful side in women's cricket history, look good to extend their dominance. They have all bases covered and no total is safe when they are chasing. India needed only 39 off the last five overs but Australia did not give up and gave their 100 per cent on the field to wrest the game in their favour.

Champion outfits find a way of winning even when things are not going their way and the Meg Lanning-led side is known for that.

## England dominates New Zealand in rain-affected second Test

Wellington, Feb 25 (AP):

For the second day in a row rain came to New Zealand's rescue in the second cricket Test, saving it from an even greater mauling by England. On the first day the rain came after only 65 overs when England already was 315-3. With Harry Brook making 186 and Joe Root an unbeaten 153 in a 302-run partnership, England was able to declare its first innings at 435-8.

And when the rain came again on Saturday not long after tea, New Zealand was 138-7, still 297 behind. Tom Blundell was 25 and Tim Southee on 23.

James Anderson with 3-37 and Jack Leach with 3-45 wrecked the New Zealand first innings and sent the home team to the locker room in a light shower, welcoming the chance of a reprieve.

Brook dominated New Zealand on the first day and was 184 his highest test score and fourth century in five tests when the rain came on the first day. Root was 101.

Brook faced only seven balls Saturday before he was out for 186 but Root turned his 29th century into the 13th score of his career in excess of 150. From the start



England's Stuart Broad (C) celebrates with his teammates after catching New Zealand's Michael Bracewell during day two of the second cricket Test match between New Zealand and England at the Basin Reserve in Wellington on February 25.

of the day, England appeared to be racing towards a declaration and it came this time after 87 overs. "I certainly felt I found a way

to manage the situation throughout this game," Root said. At the time I did it was great to be able to just calm things down and wrestle a

bit of momentum back in our favor.

"When you're batting at the other end to Brook at the minute he's making your life a lot easier. It was quite nice to bounce off him and we restore that calmness in the dressing room. A partnership like that is always going to set things up nicely."

James Anderson once again took apart the New Zealand top order as he or Stuart Broad had done in England's win in the first test at Mount Maunganui. He dismissed Devon Conway (0) with only the fifth ball of the New Zealand innings, then had Kane Williamson (4) and Will Young (2).

New Zealand's recovery was led by Tom Latham who made 35 and raised the total to 60-4 before he swept at Leach and was caught at slip by Root as the ball grazed the top of his glove.

Leach then removed Henry Nicholls (30) and Daryl Mitchell (13) to re-assess England's superiority. Southee and Blundell helped a little to steady New Zealand before the rain came. The New Zealand bowlers also enjoyed a little success early on the second day and with the older ball, though England always was hurrying to a declaration.

## Andy Murray saves 5 match points to reach Doha final

Doha, Feb 25 (AP):

Andy Murray saved five match points to beat Jiri Lehecka 6-0, 3-6, 7-6 (6) and advance to the final of the Qatar Open.

The 35-year-old Murray reached his first ATP Tour final since June and will face former No. 1 Daniil Medvedev. "He's a legend," Medvedev said of Murray. "Today was just unbelievable, the way he won."

Murray, the three-time Grand Slam champion who has had two hip operations, fought back from a 5-3 deficit in the deciding set. He saved two match points on his own serve and three more when his Czech opponent served for the match. "That was one of the most amazing turn-arounds I've had in my career," the Scot said in his on-court interview. "I have no idea how I managed to turn that one around to be honest." Medvedev beat



second-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime for the second time in two weeks, this time 6-4, 7-6 (7). Medvedev also won in straight sets last week in the Rotterdam quarterfinals. "Confidence matters, because (Auger-Aliassime) had (three) set points," Medvedev said. "I managed to just stay in there and it was enough to win."

## Richa lone Indian in Women's T20 WC Player of Tournament shortlist

Dubai, Feb 25 (PTI):

Young wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh was the lone Indian among nine players shortlisted for the Women's T20 World Cup Player of the Tournament.

India made a semifinal exit with a heartbreaking five-run loss against five-time champions Australia in Cape Town on Thursday.

The 19-year-old's shone in her role as a finisher in South Africa.

She smashed two scores in the 40s including an unbeaten 47 against England that took her side to within sight of victory.

Richa was only dismissed twice from five innings at the tournament and scored at a strike-rate greater than 130 that further displayed her attacking prowess.

Overall she finished with 168 runs at an average of 68. Behind the



stumps also she impressed with her agility and took a screamer to dismiss English opener Danni Wyatt. Players from Australia dominate the

ICC shortlist with three from the reigning champions, followed by two from England and South Africa. India and the West Indies have one each.

## Barring one session in Delhi, Australia have been outstanding: Maxwell

Melbourne, Feb 25 (PTI):

Glenn Maxwell feels Australia were "outstanding" in the first two Tests against India barring the one self-destructing session in Delhi on day three.

Australia lost nine wickets for 52 runs in their second innings to squander the slight advantage they had at the start of day three.

"I think they've showed a lot of fight. Bar that one session I thought they were outstanding. It's bloody difficult over there - it's not an easy place to play, it's so foreign for us."

"But I feel like, apart from a couple of little moments, we've been in the fight, we've been matching India at different times and they've shown a lot of fight," he was quoted as saying by the Sydney Morning Herald.

Among the current lot, Maxwell is the only one to have scored a Test century in India alongside Steve Smith. "It's just sticking it out for a little bit longer and I'm sure that'll be the



message, to keep trying to stay up with India and take a hold of those key moments in the game.

"At the start of day three [in Delhi] I thought we were well ahead in the game, and to be ahead of India at any stage of a Test match over there is a sign we're doing the right things, it's just doing it for a little bit longer," he said.

Maxwell has been named in the ODI squad for the three games in India beginning March 17. He has not played international cricket since breaking his leg at a birthday party in a freak accident last November.

"I've been in constant touch with the selectors for a while now, and it probably hasn't happened as fast as I'd like," he said.

## Alcaraz and Norrie into Rio semis



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz returns the ball during the ATP 500 Rio Open singles quarter-final match against Serbia's Dusan Lajovic in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Rio de Janeiro, Feb 25 (AP):

A rematch is in sight for Carlos Alcaraz and Cameron Norrie in the Rio Open final.

Both advanced to the semifinals of the clay-court tournament on Friday and could repeat

last weekend's Argentina Open decider, which the Spaniard won.

Defending Rio Open champion Alcaraz beat Dusan Lajovic 6-4, 7-6 (0). He will take on Nicolas Jarry, who topped Sebastian Baez 6-3, 7-6 (3).

The Chilean was sus-

pending for doping for 11 months in 2020 and is trying to climb back in the rankings since February of last year: His best ranking was No. 38, but today he is now No. 139.

Once again, the 19-year-old Alcaraz did not play his best tennis in Brazil,

as in his first two matches, but still prevailed. Unforced errors, difficulties with the first service and less energy than the usual were evident throughout the Spaniard's match against Lajovic. Alcaraz, who won last year's U.S. Open for his first major, is playing his second tournament since a right leg injury that sidelined him for four months. Alcaraz and Jarry have never played each other in a tour match.

"I feel I am at a great level physically, I am playing tough, demanding matches day after day," Alcaraz said. "Last year I was at a great level, winning here, Miami, other tournaments. I can still improve what I am doing now, obviously." Second-seeded Norrie overcame Bolivia's Hugo Dellien 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. The British player will next take on Bernabe Zapata Miralles, who beat Spanish compatriot Albert Ramos-Vinolas 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. "I had a very slow start, I didn't make a lot of returns, which is pretty unlike me," Norrie said. "I was fortunate to stay patient."

## Mumbai Indians begin WPL camp ahead of inaugural season



Mumbai Indians Women's head coach Charlotte Edwards interacts with players.

Mumbai, Feb 25 (PTI):

Mumbai Indians began their camp for the inaugural season of the Women's Premier League here on Saturday.

The team started its first practice session under the watchful eyes of the support team, headed by chief coach Charlotte Edwards.

"It's been brilliant. It's been great to get the team out here. Obviously, our own venue and to see the players, it's been brilliant for me. Heard a lot about these players and to finally get them into the nets and watch them in action it's been fantastic," Edwards said in a release.

Mumbai Indians will play their first match against Gujarat Giants on March 4 at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai.

## Dhoni was the only one who reached out to me: Kohli

New Delhi, Feb 25 (PTI):

MS Dhoni was the only person who reached out to Virat Kohli when the latter was going through a lean patch last year. Kohli has overcome that phase and last month scored his third hundred in four ODIs.

The Indian superstar had ended a long wait for his first hundred in close to three years with a ton in the Asia Cup T20 tournament in September.

Kohli shares a strong bond with Dhoni and that reflects in the manner in which he talks about India's World Cup-winning skipper.

"What is interesting is that throughout this phase apart from Anushka, who has been the biggest source of strength for me because she has been with me throughout this whole time and she has seen me very closely as how have I felt, things that I have gone through, the kind of things that have happened."

"...The only person who, apart from my childhood coach and family genuinely reached out to me has been MS Dhoni," Kohli said on the RCB podcast. Kohli



shared the dressing room with Dhoni for 11 years between 2008 and 2019 and calls the charismatic cricketer from Ranchi his 'captain forever'. "He reached out to me and you can rarely get in touch with him. If I call him on any random day, 99 percent he will not pick up (the phone), because he just does not look at the phone."

"So, for him to reach out to me twice it has happened now and one of the things that he'd mentioned in the message while reaching out to me was that: when you are expected to be strong and looked at as a strong individual people forget to ask how are you

doing?" "So, it (Dhoni's words) hit home for me because I have always been looked at as someone who is very confident, mentally very strong, who can endure any circumstances and find a way and show us the way. "Sometimes, what you realise is that at any given point of time in life as a human being you need to take a couple of steps backwards, understand how you are doing, how your wellbeing is placed," Kohli added. When Kohli suddenly quit Test captaincy following the tour of South Africa in the January 2022, he had revealed that Dhoni was the only one who had messaged him.

