





# Huge cache of psychotropic drugs seized; two held



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**Bhilai, Apr 22:** With the arrest of two drug peddlers, police claimed to have busted the illegal supply and distribution network of the scheduled

and banned psychotropic drugs. About 1440 psychotropic tablets and capsules were seized from them. It was a joint operation of Mohan Nagar Police Station and ACCU. The accused are identi-

fied as Jagdeesh Shadadi (42) son of Laxman Das Shadadi, a resident of 13/14, Priyadarshi Parisar (west), Nehru Nagar, Supela and Gurmukh Jumnani (53) son of Gopichand Jumnani a res-

ident of House Number 13/14, Priyadarshi Parisar (West), Nehru Nagar, Bhilai. It needs to be mentioned here that on the instructions of top police officers, Durg Police are taking ac-



tion against illegal drug dealers and peddlers in the district. The cops are continuously working against the people involved in trade of narcotics drugs and illegal sale of scheduled psychotropic drugs. In this sequel, Police received a tip off regarding the illegal supply and sale of psychotropic drugs. After confirming the information, the joint team conducted a well-planned operation and caught the drug smugglers red handed with the psychotropic drugs near Durg Railway Station. The accused have been booked under the provisions mentioned in NDPS Act.

# Workshop of RIPS's technical support agencies held



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**Bhilai, Apr 22:** A day-long workshop was organized on better operation and management of RIPAs in Durg division at the meeting hall of District Panchayat Durg. Chief Minister's Advisor

Pradeep Sharma gave proper guidance and advice for selection of RIPA's activities, connecting the beneficiaries with the activities and encouraging the youth to participate in traditional activities. Ashwani Dewangan, CEO of District Panchayat,

Planning Commission members, CHIPS officials, District Program Manager (NRLM), members of technical support agencies and RIPA managers were present. They were asked to make business development plans and technical aspects.

# Devendra conducts Bhet Mulaqat; resolves public problems on the spot



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**Bhilai, Apr 22:** Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav is regularly visiting different wards of his constituency under the Bhet Mulaqat campaign. He is visiting door-to-door in several localities to meet the people and inquire

about their well being. He discusses the development works of the city and the ward. He also tries to explore the problems of the people. In this episode, during the bhet mulaqat in Ward 43, Bapunagar, a woman informed him that she has applied for making a ra-

tion card. But there is a delay in making his ration card. As soon as the MLA received the information about the matter, he directed the concerned officials to inquire about the status of the application. He asked them to check the application and if the woman was eligible for ra-

tion card then why her ration card is not being made. He asked the officials to report immediately. The officials investigated and the ration card of the lady was generated. After this, the woman was handed over her ration card in the evening. She was very happy and expressed gratitude to MLA Yadav. During the bhet mulaqat, MLA Devendra Yadav visits door-to-door and the people are very happy to see the MLA suddenly in their house. People welcome him to their houses and offer water and tea. MLA Yadav kept meeting the people in the ward from morning till night. He sat on the ground near the traffic square and conducted chaupals to discuss the development of the city.

# 71 couples tie nuptial knots at mass marriage



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**Bhilai, Apr 22:** 71 couples tied nuptial knots at the Mass Marriage programme organised at Agrasen Bhavan, Sector 6 on the occasion of Akshay Trithiya on Saturday. Several dignitaries of the city reached the venue to greet the newly married couples. The joint marriage procession of all the grooms

commenced from Krishna Public School, Nehru Nagar in the morning. The relatives of the grooms danced to the tunes of brass bands and moved from the school to Nanaksar Gurudwara via Agrasen Chowk, Municipal Corporation Water Tank and Bhelwa Talab. Thereafter, they reached Agrasen Bhawan, Sector 6 in



buses. Mass marriage was performed through vedic rituals at Agrasen Bhavan. After the marriage feast, gifts and certificates were given to the newly married couples. Patrons Madan Mohan Tripathi, Krishna Kumar Singhal, Shivcharan Das Goyal, Arun Kumar Parti, Sourabh Tondon, Sunil Kumar Mishra, Vijay Kumar Goyal, Anil Kumar Daga and other members

of the organising committee were present. It needs to be mentioned here that the mass marriage programme was organised by Bharat Vikas Parishad, Bhilai Unit; Shri Banke Bihari Charitable Trust, Agrasen Jankalyan Parishad, Maheshwari Sabha, Sakal Brahmin Sabha, Sakal Jain Samaj, and other social organizations.

# INTUC delegation meets CGM (Personnel)

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**Bhilai, Apr 22:** The office bearers of Steel Employees Union (INTUC) met Sandeep Mathur, Chief General Manager (Personnel) to discuss various issues related to the employees of Bhilai Steel Plant. The union leaders demanded the opening of a coffee house branch inside the plant, licensing of quarters up to 650 square feet, promotion policy for fire brigade personnel, including training period for ACJSA and compassionate appointment personnel, construction of a shed at the main gate, increase supply of coolers in the plant, etc. They raised objections to the increased rate of food items in the canteen. In the meeting, Chief General Manager (Personnel) Sandeep Mathur said that for better toilet facilities inside the plant, the management



has entered into an agreement with Sulabh, under which 10 blocks of Sulabh toilets will be built soon in the plant. Each block will have 5 toilets, including four for gents and one for ladies. The union leaders said that INTUC is already demanding to open a coffee house branch in the plant, on which the General Manager said that soon a coffee house branch would be opened inside the plant. The union demanded for

risk allowance for the fire brigade personnel. Discussing the problems of the township, the union leaders said that by allotting quarters up to 650 square feet under license scheme, the problem of illegal occupation can be solved. In the cases of ACJSA and compassionate appointment, they demanded to add training period in the service period. The union also demanded to increase the number of

counters for filling eps-95 forms in HRDC. Keeping the problem of workers facing sunlight while leaving duty near the main gate, the union leaders said that like Boria Gate, a shed should be constructed at the Main Gate. New coolers should be given in sufficient quantity in every department of the plant in view of the summer. The union leaders raised objection over the new rates of food items in the canteen

and said that the food rate has been increased to Rs 19. Along with the employees, a large number of contract workers also reach canteens for food. The union leaders demanded reconsideration of the increased rate of food items of the canteen. The delegation thanked the management for opening the traffic police station at Boria Gate and improving the traffic system. Chief General Manager Personnel Sandeep Mathur assured to resolve all these issues at the earliest. General Manager (Personnel-IR) JN Thakur, Senior Manager Personnel RK Maharana, INTUC General Secretary Vansh Bahadur Singh, Executive President Puran Verma, Senior Vice President Santosh Kitchlu, Chandrashekhra Singh, PV Rao, S Ravi and Additional General Secretary Shekhar Kumar Sharma.

# Eid-ul-Fitr celebrated with fervour



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**Bhilai, Apr 22:** On Saturday, Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated with religious

fervour and devotion across the twin-city. Devotees offered mass prayers at all the mosques. After offering Namaz, they

exchanged Eid greetings with the people. Several political leaders also reached the mosques to wish Eid Mubarak to the people.

# BJPs booth empowerment campaign on April 24

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**Bhilai, Apr 22:** As per the instructions of the Bharatiya Janata Party state organization, a meeting has been convened at the assembly level for Vaishali Nagar and Bhilai Nagar assembly constituencies on April 24 at Utsav Bhavan, near Gurudwara Guru Nanak Nagar; Gaurav Path. The meeting of the Bhilai Nagar assembly constituency will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and the Vaishali Nagar assembly constituency from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Former Minister and Raipur MLA Brijmohan Agarwal will be the main speaker in both the meetings. The meeting will be presided over by BJP Bhilai District President Brajesh

Bichpuria. Durg MP Vijay Baghel, Rajya Sabha MP Saroj Pandey, former assembly speaker Prem Prakash Pandey, Vaishali Nagar MLA Vidyartan Bhasin, Sandeep Sharma, in-charge of BJP district organization, co-in-charge Chemman Deshmukh, booth empowerment campaign District Coordinator Jai Prakash Yadav will attend the meeting. Office bearers of various units of BJP will attend the meeting along with the MPs, MLAs, former MLAs, councillors, etc. In this meeting, the booth level preparations for the 2023 elections will be reviewed and detailed discussion will be held about the booth empowerment campaign, informed Jai Prakash Yadav and Ranjit Singh Raja.

# Session organised on National Public Relations Day

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**Bhilai, Apr 22:** Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of St Thomas College organised a career insight session on the occasion of National Public Relations Day. The Chief Guest for the session was Dr Manoj Sonone, Assistant Director (News) in Doordarshan Kendra, Raipur. The HOD of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Dr Reema Dewangan welcomed the guests and gave her best wishes to the students. Assistant Professor Md Zakir Hussain briefed the students about Dr Manoj Sonone's remarkable career. The College Administrator Fr Dr Joshi Varghese emphasized that journalism too deals with establishing relations with the public and representing



their best interests. The Principal Dr MG Roymon also expressed that the public are the backbone of every organisation. The IQAC Coordinator Dr Debjani Mukherjee talked about the application of psychology of the masses in connecting with the people. The HOD of Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of Government Digvijay College, Dr BN Jagrit was present on the occasion as well and addressed the gathering on the media landscape at present. Later Dr Manoj Sonone took the stage

and interacted with the students on public relations in the 21st century. He highlighted the importance of a symbol and tagline in capturing public memory and building a good image of the organisation by giving many popular examples of brand PR campaigns. He also enlightened the students on the many modern communication mediums for image building in PR. Dr Sonone added that it is important to have a good character, compassion, and friendliness for connecting with the public. Speaking on a career in media, he re-

marked that it is rewarding but it also requires sacrifices, along with the dedication to conduct good research and maintain credibility. He informed students about the ample opportunities in both public and private sector, referring to the presence of a PR Officer in every organisation today. Furthermore, he advised the students to read the news everyday in order to progress in the media field. He also encouraged the students to ask questions and answered questions on a range of subjects with clarity. Dr Sonone concluded his address with a Marathi ghazal that he wrote. The event came to its end with a vote of thanks proposed by Amitabh Sharma, Assistant Professor at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

# Workshop held on research methodology

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**Bhilai, Apr 22:** Workshop on research methodology was conducted on April 20 at CCET. Expert lecture was delivered by Dr Pratibha Kurup, an experienced research scholar and academician, Dept of Chemistry, Bharti University, Durg. The workshop was organized by the R&D cell of CCET, Bhilai in collaboration with NDLL. It was attended by faculty members and research scholars from various departments. The program started with the blessings of Executive Vice Chairman Fr Dr PS Varghese. He highlighted the significance of research methodology to address the research questions. Principal Dr Dipali Soren in her welcome address briefed the understanding of research methodology and its various components, such as research design, data collection, data analysis, and interpretation

of results etc. The speaker began the session by explaining the meaning and significance of research in academia. The importance of the research was discussed with the importance of selecting an appropriate research design, based on the research question, objective and methodology. Further, the resource person emphasized that research is not just about collecting data but it should involve a systematic approach to investigate a problem, find solutions and contribute to knowledge. The anchor for the program was Lincy Mendonza. Program coordinators for the workshop were R&D cell in charges Dr Preeti Nand Kumar and Dr Anju Singh. Overall the lecture was an excellent platform for participants to learn from an experienced researcher and it was a valuable addition for the academic community.



# Rains, gusty winds lash city



**Raipur, Apr 22:** Rains accompanied with gusty winds lashed Raipur in the evening, causing power cuts in several parts of the city. The

## Power cuts reported in several parts of city

laden air coming from the Bay of Bengal, it is raining intermittently in many areas of the state. After hail that occurred in many districts of North Chhattisgarh weather conditions turned cold for the last 2 days. Earlier it rained in the capital Raipur on Thursday night. The weather that remained sunny across the state since Saturday morning, changed late evening. Clouds and strong wind have turned the weather cooler and hence the temperature dropped by up to 5 degrees Celsius at many places. Due to thunder-



storms and rain in the evening, the temperature dropped further. Raipur recorded Maximum temperature of 33 degree Celsius whereas Durg district recorded highest maximum temperature of 37.6 degree Celsius on Saturday. Meanwhile the IMD has warned of thun-

derstorm accompanied with lightning and gusty winds at isolated places over Chhattisgarh during the next three to four days. Raipur is likely to witness partly cloudy sky with chance of rain or thunder-shower towards evening and night during the next 24 hours.

# Eid-ul-Fitr celebrated with enthusiasm in Raipur

## CM Baghel extend his festival wishes after reaching Idgah

**Raipur, Apr 22:** Eid is being celebrated with religious fervour across the country including Chhattisgarh. Eid prayers were offered in mosques in the morning. Crowds of worshipers have started arriving in mosques in various parts of Raipur since morning. People extended Eid wishes and greetings to each other. Prayers were offered in all the mosques and Idgahs of Chhattisgarh on Saturday on the occasion of Eid festival.

After namaaz people hugged each other, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel reached Idgah and greeted the people on Eid.

He wished the Muslim community on this festival



Corporation, Mayor Aiyaz Dhebar, MLA Satyanarayan Sharma, MLA Kuldeep Juneja, RMC Speaker Pramod Dubey and many others have also reached Idgah and wished the people. The

of peace and harmony. On this occasion, he said, congratulations to the people of the state on the festival of mutual brotherhood, harmony and peace 'Eid-ul-Fitr'. This festival gives a message to forget the discrimination of rich-poor, small-big and to increase mutual love, brotherhood and harmony. On this occasion, we all pray for the progress, prosperity and peace of the state.

Apart from Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Raipur Municipal

moon was sighted on the evening of April 21. With this, the month of Ramadan was over and Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated on Saturday. As soon as Eid was announced, there was a lot of excitement in the market till late night on Friday. Special Eid prayers in more than 50 mosques in Raipur. Namaaz was offered at many places including Idgah Bhattha, Bajinathpara, Byron Bazar, Moudhapara in Raipur.

# Parshuram Jayanti celebrated with religious fervour



**Raipur, Apr 22:** Parshuram Jayanti celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety on Saturday at Raipur. On this occasion a large number of people of Brahman community took out the bike rally which passed through the main streets of the city and ended after offering worship and pooja rituals to Lord

Parshuram. Similarly a Shoba yatra was also organized on this occasion by the Brahman community which passed through the main streets of the city. A number of locals and prominent people also took part in the religious function following which Bhajans in praise of Bhagwan Parshuram were recited.

# Govt's priority schemes: Chief Secretary reviewed the works of Energy and Finance Department

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**Raipur, Apr 22:** Chief Secretary Mr. Amitabh Jain reviewed Energy and Finance Department in Mantralaya Mahanadi here in order of priority schemes of the State Government.

The Chief Secretary took information from the officials regarding the plan to develop a state-of-the-art online complaint and redressal system for the convenience of electricity consumers.

Officials of Energy Department said that according to the announcement of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, information was given regarding redressal of on-line complaints related to electricity through



Mor Bijli mobile app. Officials informed that toll free number-1912 can be used for electrical complaints and redressal. The Chief Secretary gave necessary guidelines to the departmental officers regarding the recovery of pending electricity duty from government departments and

industries, including the recovery of dues from the officials of the Energy Department. Energy Department and Chief Minister's Secretary Ankit Anand were also present in the meeting.

For the convenience of the farmers, the Chief Secretary inquired in de-

tail about the arrangement of electric lines on the banks of the river; new power plant, separate-agri feeder in rural areas and revamped distribution sector scheme. Similarly, during the review of the Finance Department, various departments have been instructed to work in coordination with other departments including Commercial Tax, Mineral, Excise, Water Resources, Transport, Revenue, Stamp and Registration for government revenue collection. Officials of Energy Department, CREDA, Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited and Finance Department participated in the meeting.



# Casual workers stage semi-nude demonstration

**Raipur, Apr 22:** Casual workers on Saturday staged semi-nude demonstration under the banner of 'Chhattisgarh Aniyamit Karmachari Morcha' in Tuta area of Raipur in support of 5-point demands including regularisation. Aggrieved workers say that during formation of Congress

government they were promised of regularisation. But nothing has happened yet, they said, adding that they could see no other option but to stage demonstration in support of their demands. Apart from regularization, they are also demanding to stop outsourcing.

# Act promptly on the announcements of CM : Dr. Dahria

**Raipur, Apr 22:** State Urban Administration and Development Minister Dr. Shivkumar Dahria reviewed the departmental work by holding a meeting of the Chief Municipal Officers of Nagar Panchayats of the state. This is the second day of the review meeting. During this, he instructed the officials of the urban body that keeping in mind the present summer season, the availability of drinking water should be ensured to the common citizens. Make sure to start all the approved works under Nagar Panchayat area before the rains. Minister Dr. Dahria said that maximum publicity should be given to the eligible beneficiaries of the

Rajiv Gandhi Landless Agricultural Labour Justice Scheme. Apart from this, he also reviewed the applications being accepted for providing unemployment allowance to the educated youth. It was informed in the meeting that a new bus stand would be constructed in Bhopalpatnam Nagar Panchayat of Bijapur district. At present buses ply from here to Maharashtra and Telangana. In Nagar Panchayat Geedam, instructions were given to the CMO to prepare a proposal for the approval of the amount of the District Mineral Institute Trust (DMF) for the municipality market. Minister Dr. Dahria instructed to issue show-cause notices to the

chief municipal officers of Nagar Panchayat Keshkal, Khogapani, Pusaur, Bilaigarh and Kotba for negligence in official work. Taking information about the operation of Shri Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store, Minister Dr. Dahria instructed to take special care to ensure that maximum number of people get its benefits. This scheme has been implemented with the aim of making high quality medicines easily available to the citizens at less than half the cost. The cabinet minister inquired about the construction and allotment of shops under Pauni Pasari Yojana in Nagar Panchayats. Taking information about the implementation of the Chief

Minister's announcement in all body-wise, Dr. Dahria instructed to send its proposal soon. The cabinet minister also instructed the officials that the process of payment of honorarium to the placement employees should be done first and then the salary of the regular employees should be paid. Dr. Dahria instructed to speed up the works of revenue collection. Special Secretary Dr. Ayyaz Tamboli instructed to provide all the basic necessary facilities in the Gouthan built under the municipal area. He inquired about the purchase of cow dung in Gauthan, manufacture of vermi-compost manure and its sale.

# Bullion market booms on Akshaya Tritiya

**Raipur, Apr 22:** The schemes and discount offered by the Jewellers have brought customers back to bullion market on Saturday on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya. As the occasion is best known for investing in gold and other metals, the jewellery shops in the city ran to packed stores to purchase gold, silver and diamond jewellery of their choice despite of heavy rain showers on Saturday evening. Discount offers and reduction in making charges schemes were the baits used by bullion traders to attract customers on the auspicious occasion.

In comparison to last year, the response of customers for buying gold



jewellery this year has been quite good. In four months, the prices of both gold and silver have increased by Rs 4000, but the upcoming wedding season has resulted in more people wanting to buy and invest in gold, said a city based jeweller. Most of the customers have purchased

Gold on Akshaya Tritiya due to traditional belief that Gold purchase on Akshaya Tritiya will remain forever, he said.

The price of gold stood around Rs 60,500 per 10 gm and Silver at Rs 71,000 per kg on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya. Traders said that large number of

pre-bookings was done on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya for wedding purpose. Apart from gold, customers indulged in buying silver and other products like electronic gadgets. An owner of a city-based home appliances store said that the electronic market saw a mixed response as buyers opted for refrigerators and air conditioners. "We did offer several discounts and zero per cent finance scheme, which got a better response, the owner said. Meanwhile the Akshaya Tritiya recorded good business in real estate market too as people are waiting for the auspicious occasion to go for the big purchase.

# 'Invest in our planet' programme held



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**Raipur, Apr 22:** 'Let's join together on Earth Day to make our Earth a better place to live in' with this motive Adarsh Vidyalaya, Tatibandh celebrated "Invest in our Planet" to create awareness on investing on Earth. All the students participated enthusiastically in all the events conducted in the school premises. The events for the students were Poster Making, Role Play, Speech on "Reduce, Reuse, recycle", Compost Making

along with this "No Plastic Day was also celebrated. These events were conducted to motivate and make our students aware on Save Earth. On the concluding day the students and teachers took oath to save our Earth. The highlight of the function of the programme was compost making in the school premises. The management also extended their best wishes and congratulated for the efforts. This press release is given by Principal of the school Amir B. Sultan.

# Blood donation camp concluded at Suyash Hospital



**Raipur, Apr 22:** Like every year, this year also a blood donation camp was successfully organised at Raipur-based Suyash Hospital.

It is organized every year on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Dr. Vivek Kesharwani, Director of Suyash Hospital. In this blood donation camp, the consultant, administrative officer and all the employees of the hospital participated part in a big way.

The hospital management informed that more and more blood is donated through this camp so that the needy can get benefits, and other people are also motivated to donate blood.

# Nikhil, Vijay advance into next round of Gondwana Cup Tennis tournament



**Raipur, Apr 22:** Nikhil Marathe from Chhattisgarh, Rishi Keshari from Utter

Pradesh, Vijay Chander from Chhattisgarh, Jeevan Nadar, Rishit Dakhane, Manas Sinha, Arman Patil and Aditya Verma won their inaugural matches under the Gondwana Cup All India Tennis Tournament being organised under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association (CSTA) here. Providing the above information, the Tournament Co-ordinator Rupendra Singh Chouhan said that players from 10 states are participating in the week-long tournament.

# CG announces team for National Masters TT tournament



be Umpires for the National event. Providing the above information in a statement issued here, the CTTA General Secretary Vinay Baiswade said that Nikhil Bani from Raipur would represent the team in 40 years Male whereas Sikha Khande

Hussain from Bilaspur would be the Female 40 year's team representative.

Rajesh Agrawal, Sanjay Laheja, Suresh Shadlija and Ritesh Malhotra would be 50 years A team members whereas Arvind

Kumar Sharma, Giriraj Bagdi, Vidhandeep Mishra and Vijay Kejrwal would be the part of Team B in the category. Similarly, the 60 year group category players include Pawan Shadija, Shain Stephan, Sushant Borwankar, K Ravishanker and JM Rathore. Pradeep Janwade, RN Keljar and AN Rao would be part of 65 years Team in Male category whereas Gauri Dey, Ira Pant and Sarbari Moitra would be represent Chhattisgarh in Female category.

# Yuva Tourism Clubs constituted at Amity University

**Raipur, Apr 22:** Amity University Chhattisgarh on Friday launched the Yuva Tourism Clubs (YTC). The Club will function with the strategic objective of creating interest, awareness, and a sense of responsibility towards our country's natural and cultural heritage / tourism amongst children and youth.

Mayank Dubey, Manager, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India highlighted the activities of the club and the importance of eco-friendly and sustainable tourism. Dr. Anuradha Dubey, PRO, Nodal Officer, RVGP, Raipur in her address spoke on the state government's project, the Ram Van Gaman Paripath and the various locations that have been identified for the project in State. She also added the story of each location of Chhattisgarh and their importance with reference to Ramayana.

Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Kant Pandey, Vice-Chancellor,

Amity University Chhattisgarh in his address spoke on the vision of the Yuva Tourism Club (YTC). He said it is to nurture and develop young ambassadors of Indian tourism who would become aware of tourism possibilities in India and Chhattisgarh, appreciate our rich cultural heritage and develop an interest and passion for tourism. These young ambassadors would be catalysts for promoting tourism in state.

Nishtha Joshi presented the reports of the various activities conducted by the three YTCs of Amity University Chhattisgarh. To celebrate World Heritage Day the clubs, organize heritage walk and Quiz, Poster Making and Photography competitions.

The winner of poster making contest was Anshumala Minji (ASAP), Vanshika Vora (ASCO) wins the first prize and Shomen Chandra (ASCO) won the second prize in Quiz contest.



# Chhattisgarh has a sustainable environment for industry and trade-business: CM

**Courtesy meeting of the delegation of Chhattisgarhia Commerce and Industry Federation with the Chief Minister**

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**Raipur, Apr 22:** A delegation from the Chhattisgarhia Commerce and Industry Federation met with Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel at his residential office yesterday.

During the meeting with the Chief Minister, the delegation praised the state government's efforts to create a conducive environment and for its assistance in improving the state's industry and trade-business sector.

Meanwhile, During the meeting, the delegation in-



formed Chief Minister Mr. Baghel that the Chhattisgarhia Commerce

and Industry Federation had been formed to connect the people of

Chhattisgarh with other traders, promote them, and exchange business-re-

lated information.

For the past ten years, this union has been organizing training camps for Chhattisgarhia traders through various things related to the industry department, banks, and the government. Over 10,000 Chhattisgarhi traders are involved in this initiative, which helps promote mutual trade.

On this occasion, office bearers of Chhattisgarhia Commerce and Industries Federation Sarvshree Shekhar Verma, Manish Tikriha, and Lalit Sahu, along with other members, were present.

## 200 mobiles worth Rs 50 lakh recovered, given to owners

● By Mahasamund Police

**Mahasamund, Apr 22:** The Cyber Cell team of the District has succeeded in recovering stolen and lost mobile phones worth Rs 50 lakh and these stolen mobile phones were distributed to its owner in the presence of SP Mahasamund Dharmendra Singh to around 200 from all over the district and this brought big smile on their faces.

Along with this by disclosing about the looting of 10 mobiles within 24 hours, the Cyber Cell Police, Kotwali Police and other police officers were felicitated. These mobiles phones were stolen in



Mahasamund district over the last six-eight months and are estimated to be costing around Rs 50 lakh. During distribution of these mobile phones at SP's office, Addl. SP Akash

Girepunje, SDOP Manjulata Baj, DSP Prem Sahu, DSP (AJAK), Kotwali in-charge Ashok Vaishnav, Cyber-Cell in-Charge Nadeem Uddin Khan were present.

## Training Session held at NIT Raipur

● In collaboration with Panasonic and Anchor

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**Raipur, Apr 22:** National Institute of technology Raipur conducted a training session for Electricians jointly organized by Panasonic and Infimind Educare Foundation Bangalore. Post the training, the electricians were awarded a certificate (Anchor Certified Electrician). The objective of the program was to train the Electricians and in order to recognize, reward, and encourage them.

The program was organized in two sessions. In the first session, basic theoretical knowledge about electricity was imparted to the Electricians, and in the second session, the Electricians got hands-on knowledge about the concepts taught in the laboratories of the Electrical Engineering department.

In the first session, Dr. B. N. Bag talked about the importance of Electricity and Electricians and stressed the point that no industry will work properly without them. He further discoursed its technical aspects, gave valuable information to the attendees about electricity and

its functioning, and how to control the flow of electricity in different modules.

The program was coordinated by Dr. B. N. Bag, Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering. Dr. Anamika Yadav, HoD, Electrical Engineering, Mr. Sameer Pande, AGM, Marketing, Panasonic, Mr. Shekhar Varshney, ASM, Chhattisgarh, Panasonic, Mr. Goutham Ravi Kumar, Assistant Manager, Infimind Educare Foundation, Bangalore were present during the training session. The sessions witnessed active participation and all the attendees were given certificates and goodies.

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**Raipur, Apr 22:** IIIT-Naya Raipur is holding its 3rd Convocation on April 24, 2023, at its campus in Naya Raipur. The occasion will be graced by Governor of Chhattisgarh and Chancellor of the institute, Biswabhusan Harichandan as the Chief Guest; Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel, as the Special Guest of Honour; while Minister of Technical Education, Chhattisgarh, Umesh Patel and Dr. Sudhir Mishra, former Distinguished Scientist & Director General (BrahMos), DRDO, Ministry of Defence and CEO & MD, BrahMos Aerospace, as the Guests

of Honour.

In this convocation, 113 B. Tech. students, 15 M. Tech. students and 3 Ph. D. scholars will be conferred with degrees. The students with outstanding performance in studies as well as other activities will be conferred with gold and silver medals.

The institute will award gold medals to the students who demonstrated the best all-round performance and best innovation/transformational skills. The institute will also award silver medals to those who have the highest CGPA and best thesis in their respective branches.

It will be worth mentioning on the occasion of the 3rd Convocation that

the Institute is continuing its 100% placement record since the first outgoing undergraduate batch of 2015. All the degree recipients of the convocation who are interested in jobs are placed in top-rated companies like Microsoft Research, Atlasian, Steradian Semiconductors, etc., with the highest package of 57 lakhs per annum. Many undergraduate degree recipients are pursuing their higher studies (MS, M. Tech., and Ph. D.) at premier academic institutes in India and abroad.

Today, the institute has three branches of B. Tech., four M. Tech. disciplines, and multi-disciplinary Ph. D. Programs. The Institute has signed MoUs

with several premier academic and research institutions and industries. The institute has always been sensitive to its responsibility towards the upliftment of Chhattisgarh which includes, adoption of nearby villages, proposing projects for tribal and rural development, conducting awareness programs for polytechnic institutes and schools of the State, conducting summer camps for school children, developing an app for National Health Mission to spread awareness among citizens about prevalent diseases in Chhattisgarh, and developing a Radio App for Gondi language translation.

The sponsored projects

worth several crores are going on in the institute. The sponsored projects are funded by the Govt agencies such as Meity, DST-SERB, NBHM, etc.

The growing popularity of the institute is clearly visible during the B. Tech. admissions process. Every year, there is improvement in the institute's opening JEE rank, which is comparable with some of the best parallel institutes.

While the focus of IIIT-NR in its Vision 1.0 was to create a world-class institution with advanced labs and highly qualified faculty for teaching to achieve 100% placements, it is now focusing on becoming "A Living Research Lab for Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development".

## Girl gets rid of unbearable pain after undergoing CPB

● In Radiology Department of Ambedkar Hospital

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Apr 22:** A 12-year-old girl from Durg who dropped out of school due to severe and unbearable pain of chronic pancreatitis is set to go to school after undergoing procedure of celiac plexus block (CPB) in the radiology department of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Raipur. Interventional radiologist Dr Vivek Patre and team performed the said successful procedure without incision in chronic pancreatitis.

According to Dr Vivek Patre, this is probably the first successful procedure done in Chhattisgarh to eliminate pain in chronic



pancreatitis disease of children. After the procedure, the girl got relief from pain, he said.

According to Dr Patre chronic pancreatitis does not usually occur in children. To get rid of unbearable pain, the family members of the girl tried to get the operation done 2 to 3 times in Durg but did not get success.

She was then referred to DKS Raipur where



Pediatric surgeon Dr Jeevan Patel and team performed pancreaticojejunostomy, connecting pancreatic duct to jejunum (middle intestine) to help patient get relief.

Girl's family was then advised to contact Dr Patre for the treatment of pain.

Dr Patre, after studying the patient's history and seeing the unbearable pain of the child for 3 consecutive years, decided to

do the complicated procedure without incision, in which the slightest mistake could lead to the death of the patient. By taking the risk with the consent of the family members, Dr Vivek Patre succeeded in doing this complicated procedure.

Dr Pratibha Jain Shah (Head of Anesthesia), Dr Madhumita, Dr Rasika, Dr Kishore, Dr Priyanka, Sister Richa, Akash and

technician Abdul extended valuable cooperation in this process. The girl child was treated at free of cost from Dr Khoobchand Baghel Health Assistance Scheme.

According to the girl's family members, the girl was suffering from severe pain before the procedure. With her recovery, the girl is willing to go to school and complete further studies like other children.

## Adult immunisation is key to protect India's ageing adults: Experts

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Apr 22:** The World Health Organization (WHO) defines healthy ageing as "the process of developing and maintaining the functional ability that enables wellbeing in older age." The WHO has also recognised adult immunisation as one of the strategies for healthy ageing in their 'Decade of Healthy Ageing - Baseline Report -2020'.

The Indian population is ageing rapidly with the number of people above 50 years of age expected to increase to 404 million in 2036 from 260 million in 2020, representing 27% of the country's projected population. Ageing results in reduced immunity and makes older people vulnerable to infectious dis-

eases such as pneumonia, influenza, and shingles. Shingles is a viral disease that can be debilitating for ageing adults.

This disease causes a painful rash; the pain of shingles is described as comparable to labour pain. For some, the nerve pain lasts even after the rash has cleared up and interferes with the daily activities of ageing adults and increases their dependence on caregivers.

Dr. Ujjwala Verma, Consultant Dermatologist practising at 'Dr. Ujjawala's Skin Clinic', Raipur, says, "I advise all my patients of 50 years of age and above to get vaccinated against shingles, pneumonia, and influenza. These infections can be debilitating in old age

and may lead to severe life-threatening complications. I see 20-25 shingles patients every month and most of them suffer from excruciating pain that can last for months or even years."

In India, non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as cardiovascular diseases, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes contribute to more than half of the total disease burden. Adults who suffer from such comorbidities are more prone to VPDs.

A report recently suggested that more than 95% of deaths by VPDs in India have been reported in adults. Not only are these diseases debilitating, but they also tend to complicate the NCDs leading to increased hospitalisation.

## First Int'nl Osteopathy & Physiotherapy Symposium held

● In Sathya Sai Sowbhagyam

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Apr 22:** The first International Osteopathy & Physiotherapy symposium was held in Sri Sathya Sai Sowbhagyam. It was inaugurated by Dr. Marco Pozzi, Director of Paediatric Cardiac Surgery, University of Ancona, Italy in the presence of Dr. Marco Petracca, National Counsellor & Treasurer of Osteopathy, Italy, Dr. Accorsi Alessandro and Dr. C. Sreenivas, Chairman, Sri Sathya Sai Health & Education Trust, Dr. Jagdish Khandeparkar, Eminent Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon and Rtn Raj Dubey. Dr. Vishnu Dutt, Director, Directorate of Medical Education & Training, Government of Chhattisgarh was the Chief Guest.

In her welcome speech, Dr. Ragini Pandey, Chief Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon, Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, described Osteopathy as an emerging Branch. She further said that better Osteopaths along with better Physiotherapists will do wonders especially in Paediatric cardiac



care in the coming days. An exciting teaching programme on Osteopathy is being planned in Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital and will be taken forward. Dr. Marco Pozzi in his introductory speech observed that it is always a pleasure to be in Raipur. This time he has come to share his long positive experience on Osteopathy which is very significant for the children. His theme for the Symposium was: Better Osteopathy, Better Physiotherapy. In this connection, he mentioned that he had fought a long battle with Italian Government after which Osteopathy was recognized as a specialised Medical Branch.

Dr. Marco Petracca dwelt on the topic: What is Osteopathic Medicine - from philosophy to clinical practice. Remembering Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, Founder of Osteopathy; he said that although a young profession; it will immensely benefit the infants

and new-borns. He informed that 10-25% of Osteopathic patients are children whereas, female to male ratio stands at 60:40. He shared a Brochure and 2 international Links on Osteopathy for future reference.

Dr. Accorsi Alessandro, Osteopath from the Department of Paediatric Cardiac Surgery and Cardiology, University Hospitals Ancona cited some important lessons of his Research on OMT (Osteopathic Manipulative Treatments) case-studies. OMT results in reduction of length of stay and costs in preterm infants. Citing his son's case; he reiterated the fact that he was treated successfully by timely intervention on Osteopathy. Dr. Rahul Jain, Assistant Professor (Cardiorespiratory), Government Physiotherapy College, Raipur advised the students to learn newer things. He explained the salient basic features of Physiotherapy.

He elaborated on "APGAR" "Score, Sleep Cycles, Weight, Duration of Surgery in case of infants / babies, ICU Assessment etc.

Dr. Vandana Patel, Assistant Professor (Rehabilitation), Government Physiotherapy College, Raipur was quite nostalgic in recalling her 5 years stint in this Hospital. Sharing her experiences; she pointed out that Physiotherapy is a multi-disciplinary approach aimed towards quick recovery and early discharge of the post-surgery patients. She concluded her speech with the quote "Sometimes, the real Super Heroes live in the hearts of the small children fighting big battles." On his maiden visit, Dr. Vishnu Dutt observed that Physiotherapy is equally an important Branch of Medical Science. He was all praise of the Italian Guests for popularizing Physiotherapy among the young students of the Physiotherapy

Colleges all over Chhattisgarh.

Recalling the statement of Dr. Marco Pozzi; Dr. C. Sreenivas was optimistic that their dreams will be materialized in the fertile land of Chhattisgarh. Describing the Physiotherapists as unsung heroes and heroines; he saluted the physiotherapists for their tireless efforts in early discharge of the patients. He called upon the students to make best use of the lectures and realize the fact that Physiotherapy has a bright future. Dr. Jitesh Kumar Panda and Dr. Rudra Prasad Acharya, Physiotherapists from Satya Sai Sanjeevani presented their case studies.

As a token of our Love and Gratitude to Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba; Gift of Life was given to the 6 children from Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand after their Totally Free of Cost successful surgeries at Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Nava Raipur. The Italian Delegation and the dignitaries on stage had a group photograph with all the patients and their parents. Dr. Sriharsha Suman Satpathy gave vote of thanks. The symposium ended with playing the National Anthems of Italy & India.

Central Chronicle News

**Raipur, Apr 22:** Recent reports from ICMR show that cases of flu caused by the virus H3N2 is spreading across the country. This viral strain causes prolonged illness and has led to more hospitalizations than flu infections caused by other type of strains. People whose immunity is weak are more likely to suffer from complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis, and seizures, where H3N2 can also be life-threatening in some cases. ICMR data show that in the past three months, 10% of SARI\* patients hospitalized with H3N2 complications needed oxygen and 7% required ICU care.

Dr. Raghavendra Singh, Consultant, Ekta Hospital and Shubham Clinic, says, "Flu viruses, such as the H3N2 sub-type, are currently on the rise and may cause severe illness in children leading to hospitalisations. Predominant symptoms are systemic, such as fever, myalgias, headache, malaise, and anorexia, and there can be fewer respiratory symptoms at the onset. The

cough can persist for longer periods after the fever has subsided. I would like to advise all parents speak to their doctor about 4-in-1 flu vaccination, which can protect against H3N2 & 3 other flu strains." "Flu can be serious in people with weak immunity. In these people, the H3N2 sub-type of flu, which is on the rise, may lead to hospitalisations. I advise that all adults above 50 years, pregnant women, and those who

suffer from chronic conditions such as diabetes and asthma, consult their doctor about 4-in-1 flu vaccination.", says Dr. Kedarnath Dewangan, Chest Physician, Vrinda Chest Clinic. H3N2 is a sub-type of influenza A virus.

Every year during seasonal changes, the temperature change causes flu viruses to rise and spread fast. Annually some subtypes spread more than others. All flu viruses, including H3N2, spread through an infected individual when they cough, sneeze, or talk. They can also spread when uninfected people touch an object or surface contaminated by these viruses and then touch their nose or mouth.

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# Quality work should be done under JJM: Jyotsana

Central Chronicle News

**Koriya, Apr 22:** The meeting of the District Development Coordinator and Monitoring Committee (Disha) was held here under the chairmanship of Lok Sabha MP and Chairperson of Disha Committee Mrs. Jyotsana Mahant. In the meetings, Mrs. Mahant inquired about the compliance report of the instructions given in the previous meeting and reviewed the works being done through various departments.

She said that the condition of all the works in the district is satisfactory, keeping in view the public interest in the implementation of the departmental schemes and programmes, the district officers should complete the pending works soon and in view of the heat, they should make necessary arrangements for drinking water in the district.

Reviewing the health facilities, she directed to ensure the availability of



doctors, necessary equipment and adequate medicines in hospitals and to ensure all necessary arrangements in view of corona infection.

Reviewing the works of Jal Jeevan Mission, she registered that the districts under the plan

should provide a detailed list of the works done and complete the works in all areas in a quality manner at the earliest, so that people do not face water problems during the summer season.

Projects of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural

Employment Guarantee Scheme, NRLM, Swachh Bharat Mission, PMGSY, National Health Mission, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mid Day Meal, Eklayva Schools, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, National Rural Drinking Water Program, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana were also reviewed.

Parliamentary Secretary and MLA Baikunthpur Ambika Singhdev, Vice President of Surguja Development Authority and MLA Bharatpur Sonhat Gulab Kamro, President of Municipal Council Manendragarh Prabha Patel, public representatives of District and District Panchayats were present in the meeting.

# Canal drain in Chaubebandha stuck for last 3 years

Central Chronicle News

**Rajim, Apr 22:** The work of construction of Chaubebandha canal drain is stuck for the last three years, as a result, farmers are facing difficulty to carry water to their fields. The 2 km long canal drains play an important role in raising the fields and though the work had started in June last year, but due to poor quality and rain, the contractors stopped the work.

After harvesting the paddy in October-November this year, the farmers are anticipating now that the work of canal drain will start. Recently, District Collector Prabhat Malik had directed in the

meeting to speed up the work of canal drain, and according to information received Rajim MLA Amitesh Shukla has sanctioned an amount of more than one crore for repairing and paving the canal drain, but due to lack of work, their hard work seems to be going in vain. Moreover, for the last 3 years, the construction of the drain is yet to start and a call made to receive information to SDO Panchbhawe of Water Resources Department sub-division Rajim, was not received.



# Poor construction in SAHMS gives it worn-out look

Central Chronicle News

**Mungeli, Apr 22:** Half-incomplete construction, damaged doors, due to poor quality work in Swami Atmanand Hindi Medium School (SAHMS), doors and windows have started breaking after a few months of construction. The paint applied inside and outside the school is coming off and gives the school a worn out look.



As one of the ambitious plans of the government, the government has started opening Swami Atmanand School in the state to provide buildings and quality education to the poor class children in the state like private schools. Where there is a shortage of subject teachers in the school, there are 11 additional teachers posted in comparison to the sanctioned teachers, where the students are given clean,



beautiful schools like private schools.

Due to the conversion of the old BRSav School to BRSav Swami Atmanand Hindi Medium School, many teachers posted in the old school are still posted in BRSav Swami Atmanand School. There are about

1250 students in BRSav Swami Atmanand School, and the number of approved teachers here is 70. Presently the number of teachers posted here is 59, but there is a shortage of teachers of Physics, Hindi and Agriculture department in the school.

# Baiga tribal area schools neglected

● In terms of teacher promotion

Central Chronicle News

**Pandariya, Apr 22:** Teachers in the Education Division, Durg are being promoted from assistant teacher to teachers, in which priority is being given to schools in the plain area in comparison to schools in forest proximity areas.

Ravi Chandravanshi, State President of Jogi Students' Union, issued a release and said that there is corruption in filling of the vacant posts published by the Education Department for promotion and while 3



posts are being given for promotion, whereas Baiga tribal dominated Vananchal village school has been doing with only one teacher for the last 6 years.

Block Village Pandripani, situated at the end of the village, has been running for the last several years only with one teacher, and not a single

post has been shown vacant in the promotion, the statement further said.

Chandravanshi further said that to provide benefits, vacant posts are being shown in the plains and around the city, while the schools of Vananchal will

remain vacant.

He also said that only one teacher is working in the middle schools of Vananchal, Pandaripani, Bhursi Pakri, Shambhu Pipar, where not a single post has been shown vacant for promotion.

**न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर**  
**नोटिस**  
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रायपुर, दिनांक 11 अप्रैल, 2023

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कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर

● Through 'Jai Bharat Jai Satyagraha' campaign

Central Chronicle News

**Kondagaon, Apr 22:** According to the instructions of the Pradesh Congress Committee, the party is bys in conducting village meetings for 'Jai Cong, Jai Satyagraha' in the rural areas. For which, under the auspices of the DCC and BCC of the region, it is by holding 'nukkad-natak' in the weekly 'haat bazars', information about anti-people policies of the central government is being passed on to the masses under the campaign.

It was started from Bade Kanera of Kondagaon block



and meetings were held in Chipavand and Gram Panchayat Bahni. During the meeting, the party office bearers said that the Congress party always keeps the interests of the poor laborers in mind while being in power even in the Opposition. Priority is also given to poor farm labourers.

Congress party has lived up to the trust of the people on all such issues. When the Congress government was at the Centre, then BJP used to say big things. But for last 9 years of the BJP government at the Center no big achievement has been achieved till date. Congress is committed both for achievements and developments.

During this time, the speakers appealed to form Congress government in the Center and in the state in

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प्रति,

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N/A7004 (old) W338A(New) Manappuram House Valappad, Thrissur, Kerala - 580 567.

**GOLD AUCTION NOTICE**

The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/05/2023 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

List of pledges:-

BASTAR ROAD, DHAMTARI, 134150700010689, DURG, CHARODA SQUARE, BHILAI, 134110700016191, 6198, 6222, 6230, 6246, 6284, 6269, 6286, 6293, 6302, 6316, 6317, 6321, 6325, 6330, 6365, 6401, 134110730021776, 1789, 1791, 1852, 1855, 1865, 1868, 1873, 1874, 1922, 1987, 2005, CHOUHAN ESTATE, 115880700023254, 3259, 3260, 3261, 3273, 3274, 3276, 3290, 3295, 3298, 3356, 3361, 3376, 3386, 3387, 3388, 3391, 3396, 3397, 3401, 3428, 115880730026679, 6743, GURUDWARA STATION ROAD, 112310700022061, 2294, KRISHNA THEATER ROAD, 125930700021769, 1784, 1804, 1822, 1826, 1835, 1840, 1870, 1892, 1919, 125930730017980, 7981, 8009, 8012, 8021, 8031, MALVIYA NAGAR SQUARE, 116610700015905, 5914, 5917, 5918, 5925, 5926, 5932, 5933, 5934, 116610730027534, 7561, 7562, 7599, 7607, 7614, 7652, 7688, NEHRU NAGAR BHILAI, 125780700018777, 8783, 8796, 8811, 8874, 125780730020138, 0263, NEW BUS STAND DURG, 126220700014240, 4243, 126220730012650, POWER HOUSE CHOWK, BHILAI, 134030700031810, 1852, 1870, 1931, 1943, 1951, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1982, 2001, 2024, 2058, 2068, 2076, 2078, 2096, 2143, 2154, 2179, 2190, 2191, 134030730030735, 0784, 0821, 0922, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, SANTRABADI, 112610700016450, 6488, 6515, 6534, 6543, 6545, 112610730015942, 5964, MAHASAMUND, BUS STAND MAHASAMUND, CHATTISGARH, 129980700019521, 9527, 9541, 9566, 9599, 129980730021450, 1581, RAIPUR, ASHWANI NAGAR, RAIPUR, 131360700014331, 4338, 4349, 4388, 4404, 131360730018309, 8378, 8380, BADAIPARA, 113640700020622, 0666, 0667, 0688, BANPURI, 114590700025066, 5067, 5077, 5095, 5112, 5115, 5117, 5119, 5132, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5167, 114590730015168, 5193, 5222, 5262, 5488, BUDHAPARA, RAIPUR, 124430700026125, 6140, 6157, 6159, 6162, 6201, 6243, 6248, 6265, 124430730020885, 0896, 0897, 1017, 1072, DEVENDRANAGAR, RAIPUR, 124680700013302, KATORA TALAB, RAIPUR, 131700700013842, 3897, 3932, 131700730010961, MOWA RAIPUR, 129340700016081, 6119, 6127, 6167, 6187, 6188, 129340730020369, PACHPEDI NAKA CHOWK, RAIPUR, 128700700016560, 6565, 6573, 6604, 6645, 6649, 6666, 128700730017146, PANDRI, 114140700019991, 114140700020036, 0056, 0065, 0068, 0071, 0073, 0081, 0084, 0087, 0090, 0094, 0122, 0125, 0151, 114140730017048, 7056, 7057, 7116, 7184, SADAR BAZAR BHATAPARA, 134460700009644, 9676, 9678, SANTHOSHI NAGAR RAIPUR, 131480700018015, 8053, 8074, 8134, 8136, 8146, 8165, 131480730021505, 1507, 1608, 1626, RAJNANDGAON, DONGARGARH, RAJNANDGAON, 133670700010194, 0203, 0207, 0267, LALBAGH, RAJNANDGAON, 133880700015889, 5946, 5951, 5957, 5959, 133880730035294,

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders) by way of Cash on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact 9072604049

Authorised Officer  
For Manappuram Finance Ltd

2024. A large number of Congmen were present during the program along with BCC President Bharat Devangan, Mandal President Jeevan Nag, Sanjay Karan Nandu Diwan.

**STATE BANK OF INDIA**  
S.M.E, Center BHILAI, SBI Premises, Sector-1, Bhilai, Dist. Durg (C.G.) Pin-490001, Ph. 0788-2229009

**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 hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property 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 property and any dealings with the property 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.

Borrowers / Guarantor Name	Property Details Facility	Date of Demand Notice Date of Possession	Outstanding Amount
M/s. Pandey Pashu Aahar Trading	Plot No. 07, Khara No. 708/4, Ph No. 14/19 measuring 2216 sq. ft. in the name of Shri Mohan Pandey S/o Shri Sudama Pandey Add: Ghosidas Nagar, Ward No. 15, Nandini Road, Bhilai, Dist. Durg (C.G.) Pin - 490026	01.02.2023	17,29,211.87/- + interest and Other Charges
		20.04.2023	

Date 23.04.2023 Authorised Officer **State Bank Of India**

**यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया**  
Union Bank of India

**Regional Office, 11th Floor, LIC Investment Building, Phase-III, Jivan Bima Marg, Pandri, Raipur (C.G.)**  
**E-AUCTION ON 11.05.2023 11 AM TO 5 PM**

**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 possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 11.05.2023 between 11:00 am to 5:00 pm for recovery of below mentioned amount plus interest till the date of realization and costs, charges and expenses due to the Union Bank of India Secured Creditor from below mentioned borrowers & Guarantor details are here under:-

S. No.	Name of the Borrower / Guarantor & Branch	Total dues (In Rs.)	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amt.	Short description of the properties
1.	Dilip Parakh & Anuradha Parekh Branch-Scindia Nagar Durg	₹16,99,000.00/- + interest since 01.04.23 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 23,00,000/- Rs. 2,30,000/- Rs. 23,000/-	Residential property at plot no. 98/2, PC no. 16/24, Nuzul sheet no. 28D, RI circle Durg 01, area 211.50 sq mt. at village -Khas Durg, ward no. 06, Thelhawarpura, Kayasthpara inner side, Tahsil & Dist -Durg (C.G.).
2.	M/s Ayush Traders Prop - Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Singh, 2. Shri Rajendra Prasad Singh, Branch-Talibandh	₹ 2630000.00/- + interest since 01.07.22 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 25,00,000/- Rs. 2,50,000/- Rs. 25,000/-	House at PLOT NO 35, KH NO 651/25, 651/26, PH NO 103, HEERAPUR, HARSHIT VIHAR, PHASE-5 SAHIB BHAGAT SINGH WARD NO-13, NEAR CPS SCHOOL, RAIPUR (C.G.)
3.	MR. VINAY KUMAR PANDEY Branch- Talibandh	₹ 1058000.00/- + interest since 19.04.23 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 11,50,000/- Rs. 1,15,000/- Rs. 11,500/-	LIG-131, Ph No 3 Kt No 565/1, 565/3, 565/4 & 729/2 Situated At Dindayal Awasth Yojna CG Housing Board, Khilora, Abhanpur Dist Raipur.
4.	M/s Maa Gauri Power & Tools, Prop.- Mr. Mukesh Kumar Prajapati Branch- Pandri	₹ 2009000.00/- + interest since 01.04.23 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 16,00,000/- Rs. 1,60,000/- Rs. 16,000/-	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of open land of area 2450 sqft, at Plot no 16 "Lotus City" KH No 115 of part no 04 Near Kaivivadhham, RNM Bhilai-3, Tehsil- Patan, Village - Parsada, Dist-Durg.
5.	M/s Sai Engineering Services, Prop. Arun Kumar Shah, Manjudevi Shah, Branch- Shankar Nagar	₹ 2403000.00/- + interest since 01.12.22 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 14,00,000/- Rs. 1,40,000/- Rs. 14,000/-	Property No. 1. K H No. 542, P H No. 20 Plot No A-16, Future Township, Siltara, Raipur admeasuring 1000 sqft belonging to Mr Arun Kumar Shah.
6.	Mrs. Ranjita Baweja Jitendra Baweja, Branch- Fafadhi	₹ 1920000.00/- + interest since 19.04.23 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 17,00,000/- Rs. 1,70,000/- Rs. 17,000/-	Property No. 2. K H No.542, P H No. 20 Plot No. A-17, future Township, siltara, Raipur admeasuring 1000 sqft belonging to Mr. Arun Kumar Shah.

For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit <https://www.mscecommerce.com/auctionhome/lbapl/index.jsp>, [www.unionbankofindia.co.in](http://www.unionbankofindia.co.in). For further detailed any query please contact: For Serial No. 1 Shri Rakesh Kumar, Mob. 7693833353, For Serial No. 2 & 3: Shri Anand Kumar, Mob. 8827174757, Shri S. Ansari, Mob. 7354889275, For Serial No. 4: Shri Abhishek Tiwari Mob.9993069992, Shri Tikeswar Deshlahra Mob. 7525003213, For Serial No. 5: Shri Anuj Kapoor, Mob.7987507261, For Serial No. 6: Shri Basant Rai, Mob. 8469761001.

Date: 23.04.2023, Place: Raipur & Durg Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India



## Lord Parshuram Janmotsav celebrated

### ● In all the houses of Brahmin families

Berla, Apr 22: The 'Janmotsav' of Lord Shri Parshuram was celebrated by members of Sarv Brahmin Samaj Devkar (SBS) in their own houses with religious fervour and enthusiasm. As per 'dharma-shastra', birth of Lord Shri Parshuram took place on occasion of 'Vaisakh Mass', on third day of the 'Shukl Paksh'. This day is also known as 'Akshay Tiritiya'. The Janmostav of Lord

Shri Parshuram is always celebrated on 'Akshay Tiritiya'. Lord Parshuram had worked to promote the richness of the 'Santan Sanskriti'.

As per the religious beliefs, on this day, Lord Vishu appeared in his 6th 'Avatar' as Parshuram. Due to this both Akshay Tiritiya and Parshuram Janmotsav is celebrated on the same day. This year Lord Parshuram Jayanti was observed on Saturday, informs SBS Bemetara District gen. secy. Rakesh Pandey in a press release.

## Villagers allege of Murum mining



### ● In govt pond

Nandini-Ahiwara, Apr 22: Villagers of village Parsada (Medesara) under Ahiwara tehsil have alleged of Illegal mining being done in the village government pond in connivance of Sarpanch Santoshi Bai and Ravi Nishad. As soon as the villagers came to know about it, they informed the village deputy sarpanch and panch, under whose complaint Ahiwara Tehsildar, took to action. As per information, the pond is being deepened from 20 to 25

feet, which is not required at present, and the villagers have expressed apprehension of accident due to unnecessary pot-holes in the pond and said that the farmers crossing the area at night and animals can fall prey to the pits. Meanwhile after the villagers complained the sent Patwari to the illegal mining site and the work has been stopped.

What officer says: After the complaint, Murum mining has been stopped by sending Patwari and police immediately. Dikeshwar Sahu Tehsildar Ahiwara.

## Clay dolls flock markets before 'Akshay Tiritiya'



Kharora, Apr 22: Clay toys and dolls have come in the market for Akshaya Tiritiya, which is to fall on Saturday. In Chhattisgarh, this day is considered auspicious for marriage, while dolls are kept in homes and the festival is celebrated by worshipping village deities and marrying dolls as a mark of celebration.

Sarvasiddhi Muhurta Akshaya Tiritiya is known as Akti in Chhattisgarh and auspicious works like

marriage, housewarming are done in this festival, which is important in the form of Sarva Siddhi Muhurta, and also holds special importance for the purchase of clothes, jewellery, vehicles and new buildings. Earthen utensils have special importance on the day of Akshaya Tiritiya and this time, lamps, urns, incense sticks, dolls are up on sale, with rate of dolls close to ₹ 50 to ₹ 60.

## Problems galore in Gram Panchayat Mainpur



Mainpur, Apr 22: After the status of Tehsil Hq's to Gram Panchayat Mainpur in Gariyaband District, it got the status of sub-division and even after 75 yrs of the independence, the denizens of Mainpur are striving for basic amenities and facilities. Though the local officers and employees are residing here, but this Gram Panchayat Mainpur has got stuck amidst large scale network of problems, built over the period of time.

During peak of summer season now, the denizens are made to face the drinking water, day-to-day use of water and other such problems on daily basis. At the same time, the nooks and corners and drainages of the Gram Panchayat are full of heaps of waste and garbage with foul odor, leading to chance of

some contagious diseases to the people residing nearby.

On the other hand, the Nazul land at many places in Gram Panchayat have been encroached upon by the encroachers and even after this the responsible ones are not taking any action and are not at all serious about it. Failing to take action on the concern and solving problems on timely basis had led to increase in the problems day-by-day.

Mainpur is having a total population of around 10000, but the Gram Panchayat is not having sufficient funds that it can carry out basic works of development and day-to-day cleaning and meeting up water scarcity issue on permanent basis. What is required at present is that the intelligentsia and local public representa-

## Moving towards prosperity by adding 100% families to the SHGs: Collector

### ● 'Sanghthan-se-samridhi-tak' campaign launched

Bijapur, Apr 22: Under the Deendayal Antyodaya National Rural Livelihood Mission scheme of the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, continuous work is being done in the direction of financial management and poverty alleviation by connecting rural women with Self-Help Groups.

On the occasion of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, the grand campaign 'Sanghthan se samridhi tak' was launched by Union Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh on April 18. On this occasion, about 6.5 cr people from all over India, cluster level organizations, village organizations, women of self-help groups (WSHG), lead bank officers, bankers and officers and employees of the concerned department were connected through



video-conferencing. Enthusiasm is being seen among WSHGs in the district regarding this campaign.

Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara told that according to the SECC survey of 2011, there are a total of 49998 families in the district, out of which about 22000 families have joined the group. Official employees of the scheme have been directed to add the remaining 28,000 rural families to self-help groups under the grand campaign.

District Panchayat CEO Ravi Kumar Sahu directed to add women to the group

by organizing wide publicity, wall writing, Munadi and Nukkad Sabha and in markets.

The main goal of the Mahabhiyan is to make women empowered and self-reliant by connecting them with means of livelihood, so that they can get prosperity, self-respect and a happy life and can recognize and achieve their rights. Amrit Mahotsav of Independence Under inclusive development from April 18 to June 30, the women who have been left out to join the group under Samridhi Abhiyan, the self-help groups of other departments and institu-

tions and the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Gramin, are also added to the National Rural Livelihood Mission. A target has been set to bring women by the end of the month of the financial year 2023-24.

On this occasion Manish Kumar Sonwani, Assistant Project Officer, District Panchayat Bijapur, Shivratni Bhuarya, DPM Social Mobilization, Vyankateshwar Sandra, Block Project Manager, Rajendra Talandi, Regional Coordinator, all PRP and other cadres were present.

## DD Kendra films value added products of fish

### ● At DSVCKV, Durg

Dhamdha, Apr 22: A programme on value added products of fish was organized in Dau Shri Vasudev Chandrakar K a m d h e n u V i s h w a v i d y a l a y a (DSVCKV), Durg, under the guidance of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. N.P. Dakshinkar. At the beginning of the program Dr. N. Sarang, Principal, Fisheries Polytechnic, Rajpur- Dhamdha told that Doordarshan Kendra, Raipur team from state capital has come to Fisheries Polytechnic, Rajpur-Dhamdha and recorded the program on two subjects.

Doordarshan Kendra, Raipur team consisted of Mukesh Chandrakar, Program Executive, Doordarshan Kendra, Raipur, Dilip Kumar, Cameraman, Rajesh Tandekar, Technician,



R.S. Sayyam, assistant, and Arun Kumar N i r m a l k a r . M r . Tameshwar, Assistant Professor told about the method of making Mangodi of fish in this program and along with this, he also told that fish is an important source of protein and omega-3 fatty acids. He said that the main objective of this program is to give information about various products made of fish to the women of self-help

groups, as well as to get proper means of self-employment and to promote women empowerment. The vote of thanks was done by Ms. Kashti Prerna Devrao, Assistant Professor.

At the end of this programme, Dr. N. Sarang, Principal, Fisheries Polytechnic, Rajpur-Dhamdha gave a memento and thanked the team of Doordarshan Kendra, Raipur and students for their participation.

## Sunil Maheshwari attends 'Roza Iftari'

### ● At Nurani Masjid; seeks blessings for peace and harmony for all

Bhatapara, Apr 22: On occasion of sacred month of 'Ramadan', those following Islam are keeping 'Roza'. So to be part of it, PCC representative Sunil Maheshwari reached 'Nurani Badi Masjid' Bhatapara for 'Roza Iftari'. During this there was novel example of communal harmony. In this 'Iftar Dawat', both the Hindu and Muslim brethren presented a live example of communal harmony. Here Sunil Maheshwari was part of 'Roza Iftari' amidst hundreds of 'Rozedars' from the Muslim community. Along with this he sought blessings for peace, prosperity and harmony for all from Bhatapara Vidhan Sabha area.

On this occasion Sunil Maheshwari embraced people from Muslim and Hindu community by presenting them with a rose bud and embracing them as

## SP appeals to celebrate festival in peaceful manner



### ● Meeting of Peace-Committee held

Berla/ Saja, Apr 22: Keeping in mind the 'Parshuram Jayanti' and 'Id-ul-Fitr', the meeting of members of peace-committee was held in SDM Saja's office here on Thursday. In this SDM Vishwas Rao Maske, Addl. SP Pankaj Patel were present. In the meeting Patel said that the district has a rich and glorious tradition of social harmony and mutual brotherhood and this needs to be kept intact. He urged people from all sections of the society to maintain at all cost.

In the meeting all accepted to celebrate the festival in peaceful manner and on which all those

present gave their consent. The people present held discussions on celebrating the festival of 'Parshuram Jayanti' and 'Id-ul-Fitr' in a peaceful manner and during which the people from both the communities expressed the inconveniences faced during such programmes and festival and urged for amicable solution. Apart from this discussions were held on hosts of other issues.

This meeting was attended by Tehsildar Subhash Shukla, Nayab Tehsildar Jharia, Nagar Panchayat SCMO Sudhakar, Vivek Patle, TI Thana Saja, Manoj Jaiswal rep of President Saja Nagar Panchayat; and other corporators, citizens and public representatives.



well. During this the persons performing 'Namaz', sought blessings for peace and prosperity and progress of all in the country. PCC rep Sunil Maheshwari greeted all on occasion of Ramadanul-Mubarak and said that social and religious harmony is cultural and traditional identity of India. This harmony is prevailing for last many years. The month of 'Ramadan' is a very auspicious and during this month, the people remaining on fast and without water and food, read and hear 'Quran' and spend time offering 'namaz', because during this month, blessings are showered. In this month 'Quran' was 'nazil'. Maheshwari said that when all the people together remain on fast and go for 'Roza Iftar', it

strengthen brotherhood and mutual harmony.

On this occasion Imam Saheb Moulana Firashad from Nurani Mazjid; Muttavali- Kadar Memon; V-P Hanif Chanija; former Muttavali- Rafiq Jalliaiwala; Shadab Jalliaiwala; ex-corporator Sharif Khan; Hanif Jalliaiwala, Moin Parekh; Shamim Khan, Mustaq Bag; Ayub Batia; Jahir Batia, Samir God; Jafar Chanija; Sohail Memon and others were present. Along with Sunil Maheshwari, Nagar Palika Bhatapara V-P Trilok Saluja; Speaker Deepak Nirmalkar; Alderman Mukesh Sahu, Girish Parpayani; Ashok Tiwari; Santosh Soni, corporator Shailendra Ahirwar; Suresh Agrawal and others were present.

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### सामान्य

**वधु चाहिये**

वधु चाहिये- रायपुर (छ.ग.) निवासी, 44 वर्षीय बंगाली ब्राह्मण युवक, शुद्ध शाकाहारी, नास्ता दुकान संचालक, तलाकशुदा हेतु पढ़ी-लिखी, संस्कारी, सुन्दर वधु चाहिये. सम्पर्क करें- मो.-93297-96182. (251746)

डॉ. कुनबी, 42, 5'5", खुद का दवाखाना, शाकाहारी, मासिक आय डेढ़ लाख, (दूसरा विवाह) हेतु वधु चाहिए. अपेक्षा समझदार, शाकाहारी, मेडिकल संबंधित उच्च जातीय वधु संपर्क करें, उम्र का बंधन नहीं. मो.-7887696812.

### वर चाहिये

वर चाहिये- 36 वर्षीय 5'8", बी.कॉम, पीजीडीसीए बंगाली क्षत्रीय कन्या, सुंदर, सुशील हेतु सभी समाज के ब्राह्मण / क्षत्रीय सुयोग्य वर चाहिए. सम्पर्क- मो.-7225841216. (251712)

### मैरिज ब्यूरो

मैरिज ब्यूरो-जुड़ेंगे रिश्ते-जुड़ेंगे संबंध-सफल दो परिवारों का मिलन सभी आयु, जाति, विधवा/ विधुर/ अविवाहित/ तलाकशुदा-जीवनसाथी हेतु विवरण, फोटो व्हाट्सएप के बाद फोन करें-सार्थक एजेंसी-मो.-07587936914.

### बंगाली

**वधु चाहिये**

बंगाली वधु चाहिए-बंगाली कायस्थ गोत्र शांडिल्य 44/5.9 फीट, प्रतिष्ठित कंपनी में पर्वारण रसायनज्ञ पिता एसईसीएल रियायर्ड, युवक हेतु सुशिक्षित सुयोग्य वधु चाहिए। संपर्क-कोरबा मो. 827907700, 9399487436. (Nb58293)

### ब्राह्मण

**वधु चाहिये**

वधु चाहिए- सरयूपारीय ब्राह्मण-32/5'10", छत्तीसगढ़ शासन में क्लास-2 अधिकारी (पीएससी सलेक्टेड) हेतु डॉक्टर/ प्रोफेसर/ शासकीय सेवारत वधु चाहिए. मो.-9302382870 (मैरिज ब्यूरो क्षमा). (251622)

### साहू

**वर चाहिये**

साहू वर चाहिए- झेरिया साहू गंगबोईर, गोरी, सुंदर, 29 वर्ष, बी.कॉम, एम.कॉम, पीजीडीसीए कन्या हेतु स्वजातीय वर चाहिए. सम्पर्क करें - 9826127284. (251595)

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All C.G.+Odisha	500/-	900/-	1200/-	1400/-
All C.G.+Odisha+MP/MH	800/-	1500/-	2000/-	2400/-
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## ART FESTIVAL



Festivalgoers are seen at the Coachella Music and Arts Festival at the Empire Polo Club on Saturday.

## Pak, Saudi Arabia expected to sign deal for USD 2bn deposits

## After Eid

Islamabad, Apr 22 (PTI):

Cash-starved Pakistan is likely to ink a deal for additional deposits of USD 2 billion from Saudi Arabia after Eid, authorities said on Saturday, a move that will help the country secure the much-required bailout from the IMF.

In March, Pakistan sought Saudi Arabia's confirmation for funds to ink an IMF deal. Earlier this month Pakistan got Riyadh's nod for additional funding. The assistance from Saudi Arabia comes at a

crucial time as the IMF programme, signed in 2019, will expire on June 30, 2023, and under the set guidelines, the programme cannot be extended beyond the deadline.

The Washington-based crisis lender has imposed the condition on Pakistan that it should secure USD 3 billion from other countries for the revival of its USD 7 billion bailout package. A top government official told The News International that the State Bank of Pakistan would sign a deal with the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) soon after Eid for an additional USD 2 billion deposit.

## '2024 a big year for India-US relationship'

Washington, Apr 22 (PTI):

US President Joe Biden is looking forward to travelling to India in September; his administration's point person for South and Central Asia has said, observing that 2024 is going to be a "big year" for the India-US relationship.

India's leadership in the G-20 further broadens its capacity to stand as a force for good in the world, the official said.

"This is gonna be a big year. Of course, India is hosting the G-20. This year, the United States is hosting APEC. Japan is hosting the G7. We have lots of our QUAD members who are taking on leadership roles. And it provides op-

portunities for all of us to bring our countries closer together," Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia, Donald Lu, told PTI in an interview on Thursday.

"I know our President is looking forward to travelling to India in September. That will be his first trip to India as part of the G-20 Leaders Summit. We're really excited about what's to come in the next few months," he said.

"We're only a little over three months into this new year. And we've had a number of really exciting things that happened," he said.

This includes the visit of Secretary of State Tony Blinken, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen,

and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo to India. The India-US Forum in Delhi was attended by several senior administration officials.

India as the president of the G-20 has been taking a lead in advancing a positive agenda for the G-20.

"In March Dr Jaishankar hosted his QUAD counterparts for a ministerial meeting and extraordinary public events at the Raisina Dialogue with all four foreign ministers together. It was the first such public discussion with QUAD foreign ministers and really drove home how our four countries are coming together to support the people of the Indo-Pacific," he said.

"And then lastly, this month, the arrival of our new Ambassador Eric Garcetti. He has already received a really warm welcome from our Indian and American staff at the US Embassy. Once he presents his credentials, he is looking forward to meeting with the rest of India and I think India will find that he is young, he is enthusiastic, and he's eager to bring our relations to new heights," Lu said.

"We are really thankful for the tremendous work India has done by hosting the G-20 Foreign Ministerial meeting last month, and we look forward to actively participating in the many future G-20 meetings coming up this year, including the

New Delhi Leaders Summit in September," he said.

At the foreign ministers' meeting, India created an agenda that allowed them to discuss some of the world's most pressing challenges and deliberate to find concrete solutions.

"We have seen how the G-20 brings together countries for collective action. This meeting in March was no exception. As India has already shown during the first few meetings of its presidency, the G-20 is a powerful forum where the world's leading economies can come together to respond to global challenges: food security, health, energy insecurity, climate change and unsustainable debt," he said.

## 'India has a free press, and it really works'

Washington, Apr 22 (PTI):

A top US official has lauded the freedom of the press in India and the role of journalists in supporting democracy in the world's most populous country.

US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Donald Lu said that "there is nothing that's kept secret there. You have India as a democracy in part because you have a free press that really works."

"I know the media market is changing. But I have such respect for the freedom of the press in India. There is nothing that's



Donald Lu

kept secret there. You have India as a democracy in part because you have a free press that really works," Lu told PTI here.

"I can remember going into MEA (Ministry of External Affairs) once and seeing a senior person with files stacked up to the ceiling because he was processing a Right

For Information request. And he was complaining bitterly about having to do this and I could only laugh because we have to do the same thing in our bureaucracy where if someone asks for a document, I have to spend several days finding the document for them because that's what democracy does," he said.

Lu appreciated the role of the journalists and the work they do to support Indian democracy.

According to United Nations estimates, India has become the most populous country in the world with 142.86 crore people.

## Explorers find WWII ship sunk with over 1,000 Allied POWs

Sydney, Apr 22 (AP):

A team of explorers announced it found a sunken Japanese ship that was transporting Allied prisoners of war when it was torpedoed off the coast of the Philippines in 1942, resulting in Australia's largest maritime wartime loss with a total of 1,080 lives. The wreck of the Montevideo Maru was located after a 12-day search at a depth of over 4000 metre (13,120 feet) deeper than the Titanic off Luzon island in the South China Sea, using an autonomous underwater vehicle with in-built sonar.

There will be no efforts to remove artifacts or human remains out of respect for the families of those who died, said a statement Saturday from the Sydney-based Silentworld Foundation, a not-for-profit dedicated to maritime archaeology and history. It took part in the mission together with Dutch deep-sea survey specialists Fugro and Australia's Defence Department.

"The extraordinary effort behind this discovery speaks for the enduring truth of Australia's solemn national

promise to always remember and honour those who served our country," Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said. "This is the heart and the spirit of Let's We Forget." The Montevideo Maru was transporting prisoners and civilians who were captured after the fall of Rabaul in Papua New Guinea. The ship was not marked as carrying POWs, and on July 1, 1942, the American submarine Sturgeon, after stalking the ship through the night, fired four torpedoes, which found their target, sinking the vessel in less than 10 minutes.

## Mexico migrant camp tents torched across border

Matamoros (Mexico), Apr 22 (AP):

About two dozen makeshift tents were set ablaze and destroyed at a migrant camp across the border from Texas this week, witnesses said Friday, a sign of the extreme risk that comes with being stuck in Mexico as the Biden administration increasingly relies on that country to host people fleeing poverty and violence.

The fires were set Wednesday and Thursday at the sprawling camp of about 2,000 people, most of them from Venezuela, Haiti and Mexico, in Matamoros, a city near Brownsville, Texas. An advocate for migrants said they had been doused with gasoline. "The people fled as their tents were burned," said Gladys Canas, who runs the group Ayudandoles A Triunfar. "What they're saying as part of their testimony is that they were told to leave from there." There were no reports of deaths or significant injuries. But about 25 rudimentary shelters made up of plastic, tarps, branches and other materials were torched in a sparsely populated part of the camp.

Many who lived there also apparently lost clothing, documents and whatever other modest belongings may have been left in-

side. Margarita, a Mexican woman staying at the camp, said Friday she saw migrants from Venezuela screaming during the previous day's blaze.

"They had their children with them and a few other things they had a chance to get," Margarita said. She spoke on the condition that her last name not be published due to fears for her safety.

Gangs recently threatened migrants who were wading across the river border illegally, as well as their guides, Margarita said, but the crossings had continued. Criminal groups often prey upon migrants in the area and demand money in return for permission to pass through their territory. However, Juan Jose Rodriguez, director of the Tamaulipas Institute for Migrants, a state agency coordinating with Mexico's federal government, said he had no information that a gang was responsible for the fires.

Rodriguez attributed them to a group of migrants and said some 10 tents that had already been abandoned were burned. He added that they apparently set the fires to express frustration with a US government mobile app that assigns turns for people to show up at the border and claim asylum.

## AWARENESS MESSAGE



A Shaman blows into a conch shell during a ritual asking for protection from contamination, one day before Earth World Day, on San Cristobal hill in Lima, Peru, Saturday.

## EAM Jaishankar co-chairs 4th India-CARICOM ministerial meeting

## With Jamaican counterpart and others

Georgetown, Apr 22 (PTI):

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar co-chaired the 4th India-CARICOM ministerial meeting with his Jamaican counterpart Kamraj Smith here in Guyana's capital and discussed a range of issues, including trade, climate change and counterterror-



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets with Barbados Foreign Minister Kerrie Symmonds, in Guyana.

ism. Jaishankar also had separate bilateral meetings

on Friday with counterparts from Trinidad and Tobago, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Grenada, and Barbados.

During the bilateral meetings, the minister touched upon various issues including expanding cooperation, trade, climate change, digital transformation, health domains, agriculture, and the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

"Good to meet Dr Amery Browne, Foreign Minister

of Trinidad and Tobago. Spoke about taking forward our development partnership focusing on digital transformation and health domains. Will continue our cooperation at multilateral forums," the minister tweeted.

"So nice to meet Foreign Minister Dr Denzil Douglas of St. Kitts and Nevis on the sidelines of the India-CARICOM meeting. Noted our resonance in agriculture and digital

domains. Conveyed that India will always voice the concerns of the Global South," Jaishankar said in

a string of tweets. "Glad to meet FM of St. Vincent and Grenadines Keisla Peters today (Friday).

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## //निविदा निरस्तीकरण सूचना//

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सूचना क्र./713/वलेलि/2022-23/सूरजपुर: एतद् द्वारा इस कार्यालय के निविदा सूचना क्र. 05/वलेलि/2022-23 दिनांक 13.02.2023 सिस्टम निविदा क्र. 124283 (प्रथम आमंत्रण) गोदा उद्वहन सिंचाई योजना का जोर्णोद्वार कार्य सीसी लाईनिंग मरहरा नहर आर.डी. 0 मी से 1740 मी., गोदा आर.डी. 0 मी. से 720 मी., सत्तीपारा नहर आर.डी. 0 मी. से 2520 माईनर नहर आर.डी. 0 मी. से 1700 मी. के साथ 03 नग वही.आर.बी. 02 नग डीसी और 26 नग कोलावा (राशि रु. 256.63) का निविदा पूर्व अर्हता में एक निविदाकार के योग्य पाये जाने के कारण एकल निविदा एवं प्रतिस्पर्धा के अभाव के कारण से उक्त निविदा निरस्त किया जाता है।

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## Successful failure

## SpaceX launches most powerful rocket in history in explosive debut

On April 20, SpaceX launched its newest rocket, Starship, on its maiden flight, and it exploded three minutes later. While it might seem like a failure to some, SpaceX and space policy experts are calling it a successful failure. Starship is the most powerful rocket ever built, designed to be fully reusable and take people to Mars. The explosion is part of SpaceX's philosophy of failing fast, finding problems, and fixing them before moving forward. The Starship rocket is made up of two stages. The first stage, called Super Heavy, has 33 individual engines that provide more than twice the thrust of the Saturn V rocket that sent astronauts to the moon in the 1960s and 1970s. Its job is to get the rocket to about 40 miles above Earth before separating and landing back on the surface to be used again. The second stage, called Starship, ignites its own engines to carry the payload, whether it be people, satellites, or anything else, into orbit. The launch was the first fully integrated test of Starship. During the launch, the rocket flew for more than three minutes, passing through what engineers call "max Q" - the moment at which a rocket experiences the most physical stress from acceleration and air resistance. While a few things went wrong with the launch, the primary goal was to get the rocket off the launch pad, which it accomplished and more. The first failure occurred when multiple engines went out sometime before the Starship spacecraft and Super Heavy rocket were supposed to separate. The two stages were also unable to separate at the predetermined moment, causing the rocket to tumble end over end. It is still unclear what specifically caused this failure. To prevent any harm, SpaceX engineers triggered the self-destruct mechanism and blew up the entire rocket over the Gulf of Mexico. SpaceX's approach to testing is different from that of other organizations. Its company philosophy is to fail fast, find problems, and fix them with the next rocket. This approach has allowed the company to move much faster than traditional approaches taken by organizations such as NASA, which tend to spend more time identifying and planning for possible problems before attempting a launch. While SpaceX's method can be costlier because of the time and resources it takes to build new rockets, it has already shown success with its Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy rockets. Getting to space is hard, and it is not unusual for new rockets to experience problems. In the past two years, both South Korea and Japan have attempted to launch new rockets that failed to reach orbit. Commercial companies such as Virgin Orbit and Relativity Space have also lost rockets recently. None of these were crewed missions, and in most failed launches, flight engineers purposefully destroyed the rockets after problems arose. Starship's explosion is a successful failure that will help SpaceX reach its eventual goal of sending astronauts to Mars. SpaceX engineers will look to identify the specific cause of the problem to fix it for the next test launch. SpaceX's approach to testing has allowed them to move faster than traditional methods and make significant strides in space travel. While the explosion might seem like a setback, it is an essential step in the development of Starship and the future of space travel.

## Poonch Ambush Horror

## The Challenge of Combating Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir

The terrorist attack in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir, which killed five soldiers and injured one, highlights the persistent threat of terrorism in the region. This attack comes after a series of terrorist activities in Poonch and Rajouri districts, which have been hotbeds of terrorism due to their proximity to the Line of Control (LoC). The attackers are believed to have been trained by Pakistan-based terrorist groups, who have been provided with support by Pakistan's military and intelligence agencies. The Indian security forces face several challenges in their efforts to track down terrorists and prevent further attacks. The first challenge faced by the security forces is the lack of accurate intelligence about the presence and number of terrorists in the area. The Army relies on the information provided by the local police, which is often insufficient to apprehend or encounter terrorists. Any operation in this area involves multiple units and agencies, including the Indian Army, the police, and the paramilitary forces. Any breakdown or coordination issues can lead to delays and confusion, which gives terrorists enough time to escape to safe hideouts. The mountainous region with rugged terrain also makes it difficult for the troops to manoeuvre and carry out the operation. The inclement weather conditions further hamper the movement of troops and the use of helicopters for surveillance. Another challenge is the use of local populations as human shields by terrorists. This limits the scope of any major operation by the forces. The latest tactics, such as laying ambushes and booby traps, are new in Jammu and Kashmir. There is significant media attention and political scrutiny, with the local population and political parties raising their voices, which hampers various operations. This pressure has cascading effects detrimental to anti-terrorism operations. The situation is exacerbated by the fact that Pakistan has been providing support to terrorist groups operating in Jammu and Kashmir. Many of these groups have training camps and launch pads in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) and use Poonch and Rajouri as infiltration routes. The persistent support from Pakistan's military and intelligence agencies has allowed these groups to continue their activities and launch attacks on Indian security forces and civilians. Despite all these challenges, the situation improved significantly in the twin districts in the past. However, since 2021, terrorism has resurfaced in the region. One of the primary reasons for the failure to wipe out terrorism here is the lack of accurate intelligence. The second reason is the use of new tactics by terrorist groups. The change in tactics denotes a mounting challenge for the security establishment. The attack in Poonch has dealt a blow to any prospect of a thaw in India-Pakistan ties, which are already in deep freeze. Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed's imprint is visible in what appears to be a planned ambush. The attack has cast a shadow on the visit of Pakistan's foreign minister for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Goa next month. It would also be the first high-level visit by a Pakistani official since Nawaz Sharif's trip in 2014 for the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Modi. The killing of five soldiers in the Rajouri sector is a devastating loss. Fresh guidelines on troop movement, combing operations, and deployment of counter-terror measures are imminent. The Indian security forces need to adapt to the new tactics used by terrorist groups and step up their efforts to track down and eliminate these groups. Cross-border support to terrorism and terror infrastructure continues to be an all-pervasive threat. The attack is a reminder that the scourge of terror needs robust surveillance and counter-measures, round the clock.

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## BEATING THE HEAT



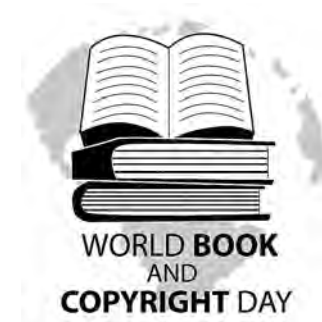
Commuters use scarves to shield themselves from the heat during a hot summer afternoon, in Gurugram, Saturday, April 22.

## Significance of World Book and Copyright Day

23 April is A Day Marked to Understand, and Promote Measures to Protect Intellectual Copyright, UNESCO's theme for 2023 is Indigenous Languages



PROF. SUNIL GOYAL



World Book and Copyright Day is a celebration to promote the enjoyment of books and reading. Each year, on 23 April, celebrations take place all over the world to recognize the scope of books - a link between the past and the future, a bridge between generations and across cultures. The events done to honor the day are organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote reading, publishing, and copyright. Although World Book and Copyright Day was officially inaugurated in 1995, its conception is traceable to Spanish writer, Vicente Clavel Andres, who conceived the idea in 1922. He developed the holiday to pay tribute to the notable author, Miguel de Cervantes. Because Cervantes was born on October 7, World Book Day was celebrated for the first time on October 7, 1926. However, in 1930, King Alfonso XIII of Spain changed the date to April 23, which is Cervantes' death date. In Catalonia, Spain, the holiday enjoyed great popularity - especially because April 23 is also the feast day of Saint Jordi or 'Diada de Sant Jordi,' the patron saint of Catalonia. On Saint Jordi's day, gifts are given, and ever since the Barcelona Book Fair of 1931, typical

gifts include books and roses. Coincidentally, April 23 also marks the death anniversary of authors William Shakespeare and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega. These factors played a major role in UNESCO selecting April 23 to celebrate its own World Book and Copyright Day in 1995.

The purpose of the day is to encourage and promote reading and publishing, as well as advance the protection of intellectual property through copyright. According to UNESCO's website - "It is a time to celebrate the importance of reading, foster children's growth as readers, and promote a lifelong love of literature and integration into the world of work. Through reading and the celebration of World Book and Copyright Day, 23 April, we can open ourselves to others despite the distance, and we can travel thanks to the imagination."

Last year saw the start of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022-32) and it's a UN priority to uphold and promote linguistic diversity and multilingualism. Indigenous and local languages feature as part of the World Book Capital Network Charter, and the Charter recognizes a less rigid concept of 'the book', i.e., acknowledging various forms of literature (including oral tra-

ditions). For World Book and Copyright Day on 23 April, Indigenous Languages will be the message UNESCO will focus on. Of the almost 7,000 existing languages - many of which are fast disappearing - the majority are spoken by indigenous peoples who represent the greater part of the world's cultural diversity. The UN does not put restrictions on who or which cultures can be termed indigenous, but many of you will be aware of indigenous communities either from your own country, residing there, or among those you have worked with abroad.

One can do and motivate others to do various activities on WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY such as Buy a book to encourage reading. If you'd love to celebrate the right way, go ahead and read that book you've bought but haven't had the chance to read, you can gather a few of your friends and start a reading challenge. See who can read the most books within a limited period. Alternatively, you can also challenge yourself to finish a certain number of books every month, you can donate as many books as you can to foundations, charities, or orphanages. Books are gifts that might not cost you much but that translate into a wealth of knowledge

for the recipient. Open up a person's world by donating a book. You can encourage and inspire others to read - love reading because reading makes you empathetic. Research studies have shown that people who read fiction have a heightened ability to empathize with others. Reading builds your vocabulary, children who read more books have larger vocabularies than those who don't. Reading keeps your mind active. According to the National Institute on Aging, reading books and magazines helps to prevent cognitive decline, reading helps you sleep better. Moreover, reading lowers depression levels, reading has been proven to help alleviate symptoms of depression.

Today, we are celebrating WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY to promote reading culture, a healthy reading culture all around the world. Instead of regarding the act of reading as a bore, we're encouraged to turn reading into a hobby and favorite pastime. As books make the world go round, without books, everyone would have limited knowledge about the world. Books facilitate the spread of information and ideas. We can go from being amateurs on a subject to becoming experts, all by taking the time to read. Intellectual property is promoted. World Book and Copyright Day also creates awareness about the intellectual property of authors. We're reminded to get our books legally, without infringing on the copyright of authors.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Justice Must Prevail

The recent questioning by the SC bench regarding the remission granted to the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano case has brought to light the hypocrisy of Gujarat and the Modi government. The gravity of the offense cannot be ignored, and justice must be served. It is concerning that the government is reluctant to share information with the top court, leaving many to wonder if powerful politicians are involved. The SC should order the packing, sealing, and surrendering of files to prevent removal of incriminating documents and examine the government's unwillingness to submit files. It is time for the SC to set a stern example that India is a righteous and secular democracy, and the powerful and powerless are treated equally. If the government continues to circumvent the law, the SC must hold them accountable. The tragedy of Indian democracy must end, and justice must prevail.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

## Welcome move by UGC

In a recent statement, UGC urged all university rectors to allow students to write exams in their native language, even though the courses are taught in English. It discusses the promotion of NEP 2020 and the regular use of mother tongue in educational institutions. According to the notice, the NEP emphasizes the importance of teaching the students' native language. It emphasized the importance of optimizing communication in all languages for better cognitive performance and the development of learners' holistic personalities. The announcement also promotes the teaching and learning of the native language at higher educational institutions across the country. Pupils from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds in particular will benefit from this. It is therefore vital to support and encourage such initiatives.

Vijaykumar H K, Raichur, Karnataka

## Traditional Definition of Marriage

As the Supreme Court debates same-sex marriage, the definition of marriage is being closely examined. While there are different opinions on the matter, it is important to recognize that marriage has been one of the most important institutions in human society for centuries. Historically, marriage has been understood as a union between a natural male and a natural female with the primary purpose of procreation to ensure the continuation of the human race. While some may argue for a broader definition of marriage that includes same-sex couples, it is important to preserve the traditional definition of marriage as a natural union. Instead of distorting the concept of marriage, let us appreciate the natural gift of marriage as it has been ordained by nature. Though marriages may sometimes be defaced or distorted in courts, they remain a sacred bond that is made in heaven.

MKN, Raipur

## Promotion of Indigenous Languages through World Book Day



Rajender Kumar Sharma

Some famous person once said a beautiful line about books "Books are the cheapest vacation you can buy." And these lines fit perfectly in today's context. In today's fast-paced life, everything has become digital and online. Now writing and reading books has also become online. Books have gone virtual from the world of paper. The world of books has completely changed. Editions of most journals are available online. Now there is no need to carry heavy books. You can easily read them anytime, anywhere on

your laptop or mac book or mobile.

From this point of view, digitization is proving to be a boon for books. But it cannot be denied that the trend towards books has decreased in today's young generation. Change is the rule of nature. To maintain freshness in the world, it becomes necessary to change according to time. If due to any change, damage to a particular person or decay of any of our heritage or culture starts, then it becomes necessary to consider it. According to an estimate of Google, by the year 2010, about 13 crore titles had been published. According to another report, the world famous Gita Press for religious books has published more than 72 crore books in 15 languages. In these publications, 16 crore 21 lakh and 11 crore 73 books of Shrimad Bhagvat Gita and Tulsi literature have been published respectively. Books play a special role in our life. Contemporary books are the mirror of the society. Books are the storehouse of knowledge. Books can be our best friends. Human is mortal in this world, but their works, thoughts and books always remain safe. This is the reason why the importance of books has never diminished. Yes, it is true that in this era in-

ternet & computer, reading books has become accessible. World Book Day was first celebrated on April 23, 1995 by UNESCO. It is celebrated to mark the death anniversaries of two of the world's greatest writers, William Shakespeare and prominent Spanish historian Inca Garcilaso de la Vega. While the day Manuel Mejia Vallejo (famous journalist & writer) Halldor Laxness (Noble Prize winner) and the famous French novelist Maurice Drun were born.

Book and Copyright Day (Copyright Day / Intellectual Property Rights Day) is being celebrated all over the world on 23rd April. Could we forget the time, when books were the main source of entertainment for the people? But today due to lack of time, reading books has become a thing of the past. One of the main objectives of celebrating World Book Day is to motivate people, especially the future generation, to read books, to make them aware of the usefulness of books, to make them aware of the book industry such as book publishing and copyright of published material. Information has to be made available. The recognition and popularity of this day can be gauged from

the fact that World Book Day is celebrated in about 100 countries of the world. The event is organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Every year, UNESCO and international organizations that are associated with the book industry such as publishers, booksellers and libraries etc. are represented in the Book Day event. Since 2000, on World Book and Copyright Day, the "World Book Capital" is selected in an innovation by UNESCO and international organizations representing 3 major book industry sectors such as publishers, booksellers and libraries. Capital of Books in the World A city is selected to maintain Book Day celebration activities from 23 April of each year to 23 April of the following year. This year UNESCO has selected Accra (Ghana) as the World Book Capital for 2023. Accra was chosen to promote the youth's potential to enrich Ghana's culture and economy. The recommended program in Accra aims to engage youth through literature to effectively train the next generation.

For the celebration of World Book and Copyright Day, a slogan is also chosen. This year's theme is "Indigenous Languages" and the slogan is "Caring through Reading".

Four themes are proposed to be included in the program of World Book and Copyright Day such as reading, development of book industry infrastructure, inclusion and digital access, and empowerment of children through reading. World Book and Copyright Day seems to be fulfilling its goals only because of the efforts of UNESCO and allied countries. The Republic of India is such a linguistic bouquet in which flowers of different languages have been planted. The beauty of this bouquet increases even more when this bouquet gets the distinction of becoming a subject or theme of the world stage. This year's World Book Day theme "Indigenous Languages" fits perfectly in the Indian context. Let's build national unity by saving the linguistic diversity of the country, while enthusiastically celebrating the "World Book Day" dedicated to "Indigenous Languages". For a country like India where languages change at every distance, this year's World Book Day becomes very important.

(Writer is a Columnist & Sr. Educator, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Views are personal)



## BRIEF

## Public mines



■ **Moga:** To provide sand and gravel at affordable prices to people, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday dedicated 20 more public mines to people in five districts of the state. Speaking at Sanghera village in Moga, he said under the third phase of public mining sites, 20 new sites, including in Ludhiana, Ferozepur, Moga, Hoshiarpur and SBS Nagar districts, have been made operational on Friday, increasing the total number of operational sites to 55 across the state. Mann said the government will soon operationalise a total of 150 public mines across Punjab, ensuring they will get sand at Rs 5.50 per cubic feet.

## Recalling Baleno

■ **New Delhi:** Maruti Suzuki India said it is recalling 7,213 units of its Baleno RS model due to a suspected defect in vacuum pump, which assists brake function. The recall will impact vehicles manufactured between October 27, 2016 and November 1, 2019, Maruti Suzuki India said in a regulatory filing. "It is suspected that there is a possible defect in vacuum pump, which assists the brake function. In a rare case, the affected vehicle may require increased effort in brake pedal application," it said. Affected vehicle owners will be receiving communication from Maruti Suzuki authorised dealer workshops for replacement of the defective parts, free of cost, the company said.

## Merchandise exports



■ **New Delhi:** The country's merchandise exports are likely to cross USD 500 billion this fiscal due to healthy demand for domestic goods in key global markets, including the US, and benefits from trade pacts, according to exporters. They said that other destinations like Russia would give a huge boost to the country's outbound shipments, particularly in the agri and food processing sectors. Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) said they are targeting to take the shipments to USD 500 billion-510 billion during the current financial year. Services exports are likely to reach around USD 390 billion in 2023-24 from USD 322.72 billion in 2022-23. "Together with goods and services, we are targeting exports of USD 900 billion this fiscal," FIEO Director General Ajay Sahai said. He noted that free trade agreements with the UAE and Australia would provide a huge platform to boost exports in those markets.

# International trade in rupee currency soon: Piyush Goyal

Rajkot, Apr 22:



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday expressed hope that traders will soon be able to settle foreign trade in the rupee currency as several banks from different countries are opening special Vostro accounts with Indian banks. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved 60 requests to open Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs) of correspondent banks from 18 countries, including the UK,

operationalisation of this rupee trading in international trade with several countries," Goyal told reporters here.

He also said that negotiations for free trade agreements (FTAs) with developed regions like the European Union, the UK, and Canada are in "advanced" stages. Groups including European Free Trade Association (EFTA), Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) are also keen to start talks

for similar pacts with India. "The whole world wants to have a comprehensive economic partnership agreement with India," the minister said. On the second phase of the production-linked incentive scheme for the textiles sector, he said that extensive stakeholder discussions have happened on the subject. "I am quite confident that very soon we will be able to finalise the contours of the scheme and take it up for approval at the highest level," he added.

Singapore, and New Zealand. The central bank, he said, is in discussion with its counterparts in different nations on this. "We will soon start seeing

## Govt launches fifth round of regional air connectivity scheme

New Delhi, Apr 22:



The government on Friday launched the fifth round of the regional air connectivity scheme to further enhance the connectivity to remote and regional areas. Under UDAN 5.0, viability gap funding (VGF) will be capped at 600 kilometres stage length for both priority and non-priority areas, which was earlier capped at 500 km. Besides, no pre-determined routes would be offered. Only network and individual route proposals by airlines will be considered, the civil aviation ministry said in a release. Under the fifth round of Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik (UDAN) or Regional Connectivity Scheme

(RCS), the focus will be on Category-2 (20-80 seats) and Category-3 (more than 80 seats).

The release said the earlier stage length cap of 600 kilometres is waived and there is no restriction on the distance between the origin and destination of the flight. Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said this new and stronger version of the scheme will raise the mo-

mentum, connecting new routes and bring us closer to the target of operationalising 1,000 routes and 50 additional airports, heliports and water aerodromes in the near future. According to the release, under UDAN 5.0, airlines would be required to submit an action/business plan after two months from the issuance of LoA (Letter of Acceptance), wherein they submit details about their aircraft acquisition plan/availability of aircraft, crew and slots at the time of the technical proposal. The same route will not be awarded to a single airline more than once, whether in different networks or in the same network, it added.

## Akshaya Tritiya: Jewellers expect pick up in sales on softening of gold prices



Mumbai, Apr 22:

The recent softening of the gold price has supported demand for the yellow metal on the auspicious day of Akshaya Tritiya and jewellers have been witnessing steady footfalls since morning. "Since morning the footfalls have been good, mostly supported by the price coming

down to around Rs 56,500 levels for 22 karat gold," All India Gem and Jewelry Domestic Council (GJC) chairman Sayam Mehra told PTI. People are buying new jewellery, mostly in light weight, and also picking up the pre-booked items. The footfalls are expected to increase as the day progresses, Mehra said. Jewellery from 5-33

grams and coins in 1-2 grams range are popular this year, he said, adding that this year, after Hallmarking, jewellery has become more popular than coins. "This year we expect business to be around 17-18 tonnes in terms of volume on Akshaya Tritiya. Last year, people bought wedding jewellery as the marriage season was immediately after Akshaya Tritiya. However, this year it's in June-July, so the major wedding jewellery purchases will happen in May," Mehra said.

Echoing similar sentiments, PNG Jewellers Chairman and Managing Director Saurabh Gadgil said, being a weekend, jewellery retailers are expecting good business this Akshaya Tritiya mainly supported by the slight decline in gold prices.

## Q DEVICES LAUNCH



Cricket legend Kapil Dev and actor Esha Deol during the launch of Q Devices, in Mumbai.

## Shakti Pumps commences operations in Uganda

Pithampur, Apr 22:

Shakti Pumps (India) Limited, a leading manufacturer and exporter of Solar Pumps, Pressure Booster Pumps, Motors, Controllers and Inverters in the country, has started supplying the order received from the Government of Uganda. The company has also started a branch office in Kampala to run its business smoothly.

This Solar Powered Piped Drinking Water Distribution Scheme of Uganda was inaugurated by Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Uganda, Hon'ble General Jeje Abubakhar Odongo, Hon'ble Sam Mangusho Cheptoris, Uganda's Minister of Water and Environment. Senior members of the Government of Uganda



and Mr. Ramesh Patidar, Executive Director, Shakti Pumps India Limited and Project Head, Mr. Chetan Kanojia were also present on the occasion.

Shakti Pumps India Limited has bagged a contract order from the Ministry of Water and Environment, Government of Uganda, for Solar Powered Pumping Systems, with a total value of US\$ 35.30 million (approximately Rs. 290 crores), financed by

## GST not applicable on transfer of Jaipur Int'l airport business to Adani group

New Delhi, Apr 22:

The transfer of Jaipur international airport operations by Airports Authority of India (AAI) to the Adani group is exempt from Goods and Services Tax (GST), the Authority for Advance Ruling has said.

The AAI had approached the Rajasthan-bench of the Authority for Advance Ruling (AAR) seeking ruling on whether transfer of business to M/s Adani Jaipur International Airport Ltd is treated as supply as 'going concern' and whether GST is leviable on transfer of assets. Transfer of business as a

going concern, as a whole, or independent part thereof, is considered as service under GST law and such supplies are exempt from goods and services tax.

In its ruling dated March 20, 2023, the AAR said the business arrangement entered vide concession agreement dated January 16, 2021, between the applicant (AAI) and M/s Adani Jaipur International Airport is a transfer of going concern. The Adani Group had in October, 2021, taken over the operations, management and development of the Jaipur International Airport from the AAI. The airport has been

leased out to the group by the government of India for a period of 50 years.

The Rajasthan bench of the AAR also noted that in 2021 and 2022, the Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh benches of AAR too had ruled that business arrangements between AAI and Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) are covered under transfer of going concern. However, the invoice raised by AAI for reimbursement of salary /staff cost on M/s Adani Jaipur International Airport Ltd is a supply which falls under the ambit of manpower service and hence taxable at 18 per cent under GST.

## Ajay Banga is uniquely equipped to lead the World Bank at such a critical moment: US

Washington, Apr 22:



Indian-American business leader Ajay Banga is an exceptional candidate and he is uniquely equipped to lead the World Bank at such a critical moment, the US has said as the bank plans to formally announce his appointment as its president.

In February, President Joe Biden announced that the US would be nominating Banga to lead the World Bank because he is well equipped to lead the global institution at "this critical moment in history." On March 31, The World Bank closed a month-long window for nominations for its next president, with no alternatives announced to 63-year-

old Banga. Banga is the only applicant for the position of president of the World Bank, the global financial institution said. "He (Banga) is uniquely equipped to lead the World Bank at such a critical moment, and he's an exceptional candidate," Vedant Patel, State Department Principal Deputy Spokesperson, told re-

porters at his daily news conference on Friday. "His leadership skills and management experience, his experience in the financial sector, will help achieve the World's Bank objectives by eliminating extreme poverty, and expanding prosperity, while also doing so in a very evolving and dynamic global playing field, where we're dealing with a lot of new and pressing issues and challenges, like climate change and global health challenges and other things as well," Patel said.

The former Mastercard Inc. chief, Banga currently serves as Vice Chairman at General Atlantic. A new leader of the World Bank is expected to be chosen by

early May. Raised in India, Banga has a unique perspective on the opportunities and challenges facing developing countries and how the World Bank can deliver on its ambitious agenda to reduce poverty and expand prosperity. President Biden had said. He has also worked closely with Vice President Harris as the Co-Chair of the Partnership for Central America.

He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2016. Banga is expected to take over the reins of the anti-poverty lender at a crucial time, with the US and Western nations pitching for reforms to focus on addressing a slew of wide-ranging global issues like climate change.

## Can't wait to return, says Apple CEO Tim Cook last day of India visit

New Delhi, Apr 22:

After a five-day long visit, Apple CEO Tim Cook left India with a note that he can't wait to return to the country. The visit of Cook coincided with 25 years of the iPhone maker's presence in India. Cook arrived in India on Monday. The visit started with the launch of the first official Apple store in Mumbai on April 18 followed by a second in the national capital on April 20. "What an incredible week in India! Thanks to our teams across the country. I can't wait to return," Cook tweeted. The company has been selling products in India through exclusive Apple Premium Reseller (APR) stores, large format retail chains like Reliance Digital, Croma etc, multi-brand retail stores and through e-commerce platforms.



New Delhi, Apr 22:

Against the uncertain global backdrop, India has increasingly been in the spotlight for being amongst the fastest growing major economies helped by a strong consumption story, eminent banker Deepak Parekh said on Saturday.

India is not immune to global disruptions, so some slowdown in growth is inevitable, he said, adding, since India is a domestic, consumption-based economy, India is less dependent on the global economy compared to countries that rely heavily on exports. "As a country, we are fortunate to see more tailwinds than headwinds. What is working well for India is the fact



that we have political stability and I don't see this being disrupted in 2024 either," Parekh, chairman of HDFC Ltd said at the Dainik Bhaskar conclave. Reeling out some of the advantages, he said, the Indian banking and financial system, which had had its troubles earlier, is now in a much stronger position and is well-capi-

talised, the non-performing loans are now much lower and the system is strongly regulated.

Besides, he said, the government is pulling all its weight to position the country as a global manufacturing hub, and the country has aligned itself to the goals of decarbonising the Indian economy in an orderly manner.

On housing finance, Parekh said, the runway for it in the country is immense as mortgage-to-GDP ratio in India at 11 per cent which is very low compared to peers like China, Malaysia, Singapore and significantly lower than much of the western world where mortgage-to-GDP ratio is upwards of 60 to 90 per cent.

## Hindware launches new TVC campaign '5 Star Hotel like Bathrooms'

New Delhi, Apr 22:

Hindware Limited, a leader in complete bathroom solutions, launched its new television commercial (TVC) campaign, 'Hotel Like Bathrooms', featuring some of the biggest names in cricket. The campaign highlights the aspirations of today's traveller, who aspires to have the same experience in bathroom as they get in a 5-star hotel. The TVC campaign features Prominent players from Royal Challengers Bangalore & Punjab Kings. The campaign aims to showcase the high-quality bathroom products and solutions from Hindware Italian Collection that offers to create an elegant and comfortable bathroom experience similar to a luxurious hotel. It showcases products like Element

Plus wall mounted and tankless closet, over the counter basin - Amazon and Fonte and Hues collection from Hindware Italian Collection. The campaign will also be supported by an extensive 360-degree promotion outreach including digital, social, OTT, print, radio, and out-of-home activations.

Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Sudhanshu Pokhriyal, Chief Executive Officer, Bath Business, Hindware Limited, said, "As a leading player in the bathroom solutions market, we are always looking for innovative ways to connect with our customers. We are excited to launch our latest TVC campaign, '5-star Hotel Like Bathrooms', which highlights the importance of creating a luxurious bathroom experience."



## Avika Gor set to make her OTT debut in a Telugu web series

Popular actress Avika Gor, who gained fame with her debut in the TV show "Balika Vadhu" and has appeared in shows like "Sasural Simar Ka" and "Khatron Ke Khiladi 9", is all set to make her debut in the world of OTT with a regional language web series. The Telugu web series is a remake of the Bengali series "Indu", and Avika will be playing the lead role of Indu.

Talking about her debut in the digital space, Avika expressed her excitement and said, "This is my first web series so I'm excited. It's interesting and I haven't done any web series. Hotstar is a good medium to do it at a huge level. It's a big enough platform for me to go ahead with this and this is one of the reasons I chose. Also, the production SVF is good, extremely well known for all the Bengali content that they make.

The shoot will start in May."

Avika also spoke about the challenges of doing a remake and said, "Remakes are always very difficult to pull off because people have already seen the amazing work and people have liked it. So it's always difficult and a challenge to pull off a remake, and this is specifically a thriller which brings in a lot more performance than usual comedy or romance. It is exciting because I have watched both the seasons of the Bengali version of it. Looking forward to being a part of this as Indu in Telugu and other languages."

The actress is also set to appear in Krishna Bhatt's "1920: Horrors Of The Heart". With her debut on the OTT platform, Avika is set to reach a wider audience and add a new feather to her cap of achievements.

## Mickey reveals his inspiring journey as a makeup artist

This Sunday, Sony Entertainment Television's The Kapil Sharma Show, brings to you a special episode that puts the spotlight on the 'star makers' of Bollywood. Celebrating the vital forces behind some of the most celebrated actors, the host Kapil Sharma will give grand welcome to B-town's renowned make-up artist, Mickey Contractor, Hairstylist - Hakim Aalim, Photographer Dabboo Ratnani, Choreographer - Ganesh Acharya, Fashion & costume designer - Neeta Lulla, and Action director - Allan Amin. With such special guests taking the centre stage and sharing some masaledar gushups about their work and Bollywood, the episode promises to be a laugh riot you can't miss!

In the midst of fun and lively conversation, the host, Kapil Sharma, will be seen asking renowned celebrity make-up artist Mickey Contractor about his entry into the film industry. A curious Kapil will ask Mickey that, "You used to work at a Tokyo beauty parlor before entering the film industry. How did you find your way into the film industry?" Making an interesting revelation about his life, Mickey will go on to share, "As a child, my Saturdays were spent watching movies with my nani. This sparked a deep fascination with the



world of the film industry. A curious Kapil will ask Mickey that, "You used to work at a Tokyo beauty parlor before entering the film industry. How did you find your way into the film industry?" Making an interesting revelation about his life, Mickey will go on to share, "As a child, my Saturdays were spent watching movies with my nani. This sparked a deep fascination with the

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styling at a beauty parlor. Fate intervened when Helen Ji herself became one of my customers, and during one of our sessions, while I was shampooing her hair, she asked me about my aspirations."

To hear some more masaledar revelations, tune into The Kapil Sharma Show this Sunday at 9:30 p.m. only on Sony Entertainment Television!

## 'The variation in Damayanti's character makes it an exciting role to play'

Sony Entertainment Television's 'Hum Rahe Na Rahe Hum' showcases the journey of Damayanti, the principled traditionalist matriarch of the royal Barot family based in Ranakgadh and Surilli, a vibrant and modern-thinking young girl. Change tends to create fear and the usual reactions are to either fight, or flight - it is this inherent human nature of resistance to change that the show focuses on. In the previous episodes, viewers have witnessed how Surilli and Shivendra have crossed paths and the latter gets attracted to Surilli because of her independent nature and modern outlook towards life. Meanwhile, Damayanti Devi has decided that her eldest son Shivendra must be married to Swatilekha.

In a conversation with Damayanti, Shivendra highlights how she is instrumental in making life decisions for her sons

without their say in it. He tries to make her understand that all her sons have grown up and have the right to choose their own paths and follow their individual dreams. But Damayanti is a strong authoritative personality, and she reminds Shivendra that despite being the eldest son of the Barots, she is still the decision-maker in the royal household.

Talking about her character Damayanti Devi, Kitu Gidwani shares, "Damayanti stands for power and authority. Every bit of her personality radiates how strong she is and how determined her motives are to uphold the values of her royal lineage. Even though all her sons have grown up, she feels that they are still her children, and she has every right to make life decisions on their behalf. Right from their careers to life partners, she wants to be involved at every step.



Sonam Kapoor says sarees most comfortable to wear in Indian heat



Bollywood actress Sonam Kapoor attended an IPL match with Apple CEO Tim Cook and her husband Anand Ahuja, and she chose to wear a saree to the event because it is comfortable. She posted a picture on Instagram wearing a "simple linen saree" and "vintage jewels." She captioned the picture: "I find saris the most comfortable to wear in the Indian heat." The actress also thanked her designer friend Anavila Misra for creating beautiful and chic saris that scream simplicity. Sonam Kapoor, who is currently enjoying motherhood with her son Vayu, got married to Anand Ahuja on May 8, 2018, after dating for a few years. The couple welcomed their son Vayu on August 20, 2022.

## Kriti Sanon excited to relish Indore delicacies ahead of her visit for a fan event



Actress Kriti Sanon is set to visit Indore for an event and is eagerly looking forward to interacting with her Indori fans and indulging in some of the city's popular delicacies. Kriti, who has previously visited the city to promote her films, said, "I remember being amazed and impressed with how clean and beautiful the city is. Indore has set a prime example for other cities to follow when it comes to waste management and cleanliness."

Expressing her love for the city's energy and food, Kriti added, "Even though I'll be there for a few hours only, I'll sneak in some time to have the famous Poha, Ratlami

Sev, and Jalebis." The actress is excited to visit Indore and interact with her fans in a fun session.

On the work front, Kriti has a busy year ahead with multiple releases lined up. She will be seen in "The Crew" alongside Kareena Kapoor Khan and Tabu. She also has 'Adipurush' slated to release in August, an untitled project opposite Shahid Kapoor which is set to release in October, and 'Ganapath' alongside Tiger Shroff, also up for release in the same month. With a jam-packed schedule, Kriti is making the most of her visit to Indore to unwind and enjoy some local delicacies.

## Actor Rohit Suchanti takes up interior designing for his new Mumbai home



Actor Rohit Suchanti, known for his roles in TV shows like 'Saath Nibhana Saathiya' and 'Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya', has recently purchased a new house in Mumbai. In a recent interview, Rohit revealed that he is taking up the challenge of designing the interiors of his dream home himself. "The feeling of owning a house is surreal and I am extremely happy to finally accomplish this dream. I am really looking forward to designing my dream house the way I've always imagined it to be," he said. Rohit also shared his vision for his new home, "The main idea behind designing my new house is that I want everything to be minimal and aesthetically pleasing. However, along with the designs, I am also looking for beautiful custom-made furniture for my house to give it a complete look that will go along with the theme of the house. I don't know if I am a good interior designer, so of course I will be taking the help of a professional to guide me through it." The actor is currently playing the lead role in the TV show 'Bhagya Lakshmi' which airs on Zee TV.

## &TV characters will land themselves into tricky situations

In &TV shows Doosri Maa, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, characters will land themselves into tricky situations. About &TV's Doosri Maa track, Krishna shares, "During DNA tests, Varun (Micckie Dudaaney) and Kamini (Priety Sahay) change Krishna's (Aayudh Bhanushali) blood samples. Yashoda (Neha Joshi) uncovers their plan. Varun blackmails the doctor into altering his results to declare Krishna, his son. Meanwhile, Dadaji (Sumil Dutt) gets annoyed with Malti (Anita Pradhan) when she becomes emotional about Krishna,



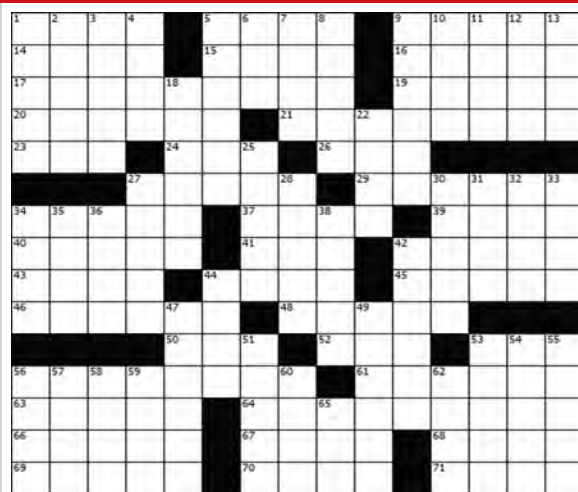
who is now in an orphanage". About &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan track,

Beni shares, "After an altercation with Rajesh (Kamna Pathak), Katori

Amma (Himani Shivpuri) divides the house into two. While Chamchi (Zara Warsi) chooses to support Amma, Hrithik (Aryan Prajapati) and Ranbir (Somya Azad) support Rajesh. Kate (Gazal Sood) and Malaika (Sonal Panwar) decide to remain neutral. They encourage Happu (Yogesh Tripathi) to select a side. Still, at Beni's (Vishwanath Chatterjee) recommendation, he decides to live with him".

Watch Doosri Maa at 8:00 pm, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan at 10:00 pm, and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai at 10:30 pm, airing every Monday to Friday only on &TV!.

## CROSSWORD



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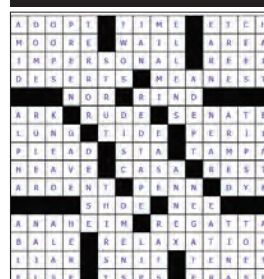
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### SOLUTION 623





# Noor, Mohit lead the way as Titans defend 135

Lucknow, Apr 22 (PTI):

Skipper KL Rahul managed to snatch defeat from jaws of victory with a baffling batting approach as defending champions Gujarat Titans beat Lucknow Super Giants by seven runs in a low-scoring IPL thriller, here on Saturday.

Chasing target of 136 on a sluggish pitch, LSG were cruising along at 105 for 1 after 14 overs with 31 needed off 36 deliveries but ended at 128 for 7 at the end of 20 overs.

Veteran Mohit Sharma (2/17 in 3 overs) required to defend only 12 off the final over and he removed rival captain Rahul (68 off 61 balls) and kept hitting the blockhole length to conceded only five runs in the end with another three wickets lost in the process.

But the entire blame falls on the captain, who got 50 off 33 balls and then consumed another 28 deliveries for his 18. There were two 50 plus stands with Kyle Mayers (24 off 19 balls) and Krunal Pandya (23 off 23 balls) but in the end even the biggest Titans fans would agree that 136 was difficult to defend.

Left-arm wrist spinner Noor Ahmad bowled two brilliant overs to return with figures of 4-0-18-2, while Mohammed Shami's international experience saw him concede just 5 in the penultimate over, leaving Mohit



Gujarat Titans' players celebrate after winning the IPL match against Lucknow Super Giants at the Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow on April 22.

with a tricky assignment which he completed with elan. LSG lost the game in the last five overs with Noor

## Brief Scores

**Gujarat Titans:** 135 for 6 in 20 overs (Hardik Pandya 66, Wriddhiman Saha 47; Krunal Pandya 2/16).  
**Lucknow Super Giants:** 128 for 7 in 20 overs (KL Rahul 68, Kyle Mayer 24; Rashid Khan 1/33, Mohit Sharma 2/17).

triggering the turnaround keeping Rahul in check. With the win, GT reached the fourth spot with 8 points in the IPL standing, while LSG remained at the second spot with same points but with better net run-rate.

Earlier, with the pitch being a tad slow, spinner Krunal Pandya emerged Lucknow's best bowler as he snapped two wickets, giving away just 16 runs after coming to bowl in the second over.

With pacer Naveen-ul-Haq (1/19) and Marcus Stoinis (2/20) also doing their job, Lucknow restricted Gujarat to 135 for six.

Infact, it could have been far worse but Ravi Bishnoi had a forgettable outing, bleeding 49 in his quota of four overs. It was the 19 runs conceded by the spinner in the 18th over that lifted GT in the end.

When GT batted, Wriddhiman Saha made 47 off 37 balls to lay the foundation but Hardik couldn't get going although he somewhat made up for the slow batting with some big hits in the end.

# KKR desperate to arrest slide against heavyweights CSK

Kolkata, Apr 22 (PTI):

On a downward spiral, Kolkata Knight Riders would be desperate to press the reset button and snap their three-match losing streak, when they face Chennai Super Kings in the IPL here on Sunday.

The Nitish Rana-led side, which showed a lot of promise with two wins against Royal Challengers Bangalore and Gujarat Titans, suddenly seem to have lost the plot. KKR (four points in six matches) now find themselves in eighth spot in the standings, with only Sunrisers Hyderabad (4) and Delhi Capitals (2) below them.

All their losses have come against sides who are struggling this season. SRH had lost two and won once before getting their act together at Eden Gardens, while their old nemesis MI revived their campaign against a misfiring Delhi Capitals and KKR.

The common thing in all the three losses has been the KKR batters' collective



Kolkata Knight Riders players during a training session.

Match starts: 7.30pm IST.

failure, while the bowling unit has performed better. KKR had 67 dot balls as they put up their worst batting show of the season to be all out for 127 against DC in their last match. Approaching the halfway stage of the season, it's time for KKR to go back to the drawing board and address the issues, instead of just chopping and changing their XI.

Dhoni fever one last time at Eden?

It will also be the biggest test for KKR's skipper Rana as emotions will sway in favour of CSK talisman MS Dhoni in what could potentially be his last appearance at the iconic Eden Gardens.

A sea of yellow fans, sporting the signature No. 7 Dhoni jersey, is likely to flood the Eden Gardens on Sunday evening. Such has been the demand that tick-

ets for this marquee match have been sold out in advance. And the ones available in the black market are being sold at an extremely inflated price.

It has been a typical CSK show by the four-time champions as they are ticking all the boxes after starting off with a loss against Gujarat Titans in the season opener. The sense of calmness and clarity in the Dhoni-led side's changing room is evident.

The opening duo of Devon Conway and Ruturaj Gaikwad have found their chemistry and put together 87 runs from 66 balls to set the tone in their seven-wicket win over SRH in the last match. CSK's spin trio of Moeen Ali, Ravindra Jadeja and Maheesh Theekshana are also looking forward to bowl at the Eden. But their X Factor is Sri Lankan pace sensation Matheesha Pathirana, the 20-year-old with a Lasith Malinga-like sling-arm action, as he takes on people like Rinku Singh and Russell.

# Jyothi bags individual, mixed team gold medals in compound section

Antalya, Apr 22 (PTI):

Indian compound archer Jyothi Surekha Vennam displayed some flawless shooting as she grabbed individual and mixed team gold medals in the World Cup Stage 1 here on Saturday.

Jyothi and her debutant partner Ojas Deotale narrowly missed a world record when they tamed Chinese Taipei 159-154 in the compound mixed team final to open India's account with a gold in the morning session.

While Jyothi had all perfect 10s in her eight arrows, the 20-year-old Deotale missed the centre once, in the final end when he shot a 9. The Indian duo



Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Ojas Deotale at the World Cup Archery Stage 1 compound mixed team gold event in Antalya on Saturday.

missed the world record score of 160/160 by just one point. This was also India's second ever World Cup gold medal in the mixed compound team event. Jyothi and veteran Abhishek Verma had clinched their maiden gold in World Cup 3 in Paris last year. Returning in the afternoon session, the 2021

World Championship silver medallist Jyothi clinched her maiden individual gold at the showpiece with a one-sided 149-146 win over Sara Lopez of Colombia. The win avenged Jyothi's Yankton World Championship 2021 defeat when she lost to the Colombian opponent in the final 144-146.

# Djokovic loses to fellow Serb for first time in 11 years

Banja Luka, Apr 22 (AP):

Novak Djokovic lost to a Serb countryman for the first time in 11 years in the quarter-finals of the Srpska Open. Dusan Lajovic won 6-4 7-6 (6) to down a world No. 1-ranked player for the first time on Friday. "It is the biggest win of my career," Lajovic said on court.

"The emotions are very mixed because I'm playing here in front of the home town and I'm also playing against Nole, who is a good friend and he's a hero of our country. "Beating him, it's something that I didn't even think is going to be possible, but it happened." Djokovic converted only one of 16 break chances, and missed the three set points in the tiebreaker. His previous loss



Dusan Lajovic

to a fellow Serb was in 2012 to Janko Tipsarevic in Madrid. "Dusan is a fantastic person, great guy," Djokovic said. "Someone I've known for a very long time, since he started playing professional tennis. So many times on the Davis Cup team together, trained together. I'm happy for him, to be honest. He deserved to win today." Following his third loss of the year, Djokovic moves on to the Madrid Open next week.

# It's the last phase of my career: MS Dhoni

Chennai, Apr 22 (PTI):

Chennai Super Kings skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni has said he is in the "last phase of his career", reinforcing the widespread belief that the talisman is making his final appearance in the Indian Premier League.

Dhoni's side gave the home fans at the MA Chidambaram Stadium plenty to rejoice on Friday night by defeating Sunrisers Hyderabad by seven wickets, with New Zealand cricketer Devon Conway scoring his third half-century of this IPL season and Ravindra Jadeja claiming three crucial wickets.

Chasing 135, CSK scored the winning runs with eight balls to spare with Conway scoring an un-



beaten 57-ball 77 and sharing an 87-run partnership with Ruturaj Gaikwad (35) for the opening wicket. Overcome by the huge

roar and support of the crowd when he came out of the dugout after his team won the match, Dhoni said, "All said and done, it's the last phase of my career, however long I play. "After two years, the fans have had the opportunity to come here and watch, feels good to be here. Crowd has given us a lot of love and affection," said Dhoni after the match.

CSK returned to their base after a long gap that was brought upon all teams by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dhoni was all praise for young Sri Lankan pace bowler Matheesha Pathirana, who bowled four superb overs and grabbed two wickets, even though he was a tad expensive, conceding 42 runs.

# RR need contributions from middle-order to tame RCB

Bengaluru, Apr 22 (PTI):

Table-toppers Rajasthan Royals need more from their fragile middle-order as they look to return to winning ways against an inconsistent but dangerous Royal Challengers Bangalore in an IPL match here on Sunday.

RR are currently leading the standings with eight points after four wins and two losses, while RCB are at the fifth spot with three victories and as many defeats. But RR have plenty to ponder going by their performance in the last game against Lucknow Super Giants at home. Skipper Sanju Samson and Shimron Hetmyer have scored runs but have not been consistent enough, and the team banks on them to close out games. To make matters worse, Devdutt Padikkal and Riyan Parag have failed to live up to the expectations.

In the experienced Trent



Royal Challengers Bangalore captain Faf du Plessis with batting coach Sanjay Bangar and Director of Cricket Operations during a practice session.

Boult and Sandeep Sharma, RR have good opening bowlers and they will have their task cut out against Faf du Plessis and Virat Kohli. In the spin department, Ravichandran Ashwin has impressed with his guile and tricks but Yuzvendra Chahal has been

a tad expensive, and needs to lift his game. Just like RR, RCB too boast of one of IPL's most fearsome opening pairs in du Plessis and Kohli. The two are in form this season, handing RCB terrific starts.

Glenn Maxwell, too, has shown his hitting prowess

Match starts at 3:30 PM

in the tournament but has not been consistent enough. RCB would also be looking up to the likes of veteran Dinesh Karthik, Mahipal Lomlor, Shahbaz Ahmed and Suyash Prabhudessai in the middle-order.

RCB's bowling attack is in the safe hands of Mohammed Siraj, who has been in sensational form, picking up 12 wickets from six games, including a four for 21 in their last match.

Siraj is being ably supported by Wayne Parnell and Harshal Patel, who have picked up eight wickets apiece from four and six games, respectively. But both these bowlers have been a tad expensive and they would look to address this concern in the coming matches. RCB's spin department is spearheaded by Sri Lankan Wainindu Hasaranga de Silva, who looked impressive in his three outings so far.

# Our immediate priority is to win Asiad gold and qualify for Olympics: Sumit

them a direct ticket to 2024 Paris Olympics. "We want to win a gold medal at the Hangzhou Asian Games 2023, which will ensure our direct qualification for the Paris 2024 Olympics," said Sumit, who played a key role in India winning a historic bronze medal in Tokyo.

The midfielder feels the upcoming matches of the FIH Pro League in Europe will serve as a perfect platform for them to prepare for important tournaments lined up, including the Asian Champions Trophy, to be held in Chennai from August 3 to 12.



New Delhi, Apr 22 (PTI):

Tokyo Olympic bronze medalist hockey midfielder Sumit

on Saturday said winning gold at this year's Hangzhou Asian Games remains their top priority as it will hand

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# Eid celebrated in Kashmir with traditional fervour

## ● No Eid prayers at Jamia Masjid

Srinagar, Apr 22 (PTI):

Eid-ul-Fitr was celebrated across Kashmir on Saturday with traditional fervour and gaiety as the largest congregation of devotees was witnessed at the Hazratbal shrine on the banks of the Dal lake.

However, authorities did not allow Eid prayers at the historic Jamia Masjid in the old city, a day after allowing Friday congregational prayers.

Hopes of Eid prayers being offered at the 14th-century mosque in the city's Nowhatta area were raised after authorities allowed the Shab-e-Qadr and Jumatul Vida prayers.

However, officials directed the Jamia Masjid management to conduct the Eid prayers at 7.30 am instead of 9 am.



Muslims offer Eid-ul-Fitr prayers at Eidgah ground to mark the end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan, in Jammu, Saturday.

The Anjuman Auqaf Jamia Masjid said the prayers could not be held at 7.30 am as people had to come from far-flung areas in accordance with the schedule announced earlier. The Eid celebrations went on smoothly elsewhere with men, women and children, dressed in their best, making a bee-

line to mosques, eidgahs and shrines to offer prayers.

The largest congregational prayers were held at the Hazratbal shrine where former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah was among the notable persons to offer prayers.

Large congregations for

## Eid-ul-Fitr celebrated with warmth in Kerala

**Thiruvananthapuram:** Marking the culmination of the one month-long fasting, Muslims in Kerala on Saturday celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr with religious fervour and festivities.

Cutting across age and economic barriers, hundreds of faithfuls thronged mosques and specially arranged Eidgahs across the southern state in the morning to offer prayers.

During the sermons at the mosques, religious leaders urged devotees to uphold values of compassion, fraternity and social harmony and live a life adhering to the values of Islam.

Eid prayers were also reported from other district headquarters and towns of the valley.

## HOLY DIP



People take a bath in the River Ganga during the Ganga Pushkaralu Kumbh, in Varanasi, Saturday.

## Maha Guv launches Centenary Celebrations

### ● Of Mumbai Branch of Ramakrishna Mission

**Mumbai, Apr 22:** Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais inaugurated the Centenary Celebrations of the Mumbai Branch of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission at a programme held at Rang Sharda Auditorium in Mumbai on Friday (21 April). The Mumbai Centre was established in 1923. Congratulating the Mumbai Branch of Ramakrishna Mission for its century of service to humanity through its Hospital at Khar and the Rural Health and Welfare Centre at Sakwar in Palghar district, the Governor called upon the



universities in the State to work in close collaboration with the Ramakrishna Mission to shape the character of youths.

Stating that Vivekananda gave primacy to feeding the hungry, the Governor expressed the need for providing skill development to the youthful population of the nation. Vice President of Ramakrishna Mission

Belur Math Swami Gautamananda, General Secretary Suvirananda, President of Ramakrishna Mission Mumbai Satyadevananda, Head of Narendrapur Centre Sarvalokananda, Member of Managing Committee of Ramakrishna Mission Rakesh Puri and monks from various Ramakrishna Missions from India and abroad were present.

### ● Cong says he resides in people's hearts, homes

New Delhi, Apr 22 (PTI):

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi vacated his official bungalow in Lutyens' Delhi on Saturday and shifted to his mother Sonia Gandhi's residence, weeks after losing his Lok Sabha membership following his conviction in a defamation case.

The Congress said the government may "evict" Gandhi from a house but he occupies a place in the hearts and homes of crores of Indians.

The party also launched a "MeraGharAapkaGhar" campaign on social media



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi after handing over the key of 12, Tughlak Lane bungalow to a CPWD official as he vacates the bungalow after his disqualification as a Lok Sabha MP, in New Delhi, Saturday.

with party leaders offering their homes to Gandhi.

Saturday morning, Gandhi moved out all his belongings from his 12, Tughlaq Lane residence where he had been staying

for almost two decades. Gandhi, his mother Sonia Gandhi and sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra visited the bungalow in the morning. He handed over keys of the vacated house to officials of the

### 'Paying the price for speaking truth'

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said he was paying the price for speaking the truth and vowed to continue to raise people's issues as he vacated his official bungalow in Lutyens' Delhi and shifted to his mother Sonia Gandhi's residence.

"I have paid the price for speaking the truth, I am ready to pay any price," he said, adding he would continue to raise issues of price rise and corruption with double the force.

Talking to reporters while leaving the bungalow, he said, "I have no problem even if it has been snatched away from me. This house was given to me by the people of India. I will stay with the former Congress president (Sonia Gandhi) at 10, Janpath for some time and then find some other way."

Asked that he could have requested for more time to vacate the bungalow, Gandhi said, "I do not want to stay in this house."

Central Public Works Department (CPWD), sources said.

He shifted to his mother Sonia Gandhi's 10, Janpath residence.

The Lok Sabha Secretariat had issued a notice to him to vacate the bungalow by April 22, following his disqualification from Lok Sabha.

# Shaping India's Journey towards Inclusivity and Accessibility

## The Power of 'Mann Ki Baat'



Sanjana Goyal

In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a unique suggestion for the listeners of 'Mann Ki Baat'. "I thought that we call or know people as handicapped since they are lacking in some ways in terms of their body structure or whose organs do not function properly. However, when we interact with them, we realize that...God has bestowed upon them some different power which we cannot see with our eyes, but it is only when we see them working that we realise their talent. So, I thought why not use the term 'Divyang' instead of 'viklang' in our country."

This was the start of a revolutionary approach towards inclusivity and accessibility in the field of disability and I can confidently say that this is the power of this medium, which the Prime Minister has realised and internalised.

With over 3 decades of my association with this sector and being on the

wheel chair myself, I have observed that the nation faces certain pressing challenges when it comes to Divyangians. The three most crucial ones are unproductivity, education and accessibility. However, in the past decade, a paradigm shift has been seen in the country under the visionary leadership of our Prime Minister. With the vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas', the launch of the Accessible India Campaign, on December 3, 2015, was a necessary step taken in the direction to provide equal opportunity to persons with disabilities to participate in all aspects of life and live independently.

But along with this Government policy, it was equally necessary to initiate a change in the narrative around such people or as I like to call it, "Mass Advocacy for Behaviour Change". Today after seven years of that radio address, the change in the attitude of people towards persons with disabilities is quite apparent in the society. 'Mann Ki Baat' connects our Prime Minister directly with the masses where he speaks extensively about the cause and this generates energy for individuals and organizations to work more in their respective areas. It has helped change public perception about persons with disabilities

across sectors, be it media, education or sports, for which several Paralympians have even



thanked the Prime Minister.

From inviting ideas for innovation that may assist the divyangian to increasing awareness regarding the existing initiatives and policies for them, the Prime Minister frequently utilises the platform of 'Mann Ki Baat' to not let the light go out on this important subject. Even the smallest of the innovative and inspiring initiatives being taken in the country are brought to the fore by him in his radio address. Take the example Muscular Dystrophy, an inherited disorder that causes progressive loss of muscle mass, which was highlighted in the 95th episode of Mann Ki Baat aired on 27th November 2022, where the Prime Minister talked about our institute Indian Association of Muscular Dystrophy that worked wonders in spreading awareness around the disease. Although there is a long way to go, the re-

newed interest in the lives and rights of persons with disabilities is what will take us to newer heights of success.

As this transformative 'Mann Ki Baat' programme is reaching an important milestone of 100 episodes on 30th April 2023. I am hopeful that this platform will be an important medium to realize the vision of an inclusive India, even in times to come. Some of the important subjects that require more awareness are 'Universal Design' to increase accessibility for divyangians, the approach of 'Reasonable Accommodation' to create a level playing field for divyangians in the workplace, and promoting a substantial market opportunity for potential startups and innovators to enter the Assistive Touch (AT) sector with its demand on the rise.

India's presidency in the G20 with the theme "One Earth - One Family - One Future" presents an opportunity to prioritize the inclusion of individuals with disabilities in discussions surrounding growth and development. This would position India as a global leader in promoting inclusivity and accessibility - a noble goal to aim for as India approaches its centenary. To this end, it is suggested that a year-long campaign be implemented wherein the 11th of every month is designated as a "Special Day for

Disability." This day would be an occasion to commemorate, celebrate, and support persons with disabilities by offering jobs, sharing stories of courage and initiatives, and no better platform than 'Mann Ki Baat' to initiate this idea. The choice of 11 as the symbolic date signifies the concept that small efforts when combined can yield significant outcomes. Thus, every contribution towards promoting disability rights and inclusion is valuable and should be acknowledged.

I am looking forward to the upcoming 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' and to hear our Prime Minister's words of wisdom on various issues of national importance. I am confident that the steps taken by the Government, that are instilling the 'Can Do' attitude in all of us, will continue to be talked about and featured in and through 'Mann Ki Baat' so that the whole country can be filled with enthusiasm for building an inclusive India, fulfilling the 'Panch Pran' given by the Prime Minister, as we walk into the 'Amrit Kaal'.

Author's note: With inputs from National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People.

(Writer is President at Indian Association of Muscular Dystrophy - Views are personal)

## 2020 DELHI RIOTS

## Court directs DCP to take 'immediate remedial action'

### ● Regarding incriminating but unverified video

New Delhi, Apr 22 (PTI):

Hearing a case related to the 2020 northeast Delhi riots, a court here has directed the deputy commissioner of police (DCP) concerned to "take immediate remedial action" regarding an unverified, incriminating video against an accused. Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat was hearing the matter fixed for orders on the point of charge against four people — Rahul Kumar, Suraj, Yogender Singh and Naresh — who have been accused of being a part of a riotous mob that committed arson in a place of worship and some shops on its ground floor on February 25, 2020.

The judge took note of the fact that there was a public witness who had identified Kumar, while there was CCTV footage regarding Suraj and Yogender. Besides, there was a video against Naresh, who has been accused of committing arson

and raising a flag atop the place of worship.

"However, when the video was sent to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), the report was received stating that the DVD was found inaccessible in the video analyst's system and hence, no examination was carried out. The FSL report was filed by way of a supplementary chargesheet," the judge said in an order passed last week.

The judge said there was no other witness to identify accused Naresh and it was "inexplicable" how the incriminating video, after being sent to the CFSL, was found inaccessible. "If it was so, the investigating officer (IO) or the station house officer (SHO) or the

assistant commissioner of police (ACP) should have again sent the correct and accessible video to the FSL for their opinion and filed the same but instead, the IO has filed the supplementary chargesheet, along with the FSL report of the inaccessible video," the judge said.

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