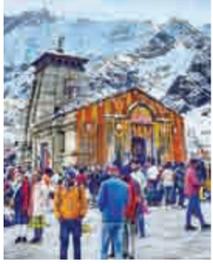


BRIEF



Devotees during their pilgrimage at the Kedarnath Temple, in Rudraprayag district, Friday.

Patidar case

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday granted bail to BJP leader Hardik Patel in a case lodged against him in connection with the violence during the Patidar stir in Gujarat in 2015 subject to his "diligent participation" in the investigation. A bench of Justice A S Bopanna and Justice Hima Kohli made its earlier order granting protection to Patel absolute. "This court had in February 2020 issued notice and had granted interim protection. Three-and-a-half years have passed since then. In these circumstances, we see no reason to alter the order at this juncture."

Pilot saching

Jaipur: Rajasthan Congress MLA Ved Prakash Solanki on Friday said some leaders are trying to sideline Sachin Pilot, without whom the party's return to power is not possible. "Sachin Pilot is not going to leave Congress and he is loyal to the party. But, some leaders are trying to sideline him. Returning to power is not possible with Pilot sidelined," Solanki told reporters here. Solanki is a Pilot's loyalist and was one of the many who had revolted against Gehlot in the 2020 political crisis. Solanki stressed that Congress can repeat its government only through collective efforts, and it should make credible people the face of the party.

Shraddha murder

New Delhi: A Delhi court is likely to pronounce on Saturday its order on framing charges against Aaftab Amin Poonawala, accused of strangling his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar and chopping her body into pieces. The Delhi Police is also scheduled to file tomorrow its reply to an application of Walkar's father before the court, urging it that her remains be handed over to the family for last rites as required by tradition and culture.

Speedboat capsizes

Pekanbaru: A speedboat carrying 74 people capsized in rough seas in western Indonesia, killing at least 11 and leaving one person missing, officials said on Friday. Many of the dead were women and children, said Nyoman Sidakarya, chief of the Pekanbaru Search and Rescue Agency. He said 62 people had been rescued, including some who were unconscious after drifting in the choppy waters for hours.

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SC directs all states, UTs to register cases against those making hate speeches even in absence of complaint

New Delhi, Apr 28 (PTI):

Extending the scope of its 2022 order beyond three states, the Supreme Court on Friday directed all states and Union Territories to register cases against those making hate speeches even if no complaint has been made. A bench of Justices KM Joseph and BV Nagarathna termed

hate speeches a "serious offence capable of affecting secular fabric of the country".

The bench said its October 21, 2022 order shall be made applicable irrespective of religion and warned any delay in registering cases will be treated as contempt of the court. "Where have we reached in the name of religion? What have we reduced

religion to is really tragic," the apex court had then observed and directed Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Uttarakhand to crack down hard on those making hate speeches, calling them shocking for a country that is religion-neutral.

Holding that the Constitution of India envisages a secular nation, the

court had directed Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Delhi to promptly register criminal cases against the offenders without waiting for a complaint to be filed.

On Friday, the bench said, "The judges are apolitical and not concerned with Party A or Party B and the only thing they have in mind is the Constitution of India".

It said the court has been entertaining petitions against hate speeches in different parts of the country for "larger public good" and to ensure establishment of "rule of law". The apex court warned any delay on the part of the administration in taking action on this "very serious issue" will invite the court's contempt.

Sexual harassment allegations against WFI chief

Police tell SC, FIR will be registered

New Delhi, Apr 28 (PTI):

The Delhi Police will register an FIR on Friday itself over sexual harassment allegations levelled by seven women wrestlers against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, the Supreme Court was informed even as top grapplers continued their protest in the national capital. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Delhi Police, told a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice P S Narasimha that the FIR will be registered today. "We have de-



decided to register an FIR. It will be registered today. I don't think anything survives," Mehta told the bench, which was hearing a plea filed by seven women wrestlers alleging non-registration of an FIR on their sexual harassment allegations against Singh. The country's top wrestlers

Filing of FIR against Brij Bhushan is first step towards victory: Wrestlers

New Delhi: The protesting wrestlers rejoiced "the first step towards victory" as Delhi Police decided to file an FIR against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh but they will continue their agitation and demanded that the BJP MP be removed from all the positions he holds. "This is first step towards victory but our protest will continue," Sakshi Malik told reporters at Jantar Mantar, where they put up huge banners, with one of those listing all the ongoing criminal proceedings against Brij Bhushan.

have been on a sit-in at Jantar Mantar in Delhi since Sunday demanding action against Singh. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the wrestlers, placed on record an affidavit in a sealed cover which voiced apprehension about the safety of a minor girl, an alleged vic-

tim of sexual assault. "Bearing in mind the content which has been placed on record, we direct the Commissioner of Police, Delhi, to make an assessment of the threat perception and provide adequate security to the minor girl involved," the bench said in its order.

MAHARASHTRA DAY CELEBRATIONS



Women personnel of a marching contingent of the Maharashtra Police during rehearsals for the upcoming Maharashtra Day celebrations, in Nagpur, Friday.

SC junks plea for restoration of fare concessions offered to senior citizens by railways

New Delhi, Apr 28 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a petition seeking restoration of the concessions in train fare that was offered to senior citizens by the railways before the Covid outbreak, saying since it's a matter of state policy it will not be appropriate for the court to issue a direction to the government. A bench of Justices SK Kaul and Ahsanuddin Amanullah was hearing a plea filed by MK Balakrishnan for restoration of the concessions

that was discontinued in order to stem the spread of the disease.

"It would not be appropriate for this court to issue a writ of mandamus in a petition under Article 32 of the Constitution. It is for the government to take a call on the issue keeping in mind the needs of the senior citizens and the fiscal repercussions. Dismissed," the bench said, rejecting the petitioner's contention that the state has an obligation to grant concessions to the elderly.

BJP MLA calls Sonia Gandhi 'venomous maiden,'

Congress hits out, demands his sacking

Koppal/New Delhi, Apr 28 (PTI): BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal has likened former AICC chief Sonia Gandhi to a 'Vishakanya' (venomous maiden) in retaliation to Congress president M Mallikarjun Kharge's 'venomous snake' barb hurled at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with the comments drawing sharp response from the opposition party which sought the legislator's expulsion. Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Karnataka and its leaders have lost their mental as well as political balance.

CM Baghel slams BJP after Karnataka MLA calls Sonia Gandhi vishkanya'

Raipur: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Friday lashed out at the Bharatiya Janata Party after an MLA from the saffron party in Karnataka called Sonia Gandhi a "vishkanya". Talking to reporters here, Baghel said, "It appears that the BJP has the right to speak against others, but if anyone speaks about them then there is a problem."

"The entire world appreciates Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The US had not given him visa once upon a time, but today he has emerged as a world leader who receives a red carpet welcome and rubs shoulders with world leaders," Yatnal said at a public meeting on Thursday. "He (Modi) is

compared with a cobra and is called venomous. Is Sonia Gandhi, whom you go dancing about in your party, a Vishakanya. Sonia Gandhi, who ruined the country, works as an agent of China and Pakistan," Yatnal, who is seeking re-election in the May 10 Karnataka elections from Vijayapura, charged.

'IED used in Dantewada blast planted by Naxalites 2 months ago'

Raipur, Apr 28 (PTI):

The Chhattisgarh police on Friday said the powerful improvised explosive device (IED) that exploded killing 10 policemen and a civilian driver in Dantewada had been planted by Naxalites at least two months ago.

The explosive, however, remained "undetected" during the demining exercise conducted a day before the attack on Wednesday, they said.

Ten personnel, belonging to the District Reserve Guard (DRG) of police, and a civilian driver were killed after Naxalites blew up a multi-utility vehicle (MUV), which was part of a convoy carrying security



CRPF personnel during a search for Naxalites in sensitive areas of Dantewada district, Friday.

personnel in Arampur police station area of Dantewada on Wednesday afternoon. The incident occurred around 1 km from Arampur police station on the road that goes to Dantewada district headquarters. "The preliminary investigation

suggests that the IED was planted at least two months ago or before it. The grass had grown on the layer of soil under which the wire, which was connected to the explosive, was concealed," Inspector General of Police (Bastar range) Sundarraj P told

IED defused

Bijapur: Two days after Naxals blew up a vehicle causing the death of ten policemen in Chhattisgarh, an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was found and defused by the security forces in the state's Bijapur district on Friday, an official said. The device, weighing three kg, was found near Reddy chowk on Gangalur-Bijapur road, 460 km south of state capital Raipur, the police official said.

PTI. The explosive weighing around 40-50 kg was used and it seems that it was placed 3 to 4 feet beneath the road by digging a tunnel from roadside, he said. A demining exercise to detect explosives was conducted on the same

BJP to EC on 'poisonous snake' barb

'Bar Kharge from campaign, register FIR'

New Delhi, Apr 28 (PTI):

The BJP on Friday urged the Election Commission to file a criminal case against Mallikarjun Kharge and bar him from campaigning in the Karnataka assembly polls, stepping up its attack on the Congress president for his "poisonous snake" barb at Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Union minister Bhupender Yadav, who led a BJP delegation to the Election Commission, told reporters that Kharge's comment was not merely a slip of the tongue but part of the Congress' "hate pol-

itics" as he accused the party of working to spread disharmony and provoke people ahead of the high-stakes polls in the southern state. BJP general secretary Tarun Chugh said Kharge is a "habitual offender" and noted that Congress leaders have made a number of "hateful" personal attacks on Modi. The BJP has demanded registration of an FIR under IPC Sections 499 and 500, which deal with defamation, and Section 504, which deals with the offence of deliberate insults and provocation. The delegation also included BJP chief



BJP leader Bhupender Yadav speaks with the media after a meeting with Chief Election Commissioner, at Nirvachan Sadan, in New Delhi, Friday.

spokesperson Anil Baluni and party leader Om Pathak. Addressing a cam-

aign rally for the May 10 Karnataka assembly polls, Kharge likened Modi to a "poisonous snake". As a row erupted, he later sought to clarify that his remarks were not aimed at the prime minister but at the ruling BJP.

The BJP's memorandum to the poll watchdog said, "Election Commission is empowered under Article 324 of the Constitution of India to ensure that no one indulges in making false, unverified, baseless allegations to violate electoral laws and indulge in behaviour which tear apart the sanctity of the MCC."

Jiah Khan's death suicidal

'Former beau Sooraj Pancholi cannot be held responsible'

Mumbai, Apr 28 (PTI):

Actor Jiah Khan, whose death was suicidal, was a victim of her sentiments and could not overcome her emotions and her then beau Sooraj Pancholi cannot be held responsible for this, a special CBI court said acquitting him from the charge of abetting her suicide.

Jiah (25), a US citizen, was found hanging at her Juhu home here on June 3, 2013. Sooraj Pancholi was accused of abetting her suicide. While the prosecution claimed that it was a case of suicide,



Bollywood actor Sooraj Pancholi arrives at a special CBI court for a verdict in the actor Jiah Khan suicide case, in Mumbai, Friday.

Jiah's mother Rabia Khan had vehemently alleged that her daughter was a happy person who could not take her own life and that she was killed by Sooraj.

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Health Services Director inspects PHC and CHC in Patan

Lecture Series marks Materials Management Day



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Bhilai, Apr 28: Bhim Singh, Director Health Services and Chief Executive Officer of State Nodal Agency Dr Khubchandra Baghel Sahayata Yojana and Ayushman Bharat, inspected the health services in development block Patan. He inspected all health centers and community health centers of this development block. He reviewed the health facilities and services during a meeting of the medical officers and in-charges of the centres. He

visited the Community Health Centre in Jheet and took feedback from the patients and relatives about the services provided in the hospital. The patients replied that all the services were available to them free of cost. All the medicines and tests prescribed by the doctors are available free of cost and any amount is not being charged. He inquired about the quality of food from the admitted patient. The patients said that food is being provided on time, and the quality is also

good. He oversaw the equipment of the delivery room, sonography, neonatal unit, etc. Director Bhim Singh inspected Community Health Center Patan and took information from the patient waiting in OPD. He questioned the time of opening of OPD and whether their registration is being done immediately and free of cost. All the prescriptions written by doctors, medicines and tests are available free of cost. He also interacted with the patients benefited from Dr Khubchand

Baghel Health Assistance Scheme and Ayushman Bharat Scheme. He inspected the real time entries made in the software of medicines given to the patients in the pharmacy. BMO (Patan) Dr Ashish Sharma detailed about health services and facilities in development block Patan. He inspected the Hamar lab and sought information about tests to be done in the lab. He oversaw the equipment and questioned the staff about the availability of all materials including reagents and other material.

He interacted with the relatives of the malnourished children admitted in the Nutrition Rehabilitation Center and took feedback regarding the progress of children. Director Bhim Singh recorded his feedback in the inspection register. The director praised the services being provided in Jheet and Patan and directed to provide quality services in the future. During the review and tour, Joint Director Dr Prashant Srivastava, Deputy Director Dr Kurre, Dr VR Bhagat, Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr JP Meshram, District Health Officer, Dr Satish Meshram, District Immunization Officer Dr Divya Srivastava, Dr S Jamgadh, State Advisor Dr Vikram Sharma, Mumtaz Khan, DPM Padmakar Shinde, BPM Poanam Sahu, Engineer Irshad Khan, Lalit Verma, Tisheshwar Dewangan and officers were present.

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Bhilai, Apr 28: The Material Management Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant organised a workshop on effective life management on the occasion of Materials Management Day. Chief Guest, Ajay Kumar Chakraborty, ED (MM), inaugurated the Program. In the first phase of the program, Dr Saurabh Mukherjee, Joint Director (M&HS) spoke on Health

Management in Modern Lifestyle, with special emphasis on the causes and prevention of heart diseases. In the second phase, Swami Praptyanand, from Ramakrishna Mission Raipur, spoke on the relevance of the Bhagwat-Gita in the present scenario. Swami ji said that, in order to be free from the bondage of karma, one should do every deed selflessly, and dedicate it to God. By this we will be saved

from the sin caused by our Karma and any feeling of vanity, of being a doer, that we may experience, will also go away. Swami ji also answered the queries from the listeners. Sushmita Dey, CGM (Marketing), Subid Kumar Dey, Asha Rani Pathak were present on the occasion. The program was conducted by Kaushal Kishore Sharma, DGM (MM), while Navneet Sharma proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Lecture Series on NEP in Bhilai Maitri College

Collector asks Doctors to work towards reducing the maternal mortality rate



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Bhilai, Apr 28: Bhilai Maitri College Risali organised a two days lecture series on the theme National Education Policy 2020. The main purpose of the lecture series was to make the students familiarise with the concept of NEP 2020 to upgrade their knowledge and to make them aware about various aspects. On first day Dr PK Srivastava, Former

Principal, Army Institute of Higher Education, Pathankot, was invited as resource person to speak on 'Information and Communication technology and Virtual learning'. The students were taught how to use ICT to enhance their teaching skills to make classroom interaction more meaningful. On second day Dr Anjana Sharad Principal, Prism school of Education graced the program as resource

person to speak on National Education Policy -School Education. The main aim of this lecture was to provide a better understanding of the details of NEP 2020 - School Education. President MECA, Rajam Sudhakaran, Directors, Dr Sajitha Thambi, Sajeev, S Sajjan, Principal, Dr Surekha Vinod Patil appreciated committee members for organising such an impactful lecture series.

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Bhilai, Apr 28: Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena chaired a review meeting of the Health Department and conducted point-wise discussions regarding maternal health. The Collector asked all the nodal officers to take a review meeting with their subordinates to reduce the maternal mortality rate by providing better health facilities in the district. He clearly asked them that all the doctors should work towards reducing the maternal mortality rate in the district. Positive efforts will be made by continuous monitoring and medicine. Acting immediately on

his decision, he ordered the Medical Officer to make the operation theater functional in the Community Health Center of Nikumbh in the month of May. Along with this, he asked the concerned officers of NRC (Nutritional Rehabilitation Center) to coordinate with Women and Child Development, so that severely malnourished children can be made nourished. The Collector asked the concerned officers to contact the specialist doctor so that the citizens of the district can get the best medical advice from the doctors who have made the best contribution in the



field of medicine. In this manner, the citizens of the district can get better medical advice and options through the visiting doctor. In this regard, the medical department will contact Raipur AIIMS or the team of doctors doing excellent work in the field of medicine. At the end of the meeting, the Collector asked the HODs and doctors to give their suggestions for

further strengthening the health management. The doctors apprised the Collector about OT technician, dresser and medical equipment like X-ray machine, blood transfusion filter etc. Psychiatrist Dr Akanksha Dani demanded a guard in her section from the point of view of security because people suffering from mental depression come for treatment in the

psychiatry department. Collector instructed to deploy a home guard in the hospital. Apart from this, the Collector took information about registration of pregnant women, check-up of pregnant women, vaccination and their safe delivery. He reviewed the vaccination programme from birth to complete vaccination of children and discussed in depth about National Health Programs, Malaria, Filariasis, Tuberculosis Control, Leprosy, Cataract etc. District Medical Officer Dr JP Meshram, doctors and nursing staff of the concerned department were present.

Heads of Projects meeting of SAIL concludes



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Bhilai, Apr 28: The two-day Heads of Projects Meet of SAIL organised by Bhilai Steel Plant at Bhilai Niwas concluded on April 26, 2023. Senior Officers of SAIL heading Projects Organisations of integrated steel plants and other units of SAIL had gathered in Bhilai for the meet. SAIL is focussing on implementing several high value projects in the coming years. Various measures to mitigate challenges being faced by SAIL were discussed in detail in the HoPs meeting.

On the second day of the meet, the participants continued to actively engage in productive discussions on various complex issues being faced by SAIL Projects Organisation. During the course of the two-day meet, Heads of Projects from SAIL's integrated steel plants, CET and special steel plants took various initiatives and several important decisions to facilitate finalization and execution of major projects. The meet concluded with the review of all the decisions by Director In-charge, BSP and thereafter

by Director (Technical, Projects and Raw Material) Arvind Kumar Singh, who joined the concluding session from New Delhi through Video Conferencing. HOPs from Corporate Office, all five integrated steel plants of Bhilai Steel Plant, Rourkela Steel Plant, Bokaro Steel Ltd, Durgapur Steel Plant, IISCO Steel Plant, other four special and sister plants from Alloy Steel Plant, VISL, Salem Steel Plant & CFP and Consultant CET (Centre for Engg & Technology) participated in the HoPs Meet.

BSP to organise Summer Sports Coaching Camp from May 10

Bhilai, Apr 28: Like every year, this year also, SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's department of Sports, Cultural & Civic Amenities (SCCA) is organizing a Summer Sports Coaching Camp for school-going children from May 10, 2023 to August 09, 2023. Under the leadership of SR Jakhur, DGM (S,C & CA), sports training will be provided at the Summer Camp 2023 for 22 sports and games in various sports complexes, school halls and playgrounds. These mainly include Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Chess, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Tennis, Judo, Karate, Cycle Polo etc. The Sports Training will be organized at various sports complexes and playgrounds including Bhilai's Jayanti Stadium, ITI-Khursipar, Indoor Stadium Sector-10, Children's Badminton Ground Sector-06, Sports Complex Sector-04, Handball Stadium Sector 04, Sector 01 Ispat Club and BSP Cricket Ground etc.

Jain Muni Prasanna Sagar Maharaj accorded grand welcome

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Bhilai, Apr 28: The sat-sang of Jain Muni Antarmana Acharya Shree 108 Prasanna Sagar Maharaj arrived in Durg which was accorded a grand welcome by MLA Durg (urban) Arun Vora and Durg Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal. The duo met Acharya Shree 108 Prasanna Sagar Maharaj, took blessings and wished



for happiness and prosperity in the city. Arun Vora stated that the people here are fortune that the

Antarmana Acharya has arrived in the city which has created an atmosphere of happiness and prosperity in the whole of Chhattisgarh. A grand welcome was given by the Jain community as well as all the residents of the city. On this occasion, Alderman Rajesh Sharma, Shankar Thakur, Deva Sinha, Sumit Vora, people of the community were present in large numbers.

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SC provides big relief to IAS Anil Tuteja

● Puts stay on any action by ED against him, next hearing in this case on July 13



Raipur, Apr 28: Supreme Court has given big relief to IAS officer from Chhattisgarh Anil Tuteja, as the ED team conducting investigation into money laundering and liquor scam in the state would not be able to arrest him now. In order to save themselves from ED's arrest, both Anil Tuteja and his son Yash Tuteja has knocked at SC's door. After hearing into father's and son's petition in the Supreme Court (SC), the above instructions were given. In the hearing done in Divisional bench of Justice Ehsanuddin Amanullah in SC on Friday, the petitioners held the action being taken by ED as incorrect. In the hearing it was said

that the very action being taken by ED in money laundering act does not have sufficient proof and basis. In the petition it was mentioned that the ED is not giving information as to how the petitioner has generated illegal or disproportionate income and how they have spent it. The advocates of the petitioner said that as per ED's rules, the case is registered only after defining all the points and to which the ED is now adhering to in such cases. Conducting hearing into the matter SC put a stay on taking any

action against Anil Tuteja. Now the next hearing into the case will be held on July 13 and till then ED cannot take any strict action against Anil Tuteja.

In the hearing done on petition by IAS Officer Anil Tuteja and his son Yash Tuteja on Friday, the divisional bench of Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Justice Ehsanuddin Amanullah have put a stay on any type of punishable action against Anil Tuteja.

It is notable here that ED is taking action against the liquor barons, political leaders and IAS officers in the liquor scam and money laundering case in Chhattisgarh. In this context, ED had raided house of Anil Tuteja as well and had sent summons to him for inquiry. If sources are to be believed, then ED team was trying its level best to arrest Anil Tuteja, but they could not succeed.

'KRISHNA'S BAL & RAAS LEELA'



Students performed Krishna's 'Bal and Raas Leela' on occasion of prize distribution function of Ranger and Rovers at MAIC here on Friday.

Shrinivas to replace Sanjay Shukla as PCCF

● On latter's retirement on May 1

Raipur, Apr 28: With PCCF and Chief of Forest

Force Sanjay Shukla (IFS-1987 batch) on 1 May 2023, IFS of 1990 batch- V Shrinivas Rao has been temporary appointed as PCCF and Chief of Forest

Force till further orders. Orders in this regard have been issued from Forest and Climate Change Department of the State Secretariat here on Friday.

Ch'garh abides by the joint protocol with Odisha

● Release of water from storage in summer completely normal, says Ch'garh

Raipur, Apr 28: The Chhattisgarh government said today that the state releases water from its storages every year during this time for industrial use, Nistari, and Rabi / Summer crops as per requirement.

A senior official of the Chhattisgarh's Department of Water Resources has said that Chhattisgarh completely abides by the joint protocol agreed upon between the States of Odisha and Chhattisgarh and there has been no violation to it.

It is unfortunate that the normal release of water in the non-monsoon season by Chhattisgarh has been given a political angle to create prejudice before the water tribunal's second tranche of site visits to Chhattisgarh.

The storage capacity of Odisha Hirakud Reservoir located on the Mahanadi is much more than the storage capacities of all the reser-

voirs in the Mahanadi basin in Chhattisgarh put together. Chhattisgarh benefits from its conservation focused water resource management, where every drop is attempted to be conserved.

It has not only focused on rainwater conservation through its in-stream check dams and barrages, but also embarked upon a large-scale water conservation project through Narwa Garwa Ghurva Badi (NGGB) program of recharging monsoon runoff to the aquifers. On the contrary, Odisha greatly benefits from Chhattisgarh's water conservation measures, as the groundwater releases into the streams and tributaries of Mahanadi eventually reach Odisha. To back its stand, the Chhattisgarh government also presented satellite images. The images taken this year on April 25, 2023 compared with the satellite images on the same dates last year and three years ago show nearly no difference in the Hirakud Reservoir's upper reaches and the flow regime in the Mahanadi.

Congress govt is looting laborers: Mohan Anty

● The poor people of the state are wandering to make labor cards - Mohan Anty



Raipur, Apr 28: Describing Bhupesh government as 'anti-labourer' former Chairman of Karmakar Kalyan Mandal (Construction Workers Welfare Board) Mohan Anty said that nearly 9 lakh eligible labourers out of 18 lakh labourers registered in the state were deprived of the benefits of social security schemes. Congress government in the state deprived 9 lakh poor labourers of their rights, he said while addressing a press conference at BJP's Ekatma Parisar office here today.

In the last 5 years, about 35 lakh labourers had applied for labour cards but only 9 lakh 30 thousand

labourers were issued labour cards, he said, adding that a large number of labourers of the state are still wandering to get labour cards issued.

While labour department has a budget of about Rs 1000 crore for various welfare boards yet but only 25 percent amount is being provided by the Chhattisgarh government in various social security schemes for the labourers, said Mohan Anty.

At present Rs 700 crore

is deposited in the Workers Welfare Board as cess (fund), in which only Rs 22.76 crore has been spent in the social security schemes of the labourers whereas remaining amount is being spent only in advertisement and promotion, he said.

He said that Congress government in the state was not giving the benefits of social security to the labourers through DBT whereas the previous BJP government used

to provide the benefits of the schemes to the labourers through DBT.

Moreover the Congress government stopped various social security schemes such as Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana in which an amount of Rs 20 thousand is given on the marriage of daughters of labourers, he said. So much so that benefits of Chief Minister Bicycle Scheme, Chief Minister Sewing Machine Scheme and Mukhya Mantri Aujar Yojana are not being given to labourers for the last four and a half years, he added.

Labour office has become a den of corruption, he alleged and said that ineligible people were being given the benefits of the schemes on priority on 25 percent commission while eligible people were being deprived of the benefits of the schemes.

Fire breaks out in railway station hotel

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Raipur, Apr 28: Panic gripped people in and around Raipur Railway Station after a massive fire that broke out last night in a private hotel near the station. Fire broke out suddenly at front portion of the Hotel Le-Roi and soon huge flames started appearing. People were immediately evacuated from hotel. Explosion took place after eruption of fire.

According to the information, flames started rising in the Hotel Li-Roi located in the railway station premises at around 2 o'clock on Thursday late night.

Slowly the fire intensified and spread to the front of the hotel. The incident created panic among the people present

inside the hotel. They started coming out. The team of fire brigade was immediately called on the spot. Firefighters who reached the fire under control. No loss of life was reported, however the loss of goods worth lakhs is being feared.

Short circuit is said to be the cause of the fire. According to GRP station in-charge GS Rajput fire brigade was informed immediately after receipt of information about the fire.

The fire was brought under control in a short time with the help of the fire system installed in the hotel.

A large number of passengers were waiting for their trains at the railway station when the incident took place.

Instructions for sending proposals for special assistance scheme



Raipur, Apr 28: Chief Secretary Mr. Amitabh Jain has given instructions to the officials of various departments of the state government to prepare and submit proposals for projects of their departmental schemes under the special assistance scheme for the year 2023-24. The Chief Secretary on Friday took a meeting at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhavan, under the special assistance scheme for capital investment to the states, for various projects under departmental schemes, Public Works Department, Water Resources Department, Home, Tourism, Public Health Engineering, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Development, Energy Officials of Urban Administration, Panchayat and Rural

Development, Transport and Village Industries, NRDA, CSIDC took detailed information regarding the departmental schemes from the officers of other departments and instructed them to send their department's proposals soon, so that the proposals could be sent to the Government of India. In the meeting, Secretary, Finance Department, Mr. Ankit Anand, Secretary, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Mr. D.D. Singh, Director Institutional Finance and Special Secretary Mrs. Sheetal Shashwat Verma, Managing Director Chhattisgarh Industrial Development Corporation Mr. Saransh Mitter and prominent officers of various departments participated.

Meritorious students of Raipur Medical College felicitated

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Raipur, Apr 28: First year, second year and third year merit holders in the last examinations of Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College, Raipur were felicitated at a programme organized in collaboration with "Wolters Kluwer Lippin-Coat".

Presiding over the programme, Medical College Dean Dr Tripti Nagaria congratulated the meritorious students and wished them for a bright future.

This was the first time that meritorious students in the college have been felicitated with presentation of subject-wise books



for their next phase.

The programme was mainly attended by Dr Arvind Neral, Dr Usha Joshi, Dr Sumit Tripathi, Dr Jagruti Agrawal, Dr Nikita Sherwani, Dr Prashant Jaiswal and Akshay Kumar Patil from Wolters Kluwer Lippin-Coat.

Ali Sagar Naqvi, Mohd. Kashif Imam and Varsha Rani Barik from first year, Palak Kejriwal, Rishabh Awasthi and Shraddha Mishra from second year and Anushka Dubey, Divya Chandak and Aarohi Sharma from third year were felicitated.

Annual Prize Distribution and Rover Ranger felicitation ceremony held at MAIC

Raipur, Apr 28: The annual prize distribution program was organised at Maharaja Agrasen International College (MAIC), Raipur. Special award is given to the talented students in various subjects every year. Former Director General of Police, DM Awasthi was the chief guest of the program and Colonel Ravish Chhajed, former chairman Mr. Ramesh Agarwal, chairman Mr. Rajesh Agarwal were present as special guests. The program started with the parade of Rover-Ranger; the chief guests were brought to the auditorium. After welcoming the guests with a bunch of flowers, a program based on 'Krishna's Bal and



Raas Leela' was presented by the students of MAIC College, which enthralled the audience, followed by melodious music by the MAIC band. The welcome dance was also commendable.

Addressing the students, Chief Guest Mr. DM Awasthi said that MAIC is such a college where along with education attention is also given to the ex-

tracurricular activities of the students, as well as NCC, NSS, Rover Ranger which teaches us discipline and leadership ability. Special guest Col. Ravish Chhajed while telling his experiences said that I have always been a part of MAIC. I always get to learn and see enthusiasm, hard work, leadership ability from this college. Mr. Rajesh

Agarwal said that military life is a life of sacrifice. Former Chairman Ramesh Agarwal extended his wishes to all the students. Like every year, this year also the students of commerce and management have made it to the merit list of Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla Vishwavidyalaya. Parul Mittal secured first position and Mihir Chauhan fourth position from Department of Commerce and Rishi Sakar fourth position, Vaibhavi Parakh sixth position and Aditi Agarwal secured seventh position from Management Department brought laurels to the college. Ruchika Kapse and Kriti Agarwal shared their experience of MAIC

College. Class Topper, Current Topper, Class Best, Rover Ranger, Learnvilla, Department Award, Sports Awards were awarded to the students in MAIC during the session 2022-23. Along with this, annual sports awards for teachers were also distributed to the teachers in MAIC. The Best Rover award was given to Animesh Mishra and best Ranger: award to Ayesha Shinam. The program presented was organized by the chairman of the college Mr. Rajesh Agarwal and Principal Dr. MS Mishra, under the guidance of Administrator Mr. Siddharth Sabharwal. The entire MAIC family was present at the event.

35-year-old man successfully cured with Lung Transplant

● At Narayana Health, Bangalore

Raipur, Apr 28: We work to earn and live a healthy and satisfactory life but in certain situations the workplace can expose people to dangerous diseases called occupational disease. Here is a case of a 35-year-old man who suffered from a lung occupational disease. He worked at a stone mining factory for years which exposed him to Silica, a substance naturally found in certain types of stone, rock, sand, and clay. Working with these materials can create a very fine dust that can be easily inhaled. This man was diagnosed with Silicosis, a



long-term lung disease caused by inhaling large amounts of crystalline silica dust, usually over many years. Despite undergoing various treatments, his condition continued to deteriorate, and he was left with no other option but to undergo a lung transplant. Following a rigorous screening process and evaluation, the patient was deemed an ideal candidate for the transplant. The fi-

nancial condition of this young man did not support the treatment options but with a generous help from the Pulmonary team at Narayana Health and government, the patient was able to get the treatment.

The patient was evaluated by Dr Dipesh Maskey, Senior Consultant - Pulmonary medicine. The lung transplant was performed by Dr. Basha Khan at Narayana Health City

Bangalore. The surgery was performed without any complications, and the patient is now recovering well. "We are delighted to have been able to provide the necessary treatment and care to our patient," said Dr. Basha Khan, senior consultant- lung transplant and pulmonary, who led this team. "The successful outcome of this transplant is a testament to our commitment to providing the best care possible to our patients." Lung transplant surgery is a complex and delicate procedure that requires expertise and experience. The team at Narayana Health is renowned for its exceptional skills and expertise in performing such

surgeries. "We are thrilled that we were able to help our patient overcome this debilitating disease and give him a new lease on life," said Mr. Tapani Ghosh, Facility Director, NH MMI Narayana Superspecialty Hospital, Raipur. "This success is a result of our team's hard work, dedication, and commitment to delivering the best possible care to our patients." The patient is expected to make a full recovery and resume his normal activities in due course. The team of Narayana Health wishes him a speedy recovery. Dr Aditi, Heart Transplant Specialist also informed about various aspects of heart transplantation.

ALS organizes one day workshop on 'Family Court'

Raipur, Apr 28: Amity Law School (ALS), Amity University Chhattisgarh in association with District Legal Services Authority Raipur organized a workshop on 'Family Court' today on April 28, 2023.

Chief guest of training programme Hemant Saraf, Principal Judge, Family Court, Raipur while interacting with the law students says "constitution is the supreme authority" we law professional should give justice according to law, our duty is not to interpret the law. Justice Saraf also enlighten the philosophy of Charvaka and its relevance for law and justice. Justice Saraf added 'Maithya' is neither truth nor false, court work on Mithya till there is no evidence against the accuse he/she is neither consider as guilty nor innocent. He also added after the death of human being his/her legacy becomes



wisdom for education. Special guest of the workshop Om Prakash Sahu, Civil Judge (Class I) is his address to law students explain the importance of protecting oneself from cyber-crime and advice students before posting personal details, check who can access your data. He also added effective use of mobile and internet to gain knowledge is essential in the digital age. Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Kant Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, Amity University Chhattisgarh in his address said the significance of family courts

in resolving family disputes, promoting peace and maintaining social harmony in Indian society. Prof. Pandey added this workshop is a best platform for participants to gain insights into the legal framework of Family Courts, the nature of cases that come before them, and the procedures involved in dealing with such cases. In the workshop students and faculty members of Law School were present. Dr. Bodhisatva Acharya, Director, Amity Law School propose the vote of thanks.

CM Baghel impressed by women's contribution to rural livelihoods

Students to get textbooks as soon as the school opens

- During visit to Hanchalpur Gauthan under Bhent-Mulaquat prog.
- Meets WSHGs, encourages them for financial independence



promote livelihoods. Women's self-help groups are running various income-generating activities in the Gauthan. The Gauthan also has a unit for cow dung paint production. The Chanchal Women's Self-Help Group is operating the unit and producing natural cow dung paint. To date, they have produced 1200 liters of natural cow dung paint, of which 300 liters have been sold, generating a revenue of Rs 67,500 for

the group. In addition, the women's group has purchased 730.68 quintals of cow dung for organic manure production. This has resulted in a revenue of Rs 2.72 lakh for the group. The Mahamaya Kisan Abhiruchi Women's Self-Help Group has generated a yield of 35.24 quintals of earthworms during earthworm production at the Hanchalpur Gauthan. This has resulted in a profit of Rs 5,51,000 from the

sale of 21 quintals of earthworms by the group.

In addition to these activities, mushroom cultivation, goat farming, poultry farming, sale of eggs, and fish farming are also being carried out here, which is making women financially stronger.

Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Baghel, inspected the production process of cow dung paint in Hanchalpur Gauthan, paying close attention to its details.

The women members of the group presented a rose flower to the Chief Minister, which he held in his hand while inspecting the Gauthan.

Impressed by the work of the women members, Shri Baghel praised their efforts and emphasized that the empowerment of women in the state will make the state stronger.

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Raipur, Apr 28: The Education Department has started implementing the process of providing free textbooks to all students on behalf of the Chhattisgarh government from June 16, the starting date of the academic session 2023-24. Books from the Depot of Textbook Corporation have been started to be supplied to high schools and educational institutions for distribution to the students of class 1st to 10th of government, recognized and private schools.

Textbooks have been dispatched from Ambikapur, Raigarh and Jagdalpur depots to all the high schools under its jurisdiction. According to the information received from the Education Department, the new education session in the state will start from June 16. As per the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Education Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam, free books and uniforms



are to be distributed ceremonially on the opening day of the academic session itself.

Keeping this in mind, the education department has started sending printed books to district depots and from there to high schools and educational institutions. Out of 4611 high schools of the state, books have been sent to 3802 high schools for distribution to the students. Similarly, books for primary and secondary school students have

reached 1032 out of 5704 complexes in the state.

The process of delivering books to the remaining high schools and clusters is in the final stage, which is expected to be completed in the next one week. Books are also being sent to Swami Atmanand Excellent School as per the demand. So far books have been sent to 82 Atmanand schools. Books have reached 1051 out of 1559 high schools, 303 out of 1715 educa-

tional institutions from Raipur Depot for free textbook distribution. From Bilaspur depot, 670 out of 884 high schools, 503 out of 961 packages and 16 out of 57 Swami Atmanand excellent schools have reached for distribution.

From Jagdalpur depot, 522 out of 523 high schools, 76 out of 874 packages and 54 out of 73 Swami Atmanand excellent schools have reached for distribution. From Ambikapur depot, books have reached all 581 high schools, 52 out of 882 packages and 9 out of 56 Swami Atmanand excellent schools for distribution. Books have been delivered to 428 out of 429 high schools from Raigarh depot, while books are being delivered to 620 educational institutions and 39 Atmanand schools.

Similarly, books have reached 550 high schools, 98 cluster centers from Rajnandgaon depot. The process of delivering books to the remaining high schools and cluster centers is going on.

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 28: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is on a visit to Kurud Assembly Constituency falling under the Dhamtari district as a part of his statewide "Bhent Mulaquat Abhiyan". The visit began with an inspection of the Hanchalpur Gauthan.

A shed worth Rs 71.91 lakhs has been constructed here as a part of the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park scheme to

Educational camp for 'Dharmik Sanskar' begins

- Jointly under aegis of SJSRS

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 28: Sudharm Pariwar under the aegis of Shri Sudharm Jain Sanskriti Rakshak Sangh (SJSRS) inaugurated an education camp on 'Dharmik Sanskar' at Shri Mahavir Bhavan, Nayapara, to be organised till May 7.

President of Sangh Pannalal Srisrimal Secretary Uttam Golcha, Navyuwak Mandal Patron Ajay Jain and President Satish Tatia, Secretary Praveen Malu, Mahila



Mandal President Prabha Malu, Secretary Mridula Golcha urged the children, youth and women to take maximum advantage of the camp and develop good qualities and religious values in their life.

In this camp, children of age starting 5 yrs to persons of upto 100 yrs can take part, including men and women. In this camp for studies help will be given

from helpers from outside and from city as well. Giving above information, one of the camp's beneficiary Ajay Golcha informed that timing for youth will be from 6:30 am to 7:30 am and for children the classes will be from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and for women it will be from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

It is for last 40 yrs, Shri Sudharm Pariwar, Raipur is organising summer-time 'dharmik sankar' educational camp in the memory of their father Late Shri Jasrajji and mother Late Mrs. Prembai Golcha and it is being organised with courtesy Ajay Vaibhav Kumar Golcha and family.

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 28: People for Animals Society Raipur has been providing rescue and treatment facilities for the street dogs of the city for the last 8 years. Many sick dogs are admitted by the organization every day for treatment and care at the shelter home located in Chandkhuri. Today the new dog ambulance of the organization was inaugurated by the collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure.

Secretary People for Animals Society Raipur Kasturi said that unlike the previous 2 ambulances, this ambulance has a mesh partition after the driver's seat, so that 4-5

Collector inaugurates Street Dogs Ambulance



sick dogs can be carried in the vehicle at a time. The ambulance is also equipped with oxygen cylinders, first aid kits, dog catching equipment and GPS trackers for dogs. Dogs are rescued by this

organization from different areas of Raipur for the treatment of diseases and accidents by covering a distance of more than 100 kilometers every day. Every day 18-25 dogs in critical condition are in-

formed by the general public in the helpline of the organization. Seeing the increasing need of ambulances to take them to hospitals and shelters, the organization started Dog Ambulances.

Kasturi says that due to the sterilization campaign in Raipur and the shortcomings of rabies vaccination, dozens of dogs suffering from rabies are rescued every month. Great care has to be taken in their rescue because their saliva can spread rabies to humans and other animals. Dogs suffering from rabies are continuously being rescued by the organization.

After death, the brain sample is being sent to Bangalore's lab for rabies test. The last rites of the dead dog are also being conducted. This ambulance will be active in dog rescue, operation and prevention of rabies infection in Raipur city.

Dancing, singing competition successfully organized

- At Kalinga University as part of G-20 University connect

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Apr 28: The Shaheed Veernarayan Singh Research Chair at Kalinga University hosted a two day University dance and singing competitions as part of G-20 University Connect. At the end of the Program, the top nine contestants in the singing and dancing competition were awarded trophies and certificates.

Out of more than 65 students that competed, 40 students were selected to showcase their talent. The students thrilled the audience in the dance competition by performing traditional dance from several states as well as western dance styles. Students mesmerized the audience throughout the competition as they



sang traditional classical, local and cinematic songs. Shailesh Baghel, a well-known Chhattisgarhi folk singer and musician, and Neha Sao and Vijay Rao, two well-known dancers, were the judges for the contest.

Dr. Shilpi Bhattacharya, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, and Dr. Abhishek Tripathi, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Management, were the judges for the second round of the competition.

Partha Dubey of BALLB II Semester secured the first position in singing competi-

tion and Anka Kumar of B.Pharm II Semester secured the first position in dancing competition. Ayush Sharma, Sania Dewangan, Anvesha Burma, Leena Saha, Swarnim Sahu and Sejal Singh Kashyap were also the winners of the singing competition.

Akash Kumar and Anshika Chakraborty were awarded trophies and certificates for their excellent singing. Amandeep Kaur Bhullar, Naina Chakhiyar, Mitali Jain, Sanjana Pratap, Yuvraj Singh, Isha Singh, Nyasa Tiwari and



Harshprabha Arde, Varsha Gond, Ipshta Marathe and Isha Yadav were too awarded with trophies and certificates for their outstanding dance performances.

While appreciating the cultural event of the University, the Chief Guest present stated that via such competitions, the students get the right platform, and their hidden talent will also shine. This boost their self-confidence and helps them develop their skills.

The program was headed by Shreya Dwivedi, Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism

and Mass Communication, and was carried out by M/JMC students Sulabh Saurabh Rana and Khushboo Shaw. Vibha Chandrakar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Fashion Designing, Abhismita Das, Assistant Professor of the Department of Botany, Dr. Komal Gupta, Assistant Professor of the Department of Commerce and Management and their team were in charge of welcoming guests and handling the prize distribution. Rajkumar Das, Professor, Department of Journalism

and Mass Communication took control of the technical system. Juhli Singh Rajput, Chief Instructor of the Training and Placement Department and Dr. Ajay Shukla, in-charge of the Shaheed Veernarayan Singh Research Chair proposed a vote of thanks and gratitude to the participants, the chief guest and all present professors, students and teachers.

Jasmine Joshi, Dean of Student Welfare, Dr. Shilpi Bhattacharya, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Dr. Vijay Anand, Chief Proctor, Dr. Harsha Patil, Head of Research Department, Dr. Smita Premanand, Department of Fashion Designing Head of the Department, Dr. Shailesh Deshmukh, Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering, Manish Singh, Administration Manager, professors, employees and students of the University were present for the program.

Blind children provided with eye aid



Central Chronicle News

Bagbaha, Apr 28: The initiative of a social worker family has paved the way to provide rays of light to 23 children of Fortune Blind School, Kalyanpur, by providing them with glasses for their eye disorders. After wearing the glasses for the first time, the children could clearly see themselves and their surroundings, and the sound of the master under whose guidance they are taught.

The social workers of Raipur, Bhanwar Lal Pagaria's sons viz. Ashok Kumar, Yogesh Kumar and Mahesh Kumar did this help with the initiative and

support of Aurobindo Netra Hospital. The children who were provided with spectacles had problems with light stinging in the eyes (alvi mizism), problems with the retina of the eyes (fundus colo boma), lazy eyes (amblyopia), movement of the eyes (mistimes).

Ashok Pagaria of the Pagaria family who came with the medical team said that they have special attachment to the service of going to various schools for the blind and identifying the victims of eye disorders and providing them with the treatment that is possible so that the affected can live their lives easily.

Tributes paid to the martyred soldiers

- Citizens burn effigy of Naxalites

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, Apr 28: In protest against the Naxalite violence in Dantewada district, the citizens of Jagdalpur paid floral tributes to the martyred soldiers at Jaistambh Chowk and observed silence for two minutes as mark of respect. After this, effigies of Naxalites were burnt in Gol Bazar Chowk while raising slogans against Naxalites and 'Long Live Martyred Jawans'.

Senior citizens, youth, business class, officers, employees all participated in this protest and strongly opposed the cowardly act of Naxalites. Anand Mohan Mishra said that the citizens of the city have demanded that the



government, taking this incident seriously, should arrest the white-collars who threw Bastar into the fire of Naxalism and wipe out Naxalism. During this Santosh Kumar Jain, Dashrath Kashyap, Kishore Parakh, Sampat Jha, Anand Mohan Mishra, Yogendra Kaushik, Arun Netam, Vedant Dixit, Rajkumar Dandwani, Dinesh Saraf, Manish Mulchandani, Naveen Mulchandani, Narayan Dewangan,

BALCO contributes to a sustainable future on Earth Day

Central Chronicle News

Balconagar, Apr 28: On the occasion of Earth Day, Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer and a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium, undertook several initiatives to promote sustainable practices and encourage employees, business partners and community members to do their bit towards conserving the planet.

The company is observing the week of 22nd April to 29th April as a 'Paperless Week', encouraging its teams and business partners to utilize digital mediums for their tasks.

Previously, BALCO has also taken steps to minimize the usage of single-use plastic inside the

plant, including through zero-plastic company events, and is rapidly moving towards becoming completely single-use plastic-free.

The company also encouraged its employees to bring their own coffee mugs to the workplace, towards reducing the usage of paper cups, which are not reusable. Sessions on waste segregation at source were also organized for employees, business partners, and family members.

At BALCO, the composite waste collected from the township is used to make organic compost, which is also made available for sale and is widely utilized by the resident



families in their home gardens.

Apart from these initiatives, BALCO also celebrated Earth Day with community members in Bhatgaon near BALCO. More than 40 women participated in the event, which was organized in partnership with officials from the State Forest Department.

The women were informed about the importance of safeguarding the environment and planting more trees, with the officials highlighting how people could avail of the Mukhya Mantri Vriksh Sampada Yojna Scheme to enhance greenery within their community.

The event concluded with plantation activities

in Bhatgaon Government School and the distribution of saplings among the women.

Additionally, eco-friendly earthen pots were placed across several locations for birds and animals to help beat the scorching heat.

Speaking on Earth Day, Rajesh Kumar, CEO & Director, BALCO said, "BALCO is committed to promoting sustainable practices and safeguarding the environment.

Earth Day is an important occasion for us to come together and take concrete steps towards sustainable practices and nurturing the environment. Our commitment to safeguarding the environ-

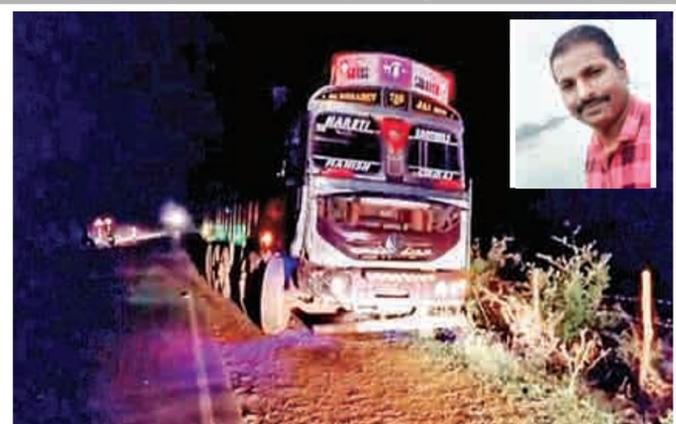
ment is embedded in our vision, corporate objectives, production processes, and the way we conduct our business."

Aligned with its vision of 'Zero Harm, Zero Waste, and Zero Discharge' BALCO has planted approximately 1.2 lakh saplings in FY23 alone in the vicinity of its operations. The company is also exploring greener options for diversifying its energy sources.

In recognition of its efforts towards environmental conservation, BALCO has been awarded industry recognitions such as 'Sustainable Factory of the Year' by Frost and Sullivan, 'GreenCo Silver' in the CII Green Company Rating System, and others in the recent years.

Three of family die, three others injured

As the car hits a buffalo and rammed by speeding truck from opposite direction



Central Chronicle News
Balod, Apr 28: Three from a family died in a major road accident in Balod district and three

others are reported to be seriously injured. The incident is of Doundilohara Thana on intervening night of Thursday-Friday.

As per information in this regard, the incident took place on main road from Doundilohara to Dalli-Rajhara near Gram Sahgaon. Last night

there were strong wind accompanied with rains and the car brought by the owner was new. It is learnt that it first dashed a buffalo and then got

hit with a truck coming from opposite direction.

Car purchased a day earlier

It is notable here that all the passengers in the car who got injured and died are from Gram Gidhali. The car coming from Lohara dashed against a buffalo and then came in front of the truck coming from opposite direction.

In this Gidhali Gram resident Champa Sahu had purchased this Swift Deziere car a day earlier and was going to Dongargarh the next day along with family to pay obeisance to Maa Bamleshwari in Dongargarh. It was while returning from Dongargarh that this incident took place.

Rijhau Sahu handed over tricycle



Simga, Apr 28: One Rijhau Sahu, S/o Ganpat Sahu, R/o Darchura, R/o Janpad Panchayat Simga, was handed over a tricycle on behalf of the Social Welfare Department here on Friday. On this occasion Janpad Panchayat Simga's Sewaram Gendare, Development Expansion Officer Kausal Kumar Patel, Accountant Rajrani Tiwari, Asst. Grade-2 officer Om Prakash Sahu, Operator Rohit Ghurav, Ramsarop peon, Janpad Panchayat officers of Simga were also present.

'Angana ma Shiksha 3.0' observed in District

Bemetara, Apr 28: In all the 743 primary schools in District Bemetara, 'Angana ma Shiksha 3.0' was observed as 'Padhai Tihar'. Actually 'Angana ma Shiksha 3.0' is mother's orientation programme and for this Active Mother Community (AMC) was formed in each Primary School. These mothers would try to use the available resources at home to teach and motivate their children in the age-group of 5-6 yrs. In the last two years the way 'Angana ma Shiksha Mela' was organised, in the same way by forming 9 counters children in the age-group of 5-6 were examined in the 'Mela'. For successful implementation of the programme, as per instructions by DEO Bemetara, the District Mission co-ordinator Beemtara, Asst. Project Co-ordinator Bemetara, Angana ma Shiksha District Nodal, all the BEO of the district and all the block sources co-ordinators and concerned Sankul educational co-ordinators conducted regular inspection of all the Primary Schools.

Bonded labour returns home safely

Due to consistent efforts of para-legal volunteer DLSA

Central Chronicle News

Kawardha, Apr 28: As per instructions by SC and NLSA and SLSA, the District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) District Court has appointed para-legal volunteers in all the thanas. The para-legal volunteers are creating awareness about legal services and legal rights to needy persons and its effect is now becoming visible.

It was under direction of District Judge and President DLSA Neeta Yadav and as per instructions by Secretary DLSA Amit Pratap Chandra, para-legal volunteer Chandrakant Yadav working in Thana Taregaon Jungle organised awareness camps on legal literacy in villages. In the above camps, various schemes of



NLSA are being promoted and during which the victimised family informed that their younger son without informing anyone in the family left for labour work with friends of neighbouring village to Juice Factory in Chittur (Tirupati Balaji) in TN. The family members wanted to bring him back, but under pressure of the contractor they are unable to bring him back. On this Chandrakant got the family members in touch with

Thana Taregaon and on which as per instructions by SP Dr Lal Umed Singh and Addl. SP Manisha Thakur, TI Thana Taregaon SI Yuvraj Sahu took prompt action and started the procedure to provide relief to the family. The TI gave proper explanation to the contractor over telephone and the persons taking away the boy as labourer and it was based upon regular efforts of Para-legal volunteer that the bonded labourer was sent back to

his home in Taregaon. TI Taregaon SI Yuvraj Sahu, para-legal volunteer DLSA Chanrakant Yadav and all thana staff made significant contribution in safe return of the boy from Chittur.

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Results of Saraswati Shishu Mandir cent percent



4th - Toshan Deshmukh came first; Vashu Yadav second; Lishu Sinha third. In Class 5th- Uma Goswami came first; Aditya Verma second and Hemant Thakre third. All the above students received 'A' place. The Principal of School Asharam Patel and all other teachers have wished for bright future of all the students.

Central Chronicle News

Dongargarh, Apr 28: The results of final exam for academic year 2022-23 in Saraswati Shishu Mandir of Gram Nagtarai have been declared in chief presence of chief guest Sarpanch Kshatriya Verma, organiser Shala Prabandhan Samiti Purnan Patel and President Makhan Patel, and the parents of the students.

In Class - Uday - Sanskar Dhurve came first; Himanshi Sinha second; Chitranshi Patel third; InClass-Uday - Shailesh Patel came first; Nitsh Chadne second and Chaitanya Verma third. In Class first- Kausal Patel came first; Dimple Patel second; Hulshi Kausal third In Class-2nd- Durga Kunjam came first; Yash Goswami second; Yogita Sahu third; in Class-3rd- Gokul Laoute came first; Himanshu Patel second; Saurabh Patel third; in Class

Woman dies as stone fell on her head

Kawardha, Apr 28: A aged woman while working under MNREGA in Gram Barkohi dependent upon Gram Panchayat Dongaitola under Bhoramdev Thana Kawardha district hq's died when a stone fell on her head. She suffered injuries in her head and legs and was taken in serious condition in 112 to District Hospital, but she died mid-way. The family members of the woman charged the Sarpanch and Sachiv of the village for showing carelessness in getting these works done and demanded necessary compensation for it. Bhoramdev police is investigating into the case. SP Dr Lal Umed informed that a woman while working under Rojgar Guarantee Yojana in Gram Barkohi suffered injuries when a big stone fell on her and when taken to district hospital in 112 she died mid-way.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property) [See rule 8 (1)]

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the STATE BANK OF INDIA 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 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice date as below mentioned date calling upon the Borrower(s) & Guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and Interest thereon within 60 days from date of the receipt of the said notice.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) & Address	Demand Notice Dt. / Possession Notice Dt.	Outstanding Amount	Description of the Immovable Property
1.	Borrowers- 1) Shri Omprakash S/o Shri Chihaganlal Tamrakar, 2) Miss Pooja D/o Shri Chihaganlal Tamrakar, 3) Shri Mukesh S/o Shri Chihaganlal Tamrakar Near Dehangan Bhawan, Ward No.07, Gandhi Chowk, Village Post Tahsil Deokar, District -Bemetara (CG)-491335	(1) 02.01.2023 (2) 25.04.2023	Rs. 3267232.84 + Interest & other Charges from 02.01.2023	Residential Plot and construction thereon bearing Kharsa No. 1389/2, area- 2180 Sqft (0.02 Hect) located at Nagar Panchayat Area Deokar, Ward No.02, PC No. 28, RIC- Deokar, Tahsil- Deokar and District- Bemetara (CG). Boundaries- North- Deokar to Khapi Dongariya Road, South- Plot of Rahi Bai, East- Plot of Sandhya, West- Land of Santu. The property acquired by Shri Omprakash Tamrakar vide registered sale deed registered at sub registrar office Saja vide Book No.A-1, Volume No.1870, Page No. 08 to 14, S.No.827 dated 18.07.2017, executed between the Vendor Omprakash Tamrakar and the Vendor Hemlata w/o Sunil Kumar.

Date: 29.04.2023, Place: Saja

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S. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) (Name of the Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1.	(App No. 00330721 / Raipur Branch) Sangaeta Burman (Borrower) Ramayana Barman (Co-Borrower) Sagar Kumar Chauhan (Guarantor)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing L.I.G. 119, C.G.H.B Deendayal Awasi Yojna, Ward No.22, Housing Board Colony Charoda, Bhalai, Durg, Chhattisgarh- 490021	11-06-2021 for ₹ 8,56,144/-	28-04-2023

Place : Raipur Date : 29.04.2023

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न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर

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कमांक / 211/ब-121 / 2022-23/335 रायपुर, दिनांक 13 अप्रैल, 2023

- श्री यशवंत मेधायक मोहन लाल
- श्रीमती तुलसी बाई मेधायक वरवर्त निवासी - मिलन चौक बाई नं. 09 ग्राम खट्टी प्रसाद तहसील अमनपुर जिला रायपुर

आवेदक प्राधिकृत अधिकारी इविक्टस स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड शाखा कार्यालय पंडरी रायपुर की ओर से अविनाश कुमार अधिकृत न आवेदन पत्र/ संपत्तिगत मय दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत कर आवेदन पत्र से आपकी कंपनी ने 5,95,000.00 रुपये का ऋण दिया था, और श्रीमती तुलसी बाई मेधायक के स्वामित्व की अचल संपत्ति कंपनी के पक्ष में बंधक रखी गयी है। आपके द्वारा ऋण की अदायगी नहीं की जा रही है। जिसके कारण कंपनी ने आपके अधिनियम की धारा 13 के तहत नोटिस जारी किया गया कि आप ऋण की अदायगी मय ब्याज एवं अन्य शुल्क रुपया 6,78,848.00 अदा करें, अन्यथा बंधक रखी गयी संपत्ति कंपनी अपने हक में प्राप्ति कर लेगी कि जानकारी दी जाकर कंपनी के पक्ष में आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में बंधक रखी संपत्ति का कब्जा हिलाये जाने का निवेदन किया है।

2. आपने प्राधिकृत अधिकारी इविक्टस स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड शाखा कार्यालय पंडरी रायपुर से 5,95,000.00 रुपये का ऋण प्राप्त कर मोजा खर्च प.ह.नं. 07 तहसील अमनपुर जिला रायपुर स्थित ख.नं. 796/1 का मांग रकबा 6458 वर्गफुट कंपनी के पक्ष में बंधक रखा है।

3. अतः आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में उपरोक्त बंधक रखी गयी अचल संपत्ति को वित्तीय आसिस्टों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्वहन और प्रतिभूति हित वर्तन अधिनियम 2002 की धारा 14 में प्रदत्त शर्तों का प्रयोग करते हुये कर्मी न आधिकार्य में लेने की कार्यवाही की जाये। आप स्वयं अपना अपने नियुक्त अधिष्ठाता के माध्यम से ऋण से संबंधित एवं बंधक रखी गयी संपत्ति से संबंधित दस्तावेज लेकर पत्र प्रस्तुत करने हेतु उक्त न्यायालय में पेशी दिनांक 29.05.2023 को ठीक 3.00 बजे उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। निम्न लिखित नं. उपस्थित नहीं होने की दशा में आपके विरुद्ध एक पक्षीय कार्यवाही की जाकर प्रकरण में निर्णय ले लिया जावेगा।

आज दिनांक 13 अप्रैल, 2023 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय की मुहर से जारी किया गया।

कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी जिला रायपुर

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Dhantari Branch : 2nd Floor, State Highway, Gunderdehi Road, Opposite Rest House, Dhantari - 493773 (Chhattisgarh)

Authorised Officer : Ashwin Sharma, Mob.- 7697112220

Bhalai Branch : Hall No.- 1, 2nd Floor, Crescent Plaza, Gurudwara Road, Opp. Utsav Palace, Durg - 491001 (C.G.)

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PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the property ("The Secured Asset") given below The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

Loan Code No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Total Outstanding Loan Amount as on date (31-03-2023)	Description of the Secured Asset
(Loan Code No. 0080002417/ Raipur Branch)	Smriti Shrivastava (Borrower), Abhishek Shrivastava (Co-Borrower)	11-11-2022 ₹ 10,25,419/-	₹ 6,10,000/-	₹ 9,68,585/- (Nine Lacs Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five Only)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, Ph No 14 Kh No 5186 18 Ward No 10 Shantinagar Colony Bhalai, Durg, Chhattisgarh, 490023. Boundaries - East : Land Of Tiwari, West : Road, North Remaining Land Of Seller, South : Road
(Loan Code No. 0300000209/ Bhalai Branch)	Pratima Yadav (Borrower), Shashi Yadav (Co-Borrower)	16-11-2022 ₹ 3,88,137/-	₹ 2,50,000/-	₹ 3,47,484/- (Three Lacs Forty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Four Only)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, K H No 1003 3 Part Plot No Mauja Kurud Ward No 14 P H No 14 19 K H No 1003 3 Part Plot No 19 Bhalai Dist. Durg, Chhattisgarh, 490001. Boundaries - East : Kh No - 1000 Sqft, West : Road, North : Land Of Seller, South : Land Of Seller
(Loan Code No. 0300000674/ Bhalai Branch)	Bhupendra Ram (Borrower) Muni Devi (Co-Borrower) Laxmi Kanta (Guarantor)	24-08-2022 ₹ 12,51,780/-	₹ 8,00,000/-	₹ 12,10,775/- (Twelve Lacs Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Only)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, House No Ch.373 Dhancha Bhawan Kurud Housing Board Bhalai Tah. Dist. Durg, Chhattisgarh, 490023. Boundaries - East : Road, West : C.H. 374, North : C.H. 372, South : C.H
(Appi. No. 00030376/ Bhalai Branch)	Kapura Mahanand (Borrower), Sonamidhi Mahanand, Dinesh Mahanand (Co-Borrower)	08-08-2021 ₹ 7,35,127/-	₹ 5,00,000/-	₹ 7,78,118/- (Seven Lacs Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Only)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, H. No. L I G- 386, Jumanwani Bhalai , Durg, Durg, Chhattisgarh-491001. Boundaries - East : Open Space , West : Road, North : H. No. 376, South : H. No. 388
(Loan Code No. 0090001641/ Raipur Branch)	Ritu Raj Sahu (Borrower) Rahul Sahu (Co-Borrower) Durga Prasad Sahu (Guarantor)	21-07-2022 ₹ 2,49,978/-	₹ 2,00,000/-	₹ 2,03,123/- (Two Lacs Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three Only)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, House No 229 Atal Awasi Kh No 483 Ph No 130 20 Tehsil Abhanpur, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, 493661. Boundaries - East : H. No. 230, West : H. No. 228, North : Road, South : H. No. 218
(Appi. No. 00108728/ Dhantari Branch)	Siktar Singh (Borrower) Malkit Singh (Co-Borrower)	18-04-2019 ₹ 14,66,787/-	₹ 6,50,000/-	₹ 9,18,281/- (Nine Lacs Eighteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty One Only)	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, Plot No.31,34 & 35 Kh No 947/1625, Ph No 14/19 Kurud Thsil & Dist-Durg, Chhattisgarh-490024. Boundaries - East : 25 Feet Road, West : 15 Feet Road, North : Plot Nos. 32 & 33, South : Plot Nos. 36 & 30
(Appi. No. 00019690/ Bhalai Branch)	Udiya Kaser (Borrower), Parmeswar Kaser (Co-Borrower) Rakesh Kaser (Guarantor)	16-04-2021 ₹ 7,49,163/-	₹ 7,25,000/-	₹ 7,06,916/- (Seven Lacs Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Only)	All that part & parcel of the property Bearing, Plot No. 29, Kh. No. 1291 (P) Ph. No. 78 Shankar Nagar, Durg, Chhattisgarh - 491001. Boundaries: East : House of Durga Prasad, West : House of Rajesh Kaser, North : House of Bihari, South : Road

The Authorised officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on 'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly.

This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.

If the Borrower(s), Co-borrower(s) has any buyer who is ready to purchase the mortgage property/secured asset at price above the given reserve price of then Borrower(s), Co-borrower(s) must intimate to AHFL on or before 15-05-2023, AHFL shall give preference to him. If Borrower(s), co-borrower(s) fails to intimate on or before 15-05-2023 the AHFL will proceed sale of property at above given reserve price.

The Date of Auction is fixed for 15-05-2023.

Place : Chhattisgarh, Date : 29-04-2023

(Authorised Officer) For Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

BRIEF



A Gujjar community member with a herd of sheep near Jammu-Kashmir national highway, at Sanasar about 135km from Jammu, Friday.

Tempo collision

■ Jaipur: Three people died and one more was injured in a collision between a tempo van and a bus in Rajasthan's Bikaner district, police said on Friday. The accident occurred late Thursday night on the Nokha-Nagar bypass road near Charkada village, Nokha SHO Ishwar Prasad Jangid said. The tempo van, loaded with plastic pipes, was coming from Charkada when it crashed into the private bus travelling in the opposite direction, he added. The deceased were identified as Laxmanram (35), tempo driver Mukesh (37) and Mahendra Swam. The injured person was admitted to a hospital in Nokha from where he was referred to Bikaner, Jangid said.

LS polls

■ Guwahati: Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) president Atul Bora Friday said that the party, which is an ally of the BJP-led coalition government in Assam, has started preparations for next year's Lok Sabha election. Bora, a state cabinet minister, said the party is working on strengthening its organizational base by holding Lok Sabha-wise workers' meet. "No decision has been taken yet on how many seats the party will seek to contest in the general election due next year. But we are confident that we will get our representatives in the Lok Sabha," Bora said on the sidelines of an AGP workers' meet here. "We already had the party workers' meet in four Lok Sabha constituency areas and this is the fifth one at Guwahati. We will also have such meets in every assembly constituency-wise soon... We have to strengthen our base to ensure that our candidates win and also so that we can help our allies win where AGP does not field its nominee," he added.

Lightning strike

■ Jalaun (UP): A farmer died while two others were seriously injured in a lightning strike in Chhani Ahir village of the Sirsa Police Station area here on Friday. Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Jalaun Suresh Kumar said lightning struck Vijay Dohre (45) while he was working in a field leading to his death. Two other farmers named Surendra Singh and Devendra Singh working nearby were injured due to the lightning. They have been admitted to the Community Health Centre. Officials rushed to the village on information, he said, adding that the victims will be provided compensation as per the rules.

Gehlot slams Union minister Shekhawat for calling him 'Ravan'

Jaipur, Apr 28 (PTI)

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot hit back at Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Friday for calling him "Ravan". Referring to Shekhawat's alleged involvement in the Sanjeevani Credit Co-operative Society scam, Gehlot said, "If I am Ravan, you become Ram and return the investors' money." He further challenged the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, saying, "If you throw stones at me, I will use those to build houses for the poor." Addressing a gathering after visiting an inflation relief camp in Rawatsar town of Hanumangarh, Gehlot said Shekhawat's friends are in jail in connection with the scam and the Union minister is also likely to go to prison.

He said if Shekhawat is guilty, either he should resign on moral grounds or Prime Minister Narendra Modi should sack him. At the BJP's Jan Aakrosh rally in Chittorgarh on Thursday, Shekhawat said, "If you want to end (the rule of) Ashok Gehlot, this Ravan of politics in Rajasthan, raise your hands and resolve to establish Ram Rajya in the state." Reacting to these remarks, Gehlot on Friday said, "Nowadays, Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and other BJP leaders have started abusing me. Am I Ravan? You (Shekhawat) looted 2.5 lakh people in the Sanjeevani Society and they got ruined. Your friends are in jail. You can also go to jail anytime." The Jodhpur bench of the Rajasthan High Court stayed Shekhawat's arrest in connection with the

scam recently. The Union minister has filed a criminal defamation case against Gehlot in a Delhi court for remarks linking him with the scam. Referring to the high court's stay on Shekhawat's arrest, Gehlot said, "He has taken a stay from the high court. He used to say that I am not an accused at all.... If you are not an accused, why did you go to the court? Why did you get bail?" The chief minister further said, "You can get bail. You are an accused. You are a central minister; so either resign on the basis of morality or Prime Minister Modi should sack you. Why have you kept such a corrupt person in your cabinet?" Gehlot said, "He (Shekhawat) says Ashok Gehlot is Ravan.... Okay, I

am Ravan, but you become Ram. Pay the money of these 2.5 lakh people." He accused Shekhawat of robbing people and buying farmhouses in other countries and said he should return the money of those poor people by selling all the properties of the Sanjeevani Society and those in his possession. The victims of the Sanjeevani scam met the chief minister several times. Referring to this, Gehlot said, "These people met me thrice. Tears welled up in my eyes. Now, those associated with the BJP are abusing me. My job is to serve." "If you throw stones at me, I will use those to build houses for the poor. That is my thinking. I will get hospitals built. It is not my thinking that one cannot criticise and if one does, he will go to jail," the Congress leader said.

'Women govt staff to get two hours' permission to do pujas before arriving in office on Fridays'

Puducherry April 28 (PTI)

Lt Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan has announced that women staff in government departments would get two hours' special permission to come to office on Fridays at 10.45 AM instead of 8.45 AM after performing 'pujas' at homes. A release from the office of the Lt Governor said on

Friday that women staff would be granted the special permission to enable them to do 'pujas' at homes. The release said that women government employees can avail of this facility on three Fridays a month. However, women workers attached to essential services such as police, educational institutions and hospitals would not be

granted the permission, and they should turn up as usual. Where an office is exclusively manned by women staff, they would be granted the permission on a rotational basis. Chief Minister N Rangasamy told reporters on Thursday, "Women staff would be granted the permission to come to office two hours after com-

mencement of office time enabling them to do 'pujas' at home, without racing against time. This is practically helpful for women workers." The Department of Personnel and Administrative Affairs had sought permission of the Lt Governor to implement the scheme and it was given a green signal, official sources said.

Several Cong stalwarts feel 'suffocated'

Shimla, Apr 28 (PTI)

Ahead of the May 2 Shimla Municipal Corporation polls, former Assembly speaker and opposition BJP leader Vipin Parmar on Friday claimed several Congress stalwarts were feeling "suffocated" in the ruling party. Parmar, however, refused to elaborate any further. When asked how many Congress MLAs are in touch with the BJP, he said it would be disclosed at an appropriate time. Addressing a press conference here, Parmar also asserted that the BJP will not only win the Shimla Municipal Corporation (SMC) elections next week but also return to power in the state later by defeating the Congress in the assembly elections.

"The Congress has failed to implement its 10 guarantees announced during the assembly polls and some Congress stalwarts are saying they feel suffocated," he told media persons. Asserting that the Congress controlled the SMC for most of the time but the desired development of the "Queen of Hills" did not take place, Parmar claimed the Shimla Smart City project and the water supply and other schemes were also gifts of the BJP's Jai Ram Thakur government. The Congress had promised to give five lakh jobs but it has dispensed with the services of the employees who served during the Coronavirus pandemic, the BJP leader alleged.

'Janardhana Reddy's party won't affect BJP's chances'

Ballari, (KTK) Apr 27 (PTI):

Karnataka Transport Minister B Sriramulu on Friday said the Kalyana Raja Pragati Paksha (KRPP) party launched by his long-time friend and mining baron Gali Janardhana Reddy would not affect the BJP's prospects in the ensuing Assembly elections in the state. Sriramulu, who is an influential Valmiki leader and the Ballari in-charge minister, exuded confidence that the saffron party would win more than 30 seats in the Kalyana Karnataka region. Kalyana Karnataka region has 41 Assembly constituencies. The region comprises of seven districts — Kalaburagi, Bidar, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Ballari and Vijayanagara districts. Sriramulu said the BJP would win all 10 Assembly

seats in Ballari and Vijayanagara districts. Ballari is Janardhana Reddy's political backyard. A former BJP minister, Janardhana Reddy has been barred by the apex court from entering Ballari in Karnataka as well as Anantapur and YSR Kadapa districts in Andhra Pradesh, in connection with an illegal mining case. Janardhana Reddy then severed ties with the BJP and floated a new party KRPP. Ballari was under his political grip, and the announcement of a new political outfit is by-and-large seen as an attempt by him to reassert his political credentials. When asked about the possible electoral impact of Janardhana Reddy's new party eating into BJP votes, Sriramulu told PTI here: "Janardhana Reddy avaru has floated his own party. But BJP has been

JATR MAHOTSAVA



Devotees pull a tractor with hooks pierced in their back during Karu Maramma Jat Mahotsava, in Chikmagalur, Karnataka, Friday.

Delhi HC asks jail authorities to give hearing to Suresh on punishment tickets

New Delhi, Apr 28 (PTI)

The Delhi High Court on Friday asked Mandoli jail authorities to give a hearing to alleged conman Suresh Chandrashekhar, arrested in connection with several fraud cases, on the punishment ticket issued to him depriving him of canteen facility for 15 days. Regarding the second punishment awarded to Chandrashekhar relating to stoppage of mulaqat/phone call facility, the counsel for the Delhi government said a post-facto hearing will be given to the accused after which a fresh decision will be taken in accordance with the law. "Without going into the issue of minor and major punishment and particularly in view of the fact that the matter is pending before the Supreme Court,

let a post facto hearing be given for punishment no. 1 (stoppage of canteen facility)," Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma said and disposed of the petition. Chandrashekhar, in his plea, said the punishment tickets will come into effect from May 1 and will be valid till May 15 and the superintendent of Mandoli jail has approved it. The plea said prisoners get to communicate with their family members and their loved ones through mulaqat and phone-calling facility and Chandrashekhar was able to communicate with his ailing mother only through phone-call facility as she was not allowed to travel due to various health issues. "If the order is executed, it will deprive the petitioner from availing these basic and important facilities and will cause great prejudice to him," the petition said. The counsel for the Delhi government submitted that there is a difference between minor and major punishments in the Delhi Prison Rules and the punishments awarded to Chandrashekhar were minor as they were for a period of less than 30 days in which there was no obligation to give a show-cause notice. As the judge said, "In a way you admit you have not served him show-cause notice," the state counsel replied "yes". The state counsel also informed the court that Chandrashekhar has filed a plea in the Supreme Court, seeking transfer from Mandoli jail and it involves the issue of punishment of stoppage of canteen facilities awarded to him.

'Will not proceed with refinery project at Barsu without locals' consent'

Mumbai, Apr 28 (PTI)

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Friday said the proposed refinery project at Barsu village in Ratnagiri district will not be implemented without the local people's consent, and appealed for calm in the area. The situation in the village, where protesters who are opposing the refinery have gathered, was peaceful, he claimed while speaking to reporters here. Earlier in the day, police used tear gas in Barsu and Solgaon villages in Rajapur tehsil to disperse the protesters and detained Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Vinayak Raut. Shinde said he spoke to Ratnagiri collector and superintendent of police as well as district guardian minister Uday Samant, and the collector told him that there was no lathi (baton)

charge at the site. "A former chief minister himself had suggested the Barsu site to the Union government. After losing the CM's post, he is opposing the project. One can not have such double standards," he said, apparently referring to Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray whose party is backing the section of villagers opposing the refinery. "We are a people's government and we are not against them. We will not proceed without the local people's consent," the chief minister added. Shinde also claimed that more than 70 percent of locals support the project as it will generate employment. "We will explain the benefits of the project to the remaining 30 percent who are opposing it," he said, adding that there should be no politics in the issue.

DENGUE AWARENESS



Chhau dancers of Purulia participate in a rally to raise awareness regarding dengue, in Kolkata, Friday.

Soren launches Jharkhand's first air ambulance service

Ranchi, Apr 28 (PTI)

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Friday launched the state's first air ambulance service from Ranchi to other parts of the country. Soren flagged-off the service for which an aircraft of the Redbird Airways has been taken on lease, an official of the state civil aviation depart-

ment said. The service will be provided at rates between Rs 3-8 lakh for places such as Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Varanasi, Lucknow and Tirupati. Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said, "The service is an effort to provide timely better treatment to seriously ill people. The state gov-

ernment is also contemplating to extend the service to those who are unable to afford the fares." The state civil aviation department has set up a cell for the air ambulance service which can be availed through phone calls and emails. "The cell has received more than 250 calls enquiring about the service," he said.

AAP looking for honest people to contest Mizoram state polls

Aizawl, Apr 28 (PTI)

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is making efforts to contest all 40 seats in the Mizoram assembly polls and is on the lookout for good and honest people for the purpose, a senior party leader said on Friday. Elections to the 40-member Mizoram assembly are due in the later part of this

year. "We are on the hunt for good people, who do not have records of crime and corruption, as party candidates for the next assembly polls. We invite upright people, who could be fielded by the party, to contest all the 40 assembly seats," AAP leader in charge of Northeast, Rajesh Sharma, told a press conference here.

The Arvind Kejriwal-led party, which is over ten years old, was officially granted the status of a national party by the Election Commission early this month. The AAP is currently in power in Delhi and Punjab. Sharma said the party will focus on corruption-free governance if elected to power.

BBC chairman resigns over UK ex-PM Boris Johnson loan inquiry

London, Apr 28 (PTI):

BBC chairman Richard Sharp resigned on Friday after a report into whether he failed to properly disclose his involvement in the facilitation of a loan to former British prime minister Boris Johnson was published.

The 67-year-old former banker, who has been the chairman of the UK taxpayer-funded licence fee-funded British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), said the investigation found he had breached the governance code for public appointments. The independent review, led by barrister Adam Heppinstall, looked



at Sharp's appointment and his involvement in facilitating an 800,000-pound loan to Johnson.

"Mr Heppinstall's view is that while I did breach the governance code for public appointments, he states that a breach does not necessarily invalidate an

appointment," Sharp said in a statement.

"Indeed, I have always maintained the breach was inadvertent and not material, which the facts he lays out substantiate. Nevertheless, I have decided that it is right to prioritise the interests of the BBC. I feel that this matter may well be a distraction from the Corporation's good work were I to remain in post until the end of my term. I have therefore this morning resigned as BBC Chair to the Secretary of State, and to the Board," he said. "To chair this incredible organisation has been an honour," he added. Heppinstall was appointed by the UK's Commissioner

of Public Appointments to investigate claims which appeared in The Sunday Times' newspaper.

Sharp said the report finds he did not play "any part whatsoever in the facilitation, arrangement, or financing of a loan for the former Prime Minister".

But he said with hindsight he should have disclosed his role in setting up a meeting between UK Cabinet Secretary Simon Case and Sam Blyth a businessman who was offering the then Prime Minister financial help to the appointments panel during the scrutiny process ahead of him taking up the senior role at the 100-year-old public broadcaster.

HONORING FALLEN HEROES



French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna, accompanied by Armenian Security Council Secretary Armen Grigoryan, visits the Yerablur Military Memorial Cemetery in Yerevan on April 28.

Indian diaspora, US Congress played 'pioneering role' in boosting bilateral ties: Sandhu

Washington, Apr 28 (PTI):

The Indian diaspora and the US Congress have played a "pioneering role" in building and strengthening the relationship between the two countries, India's ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu has said.

He addressed a gathering of Indian Americans at a reception here on Thursday. A group of Indian Americans from across the US observed India Advocacy Day at the US Capitol on Thursday, reaching out to more than 70 lawmakers, over a dozen of whom addressed the community at a reception later in the evening.

Sandhu said the diaspora and the US Congress have played a "pioneering role" in building and strengthening the India-US relationship. "It is interesting to see all the Indian American community, the diaspora is so active on the Hill," he said at the event organised by Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS), a US-based non-



Indian-Americans from across the country at the US Capitol as they observe India Advocacy Day, in Washington DC, USA.

profit organisation working on India and Indian-related studies on socioeconomic, political and international security matters. "With a population of 4.5 million and direct contribution in diverse fields including tech, hotels, transportation, health care, finance and agriculture, Indian Americans are well established and respected but their issues and concerns on policy matters are not reflected on the Hill. We are here to make an impact and our voice is heard," Khanderao Kand, director of FIIDS told PTI.

"We are mainly focused on the long-term strategic issues like US-India relations (ICET, strengthening and expanding India Pacific Quad, I2U2), immigration issues like country-wise quota and H-1B, as well as religious phobia towards all religious traditions originated from India," he said. More than 65 delegates from 20 states of the US, through-out the day, visited the offices of over 70 Congressmen and held discussions with their senior staffers on issues of importance to the Indian Americans.

Iran navy seizes Houston-bound oil tanker with 24 Indian crew members near Oman



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Dubai, Apr 28 (AP):

Iran's navy seized a Marshall Islands-flagged oil tanker with 24 Indian crew members in the Gulf of Oman on Thursday heading to the US amid wider tensions over Tehran's nuclear programme, the latest such capture in a waterway crucial for global energy supplies.

The US Navy's Mid-east-based 5th Fleet identified the vessel as the Advantage Sweet. Satellite tracking data for the vessel from MarineTraffic.com showed it in the Gulf of Oman, just north of Oman's capital, Muscat, on Thursday afternoon. It had just come from Kuwait and listed its destination as Houston.

The Advantage Sweet issued a distress call at 1:15 p.m. while in international waters as Iran seized the vessel, the Navy said.

"Iran's actions are contrary to international law and disruptive to regional security and stability," the 5th Fleet said in a statement. "Iran should immediately release the oil tanker."

The Navy initially said Iran's paramilitary

Revolutionary Guard seized the vessel, but an American naval aircraft later confirmed that Iran's navy captured the ship, 5th Fleet spokesman Cmdr. Timothy Hawkins told The Associated Press.

PM Sunak, wife Akshata to lead with UK flag at King Charles III's Coronation

London, Apr 28 (PTI):

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and his wife Akshata Murty will be at the head of a procession of flag-bearers as the UK's flag is carried by a high-ranking Royal Air Force (RAF) cadet at the Coronation ceremony of King Charles III at Westminster Abbey in London on May 6, Buckingham Palace said on Friday.

In a series of details released around the ceremonial roles to be carried out at the historic event when the 74-year-old monarch is formally crowned along with wife Camilla, the palace also confirmed that Indian-origin peers will be participating in the ceremony.



They will represent the Hindu, Sikh and Muslim faiths as they hand over key elements of the royal regalia to King Charles. In keeping with this theme of

diversity and inclusion for the Christian ceremony, one of the first processions into the Abbey will be made up of faith representatives of different religions. "The first processions into Westminster Abbey will be made up of faith leaders and faith representatives followed shortly afterwards by representatives from His Majesty's Realms," the palace said.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
EOI No. UCIL/TMPL/SCHOOL/02, Dated 01/05/2023

Expression of Interest in one part is invited in prescribed format from Schools/ Education Trust/Society registered under the Andhra Pradesh State Education Board / CBSE Board (Registration and Regulation of Andhra Pradesh / Central Government) to run a School at UCIL, Tummalapalle, YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh 516 349 through MoU, as follows:

- The approx. tentative number of present students of UCIL is approx. 410 (from class LKG to 8th standard) which may further increase or decrease. Schools shall have liberty to fill up the vacant seats if any from outside students only after admitting all UCIL students.
- The successful agency shall have to ensure required qualified teaching and non-teaching staff as per CBSE/State Govt/Central Govt guidelines and has to manage other school affairs.
- Basic infrastructure facilities shall be provided by UCIL, as per following:
 - School building facility (Prefab structures with required furniture) including class rooms and other allied facilities like Library facility, Computer lab Facility, Science lab Facility, Facility of sports and other cultural activity as per applicable regulatory requirements.
 - School bus facility for UCIL students.
 - First aid facility.
 - Any other infrastructure/facility necessary to run the school.

Last Date for Submission of 'Expression of Interest' : 22/05/2023

The full notification of the 'Expression of Interest' containing the prescribed format in which it is to be submitted can be downloaded from UCIL website be submitted along with <http://uraniumcorp.in/>. Corrigendum to this tender notification, if any, shall be displayed in the UCIL Website - <http://uraniumcorp.in/> only.

CBC 48134/12/0003/2324

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता
मनियारी जल संसाधन संभाग मुंगेली, जिला-मुंगेली (छ.ग.)

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पत्र क्रमांक / व.ले.सि./2023-24 मुंगेली, दिनांक

प्रमुख अभियंता, जल संसाधन विभाग, शिवनाथ भवन, सेक्टर-19 नार्थ ब्लॉक, अटल नगर नवा रायपुर का पत्र क्र. 4262654/नि.प्र./23/7867(TC), 7871(TC), 7873(TC), 7875(TC), एवं 7877(TC), दिनांक 11.04.2023 द्वारा दिये गये निर्देशानुसार इस कार्यालय के निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना क्र. 24 / व.ले.सि./2022-23 दिनांक 15.03.2023, सिस्टम नं. 127574 (समूह क्र. 06) (चतुर्थ आमंत्रण) सिस्टम नं. 127570 (समूह क्र. 02) (प्रथम आमंत्रण) सिस्टम नं. 127573 (समूह क्र. 05) (चतुर्थ आमंत्रण) सिस्टम नं. 127571 (समूह क्र. 03) (प्रथम आमंत्रण) एवं सिस्टम नं. 127569 (समूह क्र. 01) (प्रथम आमंत्रण) को निविदाओं में एकल निविदा एवं प्रतिभागी निविदाकारों की संख्या निरंक होने के फलस्वरूप उक्त निविदाओं को 'निरस्त' किया जाता है।

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
DURG CIRCLE DURG (C.G.)

Durg, Dated: 19.04.2023

e-Procurement Tender Notice
(1st Call)

Online tenders in form "A" percentage rate basis are invited on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh dated 09-05-2023 :-

NIT No. / System No.	Name of work	P.A.C. (Rs. In lacs.)
17/131718	ROAD FURNITURE WORK ON VARIOUS ROADS UNDER SUB DIVISION NO-3, DURG (C.G.) FOR CGRIDCLROADS	199.91
18/131722	Construction of Rest House Building at Dongargaon Block - Dongargaon Dist. Rajnandgaon	60.86
19/131723	Construction of Rest House Building at Chhuria Block - Chhuria Dist. Rajnandgaon	60.50
20/131724	Construction of Umraonagar to Gorakhpur Road Length 1.70 Km. At B emitara.	193.19
21/131725	ROAD FURNITURE WORKS UNDER GATAPAR UMARPOTI AGESARA ROAD, LENGTH - 6.00 KM, BATREL AMRIKHURD ROAD, LENGTH - 4.00 KM, DISTT. - DURG	74.60
22/131728	Construction of Cement Concrete Approach Road for Awaspura to Govt. Primary School Kusmi, (Length 300.00 M) Main Road to Govt. Middle School Parrikhurd, (Length 250.00 M) & Awaspura to Gauthan Parrikhurd (Length 300.00 M) distt. Rajnandgaon	53.23

Note:-

- NIT No 17 are under Public Works Department Durg Division Durg, NIT No 18, 19 & 22 are under Public Works Department Rajnandgaon Division Rajnandgaon, NIT No 20 are under Public Works Department Bemetara Division Bemetara, NIT No 21 are under Public Works Department Bemetara Division Bemetara.
- General Conditions, detailed NIT, Tender documents & other information of the above construction work downloaded from the Eprocurement web portal or departmental website <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
- NIT No. & Name of the Work should be essentially mentioned on the envelope through the Registered Post/Speed Post in this office.

Superintending Engineer
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Tel. 0788-2210876

G-00697/1

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION RAJNANDGAON (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
(1st Call)

System Tender No. : 132083/NIT No. : 07/SAC/2023-24,
Rajnandgaon, Dated : 25.04.2023
Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to
12.05.2023 at 17:30 Hour

Name of Work : Construction of Retaining wall RD 0 M, to RD 95 M, of Matiyadarri Anicut Cum Causeway Under Deposit Scheme in Block Dongargaon, District Rajnandgaon.

Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 77.24 Lakhs
(As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 22.08.2022))

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in/>) from Date 28.04.2023, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

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

Executive Engineer
Water Resources Division,
RAJNANDGAON (C.G.)

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Ministry of Science and Technology
Department of Science and Technology
WISE-KIRAN Division

WISE Internship in IPR (WISE-IPR)
(erstwhile Women Scientists Scheme-C (WOS-C))
Call for Applications (2023)

Applications invited from women scientists for selection under 'WISE Internship in IPR (WISE-IPR)'. The WISE-IPR programme (a programme of the Department of Science and Technology) offers training in different fields of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). This one-year training programme provides theoretical knowledge of IPRs as well as on-the-job training at various centres in the country.

Women in age group of 25-45 years and having PG/ Ph.D. or equivalent degree in Basic and Applied Sciences are eligible to apply. Women in permanent/ regular employment are not eligible for this programme. The stipend based on qualification for one-year training in WISE-IPR is as follows:

M. Sc. in Basic or Applied Sciences/ B. Tech./ MBBS or equivalent	Rs. 25,000/- pm
M. Phil./ M. Tech./ M. Pharma/ M. V. Sc. or equivalent	Rs. 30,000/- pm
Ph.D. in Basic or Applied Sciences or equivalent	Rs. 35,000/- pm

Application submission: Applications can be submitted only through online mode. For detailed information and online submission of application visit website www.tifac.org.in. Detailed advertisement of WISE-IPR is available at www.dst.gov.in and www.tifac.org.in.

Contact person: Ms. Sangeeta Nagar, Scientist-F, TIFAC, New Delhi-110016 through email: kiranipr.pfc@tifac.org.in

Last date for submission of online Applications: 31 May, 2023

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
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System Tender No. : 131758/NIT No. : 03/SAC/2023-24,
Rajnandgaon, Dated : 26.04.2023
Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to
23.05.2023 at 17:30 Hour

Name of Work : C.C. LINING OF R.B.C. FROM RD 0 TO RD 5100 M, AND CONSTRUCTION OF 1 No. INLET 2 Nos. VRB, 4 No. D.O. & REPAIR OF OLD STRUCTURES OF JAMARI DIVERSION NO-2 IN BLOCK DONGARGARH, DISTRICT RAJNANDGAON

Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 455.83 Lakhs
(As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 22.08.2022))

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in/>) from Date 09.05.2023, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

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Executive Engineer
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For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godawari Basin
Raipur (C.G.)

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN, RAIPUR (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
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System Tender No. : 131768/NIT No. : 06/SAC/2023-24,
Rajnandgaon, Dated : 26.04.2023
Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to
23.05.2023 at 17:30 Hour

Name of Work : Renovation & C.C. Lining of L.B.C. RD 6540 m 8310m including Construction of 5 Nos. Minors, 4 Nos. V.R.B., 3 Nos. repair of Fall, 4 Nos Inlet & 122 Nos. outlet of Deokatta Tank Scheme in block Dongargah, District Rajnandgaon.

Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 240.08 Lakhs
(As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 22.08.2022))

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in/>) from Date 09.05.2023, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

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NAXAL BLOOD BATH

A Multi-Pronged Approach Needed

The Naxal attack in Dantewada district that killed 10 security personnel and a civilian driver highlights the need for both the Central and state governments to intensify their efforts to combat the Maoist insurgency. The attack, which was carried out using an improvised explosive device (IED) with an estimated 50 kg of explosives, is a stark reminder that the Naxalites have no qualms about killing the very tribal people whose rights they claim to be fighting for. It is time for the government to up the ante against this menace. The National Policy and Action Plan on Left Wing Extremism (LWE), approved in 2015, envisages a multi-pronged strategy featuring security-related measures, development interventions, and safeguarding the rights and entitlements of local communities. This approach has yielded positive results, with incidents of LWE violence in the country dropping by 77 per cent between 2010 and 2021. The count of civilians and security personnel who lost their lives dropped by 85 per cent during this period. These results indicate that the government's citizen-centric initiatives, such as expanding the road network, improving telecommunication connectivity, skill development, and providing better financial services to the residents, are paying dividends in LWE-affected states. However, the new attack in Dantewada highlights the need for the government to remain vigilant and not be complacent. Chhattisgarh, which is going to the polls later this year, must step up its vigilance, as there is a likelihood of more violence in the run-up to the Assembly elections. Greater involvement of the local tribal community in the anti-Naxal campaign can be of immense help. The District Reserve Guard (DRG), a special force of the Chhattisgarh police, was formed in 2008 to carry out anti-Maoist operations in the state. It has mostly inducted local tribals in the force, especially from the Bastar region, and has performed several successful anti-Maoist operations there. However, it is clear that standard operating procedures were not followed in the attack, and security forces must receive specific intelligence inputs and sanitize the route before moving forward during an operation. The use of a Road Opening Party (ROP) to ensure there is no threat to the convoy can also be helpful. The Maoists' annual strategy involves conducting Tactical Counter Offensive Campaigns (TCOC) between February and June, during which the focus of the military wing is to inflict casualties on security forces. This period is chosen because once the monsoon sets in July, conducting offensive operations in jungles becomes difficult. Almost all major attacks by Maoists on security forces, including the 2010 Chintalnar massacre where 76 CRPF personnel died, have happened during the TCOC. Out of the 10 deceased personnel in the recent attack, eight were residents of Dantewada district, while one each belonged to neighboring Sukma and Bijapur districts. Some of them had joined the force after quitting Naxalism. The DRG personnel are mostly recruited from the local tribal population and Naxals who have surrendered in the Bastar division. Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel, has vowed to intensify the fight against the Naxalites and not let the martyrdom of the jawans go in vain. Baghel said that in the last four years, 75 camps (of security forces) have been set up in the core areas of Naxalites, while earlier the camps were established only in buffer areas. Roads are also being constructed in the interiors pockets of the Bastar division, and police camps are being set up. However, this attack serves as a brutal reminder that the Naxalites remain a formidable threat, and the government must not let it guard down. The fact that they were able to carry out this attack despite the security measures in place indicates that there are still gaps that need to be addressed. One of the key challenges in the fight against Naxalism is the lack of development in the affected areas. The Naxalites have long exploited the grievances of the local population, who have been left behind in the country's growth story. It is important for the government to continue its efforts to bring development to these areas, and ensure that the benefits of development reach the people who need it the most. This can help in weaning away the local population from the Naxalites, and reducing their support base. Another important aspect is the need to improve intelligence gathering and sharing. The fact that the Naxalites were able to track the movement of the DRG convoy suggests that they have access to information that they should not have. There is a need for better coordination between the intelligence agencies at the Centre and the states, and for timely sharing of information. This can help in preventing such attacks in the future. It is also important for the security forces to be better equipped and trained to deal with the Naxalites. The Maoists are known to use guerrilla tactics, and it is important for the security forces to be able to counter them effectively. This requires not just better weapons and equipment, but also better training and intelligence gathering. There is a need for greater cooperation between the Centre and the states. Left Wing Extremism is a problem that affects several states, and it is important for the Centre and the states to work together to address it. This requires a coordinated strategy that takes into account the specific challenges faced by each state, and the resources available to them. The National Policy and Action Plan on LWE is a step in the right direction, but more needs to be done to ensure that it is implemented effectively.

Perils of Divisive Campaigns

Personal Attacks on Modi Won't Help Congress in Karnataka Elections

The upcoming Karnataka assembly elections have been the subject of much speculation and analysis in recent weeks, with both major political parties, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Indian National Congress, scrambling to secure votes in what is expected to be a closely fought contest. But the remarks by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, comparing Prime Minister Narendra Modi to a "poisonous snake," have raised eyebrows, with many observers questioning the wisdom of such personal attacks. It is true that such attacks have a long history in Indian politics, and have often been used by rival parties to score political points. However, the evidence suggests that such tactics have generally not paid off for the Congress in the past, and are unlikely to do so in the upcoming elections. The Congress has a long history of using personal attacks against Modi, dating back to his time as Chief Minister of Gujarat. In 2007, then Congress President Sonia Gandhi called him a "maut ka saudagar" in reference to the Godhra riots, a term that Modi subsequently used to his advantage in the Gujarat elections. Similarly, during the 2014 general election campaign, Congress leader Mani Shankar Aiyar used a "chai wala" jibe against Modi, which the BJP turned to its advantage with the "Chai pe Charcha" campaign. In 2017, Aiyar again courted controversy by calling Modi a "neech aadmi", a remark that Modi turned into a casteist slur and used to his advantage in the Gujarat elections. Most recently, during the 2019 general election campaign, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi used the "chowkidar chor hai" jibe against Modi, in reference to the Rafale deal. Once again, the BJP countered this attack with its "main bhi chowkidar" campaign, which proved highly successful in the polls. Given this history, it is hard to see how Kharge's remarks about Modi being a "poisonous snake" will help the Congress in Karnataka. In fact, many observers believe that such attacks may actually hurt the party's chances, by alienating moderate voters who may view such comments as crass and unbecoming of a major political party. Moreover, the Congress is already facing an uphill battle in Karnataka, with the BJP widely seen as having the edge in the polls. The BJP has been running a highly effective campaign, focusing on issues such as corruption and the alleged mismanagement of the state's COVID-19 response by the Congress-led government. The party has also sought to tap into religious and caste-based sentiments, with a particular focus on the Lingayat community, which is seen as a key vote bank in the state. In this context, the Congress would be well-advised to focus on substantive issues, such as jobs, healthcare, and education, rather than resorting to personal attacks on Modi. The party should also seek to build broad-based alliances with other like-minded parties and interest groups, in order to maximize its chances of success in the polls. Ultimately, the Karnataka elections will be a test of the Congress's ability to mount an effective challenge to the BJP's dominance in the state. While personal attacks may be tempting, they are unlikely to be the key to victory. Instead, the Congress must focus on building a broad-based coalition that can mobilize voters across the state and deliver a decisive mandate in its favor. Only then will the party be able to realize its vision of a more just and equitable Karnataka.

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PASSING OUT PARADE

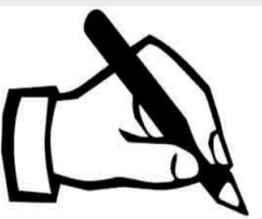


Cadets perform during the combined display organised as part of the Passing Out Parade of Gentlemen and Lady Cadets, at Officers Training Academy (OTA) in Chennai, Friday, April 28.

SPIRITUALISM AND POLITICS



PROF. ANIL JAIN



Our Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi and the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Mr. Yogi Adityanath come from that tradition of Hinduism which believes that along with spiritualism the path of action or Karma yoga is indispensable. Karma yoga is the path of unselfish action. It teaches that a spiritual seeker should act according to dharma, without being attached to the fruits or personal consequences. In our scriptures it has been pointed out clearly that a yogi is not the person who wears saffron Choga, goes into the jungle for penance and preaches and teaches others but the one who takes the responsibilities to reform on his own shoulders. Serving our own brethren and society is the right meaning of the word penance.

There are thousands and lakhs of sadhus and ascetics in India who are providing inconsequential lip service. Indian philosophy never taught self-punishment without doing anything. We have had a number of kings and rulers in our country who despite being the

heads of states were great philosophers. Their attitude was philosophical towards life. Our scriptures and mythological stories are full of such allusions. They always believed in the theory of self detachment. Lord Ram and Lord Krishna are also examples who held idealistic attitudes towards life. Lord Rama's story always teaches self detachment. He is as great a moralist as a monarch. Lord Krishna while teaching Gita is an enlightened philosopher otherwise he is worldly wise. His life and his teachings are a striking blend of beliefs and discretion.

Those who are full of perception and aim at human wellbeing take up the path of a politician and diplomat or else their knowledge and wisdom cannot be utilized for the welfare of the society and nation. It's an obvious fact that those who have worked keeping themselves away from the affairs of state provided only lip service. Such Sadhus and Mahatmas merely become a tool who exploits the feelings of others. Even if they themselves do not exploit then their followers

make the others interpret their messages for their own personal advantages. Those who are residing in caves of the Himalayas and in the Ashramas are not contributing at all to the society. History has witnessed that these so-called learned people who called themselves heads of religious groups have remained mere puppets and played in the hands of the politicians and rulers.

Our Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, as I read about him, has lived a life of a seeker. He studied Indian philosophy but not with closed eyes. He kept his eyes and ears open. He knew what was gnawing at the country and where its roots were and after marshaling all that minutely he tried to find its remedy. He lived with common people and worked like a common man. He left his wife and family as did Buddha but did not follow the path of abandonment. He did not go for penance in the Himalayas or established his Ashrama in some remote area. He was not an escapist. He did not run away from the world. He knew how one can serve its people and countrymen. He knew that one can serve only through the instrument of politics. He did not preach the renunciation as many like him did. He wanted to fight against injustice. He knew that the only instrument from which he could fight with was not to sermonize but to take an active part in politics.

Without going deep into the personal life of Mr. Modi and Mr. Yogi it can well be said that

the duo has set a unique example in the history of India. World needs leaders like them who have no strings attached behind them. Such people have a number of virtues in their personality like restraint, moderation, self control, and self discipline. They are free of greed, self-indulgence, self-aspirations and personal ambitions. They have no family or personal matters to deal with. Hence they can serve the nation better because they have inculcated some moral values in their life. Their lives are a lesson for those noble persons who wish to do something for the well-being of the nation.

The individuals like them must come out of their sleep and hibernation. We know that people like Mr. Modi and Mr. Yogi are criticized but the criticism has its own agenda and vendetta which is based on petty political gains. Personally Mr. Modi and Mr. Yogi have neither love for anyone nor they have grudge against anyone. They are the synthesis of old and new and they have one eye on ancient values and the other on modernity. Modi's strength and sacred ideas which he has attained from spirituality are being diffused and spreading throughout the world. Now he assumes the Presidency of G-20. In his new role, he is going to script a new chapter for the welfare of the world.

(Prof. Anil Jain, Deptt. of English, Govt. PG College, DAMOH MP. Views are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Combatting Naxal insurgency

The Naxal attack in Dantewada, claiming the lives of 10 security personnel and a civilian driver, is a grim reminder of the ever-present threat that the Maoist insurgency poses to our nation. The use of a powerful improvised explosive device with 50 kg of explosives underscores the brazen disregard for human life that these extremists possess. It is a shocking reality that the Naxalites, who claim to be fighting for the rights of tribal communities, are willing to murder them in cold blood. It is high time for both the Central and state governments to redouble their efforts in combating this menace. Let us not wait for another tragedy to strike before taking decisive action against this threat to our nation's security.

MK Nair Raipur

Kharge's remarks on Modi

Personal attacks against political leaders have no place in a healthy democracy. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge's recent remark likening Prime Minister Narendra Modi to a "poisonous snake" is disappointing and unwarranted. Political parties should focus on discussing policy issues and presenting their vision for the future, rather than resorting to personal attacks. Moreover, history has shown that such attacks do not benefit the attacking party. The Congress's past attacks on Modi, including the infamous "Maut Ka Saudagar" comment in 2007 and "Chowkidar Chor Hai" in 2019, did not resonate with the electorate and did not translate into electoral gains. It is time for political parties to focus on issues that matter to the people, rather than indulging in personal attacks that do not serve any purpose.

Shivkumar Mishra, Raipur

Karnataka Elections

The upcoming elections in Karnataka have seen the BJP relying heavily on its divisive campaign, which attempts to polarize voters along religious lines. Despite not having a clear mandate in previous elections, the BJP formed the government in 2008 and 2018 by resorting to unethical means. This time, the party has attempted to paint Tipu Sultan as a villain and Savarkar as a hero. However, what has hit the current ruling party hard is the rampant corruption, with the "PayCM" and "40% Sarkara" campaigns resonating with voters. The results of the 2023 Assembly elections in the state will reflect the efficacy of religious polarization in the South. It is high time that the BJP puts an end to its divisive campaign and focuses on the real issues affecting the people of Karnataka.

Haridasan Rajan, Kerala

Allegations against sports federations and sports dignity



Rajender Kumar Sharma

The case of Sports Minister Sandeep Singh ji (former Indian hockey team captain) in the Haryana Government had not even cooled down that the wrestlers opened a front against the President of the Wrestling Federation and Member of Parliament Brij Bhushan Singh. Similar allegations are being leveled by some women wrestlers against the President of the Wrestling Federation Brij Bhushan Singh. Both the incidents are related to the sports world of the country and these incidents are coming to the fore at a time when the country is trying to host the upcoming 2036 Olympics.

How much truth is there in these allegations, it will be revealed only after the investigation. The President of the Wrestling Federation is calling these al-

legations a part of a conspiracy against him, on the other hand the wrestlers making the allegations are saying that there is evidence in support of the allegations. But whatever it may be, the development will be considered unfortunate for the sports world. Wrestlers protesting against Brij Bhushan Singh demand that all state-wise wrestling associations and wrestling federations be dissolved and the Sports Ministry keep such associations under its control and action should be taken against the present President. Whatever may be the truth, the allegations made directly by the players should not be ignored. Many positive works are being done by the present government of the country and the governments of all the BJP-ruled states for the promotion of sports and sportspersons. Be it the matter of providing facilities to the sportspersons or the matter of giving incentives, the governments are spending lavishly in all. In such a situation, such incidents work to hurt the strong will power of the government.

Honorable Prime Minister of the country Shri Narendra Modi ji is making an unforgettable, unprecedented contribution for the promotion of sports. The results are also coming in front of us. The sportspersons of the country are hoisting their flag in every field of sports. All the wrestlers sitting on the dharna have expressed full faith in the

Prime Minister of the country, Honorable Shri Narendra Modi and his government, saying that the Prime Minister of the country, the Home Minister and the Sports Minister will definitely give them justice.

The government should work in the direction of strengthening the morale of the sportspersons by maintaining the confidence of the sportspersons, conducting an impartial inquiry into the allegations leveled by the wrestlers and taking appropriate action if the allegations are proved to be true. The budding sports talents of the country get respect, they do not have to face any kind of exploitation, only then the sports talents of the country will be able to show their mettle in the field of sports. In future, the honor and respect of sports talents of the country should be protected, they should not be victims of physical, mental and psychological exploitation, for this, the government needs to keep the formation and functioning of various sports associations and federations directly under the control and supervision of the Sports Ministry. So that sports associations do not have to face such allegations and counter-allegations in future and the dignity of sports can be maintained.

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

Sachin Tendulkar: A Legendary Cricket Icon

Rathin Kumar Chanda

No six or four but a lifetime of batting innings geared Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar towards the milestone of fifty on May 24th of this year. Known as the "Little Master" in the Indian cricket arena, after Sunil Manohar Gavaskar, Sachin achieved a century of age, spending a remarkable career in cricket with bat and ball, without any dispute in his career or personal life.

Sachin, who was a celebrity cricketer of the Indian team preferred to be out of the limelight of publicity, whether in top form or in his off days. He dedicated himself to helping destitutes and building a cancer hospital in the name of his mother or the injured who sacrificed themselves for the security of the motherland.

Sachin was always a demanding character, whether in cricket, politics, culture, advertisement or in social jobs. He displayed his cricket efficiency from his teenage years until his retirement, with sincerity, ethics and without any black spot of gambling, which was then a tradition of Indian cricket. Some cricketers indulged themselves and spoiled their careers in the middle or at the fag end of their careers, later being banned from cricket for a lifetime. This did not hap-

pen in his life as he was far away from this trap. His only aim was to perform better and better than his previous performances.

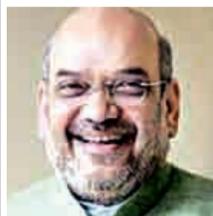
Sachin, who made all of us proud, became a cult figure of Indian cricket after Gavaskar. He, like Kapil Dev, did not make any offensive stance, kept to himself and was reserved as a traditional fixture by his family members. He also chose his life partner against the flow, who did not know what cricket was; professionally she was a medical practitioner. He led his life not as a celebrity, but as an ordinary person of this country.

He appeared in several advertisements throughout his teenage years with Kapil Dev, meeting the demand through his advertisement. "Master Blaster" and "Little Master" were his nicknames. Sharjah Cricket Ground, Melbourne Cricket Ground, and Eden Gardens are some of his lucky and memorable cricket grounds where he had remarkable, awesome, and unpredictable cricket support and batting performances that are unforgettable. Sachin Tendulkar will always be remembered as a legendary cricket icon.

(Writer is from Chandannagar, Hooghly, West Bengal. Views are personal)

BRIEF**ODOP stalls**

Jammu: Union minister Darshana Jardosh emphasised the need to establish One District One Product (ODOP) stalls at railway stations to promote local handicraft and handloom in Jammu and Kashmir. The Union minister of state for railways and textiles chaired a meeting to review and discuss the issues faced by the handloom and handicraft department. During the meeting, she emphasised the importance of focusing on value addition and training of artisans, in addition to market linkages and e-commerce platforms.

Dairy cooperatives

New Delhi: Cooperation Minister Amit Shah asked the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to help the establishment of milk cooperatives in uncovered panchayats and villages, and further strengthen cooperative movement in the country. The minister held a meeting with NDDB's board members here to discuss issues related to the dairy sector.

Investment

Chandigarh: Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij on Thursday invited Australian industrialists to invest in the state and assured them of state government's support. Wooing the investors in Australia, Vij assured them there is a congenial atmosphere in Haryana for setting up industries and told that there is no problem related to law and order.

Govt to revamp patenting process: Sanjeev Sanyal

Mumbai, Apr 28:

The government is revamping the patent office functioning to reduce the massive backlog in granting official recognition for innovations by adding manpower and changing the legislative framework, a senior government official said on Friday. The government is fast-tracking the hiring process and promotions of some existing officers (already 340 examiners were promoted as controllers earlier this week).

The government is also looking at legislative changes to fix timelines for patent grants/rejections, said Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the



PM's Economic Advisory Council, and a secretary to the government. Supporting more manpower in the patents office, he said this is an office that is revenue positive unlike most of its peers in the government and so it makes sense to have more people and ease the process. "What

we're looking is allowing pre-grant opposition, say for six months as in the US, before the final approval are granted/rejected, so that those who want to oppose the application can do so," he told a seminar on intellectual property rights organized by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry here. Sanyal said he is personally looking at drafting the urgently needed legislative changes as what is of critical importance is reforming the very process, and also fixing the legal metrology provisions, which now is a really cumbersome process, and "I am personally working on this now."

SCO members should respect sovereignty, territorial integrity of countries: Gadkari

New Delhi, Apr 28:

Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Friday said connectivity with Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) countries is a priority for India, and emphasised on ensuring demand driven, sustainable development, while respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity of the countries. The road transport and highways minister further said India attaches special attention to SCO in promoting economy and people-to-people interaction in the region. "Connectivity is itself an economic multiplier... connectivity with SCO countries is a priority for India," Gadkari said while chairing the 10th



Special Working Group has been established to promote collaboration among member states of the SCO in the field of transportation. This group will facilitate meetings to share knowledge and best practices related to reducing carbon emissions in transportation, promoting digital transformation, and implementing innovative technologies for more sustainable and efficient transport.

meeting for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Transport Ministers. "We must ensure demand driven and sustainable development and cooperation but also respect for

sovereignty and territorial integrity of the countries," Gadkari asserted. While noting that India is committed towards promotion of solutions to make the transport sector more efficient and reliable, he said India would like to appreciate the initiative of SCO members which aimed to strengthen security in the region and enhance cooperation in political trade, science and technology.

"We wish to assure you all that India stands ready to cooperate, to improve the connectivity in the region. "... India accords high priority to strengthening ties with SCO partners on a bilateral basis, on the premise of equality, respect and mutual understanding," he said.

Vedanta Aluminium's all-women firefighting team 'Agnivahini'

New Delhi, Apr 28: In the lead up to World Day for Safety and Health at Work, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, announces its Agnivahini firefighting team, a unique squad of women employees trained extensively in the complex yet crucial skill of firefighting, is now 100 members strong. Working with the fire safety team, the squad will reinforce fire incident prevention and mitigation measures at the company's operations in Jharsuguda, home to one of the largest aluminium smelters in the world. With this, the company has also established a new, tangible marker of its belief that all professional roles, technical or non-technical, need to be ability-based rather than gender-based.



Commenced in 2018, the Agnivahini training programme has now inducted its seventh batch of trained firefighters. Women employees from across functions are invited to volunteer for the programme, where they undergo rigorous training over a period of 3 months. The training curriculum

includes both theoretical and practical modules comprising basic fire prevention and combat techniques, emergency preparedness, and onsite emergency drills. Highlighting the impact of the initiative, Mr. Sunil Gupta, CEO, Vedanta Limited - Jharsuguda, said, "At Vedanta

Aluminium, safety and health at work remain among our top priorities, and we are committed to continually recalibrating our approach and introducing new, innovative practices to provide a safer and healthier work environment for all our employees and business partners."

Cordiality missing in political discourse: Sitharaman

Mumbai, Apr 28:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said that the current political discourse lacks cordiality and she cannot imagine passing a cup of coffee to a rival. Recalling that the House in Tamil Nadu and Madras Presidency used to have strong debates between Communist leader P Ramamurti and C h a k r a v a r t i R a j a k r a p a l a c h a r i, Sitharaman said Rajaji requested his rival to stop and offered a cup of coffee.

"I can't imagine giving a cup of coffee (now) it can be grossly misunderstood," Sitharaman said while speaking at the launch of veteran banker N Vaghul's book 'Reflections' here.



Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman with former Chairman of ICICI Bank Limited Narayanan Vaghul and the chairman of the Piramal Group Ajay Piramal during the launch of book "Reflections" by Narayanan Vaghul, in Mumbai, Friday, April 28, 2023.

Sitharaman also made references to Vaghul's frequent run-ins with the political executive, saying that wielding of power by a person or those around him can make or break a career.

The finance minister also said that for forty years, each government competed with the previous one for showing that they are more socialist than the dispensation that preceded it.

India seeks to enhance trade ties with Latin America

Bogota, Apr 28:

India seeks to bolster its trade with Latin America which is approaching USD 50 billion. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said, as he highlighted that the Indian companies are investing significantly in the region in sectors like energy, mining, agriculture and automobiles. Addressing the India-Colombia Business Forum here in Colombia's capital on Thursday, he said his four-nation trip to Latin America was aimed at exploring ways to upgrade India's level of cooperation with the region. "Our purpose in being here today is to highlight the growing presence of India in Latin America. Trade volumes between us are approaching the USD 50 billion level annually. Our companies



are investing significantly in the region, from energy and mining to agriculture and auto sector," he said. Indian companies are executing projects in Latin America, including in infrastructure, power transmission and mining, he said, adding that they are also delivering products in the shipping and aviation domain. "Even where trade is concerned, while we naturally seek to ex-

pand its volumes, the decision before us is when, where and how much to invest. The pharmaceutical sector is particularly seized of this challenge. "Our endeavour is naturally to assess the comparative ease of doing business, among the countries of this region. We focus on market access issues, regulatory complexities and non-tariff barriers. Predictability of the business environment is also an important factor," he said in a statement. Jaishankar said during the Covid-19 pandemic, India truly established that it was the pharmacy of the world by supplying almost 100 countries with vaccines and 150 countries including from the developed world with an increased supply of relevant medicines.

Nuvoco announces launch of RMX plant in Coimbatore

Coimbatore, Apr 28:

Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., India's fifth largest cement group in terms of capacity and among the leading players in East India, announced the launch of its new Ready-Mix Concrete (RMX) plant in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. With a capacity of 60 cubic meters per hour, the plant will cater to construction projects in the area, providing a reliable source of high-quality concrete while also improving efficiency, reducing costs, and promoting sustainability. The Coimbatore Plant is Nuvoco's second RMX facility in Tamil Nadu, after Chennai, and is part of the company's strategy to expand its footprint in Southern India. The plant is equipped with advanced technology and equipment that ensure the quality and consistency of the



concrete produced and faster delivery, which is the need of the hour for the southern market's fast-growing infrastructure. Mr. Prashant Jha, Chief of Ready-Mix (RMX) Concrete and Modern Building Materials business, Nuvoco said "We are delighted to launch our new RMX plant in

Coimbatore, which is a growing market and a strategic location for us. The plant's proximity to our customers highlights our customer-centric approach, and we are committed to providing them with the best-in-class products and services. Our RMX product portfolio includes

Concrete (Performance Concrete), Artiste (Decorative Concrete), InstaMix (Ready-to-Use Bagged Concrete), X-Con (M20 to M60), and Ecodure (Special Green concrete), which are designed to meet the diverse needs of our customers and promote sustainable construction practices.

Govt appoints Siddhartha Mohanty as new LIC chairman



New Delhi, Apr 28: The government on Friday appointed Siddhartha Mohanty as the new Chairman of LIC. The insurer's former Managing Director B C Patnaik has been appointed as head of LIC till June 7, 2025, when he attains the age of 62 years. The government has appointed BC Patnaik as a Member (Life) of IRDAI till he attains the age of 62 years.

The notifications for the two appointments came after the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the sources said. Currently, Mohanty, Managing Director of LIC, is the acting chairman of the country's biggest life insurance firm after MR Kumar completed his term on March 13, 2023.

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Gul Panag is a Psychoanalyst on a mission in 'The Haunting'



Gul Panag, the Bollywood actress who made her debut in 2003 with 'Dhoop', stars in the short film 'The Haunting' alongside Erica Fernandes. Gul's character is an investigator who works with the police as a psychoanalyst and profiles a character who allegedly committed a murder. Gul's character believes that this character is making up stories, and the short film revolves around the investigation of this murder mystery. Gul Panag has been part of several TV shows and movies, including 'Dor', 'Hello', 'Summer 2007', 'Straight', 'Ab Tak Chhapan 2', 'Ambarsariya', 'Student of the Year 2', and many more. She has also hosted a few shows, including 'Kismey Kitnaa Hai Dum' and 'Musafir Hoon Yaaron', and appeared in web series like 'The Family Man' and 'Paatal Lok'. The story of 'The Haunting' revolves around supernatural incidents that occur after a woman's murder. The victim's sister tries to explain that her sister was killed by a demon, but no one believes her. Later, the sister is also shown to be possessed by demons. Erica Fernandes plays the lead character, and the story is about her encounters with evil forces or demons. Directed by Tanveer Bookwala, 'The Haunting' also stars Prakruti Mishra alongside Erica Fernandes and Gul Panag. The short film streams on Amazon miniTV. 'The Haunting' promises to be an exciting watch for fans of the horror genre, with Gul Panag playing a psychoanalyst on a mission to solve a murder mystery surrounded by supernatural occurrences.

The Art of making people laugh with Charrul Malik



Charrul Malik, known for her roles in the popular comedy shows 'Happu Ki Ultan Paltan' and 'Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai', shares her thoughts on why comedy is the most challenging genre in acting. She believes that not everyone can make people laugh, and that comedy reveals an actor's true personality. Malik also expressed her desire to be part of 'The Kapil Sharma Show', but is currently content with doing comedy. Her favorite movies include 'Hera Pheri' and '3 Idiots', which she can watch repeatedly for their excellent timing, energy, and cast. Although comedy is a source of entertainment for many, it can also be a cause for distress and bullying on social media. Malik believes that freedom of speech is essential, but it is important to avoid saying anything that may hurt someone's sentiments. She suggests that we should see things from everyone's perspective and think before speaking. Web series have provided a lot of freedom of speech, but Malik believes that they should be made with great care and thinking. People prefer watching shows where they do not have to use their minds, making comedy the best medium for them. Charrul Malik emphasizes the importance of thinking before speaking, respecting everyone's sentiments, and making shows that cater to people's preferences.

Actors express their love & pride for Maha's vibrant culture and traditions

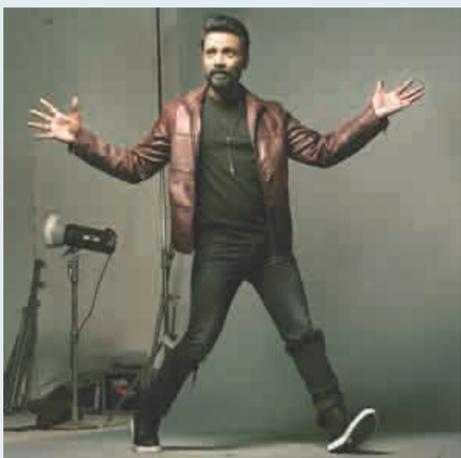
May 1st is Maharashtra Day, also known as Maharashtra Diwas or Maharashtra Din, commemorating the state's foundation. To celebrate this occasion, &TV's artists Neha Joshi (Yashoda, Doosri Maa), Jagannath Nivangune (Ramji Sakpal, Ek Mahanayak- Dr B.R.Ambedkar), Himani Shivpuri (Katori Amma, Happu Ki Ultan Palatan), and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai) express their pride in the state.



Neha Joshi, Yashoda from Doosri Maa, shares, "I feel great pride and honour as we celebrate Maharashtra Diwas. I come from Nashik, popularly known as The Ancient City of Maharashtra and home to many Maratha warriors and personalities. It has been amazing to see the tremendous growth that the city has gone through over the years, making it one of the smartest cities in the country. Due to my work commitments, I often switch between Mumbai and Nashik, and Mumbai has become my second home. I owe a lot to this city, which has given me fame, recognition, and affection. Apart from being the commercial capital, the city has been a hub for art, theatre, and entertainment. As a proud citizen of Maharashtra, I am extremely proud of our state's cultural heritage, glorious history, and advancements. I hope this day leads us to the right path of peace and social harmony. I wish everyone a Happy Maharashtra Day! Jai-Jai Maharashtra Majha, Garja Maharashtra Majha."

Tune in to Doosri Maa at 8:00 pm, Ek Mahanayak - Dr B.R. Ambedkar at 8:30 pm, Happu Ki Ultan Palatan at 10:00 pm, and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai at 10:30 pm airing every Monday to Friday only on &TV!

Remo D'Souza: The Journey of Struggle and Resilience



Choreographer and filmmaker, Remo D' Souza, recently appeared on the dance reality show 'India's Best Dancer 3' as a celebrity guest, where he shared his story of struggle and mental stress when his films failed to succeed at the box office. He empathized with Madhya Pradesh's Akshay Pal's journey on the show and encouraged him to keep moving forward despite the obstacles. Remo said that he understands the struggle that Akshay has faced and shared that he too has struggled in his journey. He revealed that his mental health was not good when his films did not perform well, but he bounced back by challenging himself to be better. He encouraged Akshay to continue his journey and never lose hope,

assuring him that when he opens his classes again, students will come. During the show, Remo was amazed by Akshay's dance moves along with his choreographer Vartika Jha on the famous track 'Chammak Challo' from the movie 'Ra. One'. He praised Vartika's choreography and called her a gift to the dance community. Remo was stunned by Akshay's performance and called him an outstanding artist, challenging everyone in his very first performance. He further praised Akshay and added: "You are outstanding, what an artist you are. This is the 'Grand Premiere' and the 'Best Ka Biggest Celebration' and today you challenged everyone in your very first performance and now everyone will be scared of you.

So, all the best." Akshay also spoke about Remo, saying: "Sir, I have learned dance watching all of you. Now that you are in front of me, this feels like a dream. When I first started dancing, there was a dance competition that I participated in and Remo sir, you were a judge in that. It's been ages now, and you won't remember. You did not know me but you are a very big part of my life. Now I am seeing you in front of me. You are my inspiration and I want to be like you." The show, judged by Terence Lewis, Geeta Kapur, and Sonali Bendre, airs on Sony Entertainment Television. Remo's story of resilience and determination serves as an inspiration to many, proving that with hard work and perseverance, anyone can achieve their dreams.

'I felt Irrfan sir's presence over there'

After giving impressive performances last year in projects like 'Ghar Waapasi' and 'Thar', Anushka Kaushik is all set to enthrall the audience this year with some more amazing work, latest being Tigmanshu Dhulia's 'Garmi' that showcases the ugly side of collusion of student politics and gundaraj.

Interestingly, the shooting experience for the Tigmanshu Dhulia directed web series in places like Bhopal and Varanasi turned out to be a surreal one for Anushka, as she points out, "When I got to know about 'Garmi', I didn't know that it is going to be on the lines of Tigmanshu sir's critically acclaimed film 'Haasil' or I would like to call it Haasil 2.0. When I got to know that I was staying in the same hotel where the late legendary actor Irrfan Khan had stayed during the shooting of 'Haasil', I got really excited and out of joy, I told myself that I would sleep on almost every bed because Irrfan sir had been here!" "Though my dream of sharing the screen space along with him (Irrfan



Khan) remains unfulfilled but the fact that we shot 'Garmi' in the same locations where Irrfan sir had shot 'Haasil' previously, was quite surreal including places like the same corridor, Allahabad university, etc. The visuals were so vivid that I felt Irrfan sir's presence over there. We were fortunate enough to be a part of 'Garmi'!" adds Anushka.

Talking about her incredible experience of working with Tigmanshu Dhulia, Anushka reveals an interesting anecdote.

"Tigmanshu sir has been an institution. My experience of working with him was completely different than other filmmakers, as I have never seen any filmmaker making his actors do theatre exercises on the set, just to make them comfortable and get the feel right."

The talented young actress is leaving no stone unturned to become the best version of herself. Apart from Tigmanshu Dhulia's 'Garmi', Anushka also features in Arbaaz Khan's 'Patna Shukla' alongside seasoned actors like Raveena Tandon and the late Satish Kaushik.

Simaran Kaur's 'Current Maare' is a perfect party number

Simaran Kaur, known for her role in 'Aggar Tum Na Hote', has released her latest music video, 'Current Maare'. The actress stated that this project holds great importance to her and that the track is a perfect party number.

Simaran expressed her excitement about her glamorous look in the song, saying that it is different from anything she has done before. She added that the music is catchy and upbeat, making it a dance number that was great fun to shoot.

In TV serials, traditional looks are more common, so this was a new and exciting avatar for the actress. She shared that many people have been appreciating her dance moves and expressions in the song. Simaran discussed the process of shooting the music video, which included proper rehearsals two to three days before the shoot. The background dancers were also called for rehearsals to ensure that everything would go smoothly on the day of the shoot. Simaran was thrilled with the experience, saying that it was one of the best music videos she has ever shot. The team of professionals from Bollywood, including Feroz Khan Sir who directed



the song, and Manoj Lobo Sir who was the Director of Photography, was highly appreciated by Simaran. Working with such talented people made her feel confident and pushed her to the next level. The minor details were kept in mind while shooting, which made the whole experience fantastic. Simaran revealed that she has another music video in the pipeline, which was shot in Dubai and will be released soon.

'Current Maare' is an exciting project for Simaran Kaur and a perfect party number that is sure to get everyone dancing.

World TV premiere of 'Dobaaraa' today

Get ready to witness the mysterious world of time travel parallel universe with &Pictures as they present for the very first time the World Television Premiere of Anurag Kashyap's mystery thriller Dobaaraa on April 29, 2023, at 9:00 pm. Taapsee Pannu starrer promises to keep you at the edge of your seat till the last minute. The movie also features Pavai Gulati, Rahul Bhat, Nassar, and Saswata Chatterjee among others in pivotal roles.



set when she attempts to save the life of a child who passed away twenty-five years back. Is the boy dead, or is it all just a coincidence? And what is his connection with Antara? The answers to these questions may be the key to Antara's darkest secrets, but they also come with a dangerous price. A series of bizarre

and unexplained events begin to occur building enough tension and thrill to hold the attention of the viewers.

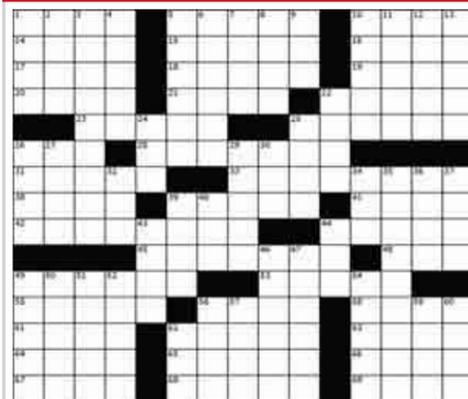
Talking about the film Taapsee Pannu said, "I have been a huge fan of Spanish filmmaker Oriol Paulo's (who wrote and directed Mirage) work. He writes some amazing thrillers. So, when I read

the script of the original film, I was intrigued by the idea of time travel and a parallel universe. I took the script to Anurag Kashyap who read it, got hooked on it, and decided to direct the film. It is my third collaboration with Anurag, with whom I share a great bond. The film has a murder mystery along with time travel so it's double-layered, something that excited me a lot. With the world television premiere of Dobaaraa on &Pictures, the audience will enjoy the elements of suspense and thrill.

Witness the thrills and chills on &Pictures with the World Television Premiere of Dobaaraa this Saturday at 09:00pm.

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Resurgent Gujarat Titans stand in way of KKR's revival

Kolkata, Apr 28 (PTI):

A resurgent Gujarat Titans, boasting a power-packed bowling unit, will come in the way of Kolkata Knight Riders' revival hopes when the two teams cross swords in the IPL here on Saturday.

The home side's misfiring campaign finally came on track after they fired in unison to snap their four-match losing streak with a convincing win at Bangalore. In a season their Caribbean star duo of Andre Russell and Sunil Narine are yet to fire, the low-profile KKR side without their regular skipper Shreyas Iyer may just have found a trump card in Jason Roy.

The Englishman set the tempo with a fiery half-century for the likes of Nitish Rana, Rinku Singh and David Wiese to capi-



talise and set a winning total of 201 against Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Included only in their sixth match of the season, Roy has scores of 43, 61 and 56 in three matches and KKR's batting will once again centre around him. The win lifted KKR to seventh in the 10-team standings but they still have a long way to go to make the playoffs. From

here on, KKR (six points) will have to win at least five out of their remaining six matches to assure themselves a playoff berth. Of the six matches, KKR play two away matches, including one in Chennai, and skipper Rana and coach Chandrakant Pandit will have their task cutout against the Pandya-led defending champions.

Pandya has put out a perfect T20 template and his ability to seal close matches has caught everyone's eyes, especially after they choked Lucknow Super Giants while defending a paltry 135 for 6.

Pandya has been a revelation as a captain since January 2022, winning 23 out of 31 matches with a victory percentage of 76.67. GT (10 points from seven matches) have been a well-oiled unit and looks set for a successive playoff berth, sitting behind leaders Rajasthan Royals on net run-rate with a match in hand.

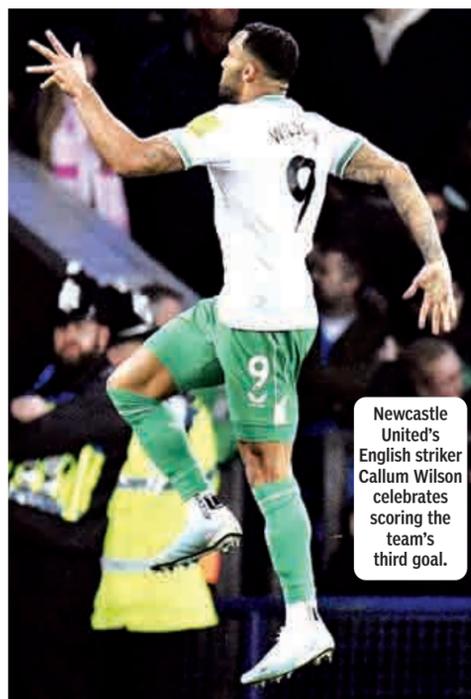
The Titans boast of a tempting bowling line-up in India pacer Mohammad Shami who along with Pandya have caused enough flutter in the powerplay.

Match starts: 3.30pm.

Rampant Newcastle wins big again

London, Apr 28 (AP): After scoring 10 goals in four days, Newcastle is closing in on Champions League qualification in some style and quicker than the club's Saudi ownership might have expected. A finish in the Premier League's top four looks increasingly likely for Newcastle following a 4-1 win at Everton on Thursday. It wasn't quite as emphatic as the 6-1 rout of Tottenham on Sunday, but it wasn't far off.

In third place and with an eight-point cushion to the teams battling to keep in touch with the top four, surely Newcastle will be joining Manchester City and Arsenal in Europe's top competition next season less than two years since the game-changing takeover by Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund. Manchester United is the favorite to be the fourth English team to reach the Champions League but a second-half collapse at



Newcastle United's English striker Callum Wilson celebrates the team's third goal.

Tottenham on Thursday gave the chasing teams including Spurs some hope. Jeered by their fans at 2-0 down at halftime, Tottenham's players recovered to draw 2-2 and regain some pride from that dismal performance at Newcastle that marked one of the darkest days in the London club's recent history. It was so bad Newcastle scored five times in the first 21 minutes that the team offered refunds to fans who traveled to the game, and interim manager Cristian Stellini was fired. Tottenham, now under another caretaker manager in Ryan Mason, is up to fifth place on goal difference and leads the chasers behind fourth-place United, which is six points clear with seven games to play. The battle to avoid relegation is even closer, although last-place Southampton looks doomed after a dispiriting 1-0 home loss to south-coast rival Bournemouth.

We don't mess with things that are going well: Fleming



Jaipur, Apr 28 (PTI):

Chennai Super Kings might have failed in their run-chase against Rajasthan Royals but head coach Stephen Fleming said they didn't feel the need to change the batting order as they "don't mess with things that are going well". Set a target of 203, CSK managed 170 for six to suffer a 32-run loss, their third defeat in eight matches this IPL season.

Asked if CSK could have sent some of their big-hitters up the order, Fleming said: "The set roles are very important. (Ajinkya) Rahane has been great for us at No. 3. We don't mess

with things that are going well. "It was just today we came up against a team that took the pace off the ball. We couldn't get any real momentum in the first six overs. "Devon Conway, who is in outstanding form, couldn't get underway. The rhythm of the innings was slow. When we tried to catch the game up, we made mistakes." Playing at the Saiwaj Mansingh Stadium, Rajasthan made 64 for no loss in the powerplay, and went on to amass 202 for five after batting first while Chennai managed just 42 for one in the first six overs. Fleming admitted they lost the match in the powerplays, saying the opposition was "outstanding" with both the bat and ball in the first six overs.

"The first six overs, they were outstanding with the bat and the ball as well. That just set the two innings up for them," Fleming said at the press-conference.

Focus on batting as DC eye a double against SRH

New Delhi, Apr 28 (PTI):

With back-to-back wins giving them some momentum, Delhi Capitals will hope their batters complement the bowling unit as they eye a season double against Sunrisers Hyderabad in a battle of IPL laggards here on Saturday.

The two teams are coming into the match following DC's nail-biting seven-run win on Monday and SRH will be eager to return the favour and snap their three-match losing streak.

Skipper David Warner marshalled his troops well against his former team the other day, using the spin of Axar Patel and Kuldeep Yadav to strangle the chase with seamer Mukesh Kumar holding his own in the final over while defending 12 runs.

While Ishant Sharma and Anrich Nortje too bowled well, the spin duo of Axar and Kuldeep gave away just 43 and snapped



Sunrisers Hyderabad coach Brian Lara with cricketer Umran Malik during a practice session.

three wickets in the eight overs between them in the middle overs.

However, the batting let them down with Manish Pandey and Axar Patel managing to lift Capitals to 128 for five from 62 for five. While skipper David Warner has done the heavy lifting on most occasions, his innings lacked the usual finesse, as he faced the most number of dot balls in the powerplay this IPL.

The fact that Delhi have struggled to get a steady opener at the other end has only extended his worry.

The other day, Phil Salt was tried but he was out for a duck, while Mitchell Marsh looked good during his short stay against SRH, but 31 runs in five innings tells his story.

Sarfraz Khan and Aman Hakim Khan, too, have struggled and had it not been for Axar, things could have been embarrassing for Delhi in the IPL.

Sethu FC blank Churchill Brothers FC 6-0 in IWL

Ahmedabad, Apr 28 (PTI):

The opening round of matches in the 2022-23 Hero Indian Women's League drew to an end with a thumping 6-0 victory for Sethu FC over Churchill Brothers FC at the Shahibaug Police Stadium here on Friday.

In the Madurai side, containing a host of Indian youth internationals, Kajol Dsouza shone the most with four goals in the first half.

Sunita Munda and Kenyan forward Ivy Faith Atieno added two more to wrap up a solid win for Sethu, which took them to joint-top of the Group B table alongside Odisha FC, who also won 6-0 against CRPF FC on Thursday.

Group A saw defending champions Gokulam Kerala get off to the perfect start with an 8-2 drubbing of East Bengal FC. All in all, there were 35 goals in the first eight matches of the new IWL

season. mGokulam Kerala, who won last year's title with 11 wins out of 11, had a whirlwind of a start in this year's competition, going 3-0 up after just seven minutes against Calcutta Women's Football League Champions East Bengal.

While Rimpa Haldar and Tulsi Hembram did pull two back for the Red and Golds, there was no stopping Gokulam's Nepali forward Sabitra Bhandari, who netted five goals. The other big favourites Odisha FC had a seamless IWL debut, winning 6-0 against CRPF FC. After having signed plenty of big Indian names and a couple of foreign players, the Odisha Women's League champions were excellent as expected by many.

But what would've pleased head coach Crispin Chettri the most is the fact that his side's six goals were scored by six different players.

Sri Lanka beat Ireland again, wins Test series 2-0

Galle, Apr 28 (AP):

Prabath Jayasuriya became the fastest spinner to reach 50 Test wickets and Ramesh Mendis claimed his fourth five-wicket haul as Sri Lanka cruised to an innings and 10-run win over Ireland on Friday to seal the series 2-0.

Resuming on 2-54, the Irish batters crumbled to 202 all out in extremely hot and humid conditions. "The way the bowlers bowled, it was really amazing," Sri Lanka captain Dumuth Karunaratne said. "The fast bowler, spinners and Ramesh came back very well. The way Asitha (Fernando) bowled was really amazing. If we want to win away series, this is the kind of bowling we need.

Sri Lanka's captain Dimuth Karunaratne poses with the trophy.



Ramesh could not do well in the first innings, but he bounced back well." Sri Lanka, which made its first test appearance in 1982 against England, won the first test by an innings and 280 runs. Friday's victory

was the country's 100th test win. Ireland has now lost all six matches since making its test debut in 2018 against Pakistan in Dublin. The Irish fought hard against the strong bowling effort from the Sri

Lankans, who worked to a concerted plan with Fernando generating seam and bounce on the fifth-day wicket and spinners getting some turn.

One of those bouncers struck the helmet of Ireland captain Andy Balbirnie. He was taken off the field briefly but returned to bat at the fall of Curtis Campher's wicket before the lunch break. Balbirnie then made 46 before holing out Mendis to Angelo Mathews at mid-off to leave Ireland at 6-143. Paul Stirling (1), one of the two centuries in Ireland's first innings, did little to keep the scoreboard ticking when Kusal Mendis completed an excellent low catch at extra-cover off left-arm spinner Jayasuriya.



'It hurts me...' Neeraj leads way as sports fraternity lends support to wrestlers

Besides champion javelin thrower Chopra, ace boxer Nikhat Zareen, tennis star Sania Mirza, hockey player Rani Rampal, renowned former cricketers Virender Sehwag, Harbhajan Singh, Irfan Pathan, Madan Lal and Navjot Singh Sidhu also came out in support of the wrestlers.

These sports personalities expressed their views a day after Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president PT Usha came down heavily on the wrestlers for hitting the streets to resume

their protests instead of approaching its athletes' commission.

The wrestlers have accused Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh of sexual harassment and intimidation.

Chopra tweeted, "It hurts me to see our athletes on the streets demanding justice. They have worked hard to represent our great nation and make us proud. As a nation, we are responsible for safeguarding the integrity and dignity of every individual, athlete

or not. What's happening should never happen."

"This is a sensitive issue, and must be dealt with in an impartial and transparent manner. Pertaining authorities must take quick action in order to ensure that justice is served."

The wrestlers have now received support from the country's only two individual Olympic gold medallists, with 2008 Beijing Games shooting champion Abhinav Bindra too recently voicing his support to the grapplers.

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