

BRIEF



West Bengal Tourism Minister Babul Supriyo sings 'Rabindra Sangeet' song during a programme to celebrate the birth anniversary of Nobel Laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore, in Kolkata, Tuesday.

Appeal

New Delhi: On the eve of polling in Karnataka, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Tuesday appealed to voters, especially first-timers, to come out in large numbers to exercise their franchise. Karnataka has more than 5.3 crore electors, including 11.71 lakh first-time voters, spread across 224 constituencies.

Engage

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Raghav Chadha and actor Parineeti Chopra will get engaged on May 13, a party source said. The ceremony, to be held in the national capital, will be attended by around 150 guests, including family and close friends. "Raghav was in Mumbai for the last few days and today they both flew down to Delhi. Now till the engagement, Parineeti will stay here," the source told PTI on Tuesday.

Ban demanded

Haridwar: Local travel operators staged an indefinite dharna here on Tuesday demanding a ban on vehicles from outside the state operating on the Chardham Yatra route. The transport department is issuing green cards to vehicles from other states for operating on the Chardham Yatra route. It is harming the local travel operators, the protesters said.

Shot dead

New Delhi: A 55-year-old man was shot dead in north Delhi's Civil Lines area, police said on Tuesday, adding two empty cartridges were recovered from the spot. A lunch bag of the victim was found missing from the spot, they said. The incident took place on Monday evening. The deceased was identified as Virender Singh Rawat, a resident of Burari.

Arrest

Mumbai: Actor Rakhi Sawant's brother has been arrested in an old cheque bouncing case in Mumbai after a warrant was issued against him by a local court, police said on Tuesday. Rakesh Sawant was arrested on Sunday. He was produced before the metropolitan magistrate court in Andheri which remanded him to judicial custody till May 22, a police officer said.

Weather
High 38 Low 26

MARKET
NIFTY 18,265.95
SENSEX 61,761.33

BULLION
GOLD 61,200
SILVER 77,130

PAINFUL TRUTH

24 killed after bus falls from bridge

41 injured
Khargone, May 09 (PTI)

At least 24 people were killed and more than 40 others injured when a speeding private bus packed with passengers plunged into a dry river bed after breaking through railings of a bridge in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone district on Tuesday morning, Agriculture Minister Kamal Patel said.



Locals gather at the site after a bus fell from a bridge in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone district, Tuesday.

As many as 41 passengers were injured in the accident and undergoing treatment in various hospitals at Khargone and Indore, Patel, who is also minister in-charge of the district, told reporters.

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Patel said Khargone district's Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) was suspended after it came to light that the ill-fated bus was overloaded and speeding at the time of the accident. There were around 70 passengers in the bus which had capacity to accommodate only 37 people, the minister said.

PM announces ex-gratia

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the loss of lives in the road accident in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone on Tuesday, and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each for the next of kin of the deceased. "The road accident in Khargone is very saddening. My condolences to those who have lost their loved ones in this accident. Also, I wish speedy recovery to all the injured. Under the supervision of the state government, the local administration is providing all possible help on the spot," Modi was quoted as saying in a tweet by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

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CGBSE Board results today

Raipur, May 09:

The Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) will declare the Chhattisgarh Board Class 10th and 12th results 2023 tomorrow, May 10. As per the reports, CGBSE will declare the Class 10 and Class 12 results at 12 noon, on Wednesday. Once CGBSE results are declared, the students who have appeared for the CGBSE 10th, 12th board exams 2023 can check and download their marksheets from the official website- cgbse.nic.in and results.cg.nic.in.

In order to download the CGBSE marksheets, students will have to enter their roll number and date of birth. The Board has conducted the CGBSE 10th exams from March 2 to March 24, 2023, while the board exams for Class 12 were held from January 10 to January 31, 2023. Students are required to score a minimum of 33 percent marks in individual subjects and in the aggregate to pass the Chhattisgarh Board Class 10th and 12th Exam 2023.

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Female cheetah translocated from SA dies

Third fatality in 42 days



Female cheetah 'Daksha', translocated to Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park from South Africa, died on Tuesday, a forest official said. Daksha became the third cheetah to die in the KNP. Earlier, a female cheetah and a male cheetah died on March 27 and April 23, respectively. "Daksha was found in injured condition in the morning by a monitoring team of KNP. She was immediately given necessary medication and treatment

but she died around 12 noon," the official said. Daksha was released in enclosure number one and two male cheetahs, Vayu and Agni, were released from boma 7 (enclosure) for mating, but it appears that the male cheetahs turned violent during the process which is a normal thing, the official added. In such a scenario, it is difficult for the monitoring team to interfere while the female cheetah died.

CORRUPTION CASE

Imran Khan arrested for causing loss to national treasury

Islamabad, May 09 (PTI):

Pakistan's Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah on Tuesday said that former prime minister Imran Khan was arrested for causing loss to the national treasury in a corruption case.



capital Islamabad, was arrested by on Tuesday while he was present at the court for the hearing of a corruption case, a day after he took on the country's powerful army for allegedly hatching a plot to kill him.

Supporters storm Pak Army headquarters

In unprecedented scenes, supporters of former prime minister Imran Khan on Tuesday stormed the Pakistan Army headquarters in the garrison city of Rawalpindi and the Corps Commander's residence in Lahore after his dramatic arrest in a corruption case. As the news of his arrest by the Rangers spread, massive protests broke out in several cities across Pakistan. Protesters at several places turned violent and burned police vehicles and damaged public property.

COAL LEVY PMLA CASE

Assets of two Cong MLAs attached

Assets attached....

Ninety immovable assets, luxury vehicles, jewellery and cash worth over Rs 51 crore belonging to Chhattisgarh Congress MLAs Devender Yadav, Chandradev Prasad Rai and PCC treasurer Ramgopal Agarwal among others have been attached in a money laundering case linked to alleged illegal coal levy in the state.

What is the case....

The investigation relates to allegations of "a massive scam in which illegal levy of Rs 25 was being extorted for every tonne of coal transported in Chhattisgarh by a cartel involving senior bureaucrats, businessmen, politicians and middlemen".

as the Raigad district collector. The properties have been provisionally attached under the criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the agency said in a statement. They are worth a total Rs 51.40 crore.

The federal probe agency claimed that it has "established direct evidence of financial linkages of the above persons with Suryakant Tiwari." "Assets created by layering of the proceeds of crime or equivalent assets have been identified for attachment proceedings under PMLA," the agency said.

in a money laundering case linked to alleged illegal coal levy in the state, the ED said on Tuesday. The properties frozen also belong to IAS officer Ranu Sahu, coal trader and prime accused in the

case-- Suryakant Tiwari-- apart from state Congress spokesperson R P Singh and local party leader Vinod Tiwari. Sahu was questioned by the ED few months back when she was officiating

TERROR CONSPIRACY CASE

NIA launches multiple raids in J-K

Srinagar, May 09 (PTI):

National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday launched searches at 15 locations across Jammu and Kashmir in a Pakistan-backed terror conspiracy case, an official said.

PFI CONSPIRACY CASE

NIA raids at six places in TN

National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at six locations in Tamil Nadu in connection with a case related to unlawful activities of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) and detained two people, officials said. Mohammad Qaiser, the Madurai regional president of PFI and Sadiq Ali, the SDPI district secretary of Theni have been detained, officials said, adding the raids are underway in Chennai, Madurai, Dindigul and Theni districts. So far, nearly a dozen cadre of PFI have been arrested by the NIA since registering the case early last year. The case relates to conspiracy and unlawful activities, such as creating enmi-



ty among different groups on grounds of religion and carrying out activities prejudicial to communal harmony to disrupt public peace and tranquillity and cause disaffection against India, the officials said.

Kirti Chakras to three Chh'garh cops posthumously

New Delhi, May 09:

President Mrs Droupadi Murmu, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, conferred eight Kirti Chakras, including five posthumous, and 29 Shaurya Chakras, including five posthumous. The awards for exemplary courage have been given to the personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State/Union Territory Police during Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-1) held in New Delhi on Tuesday. The Gallantry awards were given to the personnel for displaying conspicuous

scribed terrorist organisations to execute violent

militant attacks in Jammu and Kashmir with sticky

bombs, IEDs and small arms.

NEW BIOGRAPHY

When Vajpayee went to a nightclub in the US

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI)

In his first trip to the US in 1960, Atal Bihari Vajpayee befriended a young IFS officer posted in the permanent mission of India to the UN and explored New York with him, visiting museums, art galleries and even nightclubs, says a new biography of the former prime minister.

Vajpayee went to the US on an invitation from the American government to be an observer during the presidential election campaign between John F Kennedy and Richard Nixon and was also part of a delegation chosen by the

then prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru for the UN General Assembly session.

Abhishek Choudhary, in the first of his two-volume biography "Vajpayee: The Ascent of the Hindu Right", says that on the morning of September 25, 1960, Vajpayee boarded a plane for Washington DC, his first foreign trip. "The invitation from the American government was for him to be present as an observer during the ongoing presidential election campaign. As reported in the 'Organiser', he was also invited for his 'special interest in the welfare of the Railway labour'. The mouthpiece did not mention another, perhaps the more important, reason for Vajpayee's visit: Nehru had included him in the list of delegates for the UN General Assembly session," he writes.

K'TAKA ASSLY POLLS

Battle of survival for JD(S) or kingmaker/king again?

Bengaluru, May 09 (PTI):

Will the 2023 Karnataka Assembly polls be a battle of political survival for former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda-led Janata Dal (Secular) or will the regional party once again emerge as a 'king' or a 'kingmaker', like it did in 2018, in the event of a hung verdict? Political circles are abuzz with this debate before the past couple of elections, and this time is no different. Plagued by desertions

and internal rifts, and with the image of being a "family party", Gowda's son Kumaraswamy, has in a way single-handedly managed the JD(S) campaign across the state, with his aging father taking the backseat. Kumaraswamy has by-and-large focused his campaign on a five-fold programme called 'Pancharatna' -- quality education, healthcare, housing, farmer welfare and employment -- that the JD(S) plans to implement in the event of coming to power.

RELIGIOUS PROCESSION



Karni Sena members take part in a procession to celebrate Maharana Pratap Jayanti, in Nagpur, Tuesday.

ED is misusing its power, alleges Devendra

ED officials and its Media Cell give contradictory statements

Bhilai, May 09:

The Enforcement Directorate is misusing its power, alleged Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav on Tuesday. He was interacting with media persons at his residence at Sector 5. It needs to be mentioned here that the ED has issued a press release in which it was informed that immovable properties of MLA Devendra Yadav and others have been provisionally attached under PMLA 2002. In reply to this press release, Devendra said that when his lawyer went to Raipur office of ED, an on duty officer informed him that no action has been taken and whenever any property is attached under



Devendra Yadav @Devendra1923
ED की अधिकारी सहा करके की उनके द्वारा मेरी किस्ती और क्या क्या संपत्ति कुर्क की गई है
यानकारी सार्वजनिक करें।
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ED has provisionally attached 90 immovable properties, luxurious vehicles, jewellery & cash worth Re 51.40 Crore belongs to Ms. Ramu Sahu IAS, Suryakant Tiwari, Devender Yadav, MLA, Chandradev Prasad Rai, MLA, A...

PMLA 2002, advance notice is issued under section 5. As any notice has not been issued, attachment of property cannot be done. Devendra said that ED is harassing us by misusing its power and taking action without any evidence. ED is now unnecessarily harassing my mother and she is being called to the ED Office for interroga-

tion. He further said that ED raided and searched his house but did not find anything. Till now, ED has not been able to prove anything. ED should tell whether its officials are right or its media cell. Yadav added that when his lawyer enquired, ED officials replied that nothing has been found and no further action has been taken.

Devendra said that he has clearly sought clarification from the Enforcement Directorate through a tweet about how much and which property has been attached. "ED should make public that out of the total attached property worth 56 crores, how much and which are my properties", Devendra asserted.

WRM & RDCIS team win runners up position

At conclave on Digital HR

Bhilai, May 09:

A team from SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Wire Rod Mill (WRM) and SAIL's RDCIS has won the runners up position for their paper presentation in e-gallery at International Conclave on Digital HR for Capability Building in Metals & Mining Industry organized by SAIL and NHRD, Ranchi at SAIL's Management Training Institute (MTI) on 12th and 13th April 2023.

The team from RDCIS and WRM jointly presented the paper on IT powered Coil Tracking & Yard Management System: An Innovative Link in Efficient Supply Chain of WRM. The paper highlighted the Automatic Dispatch Advice Generation after posting the data on SAP from the



hand held scanner as part of the Mill's Coil Yard Management System.

Certificates were given away by S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects and P & A) to the team members comprising of Archana Sharan, GM (RDCIS), Anupama Kumari, GM (MWRM) and V Subhash, Asst Mgr (Shipping) WRM and members of the supporting ERP-MES team from BSP's C & IT Dept comprising JPS Chauhan, GM, Deepmala, AGM, Buhiril Thangliammang,

AGM, and Ritesh Awadhya at ED (P&A) Conference Hall in Ispat Bhavan on 6th May 2023.

Present were Asit Saha, CGM I/c (M&U), Nisha Soni, CGM (HRD & BE) and Ravishankar, GM (INCOS). Earlier, as a first step to the Mill's Coil Yard Management System Project, the initiative of labeling each and every wire rod coil dispatched from WRM coil with QR code had been taken. The QR code has all information like - Heat Number, Coil

Number, Quality, Section, Date and Shift of rolling. All this information is unique to each coil. This was done to fulfil the requirements of SAIL's Marketing Wing, CMO for proper labelling and marking of coils.

Now, with Automatic Dispatch Advice Generation after posting the data on SAP from the hand held scanner being put in place, the Mill's Coil Yard Management System Project has been completed.

Trade Unions extend support to Wrestlers' Protest

Bhilai, May 09: For the last 19 days, the women wrestlers who worked hard to bring laurels to the country by winning medals are staging protests in Delhi. They are being supported by other male colleagues who have won medals as well as awards by the government. They are seeking justice and the resignation of the President of the Wrestlers' Federation of India, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, and punishment for the alleged sexual harassment. An FIR was also registered by the Delhi Police only after the directions of the Supreme Court of India.

The police had attacked the wrestlers on the night of 3 May and in the process some of the protestors were injured.



Journalist Sakshi Joshi, who went to cover him on getting the news, was also assaulted.

The Central Trade Unions have given a call to organize programs including torch rallies, showing their solidarity with the struggle of the wrestlers across the country. All the unions of Bhilai (AITUC, HMS, CITU, AICCTU, LOIMU, Ispat Shramik Manch, Steel Workers Union) conducted a meeting under the chairman-

ship of HS Mishra at HMS office on Monday. HS Mishra, Vinod Kumar Soni, Jagannath Prasad Soni, Triloki Mishra, Ashok Khatarkar, Nand Kishore Gupta, Vinay Kumar Mishra, Ashok Panda, A Chinnaiah, Tikaram, Devendra Kumar Singh, Surendra Mohanty, Rajendra Pargahnia, Tandandas, Prem Singh Chandel, Ashok Miri, Sheikh Mehmood and others were present.

Skill training session on Neonatal Resuscitation Programme held

Bhilai, May 09:

Ninety percent of newborn babies make the transition from intrauterine to extrauterine life requiring little or no assistance to begin spontaneous and regular respirations. Approximately 10% of newborns require some assistance to begin breathing at birth and only about 1% may need extensive resuscitative measures to survive. Yet, birth asphyxia is a leading cause of mortality and morbidity in newborns and in India it contributes towards one fifth of all neonatal deaths. These deaths can be averted by proper antenatal and intrapartum care along with correct technique and steps of neonatal resuscitation. It was a proud privilege for Indian



Academy of Paediatrics to organise 1-day skill training session on Neonatal Resuscitation Programme under the guidance of Dr Mala Choudhary (Consultant, Dept of Paediatrics & Neonatology, JLNH&RC) as course coordinator at PG College of Nursing, Hospital Sector, a Premiere Nursing institute. The program was in-

augurated with welcome address by Dr Mala Choudhary among the presence of all honourable guests, Dr Subodh Saha, (Additional CMO & Neonatal In charge, JLNH & RC), Dr Omesh Khurana (Lead instructor for Neonatal Resuscitation Programme & Ex HOD Paediatrics CCM Medical college), Dr Seema Jain (Consultant

Dept. of Paediatrics District hospital, Durg) and Dr Abhilekha Biswal (Principal PG College of Nursing).

Followed by renowned paediatrician member of Indian Academy of Paediatrics Dr OP Khurana (Ex Director JLNH&RC) demonstrated on T piece resuscitator and its use also elaborated the role of Indian

Academy of Paediatrics for the simulation-based training where trainers are commenced in creation of actual real life clinical events which will play a major role in the evolution of Neonatal Resuscitation Programme and mastering skills needed for successful resuscitation. On the said occasion Dr Subodh Saha (Additional CMO, JLNH&RC) deliberated about National goals and targets related to Neonatal health and well-being and appreciated the programme which needs to be continued in future and together we can make it possible. In conclusion Dr Abhilekha Biswal (Principal, PG College of Nursing) proposed vote of thanks for their gracious contributions and blessings for making the program a great success.

SRJS conducts cleanliness drive at Shiv Mahapuran Katha venue

Bhilai, May 09:

With the resolution to make the city clean and beautiful, Shri Ram Jannotsav Samiti (SRJS) conducted a cleanliness drive at Shri Shiv Mahapuran Katha venue near Jayanti Stadium. Under the leadership of former Vidhan Sabha Speaker Prem Prakash Pandey (Patron, SRJS), the members of the Shri Ram Jannotsav Samiti came together and cleaned the entire Katha Sthal. In this campaign, all the members ensured their active participation.

Underlining the importance of cleanliness, Pandey said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi made cleanliness a part of life. With this thought and



aim, we are giving our cooperation in making the city and the country clean. The members of the committee took a pledge to make Bhilai city a clean city. All the members showed their commitment towards

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and gave their full cooperation in this campaign. Everyone spontaneously joined this campaign and worked to clean the entire stadium. It needs to be mentioned here that Shri Shiv Mahapuran



Katha was narrated by Pt Pradeep Mishra at this venue from April 25 to May 1. Lakhs of devotees attended and listened to the story.

After cleaning the stadium, the members of the Shri Ram Jannotsav Samiti gave the message of tree plantation. Baluram Verma, a

renowned environmental protection activist of the city, distributed bel trees explaining the importance of tree plantation and also detailed the correct method of tree planting. Verma gifted tree saplings to Prem Prakash Pandey and SRJS Youth Wing President Manish Pandey. Ramesh Mane,

Ajay Pathak, Vinod Singh, Joginder Sharma, Basant Pradhan, Madan Sen, Shivprakash Shibu, Prakash Yadav, Rinku Sahu, Sudhanshu Singh, Rehan Ahmed, Rohit Tiwari, Ashok Yadav, Rituraj Sharma, other members of the Samiti and locals were present.

Technologia-2023 at CCET on May 12 & 13

Bhilai, May 23:

Technologia-2023 is an upcoming international conference that is set to bring together experts, professionals, and enthusiasts from various fields to share ideas, innovations, and best practices. The conference is scheduled for May 12th and 13th, 2023, at Christian College of Engineering and Technology, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh.

International conference on recent advances on Mechanical Engineering and Nano materials ICAMEN is being organized by Christian College of Engineering and Technology (CCET), Bhilai in association with Research Association of Masters of Engineering RAME Publishers, Pune, Maharashtra. Invited speakers for the conference include Dr Jaejin Jang, from

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, USA and Dr Dharam Pal from NIT Raipur. Conference has received a good number of research papers from India and abroad. Selected research papers will be published in SCOPUS, SCI, and UGC indexed journals. The inaugural function will be graced by Dr Sanjay Agrawal, Pro Vice Chancellor CSVTU, Bhilai, along with His Grace Alexios Mar Eusebios, Chairman, CCET, and Bhilai.

The Technologia-2023 conference will be a two-day event, with a mix of keynote speeches, panel discussions, and technical sessions in hybrid mode. The technical sessions at Technologia-2023 will be an opportunity for researchers and practitioners to present their latest research findings, case studies, and best practices.

Check-post in-charge beats two badly

Just for not moving bike parked on the road

Kusmi/Balrampur, May 09:

A case of harshness and insensitivity on part of the Police of Wadraunagar Chowki of Balrampur has come to fore, wherein the Check-post in-charge Vinod Paswan is seen beating two youth black & white with his hands and fists.

The video of the incident has become viral. The youth had gone to purchase medicine and while purchase, his bike was standing on the road. On this the Check-post in-charge asked the biker to remove his bike, but the bike did not start and on this the check-post in-charge Paswan had beaten the two with his fists and



hands. According to the local eye-witnesses,

Wadraunagar check-post in-charge had beaten the two youth mercilessly on the road taking them here and there. During this the people present took a video and made it viral on social media.

Youths beaten in broad daylight:

Check-post in-charge Vinod Paswan lost his temper and had beaten the youths mercilessly and due to which one of the youth is reported to be critical.

Their only mistake was that they were standing with a bike on the road and on asking by the check-post in-charge the bike could not start and on this he lost his temper and beaten the two badly.

24 students selected in campus placement

Bhilai, May 09:

A campus placement drive was organized by Chhattisgarh's best pharmacy retail company Prism Medicals Pvt Ltd under the chairmanship of Principal Dr Alankar Srivastava and Placement Coordinator Astha Verma at Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Institute of Pharmacy on Monday. The sole aim of every student to study in a good institute is the desire for placement. Most of the students depend on college placement for their better future. For this reason, placement cell has been created in this institution to give adequate training to the students on these subjects. In this D Pharma, B Pharma and M Pharma students participated. After two rounds of the selection process, 24 students



were selected. 24 students got selected in the placement drive. Selected students include Jitendra Kumar Sonkar, Leakesh Sahu, Leena Ray, Neha Sahu, Saraswati Sahu, Moin Khan, Prahlad Sahu, Thaneshwari Sahu, Dagendra Sahu from B.Pharm, Rachna Salam, Gyanati Srivastava, Yogesh Chakradhari, Ankur Agarwal from

D.Pharm. Yash Banerjee, Radha, Nutan Sinha, Jai Prakash Sahu, Rohit Devangan, Bina Das, Akash Ratde, Arpan, Himashu, Avantika and Pushpendra Patel from M Pharma. Placement Driver is a better option for students who are aiming for a good career along with education. SRGOI is also instilling vital confidence in the students by organizing

placement drives. There are many placement activities every year in this institute. Now coming to the placement of SRGOI, the placement in this institution is purely based on the academic performance and skills of the students. There is equal opportunity for all the branch students in the placement drive. In campus placement many companies provide jobs to

the students through group discussion and interview and students should also utilize this opportunity properly. On this achievement, the selected students attributed their performance to the regular training of the placement cell. Dr JK Upadhyay, Vice Chairman of the Group congratulated all the students on the success of the students.

Villagers should take benefit of State and Central govt schemes: Governor

● Guv Harichandan reached among Kamar tribes of Mahasamund district

Raipur, May 09: Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan on Tuesday reached Basankuda, a tribal-dominated village in Mahasamund district, and met the villagers there and inquired about the basic facilities being provided to them by the administration, their economic condition etc. He said that many schemes are being run by the Center and the State Government for the poor, deprived sections and the people of the last end of the society, the benefits of which must be taken by the villagers. Governor Mr. Harichandan met Kamar tribe families, women of self-help groups and villagers in a program organised at Basankuda village and visited the stalls set up by women self-



help groups in the morning. The women gave information about bamboo, chind baskets, decoration materials, clay art, terracotta art materials and food items etc. produced by them. He said that the collector and other officers of the district should ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach the people. If there is any problem, then inform the Collector and if there is a bigger problem, then you can also tell me. He interacted with some of the women with intimacy in Hindi and Odisha languages. Women presented baskets made of bamboo

to the Governor. The Governor said that Mahasamund district is a border district of Chhattisgarh and Odisha. The residents of both the states are brothers. The culture of India is unique. All cultures meet here. That's why India is called Vishwa Guru.

On this occasion, Amrit Khalkho, Secretary to the Governor also gave his address. He said that for the first time the Governor has come to meet the residents of the tribal area directly and see the implementation of the schemes. In the programme, the Governor distributed urad

seed mini kit, battery sprayer, nutrition kit to pregnant women and material to the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, tricycle to the differently-abled to the farmers of Kamar tribe. The Governor also planted trees in the campus. On this occasion, Deputy Secretary to the Governor Mr. Deepak Agarwal, Mahasamund Collector Mr. Nilesh Kumar Kshirsagar, Superintendent of Police and other senior officers, Sarpanch and other public representatives and villagers of the area were present in large numbers.

CGBSE 10th, 12th exam results out today

Raipur, May 09: School Education Minister Dr Premsai Singh Tekam will announce the results of Class 10th and Class 12th board examinations, conducted by Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education, on May 10. Examination results will also be released on board's websites <https://www.cgse.nic.in> and <https://www.results.cg.nic.in>.



With block work started at Raipur Railway Station, the passengers were left stranded at many places and many were able to catch the bus services provided to Sarona and Urukara station in the outskirts of the city to catch their trains in hot-sun. It is for the first time that no trains entered Raipur Railway station.

Mahila Congress holds Candle March

● To support agitating women wrestlers

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 09: Members of City Mahila Congress Committee today took out a candle march from Congress Bhavan to City Kotwali Chowk here in presence

of City Congress Committee President Girish Dubey in support of agitating women wrestlers in Delhi. Wrestlers are protesting at Delhi's Janta Mantar against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh over sexual harassment complaints. Criticising central gov-

ernment's callous attitude on the issue Raipur City Mahila Congress president Sunita Sharma demanded arrest of Brijbhushan and disqualification of his membership from WFI and parliament. Hundreds of Mahila Congress members including Usha Rajjan Shrivastav, Asha Chouhan, Mamta Rai,

Ganga Yadav, Chandravati Sahu, Anusha Shrivastav, Shashi Sharma, Nilima Mishra, Vaidehi Deodas, Rekha Joshi, Padma Kahar, Neelam Jagat, Sheetal Kuldeep Boga, Bhojkumari Yadu, Punam Pandey, Saraswati Verma, Anita Pille, Sushma Dhruv, Babita Sengupta, Sandhya Verma participated in candle march.

Annual Techno-Cultural Fest AmiSpark-2023 begins



● In Amity University

Raipur, May 09: Prof (Dr.) Piyush Kant Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, Amity University Chhattisgarh on Tuesday (May 09, 2023) official inaugurated the Annual Techno-Cultural Fest 'AmiSpark 2023' in its auditorium. Dr. Varaprasad Kolla, DSW and Convener 'AmiSpark 2023' gave the welcome address which was followed by Saraswati Vandana. "Ganesh Vandana" was performed by Asmita Tiwari, a student of BBA.

Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Kant Pandey in his address said today is an auspicious day as it is the birth anniversary of legendary poet and writer Rabindranath Tagore. He that Amity University believes in complete development of the students apart from academic and through co-curricular activities. Citing the lines of the famous poem "Where the mind is without fear" by Rabindranath Tagore, he advised the students not to do anything undesirable. There is no boundary of knowledge and where reasoning should be kept clear. Prof. Pandey also advised the students to respect time and focus on utilizing it at its best in order to achieve success in life. AmiSpark

is a three-day Fest (May 09-11, 2023) with a bunch of new and stimulating events where students all over the state will be participating to showcase their talent and skills. The various event of the gala fest include Ad Mad Show, Amivibe - the music fiesta, Amity Battleground Series, Clue-Minati, Comedy Sutra, Corporate Roadies, Nakabposh, Drain Your Brain, Ek Jut, Abhikalp, Fashion Show, Funathlon, Gaze the Maze, Face off Royale, Rhythh Riot, Heatwaves, Dance Drama the D-D Show, Lex Clip, The Rope Warriors, Mobile Photography, Munch Ka MuQadar, Digital Photography, Poetry Recitation, Reel Drill, Sparkthon, Survival 3.0, Timetrica, Watch Out, Youngest Fashion Influencer and others. Students of the university and other institutes of repute within the state will also be participating in the events.



Helpline for career counseling from May 10

● Initiative to remove the fear of result from the mind of the students

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Raipur, May 09: The helpline is being started from 10.30 am on May 10, before the announcement of results of high school and higher secondary examinations organized by the Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education. The helpline toll free number is 18002334363.

The helpline will be operated from May 10 to May 18, except Sundays and government holidays, for the management of stress caused by fear in the mind of the students before the examination results and for

guidance regarding subject and career selection. The helpline will be operated in two shifts. The first shift will be conducted from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm and the second shift will be conducted from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm.

Psychologists, psychiatrists, career counselors, board officers, assistant professors will provide guidance through the helpline. The helpline will function under guidance of Deputy Secretary, JK Agrawal and coordination with Dr Pradeep Kumar Sahu.

It is notable that the helpline program was conducted before and during the annual examination 2023. The result of class 10th and 12th main examination will be declared by the Board of Secondary Education on May 10 at 12.00 noon.

Cong gov created 'criminal syndicate': BJP

Raipur, May 9: Chhattisgarh Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) chief Arun Sao on Tuesday slammed the Congress government in the state and claimed liquor rates were arbitrarily raised, thus causing an increase in the liquor sale revenue in the state. Sao also alleged that the Congress government created an "organised criminal syndicate" and started selling liquor directly from distillery to shop. On Monday, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel termed the Enforcement Directorate's claim of decline in revenue collection from liquor in the state as "baseless" and said the data shows a significant rise in revenue collected from liquor sale under the



current Congress government as compared to the previous BJP regime.

The ED on Saturday arrested liquor businessman Anwar Dhebar, the brother of Congress leader and Raipur Mayor Aijaz Dhebar, in connection with the alleged liquor scam in Chhattisgarh.

In its remand application filed in a special court, the ED had claimed there was a "massive scam" in the liquor trade in Chhattisgarh by a syndicate, comprising high-level state government officials, private persons and political executives.

It also claimed the scam generated corruption money of more than Rs 2,000 crore between 2019-22. Speaking to reporters at the state BJP headquarters here on Tuesday, Sao said, "The chief minister's statement about liquor sale is completely baseless. You (current Congress government) had arbitrarily increased the liquor rates. Also, you were once opposing the liquor policy but are now following it." During the BJP's rule, there were no two separate counters (for liquor sale), he said. "You (Congress) created an organised criminal syndicate and started selling liquor directly from distillery to shop, used fake holograms to sell liquor thereby putting the health and lives of people in danger," Sao claimed.

Dr Dahria discusses problems with the resident



Raipur, May 09: Urban Administration and Labour Minister Dr. Shiv Kumar Dahria met resident from different places of the state at his official residence in Shankar Nagar here on Tuesday and discussed about their various problems and development works in their area. Residents gave applica-

tions regarding their problems to Minister Dr. Dahria. Minister Dr. Dahria assured the residents to solve their problems.

It is noteworthy that on every Tuesday, regional public representatives and residents from different areas of the state meet Dr. Dahria and give applications regarding problems.

State level approval and monitoring committee meeting of PMAY (Urban) concludes

Raipur, May 09: Under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Mr. Amitabh Jain, a meeting of the State Level Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee constituted under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Housing for All Mission (Urban) was held at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhavan here. Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), the Chief Secretary took detailed information from the officers regarding the houses of the approved projects in various urban bodies of the state. In the meeting, a detailed discussion was held regarding acceptance of projects under self-construction of housing by the constituent beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban. The officers informed about the physical



and financial progress of the scheme in the meeting. In the meeting, officials informed that under the scheme, two lakh 22 thousand 174 houses have been sanctioned by the beneficiaries under self-construction (BLC). Under the approved houses, construction of one lakh 7 thousand 963 houses has been completed so far. Similarly, 40503 houses have been sanctioned under Affordable Housing Construction (AHP) in

partnership under the scheme. Out of which the construction work of one lakh 12 thousand 406 houses has been completed. The work of remaining houses is in progress. Special Secretary, Urban Administration and Development Department, Mr. Ayaz Tamboli, Chief Executive Officer, State Urban Development Agency, Mr. Saumil Ranjan Choubey and other officers participated in the meeting.

Early integration of pain medicine with other specialties is need of hour: Dr. Kanthed



● Society of Pain Medicine (SPM) Raipur installed; Pratibha Jain Shah appointed President SPM(R)

Raipur, May 09: The Society of Pain Medicine Raipur was installed on May 7 in the gracious presence of our Chief guest Secretary, Indian Society for the Study of Pain (ISSP) Dr Pravesh Kanthed and Guest of Honor Dr Sandeep Dave, Director Ramkrishna Care Hospital (RCH). Installation was followed by 1st CME on two most common topics, i.e Facial Pain in different scenarios & Low Back Pain.

National Secretary (ISSP) Dr Pravesh Kanthed pointed emphasised that Pain Medicine is upcoming growing superspeciality branch of Anesthesiology with 3200 members so far. Early integration of Pain medicine with the other specialties is the need of an hour.

According to the president Dr (Prof) Pratibha Jain Shah Pain is the fifth and crucial vital sign which is equally important to be addressed as we address heart rate, blood pressure, temperature and respiratory rate in routine. She also said that our society will work to public awareness regarding pain especially chronic pain.

The Secretary Dr Bablesh Mahawar gave the assurance that the society of Pain

Medicine Raipur would work with the vision of sustainable continuum of care by improving the quality of life of patients suffering from chronic pain and to increase their functionality via conservative, MIPS (minimally invasive pain and spine interventions), life style modifications etc.

The office bearers are as follows: President- Dr Pratibha Jain Shah; Vice President- Dr Ashok Sonkar; Secretary- Dr Bablesh Mahawar; Joint Secretary- Dr Rampal Singh; Executive members- Dr Jaya Lalwani, Dr Chatrapal Watti, Dr Pankaj Omar, Dr Santosh Sonkar, Dr Ashish Majumdar; Patron- Dr Mahesh Sinha Dr Ashok Tripathi.

CM garlands statue of Bharat Ratna former PM Late Rajiv Gandhi

Raipur, May 08: Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel reached village Khudia of Lormi assembly constituency of Mungeli district under state level meeting program. Before the meeting, Chief Minister Mr. Baghel visited the Biodiversity Park near the irrigation project Khudia Dam. He garlanded the statue of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi in the park.



Chief Minister Baghel met and interacted directly with the beneficiaries taking benefits of the

state government's public welfare schemes at the

park. It is notable that the establishment of "Biodiversity Park Khudia" was completed in May 2020 by Forest and Climate Change Department, Mungeli. It was built under the ambitious project of the Forest and Climate Change Department of the Government of Chhattisgarh, with a view to bring awareness among the people about biodiversity and its conservation, promotion and protection.

The said park is divided into different parts, in

which Nakshatra Vatika, Navagraha Vatika, Nature Trail, Butterfly Garden and Miyawaki Plantation are prominent. Three domes have been built in this park for increasing the income of the people and training them for livelihood. Parliamentary Secretary Mrs. Rashmi Ashish Singh and other public representatives were present on the occasion of wreath laying program of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi's statue.

CM appreciates entrepreneurship spirit of women in Chandeli's RIPA

CM held extensive discussion with the women of WSHGs

Bilaspur, May 09:

During the Bhent Mulaqat program of Lormi Vidhan Sabha today, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel observed the RIPA of Chandeli and inspected the livelihood-oriented activities happening there. He also held extensive discussions with members of the women's group. Sunita Dhruv, a member of Jai Budha Dev self-help group, informed the Chief Minister that she has been manufacturing cow dung-based natural paint for the last two months. They have sold 860 liters of cow dung paint, generating an income of Rs. 62,000.



Maa Ambe self-help group member Ganeshia Patel, who is running the Dona Pattal unit, informed that ten thousand bundles of Dona-Pattal have been made, and they earned 20 thousand in two months. They are also selling dona pattal in C-Mart and also sending them to the weekly market.

After this, the Chief Minister observed the shoe-slippers manufacturing unit. Pushpa Khunte of Vande Mataram self-help group informed that she has sold 309 pieces of slippers in a month, earning an income of Rs. 11,400. After this, the Chief Minister visited the Display Unit training room and commenced the Wi-Fi facility. The members also told the Chief Minister about the fish farming being done in three ponds. Pushpa informed the Chief Minister that "we have three ponds here and we have extracted one quintal fish and earned an income of two lakh rupees from it."

The Chief Minister held extensive discussion with the women of the group in the display room. Rukmini Navrang of Deharkapa said that "we are pursuing numerous kinds of livelihood-oriented activities here and are easily earning up to ten thousand rupees every month, and recently, fish farming has also started here which will further increase our income." Anupa Yadav of Adarsh Self-Help Group said that "we have started goat rearing and have

earned more than Rs. 60,000 from it." Expressing gratitude to the Chief Minister, Anupa said that "the way you are promoting Gothans, the economic condition of women is getting stronger across the rural parts of the state". Sandhya Sahu of Mini Mata Self-Help Group informed that "10 pieces of sewing machines have been provided to us by the state government. We have sold clothes worth 20 thousand rupees in 2 months by taking multiple orders. An order for 5000 jute material products has been received through the C-Mart of Mungeli, and we are currently working on it." The Chief Minister praised all the members of the group for their commendable work on a large scale and for making profits in the initial period itself. He expressed his belief that this has boosted their potential for a better and prosperous future. Additionally, he encouraged them to continue to increase the number of livelihood activities and make substantial profits together.

Collector hears public grievances at 'Jan Chaupal'

Instructs concerned departmental officials to take action for redressal

Raipur, May 09:

Collector Dr Sarveshwar Bhure heard public grievances at 'Jan Chaupal' held at Collectorate Hall and instructed the concerned departmental officials to take action for redressal. More than 50 applications pertaining to public grievances were received in 'Jan Chaupal'. Additional Collector BB Panchbhai, Raipur SDM and concerned officers were present.

Budheshwar Dewangan from Kura Gram Panchayat submitted application demanding possession of ancestral agricultural land whereas Kumhari Gram Panchayat Sarpanch demanded to sanction bore and handpump in Kumhari Bhatapara.

Sarpanch of Bartori Gram Panchayat demanded allotment of land whereas Naya Talab Gudiyari Raipur resident Suman Sahu demanded widow pension. Birgaon resident Ikram Ahmed demanded action to remote encroachment whereas Jawahar Nagar resident Dev Anand Sahu demanded 'Divyang' pension. Munna Thakur, a resident of Kushalpur demanded construction of a



platform for 'Mundan' programme in Malsai pond. He also demanded construction of toilet and pond for immersion of worship materials in the area. Poshan Ramji of village Pahanda of Arang tehsil demanded action for rectifying error whereas Neera Bai Patel, a resident of Mandir Hasaud demanded rectification of the record. Village Tekari Resident KP Tandon filed an application on the complaint of illegal encroachment on the constructed house occupied by the land mafia.

Similarly social worker Suresh Diwan sought release of installment of Pradhan Mantri Awaas (Rural) and action to check free use of government land by industries. Purani Basti resident Janki Bai demanded allotment of house whereas Kushalpur Karmachari Colony resident Sanjay Agrawal demanded to make lights operational in Kho-Kho Talab (pond). Sarpanch of Tamasivni Gram Panchayat demanded to install street light at new market area of Tamasivni whereas

Deepak Verma from Siltara demanded to remove encroachment from Shamshan Ghat (cremation ground) land in Siltara village. Mahamaya Mandir ward (no-65) Corporator Sarita Verma demanded early construction of water tank while Yogesh Sahu from Tikrapara area demanded inquiry into allegation of irregularities in construction of road and drain.

Vedram Sahu, a resident of Amlidih demanded land demarcation whereas Dhiralp Yadav, a resident of Lakhe Nagar, demanded preparation of Nazuri land map made by the Patwari, Corporator of ward number-25, Bhola Sahu, demanded construction of underground drain from Kabir Chowk to Disha College under the ward.

Corporator of ward number-07, Sushila Babla Dhiwar demanded action into irregularities in drain construction. Ajay Yadav, a resident of Birgaon complained about the encroachment of his own house by his younger brother.

GEMS Summer Carnival, a unique experience for participants

Nurturing talents to their best

Raipur, May 09:

"It was like dream cum true for me and fully enjoyed the activities of summer camp," said Niti (name changed on request), a student of Class IV taking part in the summer carnival which was inaugurated on Monday. "I was in search for spending my quality time during summer holidays as GEMS Summer Carnival is the right venue for me," confirmed another participant while coming out after attending the camp. The parents who came to collect their children seemed extremely happy and concluded that their decision to get associated with the camp is fruitful. These are the views of some of the participating children and parents on the inaugural day of GEMS Summer Carnival which went underway at Shri Gujarati English Medium School campus on Monday. Nevertheless overwhelming response from the children has brought cheers to the organisers and the number is expected to cross 150 in a day or two. The



main attraction of the camp is Spoken English Class separately for Primary and Higher students. The expert trainers are delivering their best and the participants at the end of camp will be smart communicators in English.

Further art work taught in the camp was like a bonus for the participants. The art work taught by the excellent art faculties is like a treat for the students and even those who are not good at art work are learning to make good sketches. Further aerobics training to the participants in between act as a charger for the participants and they get prepared for the Spoken English Class. In the latter half of the camp participants will be tested their skill in Vedic Mathematics. Also they can try their hands in musical instruments and practice yoga, which too will be

trained by the experts in their respective fields. Summer camp is offering children the opportunity to engage in various types of group activities which helps them learn how to work together as part of a team, communicate effectively with each other, and solve problems independently. Participating in a hike and guiding other children can help develop leadership skills while dividing chores in an overnight camp can enhance communication skills.

The tireless support of School Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma and supported by Vice Principal S V Chandrasekhar is creating wonders. Summer Carnival Incharge and Senior Faculty Shyanti Bhattacharya and ever ready faculty members of different disciplines is making the camp a happening place.

CS reviews High Powered Committee meeting

Of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)

Raipur, May 09:

The first meeting of the State Level Empowered Committee constituted under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) was held on Monday at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain. The Chief Secretary took detailed information about the various components included under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 from the officers of the Urban Administration and State Urban Development Agency. The Chief Secretary gave necessary guidelines to the officers regarding various projects and committees to be formed under the scheme. Mr. Ankit Anand, Secretary, Finance Department was present in the meeting. Chief Executive Officer of the State Urban Development Agency Mr.



Soumil Ranjan Choubey, through a presentation, informed that under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 that 100 percent door-to-door collection of segregated wet and dry waste from all residences and premises in urban areas are being done.

Scientific management and safe treatment of the collected waste will also be done. Remediation of all legacy dumpsites and conversion of sites into green zones is in process.

In small towns with a population of less than one lakh, the used water will be safely collected and taken to the processing site for necessary

treatment. It was told in the meeting that under Mission Urban 2.0, components like sustainable solid waste management, sanitation system, untreated water management, capacity building including information education and communication have been included. Special Secretary of Urban Administration Department Mr. Ayaz Tamboli along with officials of Public Health Engineering, Housing and Environment, Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) and Environment Pollution Board participated in the meeting.

Bicycle rally organized for environmental awareness



On occasion of World Red Cross Day

Raipur, May 09:

A bicycle rally was organized for environmental awareness by the Chhattisgarh branch of the Indian Red Cross Society on World Red Cross Day today. Ashok Agarwal, Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, Chhattisgarh flagged off the rally. Starting from Raj Bhavan, Raipur's Civil Line, the cycle rally reached Telibandha Talab via Shastri

Chowk, Jaistambh Chowk and MG Road. Students from various schools and colleges of the city enthusiastically participated in the rally and gave the message of saving the environment.

World Red Cross Day is being celebrated this year on the theme 'Everything we do comes from the heart'. Chhattisgarh Housing Board Chairman and MLA from Raipur North Kuldeep Juneja distributed certificates to the students who participated in the bicycle rally. Officers and members of Red Cross Society were also present on the occasion.

Digital Shrimad Bhagavad Gita presented to Forest Minister



Raipur, May 09:

Shrimad Bhagavad-Gita was presented to Forest Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar by Corporator of Municipal Corporation, Kawardha, Narendra Dewangan at his government residence office in Raipur. This Bhagavad Gita with state-of-the-art technology speaks through sensors. Seeing this unique Bhagavad Gita, the Forest Minister was impressed and praised it. Digital Shrimad Bhagavad Gita can be heard through sensor fit-

ted equipment. As soon as the sensor of about 08 inch size is taken in front of any 'shloka' of Bhagavad Gita, the shloka starts to be heard from the speaker fitted in the sensor. Not only this Bhagavad Gita can be heard in 14 different languages.

In the language to be heard, the sensor has to be moved in front of the option of the language marked on a small size card. After this the sensor can listen to any verse in Shrimad Bhagavad Gita in the same language.

SaiDarbar Kota observes 16thanniv



Raipur, May 09: On the occasion of 16th anniversary of SaiDarbar Kota Colony various programmes are scheduled till May 10. On May 08 SaiPalki was taken out and mass meal was offered on the return of palki. On May 09 prayers are continuing and on May 10 after the conclusion of celebration at 12:00 noon, mahaprasad will be distributed.

FIR registered on controversy between JUDO and trainee DSP

Jagdarpur, May 09: Trainee DSP has been injured in a dispute between junior doctors (JUDOs) of Mekoj and trainee DSP last night at Marenga Chowk, ahead of Dimrapal Medical College in the district. An FIR has been registered in this matter at Parpa police station and the police is probing the matter. On Monday morning, Mecos Dean Dr. US Packra along with a team of other doctors had reached Parpa police station. At present, the investigation is going on in the matter.

According to the information received, the trainee DSP was inspecting the Parpa police station area last night. During this, seeing the junior female doctor he started inquiring. On which an argument broke out between the two, in the meantime the junior female doctor called her fellow doctors and got them assaulted with the DSP. In this fight, it is said that the trainee DSP was injured.

ASP Nivedita Paul told that patrol points are set



up for the prevention of crimes. To investigate this, Trainee DSP Avinash Garg had left for Keslur. Meanwhile, in the dark deserted area near Marenga petrol pump, an intern doctor was seen in the medical college. Due to which the trainee DSP Avinash started making inquiries. Meanwhile, Dr. Paras Gupta, intern at Dimrapal Medical College, reached the spot. After which the dispute increased. Intern doctor Paras Gupta called his colleagues and created a situation of indecency with the trainee DSP, on which other police officers intervened. Parpa police station has registered a crime on this matter and is investigating into it.

City students secure placements in Arcesium, NatWest, and DBOI

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Raipur, May 09: National Institute of Technology Raipur's final year students attained great success by getting placed in multinational companies including Arcesium, NatWest, and DBOI through on-campus placements. NatWest offered full-time roles to Namandeep Singh Arora, Information Technology, Yerramsetti Jaaswanth, Information Technology (IT), Sanjana Tiwari, Computer Science Engineering (CSE), Chelluboina Hema, Computer Science Engineering, Palak Agarwal Electrical, Engineering (EE), and Mahesh Dewangan, Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE). Arcesium offered Pre-placement Offer (PPO) to Siddharth Mishra, CSE and Prashant Ranjan, IT. Deutsche Bank Operations International offered PPO to Shreya Tiwari, CSE along with



(MCA). Siddharth Mishra received a PPO from Arcesium of 28 LPA CTC for the Software Development Engineer (SDE) role. He did internships in four startups and participated in various hackathons which helped him to brush up his skills. Palak Agarwal bagged a placement at NatWest in the role of Software Engineer for which the company offered her 13 LPA CTC along with a performance bonus, gratuity, and benefits. Shreya Tiwari from Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, received a PPO from DBOI of 19.6 LPA CTC for the role of Technical Analyst. She said that she started coding in the second year.

Red Cross Day observed in GRLPGC

Rajim, May 09:

On occasion of World Red Cross Day under guidance of President of Red Cross Society Prabhat Malik (District Collector-Gariyaband), Dr KC Uraon (Secretary - Red Cross Society, Gariyaband) and Dr CL Dewangan, Principal Govt Rajiv Lochan PG College, (GRLPGC) and as per instructions by the Red Cross District Organiser Roman Lal Sahu and under leadership of Prof. Manisha Bhoi (Red-Cross in-Charge), a programme was organised at GRLPGC.



and on the objective of Red Cross. Red Cross District organiser Roman Lal

Sahu, Baisakhu Ram Sahu, (District Red Cross lifelong member), Prof.

ML Verma, Prof. Rajesh Baghel, Prof. Bhanu Pratap Nayak, Prof. Manisha Bhoi, volunteers expressed their views. On this occasion the volunteers of Red Cross distributed fruits to patients in Community Health Centre.

In this programme, Prof. Neha Sen, Prof. Shubham Sharma, Akshat Agrawal, Swati Sonwani, Devshri Sahu, Manish Kumar, Leena Yadav, Harsha Verma, Khomin Yadav, Kala Sahu, Urvashi Miri, Chameli Sahu, Khuman Sonwani, Nikhil Banjare, Kishore Yadav, Gunita Sahu, Kamalnayan Sahu, Ajeshwari Kashyap and other volunteers were present.

Maheshwari offer prayers to Mata Karma

Seeks blessings for peace & prosperity for all

Simga, May 09:

Prayers to Sahu Samaj's 'Bhakt Shiromani Mata Karma' were performed in Gram Musawadih by the members of Samaj. Reaching in this, Congress rep Sunil Maheshwari also offered prayers and sought blessings for peace and prosperity for all. He said that Mata Karma is inspirational for Sahu Samaj and all other Samaj. Maa Karma Bhakt Shiromani is 'Devi' of service, sacrifice and devotion, he added.

Maheshwari further said that the 'Gaurav Gatha', devotion and 'Bhakti' of Aradhya Devi of Sahu Samaj - Sadhavi Bhakt Shiromani Maa Karma Devi is going on for last many years in country and abroad. One gets the education of self-



confidence, dare, courage, 'purusharth', equality and harmony from life of Aradhya Maa Karma Bai. She never bow-down before injustice and accepting all the sadness and happiness in life, he tackled with it sheer determination, he added.

Maheshwari further said that Aardhya Devi Mata Karma of Sahu Samaj is offered respects and prayers with faith

and devotion by people all over the country and by all including Sahu Samaj in Chhattisgarh as well. Here also the members of Sahu Samaj offered prayers. Maheshwari said that Sahu Samaj is very hard working and full of honesty. Be it the youth or women of Samaj, they all believes in moving ahead with sheer hard work and honesty. By offering prayers to Mata Karma,

Maheshwari sought blessings for peace and prosperity of all in the Samaj and in the state.

During this Samelal Sahu, Ashwini Sahu, Premal Sahu, Sitaram Sahu, Tularam Sahu, Ishwar Sahu, Kewal Sahu, Mohit Sahu, Vinod Sahu, Piluram Sahu, Tapesh Sahu, Jethu Sahu, Vishnu Sahu, Domar Sahu and others were present.

Dilapidated CC road leading to ITI poses threat to safety

Magarlod, May 09:

The CC road leading to ITI and Mini Stadium approach road, which was constructed at a considerable cost four to five years ago, has become severely dilapidated and poses a threat to the safety of teachers, officers, and students who use it daily. The road has developed cracks and has been divided into two parts, causing inconvenience to the villagers who use it as well. Additionally, the cementing near the main gate has been uprooted, causing water to flow from the tap water source and making it necessary to enter ITI through the mud.



Path in village Kareli Badi is also in a similar condition, with most of the CC roads built during the former Sarpanch period being dilapidated and breaking down.

The poor quality of construction during the guarantee period is the reason for the current state of the road. The villagers have demanded that the concerned authorities take immediate action to repair the road and prevent any accidents from happening. The Gaurav

'Sachivs on strike, sarpanchs are facing music'

Charge to new Sachivs only on papers; works in Panchayats comes to stand still

Dongargaon, May 09:

Chhattisgarh Pradesh Sarpanch Sangh (CPSS) and office bearers of Janpad Panchayat Dongargaon and other sarpanchs in protest against hosts of their problems submitted a memorandum to the Collector Dongargaon here on Monday. In the memorandum they demanded handing over keys to the newly appointed Sachivs and issue work order to start their works. During submission of memorandum to Sarpanchs, Gram Panchayat Sarpanchs were present in large number. It is worthwhile to mention here that the Sachivs of all Gram Panchayats are on strike since March 16 and due to which



work in all the Gram Panchayats has come to a standstill. Though the government and administration has issued order asking Employment Assistants and Asst.

Internal Accounts Examining officers to take up the charge to ensure smooth working and not to affect the works. But this order is purely on the paper and none have taken over the charge of Sachivs. Block President Sarpanch Sangh Tikaram Sonkar informed that without Sachivs, the Sarpanchs are unable to do works like release of small payments and other works of the villagers and due to which the

Sarpanchs are very much in trouble. For this they have urged the govt-admn to hand over charge to newly appointed Sachivs for works like entering of govt documents like proposal registers; withdrawal register; Bank passbook; Cheque book; action register and order copy of many other works and all types of important documents and other important keys. Due to all this the Sarpanchs are facing lots of problems and due to which the development works have come to a standstill.

It is notable here that though the administration has issued order asking Employment Asst. and Asst.

Internal Accounts Examining officers to take up charge of Sachiv, but has not taken any initiative to hand over the charge and keys to old Sachivs and due to which the Sachivs who are ready to take charge are also unable to do any work. In this regard, SDM Sunil Nayak informed that he has received memorandum of Sarpanchs and detailed information about charge of Panchayats and other decisions would be available from CEO Janpad Panchayats or District Panchayats, as they are just having administrative charge, whereas the Janpad Panchayat Dongargaon CEO is not receiving the calls.

Three die on the spot, 3 others injured

When high-speed Scorpio vehicle hits a tree

Bijapur, May 09: Three women died in tragic road accident, while 3 others were injured. After this incident, the atmosphere of the district has become inconsolable.

According to the information received, near Bade Kilepal No. 3 triangle NH under Kodanar police station area, at around 10.45 am, a Scorpio vehicle bearing No. CG 20 J 9978 was being recklessly driven went out of control and collided with a tree. The impact of collision with tree was so high that 3 women died on the spot. All the deceased were residents of Bijapur district. Among the deceased include Nikita Kavre (19), Neela Durgam (53), Guramma Jhadi (55).



Those who were injured include Dheeraj Durgam (27), Sandeep Durgam (55), Priya Durgam (22). All are being treated at the Medical College Dimrapal. All of them were going from Bijapur to Jagdalpur, to attend a wedding. Dheeraj Durgam was driving the vehicle. Police reached the spot and the bodies of all the deceased were sent for post-mortem and the injured were given treatment.

Prevention of lumpy virus ignored in Bastar region, alleges Kumar

Virus has reached Bastar thru the local market from the neighboring state

Jagdalpur, May 09:

Cows in Bastar are struggling with the outbreak of Lumpy virus. Cows are dying day-by-day and a large number of lumpy-affected cattle can be found in the region. Bajrang Dal cow protection chief Munna Bajrangti told that cattle affected by Lumpy virus is being found continuously. Bajrang Dal is rescuing the cow dynasty suffering from Lumpy virus and sending it to the Quarantine Center for proper treatment. The continuous receipt of lumpy animal by the team and the non-stop death of cattle due to the virus is a question mark on the functioning of the responsible. Bajrang Dal cow protection chief said that the administration's action is poor, and the local people's representatives are not taking



it seriously to stop this virus. Vishwa Hindu Parishad District Publicity Head Rohan Kumar told that the outbreak of Lumpy virus is spreading rapidly day by day. The condition of the cows affected from the virus is very pathetic. Bajrang Dal Cow Protection Department is continuously sending the afflicted cow progenies to the Quarantine Center for treatment. Cows affected by Lumpy virus need nutritious

food to fight the virus. But the cows have been left dependent only on dry fodder (paira) and water in the center. Those cows whose A.U.N. system is weak are dying.

He said that the spread of Lumpy virus in Bastar has come from the neighboring state of Orissa. The virus has spread in Bastar through cattle brought from neighboring Odisha to the market. The Gau Raksha Dal also told that when they visited

the market last week, many cow progeny were in the grip of this virus. Although the order to close the market was issued by the administration, but the effect of the said order was not visible at all. Animal markets were seen open on this Sunday 7th May as well.

The administration has kept silence only by issuing orders, no exercise was seen to close the market. This raises the question that under whose protection these animal markets are running against the government orders. And why Animal Preservation Act and Cruelty Act or other legal action is not being taken against those who set up animal market illegally.

It should be noted that Lumpy virus is slowly taking root. If this matter is ignored, then the possibility of lumpy virus taking a formidable form cannot be ruled out. By closing all the cattle markets, it is necessary to provide nutritious food to the sick cattle, and proper treatment should be done.

Variety of prog marks World Red Cross Day

Motorcycle rally flagged off by SDM Chouhan

Bilaspur, May 09: On occasion of World Red Cross Day, (birth anniversary of Sir Jean Henry Duanant), the Indian Red Cross Society organised variety of programmes in the chief presence of District Panchayat President Arun Chouhan and SDM R Kuruwanshi.

First with appeal to serve the ailing human beings, a motor-cycle rally was taken out from Nehru Chowk and it was flagged off by SDM and District Panchayat President Chouhan. This rally passed through main roads in city and concluded at District Hospital.

Addressing the gathering here, District Panchayat President Arun Chouhan hailed the works



of Red Cross and informed that he is himself serving as Red Cross member for last 23 yrs and rendering services to the needy through various works and in which there is major contribution of Red Cross. SDM Kuruwanshi expressing happiness on the service culture of Red Cross assured of all possible help to Red Cross in its activities at government level and asked to promote the activities of Red Cross. Red Cross working committee member NS Gautam asked to take Red

Cross to new heights. Former president CREDAI Dr Ajay Shrivastava said that the honour of 'Nikshay Mitras' is due to Red Cross only.

District co-ordinator Red Cross Saurabh Saxena gave information about the works of economic assistance, assistances to patients, medicines for patients and about development works in three wards of District Hospital as per direction of Collector and Red Cross President. He informed that as per instructions from Collector

Suresh Kumar, in three wards of District Hospital, HDU, NRC and Children ward were made child-friendly and which is very much important and helpful for children along with this a play-area was decorated for children to play, he added.

The programme was conducted by Aditya Pandey. In the end the patients were distributed fruits. The programme was attended by Jai Shukla, Sudhir Khandelwal, Dr Rajiv Awasthi, Dr MA Jeevani, Nodal officer; Dr Manil Shrivastava; Dr Anil Gupta Civil Surgeon; Dr BK Vaishnav; Ms Piyuli Mazumdar DPM, Dr BL Goyal, Shefali Kumawat, NS Gautam, Laxami Narayan Mila, Dharam Sahu, Dinesh Rathore, Manish Mishra, Sushil Rajput and other members of Red Cross and employees and noted citizens.

Millet crop would prove handy in removing malnutrition: Collector



Sukma, May 09:

To increase interest of farmers towards Millet crops and to apprise them about its benefits, the Agriculture Department organised two-day capaci-

ty building training programme for the officers and employees. On this occasion Collector Harish S. informed that last year the mal-nutrition rate was around 34% and this millet crop would prove

handy in rooting out mal-nutrition. To promote about millet crops, he asked to give information about its benefit to the farmers and motivate them to take up this crop. The experts present in the training gave necessary information about Millet crops and also assured them of providing necessary guidance and training to increase crop cultivation of millets and motivate them. In this training, Dy Director Agriculture Department Praveen Baghel, Aatrey Karmaha, Fellow Sukma, Arpan Kumar Das, Trainer TRIF Raipur and other members were present.

One nabbed with 'satta-patti' of Rs 9150



Bemetara, May 09:

Under the direction and guidance of senior officers, continuous action is being taken by the Bemetara police against illicit sale of liquor; gambling, betting, marijuana. Under this one was nabbed in betting case under section-6 by police

check-post Devarbija under Bemetara police station. Under the Chhattisgarh Gambling (Prohibition) Act 2022, the crime has been registered and the accused was sent on judicial remand. In this case cash amount of Rs 9,150/- including satta-patti, pen has been seized.

<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>I would like to inform general public that I had purchased the property bearing Khasra No. 203/3, total area - 0.029 hectare, situated at H.No. 77, Barfani Ashram Colony, Karimbhata, Ward 45 Rajnandgaon (C.G.) from Devi Bai Nihlani by registered sale deed on date 11.07.2006. The above sale deed have been lost on 20.11.2022 around Bhadoriya Chowk area in Rajnandgaon (C.G.). I had lodged the FIR on 08.05.2023 in the regarding. If any person's find it, is requested to return the same to above mentioned address. Whose ever whether individual society, association, Bank, FI's or body cooperate, Govt. or Semi Govt. department have any claim/right/authority title over it, he/she should within 07 days of publication of this public notice approach and apprise, demand with documentary proof this house under the following address of their claim, objections and request.</p> <p>Please take notice.</p> <p>Date - 10/05/2023</p> <p>Harish Chandra Tandekar H.No. 77, Barfani Ashram Colony, Ward No. 45, Rajnandgaon (C.G.) Mob. No. 83190 33313</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Be it known to all people that Smt. U Vimal Patnayak, W/o Shri Subhash Patnayak, R/o Raigarh who has sold the A House with Land bearing the House No. 746 Area 435.78 Sqft. Situated at Mauza - Housing Board Colony, Gudhiyari, Raipur P.H.No. 107, Ward No. 10, Tah. & Distt. Raipur to Shri Subhash Patnayak S/o U. V. Ramna R/o Janta Colony, Gudhiyari, Raipur by registered Sale deed Dt. 22.02.2000. After that Shri Sudarshan Patnayak Who has sold the above said property to Smt. M. Vanishree, W/o Shri M. Chandrasekhar R/o Gudhiyari, Raipur through registered Sale Deed Dt. 11.03.2013.</p> <p>That the Original Pre. Sale deed, date 22.02.2000 is lost somewhere. Whose report is complained in related police station Thana Devdarna Nagar, Raipur on 08.05.2023.</p> <p>That Smt. M. Vanishree desire to mortgage the same property forgetting loan to my Clint Axis Bank Pandri Raipur Whose ever whether individual society, Association, Bank or housing board have any claim right authority are title over it, he should within 07 days of publication of this public notice approach and apprise this office under the following address of his claim and objections.</p> <p>After expiry of 07 days no objection shall be entertained, such objection deemed invalid and void and shall be not tenable.</p> <p>Please take notice</p> <p>Date - 09.05.2023.</p> <p>Yours truly, Vijay Rathore, Advocate Off. Cum Res. - Behind of Barat Gas Godam Laxmi Nagar, Pachpadi Naka, Raipur (C.G.) Mob. 9425202167</p>	<p>PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p>Be it known to all people that Shri Darwansh Singh Bagga, S/o late Shri Balwant Singh Dam, R/o Distt. Mungelli who has sold the A/Open Land bearing the Kh. No. 911/2 Area 3000 SO. Situated at Mauza - Shankar Nagar Raipur P.H.No. 110, Tah. - Raipur, Distt. Raipur to Smt. Mula Pushplata, W/o Shri Mula Ramesh, R/o Gayatri Nagar Raipur by registered Sale deed Dt. 11.05.2007.</p> <p>After that Smt. Mula Pushplata, W/o Mula Ramesh, R/o Gayatri Nagar Raipur Who has sold the above said property Shri Shafiq Ahmad, Shri Abdul Rashid, R/o Khamardih, Raipur through registered Sale Deed Dt. 10.06.2010.</p> <p>That the Original Pre. Sale deed, date 11.05.2007 is lost somewhere. Whose report is complained in related police station Thana Tikarapara Raipur On 09.05.2023.</p> <p>That Shri Shafiq Ahmad desire to mortgage the same property forgetting loan to my Clint Axis Bank Pandri Raipur Whose ever whether individual society, Association, Bank or housing board have any claim right authority are title over it, he should within 07 days of publication of this public notice approach and apprise this office under the following address of his claim and objections.</p> <p>After expiry of 07 days no objection shall be entertained, such objection deemed invalid and void and shall be not tenable.</p> <p>Please take notice</p> <p>Date - 09.05.2023.</p> <p>Yours truly, Vijay Rathore, Advocate Off. Cum Res. - Behind of Barat Gas Godam Laxmi Nagar, Pachpadi Naka, Raipur (C.G.) Mob. 9425202167</p>
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BRIEF



Wrestler Sakshi Malik during the wrestlers' protest against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, at Jantar Mantra in New Delhi, Tuesday.

Injured

Rajouri: A mentally challenged man was injured in a firing by security forces after they detected suspicious movement along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Tuesday, official sources said. The incident took place near a key security establishment on the LoC in Kalal belt of Nowshera tehsil here, they said.

Suicide

Kota: A 22-year-old NEET aspirant from Karnataka's Bengaluru has died after falling from the 10th floor of a multi-storey building at Vigyan Nagar area here, police said on Tuesday and suspect it to be a case of suicide. Mohammed Nasir, died on the spot late on Monday night, police said.

Arrested

New Delhi: Three have been arrested for allegedly firing in the air following a fight in northeast Delhi's Seelampur area, police said on Tuesday. Police received a PCR call at 11.08 pm on Sunday informing them about the fight and the firing incident.

Maoists killed

Bhawanipatna: At least three Maoists were killed and a policeman was injured during a gunbattle in a forest in Odisha's Kalahandi district on Tuesday, a top official said. The incident took place on Tuesday morning when a combing operation was underway, he said.

Tribute

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday paid tributes to freedom fighter Gopal Krishna Gokhale on his birth anniversary, lauding him as a stalwart of the Independence movement.

Fire

Thiruvananthapuram: A fire broke out at the 'North Sandwich Block' of the Secretariat complex here Tuesday morning. The fire erupted near the office of Industries Minister P Rajeev, located on the third floor, Cantonment police here said.

Charges

New Delhi: A court here on Tuesday framed charges of murder and disappearance of evidence against Aaftab Amin Poonawala who is accused of strangling his live-in partner Shradha Walkar to death and chopping her body into pieces.

Watery grave

Raisen: Two minor boys drowned while taking bath in a pond in Madhya Pradesh's Raisen district, police said on Tuesday.

G20 MEETING PREPARATION

Dal Lake cleaning on in double shifts

Srinagar, May 09 (PTI)

Authorities in Srinagar have pulled out all stops to clean up the city and the famous Dal Lake ahead of the G20 working group meeting later this month with 500 labourers working under "mission mode" to beautify the urban water body.

The tourism group meeting of the G20 is scheduled to be held at S h e r - i - K a s h m i r International Conference Centre (SKICC) on the banks of Dal Lake here from May 22 to 24.

In the run-up to the event, the cleaning drive at

the lake is in full swing.

Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) which is responsible to keep the water bodies, including the Dal Lake, clean has deployed men and machinery for the cleaning process.

The authority is using both mechanical and manual means to clean the lake and make it beautiful for the guests.

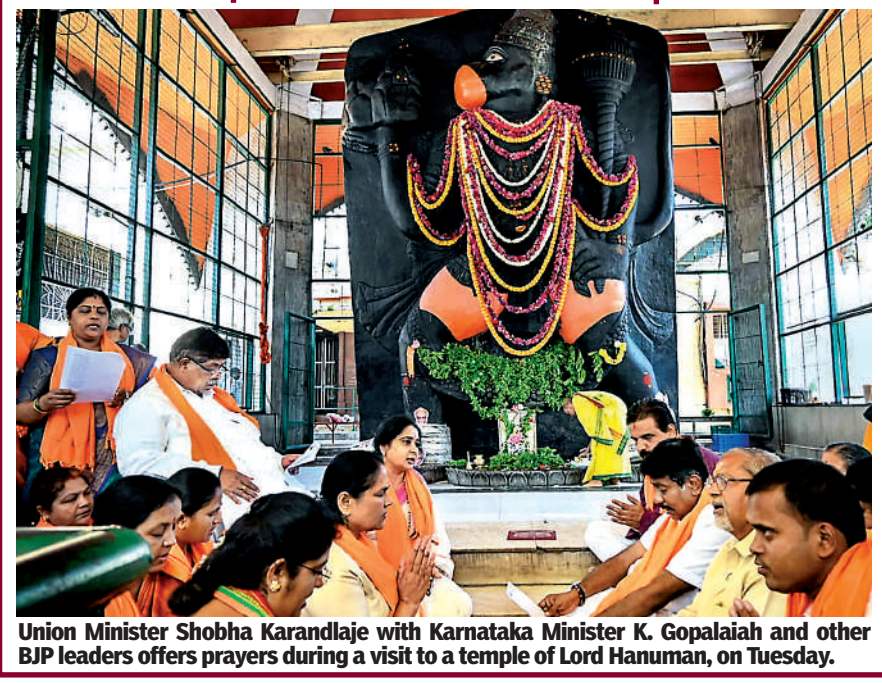
"The main function is happening around the Dal Lake, and so, the drive to make it beautiful and attractive is on," vice chairman of LCMA, Bashir Ahmad Bhat told PTI here. Bhat said for the beauti-

fication process, the authority is using mechanised interventions, including machines, harvesters, etc, and the work has been taken up in double shifts. "We are working in double shifts. The labour force is cleaning the shorelines. The drive has been taken up under a mission mode, not just for the G20 event, but for the forthcoming tourist season as well. We will keep the lake clean and I am hopeful that our guests will be happy to see the lake," he said. The vice chairman, LCMA, said around 400-500 labourers were working every day to

clean the lake. "We have nine harvesters, 8-10 weed grabbers have also been deployed, they are working in double shifts. There is dredging going on near the shorelines as well," he added.

Bhat said many aerators were used, adding that lighting systems have also been installed to give the lake a special look for the G20 event. Apart from the cleaning process, a thick layer of security has been thrown around the lake to secure the meeting venue, and Marine and NSG commandos will also be deployed as an extra security measure.

PRAYERS FOR GOOD RESULTS



Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje with Karnataka Minister K. Gopaliah and other BJP leaders offers prayers during a visit to a temple of Lord Hanuman, on Tuesday.

'More than 300 students from Meghalaya brought back'



Conrad K Sangma

● From violence-hit Manipur

Shillong, May 09 (PTI)

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Tuesday said more than 300 students from the state, who were stranded in violence-hit Manipur, were brought back in the last few days.

Sangma also said his government had on Monday arranged for a special flight on the Imphal-Shillong route to evacuate students stuck in the trouble-torn state.

"In the last few days, 300 plus students stuck in violence-hit Imphal valley in Manipur have been safely evacuated," Sangma told PTI.

The last batch of stranded students came here directly from Imphal on Monday as a special flight was arranged for them, he said.

"All students from Meghalaya, barring a few who opted to stay there, have been airlifted," said an official who was sent to Manipur to oversee the evacuation process.

SHRADDHA'S FATHER ON COURT CHARGES

'Accused should be hanged'

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI)

Hours after a Delhi court framed charges against Aaftab Poonawala, Shradha Walkar's father Tuesday demanded that the trial starts at the earliest and hoped that the accused be hanged to death.

Poonawala is accused of strangling his live-in partner Shradha Walkar to death and chopping her body into pieces.

Poonawala, however, denied the charges and demanded a trial. The matter has been posted for further proceedings on June 1. "We feel that

he should be hanged to death. I will be requesting the court to start the trial as soon as possible and June 1 might be a little late. We welcome the court's decision," Vikas Walkar told PTI. He also said that on May 17, he will hold a one-day protest in Mumbai to demand a speedy trial in the case.

"We want our voice to be heard in Delhi," he added. Additional Sessions Judge Manisha Khurana Kakkar said prima facie a case for offences under Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections 302 (murder) and 201 (caus-

ing disappearance of evidence of offence) was made out against the accused.

The Delhi Police had filed a 6,629-page charge sheet in the case on January 24.

Walkar was allegedly strangled by Poonawala on May 18 last year, following which he sawed her body into pieces and kept them in a fridge for almost three weeks at his residence in South Delhi's Mehrauli.

He scattered the pieces at different places in the national capital to avoid getting caught.

'Seems Gehlot's leader is Vasundhara not Sonia'



Congress leader Sachin Pilot addresses a press conference at his residence, in Jaipur, Tuesday.

Jaipur, May 09 (PTI)

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's speech in Dholpur reflects that his leader is Vasundhara Raje and not Sonia Gandhi, Sachin Pilot said in a no holds

barred attack against his party colleague on Tuesday.

The Congress leader also categorically denied Gehlot's charges during his speech on Sunday that the MLAs who rebelled against him in 2020 had taken money from the BJP and they should return the money to Amit Shah.

Pilot, Gehlot's former deputy, also announced a "Jan Sangharsh Yatra" from Ajmer to Jaipur on May 11 to raise issues of corruption.

"After listening to the chief minister's speech in Dholpur, it seems the CM's leader is not Sonia Gandhi, his leader is Vasundhara Raje Scindia," Pilot told reporters.

POLL PREPARATIONS



Polling officials leave for their respective polling booths after collecting EVMs and other voting materials ahead of the Karnataka Assembly elections, at Maharani Cluster University in Bengaluru, Tuesday.

Tanur boat accident is 'haunting': HC

● Initiates suo motu PIL on the issue

Kochi, May 09 (PTI)

The Kerala High Court on Tuesday termed as "shocking" and "haunting" the boat accident at Tanur area of Malappuram district two days ago that claimed 22 lives, including 15 children, and initiated a PIL

on its own to find out why the authorities allowed the vessel to operate by allegedly flouting rules.

A bench of Justices Devan Ramachandran and Shoba Annamma Eapen said their "hearts were bleeding" and they "underwent sleepless nights" after seeing the lifeless bodies of the children.

The court said the accident happened as a result of "the deadly cocktail of

callousness, greed and official apathy." The court said it was initiating the petition on its own to ensure that such an incident does not happen ever again. The bench noted that such boating tragedies were happening in the state with "frightening regularity" since 1924 when Kerala lost Mahakavi Kumaranasan, one of the triumvirate poets of

Kerala, when a boat from Kollam to Kottayam sank at Palana. The boat capsized near an estuary close to the Thoovaltheeram beach in Tanur area around 7.30 pm on Sunday.

According to district officials, 15 of the deceased were minors aged eight months to 17 years and there were 37 persons onboard the ill-fated boat.

Punjab Police launches operation 'vigil' across state

● Against anti-social elements

Chandigarh, May 09 (PTI)

Punjab Police Tuesday launched a two-day special checking operation against anti-social elements across the state, said a top police officer. Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said the operation is a multi-pronged checking and

area domination was being carried out across the state. Additional director general of police rank officers, inspector generals and others are supervising the operation. Yadav said while speaking to reporters in Ludhiana. The 'operation vigil' is being conducted at bus stands, markets, railway stations and other public places, he said.

"Early morning 'sarai'

and hotels will be checked. In various phases, this operation will be undertaken in two days — today and tomorrow," the DGP said.

The main aim behind this operation is two-fold. Firstly, to take action against anti-social elements and secondly to build confidence in the public, Yadav said. "We have seen in surprise checking that recoveries are made."

Unseasonal rains bring down Delhi's power demand

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI)

Unseasonal rains and a relatively cool weather in recent days have brought down the power demand in the national capital, officials said on Tuesday.

Compared to the corresponding days of May last year, Delhi's peak power demand this year has been lower by up to 40 per cent, a discom official said.

Last year, the peak power demand in the first eight days of May ranged between 5,409 MW and 6,247 MW. During the same period this year, the maximum

demand ranged between 3,644 MW and 4,634 MW, the official added.

"Last May, Delhi's peak power demand crossed 6,000 MW on 20 days, 5,000 MW on 7 days, and 7,000 MW once. Even in 2019, the demand throughout the month ranged between 4,277 MW and 6,461 MW," he added. Comparing the peak demands of April in both years, the official pointed out that the city recorded a peak demand between 4,170 MW and 6,197 MW in 2022 while it tapered off in 2023, with a range of 3,388 MW to 5,422

MW. The demand crossed the 5,000 MW mark only on three occasions. In contrast to April this year, the peak power demand was higher on all the corresponding days in 2022, with a difference of up to 37 per cent, the official said. He, however, said the demand is likely to shoot up in the second half of May this year as the maximum temperature rises in the city. Delhi clocked a record peak power demand of 7,695 MW in 2022 and it is expected to cross 8,000 MW by June or July this year, Delhi Power Department officials said.

Support officers helping in speedy depositions of witnesses

● In rape cases in HP

Shimla, May 09 (PTI)

Constable Neera Devi has helped victims of sexual offences in nearly 600 cases over the past few years as part of a state police programme to support them as the cases go to court.

Little girls face a lot of problems in dealing with the trauma, especially when they have to see the accused, who majority of the time is either a close family member or acquaintance, she said, adding, "We ensure that the accused are kept away from them and their faces

are not shown to the minors."

"Empathy is very important. Firstly, we inspire confidence in these kids. In cases of minor girls, sign language is used as they cannot explain the incident and problem through words," said Neera Devi, the victim and witness support officer at a fast-track court (POCSO) in Mandi district.

She was recently awarded a commendation 'Class I' certificate and a cash reward for her outstanding work. Neera Devi tells that her line of work is far from easy. Recalling an incident of the Sarkaghat area in the Mandi district, she said, this particular

case was more strenuous than others as the victim and her mother here were mentally challenged and the accused was the minor's father.

The trauma faced by this kid was difficult to put into words, the head constable added.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, the accused are known to the victim in more than 90 per cent of sexual offence cases. In such cases, it is not uncommon for the accused to try to pressurise or persuade the victim and witnesses to turn hostile. Sometimes, family members of victims also do not cooperate in the legal

process. Himachal Pradesh claims to be the first state in the country to deploy 26 graduate female police constables as victim and witness support officers to offer a female interface to rape survivors and help them navigate the legal system. Referring to the infamous 2017 Gudiya rape and murder case, police officials said in the aftermath of the case in which a 16-year-old schoolgirl was raped and murdered by a 28-year-old man, several steps were taken to ensure the safety of women in the state to improve conviction rate by ensuring speedy deposition by the victims and witnesses.

Indian-origin men, women convicted of money laundering in UK

London, May 9 (PTI)

Sixteen people, including a number of Indian-origin men and women, have been convicted following a major investigation into a west London based organised crime group involved in international money laundering and people smuggling, the UK's National Crime Agency (NCA) said on Tuesday.

laundering on a commercial scale and organised immigration crime," said NCA senior investigating officer Chris Hill. "Over a two-year period, working together with partners in the UK and abroad, NCA investigators were able to uncover the evidence to secure these convictions. This case demonstrates the continued commitment by the NCA to protect the public and target the criminal networks involved in both people smuggling and money laundering," he said. "We will continue to use the full range of tactics at our disposal to disrupt and dismantle them," he added. The individuals arrested and charged as part of the operation were prosecuted in two trials at Croydon Crown Court in south London starting in January this year.

leader" Charan Singh, Valjeet Singh, Jasbir Singh Kapoor, Jasbir Singh Dhal were found guilty of conspiring to remove criminal property or money laundering. While Swander Singh Dhal was found guilty of conspiring to facilitate a breach of immigration law; Diljan Singh Malhotra was found guilty of conspiring to facilitate a breach of immigration law. All six, in their 30s and 40s, have been remanded in judicial custody pending their sentencing in September. In the second trial, Amarjeet Alabadi, Jaginder Kapoor, Jackdar Kapoor, Manmoh Singh Kapur, Pinky Kapur and Jasbeer Singh Malhotra were convicted of removing criminal property and bailed pending sentencing in four months' time.

The NCA said around GBP 1.5 million was seized from couriers leaving the UK but flight analysis, evidence from cash declarations in Dubai, and other material seized by the NCA showed the group had succeeded in transporting far more. As part of the investigation, NCA officers also uncovered a plot involving members of the criminal gang to smuggle 17 migrants, including five children and a pregnant woman, into the UK in the back of a van carrying tyres in 2019. The van was intercepted by Dutch police, who were working with the NCA, before it could reach a ferry at the Hook of Holland. In November 2019, following weeks of surveillance, communications and flight data analysis, NCA officers moved in to make arrests.

Israeli strikes in Gaza kill 3 senior militants, 10 others

Gaza City, May 9 (AP)

Israel killed three senior commanders of the militant Islamic Jihad group in targeted airstrikes early Tuesday, the military said. Palestinian health officials said 13 people were killed in all, including the commanders, their wives, several of their children and others nearby.



Mourners gather around bodies of Palestinians who were killed in Israeli airstrikes, during their funeral at the Omari mosque in Gaza City, Tuesday.

The attacks in densely populated residential areas set the stage for a new round of heavy fighting. They hit the top floor of an apartment building in Gaza City and a house in the southern town of Rafah. The Palestinian Health Ministry said 20 people were wounded, and that ambulances were continuing to evacuate people from the targeted areas.

rocket attacks in response to the airstrikes, the Israeli military advised residents of communities within 25 miles (40 kilometers) of Gaza to stay close to designated bomb shelters. Israel's Home Front command ordered the closure of schools, beaches and highways in cities and towns in southern Israel, and limited public gatherings.

Israel. It identified them as Khalil Bahtini, the Islamic Jihad commander for northern Gaza Strip; Tareq Izzeldeen, the group's intermediary between its Gaza and West Bank members; and Jehad Ghanam, the secretary of the Islamic Jihad's military council. Their funerals were planned for later in the day.

The Iran-backed Islamic Jihad, which is smaller than Gaza's ruling Hamas group, confirmed the three were among the dead. The Palestinian Health Ministry said that along with the three commanders, their wives, several of their children and others nearby were also killed 13 in all. The Russian diplomatic delegation in Ramallah, in the West Bank, said that one of the men killed, Jamal Khasnan, was a Russian national, and that his wife and son were also killed in the airstrike. Khasnan was a dentist who lived downstairs from Izzeldeen in Gaza City. The Israeli airstrikes drew condemnation from Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh, Jordan's foreign ministry and the Egyptian government, which often brokers between Israel and Palestinian militant groups in the Gaza Strip.

Israel keen to finalise FTA with India: Foreign Minister



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen in New Delhi.

a humble beginning of USD 200 million in bilateral trade (primarily in diamonds) in 1992 when full diplomatic relations were established between the two countries, merchandise trade has diversified and reached USD 7.86 billion (excluding defence) during the period 2021-2022. In addition, bilateral trade in services in 2021 was USD 1.1 billion and in FY 2022-23, bilateral merchandise trade from April to December 2022 stood at USD 8.09 billion (excluding defence). "The scope for trade opportunities between our countries is huge and there is a strong desire to finalise an FTA that hopefully will further strengthen our economic ties...I believe the scope of the FTA is far larger than trade numbers.

2 nurses from India shortlisted for Global Nursing Award

London, May 9 (PTI)

Two nurses from India are in the running for a prestigious USD 250,000 Global Nursing Award, organised by Dubai-headquartered private healthcare service provider Aster DM Healthcare in London on May 12, which is marked worldwide as International Nurses Day. "The Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award was started because we felt a necessity to celebrate the nurses and recognise them," said Dr Azad

Moopen, India-born Founder Chairman and Managing Director of Aster DM Healthcare, which operates healthcare services in India and the Gulf. "We have about 8,000 nurses in our own organisation and we have seen the way in which they put their heart and soul into serving and saving the patients. Being a doctor, I have seen and appreciated their hard work for the healthcare system at large and most recently

over the COVID challenges. They were the frontline soldiers in that fight," he said. The winner will be awarded at a ceremony in London on May 12, which is marked worldwide as International Nurses Day. "The Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award was started because we felt a necessity to celebrate the nurses and recognise them," said Dr Azad

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Jerusalem, May 9 (PTI)

Israel is keen to finalise an FTA with India as there is a huge scope of trade between the two nations, Foreign Minister Eli Cohen has said, and expressed hope that the agreement will further strengthen bilateral economic ties. From

Injured Indian mountaineer Anurag Maloo to be flown to Delhi as his infection spreads

Kathmandu, May 9 (PTI)

The family of injured Indian mountaineer Anurag Maloo is planning to fly him to New Delhi from Nepal for further treatment as the infection is spreading in his body, a relative and an official of an expedition company said here on Tuesday. Anurag, 34, a resident of Kishangarh in Rajasthan, went missing in mid-April after he fell from around 6,000 meters while descending from Camp III.

further treatment. Sudheer, Anurag's cousin, told PTI that the family is planning to fly

him to New Delhi for treatment but cannot say anything till all arrangements are done.

CAVEAT NOTICE
Be it known to the public at large/ public in general / interested persons having locus that no interim order / stay order be passed or no ad-interim writ be issued in any case / Petition that may be filed by non caveator / proposed petitioners / applicants / appellants, in which the State of Chhattisgarh and its instrumentalities may be the respondent or one of the respondents, challenging the advertisements dated 04/05/2023 issued by the Director, Directorate of Public Instruction, Raipur (CG) as well as the terms and conditions framed for appointment by which online applications from the aspirants of State of Chhattisgarh have been invited for filling up total 12489 posts of Lecturer, Teacher and Assistant Teacher under E and T Cadre for schools falling in Bastar and Surguja Divisions through the competitive examination to be conducted by the Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board. It is apprehended that aggrieved persons / proposed petitioners may approach this Hon'ble Court challenging the advertisements dated 04/05/2023 by way of preferring petitions and may pray for an interim order the same as well. Therefore, it is submitted that in the event of filing of such a petition against the aforesaid registration of offence, it would be imminent in the interest of justice to afford an opportunity of being heard to the Caveator/State of Chhattisgarh before passing any Interim / stay / protective order whatsoever, in the ends of justice.

Public Works Department
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD, DURG CIRCLE DURG. (C.G.)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) (1st Call)
No.001/SE/Durg/Manual-RFP/2023 Durg, Dated. 01-05-2023
Public Works Department (PWD) invites proposal for Planning, Development Estimation and Structural designs and Architect for the work "Construction of Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools of various Places in District Rajnandgaon" from the consultants empanelled in Public Works Department of Chhattisgarh.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CIRCLE NO-1 RAIPUR (C.G.)
Tender Notice (1st Call)
Contractors, Registered appropriate class in Unified Registration System [e-Registration] invited Online tenders for the following works :-

छत्तीसगढ़ लोक सेवा आयोग
नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर (छ.ग.)
क्रमांक / 484 / 218 / विज्ञापन / 2022
रायपुर, दिनांक 08 / 05 / 2023
संक्षिप्त विज्ञापन
छत्तीसगढ़ शासन के चिकित्सा शिक्षा (आयुष) विभाग के अंतर्गत जिला आयुर्वेद अधिकारी के 04 रिक्त पदों की पूर्ति हेतु छत्तीसगढ़ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा उम्मीदवारों से ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित करने के लिए विज्ञापन क्रमांक 02 / 2023 / परीक्षा / दिनांक 08 / 05 / 2023 जारी किए गए हैं, जो छत्तीसगढ़ संवाद के समाचार पत्र "रोजगार और नियोजन" के अंक दिनांक 10 / 05 / 2023 में विज्ञापन एवं अन्य जानकारी प्रकाशित है। उक्त विज्ञापन में दर्शित शर्तों के अनुसार रिक्त पदों, जिसका विवरण नीचे की तालिका में दर्शित है, के लिए ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं :-

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.: TRD-R-2023-E-01 Dated: 02.05.2023
Name of the Work: Outsourcing of maintenance activities of Power Supply Installation (PSI) assets over Raipur Division for 2 Years.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.: DyCE-GSU-R-T-14-23-24 Dt.06.05.2023
Name of Work: Construction of RUB in lieu of LC No.382 (TEIHA) in between BYT-NPI section (Km.759/3-5) and construction of RUB in lieu of LC No.386 (BODTARA) in between BYT-HN section (Km.768/15-17) by box pushing method.

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OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR

(CENTRAL TENDER CELL) E-Procurement Tender Notice
Main Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in

Tenders are invited for the Following works:-

Table with 5 columns: S.No, System Tender No./ Date, Name of Work, PAC Amount (Rupees in lacs). Contains 12 tender items.

Last Date of Tender Downloading For S.No. 01 to 08 date 17.05.2023. Other Tenders Date are Schedule as date 19.05.2023. For date 15.05.2023. For more details on the tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.

Chief Engineer (Central Tender Cell) Office Of Engineer In Chief P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar

कार्यालय श्रमायुक्त छत्तीसगढ़, रायपुर

विज्ञापित क्रमांक...../स्था./श.आ./2023/2866
--: विज्ञापन :-
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Cheaper Cooking Oil

Centre's Intervention to Bring Relief for Consumers

The rising prices of edible oil have been a cause of concern for the Indian consumers for a while now. The country imports a major chunk of its edible oil requirement, and the international prices have been on an upward trend, leading to an increase in domestic prices. The prices of cooking oil have been a particular burden on lower and middle-income households who have had to cut consumption or downgrade the quality of oil they use for cooking. However, the recent intervention by the Centre is set to bring some relief to the consumers. The industry representatives have been asked to ensure that the maximum retail price is reduced with immediate effect and the benefit of duty cuts is passed on to the consumers. As a result, many leading firms have already announced a cut of up to 6% in the prices of cooking oil across variants. This reduction in edible oil prices is expected to bring down retail inflation proportionately, which is good news for the average Indian. The retail inflation rate has already eased to a 15-month low in March, slipping below the upper threshold of the Reserve Bank of India. However, the rising milk prices have continued to be a cause for concern, and the next monetary policy review in June would depend on data linked to the trajectory of the monsoon and crude oil prices, which still pose the risk of inflation. It is heartening to see the Centre taking steps to alleviate the burden on the consumers. The reduction in cooking oil prices will not only provide relief to the households but also have a positive impact on the country's economy. The reduction in retail inflation will also provide the much-needed boost to the growth prospects of the country. The industry, too, has a significant role to play in this. They must ensure that the benefit of duty cuts is passed on to the consumers and the maximum retail price is reduced. While some leading firms have already announced a price cut, it is essential that the smaller players in the industry follow suit. Centre's intervention to bring relief to the consumers is a step in the right direction. It is now up to the industry players to ensure that the benefits are passed on to the consumers. The reduction in cooking oil prices will not only provide relief to the households but also have a positive impact on the country's economy. It is now time for all stakeholders to work together to ensure that the benefits of the reduction in prices are felt by all.

Celebrating Motherhood

Importance of Mothers in Our Lives

Motherhood is the greatest gift of God to mankind, and the creation will ever be indebted to its 'mother'. Mothers are the most selfless beings on the planet. They are always there for us, through thick and thin, and their love knows no bounds. Mother's Day is celebrated throughout the world on the second Sunday of May every year to honor and appreciate mothers for their unwavering love and care. This year, it is being celebrated on May 14. The extent of the celebration varies greatly. In some countries, it is potentially offensive to one's mother not to mark Mother's Day. In others, it is a little-known festival. However, the importance of mothers in our lives cannot be overemphasized. The word 'motherhood' symbolizes love and kindness, patience, sacrifice, tenderness, and many other human behavioural expressions in human nature. It can be rightly said that these words could never have been in the dictionary without 'motherhood'. Almost every single group in our society and every family relationship have a special day, such as Children's Day, Women's Day, Father's Day, Labour Day, Doctor's Day, and Mother's Day. While it is a common saying in our society that all the days of the year are Mother's Day, it is important to dedicate a special day to celebrate the selflessness and love of mothers. A mother has historically been expected to contribute her whole career to her family. Mothers love, and they play a vital part in a child's care. A mother is always with her child during the worst and best times. Without a mother, our lives are incomplete. A mother is everything for a child to survive in this world. She is the first teacher, the first caregiver, and the first friend of a child. Her love is pure and unlimited. She is a person who needs just love and a smile from her children to make her life a pleasure. God created mothers because He could not be present everywhere. Mothers are special because they are an extension of God. They work around the clock without any complaints to keep us happy. Don't mothers deserve a smile? Absolutely. They do deserve more than a smile because they only demand happiness from their children. Mothers are always there for us, and they never ask for anything in return. They sacrifice their own comfort, happiness, and even their dreams for their children. They are the epitome of love and care. Therefore, it is our responsibility to show our appreciation and gratitude to them, not just on Mother's Day, but every day. Mothers are the backbone of the family. They keep the family together and make it a home. A mother's love and care are the foundations of a happy and healthy family. Her influence and guidance are crucial in shaping the character, values, and personality of her children. A mother's love is unconditional and selfless, and it is the purest form of love that exists in the world. Finally, never ever hurt your mother, and always give her due regard and respect. Mother's Day is the happiest and most memorable day of the year for every child. It is a day when we should take a moment to appreciate and cherish the love and care of our mothers. However, it is important to remember that we should honor and respect our mothers every day of the year. Mother's Day is a special day to celebrate and appreciate the selflessness, love, and care of mothers. However, the importance of mothers in our lives cannot be confined to a single day. Mothers are the most important people in our lives, and we should show our appreciation and gratitude to them every day.

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ENJOYING BEAUTY OF TAJ



Tourists use umbrellas to shield themselves from the hot summer sun during their visit to the Taj Mahal, in Agra, Tuesday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bar Politicians from Sports Bodies

The recent controversy involving sexual exploitation allegations against a BJP MP has once again raised concerns about the involvement of politicians in sports bodies. It is not the first such case, with a former Sports Minister of Haryana also accused of sexual harassment by a junior athletics coach. These cases will discourage young girls from pursuing a career in sports. The Sports Ministry must take these allegations seriously, as these medal-winning wrestlers are an inspiration to many. If the accused had been from an Opposition party, they would have been sacked and even arrested by now. It is high time that a law is implemented to bar politicians from heading or entering sports bodies to prevent such exploitation. Let us give our sportswomen the respect and protection they deserve.

Navneet Nair, Raipur

Politicians Above the Law

The delay in the investigation of the sexual harassment allegations made by the wrestlers against a BJP MP is appalling. It is unfortunate that political affiliations seem to influence the law in this country. The Oversight Committee headed by Mary Kom was expected to share the findings with the wrestlers, but three months have passed, and they are still waiting. It is unacceptable that the authorities have responded so callously to such serious allegations. It is even more disappointing that the police did not take any action immediately, as they would have in the case of any other woman approaching them with a molestation complaint. Two FIRs have been filed, but there seems to be no progress in the investigation. This case shows that in India, might is right, and there is no rule of law. It is time to hold politicians accountable and ensure justice for victims of sexual harassment.

Krishna Das, Kannur

Meiteis and ST list

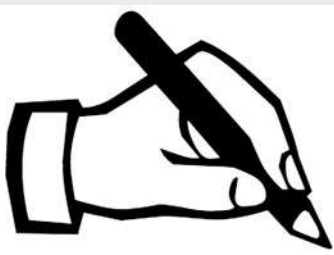
The recent HC order directing the Manipur government to recommend the inclusion of Meiteis in the ST list has once again exposed the fault lines between the state's hill tribes and the plains-dwelling community. The tribal people are concerned that granting the ST status to non-tribal groups will diminish their quota benefits. This issue highlights the delicate ethnic situation in the North-East and the need to address it with caution. The region requires normalisation to maximise its economic potential, and inter-ethnic tensions can only be reduced through all-round economic growth. With the ball now in the Centre's court, the Union Government needs to find a long-term solution to this problem. It is crucial to ensure that the inclusion of Meiteis in the ST list does not lead to further unrest in the state and the region as a whole.

Mukundan C, Kochi

Rationalisation and Reform for a Gas-based Economy



HARDEEP S PURI



Modi government has been taking various measures to protect Indian consumers from international oil and gas price volatility. Despite a staggering increase of 228% in international gas prices between January 2021 and February 2023, increase in CNG prices in India have been restricted to 83% - only about a third of the global increase. Politically motivated naysayers, in their haste to criticise rising prices, fail to see how well India has done to shield its citizens from extreme price volatility in comparison to other major economies.

Farsighted governance through proactive measures such as increasing domestic Administered Price Mechanism (APM) gas allocation and diverting gas from non-priority sectors to transport and domestic segments has made this possible. The recent Cabinet decision to approve a series of critical APM gas pricing reforms will further advance this objective. These reforms achieve two major goals - first, to protect Indians from extreme price volatility and to provide clarity for planned capex investments in gas-based sectors; and second, to promote more innovation and investments in Exploration and Production (E&P).

The need for this set of rationalisation and reforms (R&R) arose from the limitations of the New Domestic Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014, which, until recently, determined APM prices based on the volume-weighted average price of gas at four international hubs. The transmission of these prices came with a significant time lag (6-9 months) and contained high volatility even as two producer countries'

gas hub prices had lost their relevance in the last few years.

For instance, the APM price between October 2020 and September 2021 remained \$1.79/MMBTU, much below the marginal cost of production of \$3.5/MMBTU for nomination fields. During this period, LNG prices in west India averaged about \$11/MMBTU. In essence, domestic production fetched a price less than 20% of the LNG prices. However, the same APM prices jumped from \$1.79/MMBTU in September 2021 to \$8.57/MMBTU in October 2022 due to a 400% price surge in international hub prices after the Russia-Ukraine crisis, bringing tremendous distress to the fertiliser, power and City Gas Distribution (CGD) sectors.

The government decided to insulate domestic gas consumers as well as national oil companies from such volatility by benchmarking APM prices to a slope of 10% of Indian Crude basket price to be determined on a monthly basis, together with a ceiling of \$6.5/MMBTU and floor of \$4.5/MMBTU for nomination fields. The ceiling has been determined at 10% of the last 20 years of Indian crude price (about \$65/BBL) while the determination of the floor price considers the marginal cost of production of about \$3.5/MMBTU for gas production from nomination fields.

The slope of most of the Indian long-term LNG contracts has hovered around 13% above Brent. Accounting for the costs of liquefaction, transportation and regasification in LNG contracts, the slope for domestic gas has been pegged at 10% for the APM prices.

After these reforms, the average cost of cooking fuel for households

(PNG) has been reduced by about 10% and CNG vehicle owners have seen a 6-7% reduction in prices. Another crucial advantage will be the reduction in fertiliser subsidies, expected to be more than Rs. 2000 crores each year.

These reforms will also help incentivise investment in the E&P sector by providing a floor price for mature fields of nomination while also incentivising new wells of nomination fields which will receive 20% higher prices. The ceiling on production from ONGC and OIL will remain the same for the first two years and then increase by \$0.25/MMBTU every year, to adjust for any cost inflation. The reforms will not impact private operators of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) fields or High Pressure, High Temperature (HP-HT) fields that have a ceiling price or new gas production from field development plans submitted after February 2019. They will continue to have marketing and pricing freedom.

The Cabinet's decisions have received a thumping response from the markets and experts alike. Some commentators, however, have raised concerns regarding these reforms in an Op-ed in this newspaper. Their article states that domestic consumers would have benefited from the recent decrease in the US-based Henry Hub prices and Russian gas prices had the reforms not been implemented. It forgets to mention that there were four hubs in the 2014 formula, and the prices of one hub, i.e., the British-based virtual trading zone National Balancing Point (NBP) are still in the range of \$12/MMBTU. Further, current prices would have impacted APM prices only in the next pricing cycle of Oct 2023-March 2024. The recent change in formula ensures that the benefit to the consumers is passed on without a time lag as price will now be determined on a monthly basis rather than half-yearly.

The aforementioned article highlights that current high head prices for domestic gas ensure a continued high price for LNG exports to India except for Qatar LNG. Domestic gas prices have nothing to do with the long-term LNG

contracts or even spot purchases of LNG. Concerns had also been raised regarding stranded gas power plants. During the last half-yearly price of \$8.57/MMBTU, some power plants had stopped off-taking contracted gas, leading to issues of take or pay obligations under Gas Sale and Purchase Agreements (GSPA). With the new ceiling of \$6.5/MMBTU, gas power plants will now get much-needed relief.

To promote gas production from difficult areas (Deepwater, Ultra Deepwater and HP-HT fields), the government in March 2016 had notified that HTHP ceiling prices be pegged to imported alternative fuels such as LNG and landed price of imported Fuel Oil. Before this government, production from these fields was not considered viable. Today, production from difficult areas has reached about 20% of the overall domestic gas production, and is expected to reach 30% within the next few years. Considering the nature, complexity and viability of production from these areas, their formula has not been tweaked.

India is aggressively expanding infrastructure for oil and gas operations and executing policy reforms to balance the interests of both consumers and producers. Since 2014, India has increased the length of its gas pipeline network from 14,700 kms to 22,000 kms in 2023. The number of domestic connections has increased from 22.28 lakh in 2014 to over 1.03 crore in 2023. The number of CGD-covered districts in India has increased from 66 in 2014 to 630 in 2023 while CNG stations have gone up from 938 in 2014 to 5,283 in 2023. India's LNG terminal regasification capacity has increased from 21.7 MMTA in 2014 to 42.7 MMTA in 2023, with another 20 MMTA capacity under construction.

With a growing demand for natural gas, India is well on its way to realising a gas-based economy as part of its broader energy transition goals. The vision of a cleaner, greener and sustainable energy future for India is steadily becoming a reality. (Hardeep S Puri is Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Housing and Urban Affairs in the Government of India)

Helping in daily chores is a way to stay healthy



Rajender Kumar Sharma

Today's rapidly changing lifestyle has left no stone unturned to completely disorganize the daily routine of man. There is no time to eat, sleep, or wake up. This is the reason why today's youth are also becoming victims of

lifestyle diseases like diabetes, blood pressure, obesity, heart diseases.

The problems that are commonly seen in our sedentary lifestyle are obesity and complaints of high calories in the body. A calorie is the unit of measurement for the energy produced in the body by the food we eat, such as fats, carbohydrates, and proteins etc. The unit of measurement of this energy is called calorie. We need energy for the body to function smoothly. For example, men of normal average age require around 2800 to 2900 calories, while women require around 2200 to 2300 calories. According to experts, to keep the body healthy, it is necessary to consume 500 calories of energy per day. To spend this extra calories, we try to burn calories by going to the gym, exercising in the gym, etc.

If we do the small tasks of the family ourselves, then the benefit

can be doubled. One will not have to take expensive measures to burn extra calories, and secondly, one will not have to depend on others for these household chores. That means saving health as well as money. If household tasks are shared, then the extra energy of the body can be consumed automatically.

According to available information, a person weighing 65-70 kg can burn 50 to 52 calories in computer work, 50 to 57 calories in light office work, if he does daily work for 30 minutes. Dusting 75 calories, General shopping 130 calories, Juggling 247 calories, Tennis 280 calories, Playing with kids at home 150 calories, Sleeping 23 calories, Standing in line 47 to 48 calories, Watching TV 28 calories plus Running for 10 minutes burns about 114 to 115 calories.

In the process of making a vegetable, approximately 90 to 100

calories of energy are burned from cutting the vegetable to cooking, if we wash our car ourselves, along with muscle exercise, about 145 calories of energy burned in 30 minutes. We have to pay a service station to wash our car. We burn 2 calories per minute while taking a bath. Spending 10 to 15 minutes in the bath can help burn an extra 20 to 30 calories.

Cleaning tiles and other surfaces in the house by rubbing burns 7 calories per minute, if you do this work even for 10 minutes, then understand that along with the exercise of the muscles, you will also get rid of 70 calories of energy.

Climbing stairs burns 9 calories per minute, 70 to 80 calories in ironing clothes, about 9 calories per minute in washing dishes, 150 calories in cleaning with a broom, 4 in cleaning windows and doors etc. Working as a gardener in your home garden can burn up to 10

calories per minute, 55 calories are spent in swimming for 10 minutes, these are some of the activities for which a On the one hand, we keep servants, maids, gardeners on salary, pay them, on the other hand, by not doing these works, along with extra calories in our body, we invite diseases like obesity, diabetes.

There's no shame in doing our household work if we let go of our baseless ego in the name of "status symbol" and start doing small household chores ourselves, then many problems related to lifestyle can be avoided to a great extent. Also, by doing this, we can save from spending extra money.

This is just like best of two worlds. But it is worth noting that for these works you must be healthy and you should not face any kind of physical or mental problem while doing these works. (Sr. Educationist & Columnist, Dehradun, uttrakhand).

BRIEF

Refining capacity



New Delhi: Leading industrialist Anand Mahindra on Tuesday hailed the discovery of lithium reserves in Rajasthan and called for quickly stepping up to install refining capacity of the crucial mineral in the country. In a tweet, he noted that China already has a lead when it comes to refining capacity. "Finally. We have sizeable reserves of a natural resource critical for growth in the 21st century. A signal that India has an 'electrifying future.' But the key element in the supply chain is refining, not reserves, where China has a huge lead. We need to step up quickly to install that capacity," Mahindra tweeted.

Apple imports

New Delhi: The government on Monday banned the import of apples if its imported price is less than Rs 50 per Kg. The directorate general of foreign trade (DGFT) said in a notification that the imports are free if the price is above Rs 50 per kg. "Import of apples...is prohibited wherever the CIF (cost, insurance, freight) import price is less than equal to Rs 50 per Kg," DGFT said in the notification. The minimum import price condition shall not be applicable for imports from Bhutan, it added.

Appointment



Kolkata: Rathendra Raman, a 1995 batch Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer, on Tuesday took over as the new chairman of the Kolkata Port, now known as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP). He previously served as the Chief Freight Traffic Manager (CFTM) in the South Eastern Railway, the SMP said in a statement. As the chairman, Raman held a meeting with the senior officials of the Kolkata Dock System and Haldia Dock Complex.

Social security schemes safeguard underprivileged from financial vulnerability: FM

New Delhi, May 09:



Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said three social security schemes, including PMJJBY and PMSBY, aim to provide essential financial services to citizens especially underprivileged and safeguard them against unforeseen risks, losses, and financial uncertainties.

Three social security (Jan Suraksha) schemes - Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) - were launched on May 9, 2015. The three schemes are dedicated to the welfare of the citizens, recognising the need for securing human life from unforeseen eventualisation and financial uncertainties. In order to ensure that the people from the unorganised section of the country are financially secure, the government launched two insurance schemes - PMJJBY and

PMSBY; and also introduced APY to cover the exigencies in the old age. Speaking on the 8th anniversary of Jan Suraksha schemes, the finance minister said, these schemes aim to provide essential financial services to individuals from underprivileged backgrounds, thereby reducing their financial vulnerability.

Citing data on the three schemes, Sitharaman said that 16.2 crore, 34.2 crore and 5.2 crore enrolments have been done under PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY, respectively, till April 26 2023. On PMJJBY scheme, the finance minister said that it has provided crucial support to 6.64 lakh families who have received claims for Rs 13,290 crore. Under the PMSBY scheme, Sitharaman said that more than 1.15 lakh families have received claims for Rs 2,302 crore. For both PMJJBY and PMSBY schemes, simplification of the claim process has resulted in speedier settlement of claims.

"It is encouraging to see that these schemes are being implemented through a targeted approach to maximise their reach. Under the leadership of our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, our government is steadfastly dedicated to ensuring that the advantages of these social security schemes reach every eligible individual across the nation," she said.

Work on in full swing for BSNL's 4G services: Devusinh Chauhan



New Delhi, May 09:

State-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) is gearing up to offer 4G services, and work is on in full swing to bring these services to consumers soon, Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan said on Tuesday. The minister further said that India Post is looking at partnership with government-backed Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) as a logistics service provider. On pesky calls, the minister said that the unwanted calls are a "problem", and added that a lot of work is going into addressing the issue. With Group of Ministers (GoM's) approving the deployment of 1 lakh BSNL 4G sites, the minister said that 4G work is underway and various sites have been identified.

Adani group to prepay USD 130 million debt to boost investor confidence

New Delhi, May 09:

Billionaire Gautam Adani's group on Tuesday said it will prepay USD 130 million of debt as it looks to boost investor confidence post being targeted by a US short-seller.

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, the ports company of the Adani Group, had last month floated a tender to buy back as much as USD 130 million of its July 2024 bonds and similar amounts in each of the next four as it looked to regain investor confidence by showing that its liquidity position is comfortable. In a stock exchange filing, APSEZ said an aggregate principal amount of USD 412.7 million was validly tendered.

"Since the principal amount of notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn on or prior to the early tender date (of

May 8) exceeded the maximum acceptance amount of USD 130 million in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes, the company will accept such notes for purchase subject to the pro-rata factor of 34.2649 per cent," it said. Shares of Adani group companies plummeted after Hindenburg Research in a January 24 report accused it of accounting fraud and improper use of offshore tax havens for stock manipulation.

The group has denied all allegations. APSEZ said the buyback programme for its 3.375 per cent 2024 maturity dollar-denominated bonds closed on May 8. "The purpose of the tender offer is to partly prepay the company's near-term debt maturities and to convey the comfortable liquidity position," it had said in a statement last month.

Centre should direct state transmission utilities to monetise unutilised optical fibre infra: ASSOCHAM

New Delhi, May 09:

Industry body ASSOCHAM has requested the government to direct state transmission utilities to take necessary steps to optimise the utilisation and monetisation of their spare optical ground wire capacity. A passive optical network or optical ground wire is a dual functioning cable. Besides transportation of power, these can be used for telecommunications purposes, ASSOCHAM said, adding that various state transmission utilities presently own and operate around one lakh km of such infrastructure with "ample spare optical ground wire (OPGW) capacity". In a letter to Power Minister R K Singh, ASSOCHAM said "there is a significant opportunity to monetise unutilised passive fibre infrastructure already built... by the various state transmission utilities (STUs)." The association, in

its letter, has requested for directions to STUs to take the necessary steps to optimise the utilisation and monetisation of their spare optical ground wire capacity. Monetisation of existing unutilised passive fibre infrastructure by the various state transmission utilities will lead to revenue generation for the STUs without any significant financial investments and this will ultimately reduce the electricity tariff paid by the end consumers, the letter said. This would clearly be a win-win scenario as the end-consumer (Telecommunication Service Providers (TSPs) would gain robust telecom infra without the need to create duplicate infrastructure in remote areas, and the service layer players will be able to leverage a nation-wide interconnected infrastructure network held by the various STUs, the industry body said.

FADA raises concern over sale of two-wheelers by unauthorised multi-brand outlets

New Delhi, May 09:

Automobile dealers' body FADA on Tuesday said the illegal practice of unauthorised multi-brand outlets selling two-wheelers is making legitimate dealerships lose business and turn unviable. The Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) said it has approached various authorities to take strict action against the practice. The multi-brand outlets (MBOs) are acquiring unregistered vehicles in bulk from dealers and reselling them to customers at discounted rates, higher than the prices offered by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) through authorised dealers, without any commitment to after-sales service, FADA said in a statement. This has not only im-



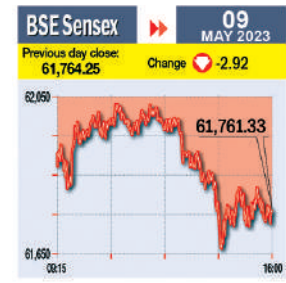
pacted the legitimate dealerships but has also shaken customers' confidence in the brand and dealer partnerships, it added. Furthermore, the outlets indulge in evasion of GST, income tax, issuance of fake/ undervalued insurance policies, delivery of vehicles without registration/ HSRP and helmets, resulting in revenue loss on various fronts, FADA stated. "We have raised the

issue of unauthorised MBOs in the two-wheeler industry, which are not certified as bona fide dealers and sell unregistered vehicles without any trade certificates or after-sales services," FADA President Manish Raj Singhania stated. This has caused many legitimate two-wheeler dealerships to shut down, making their businesses unviable, he added. "The dealership business is dynamic and contributes consistently to the economic development of the nation, generating significant employment opportunities in the sector. Illegal practices such as this cause massive losses to the government and society and lead to significant loss of motivation among dealers, leading to greater loss of employment opportunities," Singhania said.

Markets end flat in volatile trade amid weak trends in global equities

Mumbai, May 09:

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended flat on Tuesday, paring their intra-day gains, as investors resorted to profit-taking after the recent upsurge amid weak trends in global equities. Traders were also awaiting the US inflation data which is expected to remain at March level prompting the Federal Reserve to prolong monetary tightening. Even after trading with gains for most part of the day, the 30-share BSE Sensex failed to hold on to the momentum and skidded 2.92 points to settle at 61,761.33 due to lag-end volatility. During the day it hit a high of 62,027.51 and a low of 61,654.94. The NSE Nifty ended marginally up by 1.55

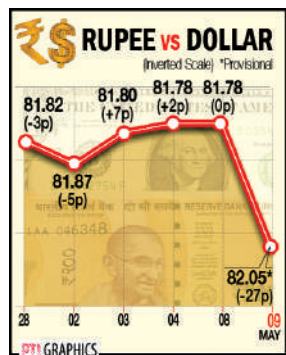


points or 0.01 per cent at 18,265.95. "The domestic market relinquished its gains as weak global sentiments took hold. The upcoming US inflation figures have become the focal point in determining the global market trend. The US inflation rate, which is expected to remain unchanged at its March level of 5.0 per cent, is causing worries that the Fed will remain stricter for long.

Rupee falls 27 paise to close at 82.05 against US dollar

Mumbai, May 09:

The rupee fell 27 paise to close at 82.05 (provisional) against the US currency on Tuesday, weighed down by a strong greenback against major rivals overseas and a muted trend in domestic equities. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 81.84 against the dollar and slipped below the 82 levels to close at 82.05 (provisional), down 27 paise from its previous close. During the day, the rupee witnessed a high of 81.83 and a low of 82.15 against the greenback. On Monday, the rupee settled at 81.78 against the dollar. The rupee depreciated and is at its lowest level in two and half weeks on the positive US Dollar index. However, soft crude oil prices cushioned the downside, said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at



Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.10 per cent to 101.47. "US Dollar gained on risk aversion in global markets and as the Federal Reserve's Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey shows banks continued to tighten credit conditions for business and households, but it was better than expected," Choudhary added.

India taking various measures to encourage energy transition: BEE DG Abhay Bakre

New Delhi, May 09:

As part of its net zero commitments, India is taking various measures to encourage energy transition for industries in the domestic market as well as at the global level, a senior government official has said. Abhay Bakre, Director General (DG) of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), further said that various forward-looking measures are slated to be discussed at the upcoming meets of the Energy Transitions Working Group (ETWG). BEE, under the ministry of power, promotes the use of energy-efficient processes, equipment, devices and systems. It takes various steps to encourage preferential treatment for the use of energy-efficient equipment or appliances. The meetings to be held under India's G20 presidency will



focus on "accelerating energy transition in hard-to-abate sectors, need for expanding markets for low carbon industrial products through standards for green materials, and development of a common mission on energy efficiency that elevates, supports and invests with a particular focus on developing economies," he told PTI during an interaction.

Sonowal inaugurates Sittwe port in Myanmar

Receives first Indian cargo vessel

New Delhi, May 09:

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Myanmar's Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San on Tuesday jointly inaugurated the Sittwe Port in Myanmar and received the first Indian cargo ship, according to an official statement. The cargo ship was flagged off from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata. With the development of Sittwe Port, the cost and time of transportation of goods between Kolkata and Agartala and Aizawl will decrease by 50 per cent, the statement said. "This will promote trade connectivity and people-to-people ties between India and



The Sittwe Port in Myanmar. The seaport with capacity of 20,000 DWT will drastically reduce transportation cost of cargo from other parts of India to north-east region and open unprecedented avenues of economic growth.

Myanmar and the wider region, and will help boost the economic development of NE states under Act East Policy of the government," the statement quoted Sonowal as saying. In his remarks at the inauguration ceremony, the minister for ports, shipping and waterways highlighted the close

historical, cultural and economic ties between India and Myanmar, particularly the Rakhine State of Myanmar. He reiterated India's longstanding commitment towards the development and prosperity of the people of Myanmar through developmental initiatives like the Sittwe Port.

Asian Paints 'Damp Proof' launches new campaign & TVC

Mumbai, May 09:

With summer upon us and monsoons not far ahead, homeowners will need to prepare themselves for the rains and roof leakages that come with it. Considering this, Asian Paints has launched a new campaign & TVC for 'SmartCare Damp Proof' featuring brand ambassador Ranbir Kapoor and the versatile Manoj Pahwa. The engaging and entertaining musical face-off highlights the effective solution for challenges of seasonal dampness and leakages from roofs and terraces.

In the TVC conceptualized by Ogilvy, Ranbir Kapoor and Manoj Pahwa, indulge in a humorous Qawwali battle. They take viewers on a relatable journey of a homeowner's plight of leaky roof and damp ceilings. The TVC goes on to showcase the formidable power of 'Asian Paints SmartCare Damp Proof' as the ultimate saviour of homes for roof and terrace waterproofing.

The film effectively conveys the message that the product provides a lasting solution to leakage issues, ultimately providing homeowners with a stress-free living experience. With

Triple Layer Flex Armour Technology, this product ensures superior crack bridging and strong adhesion and comes with an 8-year warranty to prove its reliability. Commenting on the new national launch campaign, Amit Syngle, MD and CEO, Asian Paints Ltd said "For decades, through our continued devotion, Asian Paints has provided homeowners with innovative solutions to create a cosy, warm and stress-free life at home. Our unwavering commitment to our valued customers is reflected in the solutions we create for the various needs of customers.

IIFL Finance offers up to Rs.10 lakh business loan to customers on WhatsApp

Mumbai, May 09:

IIFL Finance offers up to Rs.10 lakh business loan to customers on WhatsApp with quick approval. IIFL Finance's business loan on WhatsApp is the first-of-its-kind initiative in MSME lending industry, where 100% of the loan application-to-disbursal happens digitally. Over 450 million users of WhatsApp in India can avail a 24x7 end-to-end digital loan facility from IIFL Finance. IIFL Finance is one of India's largest retail-focused NBFCs with over 10 million customers,

mostly unbanked and underbanked. IIFL Finance is the preferred loan destination for small entrepreneurs across India, where its presence through branches and multiple digital platforms.

IIFL Finance's WhatsApp loan product is supported by a powerful AI-bot that matches the users' inputs to the loan offer, and facilitates the application. WhatsApp users can avail loan from IIFL Finance through WhatsApp by sending a "Hi" to 9019702184, complete the necessary paperless process quickly and receive funds in account.

Large companies spend overwhelming amount of time on tax compliance: Deloitte survey

New Delhi, May 09:

Tax teams at large companies spend around 70 per cent time on an average on tax compliance and wants cross-utilisation of data collected by various government agencies to cut down on reporting requirements, a Deloitte survey said on Tuesday.

A big challenge faced by organisations include TDS compliance, the survey said, adding simplifying reporting under tax regulations would make reconciliations quicker and more efficient. "The disproportionate

amount of time spent by tax teams on tax compliance, more so in larger organisations, is an area of concern and needs to be addressed by way of discussion between the tax administration and taxpayers," said the Deloitte survey on 'Income-tax digitalisation in India'. Tax teams in large, complex organisations, despite their enhanced use of technology in tax, spend a high proportion (around 70 per cent on average) on tax compliance. Given the significant amount of data involved, the reconciliation of TDS data and

processing/re-processing of data requires large teams to focus full-time only on TDS compliance; in light of the fact that more transactions are coming within the purview of TDS, the problem is growing in complexity, the survey said. "Today the amount of time corporate taxpayer spends on compliance, the demand is overwhelmingly of digitalisation of compliance. There is a big burden of compliance and reporting that takes away most of their time," Deloitte India Partner Rohinton Sidhwa said.

Samantha on Indian adaptation of 'Citadel': It is not a remake

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu has cleared the air loud and clear saying that the Indian version of 'Citadel' is not a remake of the Priyanka Chopra-starrer spy series. Samantha took to social media to share some pictures from her birthday celebrations. A user on the comment section enquired about the Indian adaptation, which also stars Varun Dhawan. The user wrote: "@samantharuthprabhuoff I have one question is Priyanka's Citadel and your Citadel the same story?? Why I am asking is Priyanka dubbed in all Indian languages... so if you are doing the same story for Indian audiences then many would have already watched it. I am a bit confused... can you clarify if it's same or different?? BTW (by the way) happy birthday dear... God bless you!!" Replying to the user, Samantha said: "It is not a REMAKE!!" Helmed by 'The Family Man' creators Raj and DK, 'Citadel' is the Indian counterpart of the larger international series of the same name which has been originally created by the director duo, Russo Brothers. The global version of the series stars Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Richard Madden.

Priyanka Chopra describes filming 'Love Again' as terrifying experience



Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas was forced to cope with a "daunting atmosphere" on 'Love Again'. The 40-year-old actress stars in the new romantic comedy film alongside Sam Heughan and Celine Dion but admits it was tricky to generate the emotions required as the picture was filmed in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. "It was nuts at that time. It was tough, but it was a scary time in the world. As actors, we're the ones that have to take off our masks on set. I was terrified, honestly, in the beginning. It was a very scary, daunting atmosphere, and we were doing a romantic comedy - we had to bring lightness and fun to set in this daunting atmosphere," she recalled to Entertainment Weekly, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"We really leaned on each other to create a fun environment on set with each other. We would laugh and crack jokes and tried to find the joy so that we could inspire and infuse ourselves as well. But it wasn't easy." Priyanka stars in the film as Mira Ray, who struggling to cope with the death of her fiancé sends romantic messages to his old phone number, which has been reassigned to journalist Rob Burns (Heughan). Rob is drawn to Mira's beautiful texts and seeks Celine Dion's assistance to find her in real life when he is tasked with writing a feature about the 'My Heart Will Go On' singer. Sam admits that the pandemic was one of the main reasons he accepted the chance to play the male lead in the film.

Kajal's onscreen enemy Anushka is her close friend in real life

The audience's favorite show Meri Saas Bhoot Hai that airs on Star Bharat has kept the viewers hooked to the story line and stellar performances by the cast. This unique ghostly mother-in-law and daughter-in-law pair of TV's is being well-liked by the audience. Actress Kajal Chauhan who plays Gaura is getting a lot of appreciation for her character. In the story of the show, even though Som (played by Vibhav Roy) is married to Gaura (Kajal Chauhan), he is still in love with Twinkle (played by Anushka Srivastava). The special thing is that onscreen Gaura and Twinkle do not like each other at all and they do not get along at all while offscreen their bond is very strong. These two are less friends and more sisters. Talking about this, actor Kajal Chauhan told some special things. Talking about her and Anushka's bond, Kajal Chauhan says, "We both don't like each other at all onscreen and the current track of the show also shows a silent fight between Gaura and Twinkle. While offscreen we get along very well. We hang out together, go for pampering sessions, have dinner together on the sets and even wait for each other to drop off. Our relationship is more of a sister than a friend and even on the set, I get along the most with Twinkle and I want our friendship to



continue like this and our relationship should not be looked down upon by anyone." The current track of the show is full of fun for the audience where Gaura herself is getting Som and Twinkle married and now the biggest twist in the story is that Rekha (played by Sushmita Mukherjee) does not want her son to get married to Som because Twinkle's truth is revealed to him and he understands that Twinkle is after her son's money and not in love with her son. In such a situation, it is going to be very interesting to watch the upcoming episodes of the show where many ups and downs will be seen. In such a situation, it will be exciting to see whether Rekha will be able to stop the marriage of her son Som and Twinkle? Will she be able to reveal Twinkle's truth to the whole family? Will there be an entry of love in the lives of both Som and Gaura after this truth? To find out keep watching Meri Saas Bhoot Hai every Monday to Friday at 7:30 pm only on Star Bharat.

Actors share invaluable lessons learned from their Mothers

The bond between a mother and child is one of the strongest, shaping a child's future through her teachings and ideals. As we celebrate Mother's Day, &TV's artists reflect on the invaluable life lessons learned from their mothers, and how they continue to apply them in their own lives. These include Aayudh Bhanushali (Krishna, Doosri Maa), Yogesh Tripathi (Daroga Happu Singh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Aayudh Bhanushali, aka Krishna from Doosri Maa, shares, "As the saying goes, 'God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.' My mother is the cornerstone of my life. Her teachings have molded me into the person I am today. Her zest for life is infectious and her positivity is unparalleled; she is the most uplifting human being I have ever known. Her unwavering optimism inspires me to embrace life to the fullest. Our family is united by her selfless nature and her unfailing ability to care for each of us. Naturally altruistic, mothers put their families' needs ahead of their own. My mother is my confidante and my guide. This Mother's Day, I plan to surprise her with a delectable handmade chocolate cake. To my superhero and the ultimate problem-solver in my life, I wish a happy Mother's Day."



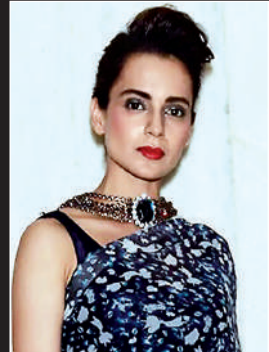
Tune in to Doosri Maa at 8:00 pm, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan at 10:00 pm, and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai at 10:30 pm, airing every Monday to Friday only on &TV!

Kirti Kulhari chops off her long tresses, gets a crew cut



Bollywood actress Kirti Kulhari has stunned everyone after chopping off her long tresses into a crew cut. She said she has not done it for a role but for herself and feel empowered. Kirti took to Instagram reels, where she shared a video montage of herself in her new look. She captioned it: "New endings, new beginnings. Decided to do this a month back and here I am, having done it. I work in an industry where being a heroine comes with its own set of restrictions and limitations." "Long hair or at least shoulder length hair is an unsaid mandate. Here I am, almost 15 years later, in the industry, doing my thing. I have no time to not do what I want to do... and each time I have done something which is not the norm, I have felt empowered and nothing short of it."

Kangana declines suggestion to buy Twitter followers



Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut has declined suggestion of buying Twitter followers as she does not want too many people to see her communications with her fans. Kangana gave an answer to a fan, who suggested her to "buy followers" like "other actresses". The social media user wrote: "seriously @KanganaTeam you are top actress you should also buy fake followers like other actresses you deserve better than this." Kangana replied by saying: "No, no I don't want too many people to see my personal communication with my fans only those who are deserving."

Sneha Wagh's skin care routine during summers

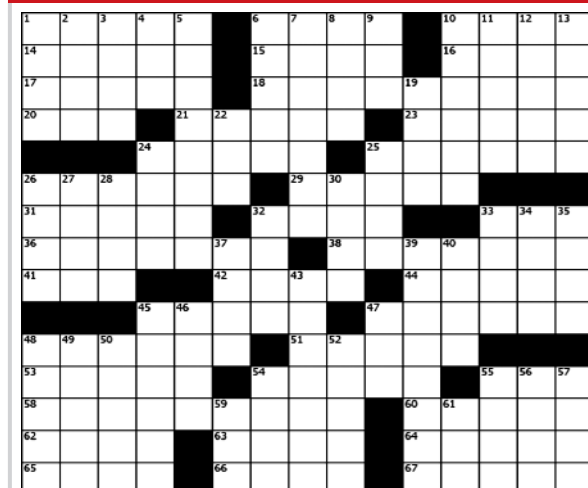
Sneha Wagh is a well-known face of the television industry. She is currently seen in Star Bharat's show 'Na Umra Ki Seema Ho' as 'Amba'. While summers is on its height actors usually takes a lot of care to stay hydrated and also look after their skin as shooting during summer can be harsh on skin with all the lights, makeup and continuous hours of shoot. Sneha Wagh shares some tips for her fans and discloses her skin care mantra to have glowing and hydrating skin during summers, especially while shooting. She says, "Drinking water is the best way to stay hydrated but it's difficult to consume a lot of water during shoot and run to the restroom so I



drink electrolytes as it's the best alternative to keep us energetic and hydrated during long hours of

shooting. And apart from that I feel eating a lot of greens and watermelon helps a lot to have glowing skin. She further adds, "As you all know I'm a Maharashtrian so sometime I use ubtans which we use during Diwali to avoid dry skin during the summer as it helps to soothe out the dryness of the skin and it's the best homemade remedy to use to have that glowing skin. The current track of the show is filled with drama and entertainment as the Raichand's are celebrating Chitra's pregnancy, and on the other hand 'Amba' is plotting another evil plan to destroy the Raichands Will 'Amba' succeed in her plan, or once again, Dev and Vidhi will overcome this difficult situation?"

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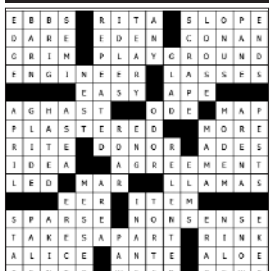


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Deepak, Nishant storm into quarterfinals

Tashkent, May 09 (PTI):

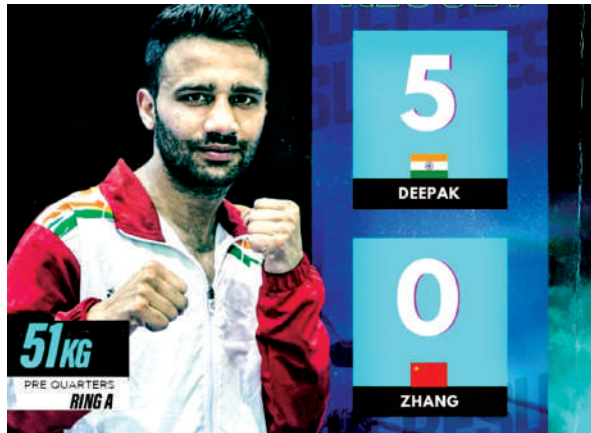
Indian boxers Deepak Bhorla (51kg) and Nishant Dev (71kg) notched dominating wins to cruise to the quarterfinals of the men's World Championships here on Tuesday.

Continuing his good run in the tournament, Deepak brushed aside China's Zhang Jiamao by a 5-0 unanimous verdict in the 51kg round of 16 bout.

Nishant, on the other hand, hardly broke a sweat as he registered a first-round RSC (referee stops the contest) win against Palestine's Fogaah Nidal in his 71kg last 16 contest.

Such was Nishant's domination that he spent less than two minutes in the ring before being declared the winner.

The Indian southpaw re-



sorted to body blows before striking Nidal with a powerful right hook that compelled the referee to give the Palestinian his first standing count.

A few seconds later Nishant unleashed a combination of left-right-left hooks as Nidal fell on the canvas, forcing the referee

to give him his second count before stopping the contest.

Competing in the 51kg Olympic category, Deepak put up a brilliant display once again.

While the first round was neck and neck, with both boxers exchanging blows, the 25-year-old

Indian managed to take a slender 3-2 lead.

The Haryana boxer ramped up the tempo in the next six minutes. Deepak used his nimble foot to move around the ring, landing a combination of punches while also ducking away from his opponent's attacks rather effortlessly.

On Sunday, Deepak pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the tournament when he upstaged Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist and 2021 world champion Saken Bibossinov of Kazakhstan.

Deepak was selected ahead of World Championship silver medalist Amit Panghal and the 25-year-old has put up impressive performances in all the three bouts he has played so far.

'I had to reset myself to bounce back'

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI):

Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist midfielder Hardik Singh says he had to "reset" himself to bounce back after getting into a comfort zone, which led to his omission from the Indian men's hockey team in the past.

Now the team's vice captain, Hardik bagged the Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year at the 5th Hockey India Annual Awards held in March.

"Currently, I'm really happy how I'm getting better day by day, how I'm improving, and how I'm developing my skills at every session, because, back in 2017-18, I got into my comfort zone which proved to be harmful to me as I was not playing well and was dropped out of the team eventually. So, I had to reset myself to bounce back," he said in a release.

"As a player, you have to work hard every day and



Hardik Singh

have to give your 100% in every training session. You have to step out of your comfort zone and challenge yourself to grow as a player."

Talking about the award, Hardik said: "I never thought that I would ever win this award, but I know for a fact that I was working hard for the last three to four years and my hard work paid off."

"I think it's an inspiration to receive this award,

which also ensures that I am appreciated by the people of India for playing well." The 24-year-old, who played an important role in India winning the bronze at Tokyo Games, suffered a setback when he was ruled out of the 2023 Hockey World Cup midway due to an injury.

"The World Cup was really a big chance for me to prove again that I'm a big stage player. I was doing really well in the tournament and then the injury

came. So, I was in shock because I was doing everything to give my best performance in the tournament," he said in the latest episode of 'Hockey Te Charcha' podcast.

"After Tokyo Olympics, all my focus was on the World Cup and I was giving my 100 percent in everything, be it in the gym or training session or pool session. All I was thinking about was that my hard work isn't paying off because I was getting injured and doing nothing about it."

"But I was still cheering for the team from the sidelines and trying to be positive as I didn't want to be a crybaby. It's a team game, if my side is winning, then I am also winning."

The Punjab-born player also shared his thoughts about playing under newly-appointed Indian chief coach Craig Fulton, who recently joined the national camp at Sports Authority of India (SAI), Bengaluru.

Boult expresses 'big desire' to play ODI World Cup in India

Jaipur, May 09 (PTI):

Having opted out of a New Zealand contract, pacer Trent Boult still has a "big desire" to play the ODI World Cup in India later this year and has seen "little bit of movement" in that direction of late.

Boult gave up his New Zealand contract last August to spend more time with family and continue playing franchise cricket around the world.

The 33-year-old has not been picked for the national team since the T20 World Cup last year with the selectors preferring to give contracted players more opportunities.

"I've still got that big desire to play for New Zealand. It is what it is: I've made my decision. I've been lucky enough to have a 13-year career in the Black Cap and hey, I've still got a big desire to play in the World Cup as well. "We'll see how that unfolds: there's



still a bit of movement in the landscape at the moment," Boult told ESPNcricinfo on the sidelines of his IPL stint with Rajasthan Royals. New Zealand had come up agonisingly short in the 2019 World Cup final against England but Boult feels his team has a good chance of going all the way in the ICC event scheduled in October-November. "I remember after the 2019

final, I said to Kane Williamson that we've got to be there again, come 2023 in India. It's a shame with what's going on with his knee but he'll be working as hard as he can to try and get there. It's such a great tournament One hundred percent, I've got that desire to be out there," he said referring to the injury Williamson suffered at the start of IPL.

Curran is a winner, you've to back him: Langeveldt

Kolkata, May 09 (PTI):

Sam Curran might have been bogged down by the pressure of his price tag in this IPL, but Punjab Kings bowling coach Charl Langeveldt backed the Englishman, terming him a "winner".

Andre Russell roared back to form by smashing Curran for three sixes off four balls to turn the match in favour of KKR who sealed a thrilling five-wicket win to keep their playoff hopes alive in the IPL here on Monday. "He's a winner. You want to back him. He's our senior bowler as well, you can have days like this," the South African said at the post-match media interaction. Curran, who became the most expensive player of the IPL after PBKS roped him for Rs 18.5 crore, leaked 20 runs in the penultimate over to finish with figures of 3-0-44-0. Curran has just seven wickets from 11 matches and his



economy is 10-plus. "He's one of those players who can come back and win us a game. It's just about going back to the drawing board, keep it as simple as possible." Hailing Russell's knock, Langeveldt said: "He's always a massive player, a game changer. We wanted to keep him quiet and tried to bowl outside his hitting zone." Kagiso Rabada has played just five matches this season for PBKS as they preferred Nathan Ellis over the South African, and Langeveldt said it's a no-brainer.

Injured Archer ruled out, MI name Chris Jordan as replacement

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI):

Struggling with fitness, England pacer Jofra Archer was on Tuesday ruled out of the IPL, forcing Mumbai Indians to name fast bowler Chris Jordan as his replacement for the remainder of the T20 event.

Archer, who was picked by five-time champions MI for Rs 8 crore in the auction, has played just five games this season and taken two wickets. He has been out of international cricket for close to two years due to a back injury and didn't feature in IPL last year.

Archer's recovery and fitness will be monitored by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) as he returns home to focus on his rehabilitation.

"Archer has been recovering from right elbow surgery. However, pushing through the discomfort whilst recently play-



ing, hoping it will settle, has proven challenging," ECB said in a statement. "Therefore, it has been agreed for him to return to the UK for a period of rest and rehabilitation to give him the best opportunity for a full recovery."

His replacement, Jordan, made his IPL debut in 2016. He has so far played 28 IPL matches and has 27 wickets against his name. He has played for Royal Challengers Bangalore,

Sunrisers Hyderabad, Punjab Kings and Chennai Super Kings in the past.

The 34-year-old, who has represented England in 87 T20Is and has taken 96 wickets, had joined the MI camp in April end.

Jordan batted for close to an hour in the nets on Monday.

Jordan joins MI for Rs 2 crore. Interestingly, he had gone unsold at the auction that was held in December last year.

Russell's message to Rinku: Stay humble



Kolkata, May 09 (PTI):

Kolkata Knight Riders' premier all-rounder Andre Russell is happy that Rinku Singh has become the team's latest heart-throb and his only advice to his "brother" is to "stay humble". Having grabbed headlines by smashing five sixes in a row to seal an incredible victory over reigning champions Gujarat Titans, the 25-year-old pulled off a dramatic win with a last-ball four against Punjab Kings, amid boisterous chants of 'Rinku, Rinku' in the IPL here on Monday.

CSK face resurgent DC in push for play-offs spot

Chennai, May 09 (PTI):

Chennai Super Kings enter the final lap of the ongoing Indian Premier League's preliminary phase, looking to beat back the challenge of a resurgent Delhi Capitals here on Wednesday and get closer to a play-offs berth.

CSK returned to winning ways with a convincing victory over Mumbai Indians - a bogey team at their fortress Chepauk - and would be hoping to pick up two more points against the Capitals, who have struggled in the tournament for the most part.

The Super Kings trumped MI in a low-scoring game last Saturday with the bowlers,



Matheesha Pathirana in particular, doing a good job to restrict the opposition. The chase was wrapped up without much ado, with contributions from Ruturaj Gaikwad, Devon Conway and Shivam Dube.

While the top-order batters (Conway 457 runs, Gaikwad 292 runs and Ajinkya Rahane (245 runs) have been doing a great job, the middle-order hasn't fired as much as the think-tank would have hoped for.

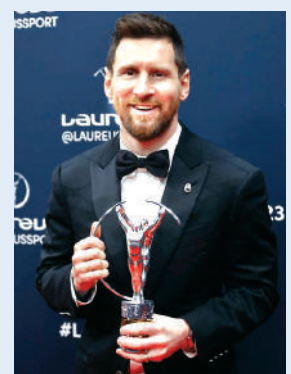
Messi, Fraser-Pryce win top Laureus global sports awards

Paris, May 09 (AP):

Lionel Messi has won a top accolade as world Sportsman of the Year and picked up another award as a member of the team of the year following Argentina's World Cup soccer victory in 2022.

Jamaican sprinter Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce finally broke through to win the Sportswoman of the Year award on her sixth nomination.

Fraser-Pryce's 2022 exploits included winning the 100-meter gold at the World Athletics Championships for the fifth time. The Laureus Sports Awards honoring eight winners were held live in Paris on Monday



Lionel Messi



Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce a track and field sprinter from Jamaica poses after she was awarded sports woman of the year at the Laureus Sports Awards ceremony in Paris.

medals, called her award "one of the greatest honors of my career." "When athletes have

the spotlight, it's important the example we set is the best it can be... we have a responsibility to influence the next generation in a positive way," she said.

Spanish tennis player Carlos Alcaraz's victory at the 2022 U.S. Open and his rise to the No. 1 ranking saw him take the Breakthrough of the Year award. Alcaraz, who celebrated his 20th birthday last week, won Sunday's final of the Madrid Open.

Christian Eriksen was the recipient of the Comeback of the Year award after recovering from a cardiac arrest to return to Premier League football with Brentford and then Manchester United.

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PM FOR BJP GOVT'S RETURN

'Dream of every citizen of K'taka is my dream'

Bengaluru, May 09 (PTI)

Making a strong pitch for the return of the BJP government in Karnataka a day before the Assembly polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday the affection he has received in the state over the last few days has been unparalleled, and it has strengthened the resolve to make it number one across all sectors.

He also sought their blessings in the mission to make the state the number one in the country.

"Dream of every citizen of Karnataka is my dream. Your resolve is my resolve. When we come together and set our minds to a goal, no force in the world can stop us," he said on Twitter.

In an appeal to "brothers and sisters" of the State, he sought their blessings in the mission of making Karnataka the number one state in the country, Modi said.

"My appeal is for the



PM Narendra Modi delivers a video message for the people of Karnataka ahead of the Karnataka Assembly elections, on Tuesday.

bright future of Karnataka. It is for the bright future of your family, especially the younger generations", said the Prime Minister, who addressed 19 public meetings and held six roadshows in the State ahead of the polls.

Stating that the people have always showered him with love and affection, he said it feels like a divine blessing to me. "Ee Baariya Nirdhara,

Bahumatada BJP Sarkara' (This time's decision: Majority BJP government) - this call of the people of Karnataka is still echoing in my ears."

In our 'Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal', we Indians have aimed to make our beloved country a developed nation, and Karnataka is keen to lead the movement to realise this vision, Modi said.

India is the world's fifth-largest economy, our next

aim is to reach the top three. This is possible only when Karnataka rapidly grows to become a USD one trillion economy. "You have witnessed the work of the 'Double Engine' BJP government over the last 3.5 years. Our decisive, focused and futuristic policies are imparting momentum to the growth of Karnataka's economy", the Prime Minister said.

Despite the COVID pandemic, he said, Karnataka has received over Rs 99,000 crore annually as foreign investment under the BJP government. It was just around Rs 30,000 crore under the previous government. This shows the BJP's commitment to Karnataka's progress and to a bright future for the youth.

"We want to make Karnataka the number 1 in investment, industry and innovation. We want to make Karnataka the number 1 in education, employment and entrepreneurship", Modi said.

PRAYERS TO LORD HANUMAN



Mahant of Baghmabari Math Balveer Giri Maharaj offers prayers to Lord Hanuman on the occasion of first Tuesday of 'Jyeshth' at Shri Bade Hanuman Ji temple near Sangam, in Prayagraj, Tuesday.

HEART-WRENCHING SCENES

Newborn babies, bed-ridden patients wait in Imphal airport

To escape violence

Kolkata, May 09 (PTI)

Heart-wrenching scenes were witnessed at the Imphal airport which is overcrowded with passengers young and old, many of them ailing and wailing, eager to flee from Manipur which has been shaken by violence since last week.

Patients with catheters just out of ICU, newborn and premature babies with mothers, women with advanced pregnancy, bed-ridden cancer patients, besides people with worry writ large on their faces all thronged the airport in the past few days to take flights for places outside the state as soon as possible, officials said on Tuesday.

Some of these passengers with bullet injuries have also been seen in the airport.

"You would feel like crying if you see the scene at the Imphal airport," an

AAI official told PTI over the phone from Imphal on Tuesday.

Close to 2,000 passengers are stranded at the premises of the airport, the terminal building of which can handle only 750 passengers - 250 for arrival and 500 for departure - at a time.

Airline companies have put in additional flights to take the passengers, with their queue getting longer gradually as the ethnic violence broke out a few days ago and army men have to be deployed.

Doctors of the airport, employees of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and staff of different airlines have been working hand in hand round the clock to make the distressed people a bit comfortable.

The AAI has been providing all stranded people with food and water.

The airport now is being run with bare minimum support. Since all shops are closed outside the facility, the AAI offi-

cials in Imphal had sent SOS messages to nearby airports such as Guwahati, Agartala and Dibrugarh to get supplies food, water, essential medicines and others for both staff and passengers, another official said.

A special ticket counter has been opened at the airport. A Local Area Network (LAN) network is being used for the purpose as internet services have been suspended since last week in the state, said the officials who refused to be identified for fear of getting targeted.

Sources at the airport said that the gates of the airport have been attacked twice by the rioters but they could not succeed in entering.

An employee said that his colleagues and officers have been staying on the airport premises since the violence broke out.

The handful of AAI employees have not been getting enough rest, an official said.

Court extends police custody of DRDO scientist

Held for providing secret info to Pak agent

Pune, May 09 (PTI)

A special court in Pune on Tuesday extended till May 15 the police custody of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) scientist Pradeep Kurulkar, arrested by the Maharashtra police's Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on charges of providing confidential information to a Pakistani agent.

The scientist, a director at one of the DRDO labs in Pune, was arrested on May 3 and was in police custody.

Kurulkar was produced before the additional sessions judge (Special Court) in the afternoon after the end of his police custody.

Seeking the exten-

sion of his custody, the prosecution told the court said they have received the forensic report of devices seized from the scientist and his interrogation was required for further probe into the matter.

Defence counsel Rhishikesh Ganu opposed the custody extension plea, saying all required devices have been seized and his client was cooperating with authorities.

After arguments, the court extended Kurulkar's police custody till May 15.

The scientist was allegedly in touch with an agent of a "Pakistan Intelligence Operative" through WhatsApp and video calls, an ATS official said last week, adding it was a case of honey-trap.

After his arrest, an offence under relevant sections of the Official Secrets Act was registered against Kurulkar.

'Taller nose in humans inherited from Neanderthals'

NEW RESEARCH

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI)

A particular gene in humans leading to a taller nose from top to bottom was inherited from Neanderthals, a new research has found.

This may have been the product of natural selection as ancient humans adapted to colder climates after leaving Africa, researchers from the University College London (UCL), UK, said.

Having been passed down for thousands of generations, the researchers said in the study, they found that some DNA inherited from Neanderthals influenced the shape of our faces and that it could have been helpful to our ancestors.

In the last 15 years, since the Neanderthal genome has been sequenced, scientists have learnt that our ancestors apparently interbred with Neanderthals, leaving us with little bits of their DNA. The scientists from

UCL have published their international study in the journal Communications Biology.

Comparing genetic information from the participants to photographs of their faces, specifically looking at distances between points on their faces, such as the tip of the nose or the edge of the lips, the researchers saw how different facial traits were associated with the presence of different genetic markers.

The study used data from more than 6,000 volunteers across Latin America, of mixed European, Native American and African ancestry, who are part of the UCL-led CANDELA study, which recruited from Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Mexico and Peru.

The researchers newly identified 33 genome regions associated with face shape, 26 of which they were able to replicate in comparisons with data from other ethnicities using participants in east Asia, Europe, or Africa. In one genome region in

particular, called ATF3, the researchers found that many people in their study with Native American ancestry, as well as others with east Asian ancestry from another cohort, had genetic material in this gene that was inherited from the Neanderthals, contributing to increased nasal height.

They also found that this gene region had signs of natural selection, suggesting that it conferred an advantage for those carrying the genetic material.

"It has long been speculated that the shape of our noses is determined by natural selection; as our noses can help us to regulate the temperature and humidity of the air we breathe in, different shaped noses may be better suited to different climates that our ancestors lived in. The gene we have identified here may have been inherited from Neanderthals to help humans adapt to colder climates as our ancestors moved out of Africa," said first author Dr Qing Li, Fudan University, China.

Parl library now accessible to visually challenged

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI)

Visually challenged people will now have easier access to the vast repository of resources in the parliament library which is now equipped with necessary assistive technologies, officials said.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday inaugurat-

ed special facilities that provide visually challenged people access to more than 1.7 million publications and resources in the library, they said. Birla took the initiative after he found that visually impaired people were facing difficulty in accessing the library for want of digital visual aids. After consultations with insti-

tutes and domain experts, the Lok Sabha Secretariat procured necessary hardware and software to assist such people to access library resources, officials said. Visually challenged people will be able to listen to the contents of the screen in Indian accented voices, read, translate, digitise, take audio output for any print-

ed books, and listen to physical books, they said. Persons with partial blindness who can operate computers will be able to magnify the contents of the screen through magnifiers, while those having hearing impairment can have access to screen contents through Braille devices, a senior official said.

Vidya Balan launches book 'A Wardrobe Full of Stories'

Mumbai, May 09:

Renowned Indian Film actor Vidya Balan launched late Arshia Ladak's book posthumously honouring her documentation of untold stories of sarees at a cultural event on May 06, 2023 at the Town Hall of Mumbai.

Inner Courtyard presented 'A Wardrobe Full Of Stories' by Arshia Ladak alongwith Suta - The Thread By Art Vision and Padmashree Ileana Citaristi and Mapped! - A collection of Asiatic Society's restored maps at the event.

Known for her fondness of sarees, Vidya Balan has emerged as the ambassador of handlooms and local artisans of the heartlands from the country. Making sarees her style statement, Vidya Balan has time and again vouched for the upliftment of weavers from the nooks and corners of the nation, making her the ideal representative of the traditional wear to launch the book.



as well as saree designers and revivalists like Pavithra Muddaya of Vimor.

The book germinated during the author's battle against cancer and to share with the world her priceless collection of vintage and heritage sarees. In the gathering and retelling of the stories from journalists, dancers, actors, philanthropists, lawyers, doctors, singers, designers, revivalists, artists, corporate mavens and entrepreneurs—women from diverse walks of life, all saree lovers—the author weaves together the historic, mythic and cultural legacy of India's most enduring icon, the saree.

Richly designed with original art and stunning iconography, the book is a collector's item and hopefully will culminate into India's first Museum of Sarees. Vidya Balan shares, "I am greatly honoured to unveil the precious collection of

Arshia Ladak in the form of her book 'A Wardrobe Full of Stories. I have always been an admirer of sarees and especially in awe of the handloom weavers and local artisans so when Arshia approached me for my thoughts on sarees I instantly was on board. I feel, launching this book and presenting to the world the brilliant work of Arshia Ladak is my tribute to her passion, hard work and memories."

SOLIDARITY WITH TRIBALS



Christians protest at the Nampally exhibition grounds in solidarity with tribal people of Manipur, Hyderabad, Tuesday.

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BRIEF



West Bengal Tourism Minister Babul Supriyo sings 'Rabindra Sangeet' song during a programme to celebrate the birth anniversary of Nobel Laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore, in Kolkata, Tuesday.

Appeal

New Delhi: On the eve of polling in Karnataka, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Tuesday appealed to voters, especially first-timers, to come out in large numbers to exercise their franchise. Karnataka has more than 5.3 crore electors, including 11.71 lakh first-time voters, spread across 224 constituencies.

Engage

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Raghav Chadha and actor Parineeti Chopra will get engaged on May 13, a party source said. The ceremony, to be held in the national capital, will be attended by around 150 guests, including family and close friends. "Raghav was in Mumbai for the last few days and today they both flew down to Delhi. Now till the engagement, Parineeti will stay here," the source told PTI on Tuesday.

Ban demanded

Haridwar: Local travel operators staged an indefinite dharna here on Tuesday demanding a ban on vehicles from outside the state operating on the Chardham Yatra route. The transport department is issuing green cards to vehicles from other states for operating on the Chardham Yatra route. It is harming the local travel operators, the protesters said.

Shot dead

New Delhi: A 55-year-old man was shot dead in north Delhi's Civil Lines area, police said on Tuesday, adding two empty cartridges were recovered from the spot. A lunch bag of the victim was found missing from the spot, they said. The incident took place on Monday evening. The deceased was identified as Virender Singh Rawat, a resident of Burari.

Arrest

Mumbai: Actor Rakhi Sawant's brother has been arrested in an old cheque bouncing case in Mumbai after a warrant was issued against him by a local court, police said on Tuesday. Rakesh Sawant was arrested on Sunday. He was produced before the metropolitan magistrate court in Andheri which remanded him to judicial custody till May 22, a police officer said.

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PAINFUL TRUTH

24 killed after bus falls from bridge

41 injured

Khargone, May 09 (PTI)

At least 24 people were killed and more than 40 others injured when a speeding private bus packed with passengers plunged into a dry river bed after breaking through railings of a bridge in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone district on Tuesday morning, Agriculture Minister Kamal Patel said. As many as 41 passengers were injured in the accident and undergoing treatment in various hospitals at Khargone and Indore, Patel, who is also minister in-charge of the district, told reporters.

Patel said Khargone district's Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) was suspended after it came to light that the ill-fated bus was overloaded and speeding at the time of the accident. There were around 70 passengers in the bus which had capacity to ac-



Locals gather at the site after a bus fell from a bridge in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone district, Tuesday.

commodate only 37 people, the minister said. A magisterial probe has been ordered into the incident which took place at 8.40 am, Mishra told reporters.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the loss of lives in the road accident and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each for the next of kin of the deceased. The bus broke railings of Dasanga bridge and fell on a dry bed of the Borad river near Dongargaon village, Mishra said. The injured persons were admitted to the district hospital in

Khargone. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh to the kin of each of those killed in the accident. The seriously injured persons will be given Rs 50,000 and those who received minor injuries will be given Rs 25,000, Mishra said. The state government will bear entire expenses of the treatment, he added. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also condoled the loss of lives in the accident. "The road accident in Khargone is very saddening. My con-

PM announces ex-gratia

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CGBSE Board results today

Raipur, May 09:

The Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) will declare the Chhattisgarh Board Class 10th and 12th results 2023 tomorrow, May 10. As per the reports, CGBSE will declare the Class 10 and Class 12 results at 12 noon, on Wednesday. Once CGBSE results are declared, the students who have appeared for the CGBSE 10th, 12th board exams 2023 can check and download their marksheets from the official website- cgbse.nic.in and results.cg.nic.in.

In order to download the CGBSE marksheets, students will have to enter their roll number and date of birth. The Board has conducted the CGBSE 10th exams from March 2 to March 24, 2023, while the board exams for Class 12 were held from January 10 to January 31, 2023. Students are required to score a minimum of 33 percent marks in individual subjects and in the aggregate to pass the Chhattisgarh Board Class 10th and 12th Exam 2023.

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Female cheetah translocated from SA dies

Third fatality in 42 days

Bhopal, May 09 (PTI)

Female cheetah 'Daksha', translocated to Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park from South Africa, died on Tuesday, a forest official said. Daksha became the third cheetah to die in the KNP. Earlier, a female cheetah and a male cheetah died on March 27 and April 23, respectively. "Daksha was found in injured condition in the morning by a monitoring team of KNP. She was immediately given necessary medication and treatment



but she died around 12 noon," the official said. Daksha was released in enclosure number one and two male cheetahs, Vayu and Agni, were released from boma 7 (enclosure) for mating, but it appears that the male cheetahs turned violent during the process which is a normal thing, the official added. In such a scenario, it is difficult for the monitoring team to interfere while the female cheetah died.

CORRUPTION CASE

Imran Khan arrested for causing loss to national treasury

Islamabad, May 09 (PTI):

Pakistan's Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah on Tuesday said that former prime minister Imran Khan was arrested for causing loss to the national treasury in a corruption case.

Providing details on the arrest of the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) outside the Islamabad High Court, he also dismissed reports of torture of the 70-year-old leader during his arrest by paramilitary Rangers.

Khan, who travelled from Lahore to the federal



capital Islamabad, was arrested by on Tuesday while he was present at the court for the hearing of a corruption case, a day after he took on the country's powerful army for allegedly hatching a plot to kill him.

Supporters storm Pak Army headquarters

In unprecedented scenes, supporters of former prime minister Imran Khan on Tuesday stormed the Pakistan Army headquarters in the garrison city of Rawalpindi and the Corps Commander's residence in Lahore after his dramatic arrest in a corruption case. As the news of his arrest by the Rangers spread, massive protests broke out in several cities across Pakistan. Protesters at several places turned violent and burned police vehicles and damaged public property.

COAL LEVY PMLA CASE

Assets of two Cong MLAs attached

Over Rs 51 cr belonging to MLAs Devender Yadav, Chandradev Prasad Rai, IAS Ranu Sahu attached

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI)

Ninety immovable assets, luxury vehicles, jewellery and cash worth over Rs 51 crore belonging to Chhattisgarh Congress MLAs Devender Yadav, Chandradev Prasad Rai and PCC treasurer Ramgopal Agarwal among others have been attached in a money laundering case linked to alleged illegal coal levy in the state.

Assets attached....

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What is the case....

The investigation relates to allegations of "a massive scam in which illegal levy of Rs 25 was being extorted for every tonne of coal transported in Chhattisgarh by a cartel involving senior bureaucrats, businessmen, politicians and middlemen".

in a money laundering case linked to alleged illegal coal levy in the state, the ED said on Tuesday.

The properties frozen also belong to IAS officer Ranu Sahu, coal trader and prime accused in the

case-- Suryakant Tiwari-- apart from state Congress spokesperson R P Singh and local party leader Vinod Tiwari.

Sahu was questioned by the ED few months back when she was officiating

as the Raigad district collector. The properties have been provisionally attached under the criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the agency said in a statement. They are worth a total Rs 51.40 crore.

The federal probe agency claimed that it has "established direct evidence of financial linkages of the above persons with Suryakant Tiwari."

"Assets created by layering of the proceeds of crime or equivalent assets have been identified for attachment proceedings under PMLA," the agency said.

TERROR CONSPIRACY CASE

NIA launches multiple raids in J-K

Srinagar, May 09 (PTI):

National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday launched searches at 15 locations across Jammu and Kashmir in a Pakistan-backed terror conspiracy case, an official said.

Searches in the house of suspects at four locations in Anantnag, three in Shopian, two each in Budgam, Srinagar and Poonch and one each in Baramulla and Rajouri were underway, the official said. According to the official, the case, registered last year, relates to hatching a conspiracy, both physical and in cyberspace and plans by pro-

PFI CONSPIRACY CASE

NIA raids at six places in TN

National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday conducted searches at six locations in Tamil Nadu in connection with a case related to unlawful activities of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) and detained two people, officials said. Mohammad Qaiser, the Madurai regional president of PFI and Sadiq Ali, the SDPI district secretary of Theni have been detained, officials said, adding the raids are underway in Chennai, Madurai, Dindigul and Theni districts.

So far, nearly a dozen cadre of PFI have been arrested by the NIA since registering the case early last year. The case relates to conspiracy and unlawful activities, such as creating enmi-



ty among different groups on grounds of religion and carrying out activities prejudicial to communal harmony to disrupt public peace and tranquillity and cause disaffection against India, the officials said.

scribed terrorist organisations to execute violent

militant attacks in Jammu and Kashmir with sticky

bombs, IEDs and small arms.

NEW BIOGRAPHY

When Vajpayee went to a nightclub in the US

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI)

In his first trip to the US in 1960, Atal Bihari Vajpayee befriended a young IFS officer posted in the permanent mission of India to the UN and explored New York with him, visiting museums, art galleries and even nightclubs, says a new biography of the former prime minister.

Vajpayee went to the US on an invitation from the American government to be an observer during the presidential election campaign between John F Kennedy and Richard Nixon and was also part of a delegation chosen by the



then prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru for the UN General Assembly session.

Abhishek Choudhary, in the first of his two-volume biography "Vajpayee: The Ascent of the Hindu Right", says that on the

morning of September 25, 1960, Vajpayee boarded a plane for Washington DC, his first foreign trip.

"The invitation from the American government was for him to be present as an observer during the ongoing presidential election campaign. As reported in the 'Organiser', he was also invited for his 'special interest in the welfare of the Railway labour'. The mouthpiece did not mention another, perhaps the more important, reason for Vajpayee's visit: Nehru had included him in the list of delegates for the UN General Assembly session," he writes.

RELIGIOUS PROCESSION



Karni Sena members take part in a procession to celebrate Maharana Pratap Jayanti, in Nagpur, Tuesday.

K'TAKA ASSLY POLLS

Battle of survival for JD(S) or kingmaker/king again?

Bengaluru, May 09 (PTI):

Will the 2023 Karnataka Assembly polls be a battle of political survival for former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda-led Janata Dal (Secular) or will the regional party once again emerge as a 'king' or a 'kingmaker', like it did in 2018, in the event of a hung verdict? Political circles are abuzz with this debate before the past couple of elections, and this time is no different.

Plagued by desertions and internal rifts, and with the image of being a "family party", Gowda's son Kumaraswamy, has in a way single-handedly managed the JD(S) campaign across the state, with his aging father taking the backseat.

Kumaraswamy has by-and-large focused his campaign on a five-fold programme called 'Pancharatna' -- quality education, healthcare, housing, farmer welfare and employment -- that the JD(S) plans to implement in the event of coming to power.

Kirti Chakras to three Chh'garh cops posthumously

New Delhi, May 09:

President Mrs Droupadi Murmu, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, conferred eight Kirti Chakras, including five posthumous, and 29 Shaurya Chakras, including five posthumous.

The awards for exemplary courage have been given to the personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State/Union Territory Police during Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-1) held in New Delhi on Tuesday. The Gallantry awards were given to the personnel for displaying conspicuous

gallantry, indomitable courage and extreme devotion to duty.

The Kirti Chakra awardees include three policemen including an officer of Chhattisgarh police. Deepak Bhardwaj, 30, a sub-inspector from District Reserve Guard, head constable Sodhi Narayan, 35, and Shrawan Kashyap, 37, Special Task Force head constable, were among the 22 security personnel who laid down their lives in line of duty combating the Maoists in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on April 3, 2021. The rebels ambushed a strong contingent of 700 personnel drawn from CRPF and Chhattisgarh.

ED is misusing its power, alleges Devendra

ED officials and its Media Cell give contradictory statements

Bhilai, May 09:

The Enforcement Directorate is misusing its power, alleged Bhilai Nagar MLA Devendra Yadav on Tuesday. He was interacting with media persons at his residence at Sector 5. It needs to be mentioned here that the ED has issued a press release in which it was informed that immovable properties of MLA Devendra Yadav and others have been provisionally attached under PMLA 2002. In reply to this press release, Devendra said that when his lawyer went to Raipur office of ED, an on duty officer informed him that no action has been taken and whenever any property is attached under



Devendra Yadav @Devendra1923
ED के अधिकारी स्पष्ट करें की उनके द्वारा मेरी किन्ती गौर वया क्या संपत्ति कुर्क की गई है
यानकारी सार्वजनिक करें!
@EDir.ed - 3h
ED has provisionally attached 90 immovable properties, luxurious vehicles, jewellery & cash worth Re 51.40 Crore belongs to Ms. Ramu Sahu IAS, Suryakant Tiwari, Devender Yadav, MLA, Chandradev Prasad Rai, MLA, A...

PMLA 2002, advance notice is issued under section 5. As any notice has not been issued, attachment of property cannot be done. Devendra said that ED is harassing us by misusing its power and taking action without any evidence. ED is now unnecessarily harassing my mother and she is being called to the ED Office for interroga-

tion. He further said that ED raided and searched his house but did not find anything. Till now, ED has not been able to prove anything. ED should tell whether its officials are right or its media cell. Yadav added that when his lawyer enquired, ED officials replied that nothing has been found and no further action has been taken.

Devendra said that he has clearly sought clarification from the Enforcement Directorate through a tweet about how much and which property has been attached. "ED should make public that out of the total attached property worth 56 crores, how much and which are my properties", Devendra asserted.

WRM & RDCIS team win runners up position

At conclave on Digital HR

Bhilai, May 09:

A team from SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Wire Rod Mill (WRM) and SAIL's RDCIS has won the runners up position for their paper presentation in e-gallery at International Conclave on Digital HR for Capability Building in Metals & Mining Industry organized by SAIL and NHRD, Ranchi at SAIL's Management Training Institute (MTI) on 12th and 13th April 2023.

The team from RDCIS and WRM jointly presented the paper on IT powered Coil Tracking & Yard Management System: An Innovative Link in Efficient Supply Chain of WRM. The paper highlighted the Automatic Dispatch Advice Generation after posting the data on SAP from the



hand held scanner as part of the Mill's Coil Yard Management System.

Certificates were given away by S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects and P & A) to the team members comprising of Archana Sharan, GM (RDCIS), Anupama Kumari, GM (MWRM) and V Subhash, Asst Mgr (Shipping) WRM and members of the supporting ERP-MES team from BSP's C & IT Dept comprising JPS Chauhan, GM, Deepmala, AGM, Buhiril Thangliammang,

AGM, and Ritesh Awadhya at ED (P&A) Conference Hall in Ispat Bhavan on 6th May 2023. Present were Asit Saha, CGM I/c (M&U), Nisha Soni, CGM (HRD & BE) and Ravishankar, GM (INCOS). Earlier, as a first step to the Mill's Coil Yard Management System Project, the initiative of labeling each and every wire rod coil dispatched from WRM coil with QR code had been taken. The QR code has all information like - Heat Number, Coil

Number, Quality, Section, Date and Shift of rolling. All this information is unique to each coil. This was done to fulfil the requirements of SAIL's Marketing Wing, CMO for proper labelling and marking of coils.

Now, with Automatic Dispatch Advice Generation after posting the data on SAP from the hand held scanner being put in place, the Mill's Coil Yard Management System Project has been completed.

Trade Unions extend support to Wrestlers' Protest

Bhilai, May 09: For the last 19 days, the women wrestlers who worked hard to bring laurels to the country by winning medals are staging protests in Delhi. They are being supported by other male colleagues who have won medals as well as awards by the government. They are seeking justice and the resignation of the President of the Wrestlers' Federation of India, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, and punishment for the alleged sexual harassment. An FIR was also registered by the Delhi Police only after the directions of the Supreme Court of India.

The police had attacked the wrestlers on the night of 3 May and in the process some of the protestors were injured.



Journalist Sakshi Joshi, who went to cover him on getting the news, was also assaulted.

The Central Trade Unions have given a call to organize programs including torch rallies, showing their solidarity with the struggle of the wrestlers across the country. All the unions of Bhilai (AITUC, HMS, CITU, AICCTU, LOIMU, Ispat Shramik Manch, Steel Workers Union) conducted a meeting under the chairman-

ship of HS Mishra at HMS office on Monday. HS Mishra, Vinod Kumar Soni, Jagannath Prasad Soni, Triloki Mishra, Ashok Khatarkar, Nand Kishore Gupta, Vinay Kumar Mishra, Ashok Panda, A Chinnaiah, Tikaram, Devendra Kumar Singh, Surendra Mohanty, Rajendra Pargahnia, Tandandas, Prem Singh Chandel, Ashok Miri, Sheikh Mehmood and others were present.

Skill training session on Neonatal Resuscitation Programme held

Bhilai, May 09:

Ninety percent of newborn babies make the transition from intrauterine to extrauterine life requiring little or no assistance to begin spontaneous and regular respirations. Approximately 10% of newborns require some assistance to begin breathing at birth and only about 1% may need extensive resuscitative measures to survive. Yet, birth asphyxia is a leading cause of mortality and morbidity in newborns and in India it contributes towards one fifth of all neonatal deaths. These deaths can be averted by proper antenatal and intrapartum care along with correct technique and steps of neonatal resuscitation. It was a proud privilege for Indian



Academy of Paediatrics to organise 1-day skill training session on Neonatal Resuscitation Programme under the guidance of Dr Mala Choudhary (Consultant, Dept of Paediatrics & Neonatology, JLNH&RC) as course coordinator at PG College of Nursing, Hospital Sector, a Premiere Nursing institute. The program was in-

augurated with welcome address by Dr Mala Choudhary among the presence of all honourable guests, Dr Subodh Saha, (Additional CMO & Neonatal In charge, JLNH & RC), Dr Omesh Khurana (Lead instructor for Neonatal Resuscitation Programme & Ex HOD Paediatrics CCM Medical college), Dr Seema Jain (Consultant

Dept. of Paediatrics District hospital, Durg) and Dr Abhilekha Biswal (Principal PG College of Nursing).

Followed by renowned paediatrician member of Indian Academy of Paediatrics Dr OP Khurana (Ex Director JLNH&RC) demonstrated on T piece resuscitator and its use also elaborated the role of Indian

Academy of Paediatrics for the simulation-based training where trainers are commenced in creation of actual real life clinical events which will play a major role in the evolution of Neonatal Resuscitation Programme and mastering skills needed for successful resuscitation. On the said occasion Dr Subodh Saha (Additional CMO, JLNH&RC) deliberated about National goals and targets related to Neonatal health and well-being and appreciated the programme which needs to be continued in future and together we can make it possible. In conclusion Dr Abhilekha Biswal (Principal, PG College of Nursing) proposed vote of thanks for their gracious contributions and blessings for making the program a great success.

SRJS conducts cleanliness drive at Shiv Mahapuram Katha venue

Bhilai, May 09:

With the resolution to make the city clean and beautiful, Shri Ram Jannotsav Samiti (SRJS) conducted a cleanliness drive at Shri Shiv Mahapuram Katha venue near Jayanti Stadium. Under the leadership of former Vidhan Sabha Speaker Prem Prakash Pandey (Patron, SRJS), the members of the Shri Ram Jannotsav Samiti came together and cleaned the entire Katha Sthal. In this campaign, all the members ensured their active participation.

Underlining the importance of cleanliness, Pandey said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi made cleanliness a part of life. With this thought and



aim, we are giving our cooperation in making the city and the country clean. The members of the committee took a pledge to make Bhilai city a clean city. All the members showed their commitment towards

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and gave their full cooperation in this campaign. Everyone spontaneously joined this campaign and worked to clean the entire stadium. It needs to be mentioned here that Shri Shiv Mahapuram



Katha was narrated by Pt Pradeep Mishra at this venue from April 25 to May 1. Lakhs of devotees attended and listened to the story.

After cleaning the stadium, the members of the Shri Ram Jannotsav Samiti gave the message of tree plantation. Baluram Verma, a

renowned environmental protection activist of the city, distributed bel trees explaining the importance of tree plantation and also detailed the correct method of tree planting. Verma gifted tree saplings to Prem Prakash Pandey and SRJS Youth Wing President Manish Pandey. Ramesh Mane,

Ajay Pathak, Vinod Singh, Joginder Sharma, Basant Pradhan, Madan Sen, Shivprakash Shibu, Prakash Yadav, Rinku Sahu, Sudhanshu Singh, Rehan Ahmed, Rohit Tiwari, Ashok Yadav, Rituraj Sharma, other members of the Samiti and locals were present.

Technologia-2023 at CCET on May 12 & 13

Bhilai, May 23:

Technologia-2023 is an upcoming international conference that is set to bring together experts, professionals, and enthusiasts from various fields to share ideas, innovations, and best practices. The conference is scheduled for May 12th and 13th, 2023, at Christian College of Engineering and Technology, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh.

International conference on recent advances on Mechanical Engineering and Nano materials ICAMEN is being organized by Christian College of Engineering and Technology (CCET), Bhilai in association with Research Association of Masters of Engineering RAME Publishers, Pune, Maharashtra. Invited speakers for the conference include Dr Jaejin Jang, from

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, USA and Dr Dharam Pal from NIT Raipur. Conference has received a good number of research papers from India and abroad. Selected research papers will be published in SCOPUS, SCI, and UGC indexed journals. The inaugural function will be graced by Dr Sanjay Agrawal, Pro Vice Chancellor CSVTU, Bhilai, along with His Grace Alexios Mar Eusebios, Chairman, CCET, and Bhilai.

The Technologia-2023 conference will be a two-day event, with a mix of keynote speeches, panel discussions, and technical sessions in hybrid mode. The technical sessions at Technologia-2023 will be an opportunity for researchers and practitioners to present their latest research findings, case studies, and best practices.

Check-post in-charge beats two badly

Just for not moving bike parked on the road

Kusmi/Balrampur, May 09:

A case of harshness and insensitivity on part of the Police of Wadrafunagar Chowki of Balrampur has come to fore, wherein the Check-post in-charge Vinod Paswan is seen beating two youth black & white with his hands and fists.

The video of the incident has become viral. The youth had gone to purchase medicine and while purchase, his bike was standing on the road. On this the Check-post in-charge asked the biker to remove his bike, but the bike did not start and on this the check-post in-charge Paswan had beaten the two with his fists and



hands. According to the local eye-witnesses,

Wadrafunagar check-post in-charge had beaten the two youth mercilessly on the road taking them here and there. During this the people present took a video and made it viral on social media.

Youths beaten in broad daylight:

Check-post in-charge Vinod Paswan lost his temper and had beaten the youths mercilessly and due to which one of the youth is reported to be critical.

Their only mistake was that they were standing with a bike on the road and on asking by the check-post in-charge the bike could not start and on this he lost his temper and beat the two badly.

24 students selected in campus placement

Bhilai, May 09:

A campus placement drive was organized by Chhattisgarh's best pharmacy retail company Prism Medicals Pvt Ltd under the chairmanship of Principal Dr Alankar Srivastava and Placement Coordinator Astha Verma at Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Institute of Pharmacy on Monday. The sole aim of every student to study in a good institute is the desire for placement. Most of the students depend on college placement for their better future. For this reason, placement cell has been created in this institution to give adequate training to the students on these subjects. In this D Pharma, B Pharma and M Pharma students participated. After two rounds of the selection process, 24 students



were selected. 24 students got selected in the placement drive. Selected students include Jitendra Kumar Sonkar, Leakesh Sahu, Leena Ray, Neha Sahu, Saraswati Sahu, Moin Khan, Prahlad Sahu, Thaneshwari Sahu, Dagendra Sahu from B.Pharma, Rachna Salam, Gyanati Srivastava, Yogesh Chakradhari, Ankur Agarwal from

D.Pharma. Yash Banerjee, Radha, Nutan Sinha, Jai Prakash Sahu, Rohit Devangan, Bina Das, Akash Ratde, Arpan, Himashu, Avantika and Pushpendra Patel from M Pharma. Placement Driver is a better option for students who are aiming for a good career along with education. SRGOI is also instilling vital confidence in the students by organizing

placement drives. There are many placement activities every year in this institute. Now coming to the placement of SRGOI, the placement in this institution is purely based on the academic performance and skills of the students. There is equal opportunity for all the branch students in the placement drive. In campus placement many companies provide jobs to

the students through group discussion and interview and students should also utilize this opportunity properly. On this achievement, the selected students attributed their performance to the regular training of the placement cell. Dr JK Upadhyay, Vice Chairman of the Group congratulated all the students on the success of the students.

Villagers should take benefit of State and Central govt schemes: Governor

Guv Harichandan reached among Kamar tribes of Mahasamund district

Raipur, May 09: Governor Vishwabhusan Harichandan on Tuesday reached Basankuda, a tribal-dominated village in Mahasamund district, and met the villagers there and inquired about the basic facilities being provided to them by the administration, their economic condition etc. He said that many schemes are being run by the Center and the State Government for the poor, deprived sections and the people of the last end of the society, the benefits of which must be taken by the villagers. Governor Mr. Harichandan met Kamar tribe families, women of self-help groups and villagers in a program organised at Basankuda village and visited the stalls set up by women self-



help groups in the morning. The women gave information about bamboo, chind baskets, decoration materials, clay art, terracotta art materials and food items etc. produced by them. He said that the collector and other officers of the district should ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach the people. If there is any problem, then inform the Collector and if there is a bigger problem, then you can also tell me. He interacted with some of the women with intimacy in Hindi and Odisha languages. Women presented baskets made of bamboo

to the Governor. The Governor said that Mahasamund district is a border district of Chhattisgarh and Odisha. The residents of both the states are brothers. The culture of India is unique. All cultures meet here. That's why India is called Vishwa Guru. On this occasion, Amrit Khalkho, Secretary to the Governor also gave his address. He said that for the first time the Governor has come to meet the residents of the tribal area directly and see the implementation of the schemes. In the programme, the Governor distributed urad

seed mini kit, battery sprayer, nutrition kit to pregnant women and material to the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, tricycle to the differently-abled to the farmers of Kamar tribe. The Governor also planted trees in the campus. On this occasion, Deputy Secretary to the Governor Mr. Deepak Agarwal, Mahasamund Collector Mr. Nilesh Kumar Kshirsagar, Superintendent of Police and other senior officers, Sarpanch and other public representatives and villagers of the area were present in large numbers.

CGBSE 10th, 12th exam results out today

Raipur, May 09: School Education Minister Dr Premsai Singh Tekam will announce the results of Class 10th and Class 12th board examinations, conducted by Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education, on May 10. Examination results will also be released on board's websites <https://www.cgse.nic.in> and <https://www.results.cg.nic.in>.



With block work started at Raipur Railway Station, the passengers were left stranded at many places and many were able to catch the bus services provided to Sarona and Urukura station in the outskirts of the city to catch their trains in hot-sun. It is for the first time that no trains entered Raipur Railway station.

Mahila Congress holds Candle March

To support agitating women wrestlers

Central Chronicle News
Raipur, May 09: Members of City Mahila Congress today took out a candle march from Congress Bhavan to City Kotwali Chowk here in presence

of City Congress Committee President Girish Dubey in support of agitating women wrestlers in Delhi. Wrestlers are protesting at Delhi's Janta Mantar against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh over sexual harassment complaints. Criticising central gov-

ernment's callous attitude on the issue Raipur City Mahila Congress president Sunita Sharma demanded arrest of Brijbhushan and disqualification of his membership from WFI and parliament. Hundreds of Mahila Congress members including Usha Rajjan Shrivastav, Asha Chouhan, Mamta Rai,

Ganga Yadav, Chandravati Sahu, Anusha Shrivastav, Shashi Sharma, Nilima Mishra, Vaidehi Deodas, Rekha Joshi, Padma Kahar, Neelam Jagat, Sheetal Kuldeep Boga, Bhojkumari Yadu, Punam Pandey, Saraswati Verma, Anita Pille, Sushma Dhruv, Babita Sengupta, Sandhya Verma participated in candle march.

Annual Techno-Cultural Fest AmiSpark-2023 begins



In Amity University

Raipur, May 09: Prof (Dr.) Piyush Kant Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, Amity University Chhattisgarh on Tuesday (May 09, 2023) official inaugurated the Annual Techno-Cultural Fest 'AmiSpark 2023' in its auditorium. Dr. Varaprasad Kolla, DSW and Convener 'AmiSpark 2023' gave the welcome address which was followed by Saraswati Vandana. "Ganesh Vandana" was performed by Asmita Tiwari, a student of BBA.

Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Kant Pandey in his address said today is an auspicious day as it is the birth anniversary of legendary poet and writer Rabindranath Tagore. He that Amity University believes in complete development of the students apart from academic and through co-curricular activities. Citing the lines of the famous poem "Where the mind is without fear" by Rabindranath Tagore, he advised the students not to do anything undesirable. There is no boundary of knowledge and where reasoning should be kept clear. Prof. Pandey also advised the students to respect time and focus on utilizing it at its best in order to achieve success in life. AmiSpark



is a three-day Fest (May 09-11, 2023) with a bunch of new and stimulating events where students all over the state will be participating to showcase their talent and skills. The various event of the gala fest include Ad Mad Show, Amivibe - the music fiesta, Amity Battleground Series, Clue-Minati, Comedy Sutra, Corporate Roadies, Nakabposh, Drain Your Brain, Ek Jut, Abhikalp, Fashion Show, Funathlon, Gaze the Maze, Face off Royale, Rhythh Riot, Heatwaves, Dance Drama the D-D Show, Lex Clip, The Rope Warriors, Mobile Photography, Munch Ka MuQadar, Digital Photography, Poetry Recitation, Reel Drill, Sparkthon, Survival 3.0, Timetrica, Watch Out, Youngest Fashion Influencer and others. Students of the university and other institutes of repute within the state will also be participating in the events.

Helpline for career counseling from May 10

Initiative to remove the fear of result from the mind of the students

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 09: The helpline is being started from 10.30 am on May 10, before the announcement of results of high school and higher secondary examinations organized by the Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education. The helpline toll free number is 18002334363. The helpline will be operated from May 10 to May 18, except Sundays and government holidays, for the management of stress caused by fear in the mind of the students before the examination results and for

guidance regarding subject and career selection. The helpline will be operated in two shifts. The first shift will be conducted from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm and the second shift will be conducted from 2.00 pm to 5.30 pm. Psychologists, psychiatrists, career counselors, board officers, assistant professors will provide guidance through the helpline. The helpline will function under guidance of Deputy Secretary, JK Agrawal and coordination with Dr Pradeep Kumar Sahu. It is notable that the helpline program was conducted before and during the annual examination 2023. The result of class 10th and 12th main examination will be declared by the Board of Secondary Education on May 10 at 12.00 noon.

Arbitrary hike in liquor price caused revenue jump in Ch'garh

Cong govt created 'criminal syndicate': BJP

Raipur, May 9: Chhattisgarh Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) chief Arun Sao on Tuesday slammed the Congress government in the state and claimed liquor rates were arbitrarily raised, thus causing an increase in the liquor sale revenue in the state. Sao also alleged that the Congress government created an "organised criminal syndicate" and started selling liquor directly from distillery to shop. On Monday, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel termed the Enforcement Directorate's claim of decline in revenue collection from liquor in the state as "baseless" and said the data shows a significant rise in revenue collected from liquor sale under the



current Congress government as compared to the previous BJP regime. The ED on Saturday arrested liquor businessman Anwar Dhebar, the brother of Congress leader and Raipur Mayor Aijaz Dhebar, in connection with the alleged liquor scam in Chhattisgarh. In its remand application filed in a special court, the ED had claimed there was a "massive scam" in the liquor trade in Chhattisgarh by a syndicate, comprising high-level state government officials, private persons and political executives. It also claimed the scam generated corruption money of more than Rs 2,000 crore between 2019-22. Speaking to reporters at the state BJP headquarters here on Tuesday, Sao said, "The chief minister's statement about liquor sale is completely baseless. You (current Congress government) had arbitrarily increased the liquor rates. Also, you were once opposing the liquor policy but are now following it." During the BJP's rule, there were no two separate counters (for liquor sale), he said. "You (Congress) created an organised criminal syndicate and started selling liquor directly from distillery to shop, used fake holograms to sell liquor thereby putting the health and lives of people in danger," Sao claimed.

Early integration of pain medicine with other specialties is need of hour: Dr. Kanthed



Society of Pain Medicine (SPM) Raipur installed; Pratibha Jain Shah appointed President SPM(R)

Raipur, May 09: The Society of Pain Medicine Raipur was installed on May 7 in the gracious presence of our Chief guest Secretary, Indian Society for the Study of Pain (ISSP) Dr Pravesh Kanthed and Guest of Honor Dr Sandeep Dave, Director Ramkrishna Care Hospital (RCH). Installation was followed by 1st CME on two most common topics, i.e Facial Pain in different scenarios & Low Back Pain.

National Secretary (ISSP) Dr Pravesh Kanthed pointed emphasised that Pain Medicine is upcoming growing superspecialty branch of Anesthesiology with 3200 members so far. Early integration of Pain medicine with the other specialties is the need of an hour. According to the president Dr (Prof) Pratibha Jain Shah Pain is the fifth and crucial vital sign which is equally important to be addressed as we address heart rate, blood pressure, temperature and respiratory rate in routine. She also said that our society will work to public awareness regarding pain especially chronic pain. The Secretary Dr Bablesh Mahawar gave the assurance that the society of Pain

Medicine Raipur would work with the vision of sustainable continuum of care by improving the quality of life of patients suffering from chronic pain and to increase their functionality via conservative, MIPS (minimally invasive pain and spine interventions), life style modifications etc. The office bearers are as follows: President- Dr Pratibha Jain Shah; Vice President- Dr Ashok Sonkar; Secretary- Dr Bablesh Mahawar; Joint Secretary- Dr Rampal Singh; Executive members- Dr Jaya Lalwani, Dr Chatrapal Watti, Dr Pankaj Omar, Dr Santosh Sonkar, Dr Ashish Majumdar; Patron- Dr Mahesh Sinha Dr Ashok Tripathi.

Dr Dahria discusses problems with the resident



Raipur, May 09: Urban Administration and Development and Labour Minister Dr. Shiv Kumar Dahria met resident from different places of the state at his official residence in Shankar Nagar here on Tuesday and discussed about their various problems and development works in their area. Residents gave applica-

tions regarding their problems to Minister Dr. Dahria. Minister Dr. Dahria assured the residents to solve their problems. It is noteworthy that on every Tuesday, regional public representatives and residents from different areas of the state meet Dr. Dahria and give applications regarding problems.

State level approval and monitoring committee meeting of PMAY (Urban) concludes

Raipur, May 09: Under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Mr. Amitabh Jain, a meeting of the State Level Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee constituted under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Housing for All Mission (Urban) was held at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhavan here. Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), the Chief Secretary took detailed information from the officers regarding the houses of the approved projects in various urban bodies of the state. In the meeting, a detailed discussion was held regarding acceptance of projects under self-construction of housing by the constituent beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban. The officers informed about the physical



and financial progress of the scheme in the meeting. In the meeting, officials informed that under the scheme, two lakh 22 thousand 174 houses have been sanctioned by the beneficiaries under self-construction (BLC). Under the approved houses, construction of one lakh 7 thousand 963 houses has been completed so far. Similarly, 40503 houses have been sanctioned under Affordable Housing Construction (AHP) in

partnership under the scheme. Out of which the construction work of one lakh 12 thousand 406 houses has been completed. The work of remaining houses is in progress. Special Secretary, Urban Administration and Development Department, Mr. Ayaz Tamboli, Chief Executive Officer, State Urban Development Agency, Mr. Saumil Ranjan Choubey and other officers participated in the meeting.

CM garlands statue of Bharat Ratna former PM Late Rajiv Gandhi

Raipur, May 08: Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel reached village Khudia of Lormi assembly constituency of Mungeli district under state level meeting program. Before the meeting, Chief Minister Mr. Baghel visited the Biodiversity Park near the irrigation project Khudia Dam. He garlanded the statue of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi in the park. Chief Minister Baghel met and interacted direct-



ly with the beneficiaries taking benefits of the

state government's public welfare schemes at the

park. It is notable that the establishment of "Biodiversity Park Khudia" was completed in May 2020 by Forest and Climate Change Department, Mungeli. It was built under the ambitious project of the Forest and Climate Change Department of the Government of Chhattisgarh, with a view to bring awareness among the people about biodiversity and its conservation, promotion and protection. The said park is divided into different parts, in

CM appreciates entrepreneurship spirit of women in Chandeli's RIPA

CM held extensive discussion with the women of WSHGs

Bilaspur, May 09:

During the Bhent Mulaqat program of Lormi Vidhan Sabha today, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel observed the RIPA of Chandeli and inspected the livelihood-oriented activities happening there. He also held extensive discussions with members of the women's group. Sunita Dhruv, a member of Jai Budha Dev self-help group, informed the Chief Minister that she has been manufacturing cow dung-based natural paint for the last two months. They have sold 860 liters of cow dung paint, generating an income of Rs. 62,000.

Maa Ambe self-help group member Ganeshia Patel, who is running the Dona Pattal unit, informed that ten thousand bundles of Dona-Pattal have been made, and they earned 20 thousand in two months. They are also selling dona pattal in C-Mart and also sending them to the weekly market.

After this, the Chief Minister observed the shoe-slippers manufacturing unit. Pushpa Khunte of Vande Mataram self-help group informed that she has sold 309 pieces of slippers in a month, earning an income of Rs. 11,400. After this, the Chief Minister visited the Display Unit training room and commenced the Wi-Fi facility. The members also told the Chief Minister about the fish



farming being done in three ponds. Pushpa informed the Chief Minister that "we have three ponds here and we have extracted one quintal fish and earned an income of two lakh rupees from it."

The Chief Minister held extensive discussion with the women of the group in the display room. Rukmini Navrang of Deharkapa

said that "we are pursuing numerous kinds of livelihood-oriented activities here and are easily earning up to ten thousand rupees every month, and recently, fish farming has also started here which will further increase our income." Anupa Yadav of Adarsh Self-Help Group said that "we have started goat rearing and have

earned more than Rs. 60,000 from it." Expressing gratitude to the Chief Minister, Anupa said that "the way you are promoting Gothans, the economic condition of women is getting stronger across the rural parts of the state". Sandhya Sahu of Mini Mata Self-Help Group informed that "10 pieces of sewing machines have been provided to us by the state government. We have sold clothes worth 20 thousand rupees in 2 months by taking multiple orders. An order for 5000 jute material products has been received through the C-Mart of Mungeli, and we are currently working on it." The Chief Minister praised all the members of the group for their commendable work on a large scale and for making profits in the initial period itself. He expressed his belief that this has boosted their potential for a better and prosperous future. Additionally, he encouraged them to continue to increase the number of livelihood activities and make substantial profits together.

Collector hears public grievances at 'Jan Chaupal'

● Instructs concerned departmental officials to take action for redressal

Raipur, May 09:

Collector Dr Sarveshwar Bhure heard public grievances at 'Jan Chaupal' held at Collectorate Hall and instructed the concerned departmental officials to take action for redressal. More than 50 applications pertaining to public grievances were received in 'Jan Chaupal'. Additional Collector BB Panchbhai, Raipur SDM and concerned officers were present.

Budheshwar Dewangan from Kura Gram Panchayat submitted application demanding possession of ancestral agricultural land whereas Kumhari Gram Panchayat Sarpanch demanded to sanction bore and handpump in Kumhari Bhatapara.

Sarpanch of Bartori Gram Panchayat demanded allotment of land whereas Naya Talab Gudiyari Raipur resident Suman Sahu demanded widow pension. Birgaon resident Ikram Ahmed demanded action to remove encroachment whereas Jawahar Nagar resident Dev Anand Sahu demanded 'Divyang' pension. Munna Thakur, a resident of Kushalpur demanded construction of a



platform for 'Mundan' programme in Malsai pond. He also demanded construction of toilet and pond for immersion of worship materials in the area. Poshan Ramji of village Pahanda of Arang tehsil demanded action for rectifying error whereas Neera Bai Patel, a resident of Mandir Hasaud demanded rectification of the record. Village Tekari Resident KP Tandon filed an application on the complaint of illegal encroachment on the constructed house occupied by the land mafia.

Similarly social worker Suresh Diwan sought release of installment of Pradhan Mantri Awaas (Rural) and action to check free use of government land by industries. Purani Basti resident Janki Bai demanded allotment of house whereas Kushalpur Karmachari Colony resident Sanjay Agrawal demanded to make lights operational in Kho-Kho Talab (pond). Sarpanch of Tamasivni Gram Panchayat demanded to install street light at new market area of Tamasivni whereas

Deepak Verma from Siltara demanded to remove encroachment from Shamshan Ghat (cremation ground) land in Siltara village. Mahamaya Mandir ward (no-65) Corporator Sarita Verma demanded early construction of water tank while Yogesh Sahu from Tikrapara area demanded inquiry into allegation of irregularities in construction of road and drain.

Vedram Sahu, a resident of Amlidih demanded land demarcation whereas Dhiralp Yadav, a resident of Lakhe Nagar, demanded preparation of Nazuri land map made by the Patwari, Corporator of ward number-25, Bhola Sahu, demanded construction of underground drain from Kabir Chowk to Disha College under the ward.

Corporator of ward number-07, Sushila Babla Dhiwar demanded action into irregularities in drain construction. Ajay Yadav, a resident of Birgaon complained about the encroachment of his own house by his younger brother.

GEMS Summer Carnival, a unique experience for participants

● Nurturing talents to their best

Raipur, May 09:

"It was like dream cum true for me and fully enjoyed the activities of summer camp," said Niti (name changed on request), a student of Class IV taking part in the summer carnival which was inaugurated on Monday. "I was in search for spending my quality time during summer holidays as GEMS Summer Carnival is the right venue for me," confirmed another participant while coming out after attending the camp. The parents who came to collect their children seemed extremely happy and concluded that their decision to get associated with the camp is fruitful. These are the views of some of the participating children and parents on the inaugural day of GEMS Summer Carnival which went underway at Shri Gujarati English Medium School campus on Monday. Nevertheless overwhelming response from the children has brought cheers to the organisers and the number is expected to cross 150 in a day or two. The



main attraction of the camp is Spoken English Class separately for Primary and Higher students. The expert trainers are delivering their best and the participants at the end of camp will be smart communicators in English.

Further art work taught in the camp was like a bonus for the participants. The art work taught by the excellent art faculties is like a treat for the students and even those who are not good at art work are learning to make good sketches. Further aerobics training to the participants in between act as a charger for the participants and they get prepared for the Spoken English Class. In the latter half of the camp participants will be tested their skill in Vedic Mathematics. Also they can try their hands in musical instruments and practice yoga, which too will be

trained by the experts in their respective fields. Summer camp is offering children the opportunity to engage in various types of group activities which helps them learn how to work together as part of a team, communicate effectively with each other, and solve problems independently. Participating in a hike and guiding other children can help develop leadership skills while dividing chores in an overnight camp can enhance communication skills.

The tireless support of School Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma and supported by Vice Principal S V Chandrasekhar is creating wonders. Summer Carnival Incharge and Senior Faculty Shyanti Bhattacharya and ever ready faculty members of different disciplines is making the camp a happening place.

CS reviews High Powered Committee meeting

Of Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)

Raipur, May 09:

The first meeting of the State Level Empowered Committee constituted under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) was held on Monday at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain. The Chief Secretary took detailed information about the various components included under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0 from the officers of the Urban Administration and State Urban Development Agency. The Chief Secretary gave necessary guidelines to the officers regarding various projects and committees to be formed under the scheme. Mr. Ankit Anand, Secretary, Finance Department was present in the meeting. Chief Executive Officer of the State Urban Development Agency Mr.



Soumil Ranjan Choubey, through a presentation, informed that under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 that 100 percent door-to-door collection of segregated wet and dry waste from all residences and premises in urban areas are being done.

Scientific management and safe treatment of the collected waste will also be done. Remediation of all legacy dumpsites and conversion of sites into green zones is in process.

In small towns with a population of less than one lakh, the used water will be safely collected and taken to the processing site for necessary

treatment. It was told in the meeting that under Mission Urban 2.0, components like sustainable solid waste management, sanitation system, untreated water management, capacity building including information education and communication have been included. Special Secretary of Urban Administration Department Mr. Ayaz Tamboli along with officials of Public Health Engineering, Housing and Environment, Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) and Environment Pollution Board participated in the meeting.

Bicycle rally organized for environmental awareness



■ On occasion of World Red Cross Day

Raipur, May 09:

A bicycle rally was organized for environmental awareness by the Chhattisgarh branch of the Indian Red Cross Society on World Red Cross Day today. Ashok Agarwal, Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society, Chhattisgarh flagged off the rally. Starting from Raj Bhavan, Raipur's Civil Line, the cycle rally reached Telibandha Talab via Shastri

Chowk, Jaistambh Chowk and MG Road. Students from various schools and colleges of the city enthusiastically participated in the rally and gave the message of saving the environment.

World Red Cross Day is being celebrated this year on the theme 'Everything we do comes from the heart'. Chhattisgarh Housing Board Chairman and MLA from Raipur North Kuldeep Juneja distributed certificates to the students who participated in the bicycle rally. Officers and members of Red Cross Society were also present on the occasion.

Digital Shrimad Bhagavad Gita presented to Forest Minister



Raipur, May 09:

Shrimad Bhagavad-Gita was presented to Forest Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar by Corporator of Municipal Corporation, Kawardha, Narendra Dewangan at his government residence office in Raipur. This Bhagavad Gita with state-of-the-art technology speaks through sensors. Seeing this unique Bhagavad Gita, the Forest Minister was impressed and praised it. Digital Shrimad Bhagavad Gita can be heard through sensor fit-

ted equipment. As soon as the sensor of about 08 inch size is taken in front of any 'shloka' of Bhagavad Gita, the shloka starts to be heard from the speaker fitted in the sensor. Not only this Bhagavad Gita can be heard in 14 different languages.

In the language to be heard, the sensor has to be moved in front of the option of the language marked on a small size card. After this the sensor can listen to any verse in Shrimad Bhagavad Gita in the same language.

SaiDarbar Kota observes 16thanniv



Raipur, May 09: On the occasion of 16th anniversary of SaiDarbar Kota Colony various programmes are scheduled till May 10. On May 08 SaiPalki was taken out and mass meal was offered on the return of palki. On May 09 prayers are continuing and on May 10 after the conclusion of celebration at 12:00 noon, mahaprasad will be distributed.

FIR registered on controversy between JUDO and trainee DSP

Jagdulpur, May 09: Trainee DSP has been injured in a dispute between junior doctors (JUDOs) of Mekoj and trainee DSP last night at Marenga Chowk, ahead of Dimrapal Medical College in the district. An FIR has been registered in this matter at Parpa police station and the police is probing the matter. On Monday morning, Mecos Dean Dr. US Packra along with a team of other doctors had reached Parpa police station. At present, the investigation is going on in the matter.

According to the information received, the trainee DSP was inspecting the Parpa police station area last night. During this, seeing the junior female doctor he started inquiring. On which an argument broke out between the two, in the meantime the junior female doctor called her fellow doctors and got them assaulted with the DSP. In this fight, it is said that the trainee DSP was injured.

ASP Nivedita Paul told that patrol points are set



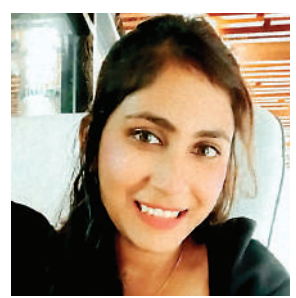
up for the prevention of crimes. To investigate this, Trainee DSP Avinash Garg had left for Keshlur. Meanwhile, in the dark deserted area near Marenga petrol pump, an intern doctor was seen in the medical college. Due to which the trainee DSP Avinash started making inquiries. Meanwhile, Dr. Paras Gupta, intern at Dimrapal Medical College, reached the spot. After which the dispute increased. Intern doctor Paras Gupta called his colleagues and created a situation of indecency with the trainee DSP, on which other police officers intervened. Parpa police station has registered a crime on this matter and is investigating into it.

City students secure placements in Arcesium, NatWest, and DBOI

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 09: National Institute of Technology Raipur's final year students attained great success by getting placed in multinational companies including Arcesium, NatWest, and DBOI through on-campus placements. NatWest offered full-time roles to Namandeep Singh Arora, Information Technology, Yerramsetti Jaaswanth, Information Technology (IT), Sanjana Tiwari, Computer Science Engineering (CSE), Chelluboina Hema, Computer Science Engineering, Palak Agarwal Electrical, Engineering (EE), and Mahesh Dewangan, Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE).

Arcesium offered Pre-placement Offer (PPO) to Siddharth Mishra, CSE and Prashant Ranjan, IT. Deutsche Bank Operations International offered PPO to Shreya Tiwari, CSE along with



On-Campus placement offers to Aadiya Prakash Pandewa, IT, Harsh Kumar Chaudhary, IT, Ajinkya Deshpandey, ECE, Rudroju Karthi, CSE, Kunal Dhurwey, CSE, Jonnadula Venkata Sai Tanish, CSE, Katta Greeshma Reddy, CSE, Pandiripalli Venkata Ravi Teja, IT, and Nikita Shokeen, Master in Computer Applications



(MCA). Siddharth Mishra received a PPO from Arcesium of 28 LPA CTC for the Software Development Engineer (SDE) role. He did internships in four startups and participated in various hackathons which helped him to brush up his skills. Palak Agarwal bagged a placement at NatWest in the role of Software Engineer for which the company offered her 13 LPA CTC along with a performance bonus, gratuity, and benefits. Shreya Tiwari from Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, received a PPO from DBOI of 19.6 LPA CTC for the role of Technical Analyst. She said that she started coding in the second year.

Red Cross Day observed in GRLPGC

Rajim, May 09:

On occasion of World Red Cross Day under guidance of President of Red Cross Society Prabhat Malik (District Collector-Gariyaband), Dr KC Uraon (Secretary - Red Cross Society, Gariyaband) and Dr CL Dewangan, Principal Govt Rajiv Lochan PG College, (GRLPGC) and as per instructions by the Red Cross District Organiser Roman Lal Sahu and under leadership of Prof. Manisha Bhoi (Red-Cross in-Charge), a programme was organised at GRLPGC.



and on the objective of Red Cross. Red Cross District organiser Roman Lal

Sahu, Baisakhu Ram Sahu, (District Red Cross lifelong member), Prof.

ML Verma, Prof. Rajesh Baghel, Prof. Bhanu Pratap Nayak, Prof. Manisha Bhoi, volunteers expressed their views. On this occasion the volunteers of Red Cross distributed fruits to patients in Community Health Centre.

In this programme, Prof. Neha Sen, Prof. Shubham Sharma, Akshat Agrawal, Swati Sonwani, Devshri Sahu, Manish Kumar, Leena Yadav, Harsha Verma, Khomin Yadav, Kala Sahu, Urvasi Miri, Chameli Sahu, Khuman Sonwani, Nikhil Banjara, Kishore Yadav, Gunita Sahu, Kamalnayan Sahu, Ajeshwari Kashyap and other volunteers were present.

Maheshwari offer prayers to Mata Karma

Seeks blessings for peace & prosperity for all

Simga, May 09:

Prayers to Sahu Samaj's 'Bhakt Shiromani Mata Karma' were performed in Gram Musawadih by the members of Samaj. Reaching in this, Congress rep Sunil Maheshwari also offered prayers and sought blessings for peace and prosperity for all. He said that Mata Karma is inspirational for Sahu Samaj and all other Samaj. Maa Karma Bhakt Shiromani is 'Devi' of service, sacrifice and devotion, he added.

Maheshwari further said that the 'Gaurav Gatha', devotion and 'Bhakti' of Aradhya Devi of Sahu Samaj - Sadhavi Bhakt Shiromani Maa Karma Devi is going on for last many years in country and abroad. One gets the education of self-



confidence, dare, courage, 'purusharth', equality and harmony from life of Aradhya Maa Karma Bai. She never bow-down before injustice and accepting all the sadness and happiness in life, he tackled with it sheer determination, he added.

Maheshwari further said that Aardhya Devi Mata Karma of Sahu Samaj is offered respects and prayers with faith

and devotion by people all over the country and by all including Sahu Samaj in Chhattisgarh as well. Here also the members of Sahu Samaj offered prayers. Maheshwari said that Sahu Samaj is very hard working and full of honesty. Be it the youth or women of Samaj, they all believes in moving ahead with sheer hard work and honesty. By offering prayers to Mata Karma,

Maheshwari sought blessings for peace and prosperity of all in the Samaj and in the state.

During this Samelal Sahu, Ashwini Sahu, Premlal Sahu, Sitaram Sahu, Tularam Sahu, Ishwar Sahu, Kewal Sahu, Mohit Sahu, Vinod Sahu, Piluram Sahu, Tapesh Sahu, Jethu Sahu, Vishnu Sahu, Domar Sahu and others were present.

Millet crop would prove handy in removing malnutrition: Collector



Sukma, May 09: To increase interest of farmers towards Millet crops and to apprise them about its benefits, the Agriculture Department organised two-day capacity building training programme for the officers and employees. On this occasion Collector Harish S. informed that last year the mal-nutrition rate was around 34% and this millet crop would prove handy in rooting out mal-nutrition. To promote about millet crops, he asked to give information about its ben-

efit to the farmers and motivate them to take up this crop. The experts present in the training gave necessary information about Millet crops and also assured them of providing necessary guidance and training to increase crop cultivation of millets and motivate them. In this training, Dy Director Agriculture Department Praveen Baghel, Aatrey Karmahe, Fellow Sukma, ArpanKumar Das, Trainer TRIF, Raipur and other members were present.

'Sachivs on strike, sarpanchs are facing music'

Charge to new Sachivs only on papers; works in Panchayats comes to stand still

Dongargaon, May 09:

Chhattisgarh Pradesh Sarpanch Sangh (CPSS) and office bearers of Janpad Panchayat Dongargaon and other sarpanchs in protest against hosts of their problems submitted a memorandum to the Collector Dongargaon here on Monday. In the memorandum they demanded handing over keys to the newly appointed Sachivs and issue work order to start their works. During submission of memorandum to Sarpanchs, Gram Panchayat Sarpanchs were present in large number. It is worthwhile to mention here that the Sachivs of all Gram Panchayats are on strike since March 16 and due to which



work in all the Gram Panchayats has come to a standstill. Though the government and administration has issued order asking Employment Assistants and Asst.

Internal Accounts Examining officers to take up the charge to ensure smooth working and not to affect the works. But this order is purely on the paper and none have taken over the charge of Sachivs. Block President Sarpanch Sangh Tikaram Sonkar informed that without Sachivs, the Sarpanchs are unable to do works like release of small payments and other works of the villagers and due to which the

Sarpanchs are very much in trouble. For this they have urged the govt-admn to hand over charge to newly appointed Sachivs for works like entering of govt documents like proposal registers; withdrawal register; Bank passbook; Cheque book; action register and order copy of many other works and all types of important documents and other important keys. Due to all this the Sarpanchs are facing lots of problems and due to which the development works have come to a standstill.

It is notable here that though the administration has issued order asking Employment Asst. and Asst.

Internal Accounts Examining officers to take up charge of Sachiv, but has not taken any initiative to hand over the charge and keys to old Sachivs and due to which the Sachivs who are ready to take charge are also unable to do any work.

In this regard, SDM Sunil Nayak informed that he has received memorandum of Sarpanchs and detailed information about charge of Panchayats and other decisions would be available from CEO Janpad Panchayats or District Panchayats, as they are just having administrative charge, whereas the Janpad Panchayat Dongargaon CEO is not receiving the calls.

Dilapidated CC road leading to ITI poses threat to safety

Magariod, May 09:

The CC road leading to ITI and Mini Stadium approach road, which was constructed at a considerable cost four to five years ago, has become severely dilapidated and poses a threat to the safety of teachers, officers, and students who use it daily. The road has developed cracks and has been divided into two parts, causing inconvenience to the villagers who use it as well. Additionally, the cementing near the main gate has been uprooted, causing water to flow from the tap water source and making it necessary to enter ITI through the mud.

The poor quality of construction during the guarantee period is the reason for the current state of the road. The villagers have demanded that the concerned authorities take immediate action to repair the road and prevent any accidents from happening. The Gaurav



Path in village Kareli Badi is also in a similar condition, with most of the CC roads built during the former Sarpanch period being dilapidated and breaking down.

The safety of the people using these roads should be the top priority of the authorities. It is essential that immediate steps are taken to ensure that these roads are repaired and made safe for public use.

Project 'Khushi' brings happiness on faces of jail inmates

Bilaspur, May 09: What is the Project Khushi? You may think that it doesn't benefit anyone, but if we can bring happiness to someone and make them satisfied, it can bring a lot of peace. Perhaps you have experienced a situation that has landed you in jail, and you have to spend some time here. However, this is not the end of your life. I have seen the jails of Andaman Nicobar and the situation of the jails here is very different. There are also delays in hearing cases, which makes it seem like life has come to an end after coming here. However, that is not the case. You will have to live here with your circumstances.

CLSA and Rotary Club Bilaspur take lead

Club of Bilaspur and the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, Bilaspur, under the title "Khushi is everyone's right" in the women's section of the Central Jail, Bilaspur.

Justice Goutam Bhauri said, "I am extremely happy to be here today. Women prisoners performed at the songs of Chhattisgarhi Rajgeet, Karma dance, and Sua dance, which were very enchanting. The small children in the jail presented their fancy dress and participated enthusiastically in the sports competition, which made me emotional. The presentation of the street play by the members of the Behavior Club on mental health was commendable. Watching the children's program reminded me of my school days, and I felt like I am in that world again.



He further said that education should be imparted here, which generates self-confidence, and efforts should be made to provide opportunities to the children living here, just like the children living in society. Such children should be encouraged to set their life goals, and they should develop a habit of focusing on their goals. Need and importance are two different things. Just as education is necessary for children, medicine is essential for the sick. Working without selfishness is admirable. He said that we should abandon a nar-

row-minded attitude." A meditation program was organized here, which is also important and necessary. As far as legal assistance is concerned, the State legal services authority is working on it. Every week, a "Jail Review Day" is organized for this purpose, where you can express your concerns and get help. They were praised for preparing the "Khushi is everyone's right" project by the Rotary Club Bilaspur.

On this occasion, the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, Bilaspur, launched the "Legal Literacy

Booklet for Underprivileged Prisoners." This booklet compiles important schemes, constitutional and legal provisions related to underprivileged prisoners, provisions for free legal aid, important legal provisions of the Jail Manual, and significant decisions passed by the Supreme Court in the context of the interests of the prisoners.

Social service organizations were not allowed to work directly inside the jail. In such a situation, they joined hands with the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, Bilaspur, which is already working for the welfare of prisoners residing inside the jail. They thanked the Honorable Chief Justice and the judiciary for their support in this work.

The President of the Campaign Institution, Vani Rao, while addressing the program, said that I am feeling quite thrilled after seeing this program. Her organization arranges for rehabilitation and

education of children of incarcerated women under the 'Muktakash' scheme. She said that I am sorry that even though I have been running this campaign for so many years, why didn't I pay attention to working in this direction. Today, I am extremely pleased to see the happiness

on the faces of the children. Rotary Club Bilaspur and Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority are the worthy recipients of special congratulations for this work.

In the program, a poem was recited by the member of the Rotary Club and advocate, Rupal Pandey. Through Rotary

Club Bilaspur, sewing machines were given to women. Sports equipment (carom, chess, ludo, snakes and ladders, bat, ball, football, etc.), school bags and shoes for children who study while staying in Muktakash, and a small library with small tables and chairs were prepared.

Three die on the spot, 3 others injured

When high-speed Scorpio vehicle hits a tree

Bijapur, May 09: Three women died in tragic road accident, while 3 others were injured. After this incident, the atmosphere of the district has become inconsolable. According to the information received, near Bade Kilepal No. 3 triangle NH under Kodanar police station area, at around 10.45 am, a Scorpio vehicle bearing No. CG 20 J 9978 being recklessly driven went out of control and collided with a tree. The impact of collision with tree was so high that 3 women died on the spot. All the deceased were residents of Bijapur district. Among the deceased include Nikita Kavre (19), Neela Durgam (53), Guruamma Jhadi (55). Those



who were injured include Dheeraj Durgam (27), Sandeep Durgam (55), Priya Durgam (22). All are being treated at the Medical College Dimrapal. All of them were going from Bijapur to Jagdalpur, to attend a wedding. Dheeraj Durgam was driving the vehicle. Police reached the spot and the bodies of all the deceased were sent for post-mortem and the injured were given treatment.

One nabbed with 'satta-patti' of Rs 9150



Bemetara, May 09: Under the direction and guidance of senior officers, continuous action is being taken by the Bemetara police against illicit sale of liquor, gambling, betting, marijuana. Under this one was nabbed in betting case under section-6 by police

check-post Devarbija under Bemetara police station. Under the Chhattisgarh Gambling (Prohibition) Act 2022, the crime has been registered and the accused was sent on judicial remand. In this case cash amount of Rs 9,150/- including satta-patti, pen has been seized.

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I would like to inform general public that I had purchased the property bearing Kharsa No. 203/3, total area - 0.029 hectare, situated at H.No. 77, Barfani Ashram Colony, Karimbhata, Ward 45 Rajnandgaon (C.G.) from Devi Bai Nihlani by registered sale deed on date 11.07.2006. The above sale deed have been lost on 20.11.2022 around Bhadoriya Chowk area in Rajnandgaon (C.G.). I had lodged the FIR on 08.05.2023 in the regarding. If any person's find it, is requested to return the same to above mentioned address. Whose ever whether individual society, association, Bank, FI's or body cooperate, Govt. or Semi Govt. department have any claim/right/authority title over it, he/she should within 07 days of publication of this public notice approach and apprise, demand with documentary proof this house under the following address of their claim, objections and request. Please take notice.

Date - 10/05/2023

Harish Chandra Tandekar
H.No. 77, Burfani Ashram Colony,
Ward No. 45, Rajnandgaon (C.G.)
Mob. No. 83190 33313

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 25.05.2023 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to the Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower (s) & Guarantor (s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:					
S. No.	Name of the Borrower / Guarantor	Total dues (In Rs.)	Reserve Price EMD/Bid increase amount (in Rs)	Short description of the properties	
01	1. Shri Bhagwat Traders, Prop. Divyendra Singh Dhruw. (as on 01.12.2018 with further interest, cost & expenses) 2. Swastik Construction Prop. Chandra Bhan Singh Dhruw S/O Bhagwat Singh Dhruw 3. Chandra Bhan Singh Dhruw S/O Bhagwat Singh Dhruw. 4. Rukhmani Dhruw W/o. Bhagwat Singh Dhruw. All of Add.- H.No. 72, Near Mata Chowra, Old Sarkanda, Bilaspur 495001 (Guarantor).	₹ 28,94,992.00	₹ 26,10,000.00	All that piece and parcel of Open Land Khasara No. 25/5, 25/4/3, P.H.No. 32, Ward No. 55, Narmdev Nagar, Bandhwapara, Mauza-Sarkanda, Tehsil & Dist. Bilaspur C.G. Total Area of the property - 4400 Square Feet. Owner of the property: Mrs. Rukhmani Dhruw W/o. Bhagwat Singh Dhruw. On the North: Approx. 10 ft Wide CC Road, On the South: Land of Brinda Bai, On the East: House of Dhruw, On the West: Land of Jauruddin.	
02	1. Mr. Sahbaz Khan Tipu S/O: Nazar Mohammad Khan, R/o. at H.No 19, Opp. Agrasen Bhawan, Juni Line, Bilaspur, C.G.-495001 (Borrower) 2. Mr. Vikas Jaiswal S/o Kamta Prasad Jaiswal, R/o. Ward 43, Kisan Para, Chantidih, Bilaspur C.G.-495001 (Guarantor).	₹ 12,43,049.89	₹ 7,65,000.00	All that piece and parcel of Open Land belonging to Sahbaz Khan Tipu, situated at K.H.No. 179/3, P.H.No. 20/32 Ward No.54, Bandhwapara, Arvind Nagar, Mouza- Sarkanda Nagar Nigam, Bilaspur C.G. Total Area of the property : 1466 Square Feet. Owner of the property: Mr. Sahbaz Khan Tipu S/O: Nazar Mohammad Khan, On the North: Remaining Land of Seller, On the South: Remaining Land of Seller, On the East: Road, On the West: House of Pandey.	
03	1. M/s HE Construction Prop. Mr. Atul Parihar S/O Mr. Heera Singh Parihar. (Borrower), 2. M/s. Kishan Corporation Prop. Mrs. Reetu Parihar. (Borrower) 3. Mrs. Reetu Parihar W/o Mr. Atul Parihar (Co-Borrower) 4. Santoshi Parihar, All of Address: H.No. 130/6 Jorapara, Balli Factory Ke Pass, Sarkanda Bilaspur C.G. (Co-Borrower), 5. Chandra Bhan Singh Dhruw S/O Bhagwat Singh Dhruw, H.No. 72, Near Mata Chowra, Old Sarkanda, Bilaspur 495001 (Guarantor)	₹ 34,48,552.74	₹ 18,45,000.00	All that piece and parcel of Open Land, Over star no 15/17 part of land 178, Kh. No. 427/18, PH No. 20/32, mouja-sarkanda, Bilaspur C.G. 495001. Original Sale deed number 5825 dated 31.12.2015, property in the name of Smt. Reetu Parihar W/o Atul Parihar. Total Area of the property : 2668 Square Feet. On the North: Land of Bhoi, On the South: Land of Chaturvedi, On the East: 11ft Road, On the West: Shivam Homes Colony.	
04	1. M/s. Gauri Enterprises R/o. at Jorapara Sarkanda, Bilaspur, C.G. 495001 (Borrower), 2. Mrs. Mala Parihar W/o Mr. Alpesh Parihar, R/o. at Jorapara Sarkanda, Bilaspur, C.G. 495001, Alpesh Parihar, R/o. Jorapara Sarkanda, Bilaspur, C.G. 495001 (Legal heir)	₹ 6,94,822.32	₹ 5,40,000.00	All that piece and parcel of Open Land Khasara No. 444/15 P.H.No. 20, Ward 55, Mouza-Sarkanda Bilaspur C.g. property in the name of Mr. Heera Singh Parihar S/O Raghunath Singh Parihar. Total Area of the property : 768 Square Feet On the North: Road and house of Parihar, On the South: Pravesh Soni land, On the East: Dewangan Land, On the West: Manjubala Land.	

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BRIEF



Wrestler Sakshi Malik during the wrestlers' protest against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, at Jantar Mantra in New Delhi, Tuesday.

Injured

Rajouri: A mentally challenged man was injured in a firing by security forces after they detected suspicious movement along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Tuesday, official sources said. The incident took place near a key security establishment on the LoC in Kalal belt of Nowshera tehsil here, they said.

Suicide

Kota: A 22-year-old NEET aspirant from Karnataka's Bengaluru has died after falling from the 10th floor of a multi-storey building at Vigyan Nagar area here, police said on Tuesday and suspect it to be a case of suicide. Mohammed Nasir, died on the spot late on Monday night, police said.

Arrested

New Delhi: Three have been arrested for allegedly firing in the air following a fight in northeast Delhi's Seelampur area, police said on Tuesday. Police received a PCR call at 11.08 pm on Sunday informing them about the fight and the firing incident.

Maoists killed

Bhawanipatna: At least three Maoists were killed and a policeman was injured during a gunbattle in a forest in Odisha's Kalahandi district on Tuesday, a top official said. The incident took place on Tuesday morning when a combing operation was underway, he said.

Tribute

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday paid tributes to freedom fighter Gopal Krishna Gokhale on his birth anniversary, lauding him as a stalwart of the Independence movement.

Fire

Thiruvananthapuram: A fire broke out at the 'North Sandwich Block' of the Secretariat complex here Tuesday morning. The fire erupted near the office of Industries Minister P Rajeev, located on the third floor, Cantonment police here said.

Charges

New Delhi: A court here on Tuesday framed charges of murder and disappearance of evidence against Aaftab Amin Poonawala who is accused of strangling his live-in partner Shradha Walkar to death and chopping her body into pieces.

Watery grave

Raisen: Two minor boys drowned while taking bath in a pond in Madhya Pradesh's Raisen district, police said on Tuesday.

G20 MEETING PREPARATION

Dal Lake cleaning on in double shifts

Srinagar, May 09 (PTI)

Authorities in Srinagar have pulled out all stops to clean up the city and the famous Dal Lake ahead of the G20 working group meeting later this month with 500 labourers working under "mission mode" to beautify the urban water body.

The tourism group meeting of the G20 is scheduled to be held at S h e r - i - K a s h m i r International Conference Centre (SKICC) on the banks of Dal Lake here from May 22 to 24.

In the run-up to the event, the cleaning drive at

the lake is in full swing.

Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) which is responsible to keep the water bodies, including the Dal Lake, clean has deployed men and machinery for the cleaning process.

The authority is using both mechanical and manual means to clean the lake and make it beautiful for the guests.

"The main function is happening around the Dal Lake, and so, the drive to make it beautiful and attractive is on," vice chairman of LCMA, Bashir Ahmad Bhat told PTI here.

Bhat said for the beauti-

fication process, the authority is using mechanised interventions, including machines, harvesters, etc, and the work has been taken up in double shifts. "We are working in double shifts. The labour force is cleaning the shorelines. The drive has been taken up under a mission mode, not just for the G20 event, but for the forthcoming tourist season as well. We will keep the lake clean and I am hopeful that our guests will be happy to see the lake," he said. The vice chairman, LCMA, said around 400-500 labourers were working every day to

clean the lake. "We have nine harvesters, 8-10 weed grabbers have also been deployed, they are working in double shifts. There is dredging going on near the shorelines as well," he added.

Bhat said many aerators were used, adding that lighting systems have also been installed to give the lake a special look for the G20 event. Apart from the cleaning process, a thick layer of security has been thrown around the lake to secure the meeting venue, and Marine and NSG commandos will also be deployed as an extra security measure.

PRAYERS FOR GOOD RESULTS



Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje with Karnataka Minister K. Gopaliah and other BJP leaders offers prayers during a visit to a temple of Lord Hanuman, on Tuesday.

'More than 300 students from Meghalaya brought back'



Conrad K Sangma

From violence-hit Manipur

Shillong, May 09 (PTI)

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Tuesday said more than 300 students from the state, who were stranded in violence-hit Manipur, were brought back in the last few days.

Sangma also said his government had on Monday arranged for a special flight on the Imphal-Shillong route to evacuate students stuck in the trouble-torn state.

"In the last few days, 300 plus students stuck in violence-hit Imphal valley in Manipur have been safely evacuated," Sangma told PTI.

The last batch of stranded students came here directly from Imphal on Monday as a special flight was arranged for them, he said.

"All students from Meghalaya, barring a few who opted to stay there, have been airlifted," said an official who was sent to Manipur to oversee the evacuation process.

SHRADDHA'S FATHER ON COURT CHARGES

'Accused should be hanged'

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI)

Hours after a Delhi court framed charges against Aaftab Poonawala, Shradha Walkar's father Tuesday demanded that the trial starts at the earliest and hoped that the accused be hanged to death.

Poonawala is accused of strangling his live-in partner Shradha Walkar to death and chopping her body into pieces.

Poonawala, however, denied the charges and demanded a trial. The matter has been posted for further proceedings on June 1. "We feel that

he should be hanged to death. I will be requesting the court to start the trial as soon as possible and June 1 might be a little late. We welcome the court's decision," Vikas Walkar told PTI. He also said that on May 17, he will hold a one-day protest in Mumbai to demand a speedy trial in the case.

"We want our voice to be heard in Delhi," he added. Additional Sessions Judge Manisha Khurana

Kakkar said prima facie a case for offences under Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections 302 (murder) and 201 (caus-

ing disappearance of evidence of offence) was made out against the accused.

The Delhi Police had filed a 6,629-page charge sheet in the case on January 24.

Walkar was allegedly strangled by Poonawala on May 18 last year, following which he sawed her body into pieces and kept them in a fridge for almost three weeks at his residence in South Delhi's Mehrauli.

He scattered the pieces at different places in the national capital to avoid getting caught.

'Seems Gehlot's leader is Vasundhara not Sonia'



Congress leader Sachin Pilot addresses a press conference at his residence, in Jaipur, Tuesday.

Jaipur, May 09 (PTI)

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's speech in Dholpur reflects that his leader is Vasundhara Rajee and not Sonia Gandhi, Sachin Pilot said in a no holds

barred attack against his party colleague on Tuesday.

The Congress leader also categorically denied Gehlot's charges during his speech on Sunday that the MLAs who rebelled against him in 2020 had taken money from the BJP and they should return the money to Amit Shah.

Pilot, Gehlot's former deputy, also announced a "Jan Sangharsh Yatra" from Ajmer to Jaipur on May 11 to raise issues of corruption.

"After listening to the chief minister's speech in Dholpur, it seems the CM's leader is not Sonia Gandhi, his leader is Vasundhara Rajee Scindia," Pilot told reporters.

POLL PREPARATIONS



Polling officials leave for their respective polling booths after collecting EVMs and other voting materials ahead of the Karnataka Assembly elections, at Maharani Cluster University in Bengaluru, Tuesday.

Tanur boat accident is 'haunting': HC

Initiates suo motu PIL on the issue

Kochi, May 09 (PTI)

The Kerala High Court on Tuesday termed as "shocking" and "haunting" the boat accident at Tanur area of Malappuram district two days ago that claimed 22 lives, including 15 children, and initiated a PIL

on its own to find out why the authorities allowed the vessel to operate by allegedly flouting rules.

A bench of Justices Devan Ramachandran and Shoba Annamma Eapen said their "hearts were bleeding" and they "underwent sleepless nights" after seeing the lifeless bodies of the children.

The court said the accident happened as a result of "the deadly cocktail of

callousness, greed and official apathy." The court said it was initiating the petition on its own to ensure that such an incident does not happen ever again. The bench noted that such boating tragedies were happening in the state with "frightening regularity" since 1924 when Kerala lost Mahakavi Kumaranasan, one of the triumvirate poets of

Kerala, when a boat from Kollam to Kottayam sank at Palana. The boat capsized near an estuary close to the Thoovaltheeram beach in Tanur area around 7.30 pm on Sunday.

According to district officials, 15 of the deceased were minors aged eight months to 17 years and there were 37 persons onboard the ill-fated boat.

Punjab Police launches operation vigil' across state

Against anti-social elements

Chandigarh, May 09 (PTI)

Punjab Police Tuesday launched a two-day special checking operation against anti-social elements across the state, said a top police officer. Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said the operation is a multi-pronged checking and

area domination was being carried out across the state. Additional director general of police rank officers, inspector generals and others are supervising the operation, Yadav said while speaking to reporters in Ludhiana. The 'operation vigil' is being conducted at bus stands, markets, railway stations and other public places, he said.

"Early morning 'sarai'

and hotels will be checked. In various phases, this operation will be undertaken in two days — today and tomorrow," the DGP said.

The main aim behind this operation is two-fold. Firstly, to take action against anti-social elements and secondly to build confidence in the public, Yadav said. "We have seen in surprise checking that recoveries are made."

Support officers helping in speedy depositions of witnesses

In rape cases in HP

Shimla, May 09 (PTI)

Constable Neera Devi has helped victims of sexual offences in nearly 600 cases over the past few years as part of a state police programme to support them as the cases go to court.

Little girls face a lot of problems in dealing with the trauma, especially when they have to see the accused, who majority of the time is either a close family member or acquaintance, she said, adding, "We ensure that the accused are kept away from them and their faces

are not shown to the minors."

"Empathy is very important. Firstly, we inspire confidence in these kids. In cases of minor girls, sign language is used as they cannot explain the incident and problem through words," said Neera Devi, the victim and witness support officer at a fast-track court (POCSO) in Mandi district.

She was recently awarded a commendation 'Class I' certificate and a cash reward for her outstanding work. Neera Devi tells that her line of work is far from easy. Recalling an incident of the Sarkaghat area in the Mandi district, she said, this particular

case was more strenuous than others as the victim and her mother here were mentally challenged and the accused was the minor's father.

The trauma faced by this kid was difficult to put into words, the head constable added.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, the accused are known to the victim in more than 90 per cent of sexual offence cases. In such cases, it is not uncommon for the accused to try to pressurise or persuade the victim and witnesses to turn hostile. Sometimes, family members of victims also do not cooperate in the legal

process. Himachal Pradesh claims to be the first state in the country to deploy 26 graduate female police constables as victim and witness support officers to offer a female interface to rape survivors and help them navigate the legal system. Referring to the infamous 2017 Gudiya rape and murder case, police officials said in the aftermath of the case in which a 16-year-old schoolgirl was raped and murdered by a 28-year-old man, several steps were taken to ensure the safety of women in the state to improve conviction rate by ensuring speedy deposition by the victims and witnesses.

Indian-origin men, women convicted of money laundering in UK

London, May 9 (PTI)

Sixteen people, including a number of Indian-origin men and women, have been convicted following a major investigation into a west London based organised crime group involved in international money laundering and people smuggling, the UK's National Crime Agency (NCA) said on Tuesday.

Members of the criminal network smuggled in excess of GBP 42 million in cash out of the UK, making hundreds of trips to Dubai between 2017 and 2019. NCA investigators believe the money was profit from the sale of banned "Class A" drugs and organised immigration crime.

"This has been a long and complex investigation into an organised crime group involved in money

laundering on a commercial scale and organised immigration crime," said NCA senior investigating officer Chris Hill.

"Over a two-year period, working together with partners in the UK and abroad, NCA investigators were able to uncover the evidence to secure these convictions. This case demonstrates the continued commitment by the NCA to protect the public and target the criminal networks involved in both people smuggling and money laundering," he said. "We will continue to use the full range of tactics at our disposal to disrupt and dismantle them," he added. The individuals arrested and charged as part of the operation were prosecuted in two trials at Croydon Crown Court in south London starting in January this year.

In the first trial, "ring-

leader" Charan Singh, Valjeet Singh, Jasbir Singh Kapoor, Jasbir Singh Dhal were found guilty of conspiring to remove criminal property or money laundering. While Swander Singh Dhal was found guilty of conspiring to facilitate a breach of immigration law; Diljan Singh Malhotra was found guilty of conspiring to facilitate a breach of immigration law.

All six, in their 30s and 40s, have been remanded in judicial custody pending their sentencing in September. In the second trial, Amarjeet Alabadis, Jaginder Kapoor, Jackdar Kapoor, Manmohan Singh Kapur, Pinky Kapur and Jasbeer Singh Malhotra were convicted of removing criminal property and bailed pending sentencing in four months' time.

The NCA said around GBP 1.5 million was seized from couriers leaving the UK but flight analysis, evidence from cash declarations in Dubai, and other material seized by the NCA showed the group had succeeded in transporting far more.

As part of the investigation, NCA officers also uncovered a plot involving members of the criminal gang to smuggle 17 migrants, including five children and a pregnant woman, into the UK in the back of a van carrying tyres in 2019.

The van was intercepted by Dutch police, who were working with the NCA, before it could reach a ferry at the Hook of Holland. In November 2019, following weeks of surveillance, communications and flight data analysis, NCA officers moved in to make arrests.

Israeli strikes in Gaza kill 3 senior militants, 10 others

Gaza City, May 9 (AP)

Israel killed three senior commanders of the militant Islamic Jihad group in targeted airstrikes early Tuesday, the military said. Palestinian health officials said 13 people were killed in all, including the commanders, their wives, several of their children and others nearby.

The attacks in densely populated residential areas set the stage for a new round of heavy fighting. They hit the top floor of an apartment building in Gaza City and a house in the southern town of Rafah. The Palestinian Health Ministry said 20 people were wounded, and that ambulances were continuing to evacuate people from the targeted areas.

Airstrikes continued into early Tuesday, targeting militant training sites, Israel said.

In the past, Palestinian militant groups in Gaza have retaliated for such targeted killings. In anticipation of Palestinian



Mourners gather around bodies of Palestinians who were killed in Israeli airstrikes, during their funeral at the Omari mosque in Gaza City, Tuesday.

rocket attacks in response to the airstrikes, the Israeli military advised residents of communities within 25 miles (40 kilometers) of Gaza to stay close to designated bomb shelters. Israel's Home Front command ordered the closure of schools, beaches and highways in cities and towns in southern Israel, and limited public gatherings.

The military said the three targeted men had been responsible for recent rocket fire toward

Israel. It identified them as Khalil Bahtini, the Islamic Jihad commander for northern Gaza Strip; Tareq Izzeldeen, the group's intermediary between its Gaza and West Bank members; and Jehad Ghanam, the secretary of the Islamic Jihad's military council. Their funerals were planned for later in the day.

The Iran-backed Islamic Jihad, which is smaller than Gaza's ruling Hamas group, confirmed the three were among the dead. The Palestinian Health Ministry said that along with the three commanders, their wives, several of their children and others nearby were also killed 13 in all.

The Russian diplomatic delegation in Ramallah, in the West Bank, said that one of the men killed, Jamal Khasnan, was a Russian national, and that his wife and son were also killed in the airstrike. Khasnan was a dentist who lived downstairs from Izzeldeen in Gaza City.

The Israeli airstrikes drew condemnation from Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh, Jordan's foreign ministry and the Egyptian government, which often brokers between Israel and Palestinian militant groups in the Gaza Strip.

Israel keen to finalise FTA with India: Foreign Minister



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen in New Delhi.

Jerusalem, May 9 (PTI)

Israel is keen to finalise an FTA with India as there is a huge scope of trade between the two nations, Foreign Minister Eli Cohen has said, and expressed hope that the agreement will further strengthen bilateral economic ties. From

a humble beginning of USD 200 million in bilateral trade (primarily in diamonds) in 1992 when full diplomatic relations were established between the two countries, merchandise trade has diversified and reached USD 7.86 billion (excluding defence) during the period 2021-2022. In addition, bilateral trade in services in 2021 was USD 1.1 billion and in FY 2022-23, bilateral merchandise trade from April to December 2022 stood at USD 8.09 billion (excluding defence). "The scope for trade opportunities between our countries is huge and there is a strong desire to finalise an FTA that hopefully will further strengthen our economic ties...I believe the scope of the FTA is far larger than trade numbers.

2 nurses from India shortlisted for Global Nursing Award

London, May 9 (PTI)

Two nurses from India are in the running for a prestigious USD 250,000 Global Nursing Award, organised by Dubai-headquartered private healthcare service provider Aster DM Healthcare, which operates health-care services in India and the Gulf.

The winner will be awarded at a ceremony in London on May 12, which is marked worldwide as International Nurses Day.

"The Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award was started because we felt a necessity to celebrate the nurses and recognise them," said Dr Azad

and Ireland-based Jincy Jerry are among 10 worldwide finalists undergoing a public voting process before being evaluated by a grand jury judging panel for the award.

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Moopen, India-born Founder Chairman and Managing Director of Aster DM Healthcare, which operates health-care services in India and the Gulf.

"We have about 8,000 nurses in our own organisation and we have seen the way in which they put their heart and soul into serving and saving the patients. Being a doctor, I have seen and appreciated their hard work for the healthcare system at large and most recently

over the COVID challenges. They were the frontline soldiers in that fight," he said.

South East Central Railway E-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No.: TRD-R-2023-E-01 Dated: 02.05.2023
Name of the Work: Outsourcing of maintenance activities of Power Supply Installation (PSI) assets over Raipur Division for 2 Years.
Tender Value: ₹ 3,93,53,414.35
Earnest Money Dep.: ₹ 3,46,800.00
Tender Document Cost: ₹ 10,000/-
Submission of Tender: Up to 12:00 Hrs. on Date 01.06.2023.
Opening of Tender: At 12:30 Hrs. on Date 01.06.2023.

South East Central Railway E-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No.: DyCE-GSU-R-T-14-23-24 Dt.06.05.2023
Name of Work: Construction of RUB in lieu of LC No.382 (TEIHA) in between BYT-NPI section (Km.759/3-5) and construction of RUB in lieu of LC No.386 (BODTARA) in between BYT-HN section (Km.768/15-17) by box pushing method.
Tender Value: Rs.14,21,36,951/-
EMD: Rs. 8,60,700/-
Submission of Tender: Up-to 11.00 Hrs. on 01.06.23
Opening of Tender: 11.00 Hrs. on 01.06.23

For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Dy. Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti Unit, SECR Raipur
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Be it known to the public at large/ public in general / interested persons having locus that no interim order / stay order be passed or no ad-interim writ be issued in any case / Petition that may be filed by non caveator / proposed petitioners / applicants / appellants, in which the State of Chhattisgarh and its instrumentalities may be the respondent or one of the respondents, challenging the advertisements dated 04/05/2023 issued by the Director, Directorate of Public Instruction, Raipur (CG.) as well as the terms and conditions framed for appointment by which online applications from the aspirants of State of Chhattisgarh have been invited for filling up total 12489 posts of Lecturer, Teacher and Assistant Teacher under E and T Cadre for schools falling in Bastar and Surguja Divisions through the competitive examination to be conducted by the Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board. It is apprehended that aggrieved persons / proposed petitioners may approach this Hon'ble Court challenging the advertisements dated 04/05/2023 by way of preferring petitions and may pray for an interim order the same as well. Therefore, it is submitted that in the event of filing of such a petition against the aforesaid registration of offence, it would be imminent in the interest of justice to afford an opportunity of being heard to the Caveator/State of Chhattisgarh before passing any Interim / stay / protective order whatsoever, in the ends of justice.

The address for notice to the caveator is being given hereinbelow.
"The Advocate General, Office of the Advocate General, Chhattisgarh High Court Campus, Bodri, Bilaspur (CG.)"
BILASPUR, DATED 08/05/23
(VIKRAM SHARMA) DY. GOVT. ADVOCATE
G-00999/1 COUNSEL FOR THE CAVEATOR/SATATE

Public Works Department OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD, DURG CIRCLE DURG. (C.G.)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) (1st Call)

No.001/SE/Durg/Manual-RFP/2023 Durg, Dated. 01-05-2023

Public Works Department (PWD) invites proposal for Planning, Development Estimation and Structural designs and Architect for the work "Construction of Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools of various Places in District Rajnandgaon" from the consultants empanelled in Public Works Department of Chhattisgarh.

Probable cost of project Rs. 5.21 Crores
Minimum eligibility for participants shall be as below :-

S.N.	Building project cost	The firms, firms forming Joint venture/ consortium shall be at least	The applicant core team of experts shall have experience of at least	In last five years & or current year must have/ Planned, designed, developed at least one building project worth minimum	Earnest money (In shape as per annexure I) Favor of Executive Engineer, PWD Rajnandgaon Div. Rajnandgaon.
A	For Project cost Between 5 to 10 crore	5 years old	5 Years in the respective field	Rs. 5.21 crore	Rs. 5,000=00

General condition :- All the documents & Information as per para 7.4, shall be submitted through speed post/Registered post. so as to reach the office of under signed on or before dated 22-05-2023 by 17.30 hour. Any documents received after the last date and time will not be entertained.

The detailed RFP is available on the website www.cgstate.gov.in/www.cg.nic.in from where it can be downloaded for submission. CG.PWD reserves the right to reject all or any of the application without assigning any reason. Right to modify the process of Pre-qualification is reserved with CG.PWD.

Superintending Engineer
Public Works Department
Durg Circle Durg
G-01009/1

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CIRCLE NO-1 RAIPUR (C.G.)

Tender Notice (1st Call)

Contractors, Registered appropriate class in Unified Registration System [e-Registration] invited Online tenders for the following works :-

NIT No./ System Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract
14/130152	ORDINARY MAINTANANCE WORK OF VARIOUS ROAD UNDER P.W.D. SUB DIVISION NO.-2, RAIPUR (C.G.)	Rs. 50.00 Lakh
24/130946	B.T. PATCH REPAIR OF VARIOUS ROADS OF RONG ROAD NO. 2 SECTION, UNDER VIDHAN SABHA SUB DIVISION RAIPUR (C.G.)	Rs. 85.73 Lakh
25/130947	B.T. PATCH REPAIR WORK ON ARANG-KHARORASINGMA ROAD UNDER SUB DIVISION NO. 4 (ARANG) RAIPUR	Rs. 79.45 Lakh
26/132829	S/R WORK ON VARIOUS ROADS UNDER SECTION NO.2 SUB DIVISION NO. 4 (ARANG) RAIPUR	Rs. 50.00 Lakh

Last date of tender Download Date up to 23.05.2023 Time 17:30 PM

Note :- All eligible/interested contractors are mandated to get enrolled on the e Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Superintending Engineer P.W.D. Raipur Circle No-1, Raipur (C.G.) G-00966/5

छत्तीसगढ़ लोक सेवा आयोग

नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर (छ.ग.)
क्रमांक / 484 / 218 / विज्ञापन / 2022 रायपुर, दिनांक 08 / 05 / 2023

संक्षिप्त विज्ञापन

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन के चिकित्सा शिक्षा (आयुष) विभाग के अंतर्गत जिला आयुर्वेद अधिकारी के 04 रिक्त पदों की पूर्ति हेतु छत्तीसगढ़ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा उम्मीदवारों से ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित करने के लिए विज्ञापन क्रमांक 02 / 2023 / परीक्षा / दिनांक 08 / 05 / 2023 जारी किए गए हैं, जो छत्तीसगढ़ संवाद के समाचार पत्र "रोजगार और नियोजन" के अंक दिनांक 10 / 05 / 2023 में विज्ञापन एवं अन्य जानकारी प्रकाशित है। उक्त विज्ञापन में दर्शित शर्तों के अनुसार रिक्त पदों, जिसका विवरण नीचे की तालिका में दर्शित है, के लिए ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं :-

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- विज्ञापित पदों की आवश्यक अर्हताएं, आयु सीमा, शुल्क, निर्देश, परीक्षा योजना, पाठ्यक्रम आदि के संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी "रोजगार और नियोजन" के अंक दिनांक 10 / 05 / 2022 में देखे जा सकते हैं।
- उपरोक्त पद हेतु आवेदकों की अर्हता निर्धारण के लिए उच्चतर आयु एवं आयु में छूट की गणना की निर्धारित तिथि 1 जनवरी 2023 है, जिसके संदर्भ में ही आयु की गणना की जाएगी।
- ऑनलाइन आवेदन दिनांक 15 / 05 / 2023 मध्यान्ह 12:00 बजे से दिनांक 03 / 06 / 2023 रात्रि 11:59 बजे तक किया जा सकता है।
- आयोग के वेब-साइट www.psc.cg.gov.in में भी विज्ञापन एवं विस्तृत जानकारी देखी जा सकती है।
- आवेदन, उपरोक्त पदों हेतु आयोग के विज्ञापन क्र. 02 / 2023 / परीक्षा / दिनांक 08 / 05 / 2023 में उल्लेखित कड़िकाओं के अनुसार ही ऑनलाइन आवेदन करें।
- रोजगार और नियोजन का उक्त अंक छत्तीसगढ़ संवाद के निम्न पते से भी प्राप्त किया जा सकता है:- सम्पादक, रोजगार और नियोजन, छत्तीसगढ़ संवाद, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, अटल नगर, नवा रायपुर (छ.ग.) दूरभाष 0771-2512567

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Cheaper Cooking Oil

Centre's Intervention to Bring Relief for Consumers

The rising prices of edible oil have been a cause of concern for the Indian consumers for a while now. The country imports a major chunk of its edible oil requirement, and the international prices have been on an upward trend, leading to an increase in domestic prices. The prices of cooking oil have been a particular burden on lower and middle-income households who have had to cut consumption or downgrade the quality of oil they use for cooking. However, the recent intervention by the Centre is set to bring some relief to the consumers. The industry representatives have been asked to ensure that the maximum retail price is reduced with immediate effect and the benefit of duty cuts is passed on to the consumers. As a result, many leading firms have already announced a cut of up to 6% in the prices of cooking oil across variants. This reduction in edible oil prices is expected to bring down retail inflation proportionately, which is good news for the average Indian. The retail inflation rate has already eased to a 15-month low in March, slipping below the upper threshold of the Reserve Bank of India. However, the rising milk prices have continued to be a cause for concern, and the next monetary policy review in June would depend on data linked to the trajectory of the monsoon and crude oil prices, which still pose the risk of inflation. It is heartening to see the Centre taking steps to alleviate the burden on the consumers. The reduction in cooking oil prices will not only provide relief to the households but also have a positive impact on the country's economy. The reduction in retail inflation will also provide the much-needed boost to the growth prospects of the country. The industry, too, has a significant role to play in this. They must ensure that the benefit of duty cuts is passed on to the consumers and the maximum retail price is reduced. While some leading firms have already announced a price cut, it is essential that the smaller players in the industry follow suit. Centre's intervention to bring relief to the consumers is a step in the right direction. It is now up to the industry players to ensure that the benefits are passed on to the consumers. The reduction in cooking oil prices will not only provide relief to the households but also have a positive impact on the country's economy. It is now time for all stakeholders to work together to ensure that the benefits of the reduction in prices are felt by all.

Celebrating Motherhood

Importance of Mothers in Our Lives

Motherhood is the greatest gift of God to mankind, and the creation will ever be indebted to its 'mother'. Mothers are the most selfless beings on the planet. They are always there for us, through thick and thin, and their love knows no bounds. Mother's Day is celebrated throughout the world on the second Sunday of May every year to honor and appreciate mothers for their unwavering love and care. This year, it is being celebrated on May 14. The extent of the celebration varies greatly. In some countries, it is potentially offensive to one's mother not to mark Mother's Day. In others, it is a little-known festival. However, the importance of mothers in our lives cannot be overemphasized. The word 'motherhood' symbolizes love and kindness, patience, sacrifice, tenderness, and many other human behavioural expressions in human nature. It can be rightly said that these words could never have been in the dictionary without 'motherhood'. Almost every single group in our society and every family relationship have a special day, such as Children's Day, Women's Day, Father's Day, Labour Day, Doctor's Day, and Mother's Day. While it is a common saying in our society that all the days of the year are Mother's Day, it is important to dedicate a special day to celebrate the selflessness and love of mothers. A mother has historically been expected to contribute her whole career to her family. Mothers love, and they play a vital part in a child's care. A mother is always with her child during the worst and best times. Without a mother, our lives are incomplete. A mother is everything for a child to survive in this world. She is the first teacher, the first caregiver, and the first friend of a child. Her love is pure and unlimited. She is a person who needs just love and a smile from her children to make her life a pleasure. God created mothers because He could not be present everywhere. Mothers are special because they are an extension of God. They work around the clock without any complaints to keep us happy. Don't mothers deserve a smile? Absolutely. They do deserve more than a smile because they only demand happiness from their children. Mothers are always there for us, and they never ask for anything in return. They sacrifice their own comfort, happiness, and even their dreams for their children. They are the epitome of love and care. Therefore, it is our responsibility to show our appreciation and gratitude to them, not just on Mother's Day, but every day. Mothers are the backbone of the family. They keep the family together and make it a home. A mother's love and care are the foundations of a happy and healthy family. Her influence and guidance are crucial in shaping the character, values, and personality of her children. A mother's love is unconditional and selfless, and it is the purest form of love that exists in the world. Finally, never ever hurt your mother, and always give her due regard and respect. Mother's Day is the happiest and most memorable day of the year for every child. It is a day when we should take a moment to appreciate and cherish the love and care of our mothers. However, it is important to remember that we should honor and respect our mothers every day of the year. Mother's Day is a special day to celebrate and appreciate the selflessness, love, and care of mothers. However, the importance of mothers in our lives cannot be confined to a single day. Mothers are the most important people in our lives, and we should show our appreciation and gratitude to them every day.

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ENJOYING BEAUTY OF TAJ



Tourists use umbrellas to shield themselves from the hot summer sun during their visit to the Taj Mahal, in Agra, Tuesday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bar Politicians from Sports Bodies

The recent controversy involving sexual exploitation allegations against a BJP MP has once again raised concerns about the involvement of politicians in sports bodies. It is not the first such case, with a former Sports Minister of Haryana also accused of sexual harassment by a junior athletics coach. These cases will discourage young girls from pursuing a career in sports. The Sports Ministry must take these allegations seriously, as these medal-winning wrestlers are an inspiration to many. If the accused had been from an Opposition party, they would have been sacked and even arrested by now. It is high time that a law is implemented to bar politicians from heading or entering sports bodies to prevent such exploitation. Let us give our sportswomen the respect and protection they deserve.

Navneet Nair, Rajpur

Politicians Above the Law

The delay in the investigation of the sexual harassment allegations made by the wrestlers against a BJP MP is appalling. It is unfortunate that political affiliations seem to influence the law in this country. The Oversight Committee headed by Mary Kom was expected to share the findings with the wrestlers, but three months have passed, and they are still waiting. It is unacceptable that the authorities have responded so callously to such serious allegations. It is even more disappointing that the police did not take any action immediately, as they would have in the case of any other woman approaching them with a molestation complaint. Two FIRs have been filed, but there seems to be no progress in the investigation. This case shows that in India, might is right, and there is no rule of law. It is time to hold politicians accountable and ensure justice for victims of sexual harassment.

Krishna Das, Kannur

Meiteis and ST list

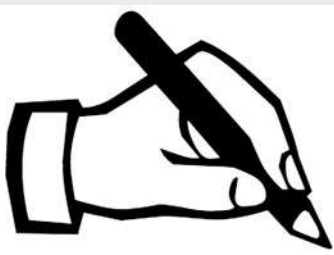
The recent HC order directing the Manipur government to recommend the inclusion of Meiteis in the ST list has once again exposed the fault lines between the state's hill tribes and the plains-dwelling community. The tribal people are concerned that granting the ST status to non-tribal groups will diminish their quota benefits. This issue highlights the delicate ethnic situation in the North-East and the need to address it with caution. The region requires normalisation to maximise its economic potential, and inter-ethnic tensions can only be reduced through all-round economic growth. With the ball now in the Centre's court, the Union Government needs to find a long-term solution to this problem. It is crucial to ensure that the inclusion of Meiteis in the ST list does not lead to further unrest in the state and the region as a whole.

Mukundan C, Kochi

Rationalisation and Reform for a Gas-based Economy



HARDEEP S PURI



Modi government has been taking various measures to protect Indian consumers from international oil and gas price volatility. Despite a staggering increase of 228% in international gas prices between January 2021 and February 2023, increase in CNG prices in India have been restricted to 83% - only about a third of the global increase. Politically motivated naysayers, in their haste to criticise rising prices, fail to see how well India has done to shield its citizens from extreme price volatility in comparison to other major economies.

Farsighted governance through proactive measures such as increasing domestic Administered Price Mechanism (APM) gas allocation and diverting gas from non-priority sectors to transport and domestic segments has made this possible. The recent Cabinet decision to approve a series of critical APM gas pricing reforms will further advance this objective. These reforms achieve two major goals - first, to protect Indians from extreme price volatility and to provide clarity for planned capex investments in gas-based sectors; and second, to promote more innovation and investments in Exploration and Production (E&P).

The need for this set of rationalisation and reforms (R&R) arose from the limitations of the New Domestic Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014, which, until recently, determined APM prices based on the volume-weighted average price of gas at four international hubs. The transmission of these prices came with a significant time lag (6-9 months) and contained high volatility even as two producer countries'

gas hub prices had lost their relevance in the last few years.

For instance, the APM price between October 2020 and September 2021 remained \$1.79/MMBTU, much below the marginal cost of production of \$3.5/MMBTU for nomination fields. During this period, LNG prices in west India averaged about \$11/MMBTU. In essence, domestic production fetched a price less than 20% of the LNG prices. However, the same APM prices jumped from \$1.79/MMBTU in September 2021 to \$8.57/MMBTU in October 2022 due to a 400% price surge in international hub prices after the Russia-Ukraine crisis, bringing tremendous distress to the fertiliser, power and City Gas Distribution (CGD) sectors.

The government decided to insulate domestic gas consumers as well as national oil companies from such volatility by benchmarking APM prices to a slope of 10% of Indian Crude basket price to be determined on a monthly basis, together with a ceiling of \$6.5/MMBTU and floor of \$4.5/MMBTU for nomination fields. The ceiling has been determined at 10% of the last 20 years of Indian crude price (about \$65/BBL) while the determination of the floor price considers the marginal cost of production of about \$3.5/MMBTU for gas production from nomination fields.

The slope of most of the Indian long-term LNG contracts has hovered around 13% above Brent. Accounting for the costs of liquefaction, transportation and regasification in LNG contracts, the slope for domestic gas has been pegged at 10% for the APM prices.

After these reforms, the average cost of cooking fuel for households

(PNG) has been reduced by about 10% and CNG vehicle owners have seen a 6-7% reduction in prices. Another crucial advantage will be the reduction in fertiliser subsidies, expected to be more than Rs. 2000 crores each year.

These reforms will also help incentivise investment in the E&P sector by providing a floor price for mature fields of nomination while also incentivising new wells of nomination fields which will receive 20% higher prices. The ceiling on production from ONGC and OIL will remain the same for the first two years and then increase by \$0.25/MMBTU every year, to adjust for any cost inflation. The reforms will not impact private operators of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) fields or High Pressure, High Temperature (HP-HT) fields that have a ceiling price or new gas production from field development plans submitted after February 2019. They will continue to have marketing and pricing freedom.

The Cabinet's decisions have received a thumping response from the markets and experts alike. Some commentators, however, have raised concerns regarding these reforms in an Op-ed in this newspaper. Their article states that domestic consumers would have benefited from the recent decrease in the US-based Henry Hub prices and Russian gas prices had the reforms not been implemented. It forgets to mention that there were four hubs in the 2014 formula, and the prices of one hub, i.e., the British-based virtual trading zone National Balancing Point (NBP) are still in the range of \$12/MMBTU. Further, current prices would have impacted APM prices only in the next pricing cycle of Oct 2023-March 2024. The recent change in formula ensures that the benefit to the consumers is passed on without a time lag as price will now be determined on a monthly basis rather than half-yearly.

The aforementioned article highlights that current high head prices for domestic gas ensure a continued high price for LNG exports to India except for Qatar LNG. Domestic gas prices have nothing to do with the long-term LNG

contracts or even spot purchases of LNG. Concerns had also been raised regarding stranded gas power plants. During the last half-yearly price of \$8.57/MMBTU, some power plants had stopped off-taking contracted gas, leading to issues of take or pay obligations under Gas Sale and Purchase Agreements (GSPA). With the new ceiling of \$6.5/MMBTU, gas power plants will now get much-needed relief.

To promote gas production from difficult areas (Deepwater, Ultra Deepwater and HP-HT fields), the government in March 2016 had notified that HTHP ceiling prices be pegged to imported alternative fuels such as LNG and landed price of imported Fuel Oil. Before this government, production from these fields was not considered viable. Today, production from difficult areas has reached about 20% of the overall domestic gas production, and is expected to reach 30% within the next few years. Considering the nature, complexity and viability of production from these areas, their formula has not been tweaked.

India is aggressively expanding infrastructure for oil and gas operations and executing policy reforms to balance the interests of both consumers and producers. Since 2014, India has increased the length of its gas pipeline network from 14,700 kms to 22,000 kms in 2023. The number of domestic connections has increased from 22.28 lakh in 2014 to over 1.03 crore in 2023. The number of CGD-covered districts in India has increased from 66 in 2014 to 630 in 2023 while CNG stations have gone up from 938 in 2014 to 5,283 in 2023. India's LNG terminal regasification capacity has increased from 21.7 MMTPA in 2014 to 42.7 MMTPA in 2023, with another 20 MMTPA capacity under construction.

With a growing demand for natural gas, India is well on its way to realising a gas-based economy as part of its broader energy transition goals. The vision of a cleaner, greener and sustainable energy future for India is steadily becoming a reality. (Hardeep S Puri is Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Housing and Urban Affairs in the Government of India)

Helping in daily chores is a way to stay healthy



Rajender Kumar Sharma

Today's rapidly changing lifestyle has left no stone unturned to completely disorganize the daily routine of man. There is no time to eat, sleep, or wake up. This is the reason why today's youth are also becoming victims of

lifestyle diseases like diabetes, blood pressure, obesity, heart diseases.

The problems that are commonly seen in our sedentary lifestyle are obesity and complaints of high calories in the body. A calorie is the unit of measurement for the energy produced in the body by the food we eat, such as fats, carbohydrates, and proteins etc. The unit of measurement of this energy is called calorie. We need energy for the body to function smoothly. For example, men of normal average age require around 2800 to 2900 calories, while women require around 2200 to 2300 calories. According to experts, to keep the body healthy, it is necessary to consume 500 calories of energy per day. To spend this extra calories, we try to burn calories by going to the gym, exercising in the gym, etc.

If we do the small tasks of the family ourselves, then the benefit

can be doubled. One will not have to take expensive measures to burn extra calories, and secondly, one will not have to depend on others for these household chores. That means saving health as well as money. If household tasks are shared, then the extra energy of the body can be consumed automatically.

According to available information, a person weighing 65-70 kg can burn 50 to 52 calories in computer work, 50 to 57 calories in light office work, if he does daily work for 30 minutes. Dusting 75 calories, General shopping 130 calories, Jogging 247 calories, Tennis 280 calories, Playing with kids at home 150 calories, Sleeping 23 calories, Standing in line 47 to 48 calories, Watching TV 28 calories plus Running for 10 minutes burns about 114 to 115 calories.

In the process of making a vegetable, approximately 90 to 100

calories of energy are burned from cutting the vegetable to cooking, if we wash our car ourselves, along with muscle exercise, about 145 calories of energy burned in 30 minutes. We have to pay a service station to wash our car. We burn 2 calories per minute while taking a bath. Spending 10 to 15 minutes in the bath can help burn an extra 20 to 30 calories.

Cleaning tiles and other surfaces in the house by rubbing burns 7 calories per minute, if you do this work even for 10 minutes, then understand that along with the exercise of the muscles, you will also get rid of 70 calories of energy.

Climbing stairs burns 9 calories per minute, 70 to 80 calories in ironing clothes, about 9 calories per minute in washing dishes, 150 calories in cleaning with a broom, 4 in cleaning windows and doors etc. Working as a gardener in your home garden can burn up to 10

calories per minute, 55 calories are spent in swimming for 10 minutes, these are some of the activities for which a On the one hand, we keep servants, maids, gardeners on salary, pay them, on the other hand, by not doing these works, along with extra calories in our body, we invite diseases like obesity, diabetes.

There's no shame in doing our household work if we let go of our baseless ego in the name of "status symbol" and start doing small household chores ourselves, then many problems related to lifestyle can be avoided to a great extent. Also, by doing this, we can save from spending extra money.

This is just like best of two worlds. But it is worth noting that for these works you must be healthy and you should not face any kind of physical or mental problem while doing these works. (Sr. Educationist & Columnist, Dehradun, uttrakhand).

BRIEF

Refining capacity



New Delhi: Leading industrialist Anand Mahindra on Tuesday hailed the discovery of lithium reserves in Rajasthan and called for quickly stepping up to install refining capacity of the crucial mineral in the country. In a tweet, he noted that China already has a lead when it comes to refining capacity. "Finally. We have sizeable reserves of a natural resource critical for growth in the 21st century. A signal that India has an 'electrifying future.' But the key element in the supply chain is refining, not reserves, where China has a huge lead. We need to step up quickly to install that capacity," Mahindra tweeted.

Apple imports

New Delhi: The government on Monday banned the import of apples if its imported price is less than Rs 50 per Kg. The directorate general of foreign trade (DGFT) said in a notification that the imports are free if the price is above Rs 50 per kg. "Import of apples...is prohibited wherever the CIF (cost, insurance, freight) import price is less than equal to Rs 50 per Kg," DGFT said in the notification. The minimum import price condition shall not be applicable for imports from Bhutan, it added.

Appointment



Kolkata: Rathendra Raman, a 1995 batch Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer, on Tuesday took over as the new chairman of the Kolkata Port, now known as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP). He previously served as the Chief Freight Traffic Manager (CFTM) in the South Eastern Railway, the SMP said in a statement. As the chairman, Raman held a meeting with the senior officials of the Kolkata Dock System and Haldia Dock Complex.

Social security schemes safeguard underprivileged from financial vulnerability: FM

New Delhi, May 09:



Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said three social security schemes, including PMJJBY and PMSBY, aim to provide essential financial services to citizens especially underprivileged and safeguard them against unforeseen risks, losses, and financial uncertainties.

Three social security (Jan Suraksha) schemes - Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) - were launched on May 9, 2015. The three schemes are dedicated to the welfare of the citizens, recognising the need for securing human life from unforeseen eventualisation and financial uncertainties. In order to ensure that the people from the unorganised section of the country are financially secure, the government launched two insurance schemes - PMJJBY and

PMSBY; and also introduced APY to cover the exigencies in the old age. Speaking on the 8th anniversary of Jan Suraksha schemes, the finance minister said, these schemes aim to provide essential financial services to individuals from underprivileged backgrounds, thereby reducing their financial vulnerability.

Citing data on the three schemes, Sitharaman said that 16.2 crore, 34.2 crore and 5.2 crore enrolments have been done under PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY, respectively, till April 26 2023. On PMJJBY scheme, the finance minister said that it has provided crucial support to 6.64 lakh families who have received claims for Rs 13,290 crore. Under the PMSBY scheme, Sitharaman said that more than 1.15 lakh families have received claims for Rs 2,302 crore. For both PMJJBY and PMSBY schemes, simplification of the claim process has resulted in speedier settlement of claims.

"It is encouraging to see that these schemes are being implemented through a targeted approach to maximise their reach. Under the leadership of our Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, our government is steadfastly dedicated to ensuring that the advantages of these social security schemes reach every eligible individual across the nation," she said.

Work on in full swing for BSNL's 4G services: Devusinh Chauhan



New Delhi, May 09:

State-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) is gearing up to offer 4G services, and work is on in full swing to bring these services to consumers soon, Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan said on Tuesday. The minister further said that India Post is looking at partnership with government-backed Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) as a logistics service provider. On pesky calls, the minister said that the unwanted calls are a "problem", and added that a lot of work is going into addressing the issue. With Group of Ministers (GoM's) approving the deployment of 1 lakh BSNL 4G sites, the minister said that 4G work is underway and various sites have been identified.

Adani group to prepay USD 130 million debt to boost investor confidence

New Delhi, May 09:

Billionaire Gautam Adani's group on Tuesday said it will prepay USD 130 million of debt as it looks to boost investor confidence post being targeted by a US short-seller.

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, the ports company of the Adani Group, had last month floated a tender to buy back as much as USD 130 million of its July 2024 bonds and similar amounts in each of the next four as it looked to regain investor confidence by showing that its liquidity position is comfortable. In a stock exchange filing, APSEZ said an aggregate principal amount of USD 412.7 million was validly tendered.

"Since the principal amount of notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn on or prior to the early tender date (of

May 8) exceeded the maximum acceptance amount of USD 130 million in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes, the company will accept such notes for purchase subject to the pro-rata factor of 34.2649 per cent," it said. Shares of Adani group companies plummeted after Hindenburg Research in a January 24 report accused it of accounting fraud and improper use of offshore tax havens for stock manipulation.

The group has denied all allegations. APSEZ said the buyback programme for its 3.375 per cent 2024 maturity dollar-denominated bonds closed on May 8. "The purpose of the tender offer is to partly prepay the company's near-term debt maturities and to convey the comfortable liquidity position," it had said in a statement last month.

Centre should direct state transmission utilities to monetise unutilised optical fibre infra: ASSOCHAM

New Delhi, May 09:

Industry body ASSOCHAM has requested the government to direct state transmission utilities to take necessary steps to optimise the utilisation and monetisation of their spare optical ground wire capacity. A passive optical network or optical ground wire is a dual functioning cable. Besides transportation of power, these can be used for telecommunications purposes, ASSOCHAM said, adding that various state transmission utilities presently own and operate around one lakh km of such infrastructure with "ample spare optical ground wire (OPGW) capacity". In a letter to Power Minister R K Singh, ASSOCHAM said "there is a significant opportunity to monetise unutilised passive fibre infrastructure already built... by the various state transmission utilities (STUs)." The association, in

its letter, has requested for directions to STUs to take the necessary steps to optimise the utilisation and monetisation of their spare optical ground wire capacity. Monetisation of existing unutilised passive fibre infrastructure by the various state transmission utilities will lead to revenue generation for the STUs without any significant financial investments and this will ultimately reduce the electricity tariff paid by the end consumers, the letter said. This would clearly be a win-win scenario as the end-consumer (Telecommunication Service Providers (TSPs) would gain robust telecom infra without the need to create duplicate infrastructure in remote areas, and the service layer players will be able to leverage a nation-wide interconnected infrastructure network held by the various STUs, the industry body said.

FADA raises concern over sale of two-wheelers by unauthorised multi-brand outlets

New Delhi, May 09:

Automobile dealers' body FADA on Tuesday said the illegal practice of unauthorised multi-brand outlets selling two-wheelers is making legitimate dealerships lose business and turn unviable. The Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) said it has approached various authorities to take strict action against the practice. The multi-brand outlets (MBOs) are acquiring unregistered vehicles in bulk from dealers and reselling them to customers at discounted rates, higher than the prices offered by original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) through authorised dealers, without any commitment to after-sales service, FADA said in a statement. This has not only im-



pacted the legitimate dealerships but has also shaken customers' confidence in the brand and dealer partnerships, it added. Furthermore, the outlets indulge in evasion of GST, income tax, issuance of fake/ undervalued insurance policies, delivery of vehicles without registration/ HSRP and helmets, resulting in revenue loss on various fronts, FADA stated. "We have raised the

issue of unauthorised MBOs in the two-wheeler industry, which are not certified as bona fide dealers and sell unregistered vehicles without any trade certificates or after-sales services," FADA President Manish Raj Singhania stated. This has caused many legitimate two-wheeler dealerships to shut down, making their businesses unviable, he added. "The dealership business is dynamic and contributes consistently to the economic development of the nation, generating significant employment opportunities in the sector. Illegal practices such as this cause massive losses to the government and society and lead to significant loss of motivation among dealers, leading to greater loss of employment opportunities," Singhania said.

Markets end flat in volatile trade amid weak trends in global equities

Mumbai, May 09:

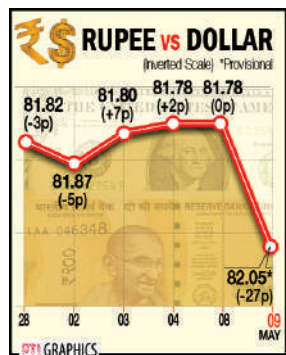
Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended flat on Tuesday, paring their intra-day gains, as investors resorted to profit-taking after the recent upsurge amid weak trends in global equities. Traders were also awaiting the US inflation data which is expected to remain at March level prompting the Federal Reserve to prolong monetary tightening. Even after trading with gains for most part of the day, the 30-share BSE Sensex failed to hold on to the momentum and skidded 2.92 points to settle at 61,761.33 due to lag-end volatility. During the day, it hit a high of 62,027.51 and a low of 61,654.94. The NSE Nifty ended marginally up by 1.55



points or 0.01 per cent at 18,265.95. "The domestic market relinquished its gains as weak global sentiments took hold. The upcoming US inflation figures have become the focal point in determining the global market trend. The US inflation rate, which is expected to remain unchanged at its March level of 5.0 per cent, is causing worries that the Fed will remain stricter for long.

Rupee falls 27 paise to close at 82.05 against US dollar

Mumbai, May 09:



The rupee fell 27 paise to close at 82.05 (provisional) against the US currency on Tuesday, weighed down by a strong greenback against major rivals overseas and a muted trend in domestic equities. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 81.84 against the dollar and slipped below the 82 levels to close at 82.05 (provisional), down 27 paise from its previous close. During the day, the rupee witnessed a high of 81.83 and a low of 82.15 against the greenback. On Monday, the rupee settled at 81.78 against the dollar. The rupee depreciated and is at its lowest level in two and half weeks on the positive US Dollar index. However, soft crude oil prices cushioned the downside, said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at

Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.10 per cent to 101.47. "US Dollar gained on risk aversion in global markets and as the Federal Reserve's Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey shows banks continued to tighten credit conditions for business and households, but it was better than expected," Choudhary added.

India taking various measures to encourage energy transition: BEE DG Abhay Bakre

New Delhi, May 09:

As part of its net zero commitments, India is taking various measures to encourage energy transition for industries in the domestic market as well as at the global level, a senior government official has said. Abhay Bakre, Director General (DG) of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), further said that various forward-looking measures are slated to be discussed at the upcoming meets of the Energy Transitions Working Group (ETWG). BEE, under the ministry of power, promotes the use of energy-efficient processes, equipment, devices and systems. It takes various steps to encourage preferential treatment for the use of energy-efficient equipment or appliances. The meetings to be held under India's G20 presidency will



focus on "accelerating energy transition in hard-to-abate sectors, need for expanding markets for low carbon industrial products through standards for green materials, and development of a common mission on energy efficiency that elevates, supports and invests with a particular focus on developing economies," he told PTI during an interaction.

Sonowal inaugurates Sittwe port in Myanmar

Receives first Indian cargo vessel

New Delhi, May 09:



The Sittwe Port in Myanmar. The seaport with capacity of 20,000 DWT will drastically reduce transportation cost of cargo from other parts of India to north-east region and open unprecedented avenues of economic growth.

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Myanmar's Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San on Tuesday jointly inaugurated the Sittwe Port in Myanmar and received the first Indian cargo ship, according to an official statement. The cargo ship was flagged off from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata. With the development of Sittwe Port, the cost and time of transportation of goods between Kolkata and Agartala and Aizawl will decrease by 50 per cent, the statement said. "This will promote trade connectivity and people-to-people ties between India and

historical, cultural and economic ties between India and Myanmar, particularly the Rakhine State of Myanmar. He reiterated India's longstanding commitment towards the development and prosperity of the people of Myanmar through developmental initiatives like the Sittwe Port.

Asian Paints 'Damp Proof' launches new campaign & TVC

Mumbai, May 09:

With summer upon us and monsoons not far ahead, homeowners will need to prepare themselves for the rains and roof leakages that come with it. Considering this, Asian Paints has launched a new campaign & TVC for 'SmartCare Damp Proof' featuring brand ambassador Ranbir Kapoor and the versatile Manoj Pahwa. The engaging and entertaining musical face-off highlights the effective solution for challenges of seasonal dampness and leakages from roofs and terraces.

In the TVC conceptualized by Ogilvy, Ranbir Kapoor and Manoj Pahwa, indulge in a humorous Qawwali battle. They take viewers on a relatable journey of a homeowner's plight of leaky roof and damp ceilings. The TVC goes on to showcase the formidable power of 'Asian Paints SmartCare Damp Proof' as the ultimate saviour of homes for roof and terrace waterproofing. The film effectively conveys the message that the product provides a lasting solution to leakage issues, ultimately providing homeowners with a stress-free living experience. With

Triple Layer Flex Armour Technology, this product ensures superior crack bridging and strong adhesion and comes with an 8-year warranty to prove its reliability. Commenting on the new national launch campaign, Amit Syngle, MD and CEO, Asian Paints Ltd said "For decades, through our continued devotion, Asian Paints has provided homeowners with innovative solutions to create a cosy, warm and stress-free life at home. Our unwavering commitment to our valued customers is reflected in the solutions we create for the various needs of customers.

IIFL Finance offers up to Rs.10 lakh business loan to customers on WhatsApp

Mumbai, May 09:

IIFL Finance offers up to Rs.10 lakh business loan to customers on WhatsApp with quick approval. IIFL Finance's business loan on WhatsApp is the first-of-its-kind initiative in MSME lending industry, where 100% of the loan application-to-disbursal happens digitally. Over 450 million users of WhatsApp in India can avail a 24x7 end-to-end digital loan facility from IIFL Finance. IIFL Finance is one of India's largest retail-focused NBFCs with over 10 million customers,

mostly unbanked and underbanked. IIFL Finance is the preferred loan destination for small entrepreneurs across India, where its presence through branches and multiple digital platforms. IIFL Finance's WhatsApp loan product is supported by a powerful AI-bot that matches the users' inputs to the loan offer, and facilitates the application. WhatsApp users can avail loan from IIFL Finance through WhatsApp by sending a "Hi" to 9019702184, complete the necessary paperless process quickly and receive funds in account.

Large companies spend overwhelming amount of time on tax compliance: Deloitte survey

New Delhi, May 09:

Tax teams at large companies spend around 70 per cent time on an average on tax compliance and want cross-utilisation of data collected by various government agencies to cut down on reporting requirements, a Deloitte survey said on Tuesday. A big challenge faced by organisations include TDS compliance, the survey said, adding simplifying reporting under tax regulations would make reconciliations quicker and more efficient. "The disproportionate

amount of time spent by tax teams on tax compliance, more so in larger organisations, is an area of concern and needs to be addressed by way of discussion between the tax administration and taxpayers," said the Deloitte survey on 'Income-tax digitalisation in India'. Tax teams in large, complex organisations, despite their enhanced use of technology in tax, spend a high proportion (around 70 per cent on average) on tax compliance. Given the significant amount of data involved, the reconciliation of TDS data and

processing/re-processing of data requires large teams to focus full-time only on TDS compliance; in light of the fact that more transactions are coming within the purview of TDS, the problem is growing in complexity, the survey said. "Today the amount of time corporate taxpayer spends on compliance, the demand is overwhelmingly of digitalisation of compliance. There is a big burden of compliance and reporting that takes away most of their time," Deloitte India Partner Rohinton Sidhwa said.

Samantha on Indian adaptation of 'Citadel': It is not a remake

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu has cleared the air loud and clear saying that the Indian version of 'Citadel' is not a remake of the Priyanka Chopra-starrer spy series. Samantha took to social media to share some pictures from her birthday celebrations. A user on the comment section enquired about the Indian adaptation, which also stars Varun Dhawan. The user wrote: "@samantharuthprabhuoff I have one question is Priyanka's Citadel and your Citadel the same story?? Why I am asking is Priyanka dubbed in all Indian languages... so if you are doing the same story for Indian audiences then many would have already watched it. I am a bit confused... can you clarify if it's same or different?? BTW (by the way) happy birthday dear... God bless you!!" Replying to the user, Samantha said: "It is not a REMAKE!!" Helmed by 'The Family Man' creators Raj and DK, 'Citadel' is the Indian counterpart of the larger international series of the same name which has been originally created by the director duo, Russo Brothers. The global version of the series stars Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Richard Madden.

Priyanka Chopra describes filming 'Love Again' as terrifying experience



Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas was forced to cope with a "daunting atmosphere" on 'Love Again'. The 40-year-old actress stars in the new romantic comedy film alongside Sam Heughan and Celine Dion but admits it was tricky to generate the emotions required as the picture was filmed in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. "It was nuts at that time. It was tough, but it was a scary time in the world. As actors, we're the ones that have to take off our masks on set. I was terrified, honestly, in the beginning. It was a very scary, daunting atmosphere, and we were doing a romantic comedy - we had to bring lightness and fun to set in this daunting atmosphere," she recalled to Entertainment Weekly, reports aceshowbiz.com.

"We really leaned on each other to create a fun environment on set with each other. We would laugh and crack jokes and tried to find the joy so that we could inspire and infuse ourselves as well. But it wasn't easy." Priyanka stars in the film as Mira Ray, who struggling to cope with the death of her fiancé sends romantic messages to his old phone number, which has been reassigned to journalist Rob Burns (Heughan). Rob is drawn to Mira's beautiful texts and seeks Celine Dion's assistance to find her in real life when he is tasked with writing a feature about the 'My Heart Will Go On' singer. Sam admits that the pandemic was one of the main reasons he accepted the chance to play the male lead in the film.

Kajal's onscreen enemy Anushka is her close friend in real life

The audience's favorite show Meri Saas Bhoot Hai that airs on Star Bharat has kept the viewers hooked to the story line and stellar performances by the cast. This unique ghostly mother-in-law and daughter-in-law pair of TV's is being well-liked by the audience. Actress Kajal Chauhan who plays Gaura is getting a lot of appreciation for her character. In the story of the show, even though Som (played by Vibhav Roy) is married to Gaura (Kajal Chauhan), he is still in love with Twinkle (played by Anushka Srivastava). The special thing is that onscreen Gaura and Twinkle do not like each other at all and they do not get along at all while offscreen their bond is very strong. These two are less friends and more sisters. Talking about this, actor Kajal Chauhan told some special things. Talking about her and Anushka's bond, Kajal Chauhan says, "We both don't like each other at all onscreen and the current track of the show also shows a silent fight between Gaura and Twinkle. While offscreen we get along very well. We hang out together, go for pampering sessions, have dinner together on the sets and even wait for each other to drop off. Our relationship is more of a sister than a friend and even on the set, I get along the most with Twinkle and I want our friendship to



continue like this and our relationship should not be looked down upon by anyone." The current track of the show is full of fun for the audience where Gaura herself is getting Som and Twinkle married and now the biggest twist in the story is that Rekha (played by Sushmita Mukherjee) does not want her son to get married to Som because Twinkle's truth is revealed to him and he understands that Twinkle is after her son's money and not in love with her son. In such a situation, it is going to be very interesting to watch the upcoming episodes of the show where many ups and downs will be seen. In such a situation, it will be exciting to see whether Rekha will be able to stop the marriage of her son Som and Twinkle? Will she be able to reveal Twinkle's truth to the whole family? Will there be an entry of love in the lives of both Som and Gaura after this truth? To find out keep watching Meri Saas Bhoot Hai every Monday to Friday at 7:30 pm only on Star Bharat.

Actors share invaluable lessons learned from their Mothers

The bond between a mother and child is one of the strongest, shaping a child's future through her teachings and ideals. As we celebrate Mother's Day, &TV's artists reflect on the invaluable life lessons learned from their mothers, and how they continue to apply them in their own lives. These include Aayudh Bhanushali (Krishna, Doosri Maa), Yogesh Tripathi (Daroga Happu Singh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Aayudh Bhanushali, aka Krishna from Doosri Maa, shares, "As the saying goes, 'God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers.' My mother is the cornerstone of my life. Her teachings have molded me into the person I am today. Her zest for life is infectious and her positivity is unparalleled; she is the most uplifting human being I have ever known. Her unwavering optimism inspires me to embrace life to the fullest. Our family is united by her selfless nature and her unfailing ability to care for each of us. Naturally altruistic, mothers put their families' needs ahead of their own. My mother is my confidante and my guide. This Mother's Day, I plan to surprise her with a delectable homemade chocolate cake. To my superhero and the ultimate problem-solver in my life, I wish a happy Mother's Day."



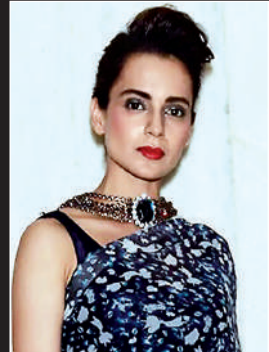
Tune in to Doosri Maa at 8:00 pm, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan at 10:00 pm, and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai at 10:30 pm, airing every Monday to Friday only on &TV!

Kirti Kulhari chops off her long tresses, gets a crew cut



Bollywood actress Kirti Kulhari has stunned everyone after chopping off her long tresses into a crew cut. She said she has not done it for a role but for herself and feel empowered. Kirti took to Instagram reels, where she shared a video montage of herself in her new look. She captioned it: "New endings, new beginnings. Decided to do this a month back and here I am, having done it. I work in an industry where being a heroine comes with its own set of restrictions and limitations." "Long hair or at least shoulder length hair is an unsaid mandate. Here I am, almost 15 years later, in the industry, doing my thing. I have no time to not do what I want to do... and each time I have done something which is not the norm, I have felt empowered and nothing short of it."

Kangana declines suggestion to buy Twitter followers



Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut has declined suggestion of buying Twitter followers as she does not want too many people to see her communications with her fans. Kangana gave an answer to a fan, who suggested her to "buy followers" like "other actresses". The social media user wrote: "Seriously @KanganaTeam you are top actress you should also buy fake followers like other actresses you deserve better than this." Kangana replied by saying: "No, no I don't want too many people to see my personal communication with my fans only those who are deserving."

Sneha Wagh's skin care routine during summers

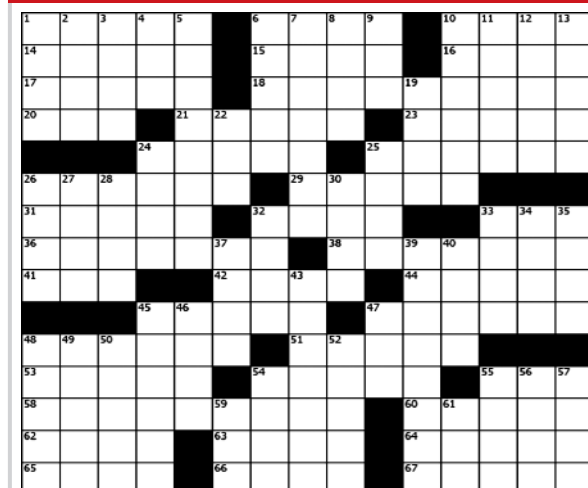
Sneha Wagh is a well-known face of the television industry. She is currently seen in Star Bharat's show 'Na Umra Ki Seema Ho' as 'Amba'. While summers is on its height actors usually takes a lot of care to stay hydrated and also look after their skin as shooting during summer can be harsh on skin with all the lights, makeup and continuous hours of shoot. Sneha Wagh shares some tips for her fans and discloses her skin care mantra to have glowing and hydrating skin during summers, especially while shooting. She says, "Drinking water is the best way to stay hydrated but it's difficult to consume a lot of water during shoot and run to the restroom so I



drink electrolytes as it's the best alternative to keep us energetic and hydrated during long hours of

shooting. And apart from that I feel eating a lot of greens and watermelon helps a lot to have glowing skin. She further adds, "As you all know I'm a Maharashtrian so sometime I use ubtans which we use during Diwali to avoid dry skin during the summer as it helps to soothe out the dryness of the skin and it's the best homemade remedy to use to have that glowing skin. The current track of the show is filled with drama and entertainment as the Raichand's are celebrating Chitra's pregnancy, and on the other hand 'Amba' is plotting another evil plan to destroy the Raichands Will 'Amba' succeed in her plan, or once again, Dev and Vidhi will overcome this difficult situation?"

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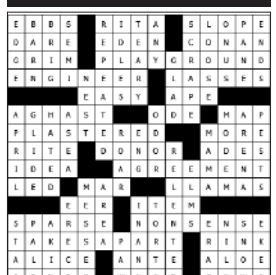


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Deepak, Nishant storm into quarterfinals

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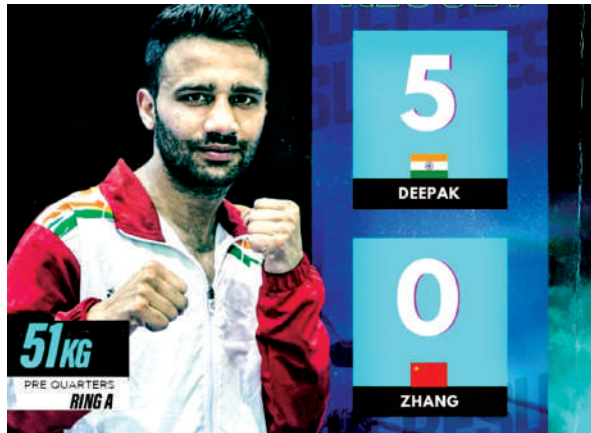
Indian boxers Deepak Bhorla (51kg) and Nishant Dev (71kg) notched dominating wins to cruise to the quarterfinals of the men's World Championships here on Tuesday.

Continuing his good run in the tournament, Deepak brushed aside China's Zhang Jiamao by a 5-0 unanimous verdict in the 51kg round of 16 bout.

Nishant, on the other hand, hardly broke a sweat as he registered a first-round RSC (referee stops the contest) win against Palestine's Fogaah Nidal in his 71kg last 16 contest.

Such was Nishant's domination that he spent less than two minutes in the ring before being declared the winner.

The Indian southpaw re-



sorted to body blows before striking Nidal with a powerful right hook that compelled the referee to give the Palestinian his first standing count.

A few seconds later Nishant unleashed a combination of left-right-left hooks as Nidal fell on the canvas, forcing the referee

to give him his second count before stopping the contest.

Competing in the 51kg Olympic category, Deepak put up a brilliant display once again.

While the first round was neck and neck, with both boxers exchanging blows, the 25-year-old

Indian managed to take a slender 3-2 lead.

The Haryana boxer ramped up the tempo in the next six minutes. Deepak used his nimble foot to move around the ring, landing a combination of punches while also ducking away from his opponent's attacks rather effortlessly.

On Sunday, Deepak pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the tournament when he upstaged Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist and 2021 world champion Saken Bibossinov of Kazakhstan.

Deepak was selected ahead of World Championship silver medalist Amit Panghal and the 25-year-old has put up impressive performances in all the three bouts he has played so far.

'I had to reset myself to bounce back'

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI):

Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist midfielder Hardik Singh says he had to "reset" himself to bounce back after getting into a comfort zone, which led to his omission from the Indian men's hockey team in the past.

Now the team's vice captain, Hardik bagged the Balbir Singh Sr Award for Player of the Year at the 5th Hockey India Annual Awards held in March.

"Currently, I'm really happy how I'm getting better day by day, how I'm improving, and how I'm developing my skills at every session, because, back in 2017-18, I got into my comfort zone which proved to be harmful to me as I was not playing well and was dropped out of the team eventually. So, I had to reset myself to bounce back," he said in a release.

"As a player, you have to work hard every day and



Hardik Singh

have to give your 100% in every training session. You have to step out of your comfort zone and challenge yourself to grow as a player."

Talking about the award, Hardik said: "I never thought that I would ever win this award, but I know for a fact that I was working hard for the last three to four years and my hard work paid off."

"I think it's an inspiration to receive this award,

which also ensures that I am appreciated by the people of India for playing well." The 24-year-old, who played an important role in India winning the bronze at Tokyo Games, suffered a setback when he was ruled out of the 2023 Hockey World Cup midway due to an injury.

"The World Cup was really a big chance for me to prove again that I'm a big stage player. I was doing really well in the tournament and then the injury

came. So, I was in shock because I was doing everything to give my best performance in the tournament," he said in the latest episode of 'Hockey Te Charcha' podcast.

"After Tokyo Olympics, all my focus was on the World Cup and I was giving my 100 percent in everything, be it in the gym or training session or pool session. All I was thinking about was that my hard work isn't paying off because I was getting injured and doing nothing about it."

"But I was still cheering for the team from the sidelines and trying to be positive as I didn't want to be a crybaby. It's a team game, if my side is winning, then I am also winning."

The Punjab-born player also shared his thoughts about playing under newly-appointed Indian chief coach Craig Fulton, who recently joined the national camp at Sports Authority of India (SAI), Bengaluru.

Boult expresses 'big desire' to play ODI World Cup in India

Jaipur, May 09 (PTI):

Having opted out of a New Zealand contract, pacer Trent Boult still has a "big desire" to play the ODI World Cup in India later this year and has seen "little bit of movement" in that direction of late.

Boult gave up his New Zealand contract last August to spend more time with family and continue playing franchise cricket around the world.

The 33-year-old has not been picked for the national team since the T20 World Cup last year with the selectors preferring to give contracted players more opportunities.

"I've still got that big desire to play for New Zealand. It is what it is: I've made my decision. I've been lucky enough to have a 13-year career in the Black Cap and hey, I've still got a big desire to play in the World Cup as well. "We'll see how that unfolds: there's



still a bit of movement in the landscape at the moment," Boult told ESPNcricinfo on the sidelines of his IPL stint with Rajasthan Royals. New Zealand had come up agonisingly short in the 2019 World Cup final against England but Boult feels his team has a good chance of going all the way in the ICC event scheduled in October-November. "I remember after the 2019

final, I said to Kane Williamson that we've got to be there again, come 2023 in India. It's a shame with what's going on with his knee but he'll be working as hard as he can to try and get there. It's such a great tournament One hundred percent, I've got that desire to be out there," he said referring to the injury Williamson suffered at the start of IPL.

Curran is a winner, you've to back him: Langeveldt

Kolkata, May 09 (PTI):

Sam Curran might have been bogged down by the pressure of his price tag in this IPL, but Punjab Kings bowling coach Charl Langeveldt backed the Englishman, terming him a "winner".

Andre Russell roared back to form by smashing Curran for three sixes off four balls to turn the match in favour of KKR who sealed a thrilling five-wicket win to keep their playoff hopes alive in the IPL here on Monday. "He's a winner. You want to back him. He's our senior bowler as well, you can have days like this," the South African said at the post-match media interaction. Curran, who became the most expensive player of the IPL after PBKS roped him for Rs 18.5 crore, leaked 20 runs in the penultimate over to finish with figures of 3-0-44-0. Curran has just seven wickets from 11 matches and his



economy is 10-plus. "He's one of those players who can come back and win us a game. It's just about going back to the drawing board, keep it as simple as possible." Hailing Russell's knock, Langeveldt said: "He's always a massive player, a game changer. We wanted to keep him quiet and tried to bowl outside his hitting zone." Kagiso Rabada has played just five matches this season for PBKS as they preferred Nathan Ellis over the South African, and Langeveldt said it's a no-brainer.

Injured Archer ruled out, MI name Chris Jordan as replacement

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI):

Struggling with fitness, England pacer Jofra Archer was on Tuesday ruled out of the IPL, forcing Mumbai Indians to name fast bowler Chris Jordan as his replacement for the remainder of the T20 event.

Archer, who was picked by five-time champions MI for Rs 8 crore in the auction, has played just five games this season and taken two wickets. He has been out of international cricket for close to two years due to a back injury and didn't feature in IPL last year.

Archer's recovery and fitness will be monitored by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) as he returns home to focus on his rehabilitation.

"Archer has been recovering from right elbow surgery. However, pushing through the discomfort whilst recently play-



ing, hoping it will settle, has proven challenging," ECB said in a statement. "Therefore, it has been agreed for him to return to the UK for a period of rest and rehabilitation to give him the best opportunity for a full recovery."

His replacement, Jordan, made his IPL debut in 2016. He has so far played 28 IPL matches and has 27 wickets against his name. He has played for Royal Challengers Bangalore,

Sunrisers Hyderabad, Punjab Kings and Chennai Super Kings in the past.

The 34-year-old, who has represented England in 87 T20Is and has taken 96 wickets, had joined the MI camp in April end.

Jordan batted for close to an hour in the nets on Monday.

Jordan joins MI for Rs 2 crore. Interestingly, he had gone unsold at the auction that was held in December last year.

Russell's message to Rinku: Stay humble



Kolkata, May 09 (PTI):

Kolkata Knight Riders' premier all-rounder Andre Russell is happy that Rinku Singh has become the team's latest heart-throb and his only advice to his "brother" is to "stay humble". Having grabbed headlines by smashing five sixes in a row to seal an incredible victory over reigning champions Gujarat Titans, the 25-year-old pulled off a dramatic win with a last-ball four against Punjab Kings, amid boisterous chants of 'Rinku, Rinku' in the IPL here on Monday.

CSK face resurgent DC in push for play-offs spot

Chennai, May 09 (PTI):

Chennai Super Kings enter the final lap of the ongoing Indian Premier League's preliminary phase, looking to beat back the challenge of a resurgent Delhi Capitals here on Wednesday and get closer to a play-offs berth.

CSK returned to winning ways with a convincing victory over Mumbai Indians - a bogey team at their fortress Chepauk - and would be hoping to pick up two more points against the Capitals, who have struggled in the tournament for the most part.

The Super Kings trumped MI in a low-scoring game last Saturday with the bowlers,



Matheesha Pathirana in particular, doing a good job to restrict the opposition. The chase was wrapped up without much ado, with contributions from Ruturaj Gaikwad, Devon Conway and Shivam Dube.

While the top-order batters (Conway 457 runs, Gaikwad 292 runs and Ajinkya Rahane (245 runs) have been doing a great job, the middle-order hasn't fired as much as the think-tank would have hoped for.

Messi, Fraser-Pryce win top Laureus global sports awards

Paris, May 09 (AP):

Lionel Messi has won a top accolade as world Sportsman of the Year and picked up another award as a member of the team of the year following Argentina's World Cup soccer victory in 2022.

Jamaican sprinter Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce finally broke through to win the Sportswoman of the Year award on her sixth nomination.

Fraser-Pryce's 2022 exploits included winning the 100-meter gold at the World Athletics Championships for the fifth time. The Laureus Sports Awards honoring eight winners were held live in Paris on Monday



Lionel Messi



Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce a track and field sprinter from Jamaica poses after she was awarded sports woman of the year at the Laureus Sports Awards ceremony in Paris.

medals, called her award "one of the greatest honors of my career." "When athletes have

the spotlight, it's important the example we set is the best it can be... we have a responsibility to influence the next generation in a positive way," she said.

Spanish tennis player Carlos Alcaraz's victory at the 2022 U.S. Open and his rise to the No. 1 ranking saw him take the Breakthrough of the Year award. Alcaraz, who celebrated his 20th birthday last week, won Sunday's final of the Madrid Open.

Christian Eriksen was the recipient of the Comeback of the Year award after recovering from a cardiac arrest to return to Premier League football with Brentford and then Manchester United.

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PM FOR BJP GOVT'S RETURN

'Dream of every citizen of K'taka is my dream'



PM Narendra Modi delivers a video message for the people of Karnataka ahead of the Karnataka Assembly elections, on Tuesday.

aim is to reach the top three. This is possible only when Karnataka rapidly grows to become a USD one trillion economy. "You have witnessed the work of the 'Double Engine' BJP government over the last 3.5 years. Our decisive, focused and futuristic policies are imparting momentum to the growth of Karnataka's economy", the Prime Minister said.

Despite the COVID pandemic, he said, Karnataka has received over Rs 99,000 crore annually as foreign investment under the BJP government. It was just around Rs 30,000 crore under the previous government. This shows the BJP's commitment to Karnataka's progress and to a bright future for the youth.

"We want to make Karnataka the number 1 in investment, industry and innovation. We want to make Karnataka the number 1 in education, employment and entrepreneurship", Modi said.

bright future of Karnataka. It is for the bright future of your family, especially the younger generations", said the Prime Minister, who addressed 19 public meetings and held six roadshows in the State ahead of the polls.

Stating that the people have always showered him with love and affection, he said it feels like a divine blessing to me. "Ee Baariya Nirdhara,

Bahumatada BJP Sarkara' (This time's decision: Majority BJP government) - this call of the people of Karnataka is still echoing in my ears."

In our 'Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal', we Indians have aimed to make our beloved country a developed nation, and Karnataka is keen to lead the movement to realise this vision, Modi said.

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PRAYERS TO LORD HANUMAN



Mahant of Baghambari Math Balveer Giri Maharaj offers prayers to Lord Hanuman on the occasion of first Tuesday of 'Jyeshth' at Shri Bade Hanuman Ji temple near Sangam, in Prayagraj, Tuesday.

HEART-WRENCHING SCENES

Newborn babies, bed-ridden patients wait in Imphal airport

● To escape violence

Kolkata, May 09 (PTI)

Heart-wrenching scenes were witnessed at the Imphal airport which is overcrowded with passengers young and old, many of them ailing and wailing, eager to flee from Manipur which has been shaken by violence since last week.

Patients with catheters just out of ICU, newborn and premature babies with mothers, women with advanced pregnancy, bed-ridden cancer patients, besides people with worry writ large on their faces all thronged the airport in the past few days to take flights for places outside the state as soon as possible, officials said on Tuesday.

Some of these passengers with bullet injuries have also been seen in the airport.

"You would feel like crying if you see the scene at the Imphal airport," an

AAI official told PTI over the phone from Imphal on Tuesday.

Close to 2,000 passengers are stranded at the premises of the airport, the terminal building of which can handle only 750 passengers - 250 for arrival and 500 for departure - at a time.

Airline companies have put in additional flights to take the passengers, with their queue getting longer gradually as the ethnic violence broke out a few days ago and army men have to be deployed.

Doctors of the airport, employees of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and staff of different airlines have been working hand in hand round the clock to make the distressed people a bit comfortable.

The AAI has been providing all stranded people with food and water.

The airport now is being run with bare minimum support. Since all shops are closed outside the facility, the AAI offi-

cials in Imphal had sent SOS messages to nearby airports such as Guwahati, Agartala and Dibrugarh to get supplies food, water, essential medicines and others for both staff and passengers, another official said.

A special ticket counter has been opened at the airport. A Local Area Network (LAN) network is being used for the purpose as internet services have been suspended since last week in the state, said the officials who refused to be identified for fear of getting targeted.

Sources at the airport said that the gates of the airport have been attacked twice by the rioters but they could not succeed in entering.

An employee said that his colleagues and officers have been staying on the airport premises since the violence broke out.

The handful of AAI employees have not been getting enough rest, an official said.

Court extends police custody of DRDO scientist

● Held for providing secret info to Pak agent

Pune, May 09 (PTI)

A special court in Pune on Tuesday extended till May 15 the police custody of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) scientist Pradeep Kurulkar, arrested by the Maharashtra police's Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) on charges of providing confidential information to a Pakistani agent.

The scientist, a director at one of the DRDO labs in Pune, was arrested on May 3 and was in police custody.

Kurulkar was produced before the additional sessions judge (Special Court) in the afternoon after the end of his police custody.

Seeking the exten-

sion of his custody, the prosecution told the court said they have received the forensic report of devices seized from the scientist and his interrogation was required for further probe into the matter.

Defence counsel Rhishikesh Ganu opposed the custody extension plea, saying all required devices have been seized and his client was cooperating with authorities.

After arguments, the court extended Kurulkar's police custody till May 15.

The scientist was allegedly in touch with an agent of a "Pakistan Intelligence Operative" through WhatsApp and video calls, an ATS official said last week, adding it was a case of honey-trap.

After his arrest, an offence under relevant sections of the Official Secrets Act was registered against Kurulkar.

'Taller nose in humans inherited from Neanderthals'

● NEW RESEARCH

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI)

A particular gene in humans leading to a taller nose from top to bottom was inherited from Neanderthals, a new research has found.

This may have been the product of natural selection as ancient humans adapted to colder climates after leaving Africa, researchers from the University College London (UCL), UK, said.

Having been passed down for thousands of generations, the researchers said in the study, they found that some DNA inherited from Neanderthals influenced the shape of our faces and that it could have been helpful to our ancestors.

In the last 15 years, since the Neanderthal genome has been sequenced, scientists have learnt that our ancestors apparently interbred with Neanderthals, leaving us with little bits of their DNA. The scientists from

UCL have published their international study in the journal Communications Biology.

Comparing genetic information from the participants to photographs of their faces, specifically looking at distances between points on their faces, such as the tip of the nose or the edge of the lips, the researchers saw how different facial traits were associated with the presence of different genetic markers.

The study used data from more than 6,000 volunteers across Latin America, of mixed European, Native American and African ancestry, who are part of the UCL-led CANDELA study, which recruited from Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Mexico and Peru.

The researchers newly identified 33 genome regions associated with face shape, 26 of which they were able to replicate in comparisons with data from other ethnicities using participants in east Asia, Europe, or Africa. In one genome region in

particular, called ATF3, the researchers found that many people in their study with Native American ancestry, as well as others with east Asian ancestry from another cohort, had genetic material in this gene that was inherited from the Neanderthals, contributing to increased nasal height.

They also found that this gene region had signs of natural selection, suggesting that it conferred an advantage for those carrying the genetic material.

"It has long been speculated that the shape of our noses is determined by natural selection; as our noses can help us to regulate the temperature and humidity of the air we breathe in, different shaped noses may be better suited to different climates that our ancestors lived in. The gene we have identified here may have been inherited from Neanderthals to help humans adapt to colder climates as our ancestors moved out of Africa," said first author Dr Qing Li, Fudan University, China.

Parl library now accessible to visually challenged

New Delhi, May 09 (PTI)

Visually challenged people will now have easier access to the vast repository of resources in the parliament library which is now equipped with necessary assistive technologies, officials said.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday inaugurat-

ed special facilities that provide visually challenged people access to more than 1.7 million publications and resources in the library, they said. Birla took the initiative after he found that visually impaired people were facing difficulty in accessing the library for want of digital visual aids. After consultations with insti-

tutes and domain experts, the Lok Sabha Secretariat procured necessary hardware and software to assist such people to access library resources, officials said. Visually challenged people will be able to listen to the contents of the screen in Indian accented voices, read, translate, digitise, take audio output for any print-

ed books, and listen to physical books, they said. Persons with partial blindness who can operate computers will be able to magnify the contents of the screen through magnifiers, while those having hearing impairment can have access to screen contents through Braille devices, a senior official said.

Vidya Balan launches book 'A Wardrobe Full of Stories'

Mumbai, May 09:

Renowned Indian Film actor Vidya Balan launched late Arshia Ladak's book posthumously honouring her documentation of untold stories of sarees at a cultural event on May 06, 2023 at the Town Hall of Mumbai.

Inner Courtyard presented 'A Wardrobe Full Of Stories' by Arshia Ladak alongwith Suta - The Thread By Art Vision and Padmashree Ileana Citaristi and Mapped! - A collection of Asiatic Society's restored maps at the event.

Known for her fondness of sarees, Vidya Balan has emerged as the ambassador of handlooms and local artisans of the heartlands from the country. Making sarees her style statement, Vidya Balan has time and again vouched for the upliftment of weavers from the nooks and corners of the nation, making her the ideal representative of the traditional wear to launch the book.



as well as saree designers and revivalists like Pavithra Muddaya of Vimor.

The book germinated during the author's battle against cancer and to share with the world her priceless collection of vintage and heritage sarees. In the gathering and retelling of the stories from journalists, dancers, actors, philanthropists, lawyers, doctors, singers, designers, revivalists, artists, corporate mavens and entrepreneurs—women from diverse walks of life, all saree lovers—the author weaves together the historic, mythic and cultural legacy of India's most enduring icon, the saree.

Richly designed with original art and stunning iconography, the book is a collector's item and hopefully will culminate into India's first Museum of Sarees. Vidya Balan shares, "I am greatly honoured to unveil the precious collection of

Arshia Ladak in the form of her book 'A Wardrobe Full of Stories. I have always been an admirer of sarees and especially in awe of the handloom weavers and local artisans so when Arshia approached me for my thoughts on sarees I instantly was on board. I feel, launching this book and presenting to the world the brilliant work of Arshia Ladak is my tribute to her passion, hard work and memories."

SOLIDARITY WITH TRIBALS



Christians protest at the Nampally exhibition grounds in solidarity with tribal people of Manipur, Hyderabad, Tuesday.

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