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BRIEF



Nurses and patients at a program to celebrate the International Nurses Day, in Chennai, Friday.

Maoist surrenders

Karimpur: Outlawed CPI Maoist Party member Nerella Jyothi aka Jyothakka surrendered before the police here on Friday. Karimpur Police Commissioner L Subbarayudu said. Nerella Jyothi (38), a resident of Sivangulapalle village in Konaraopur mandal in Rajanna Siricilla district, was attracted to the revolutionary songs of the Maoist party, in 2004, while studying Class 12, the Commissioner said at a press conference here.

Naxalite killed

Raipur: A Naxalite was killed in an encounter with police in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, an official said on Friday. Three to four other Naxalites suffered injuries in the exchange of fire and arms, ammunition and other materials were also recovered from the encounter site, around 400 km from state capital Raipur, he said.

Air India fine

New Delhi: Aviation regulator DGCA on Friday imposed a fine of Rs 30 lakh for lapses in addressing "safety sensitive issue" related to the incident of a pilot allowing a female friend in the cockpit during a Dubai-Delhi flight on February 27. Besides, the licence of the pilot who operated the flight has been suspended for three months, the regulator said in a statement.

2 'electrocuted'

Jajpur (Odisha): At least two persons, including the headmistress of a primary school, died on Friday after allegedly coming in contact with a live wire in Odisha's Jajpur district, police said. The incident took place at Janindapal village under Tomka police limits. The deceased have been identified as Shyamsundar Marandi (45), a Railway Police constable and Nitu Marandi (33), the headmistress of Raighati Primary School, police said.

DRI seize

New Delhi: Revenue Intelligence officers have seized 5.48 kg of heroin worth Rs 38.36 crore from the Attari check point of India-Pakistan border. The novel modus operandi of heroin smuggling into India through the land route at India-Pakistan border was detected by DRI officers based on specific intelligence developed and further profiling. A consignment of brooms was intercepted at Integrated Check Post, Attari, Amritsar.

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CBSE class 12 results: Girls outshine boys

Pass percentage down from last year

New Delhi, May 12 (PTI)

The pass percentage in CBSE class 12 exams, results of which were declared Friday, dipped by 5.38 percentage points and the number of students who scored above 90 per cent and 95 per cent marks also declined compared to last year.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) officials, however, said a comparison cannot be drawn with last year's statistics as the academic session then was split into two terms because of the Covid pandemic. The pass



Tanvika Singh who secured 99.25 percent marks, being offered sweets by friends as they celebrate their success, in New Delhi, Friday.

Adani-Hindenburg row

SC hints at granting 3 more months to SEBI to wrap up probe

New Delhi, May 12 (PTI)

The Supreme Court said on Friday it may consider granting three more months to SEBI for concluding its probe into the allegations of stock price manipulation by the Adani group and lapses in regulatory disclosure, and listed a batch of PILs and plea by the market regulator on May 15. A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices PS Narasimha and JB Pardiwala said the court registry has received the report of the apex court-appointed Justice (retd) AM Sapre committee on the

percentage this year stood at 87.33 per cent as against 92.71 per cent last year. In 2019 (the pre-pandemic academic session), the pass percentage was 83.40 per cent. Girls outshone boys, recording a six percent-

age point higher passing rate. CBSE has announced that there will be no merit list to "avoid unhealthy competition". Officials said the board has also decided to scrap awarding first, second

CBSE board exams for Class 10, 12 from February 15 next year

New Delhi: The board exams for Class 10 and 12 for next year will begin from February 15, 2024, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced on Friday. The announcement was made by CBSE Exam Controller Sanyam Bhardwaj. The Ministry of Education has decided to announce exam schedules much in advance to sync the academic calendar and help students prepare for entrance exams.

and third divisions based on students' scores.

Gyanvapi mosque

HC orders scientific investigation of shivling-like structure

Prayagraj, May 12 (PTI)

The Allahabad High Court on Friday ordered authorities to determine the age of the shivling-like structure inside the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi using modern technology. It set aside an October 14 order of the Varanasi District Court that rejected a plea for scientific investigation, including carbon dating, of the structure. The high court ordered authorities to ensure no harm is done to the structure claimed to be a shivling. The mosque authorities say it is part of a fountain in the 'wazoo khana', where ablutions are performed before namaz.



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Non-screening of 'The Kerala Story'

SC seeks response of Tamil Nadu, Bengal govt

New Delhi, May 12 (PTI)

The Supreme Court on Friday sought replies of the West Bengal and Tamil Nadu governments on a plea of the producers of "The Kerala Story" that the movie is not being shown in theatres in these two states.

While West Bengal has banned the movie after three days of its screening in theatres, Tamil Nadu has not banned the film but the exhibitors have withdrawn from cinema halls owing to security concerns. A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice PS Narasimha

questioned the West Bengal government saying the film is being screened in the rest of the country without any problem and there appears to be no reason for the ban. "Movie is running in the rest of the country including in states having similar



demographic composition and nothing has happened. This has nothing to do with the artistic value of the film.

If people do not like the movie, they will not watch the movie," the bench told senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the West Bengal government.

Singhvi said according to intelligence inputs, there may be a situation of law-and-order problem and peace among different communities may be breached. The bench also asked the Tamil Nadu government to specify measures taken to provide adequate security to theatres screening "The Kerala Story".

Delhi Police to court

'SIT constituted to probe sexual harassment allegation against WFI chief

New Delhi, May 12 (PTI)



Wrestlers Bajrang Punia with others during their ongoing protest against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, Friday.

SIT will be investigating the case," public prosecutor Atul Srivastava told the court, stating that a status report has been filed in the matter. He requested that the report must not be shared with

anyone considering the nature of the case. The report has been filed by the Delhi Police in a sealed cover. After the submission, the court posted the matter for further hearing on May 27.

Stage set for counting of votes in Karnataka Assembly poll today

Bengaluru, May 12 (PTI)

Counting of votes polled for the May 10 Karnataka Assembly polls, which witnessed a fierce fight between archrivals BJP and the Congress, will be taken up on Saturday as parties including the JD(S) wait with bated breath to know the outcome as hung assembly is a possibility. The electoral fortunes of top leaders-- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai of the BJP, Congress heavyweights Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar and JD(S)' HD Kumaraswamy, among many others will be known on Saturday. The counting will begin at 8 am in 36 centres across the state, and poll officials expect a clear picture about the outcome is likely to emerge by mid-day.

Elaborate security arrangements have been made across the State, especially in and around the counting centres, to avoid any untoward incidents, official sources said. The State registered a "record" turnout of 73.19 per cent in the voting on May 10, to elect representatives to the 224 member Assembly.

The orders by the court show that apparently, the court stopped all avenues to arrest him as Khan had expressed fears that he could be arrested after going out of the premises of the IHC.

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DAV, HUDCO students Excel in CBSE Class X

Bhilai, May 12:

The students of class X DAV Public School, Hudco, continued to prove their proud legacy by securing a perfect 100% result in the AISSE Board Examination conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), on May 12, 2023. The result is exemplary. Total 240 students appeared in the examination, out of which 26 secured above 90% and 57 students secured above 80%. The overall aggregate of the school is 100%. The overall QPI is 72.47.

The students who secured above 90% are

Aman Verma (95.8), Anmol Malviya (94.4), Khanak Mathur (94.4), Bhavya Maroti (94.2), Chhavikant Jaiswal (93.8), Kanishka Patel (93.6), Ananya Chandra (93.4), Piyush Tembhare (92.2), Shreya Pathak (92.2), Manas Gupta (92), Ishita Nalamwari (91.8), Mansi Madame (91.4), Piyush Kashyap (91.4), Hrithik Raj (91.4), Srishti Singh (91.2), Harleen Kaur Sokhi (91), Priyal Khandelwal (90.8), Rishika (90.6), Hussain Faizi (90.6), Anushka Sahu (90.4), Harshita Khandelwal (90.4), Megha Band (90.2), Krishnanand (90.2), Abhigyan (90), Priyansh

Bhaduri (90), Shikhar Sontake (90). Expressing his views about the result Principal Prashant Kumar said that it is a matter of immense pride that the school continues to secure its legacy and score such a stellar result. He also said that this result is a testimony of the hard work of students, teachers and above all the parents who made this possible by their strong support resulting in such a grand success of their children. He congratulated students for their scintillating performance and teaching faculty for their determination and hard-work.

Bhilai, May 12:

Maitri Vidya Niketan English Medium Senior Secondary School Risali has outstanding results in CBSE Board Exam 2023. Students have shown their incredible performance and brought laurels to the school with Bhavya Jain scoring 95% followed by Hrishi Nahata at 94.80%, Pranjal Kumar Sahu with 92.2%, Ragini with 90.2%, Balpreet Kaur with 89%, Sana Sanjana with 88.4%, Aditya Verma with 87.4%, Deepak with



87.2%, Aayush Dewangan with 86% and Isha Chandrakar with 86% marks. Further, 10 students of the school got distinctions in all subjects. President MECA K Rajamma, Directors MECA S Sajeew and S Sajan, Director and Principal Dr Sajitha Thambi, Vice Principal Dr Beena Sajeew, Head Mistress Nishi Sajan, Teachers, and Staff members congratulated the students and wished them for their bright future endeavors.

DAV Public School, Hudco, makes it big in CBSE AISSCE exams



Bhilai, May 12: It is a euphoric and exultant moment for DAV, Hudco, Bhilai as the students of Class XII brought laurel to the school in the AISSCE Board Examination conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The results were announced on May 12, 2023. The overall result was 92.23 which is impeccable. Total 206 students appeared for the AISSCE exam. Out of which 50 students secured distinction (above 75%). Total number of students who secured 90% & above are 11. From Science stream 109 students appeared securing the average aggregate of 63%. Students who topped in Commerce stream are Shruti Tiwari (92.8), Mahak Jaswani (92.4), Rokalla Kavyanjali (90.2), Arnav (90.2). Expressing his views about the result Principal Prashant Kumar said that he is proud of these students and wishes them good luck for their future. He further added that the untiring efforts of our students, parents, and of course, teachers have led to this. He wished students all the very best in their future endeavours believed that students will continue to grow stronger and will carve a niche for themselves in the times to come.

MVN students excel in CBSE class X board exam 2023

Bhilai, May 12:

Delhi Public School Durg has excelled once again in class X Board Examination AISSE - 2023. The School made its mark with 41 students scoring 90% and above out of the 270 students who appeared in the examination.

Shrijani Rakshit has topped the X Board Examination by scoring 98.6%, Aryan Tiwari, secured the second position with 97.2% and third position was secured by Daksh Parakh with 96.6%. 74 students were placed between 80-90%, 30 students scored between 75-80% and 79 students scored between 60-75%, however 224 students passed with first division. Names of the students who scored beyond 90 include Srijani Rakshit 98.6, Aryan Tiwari 97.2,

SRIJANI RAKSHIT	ARYAN TIWARI	DAKSH PARAKH
98.6	97.2	96.6
95.4	95.2	95
BRAHMEET SINGH SANDHU	ATHARVA CHANDRAKAR	YASHAVA BHALLA

Daksh Parakh 96.6, Brahmaeet Singh Sandhu 95.4, Atharva Chandrakar 95.2, Yashava Bhalla 95, Akshar Shrivastava 94.8,

Raunak Singh 94.4, Moksh Sonkar 94, Harsh Misra 94, Diya Kevaltani 93.8, T Pragati 93.6, Aditya Dhill 93.6, PB Ujjit 93.6, MP Saran 93.6, Yashi Jain 93.6, Ankita Kumar 93.4, Tanika Agrawal 93.2, Rimjhim Mishra 93.2, Sneha Pradhan 93, Prayash Mohanty 92.6, Jayanth Mohan 92.4, Prakhar Salhotra 92, Aryan Agrawal 92, Manya Tejwani 92, Taanish Karmakar 92, Vrishi Dani 92, Shashank Agrawal 91.8, Avneesh Shrivastava 91.8, Priyanshi Kumbhkar 91.6, Parv Seth 91.6, Falak Anwar Qureshi 91.4, Harman Singh 91.2, Vinu Jain 91.2, Avinash Sil 90.8, Preesha Jain 90.6, Ananya Anil Kulgud 90.6, Akrat Shukla 90.2, Shwet Sen 90, Kanak Mankar 90, Niyati 90. The Management and the Principal extended their heartiest congratulations to the effulgent achievers and their mentors with proud elation. They thanked the parents for their consistent support and faith in DPS Durg.

Excellent performance of Shakuntala Vidyalaya in CBSE Class 12th

Bhilai, May 12:

CBSE declared the Senior School Certificate Examination Result 2023 on Friday. Carrying forward its tradition, Shakuntala Vidyalaya, Ramnagar Bhilai, kept the parents' trust by giving excellent exam results through "low cost best education". A total of 270 students of this school appeared in the 2022-23 exam. The examination result of the school was 91.2.

Amit Kumar Panchayan secured 97.8% (English 95, Maths 98, Physics 98, Chemistry 99, Computer Science 99) and stood at the first position in the school, Himanshu Dubey stood second with 96.8% marks while Sparsh Dubey scored 95.2% marks to



grab the third position. In this sequence, there were 13 students who got more than 90% marks in the school. 100/100 in Chemistry, 99 in Computer Science, 98 in Maths, 98 in English, 98 in Physics, 96 in PE, 98 in Hindi, and 95 marks in Biology, 97 in Economics, 95 in Accounts and 95 in Business Studies, 97 was the highest marks.

Sanjay Ojha, director of Shakuntala Group of Schools, while congratulating the Principals, Vice-Principals and concerned Teachers for the excellent results, appreciated

the students and appealed to their parents to cooperate for the higher education of their children.

School Principal Vipin Kumar, Manager Mamta Ojha, Aarti Mehra, Manager VK Dubey, Abhay Dubey, Vice Principal G Ranjana Kumar, Anita Nair, Senior Mistress Baljeet Kaur, Incharge Rajesh Verma, Teachers - Sanjeev Kumar, Ravidhar Dewan, Seema Tripathi, Bharti Singh, Deepa Majumdar, Jyoti Singh Parihar, Aarti Gupta, Smita Saxena, Mamta Bose, Smita Sahu, Raminder Kaur, Rajeshwari Gupta, Sujata Sonkul, N Sunil, Jishan Baig and other teachers collectively expressed happiness and extended best wishes to all the students and parents.

Delhi Public School Durg performs well in Class XII



examination 2022 was Yaana Anwar Qureshi (Science stream) scoring 95.8%, Ragini Singh (Humanity stream) with 95.6% and Khushi Jain (Science stream) with 94.4%.

The first three positions in different streams were secured by following students: Science Stream

First - Yaana Anwar Qureshi - 95.8%, Second - Khushi Jain - 94.4%, Third - Rudraksh Pandey - 94.0%.

Humanities Stream: First - Ragini Singh - 95.6%, Second - Niti Khandelwal - 93.8%, Third - Nancy Sancheti - 89.4%. Commerce Stream: First - Tanay Khaitan - 92.4%, First - Riya Verma - 92.4%

Second - Harshita Mishra - 90.8%, Third - Shruti Jain - 90.6%.

The School Management, Principal & Teachers of Delhi Public School Durg extended their heartiest congratulations and blessings to the achievers and all students for the excellent results and hope that they continue this journey of excellence with renewed vigour and zeal.

Bhilai, May 12: Delhi Public School Durg has excelled once again in class XII Board Examination

AISSE - 2023. The School made its mark with 12 students scoring 90% and above out of the 243 students appearing in

the examination. 57 students scoring 80% and above, 127 students were from the Science stream, 96 were from Commerce stream and 20 students were from the Humanities stream. The stream wise topper of the school class XII Board

KPS Sundar Nagar achieves cent percent result in CBSE Class 10



Bhilai, May 12:

Krishna Public School, Sundar Nagar achieved cent percent results in Secondary School Examination (Class X) declared by CBSE on Friday. Anvesh Singh stood first in the school with 95.4% marks; Sanchita Tamrakar stood second with 95.2% marks; Ayushi Nikhare stood third with 94.4% marks; Vinayak Vajpayee stood fourth with 94.2% marks; Anchal Sahu stood at fifth position with 92% marks and

Rajat Sao scored 89% marks while Rajlaxmi Panda scored 89% marks. The students made the school proud with their excellent performance.

Krishna Group Chairman MM Tripathi; Vice Chairman Anand Tripathi; Secretary Pramod Tripathi; Education Officer RS Pandey; Principal Rajesh Kinhekar; CEO Anubhav Tripathi; Vice Principal Maya Mishra and other teachers have extended best wishes to the students.

Chairman School Managing Committee Vipin Ojha, Sharda Vidyalaya, Risali Manager

CBSE declared the Senior School Certificate Examination Result 2023 on Friday. Carrying forward its tradition, Sharda Vidyalaya, Risali maintained the trust of the parents by giving excellent results through "low cost best education". In 2022-23, a total of 125 students from class XII attended this school. The 12th examination result of the school was 82.4%.

Piyush Mishra stood first in the school by securing 95.4% (English 95, Maths 98, Economics 98, PE 95, Business Studies 94, Accounts 95) from Class XII. With this, Bharti Deohari 92.6% (Science) stood second and Yogita Dewangan 92.4% (Commerce) stood third. 96 was highest marks in English, 98 in PE, 95 in Physics, 72 in

Mathematics, 90 in Hindi, 95 in Chemistry, 91 in Biology, 98 in Economics, 95 in Accounts, 94 in Business Studies and 94 was the highest marks in Computer Science.

Sanjay Ojha, Director of Shakuntala Group of Schools, congratulated the students for the excellent results. Among the teachers, Nisha Gupta, Anupama Singh, Meena Sharma, Dolly Runa Das, Avni Charasia, Charushree Sharma, Vinita Singh, Nikita Wamankar, Mukta Sah, P Vini, Preeti Singh and other teachers also congratulated the students and parents.

Mamta Ojha, School Principal Sutapa Sarkar, Headmistress Pushpa Singh, Senior Mistress Renjini MR, Activity Incharge Pooja Babbar, Prateek Ojha and Vanita Ojha congratulated the students for the excellent results. Among the teachers, Nisha Gupta, Anupama Singh, Meena Sharma, Dolly Runa Das, Avni Charasia, Charushree Sharma, Vinita Singh, Nikita Wamankar, Mukta Sah, P Vini, Preeti Singh and other teachers also congratulated the students and parents.

unique insights and perspectives on the theme of the conference, which revolved around the role of technology in shaping the future.

Convenor of the conference Dr RH Gajghat presented the report of the entire conference.

Conference has received 52 research papers from India and abroad.

Selected research papers will be published in SCOPUS, SCI, and UGC indexed journals.

Conference co-convenor Richa Sahu proposed the vote of thanks.

The event facilitated meaningful interactions among attendees, fostering an environment conducive to learning, growth, and partnership.

TECHNOLOGIA-2023 has set the tone for the days to come as participants continue to examine the almost endless potential of technology and its effects on society.

As Technologia-2023 will progress, it will be a promised conference with valuable and enriching experience to all participants, leaving a lasting impact on science, technology and academia.

ues will develop.

The Chief Guest of the conference Dr Sanjay Agrawal, Pro-vice chancellor also emphasized the conference's commitment to fostering an inclusive and diverse environment.

In his address he explained the Photovoltaic solar cells, its principles and how the efficiency of the solar cell can be enhanced so that it can be utilized in a better way.

He explained the need of start-up and asked students and faculties to come up with new startup projects.

The inaugural function also featured a keynote lecture from a renowned expert Dr Dharam Pal, Professor, National Institute of Technology, Raipur. He is an expert in the field of Nanomaterials. He brought

Physical Education; Ashish Mittal and Vikas Kumar Sao scored 85 in Business Studies; Ashish Mittal scored 97 in Accounts; Shish Mittal scored 97 in English; Arpita Heera and Shaswat Karna scored 95 in Physics; Arpita Heera and Shaswat Karna scored 95 in Maths; Arpita Heera, Shaswat Karna, Shivam Singh and Atulya Kumar Sahu scored 95 in Chemistry; Arpita Heera, Shaswat Karna and Atulya Kumar Sahu scored 95 in Biology; Arpita Heera and Shaswat Karna scored 95 in Hindi; Aditya Jaiswal scored 96 in

Computer Science.

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The inaugural function commenced with an impressive gathering. The event was graced by Dr Sanjay Agrawal Pro-Vice Chancellor CSVTU,

Bhilai, as chief guest for the inaugural along with distinguished personalities from the technology, industry, government officials, and academia. The ceremony began with a captivating delivery of thoughts showcasing the integration of art and technology, setting a vibrant and energetic tone for the event.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr Archana Choudhary, Vice Principal. In her address she briefed the name and significance of Technologia and how it's related with the technology and its advancement. She expressed gratitude to the attendees, sponsors, and Research Association of Masters of Engineering RAME Publishers, Pune for their support and highlighted the significance of Technologia-2023 in driving technological advancements and promoting innovation.

The inaugural programme was presided by Rev Fr Dr PS Varghese, Executive Vice Chairman CCET. In his address he emphasized the new education policy NEP. This policy envisages three pillars of education skills, values and scientific temperament, without these three skills education cannot be holistic. Further, he added "we should try to inculcate amongst the students and scholars the habits of 'how to think' and not 'what to think'".

This shall enhance the wide spectrum of once thinking process and will lead to curiosity and scientific temperament so that skill and val-

ues will develop.

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Special Secy Excise taken on 3-day remand by ED

In connection with Rs 2000 cr liquor scam; nabbed from Mumbai, brought to Raipur

Also conducts raids at three places viz. Gurucharan Singh Hora, Mandeep Chawla and Diyalal Meghji



Blow to liquor baron Pappu: ED seizes 27.5 cr FD and 52 lakh cash

Raipur: The Enforcement Directorate is going ahead with its action one after the other in different cities of Chhattisgarh. The ED has now seized 27 crore fixed deposits of Bhilai's liquor baron Trilok Singh Dhillon alias Pappu Dhillon. Apart from this, cash of Rs 52 lakh has also been seized. The ED had arrested Pappu Dhillon from his house on Thursday and produced him in the Raipur court and thereafter ED had taken him on remand for four days. According to ED Dhillon made a fixed deposit in his account by taking illegal liquor money as a loan.

Raipur, May 12: In the morning of Friday May 12, the team of Enforcement Directorate and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted raids. The CBI team raided in Durg and ED at three places in Raipur. ED team raided Hotel and Cable businessman Gurucharan Singh Hora and Hotel owner of Shamrock Greens and liquor trader Mandeep Chawla and 'Bidi' businessman Diyalal Meghji. The CBI team raided house of businessman Kothari brothers in Durg.

ED has arrested the Special Secretary Excise Department and former MD CSMCL Arun Pati Tripathi from Mumbai

and brought him to Raipur by morning flight. After his medical check-up here he was produced in the Court of Special Judge Ajay Singh Rajput and hearing was done. ED demanded 10 days remand of AP Tripathi and in place of which Court granted permission for 3 days. An officer from the Indian telecom Department, AP Tripathi has been arrested on charges of alleged involvement in the liquor scam. Prior to this in this case Anwar Dhebar, Trilok Dhillon and Nitesh Purohit have been arrested.

It is notable here that right since Friday morn-

ing itself, ED officials have started the raids. There are reports that house of businessman Gurucharan Singh Hora was raided in Devendra Nagar. The ED team entered his house at 5:00 in the morning and started the search there. He is also reported to be linked with the Rs 2000 cr liquor scam, as disclosed by ED.

In case of Gurucharan Singh Hora there are no details available. But it is confirm that the very hotel in which Anwar Dhebar, (brother of Mayor Ajaz Dhebar) was arrested belongs to Gurucharan Singh Hora. It is notable here that GS Hora is also

general secretary of Olympic Association. ED's then raided Hotel Shamrock Greens owner and liquor trader Mandeep Chawla in context of Income Tax case which was filed in Tees Hajari Court. It is learnt the Mandeep Chawla is big supplier in Agriculture department and has got the contract of seeds and

other with him or to those who are closely associated with him. The third raid was on Diyalal Meghji at his DM Plaza and DM Vatika in Bajnathpara. Meghji is group of 7 brothers and lives at Naman DM Vatika in Khamardih. They are reported to have acquired land of farmers in Naya Raipur acting as syndicate.

CBI raids residences of CA and Tax Attorney in Durg

In connection with share scam worth Rs 54 cr

Bhilai, May 12: Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) sleuths raided the residences and office of a Chartered Accountant and a Tax Attorney in Durg on Friday. Raid was conducted at the residence of CA Shripal Kothari and Tax Attorney Suresh Kothari in Padmanabhpur colony of Durg city in connection with a share scam worth Rs 54 crore. More than two dozen officers and CRPF jawans reached the residence of Kothari in four vehicles.

According to information, an FIR was lodged in West Bengal against the Kothari brothers on charges of committing fraud to grab the shares of a person. The complainant Prakash Jaiswal had alleged that Suresh Kothari, Siddharth Kothari and CA Shripal Kothari had fraudulently captured his 40000 shares of Rajat Buildcon India Private Limited. The cur-



rent value of these shares is around Rs 54 crore. An FIR was lodged under sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 406, 120-B of IPC. After preliminary investigation, the West Bengal Police had transferred the case to CBI.

Before transferring the case to CBI, teams of Kolkata Police had visited Durg about five times but they were unable to arrest the Kothari brothers. On the other hand, Rajat Surana of Durg had also

lodged a complaint of forgery to the tune of Rs 80 crores against the Kothari brothers. This case was lodged on January 25, 2023 but the police are yet to arrest the accused. Rajat Surana had alleged that the Kothari Brothers had used their political influence to avert police action against them. Later, Surana approached the judiciary and on the Court's order, an FIR was lodged against the Kothari Brothers.

Aayush Chellani tops 12th with 93.75% in BSSPA

Raipur, May 12: Aayush chellani Class 12th student of BSSPA Pranavanda Academy (BSSPA) Raipur scored 93.75 percent marks in PCMCS (physics ,chemistry maths and CS) and scored 96 percent in computer science. He is topper of his school. Aayush is son of city based Gynaecologist Dr Manoj Chellani and Sonologist Dr Manju Chellani.

'Utopia' promises Private Villas, Apartments, Pent-Houses

In its phase-I project premiums township project; to provide 50 world class amenities

Durg, May 12: The visiting to 'Utopia' experience centre has started as it unleashes energy and enthusiasm from its unique living style. The visiting to wonderfully constructed 'Private Villa'

Apartment-Pent-House, from near the D-Mart, Potia-Pulgaon road can be done.

'Utopia' is being seen as a model township, because its planning and the amenities have been designed in a classical manner and in this everything will be perfect, means 'the best'. Here one will get to see more than 50 world class amenities like Mini-theatre, herbal garden/fruit garden, Social Club,



walking track, discotheque, Swimming Pool, Conference

'Jain Upashrya', camp fire, lawn tennis, staking ring, Amphitheatre, billiards/pool table, music/ tuition room, and other ultra premium amenities.

Builder Rajat Deshlahara and Pintu (Shankar) Singhal informed that this is one of the premium township project of its kind in the city. This 60 acre township will have residential, commercial and high-rise buildings.

At present phase-1 has been launched and it has 119 private flats in each floor. In this project the Builder informed that more focus is on the quality construction and facilities along with open space and greenery. For greenery, around 5-6 acre land has been fixed and so far more than 130 persons have booked premium Villas for them in this project. Rajat Deshlahara and Shankar Singhal informed.

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Anushk Singh from Science stream topped with 97.4%

Class XII result of DPS 100%

Raipur, May 12:



with 95.4% and Aanchal Wadhwan from science stream with 95%. More than half of the students registered for the board examination secured 80% and above, many of whom have marked their place in the annals of school's history by becoming subject toppers in their respective streams.

Principal, Mr. Raghunath Singh from science stream with 97.4% topped the school followed close at heels by Purva Shah from commerce stream

keeping a constant vigil on the students' performance during revisions and always standing by their side in motivating them to score better.

Pro Vice Chairman, Mr. Baldeo Singh Bhatia congratulated the students for their affability and conscientious efforts iterating, "Securing high percentages has come true and it will avail them better opportunities in their career paths. God bless them all!"

Senior Members of the management committee, Mr. Vijay Shah and Mr. Pukhraj Jain, too blessed the entire school fraternity for the overall outstanding performance.

Vidhi Sharma of GGEA tops with 96%



GGEA Class XII result 100%

Raipur, May 12: Gyan Ganga Educational Academy (GGEA), keeping with its consistent performance, has once again achieved indelible new benchmark of excellence. This has enabled the students to score a record of 95% success in class XII, CBSE result in the academic year of 2022-23. Out of 148 students 70 students secured above 80%. The

Management, Principal and Teachers extend hearty congratulations to the students and parents on their success. Among the top ten students, Vidhi Sharma with 96% topped in the School, followed with Arya Ojha with 95.2%; Prakhar Mishra with 95%; Shruti Verma with 95%; Vatsal Parmar with 94%; Amrit Sinha with 92.4%; Shristi Yadav with 92%; Naman Gupta with 90%; Rithika Kumar Bhardwaj with 89.4%; Pratistha Agrawal with 88%.

In the Class 12th and 10th Board Exams

Raipur, May 12: A total of 154 appeared for the exam and have brought laurels to the school once again for the 11th consecutive year in a row in the CBSE Board Examination (2022-23). N.H. Goel World School students keeping the long tradition of giving superlative results. 38 students secured 90% and above, 51 students scored between 80-90% and the rest of the students secured marks between 70-80%. The best results were achieved by students of the Humanities Stream with Ramya Modi securing 96.5% with two perfect scores of 100 in 1 subject (Psychology), Alind Keshewani secured 95.75% and Vaibhavi Dwivedi secured 94.75%.

In the Commerce stream twin sisters Sneha Agrawal and Shruti



Agrawal topped with 96.25% and 96% respectively. Tanvi Agrawal secured 95.5% and Oorja Jain secured 94.5%. Vedansh Agrawal scored 100 in Economics. The Science Stream Topper was Aadya Gupta who secured 92.75%, followed by Akshat Agrawal who secured 90.25% and Swetansh Pandey with 89.5%. The School Management appreciated the teachers & students for their unstinting efforts and outstanding achievement in these difficult times and wished them luck for their future endeavours.

Placement camp in employment office on 15th May

Raipur, May 12: District Employment and Self-Employment Guidance Center Raipur will organize a placement camp on May 15 to provide employment opportunities to local educated unemployed youth of Chhattisgarh. The placement camp will be held from 11 am to 2:00 pm at District Employment Office, Old Police Headquarters Complex, Raipur. Through this job fair, LIC of India, Classic Group and Anil Brother, Raipur are recruiting 10th, 12th, Graduate (Science or Tele) applicants for various posts of Insurance Advisor, Sales Executive, Tele Caller / Operator, Back Office etc. Payment will be made for these posts at the rate of 9 to 25 thousand per month. Applicants who are eligible and willing to attend the Job fair can appear on the scheduled date and venue.

Arushi Vijayvargiya with 98.2% tops in Class 10th

From DPS Raipur

Raipur, May 12:

Describing class X board results of Delhi Public School, Raipur as "Stupendous!" Principal, Raghunath Mukherjee couldn't help thumping the table as a gesture to those beacons who had chosen to strive ahead of others in the state to catch the top position in the score card at the AISCE 2022-23. Unveiling their potential par excellence, 63 students scored 90% and above, 134 secured 80% and above and 180 were awarded 70% and above thus surpassing previous year's records. Arushi Vijayvargiya scored the



highest with 98.2%, followed by Maulik Rathore with 98% and Ratnabha Asati with 97.4%. The students exhibited a self-satisfied exuberance that was worth sensing. Further, analyzing the list of subject toppers also did not come as a surprise!

On noting the glorious vignette of the stalwarts, the General Secretary of the Management Committee, Mr. Vijay Shah congratulated the school

Harsh Thakur with 98% marks tops in Class X

GGEA Class X result is 100%

Raiupr, May 12:

Gyan Ganga Educational Academy (GGEA), keeping with its consistent performance, has once again achieved indelible new benchmark of excellence.

This has enabled the students to score a record of 100% success in class X CBSE result in the academic year of 2022-23.



Out of 153 students 110 students secured above 80%. The Management, Principal and Teachers extend hearty congratulations to the students and parents on their success.

Among the top ten in the School- Harsh Kant Thakur with 98% marks has topped in the School,

33 students secure 90% and above in CBSE Class 10th exam

Raipur, May 12: The students of N.H. Goel World school have made the school proud by securing 100% result in AISCE (10th) - 2022-23 for the thirteenth consecutive year. Out of 104 students who appeared for the exam, 33 students scored 90% and above; 38 scored between 80-90%. All the other students secured marks between 70-80%. The toppers being: Avi Gupta 96.4%, Siya Jain 96.2%, Hiloni Kothari 95.8%, Vaibhav Agrawal 95.4%, Hriday Kumar Chauhan 95.2%, Samarth Jhabak 95%. Siya Jain scored 100% in English, Vaibhav Agrawal scored 100% in Science & Abhinav Agrawal scored 100% in Sanskrit. The School Management appreciated the teachers & students for their unstinted efforts and outstanding achievement and wished the students luck, for their future endeavours.

Bhavya Goyan emerges as school topper with 97.2%

Ten students scored 100 out of 100 in various subjects

Raipur, May 12:



Success is always a never ending journey not an event. Students of Krishna Public School, Raipur proved their tenacity in CBSE class - X Board Examination results declared on Friday 12th May 2023. In the All India Secondary School Examination 2022-23, conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education, all the students of Krishna Public School, Raipur have performed exceptionally well with brilliant result. 80 students of the school achieved the target of scoring 90% above. The dedication of the teachers and the hard work of the students themselves have helped them to come up

victorious. The Student Bhavya Goyan achieved top position in the school with 97.2%, followed by Vaishvi Jagdish Nikhade as 2nd topper with 97.00% and Shruti Tiwari 96.80% is 3rd in the school.

Ten students scored 100 marks in various subjects, Ronit Hirwani (Science), Prithvi Rathore (Sanskrit), Bhavya goyan (Sanskrit), Krishna Narayan Panda (Sanskrit), Parth Singhania (IT) and Rishika Agrawal (IT).

Krishna Public School,

Raipur is proud to announce the meritorious students. Bhavya Goyan 97.20%, Vaishvi Jagdish Nikhade 97.00%, Shruti Tiwari 96.80%, Krishna Narayan Panda 95.80%, Divyansha Jain 95.60%, Aashna Gupta 95.60%, Gopal Sharma 95.40%, Prabhat Kumar 95.00%, Tanisha Agrawal 95.00%, Akash Sur 95.00%, Adhya Shrivastava 94.80%, Viraj Amit Daga 94.80%, Vira Jay Yadav 94.80%, Prarthna Dubey 94.60%, Parth Singhania 94.60%, Animesh Daharwal 94.40%, Saksham Jain 94.20%, Prithvi Rathore 94.00%, Tushar Adwani 93.80%, Shreya Pandey 93.80%, Kumkum Kaushal 93.80%, Harshita Sahu 93.80%, Tejas Kumar Tamrakar 93.80%, Mayank Kumar Sahu 93.80%, Ronit Hirwani 93.80%, Durlabh Sharma 93.40%, Vedant Tripathi 93.20%, Akshat Goyal 93.00%, Neeti Pagaria 92.80%, Anniruddh Pandey 92.80%, Ayushi Sahu 92.80%, Anushka Biswas 92.40%, Nayan Deep Khurana 92.20%, Shrikha Agrawal 92.20%, Ananya Tamaskar 92.20%, Pakhi Agrawal 92.20%, Rishika Agrawal 92.00%, Sinail Kashwani 92.00%, Vipashyana Asim Shrivastava 90.20%, Ainy Sharma 90.20%, Arpit Maloo 90.20%, Somya Dixit 90.20%, Ayush Pandey 90.00%, Akriti Kumari 90.00%, Vanshika Chouhan 90.00%

The Chairman, Krishna Group of Institutions M.M. Tripathi, Vice Chairman Anand Tripathi, Executive Director Krishna Public Schools, Raipur Region-Ashutosh, Principal Priyanka Tripathi, Vice Principal Shubhangi P. Rajimwale and the entire KPS fraternity have extended their hearty congratulations to all the students and blessed them for their vibrant future.

Himesh K Anant tops with 94.40% marks in Class 12th

Mansi Yadav with 93.60% tops in Class 10th

SXLHS Bharni establishes new landmark

In CBSE 10th and 12th Board Exam

Bilaspur (Bharni), May 11:

St. Xavier's School has once again produced remarkable results in the CBSE board examinations. The much-awaited results were declared yesterday, and the school witnessed an excellent performance by its students.

The top position in class 12th was secured by Himesh Kumar Anant (Maths Stream) who scored 94.40% marks and made his parents and teachers proud. Piyush



Jaiswal (Commerce) scored 93.4% whereas Hansika Agrawal (Commerce) got 92.6% marks. Ganiya Patel who wants to become doctor scored 92% (Bio) and brought laurels for the school. Other students who produced meritorious results are: Priyanka Paranjape 89.80% (Maths), Akash Vasudev 89.20% (Maths), Ruchi Sharma 88.80% (Bio), Md. Umar Khan 88.20% (Maths), Malayaka Ansari 87.40% (Commerce), Aditi Upadhyay

Nandini Dewangan 87.60%, Ishita Bhaktani 87%, Shruti Mandol 87%, Akshat Mishra 86.20%, Ishan Kaushik 86.60%, Navneet Paikra 85% and Jatin Kars 84.80%.

Dr. G.S. Patnaik, Managing Director- St. Xavier's Chain of Schools, extended hearty congratulations to the students, parents and teachers by acknowledging their hard work and dedication. The school Principal Mr. Jitinder Singh Hundal while congratulating the students and teachers for

their excellent performance said, "I am really proud of my students and teachers for giving such a wonderful result. It is their hard work that paid off. We are committed to put up our hundred percent. This streak will be continued, best wishes for their bright future on behalf of St. Xavier's family". Parents joy knew no limit. Expressing their gratitude they said, "Students have come with flying colours credit goes to the guidance of teachers along with hard work of children. Students were extremely happy for their good results."

Overall, the results of CBSE examination have brought a lot of cheer to the students and their parents. The school has once again proved its mettle in academics and has set a high benchmark for others to follow.

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'Amount of liquor scam is just tip of an iceberg'

Alleges BJP leader in protest against liquor scam in state

Khairagarh, May 12:

The main opposition party BJP in the state staged massive protest against Rs 2000 cr liquor scam as disclosed by ED. The former Parliamentary Secy and Khairagarh BJP VS in-charge Dr Siyam Sahu along with party workers staged massive dharna near SDM's office. Speaking on the occasion Siyam Sahu said that there is Rs 2000 cr liquor scam as per ED's disclosure and it was taking 'Ganga Jal' in their hands that the Congress government came to power and has till date not fulfilled the promises made. Sahu charged that all the mafia of different fields is run-



ning the government and it is the people who will give befitting reply in the next VS polls. On morality ground, CM Baghel should tender resignation, he added.

District President Ghaman Sahu said that in preliminary inquiry, ED has disclosed Rs 2000 cr worth of liquor scam and it may have surprising revelations in the coming

days. CM Baghel himself says that as compared to ex-CM Raman Singh's term, the liquor revenue has increased many times. Former Parliamentary Secretary Komal Janghel charged that the Chhattisgarh government by selling spurious and illicit liquor has done liquor scam worth Rs 2000 cr and in the coming days, its 'cow-dung scam' too will be disclosed. He charged that CM Baghel has cheated the people of the state by forming government. District Panchayat President Vikrant Singh charged that liquor scam of Ch'garh is more compared to that of Delhi government and termed it as 'Scam govt'. There is not ground-level implementation of government's schemes in the state. The government claims that it has provided employment to many, but in the last four & half years of its rule, not a single job has been provided. Other party leaders and office bearers also addressed the dharna and strongly protested against the Bhupesh government.

'Building turning into dilapidated condition'

Mungeli, May 12:

The government building with considerably higher amount near Rohara road is in shambles these days. At one place where there is no land for government buildings in the region, on the other, the huge building constructed with few crores few years back, is turning into dilapidated condition, due to lack of allotment and maintenance. Due to negligence on part of political and administrative officers, the building has now turned into den for anti-social elements.

After formation of the district, due to lack of government buildings and land, many a government offices are running in rented buildings. At the same time due to

- Due to lack of allotment and lack of maintenance
- Case of CSEB's building near Rohara road



shortage of houses, the officers and employees too are shuffling from nearby districts. But the use of the government buildings cannot be ensured, despite many old buildings and hundreds of acre government land is lying vacant.

One such building is that of CSEB, which was

constructed as residential place for officers and employees near Rohara sub-station. But this building at the cost of few crore is unfortunately lying vacant and not a

single officer or employee is residing in it. It is for this reason that the building is slowly turning into dilapidated condition. This building for officers and employees of CSEB due to carelessness of the officers is turning into dilapidated condition. At

one place the officers and employees have been asked to stay in the headquarters, on the other the employees are unable to draw benefit of it due to shortage of buildings, half-constructed government residential colonies.

Accused in assault case sent to jail

Bemetara, May 12:

On Wednesday the police received information that a debate was taking place in the Congress office at Bharat Mata Chowk regarding the rent of the shop. On which the police team left and went to the spot and pacified both the parties, after that both the parties were advised to come to the police station to settle the dispute. On this both the parties came to the police station.

On the information about the dispute, the station in-charge Bemetara Ambar Singh Bhardwaj and SDOP Bemetara Manoj Tirkey were discussing with both the parties to resolve the rent dispute in the station in-charge's room. Meanwhile, a young man named Ashish Tiwari came and slapped Lukesh Verma in an unexpected way. On this Ashish Tiwari was immediately pushed back by SDOP Bemetara. In the meantime,

- Major accident averted due to the promptness of police

Ashish Tiwari became enraged while hurling obscene abuses towards Lukesh Verma, took out a sharp weapon like a razor kept hidden near him, on which the accused Ashish Tiwari was immediately caught by the police and the weapon was released from his hand. Since Ashish Tiwari and the people of the applicant side belong to the same political party, the applicant was previously acquainted with the people of the party and had been seen together in public places, that is why he was not stopped from coming to the police station.

The weapon was brought concealed by Ashish Tiwari, hence the incident took place in a sudden and unexpected manner. But immediately after the incident, the weapon was released from

the hands of the accused by the police and he was taken into custody. Due to which no untoward incident could happen and there was no loss of life or property. After this, the police took the injured Lukesh Verma to the district hospital Bemetara, where the injured was given medical examination and first aid done. On the complaint of the applicant Lukesh Verma on the said incident, the accused was immediately taken into custody by registering the offense under section 294, 506, 323 IPC and section 25, 27 Arms Act.

He has been produced before the Hon'ble Court and sent to jail after taking judicial remand. The victim's name is Lukesh Verma, S/o late Lal Singh Verma, age 52, R/o Ninua Chowki, Dewar Bija police station, Bemetara (Chairman, Block Congress Committee, Bemetara). The name of the accused is Ashish Tiwari S/o Panna Lal Tiwari R/o Bemetara.

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KYS office bearer meeting held



- In context of District President election

Khairagarh, May 12:

Meeting of KCG District Kosaria Yadav Samaj (KYS) was held last on Sunday at Yadav Bhavan in Naya Tikrapara and it was attended by the KYS office bearers and election management Samiti members.

Among the office bearers include State V.P KYS Ajay Yadav, State Secretary Madhav Kunawar Singh, state organisation secy. Rajesh

Kumar Yadav, publicity secy. Kisan Lal Yadav, Rajnandgaon district in-charge Manna Lal Yadav, Mahesh Yadav, Yuwa President Harish Yadav and all circle presidents and heads of Samaj and female office bearers from Khairagarh, Chhikhdan and Gandai and Salhevara.

In this meeting, discussions were held in context of District President election of KYS in new district and the office bearers of Samaj took a decision to take decision in this regard in coming days.

Collector issues instructions in meeting with Principals

■ Of Swami Atmanand School

Jagdalpur, May 12:

Collector Vijay Dayaram, describing Swami Atmanand Excellent English and Hindi medium schools as an important scheme of governance, told the need to work more hard to continuously increase its pride and make the examination results more brilliant.

Collector Vijay reviewed the Swami Atmanand excellent English and Hindi medium schools run by the Education Department on Wednesday, May 10. District Education Officer Bharti Pradhan, all development block education officers as well as principals of all schools and offi-



cers of education department were present in the meeting.

Collector reviewed school-wise results of Class X and Class XII examinations announced by the Board of Secondary Education on Wednesday. Along with this, he also inquired about the applications received for the recruitment of children in Swami Atmanand Schools without any delay. Instructing

the principals to inspect the ongoing repair works in the schools, he said that if there is any lack of quality during the repair, then inform about it immediately. He instructed to withdraw the amount received for running the school with the joint signature of the school principal and block education officer, so that there is no need to come to the district headquarters to withdraw the amount.

In the meeting, the Collector inquired about other problems including drinking water in the schools and insisted on providing all the basic facilities in a better way. During this, he also re-

viewed the progress of the work being done for the recruitment of teachers and other employees in the newly established schools.

Safety concerns plague Magarlod's newly constructed High-Level Bridge

Magarlod, May 12:

Setu Nigam, at a cost of 36 crores, has recently completed the construction of a high-level bridge spanning 1,020 meters, connecting Khatti Nari in the Mahanadi village. However, the inauguration of the bridge on November 15, 2021, has been marred by the absence of crucial safety measures, raising concerns about the safety of commuters and pedestrians. Despite providing traffic convenience to villagers for an extended period, the newly constructed bridge lacks prominent signage and speed breakers even after its official inauguration. This has resulted in vehicles consistently speeding along the kilometer-long bridge, especially during the darkness of night, where the

absence of adequate lighting poses a constant risk of accidents. Furthermore, the bridge's allure diminishes after sundown due to the lack of essential facilities such as electricity. With no provisions for lighting, the bridge becomes enveloped in darkness, amplifying safety hazards.

The absence of proper safety measures has prompted vehicles, including pedestrians, to traverse the bridge during nighttime, endangering their lives and further highlighting the need for increased safety provisions. Regrettably, the authorities and local representatives have displayed a lack of urgency in addressing these concerns. Even after a fortnight since its inauguration by CM Bhupesh Baghel in Semra

In light of the potential risks faced by the local community, the citizens of Magarlod urgently call for immediate action to rectify the situation. They demand the installation of the long-overdue inauguration board, accompanied by the implementation of an accident signal board to mitigate safety risks effectively. Ensuring the safety and well-being of individuals crossing the bridge should be a top priority to alleviate concerns and prevent accidents in the future.

Green Care Society India organises National Technology Week 2023

Gedam/Dantewada ,

May 12: National Technology Day is celebrated every year on May 11. This day commemorates India's successful nuclear tests that were conducted by Defence Research and Development Organisation on May 11, 1998, at Pokhran, Rajasthan. Former president Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, known as the 'Missile Man of India', played an instrumental role in the Pokhran nuclear tests. This term was coined by former Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to recognise the contributions of Indian scientists.

Technology Development Board (TDB) commemorates the day by honouring technological innovations that have added to national growth. Expert Life Member at The Indian Science Congress Association Ministry of Science and Technology,



- Theme of 25th NTD is 'School to Startups-Igniting Young Minds to Innovate.'

Government of India Amujuri Biswanath said that this year the theme of the 25th National Technology Day 2023 is 'School to Startups-Igniting Young Minds to Innovate.'

National Technology Week is being organised as conferences, competitions, technology showcase and awards from 11 to 17 May



2023 across the country through hybrid mode. This program is organised by Green Care Society India in collaboration with Indian Science Congress Association, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation, Aastha Vidya Mandir Jawanga Dantewada, National Council of Teacher Scientist, Dr APJ Abdul

Kalam National Council of Young Scientist, Raman Science and Technology Foundation, Igniting Dreams of Young Minds Foundation India. Schools, colleges, universities, research institutions and other Non Governmental Organizations organise events, seminars, and workshops to inspire and motivate students to take

an interest in science and technology. Competitions on painting, essay writing, speech, technology projects at free of cost and open for all age groups.

Director of Green Care Society India, Amujuri Biswanath also said that India has got 17th rank in Hi-Tech Exports of Products and World Intellectual Property Organization released Global Innovation Index where India has 40th rank in the world. India performs better in innovation outputs in 2023 than innovation inputs in 2022. In the 21st century, scientists and engineers are leading the country on the path of development. It is the technology that has improved the status of the country on global platforms. India shows technological advancements in various fields, including space research, defence technology, agriculture, healthcare, and communication.

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Prerna Sahu tops class 10th, Reshma Sonwani excels in class 12th

Kareli Badi, May 12: The Board of Secondary Education, declared the results of the board examinations, revealing an exceptional performance by students from Kareli Badi's Government Higher Secondary School. The overall result percentage surpassed previous years' records in the district, reflecting the dedication and hard work of the students.

In the class 10th examination, a total of 87 students appeared, achieving an impressive pass percentage of 71. The top rank in this category was secured by Prerna Sahu, daughter of Chhabhi Ram Sahu, who scored a remarkable 83.16 percent. Govind Dewangan, son of Uttam Dewangan, secured the second position with 78 percent, followed by Mukesh Bharti, son of Toshan Lal Bharti, in the third position. Similarly, in the class 12th examination, 44 students appeared and obtained an outstanding pass percentage of 81. Reshma Sonwani, daughter of Sheet Ram Soni, emerged as the highest scorer in the Science Faculty with 82.25 percent. Dinesh Kumar, son of Salik Ram Sahu, secured an impressive 79.6 percent in the Arts Faculty, while Kiran Sahu, daughter of Vishnu Sahu, stood third with 79.4 percent in the Commerce Faculty. Principal Kishore Jangde expressed his delight over the improved performance compared to the previous year, with a 10 percent increase in the class 10th results and a 7 percent increase in the class 12th results. Students dissatisfied

with their results have the option to request rechecking and re-evaluation, while unsuccessful students can avail online credit-based examination opportunities without losing hope.

Principal Jangde encouraged the top performers, as well as all students, to continue working hard and pursue their dreams. He acknowledged the invaluable guidance provided by the dedicated teachers in achieving these commendable results. The occasion witnessed the presence of Sarpanch Domar Singh Sahu, School Management Committee President Shriram Sahu, and other committee members, who extended their heartfelt wishes for a bright and prosperous future for the students.



Lara, May 12:

To recognise the vital roles that nurses play in the health care system and society NTPC Lara Hospital celebrated International Nurse Day 2023 on 12th May 2023. Diwakar Kaushik, ED (Lara) inaugurated the programme with lamp lighting. Addressing the hospital staff Kaushik emphasised on the role of nurses in the health care system and com-

BRIEF

Smuggler detained

Jammu: A "habitual" cattle smuggler has been detained after being slapped with the Public Safety Act in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, police said on Friday. Yasin Hussain had five cattle smuggling cases registered against him, they added. A resident of the district's Behani Sherki village, Hussain was involved in "habitual smuggling of cattle" over the past few years, the police said. He was nabbed after District Magistrate Vishesh Mahajan issued a detention order against him under the Public Safety Act based on a police dossier, they said.

Extraordinary sacrifices

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday lauded nurses on the International Nurses Day, saying their hard work and selfless dedication form the foundation of the country's healthcare system. The International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world on May 12, the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale. "On International Nurses Day, I congratulate the nurses whose hard work and selfless dedication form the foundation of our healthcare system. Their extraordinary examples of sacrifice to save lives, especially during the pandemic, will continue to inspire humankind," Shah tweeted.

Train derails

Sambhal (UP): Three coaches of a goods train derailed at the Chandausi railway station here on Friday morning, leading to rail traffic disruption for almost two hours, officials said. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (DCM) Sudhir Kumar Singh said no one was injured in the incident that took place between 4 am and 5 am. The train was going to Chandansi in Bihar from Chandausi. He said rail traffic at the station was disrupted for almost two hours. The official said the track was repaired and normal traffic movement has resumed. He added that the matter will be probed.

One killed

Kolkata: One person was killed while another was seriously injured after the duo allegedly fell from the roof of an under construction building in the southern part of the city's Regent Park. A senior police officer said on Friday. The two persons were consuming liquor on the roof of the building and allegedly fell down from there on Thursday evening, the officer said. "One was declared brought dead while the other is being treated at the MR Bangur Hospital. We are trying to find out whether the fall were accidental or there are some other angles in it or not," he said. Prabir Biswas (23) was declared brought dead while Amit Nayek (23) is undergoing treatment at the MR Bangur Hospital. Initial probe revealed that the duo had an altercation before they fell down, the officer added.

Congress will win at least 141 seats: D K Shivakumar

Bengaluru, May 12:



Congress state president D K Shivakumar on Friday jibed the exit poll results in which the party, though it gains the highest number of seats, has to contend with a hung Assembly. He insisted that the party will win at least 141 seats and form a majority government. There was a wave in favour of the Congress, Shivakumar told reporters here. Stating that the exit poll results fluctuate by 20 seats, the Congress state chief said the number he has given will only increase and not decrease. "I am not disputing the exit polls showing results in our favour. I thank them but we will get a clear majority. This is my firm belief," he insisted. Explaining the reason be-

hind his confidence of getting 141 seats, Shivakumar said he has been on the ground and has done his homework well. According to Shivakumar, who is a Congress candidate from Kanakapura constituency, the verdict will be in favour of the Congress despite the money spent by the BJP and their big leaders campaigning in the election.

"Whatever money the BJP people have splurged, whichever big leaders may have campaigned and toiled here, yet the ballot is stronger than the bullet," Shivakumar said. He also ruled out the possibility of a hung assembly and said the voters did not get scared of money and the misuse of the 'double-engine' BJP government. "I

am confident that by 1 pm tomorrow, the verdict will be out. There will be no hung assembly," he added. Regarding JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy's statement that he was ready for a coalition government, Shivakumar said he does not know what Kumaraswamy said. "HDK was saying his party will get absolute majority. He said this to instill confidence among his party workers. It is his calculation," the Congress state president said. He also appealed to JD(S) workers not to "waste their career" and instead to join the Congress. "I am not the one to get retired. So long as I am alive and healthy, I will continue to fight and will be with the people," he said.

CM and BJP leaders meet at Yediyurappa's residence, says party will get absolute majority

Bengaluru, May 12:



A day ahead of counting of votes in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly elections, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday expressed confidence about the BJP crossing the "magic figure" with a clear majority, and said the question of coalition talks with other political parties does not arise now. Bommai today met BJP veteran B S Yediyurappa along with other party leaders, including ministers Murugesh Nirani, Byrathi Basavaraj, party MP Lehar Singh Sirooya and A T Ramaswamy, at the former chief minister's residence. The state recorded its highest-ever voting (73.19 per cent) in Wednesday's polling to the

224-member Assembly. Most exit polls have predicted a tight contest between the Congress and BJP in the Assembly polls. A majority of them have also given an edge to the Congress over the ruling BJP, while indicating the possibility of a hung Assembly. "My stand has been the same and consistent that we will get absolute majority. We have got our ground report

from all constituencies and districts; in some districts we have collected booth-wise (statistics) and we are fully confident that we will reach the magic figure," Bommai told reporters here. Responding to a question about the Congress having allegedly booked resorts to keep the flock together, he said it means that they will not get an absolute majority and hence they are in touch with other parties and indulging in such activities; also that they don't have trust in their legislators. On JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy's reported statement that he was ready to partner with a party that is ready to fulfill his conditions, the chief minister said, "I haven't heard about it."

Markets in J-K's Srinagar to soon resemble those in metro cities, says L-G Sinha

Srinagar, May 12:



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at the inauguration of three projects of Srinagar Smart City, in Srinagar, Friday, May 12.

The markets in Srinagar will soon resemble the ones in metro cities, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said on Friday after he inaugurated a market under the smart city project. "The Polo View Market has been redesigned under the Smart City project. The electric wires and telecom fiber have all been laid underground. The market can be kept open even during the night," Sinha told reporters.

Known for handicrafts and handloom products, the shopping centre has been transformed into a premium pedestrian market by Srinagar Smart City Limited.

Sinha said the loca-

cals face some difficulties wherever infrastructure projects are taken up but the traders cooperated with the authorities. "I express gratitude to the traders who cooperated. I am sure it will increase the business here," he said.

This is just a start and in the days to come, the smart city project will develop many such markets at Residency Road, Lal Chowk and the old city area, the Lt Governor said. "The en-

deavour to make Srinagar look like Delhi or Chandigarh or other big cities is on. The people who have come here would have felt that they were in Delhi or Mumbai and not in Srinagar. You will get to see many more markets like this in the coming days," Sinha added. Other than the Polo View market, the LG also inaugurated two other Srinagar Smart City Projects and 25 Urban Local Bodies (ULB) projects. The two smart city projects include Abi Guzar Shiv temple, which has been renovated and dedicated to the people and smart advanced traffic management vehicles that have been included in the fleet for Srinagar smart city.

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People cool off at the newly constructed dam on the Atreyee river on a hot summer day, at Balurhat in South Dinajpur district of West Bengal, Friday, May 12.

COOLING OFF

Bhubaneswar, May 12:



Ruling BJD in Odisha will maintain equidistance not only from the BJP and Congress but also from any third front in the 2024 general election, a senior leader of the regional party said. The party's stand to go solo has been made clear by BJD president and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, he said. The party works for safeguarding the interests of Odisha and the state's development is its sole agenda, a senior BJD vice-president told PTI.

"Our equidistant yardstick is also applicable for the proposed third front, campaigning for

which is being done by Naveen Patnaik's best friend Nitish Kumar," he said. Patnaik had maintained that BJD will go

very old and there is no scope of politics in their friendship ... Being friends with non-BJP leaders or of any other party does not mean that BJD will dilute its purpose and aim. Its aim is to serve and develop Odisha," he said.

Asked why Patnaik met anti-BJP leaders like Kumar and Mamata Banerjee, the BJD vice-president said that there is "no harm" in meeting people, particularly veteran leaders from Bihar, West Bengal or any other state.

The party has taken this stand for a long time and meeting with different leaders should not be understood otherwise. The party will go solo in 2024," he asserted. The state holds simultaneous Lok Sabha and state elections.

Pakistan situation will not impact J-K: BJP

Srinagar, May 12:

The situation in Pakistan will not have any impact on Jammu and Kashmir, the J-K BJP said on Friday after some regional political parties expressed concern about the state of the affairs in the neighbouring nation and its ramifications. National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti had expressed worries about the "dangerous" situation in Pakistan, claiming it will affect India. Widespread protests broke out across Pakistan after the arrest of former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf founder Imran Khan by the para-military Rangers, prompting the deployment of the army as well as in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and

Balochistan provinces. "Whatever the situation is in Pakistan, it will not have any impact on the situation of Jammu and Kashmir. Whatever Pakistan has done in the last 30 years, it will fall into its own pit," BJP general secretary organisation, Jammu and Kashmir, Ashok Koul, said. He also told reporters that the regional parties in the Union Territory are worried about Pakistan and had made statements that the worsening situation there would have an adverse impact on Jammu and Kashmir.

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One exam doesn't define a person's ability: Pradhan

New Delhi, May 12:



"One exam does not define a person's ability" and "success comes to those who never give up" are some of the messages Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had for Class 10 and Class 12 students whose results were announced by the CBSE on Friday. "It is a moment to rejoice the success and cherish the fruits of hard work that you put (in) all year round. Best wishes for a happy and bright future. Many friends might not have met (their) expectations. I appeal to them to not lose heart. One examination does not define a person's ability," Pradhan said in a series of tweets. "Keep working hard and chase

your dreams. Success comes to those who never give up," he added. The minister also lauded the fact that girls continued to outshine boys in the board exams. "Over the years, a striking feature of the results have been the performance of girl students. Gladdening to learn that this year also girls have outshone boys. More reasons for us as a society to remove all barriers to girls' education," he added.

Senior party leaders, including the Congress' Rajasthan in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, state unit chief Govind Singh Dotarsa and co-in-charges Qazi Muhammad Nizamuddin, Amrita Dhawan and Virendra Rathore were present at a meeting at the party's Gurdwara Rakab Ganj Road office during which they are likely to discuss

Top leaders in the Congress' Rajasthan unit went into a huddle on Friday to chalk out a strategy to tackle the challenge thrown by Sachin Pilot, who has launched a foot march against corruption in the state. Top leaders, including the Congress' Rajasthan in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, state unit chief Govind Singh Dotarsa and co-in-charges Qazi Muhammad Nizamuddin, Amrita Dhawan and Virendra Rathore were present at a meeting at the party's Gurdwara Rakab Ganj Road office during which they are likely to discuss

reputation. He claimed that he has been writing to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot for a year and a half for action on corruption but nothing has been forthcoming. The five-day yatra mounts pressure on the party leadership months ahead of the assembly elections slated for later this year with the Congress also facing anti-incumbency, apart infighting in the state unit. Pilot and Gehlot have been engaged in a power tussle since the Congress formed the government in the state in 2018.

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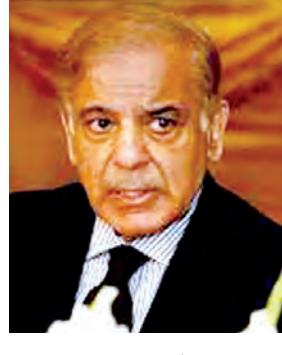
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Supreme Court keeps favouring its 'ladla' Imran Khan: PM Shehzad

Islamabad, May 12:



Prime Minister Shehzad Sharif on Friday questioned the Supreme Court's granting of relief to its "ladla" Imran Khan, saying its "double standards" have led to the death of justice in Pakistan. In a major relief for Khan, Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday declared his dramatic arrest "unlawful" and "invalid" and ordered his immediate release after he was produced before a bench on its orders.

Khan, 70, was arrested on Tuesday outside the Islamabad High Court (IHC) and an accountability court on Wednesday handed him over to the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) for eight days' remand in connection with the Al-Qadir

bars in the country. Let this be free for all," he said while addressing the federal Cabinet on Friday. He asked why such leniences were not given to his brother and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif and other members of the federal coalition who were arrested when Khan was the prime minister. "No one spoke to Nawaz about injustices suffered by him. Such double standards have caused the death of justice in Pakistan," he was quoted as saying by the Dawn newspaper. The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Friday granted bail to PTI Chairman Khan in the Al-Qadir Trust case for two weeks. Khan's arrest on Tuesday sparked widespread protests across Pakistan, prompting the government to deploy the army in the national capital, as

well as in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces. The violent protests left at least eight people dead. On Thursday, a three-member apex court bench, comprising Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar and Justice Athar Minallah, ordered his immediate release. Khan is facing over 120 cases across the country, including for allegedly committing treason and blasphemy and inciting violence and terrorism. He was ousted from power in April after losing a no-confidence vote in his leadership, which he alleged was part of a US-led conspiracy targeting him because of his independent foreign policy decisions on Russia, China and Afghanistan.

Trust corruption case. Responding to the Supreme Court's relief to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief Khan, Sharif said it was nothing but an NRO. "When he (Imran) was presented in court yesterday, the CJP said it is good to see you. And, he said this in a case of corruption," he said. "If you want to keep favouring this ladla (pampered), then you should also release all the dacoits behind

UK economy grows sluggishly in 1st quarter as double-digit inflation curbs consumers spending

London, May 12:

The UK economy grew sluggishly during the first three months of the year as double-digit inflation curbed consumer spending and labour unrest curtailed output in industries ranging from transportation to healthcare and education. Gross domestic product, the broadest measure of economic activity, increased 0.1 per cent in the first quarter compared with the previous three months, the Office for National Statistics said Friday. The figure matched the growth rate during the fourth quarter of last year and was in line with economic forecasts. The figures come a day after the Bank of England approved a 12th

consecutive interest rate increase as it struggles to curb inflation that had remained at around 10 per cent since July. The bank also upgraded its economic outlook, saying the "underlying picture is more positive" than it was earlier this year. "Let's be clear, whilst the Bank of England may believe the UK economy will now avoid the predicted recession entirely, the country is not in good health," said Danni Hewson, head of financial analysis at AJ Bell, a UK-based investment platform. "Rising prices, rising interest rates and strike action have created a cocktail that's pretty unpalatable." On a monthly basis, the picture was even more grim. Output fell 0.3 per cent from

Lahore police leaves for Islamabad

For Imran Khan's arrest: Report

Lahore, May 12:

A team of Lahore police has left for Islamabad to arrest Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan in a number of cases registered against him in Punjab province, according to a media report on Friday. The police team is headed by the deputy inspector general (investigation), the Dawn newspaper reported. It was reported that the joint investigation team probing cases against Imran has informed the Islamabad High Court that it

seeks the arrest of chief of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party. Khan faces 121 cases across the country, including for committing treason and blasphemy and inciting violence and terrorism. Twelve cases of terrorism have been registered against Khan in Lahore and 14 cases have been registered in Faisalabad. Khan, 70, appeared before a special bench of the Islamabad High Court for a hearing on his bail plea in a graft case amid tight security. The bench, comprising Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb and Justice Justice Saman Rafat Iftikhar, took up the ex-premier's bail plea.

Australia trade minister seeks to mend ties on visit to China



In this photo released by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australian Trade and Tourism Minister Don Farrell visits the Forbidden City in Beijing on Friday, May 12, 2023.

Beijing, May 12:

Australia's Trade and Tourism Minister Don Farrell appears to be making progress in restoring a nearly decade-long rift in relations with China during a visit to Beijing. Farrell was holding meetings and visiting businesses on Friday in a sign that relations were

getting back on track. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese speaking in Sydney on Friday said the sides needed to "develop understanding and dialogue and I've said we'll cooperate with China where we can, we'll disagree where we must and we'll engage in a national interest." China is Australia's biggest trading partner, with two-way exchanges totalling USD 287 billion in 2022. China recently resumed imports of coal, cotton and copper from Australia, and Farrell has said on his visit he would push for a review of tariffs on Australian barley. China blocked such exports in retaliation for moves targeting Beijing's alleged interference in Australian elections and political life and social organisations in the large Australian-Chinese community. While trade ties seem to be improving, the sides remain far apart on political and security issues in the Asia-Pacific region. On his arrival Thursday, Farrell said he hoped his visit would "continue that process of stabilising our relationship and work through a successful pathway for the resolution of all of our outstanding trade differences."

US, Spain collaboration on migration looms large as Biden, Sanchez hold talks at White House

Washington, May 12:

President Joe Biden and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez are set to hold talks Friday as their countries are collaborating along with Canada to establish migration hubs in Latin America where asylum seekers fleeing poverty and violence in their home countries can go to apply for protection. The two leaders are also expected to discuss Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine, climate change and other issues.

But efforts by the US and

Spain to cooperate on asylum processing will loom large over the White House talks as the Biden administration rolls out new immigration measures now that COVID-19 immigration restrictions have ended. The changes could fundamentally alter how migrants arrive at the US-Mexico border. The new efforts are designed to crack down on illegal crossings while opening up legal pathways meant to incentivise migrants to apply for asylum online where they are, instead of mak-

ing the dangerous and often deadly journey to the border. Those caught illegally crossing the southern US border cannot return for five years and they face criminal prosecution if they do. And migrants will be barred from seeking asylum at the border if they did not first ask for protection in a country they travelled through, or apply online. A major piece of the expanded legal pathway is the creation of processing centres in Colombia and Guatemala and up to 100 others in the Western Hemisphere where migrants can go to apply to come to the US, Spain or Canada. It was a huge boon for the White House to get Spain and Canada to agree to take in asylum seekers from Latin America. And it helps reinforce the Biden administration's argument that the current migration quandary facing the Americas is a global problem that needs a global solution much like the refugee crises that have impacted Syria, Afghanistan and Ukraine in recent years.



Members of the Korean Nurses Association hold up their cards during a rally to mark International Nurses Day in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, May 12.

INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

Israeli airstrikes, Palestinian rockets continue even as hopes for a cease-fire grow

Gaza City, May 12:

The most violent confrontation in months between Israel and Palestinian militants continued for a third straight day on Friday, as Israeli warplanes struck targets in the Gaza Strip and militants fired more rockets at Israel. There were no immediate reports of casualties on either side on Friday, as foreign mediators pressed ahead with efforts to reach a cease-fire. The past few days of fighting have killed 31 Palestinians in Gaza and a 70-year-old man in central Israel. The Israeli military said its warplanes struck Islamic Jihad rocket launchers. Gaza residents reported explosions in farms near the southern city of Rafah. A burst of rocket fire from the Gaza Strip sent air raid sirens



wailing near Israel's southern border Friday, breaking a 12-hour lull that had raised hopes that Egypt, Qatar and the United Nations could soon be able to broker a cease-fire. The cross-border exchanges this week have pitted Israel against Islamic Jihad, the second-largest militant group in Gaza after the territory's Hamas rulers. Since Tuesday, Israel says its strikes have killed five senior Islamic Jihad figures. Islamic Jihad has retaliated with over 800 rockets fire toward densely populated parts of Israel.

In that time, Israel's military said it has used airstrikes to hit at least 215 targets in Gaza, including rocket and mortar launch sites and militants preparing to use them.

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Breathing New Life

Bold Move to Ban Diesel Cars and Go Electric by 2027

India may ban the use of diesel-powered four-wheeler vehicles by 2027 and instead switch to electric and gas-fuelled vehicles in cities with more than a million people and polluted towns in a bid to cut emissions. A panel formed by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is recommending the move as part of the country's target to produce 40% of its electricity from renewables to achieve its 2070 net-zero goal. The panel says new registrations of only electric-powered city delivery vehicles should be allowed from 2024. Furthermore, by 2030, the government should consider a targeted extension of incentives given under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric and Hybrid Vehicles (FAME) scheme. The proposed ban would have a significant impact, as a large number of cities in India have more than one million people, and include not just the metropolitan centres, but also smaller towns and cities. It is, however, not clear how the ban would unfold and how practical it would be in implementation terms, particularly in the case of medium and heavy commercial vehicles that transport goods on the country's highways. The diesel engine is part of the models that some carmakers, such as the Korean carmakers Hyundai and Kia, offer, while Japan's Toyota Motor has the Innova Crysta range. Homegrown carmakers Mahindra and Tata Motors also have diesel models on the market. However, most carmakers have substantially moved to deleverage their diesel portfolios since 2020. The proposed move to ban diesel engines by 2027 is in line with India's ambitious target to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2070, and will also help to reduce the country's air pollution levels. India, one of the world's largest emitters of greenhouse gases, wants to produce 40% of its electricity from renewables. The report suggests India should consider building underground gas storage, equivalent to two months' demand, as demand is expected to rise at a compound average growth rate of 9.78% between 2020 and 2050. It also suggested the use of depleted oil and gas fields, salt caverns, and aquifers for building gas storage with the participation of foreign gas-producing companies. The ban would be an essential step for India to meet its climate commitments under the Paris Agreement and reduce the harmful impacts of air pollution on the health of its citizens. The higher fuel economy of diesel engines over petrol powertrains is one factor. Diesel engines have a greater energy content per litre of diesel, and the inherent efficiency of the diesel engine means that diesel engines use less fuel per kilometre, making it the fuel of choice for heavy vehicles. However, the higher compression ratio of diesel engines means there are increased emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NOx), which is one of the main drawbacks of diesel engines versus petrol. The biggest blow for diesel has been the Volkswagen emissions scandal, which led to an increase in the negative perception against diesel across markets, including India. The cost of upgrading diesel engines to meet new standards has also been a major hurdle for carmakers. Carmakers had to put three pieces of equipment, a diesel particulate filter, a selective catalytic reduction system, and an LNT (Lean NOx trap) to meet the BS-VI norms, all at the same time, which was vital to curb both PM and NOx emissions as mandated under the BS-VI norms. The proposed ban of diesel engines in India is a necessary step in the right direction for the country to achieve its climate goals and improve the air quality in its cities. While the move is likely to face some challenges, including implementation, it is a positive step towards achieving India's climate goal.

Harnessing Technology for a Sustainable Future

Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

National Technology Day, celebrated annually on May 11th, serves as a remarkable occasion that urges us to reflect upon the remarkable impact of technology on our lives. It stands as a testament to the boundless human creativity and our steadfast dedication to progress through innovation. This year, the selected theme is "Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for a sustainable future." This theme underscores the significance of utilizing technology to construct a future that is environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable. Particularly for a country as diverse as India, technology has played a pivotal role in preserving lives and augmenting their efficacy in the face of numerous challenges. Technology has penetrated every facet of our lives, fundamentally reshaping our lifestyle, occupation, and means of communication. From the indispensable smartphones that accompany us upon awakening to the interconnected devices and systems that encompass us, its impact is all-encompassing. Across various domains, including healthcare, education, transportation, and entertainment, technology has revolutionized industries on a global scale. In healthcare, it has ushered in a new era of possibilities. Robotic surgeries, AI-assisted diagnostics, and telemedicine have not only improved patient care but also enhanced treatment outcomes and experiences. Education has undergone a significant transformation thanks to technology. Online learning platforms, digital classrooms, and educational apps have made education more accessible, interactive, and engaging. Educators now have innovative tools at their disposal to deliver personalized instruction tailored to individual learning styles. The transportation industry has experienced a remarkable shift through technological advancements. Electric vehicles, self-driving cars, and smart traffic management systems have made transportation safer, more environmentally friendly, and efficient. Furthermore, ride-sharing platforms and navigation apps have revolutionized travel, offering unprecedented convenience and accessibility. Entertainment has also been revolutionized by technology. Streaming platforms, virtual reality (VR), and augmented reality (AR) have enriched our entertainment experiences, providing immersive and interactive content. Social media platforms have connected artists and creators directly with their audiences, fostering a vibrant and diverse creative ecosystem. Against the backdrop of the urgent global climate crisis, National Technology Day serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of clean energy and sustainable practices. Embracing cutting-edge technologies such as clean energy solutions holds the key to generating employment opportunities, enhancing air quality, and fostering overall well-being. Above everything else, National Technology Day commemorates the profound influence of technology and its ability to shape a brighter future for everyone. It inspires us to persistently challenge limits, nurture innovation, and leverage the potential of technology to uplift humanity as a whole.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rahul Gandhi's Struggle

Rahul Gandhi's recent interaction with students in Bangalore, including taking bus rides with them, raises questions about his ability to connect with the people he seeks to influence. As a key opposition leader, his words still hold power, whether they are truthful or not. However, he appears to be struggling to effectively target his audience. Criticizing current issues without presenting viable solutions, especially to an audience that is actively engaged in social media and aware of current affairs, can be counterproductive. It risks driving them towards supporting the ruling party, which could have detrimental effects on the country without a strong opposition. It's high time for Congress and Rahul Gandhi to reassess their approach and message if they wish to gain traction with the public.

Chandni Shrivastava, Durg

The threat of war

As the world faces the constant threat of war, the importance of peace has never been greater, especially in the age of nuclear weapons. Although most people understand the value of peace, politicians with absolute power and inflated egos remain a danger to global stability. Putin's attack on Ukraine, justified by a supposed threat to Russia's existence, is just one example. Russia now seeks a way to end the conflict with dignity, but it may be too late to prevent the massive losses incurred. Only the UN Security Council or wise leaders can prevent another devastating world war. As with all nations, India's role must be to advocate for peace.

MK Nair, Raipur

Wrestling Woes

The ongoing protest by wrestlers, who have set a deadline of May 21 for the arrest of the WFU chief, is a serious issue that requires immediate attention. These women have represented India with distinction on the national and international stage, and their demands for justice must be heard. The government possesses the power to address this matter, and it should do so swiftly. The Prime Minister must intervene, and senior officials and retired judges should be appointed to mediate and resolve the situation. A prompt resolution will benefit not only the protesting wrestlers but also the country as a whole.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

Election Promises

The Congress party's recent election manifesto in Karnataka, with its unreasonable promises such as banning the Bajrang Dal, threatens to undo the progress made during Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra. This misguided promise has only served to bring the issue of Hindutva to the forefront in the state, potentially derailing the party's chances of regaining power. Such mistakes have been made by the Congress in the past, erupting Hindutva with jihadi ideology, and the same is being repeated in Karnataka. The saffron party could benefit greatly from these missteps. It is crucial for political parties to make realistic promises to avoid alienating voters and losing ground.

Rajevee Shankar Das, New Delhi

ROAD BLOCKED



Workers clear a fallen tree from a road following storm at Balurhat in South Dinajpur district of West Bengal, Friday.

Operation Kaveri: IAF's Audacious Triumph



DR. RAHUL BHARATBHUSHAN KAMBLE



On last Friday morning, India concluded "Operation Kaveri" to evacuate Indians from the war-torn country of Sudan, with the last IAF C-130J aircraft arriving in India with 47 passengers. With this, the total count of all the Indians rescued from Sudan became 3862. The Indian Government, along with the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy, executed Operation Kaveri to bring back stranded Indians from the country of Sudan, which is facing a near-civil war due to groups fighting for power.

Operation Kaveri will be etched into the history of the force and will be remembered for years to come. It involved endless sorties of transport aircraft of the IAF, flying round the clock and against time. In a recent rescue mission, a C-17 heavy-lifter of the IAF airlifted 192 people, with the full mission lasting almost 24 hours with a refueling stop at Jeddah in Saudi Arabia. The mission comes after a historic rescue mission carried out by a C-130J special operations aircraft at the end of April.

On the night of April 27-28, 2023, the IAF C-130J aircraft rescued 121 personnel from a small airstrip at Wadi Seidna, about 40 km North of Khartoum, Sudan, despite the airstrip lacking navigational aids, fuel, landing lights, or facilities to facilitate the rescue mission. The Indian Air Force (IAF) and Garud Commandos carried out a daring, overnight operation to airlift stranded Indians. The aircrew used their Electro-

Optical/Infra-Red sensors to ensure that the runway was free from obstructions and that no hostile forces were in the vicinity. Having made sure of the same, the aircrew carried out a tactical approach on Night Vision Goggles on a practically dark night. Upon landing, the aircraft engines were kept running while eight IAF Garud Commandos secured the passengers and their luggage into the aircraft.

As with the landing, the take-off from the unlit runway was also carried out using NVGs. Among the passengers was a pregnant woman, besides those who had no means to reach Port Sudan, the IAF said in a statement.

The convoy was led by the Indian Defence Attaché, who was in continuous touch with IAF authorities all along, till they reached the airstrip at Wadi Seidna. This approximately two-and-a-half-hour operation between Wadi Sayyidna and Jeddah will go down in the books of IAF history for its sheer audacity and flawless execution, akin to that carried out in Kabul.

Sudan is experiencing bloodshed due to clashes between the army and paramilitary forces. Even though there is a 72-hour ceasefire, there have been allegations of violence. India has deployed its military planes and warships in the war-torn country to ensure that no Indian national is left behind.

This is not the first time that the IAF has carried out such daring operations. On August 2nd, 2021, as part of 'Operation Devi Shakti,'

an IAF C-130J Super Hercules was tasked with a Special Operation into the destabilized, war-torn nation of Afghanistan. The embassy staff had already been evacuated prior, and hence there was no source to achieve reliable ground intelligence on the situation in Kabul or the areas around the Kabul airport. Group Captain Ravi Nanda, the Commanding Officer of a C-130 Transport Squadron, led the mission to fly into the epicenter of the conflict zone of Kabul to insert a 'Specialized Team' for facilitating the swift evacuation of the Indian diaspora under imminent threat to their lives. A high level of unpredictability and danger existed due to a lack of intelligence at the target getfield.

This high-risk midnight mission faced the utmost dangers of absolutely uncontrolled airspace, dense traffic of unknown aerial platforms, extremely limited visual inputs in the middle of unforgiving mountainous terrain, and above all, a hostile ground situation with small arms, rocket-propelled grenades, and shoulder-launched missiles.

Amidst chaotic ground situation, ongoing sporadic gunfire in the vicinity of the airport, and possible threat to life and equipment, the C-130J and its crew led by Nanda effectively used Night Vision Goggles (NVG) to land safely at Kabul. It not only led to the subsequent evacuation of all the stranded, but also got scripted into the history as one of the most arduous missions executed.

India bought the C-130J primarily for specialist military operations in dangerous terrains under hostile conditions, essentially for operating against Pakistan and China, respectively. The C-130J Super Hercules is the most advanced production model of the legendary C-130 Hercules mid-sized tactical airlifter. True to its name, Hercules, the mythological superhero, the aircraft is known for its ability to support many tasks and missions in the most challenging

conditions. The Indian fleet is now being looked upon as one of the most famous and well-known Super Hercules fleets around the world for performing daring military operations from challenging terrains. An IAF crew used one of the C-130Js to set a new record in August 2013 when the No. 77 Squadron landed one of the aircraft at the Daulat Beg Oldie Advanced Landing Grounds in Ladakh, a small airstrip that has the distinction of being the highest (at 16,614 ft./5,000m) and most challenging runways in the world. This feat was a record for the IAF, which beat its own world record for high altitude operations, and for the C-130 and the C-130J. In May 2020, the IAF flew one of its Super Hercules non-stop from Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir to Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala, covering the entire stretch of India from North to South in just over 10 hours, covering a distance of over 5,000 km.

In 2017, the aircraft had done a 13-hour non-stop flight during an International sortie. The IAF deploys the C-130Js for various missions, including humanitarian aid, natural disaster support, air-lift, search and rescue, and special operations.

An IAF C-130J was the first aircraft to land and extend support during the Nepal earthquake in recent years. The C-130J's capabilities can be expanded to support other critical needs, including tanking, search and rescue, border patrol, and even maritime security surveillance. While the globe acknowledges the Indian Air Force as home to one of the most diverse ecosystem of Fighter aircrafts, the mighty birds of the IAF are very less talked about. Only the stranded shall know the gravity of an Indian transport aircraft landing for their rescue.

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Sankashti Ganesh Chaturthi festival: A unique confluence of rationality and spirituality



Rajender Kumar Sharma

Hindu Gods and Goddesses are symbolically represented as the benefactors and protectors of nature, the environment and all living beings in nature. Lord Shiva who has a garland of snakes around his neck, then Lord Nandi is sitting at the main gate of Shivalaya. Mother Ganga resides in his hair, Lord Hanuman, Jamvant, Lord Ganesha, Garuda etc. Nature and natural resources have always been revered in Hinduism. And the purpose of observing various religious festivals that fall every year is also to express gratitude to this vast

nature and the life-giving resources provided by it, and to take a pledge to protect and preserve it. This scientific basis gives an eternal form to Hinduism. There is no place for myths and superstitions.

On coming May 8 (May 08, 06:19 PM - May 09, 04:08 PM), the festival of Sankashti Ganesh Chaturthi will be celebrated with pomp all over India. Lord Ganesha is considered a symbol of wisdom. According to a mythological incident, when Lord Shiva put a condition to Ganesha and Kartikeyan to circumambulate the universe, Kartikeyan went on to circumambulate the entire universe and Lord Ganesha completed his circumambulation by circumambulating mother Parvati and father Shiva, treating them as the universe. It depicts the wisdom of Lord Ganesha.

Ganesha, the son of Shiva and Parvati, the lord of the Ganas, Ganapati or Ganesha or Ganadhyaksha, Gajanana with the head like an elephant, Adipujaya, the initiator of every auspicious work, Mangalmurti, the one who rides the mouse, is the deity of Ketu. The cel-

ebration of Sankashti Chaturthi is prevalent in both northern and southern states of India. The celebrations of the state of Maharashtra are even more grand. No auspicious work is done without worshiping Lord Ganapati. Worshipped Ganesh is the deity who removes all obstacles and fulfills wishes. Shri Ganesha is the deity who bestows sincerity, prudence, innocence and impeccability.

'Sankashti' literally means 'liberation during difficult times' while 'Chaturthi' means 'the fourth day or the day of Lord Ganesha'. On this auspicious day, devotees worship Lord Ganesha and seek his blessings to remove all obstacles in life. It is auspicious to recite 'Ganesha Ashtotra', 'Sankashatanash Stotra' and 'Vakratunda Mahakaya' etc. on this day. Devotees observe a fast on this auspicious day, worship Lord Ganesha with rituals, offer him durva grass and fresh flowers. Let's enjoy his favorite sweet modak. Mod' means joy and 'ka' means small part. Modak held in the hand means that the hand has the power to bestow happiness. The fast is completed only

after worshiping Lord Ganesha in the evening and seeing the moon. The fast is broken by eating potato, sago keer or khichdi and peanuts.

Lord Shri Ganesh is also called Mangalmurti because symbolically all his parts are supposed to guide life in the right direction and bring positivity. His big head is a symbol of sharp intelligence and leadership qualities. Given the message of keeping thinking big. The small eyes of Ganapati are indicative of sharp vision, contemplative and serious nature. Eyes give the message of subtle study. Ganesh ji's ears are like soup. Soupa's religion is Sar-saar ko gahi lie aur Thotha dehi udai' Soupa only keeps the grain and blows away the husk. Listen to everyone with your ears, but take decisions with your intelligence and discretion. Big ears give the message of being more receptive and alert to the man.

The trunk of Ganesha is always active. An active person never has to face sorrow and poverty. According to the scriptures, the worship of Ganesha with the trunk on the right side is beneficial for those who want

happiness and prosperity. Ganesh ji's stomach is very big. For this reason they are also called Lambodar. The reason for being Lambodar is their ability to digest everything good and bad. Big belly is a symbol of happiness and prosperity.

Ekdant Ganesh is called Ekdant because Parshuram ji cut off a tooth of Lord Ganesha with his ax in the war. Ganesh ji wrote the entire Mahabharata book with his broken tooth. Which gives the message of utility of things.

Shri Ganesh has been called Omkar (Om) in Shivamana Puja. In this one letter Brahma, the upper part is the head of Ganesha, the lower part is the abdomen, the lunar point is the laddu and the matra is the trunk. Sankashti Ganesh Chaturthi fasting and worship should not be done only for the fulfillment of desires, but for pure spiritual progress. Spiritual growth communicates positive energy with oneself at a subtle level in the entire environment.

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BRIEF

Import duty

■ Shimla, May 12: Himachal Congress president Kuldeep Singh Rathore on Friday said the central government should increase the import duty on Apple from 50 to 100 per cent to protect farmers. The statement came days after the government banned the import of apples if their imported price is less than Rs 50 per Kg. Rathore, in a statement, maintained that the apple growers are not getting remunerative prices because apple is being imported in large quantities from other countries. "BJP leaders should urge him (the Prime Minister) to increase the import duty from 50 to 100 per cent," he added.

Short film

■ New Delhi: Featuring creators from different countries, including Grammy-nominated Afrofuturist musician Pierce Freelon, Air India on Thursday released a short film to celebrate Mother's Day. The short film is self-shot by different creators from around the world, the Tata Group-owned airline said in a release. "The short film features various creators, including 'Grammy-nominated Afrofuturist musician Pierce Freelon, Pakistani-Korean creator Fahila Muzaffar and digital creator Winnie Lee from Toronto, the video is a refreshingly original and heartfelt ode to mothers around the world," it said, adding that the short film is the airline's tribute to moms around the world.

Huge potential

■ New Delhi: There is a huge potential for growth in the expansion of business and engagement between India and Canada, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said. Goyal was addressing the Trade and Investment Promotion event for the agricultural and food processing sector with Indian companies and Canadian importers in Toronto on May 10, according to an official release.

R&D roadmap

■ New Delhi: Steel Ministry directed the stakeholders of the steel sector to develop a comprehensive medium-term research and development (R&D) roadmap for the domestic industry. A meeting in this regard was chaired by Steel Secretary Nagendra Nath Sinha, the Ministry of Steel said in a statement. "A brainstorming meeting was held...to evolve a comprehensive medium-term R&D roadmap and action plan for the Iron & steel sector for the next ten years," it said.

Stakeholders from the steel industry, academia, research laboratories, design & engineering companies participated in the meeting.

Nirmala pitches for empowering people by increasing digital access

New Delhi, May 12:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday underlined the need for going beyond GDP numbers and empowering people by improving digital connectivity in developing nations.

Addressing G7 seminar on economic policies for welfare, in Niigata, Japan, she stressed that technology improves access for the poor to markets and basic services and highlighted that access to digital connectivity has empowered people and there is a need to discuss ways to measure empowerment going beyond GDP indicators.

She underlined the dilemmas faced by Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (EMDEs) between climate security and growth as they manage overlapping crises and socio-economic transformation.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman meets Brazilian Minister of Finance Haddad Fernando on the sidelines of the G 7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting, in Niigata, Japan, Friday, May 12.

"Finance Minister Smt. @nsitharaman emphasised on the importance of #SustainableGrowth and environment and the need for balancing the two in the short and long run," a finance ministry tweet said. "The Union Finance Minister shared India's focus on #technology #DigitalPublicInfrastructure #GreenHydrogen as a foundation for #sustainable and #InclusiveGrowth and as an example of innovative #PolicyToolkits by #EMDEs," another tweet said. Sitharaman is on a two-day visit (May 11-12) to Japan to attend G7 meeting of the finance ministers and central bank governors. Meanwhile Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday met International Monetary Fund (IMF) managing director K Georgieva on the sidelines of G7 Finance Minister Central Bank Governors meet. She is on

a two-day visit to Japan. The G7 meeting is taking place in Niigata. Sitharaman also met Brazilian counterpart Haddad Fernando on the sidelines of the G7FMCBG meet.

Fernando appreciated India's organisation of the G20 presidency and its piloting of significant global economic issues, the finance ministry said in a tweet.

The two ministers discussed issues relating to infrastructure, strengthening multilateral development banks (MDBs), debt vulnerabilities and digital public infrastructure (DPI). Sitharaman extended her support for Brazil's upcoming G20 presidency in 2024. The South American nation will hold the G20 presidency from December 1, 2023, to November 30, 2024. Sitharaman also met Singapore Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Lawrence Wong.

PROMOTIONAL EVENT



Former tennis player Sania Mirza at a promotional event in New Delhi.

Bullish on 'very challenging' Indian aviation market: Boeing

New Delhi, May 12:

US aircraft maker Boeing on Friday said it is bullish on India, which is also a "very challenging market" in terms of high fuel cost and low fares, and also stressed that it will work with stakeholders to mitigate issues in the wake of lessors' concerns over the crisis at Go First. Boeing, which has a significant presence in India, asserted that it is bullish about the Indian market, which also has some unique challenges. Ryan Weir, Vice President of Commercial Sales and Marketing for India, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, said India has huge sales potential. To a query about lessors raising concerns about not

being able to take back the planes leased to Go First, he said the aircraft maker is working with the stakeholders to understand the issues. "We are certainly working with customers to identify any impacts...we are working with lessors to understand their perspectives as well. We will continue to work with all the stakeholders to understand and to the best of our abilities mitigate the impact," he said. Lessors have raised concerns about the National Company Law Tribunal's (NCLT) decision to impose a moratorium on Go First assets that also bar the deregistration of planes leased by the airline.

Dave Schulte, Managing Director of Regional Marketing at Boeing

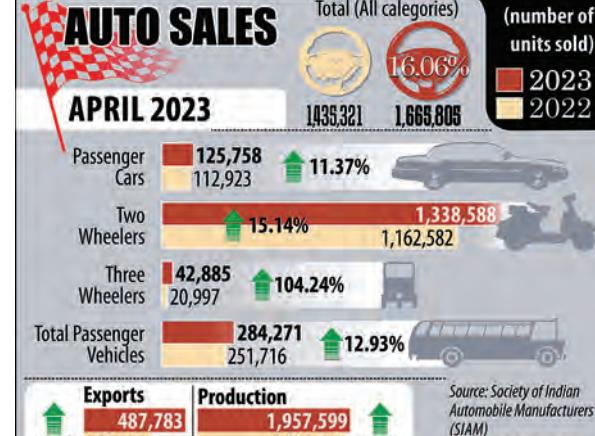
Commercial Airplanes, said the aircraft maker is "bullish" on the Indian market, which also has some "unique challenges". According to him, high fuel costs, lowest fares and changing currency rates with respect to the US dollar are the three main challenges, he noted. "So highest costs, lowest fares, it is a very challenging market. There will be ups and downs... It is the third largest aviation market in the world and we are bullish on the market," he said. They were speaking to reporters at the new office of Boeing Commercial Airplanes in Gurugram. Earlier this year, Boeing projected that India will require around 2,210 new planes in the next two decades and out of them,

1,983 units will be single-aisle jets. It also estimated a nearly 7 per cent annual domestic air traffic growth through 2041 for the Indian market. On whether the Go First crisis will have an impact on the bullish outlook for the country's aviation market, Boeing India President Salil Gupta said he does not feel so and that growth will continue. "In general, we don't feel that the trajectory of the market changes at all in terms of the growth and macro trends... progress is never a straight line and there are always ups and downs. Ultimately, growth in India will continue even as we work through the challenges that Go First is going through today," he told PTI in an interview.

Passenger vehicle dispatches rise 13 pc in April: SIAM

New Delhi, May 12:

Domestic passenger vehicle dispatches witnessed a 13 per cent year-on-year rise in April as demand remained robust across segments, industry body SIAM said on Friday. The total passenger vehicle dispatches from companies to dealers rose to 3,31,278 units last month compared to 2,93,303 units in April 2022. Market leader Maruti Suzuki India dispatched 1,37,320 units to dealers last month against 1,21,995 units in April last year. Hyundai Motor India, on the other hand, sold 49,701 units in April compared to 44,001 units in the year-ago period. Similarly, two-wheeler dispatches last month increased by 15 per cent to 13,38,588 units from 11,62,582 units a year ago. Motorcycle wholesales rose to 8,39,274 units last month from 7,35,360 units in April 2022. Similarly, scooter dis-



patches rose to 4,64,389 units in April against 3,88,442 units in the year-ago period. The total three-wheeler sales rose to 42,885 units last month from 20,997 units in April 2022.

"All the segments, passenger vehicles, two-wheelers and three-wheelers have posted growth in

April 2023, compared to April 2022, which clearly indicates that the industry has been able to transit very smoothly to BSVI Phase 2 emission norms from April 1 2023," Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) President Vinod Aggarwal stated.

Air India looks to operationalise engineering warehouse in national capital next month

New Delhi, May 12: Air India on Friday said it aims to operationalise an engineering warehouse near Delhi airport next month which will help resolve aircraft defects at a faster pace, and also indicated that pilots from Go First are looking to join the airline.

Under the ownership of Tata Group, loss-making Air India is working on reviving the airline and among others, is aggressively hiring pilots and cabin

crew as well as making various technological upgrades. In a message to employees on Friday, Air India CEO and MD Campbell Wilson said the airline has finalised an agreement for setting up a 57,000 square feet engineering warehouse near the airport in the national capital. "An agreement for a new 57,000 sq ft engineering warehouse near Delhi Airport was reached. It aims to be operational next month, giving us more prox-

mate access to and better control over our aircraft spares so we can resolve defects faster," he said. Details about the investment for the facility could not be immediately ascertained. Against the backdrop of Go First shuttering operations and filing for voluntary insolvency resolution proceedings, Wilson said Air India took various "rapid actions", including helping a student group stranded in Port Blair.

Real estate consultant Colliers India on Friday released a report "High on Investors' Agenda" report that delves into the factors

Singapore, May 12:

Indian origin Singaporean Ravi Menon has been reappointed as the central banker of the prosperous city state for two more years, an official announcement said on Friday. The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) re-appointed Menon as its Managing Director for a further term of two years, from 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2025. He will serve as Managing Director until May 31, 2025 or his retirement from the Singapore Public Service, whichever is earlier, the announcement said. Menon, who turns 59 this year, has been at the helm of the central bank since 2011 and was rumoured to leave MAS this year when his term ends on May 31, reported The Straits Times newspaper. MAS

has also announced the reappointment of three existing members to its Board of Directors including that of Menon who is also re-appointed as a member of the MAS board for another two years. In his 12 years as MAS chief, Menon helped steer Singapore's economy through the post-global financial crisis era and has been credited with pushing Singapore banks to de-

velop financial technology early, the report said. MAS further announced that Attorney-General Lucien Wong and Chaly Mah, Chairman of NetLink NBN Management, would be reappointed to the board for further three-year terms from Jun 1 to May 31, 2026. Mah also will be reappointed as chairman of the audit committee for the same duration. Meanwhile, former Prime Minister Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong, who is now Emeritus Senior Minister in the Government, will step down from his position as Senior Advisor to MAS on May 21.

"Since his appointment to this role in May 2011, he has advised the MAS board and lent his expertise across a wide range of matters," said the financial regulator.

Sensex rises 123 points to close above 62,000-mark

Mumbai, May 12:



ICICI Bank, HUL, Bajaj Finance and HCL Tech were among the other gainers. PowerGrid fell the

most by 2.67 per cent, followed by NTPC (2.34 per cent) and Tata Steel (1.43 per cent). Ultratech

closed lower on looming worries over US banks and lagging demand from China. Hong Kong's Hang Seng dropped 0.5 per cent, Shanghai Composite by 1 per cent and South Korea's Kospi by 0.7 per cent. Japan's Nikkei 225 gained 0.9 per cent. The US market ended mostly in the negative territory on Thursday. The domestic inflation data for the month of April and industrial production for March is scheduled to be announced later in the day. Meanwhile, global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.45 per cent to USD 74.59 per barrel. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers on Thursday as they bought equities worth Rs 837.21 crore, according to exchange data.

Foreign institutional inflow in real estate jumps over 3-fold to USD 26.6 bn in 2017-22: Colliers

New Delhi, May 12:

The Indian real estate sector received USD 26.6 billion as foreign institutional investment during 2017-22 period, a three-fold jump from the previous six years, driven by inflows from USA and Canada with a share of 70 per cent, according to Colliers India.

As per the data, total institutional investments in real estate rose to USD 32.9 billion during 2017-22 period from USD 25.8 billion in the 2011-16 period. Out of the total inflow, foreign institutional inflow

rose to USD 26.6 billion from USD 8.2 billion. However, the investment from domestic investors fell to USD 6.3 billion from USD 17.6 billion. In foreign funding, the inflow from USA jumped to USD 11.1 billion from USD 3.7 billion, while investment from USD 7.5 billion from USD 0.5 billion. Inflow from Singapore also jumped nearly three-fold to USD 6 billion during 2017-22 from USD 2.1 billion in 2011-16 period. "India's favourable demographic indi-

Deepika Padukone features on TIME magazine cover



Amrita Kochhar: Enriching the Art World with Navya Naveli Gallery

Sweta Sinha

In an exclusive interview with Amrita Kochhar, the Founder of Navya Naveli Gallery, we delve into the inspiring journey of a woman entrepreneur who has carved a niche for herself in the world of art. With open arms and warmth, Amrita welcomes art lovers and appreciators, fostering an environment where understanding and connecting with creators thrive. Her gallery not only provides a platform for the fortunate but also serves as a grounding space for those who face challenges. Amrita's simplicity and profound love for art resonate throughout the gallery, which houses an immense collection of artwork, cherished close to her heart.

Q1: Please tell us about your journey. How did you step into the art world?

Ans: My journey into the art world has been a harmonious and beautiful one. Since childhood, I have been captivated by the culture of music and dance, which naturally led me to explore the realms of art. I am filled with humility and gratitude for being exposed to art from an early age. The influence of my parents

played a significant role in shaping my interest. Our travels took us to museums in various countries, and my mother introduced me to diverse art shows in Delhi. These experiences nurtured my passion and deepened my understanding of art. For me, art is the most exquisite form of expression, reaching people visually and emotionally. As a gallerist, organizing art shows and programs has become second nature to me. It is an enriching and profoundly satisfying experience that continues to unfold.

Q2: As a newcomer, what difficulties did you face in your initial days?

Ans: Every profession presents its own unique challenges and dynamics, and the art world is no exception. Establishing Navya Naveli Gallery during the pandemic year brought forth numerous hurdles. From setting up the gallery to organizing my first major art charity show, "Kids for Life," and subsequent exhibitions such as "Umang" by artist Vimmi Indra, as well as one of the largest limited edition print shows, each step was accompanied by its own set of difficulties. However, I have been blessed with the love, guidance, and support of esteemed artists who have



propelled my growth, evolution, and enjoyment throughout the process. Artists like Anjolie Ela Menon, Arpana Kaur, Maite Delteil, and Sakti Burman have served as both pillars of inspiration and unwavering support. I am profoundly grateful for their mentorship. With meticulous planning, hard work, and the continuous encouragement

I from my father, Guljot Singh Kochhar, who has always believed in my dreams and given wings to my flight, I have overcome these challenges and embarked on a fulfilling and enriching artistic journey.

Q3: What is the aim of Navya Naveli Gallery, and what kind of artworks have you displayed so far?

Ans: Navya Naveli Gallery aims to represent art in its purest form, whether it be paintings, sculptures, or conceptual art. Our gallery strives to showcase art in a realistic and captivating manner, while capturing its true essence. We curate exhibitions, art shows, and global art programs with the intention of promoting and nurturing the world of art. Navya Naveli Gallery endeavors to present a diverse range of artists, ranging from renowned and legendary figures to established artists and emerging talents. By embracing this inclusive approach, we aim to make a significant impact in the realm of Indian art.

Q4: What can we expect from Navya Naveli Gallery's next exhibition?

Ans: Navya Naveli Gallery has an exciting series of art shows planned

for the upcoming two years. From a prestigious masters exhibition to a unique sculpture show and a grand exhibition dedicated to young, talented upcoming artists, our next exhibitions promise to be captivating and thought-provoking. We have several projects in the pipeline, and our goal is to continue evolving and delivering exceptional shows that leave a lasting impression on our audiences.

Q5: Selling art is often considered one of the most challenging jobs. Could you share a few insights on this aspect?

Ans: Undoubtedly, selling art is a demanding task that requires a deep understanding of the product and finding the right buyers. Art holds immense value and is cherished as one of life's most precious possessions. However, with each exhibition, Navya Naveli Gallery has grown and evolved. We have honed our skills in presenting art and identifying the target audience for different art forms. I take pride in my knowledge of art and understanding the expectations and needs of potential buyers. Selling art is an ongoing process that demands considerable effort, but I find great joy in the journey.

Ayushmann Khurana to perform at IIFA 2023



Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurana, who was most recently seen in 'An Action Hero', is set to perform at the IIFA Awards this year in Yas Island, Abu Dhabi.

The International Indian Film Academy Awards, popularly known as IIFA, is returning for its 23rd edition on May 26 and 27 and will see the who's who of Bollywood in attendance with deserving artistes being honored for their work in Hindi cinema for last year.

IIFA is the world's biggest celebration of Indian cinema and it is set to bring together the very best in music and entertainment under one roof.

For its 22nd edition, the Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani-star 'Shershaah' was conferred with the honour of Best Film with the event hosted by Salman Khan, Riteish Deshmukh and Maniesh Paul.

Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone has featured on the cover of TIME Magazine.

With this, Deepika joins the elite club of global figures like Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey and several other personalities who've featured on the noted magazine.

It was in 2022, when Deepika was named in 'The Time100 Impact Award' for her achievements in cinema and work

in mental health advocacy.

On the acting front, Deepika's latest release 'Pathaan' with Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan turned out to be a blockbuster. She is now gearing up for her next 'Fighter', where she will be seen starring alongside Hrithik Roshan and Anil Kapoor.

She will also be seen in 'Project K' starring Prabhas and Amitabh Bachchan.

WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA VISITED HER HOMETOWN!

Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Mohanty

This is the first time ever that any President of India has visited Rairangpur in 75 years of its political independence! This is more momentous as the largest democracy of the world, elects a tribal lady for the top post for the first time. This brought another feather in the cap of inclusive politics, adding hues to the celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. 'Let me not be so big that I cannot embrace my own people,' quoted President Droupadi Murmu as she got emotional, by quoting Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Her three-day visit, spanning from 4-6 May 2023, was her maiden visit to the hometown and former constituency Rairangpur, after being elected as the president of India. It created history as a series of programmes have been scheduled in Pahadpur, Hatbadla, Rairangpur, Sandbasa, Jashipur, Simlipal, Baripada etc in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha. The day-1 started with HH President garlanding her late husband Shyam Charan Murmu in

the latter's native village, Pahadpur. An educational institution known as, SLS (Shyam-Laxman-Sipun) Memorial Residential school has been imparting free high school education to 100 underprivileged students there, under the aegis of a trust, named after her deceased husband and two sons.

She had left Rairangpur on 22 June 2022 for New Delhi after being declared as the NDA presidential candidate for the 16th presidential election held on 21 July 2022. In the Civic reception organised by Rairangpur Municipality on 4th May 2023, the daughter of the soil, broke all the proto-



Prez Droupadi Murmu felicitates senior citizens in Odisha's Rairangpur.

cols, to be with her people, who she spent all her life with. She got emotional when she walked to the audience to honour 31 senior citizens and met the representatives of more than 25 organizations. The Rairangpur stadium reverberated with 'Jai Jagannath,' during her speech. When she met the author's mother Dr. P.S. Manikyeswari, she greeted her saying 'Jai Gurudev' and inquired about the Art of Living organization, in the town. Similarly, when she met the cousin, she asked about his job. When she met the author's father,

Manoranjan Mohanty (Nandia Bhai), she addressed him as 'elder brother' and discussed the issues and challenges of the area. The latter requested her to facilitate the creation of a separate district Rairangpur, carving out from existing Mayurbhanj and commissioning of a direct train from New Delhi to Rairangpur; to which she jocularly said, you did not make me a member of parliament in 2009. Nandia Bhai said, we made you president of the nation and expect development of the district, through your office.

Needless to say, Droupadi Murmu as people's representative, has contributed her best for the development of Rairangpur Constituency. She was instrumental in making many bridges, roads, temples and education facilities, for scheduled castes and tribes and the socio-cultural development in the district etc.

"President Droupadi Murmu – A reflection of changing Bharat" is a biographical sketch of the 15th President of Bharat is going to be released soon, depicting a true story written by her acquaintance, Dr. Vijaya

Lakshmi Mohanty, from Rairangpur. Often, we are taught to be mighty, powerful, go-getter and acquire skills, to win the world. This defines success. The book teaches values in a subtle manner. If you are focused to serve and bring smiles in your neighbourhood by volunteering goodness, you will be noticed and rewarded. She spread goodness as a student, an employee, as a wife, daughter-in-law, mother, teacher, political leader for sixty years, without wanting anything in return. Here is what nature gave it back. She has become the first citizen of the largest democracy of the world, braving odds and breaking the barriers of patriarchy, parochialism and what not. All the reasons looked smaller as she grew bigger with her passion, dedication and compassion. Salute to the great woman of our time.

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Spending time with family is always rejuvenating!



Every year International Family Day is celebrated on May 15 to reflect the significance the international community attaches to families. &TV artists Ayubh, Bhabhani (Krishna, Doori Maa), Yogesh Tripathi (Daroga Happu Singh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan) and Shubhangi Tripathi (Angoori, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai) acknowledge the importance of family time and share how each of them, amidst their daily schedule, devote time for their families. Shubhangi Atre aka Angoori Bhabhi from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, shares, "Spending time with your daughter is always enjoyable, especially, when she is a teenager! We have many similar interests now, including films, music, fashion and more. We discuss them all. Hence, I always wrap my shoot schedule by dinner time, so that I can spend time with my daughter and learn about her day. Nothing makes me feel rejuvenated than talking to her and hearing her stories. Depending on her mood, our dinnertime chats range from college gossip to current affairs."

COLORS' ropes in Sneha Wagh and Kamya Panjabi in pivotal roles

In a world where the odds are stacked against them, a mother and daughter fight tooth and nail to secure a brighter future in COLORS' upcoming show 'Neerja...Ek Nayi Pehchaan.' The show revolves around the mother-daughter duo who belong to Kolkata's Sonagachi. Despite facing numerous challenges, Neerja's mother, Protima, is determined to provide her daughter a chance at a better life, and is safeguarding her from the madam of Sonagachi, Didun. Produced by Sunshine Productions, Neerja stars versatile actors Sneha Wagh and Kamya Panjabi in key

roles. Young Neerja will be played by popular Marathi child artist Myra Vaikul.

Set to be seen essaying the role of Protima, Sneha Wagh says, "I am thrilled to take on the role of Protima in 'Neerja...Ek Nayi Pehchaan', who strives to provide her

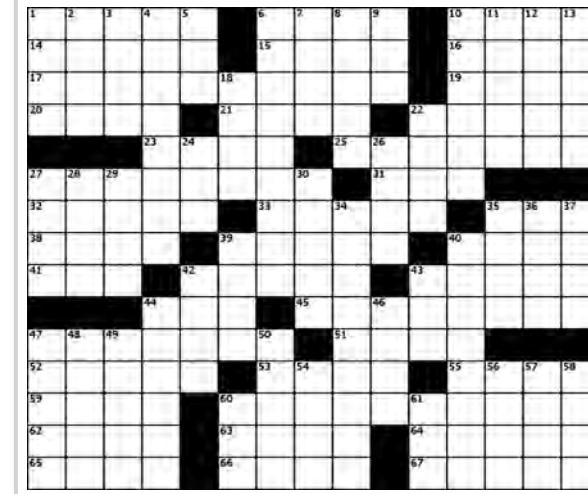
daughter with the best upbringing possible. Protima's love for her daughter Neerja and the bond the two share is truly inspiring. In the show, the challenges and hurtful reality of the area where the mother and daughter are staying are very compli-

cated. She's determined to shield her daughter Neerja from the hardships that she herself had to endure in the harsh world."

Ahead of playing Didun's character, Kamya Punjabi says, "Neerja...Ek Nayi Pehchaan offers an endearing story that revolves around a mother and daughter who strive to escape the perils of Sonagachi. My character Didun, the madam of the brothel, observes Protima and her daughter as they dream of a better life. It's a complex character, and I hope to do justice to it. I'm excited for the viewers to watch the show and shower their love on it."



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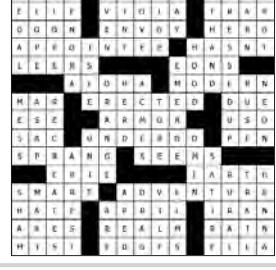
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- 62. That guy
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- 64. Burger order
- 65. Serving perfectly
- 66. Sllobber
- 67. Hair dye
- 68. Benefactor
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Alcaraz one of the top favourites for French Open: Djokovic

Paris, May 12:

World number one Novak Djokovic said Carlos Alcaraz is the man to beat on clay and is one of the top title contenders for the French Open.

Alcaraz has won back-to-back claycourt titles in Barcelona and Madrid after beginning an injury-hit season with the Buenos Aires crown and is poised to leapfrog Djokovic into top spot in the rankings after the ongoing Italian Open.

Rafael Nadal, a 14-time champion at Roland Garros, has been dealing with a hip injury he suffered at the Australian Open in January and fears are growing the Spaniard may miss the Paris Grand Slam. Djokovic, 35, told reporters in Rome that Alcaraz was worthy of the number one ranking.

"He's going to be number one after this tournament whatever happens. Deservedly so," he added. "He has been playing some very impressive tennis, a



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great level. He's the player to beat on this surface, no doubt. "Of course, it depends on if Nadal is going to play in the French Open or not. But Alcaraz is one of the top favourites without any dilemma." Djokovic, who skipped the American hardcourt swing as he was unvaccinated for COVID-19, said he hoped to reignite his ri-

valry with US Open champion Alcaraz with a potential final meeting on the cards in Rome. "We faced each other only once last year in Madrid," said Djokovic, who lost that match in three sets. "If we get a chance to face each other here, it would be in the final. I think we would both love to play in the final."

Jaipur to host the inaugural season of Premier Handball League

Jaipur, May 12 (PTI):

The inaugural edition of the Premier Handball League is set to be held from June 8 to 25 at the Sawai Mansingh Indoor Stadium here.

The league will feature six teams - Rajasthan Patriots, Garvit Gujarat, Maharashtra Ironmen, Golden Eagles Uttar Pradesh, Telugu Talons and Delhi Panzers.

President of Rajasthan State Sports Council Krishna Poonia said, "We were committed to organising a grand sporting event in the state and this was the perfect opportunity to do so. "We are sure the league will provide the handball players the perfect platform to showcase their talents and eventually will help elevate the status of handball as a sport in the nation," said the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games discus throw gold medallist.

Hardik will have a lot of say in India's T20 WC squad: Shastri

New Delhi, May 12 (PTI)

Former India head coach Ravi Shastri is expecting a number of new faces in India's T20 World Cup squad next year with skipper Hardik Pandya having a "big say" in selection matters.

While the likes of Test and ODI captain Rohit Sharma and star batter Virat Kohli still remain in the T20 scheme of things, the phasing out process had started after a disappointing semi-final exit in last year's global meet in Australia.

"I think they will (look in new direction)," Shastri told ESPN Cricinfo.

"The T20 World Cup is coming up and there is lot of talent among youth. This year's IPL, we have seen some refreshing new talent. There will be new faces not a new team. He (Hardik) is already captain of India, so he will continue unless he is not fit," the former India all-rounder said. Shastri feels that just like the 2007 World Cup, when India went with a relatively new team full of youngsters under



Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the same would happen in the upcoming tournament.

"Now they would go the 2007 T20 World Cup route and identify talent, and he (HP) will have big choice and his ideas will be different and he would have played IPL, and seen a lot of other players as captain of IPL. "Obviously, he is the man who is going to take these guys out on the park, no one else, so whatever he says has to be given importance," he added. But Shastri also wants everyone to have priorities clear:

"Don't even think of T20 World Cup till ODI World

Cup is over; and after that you have enough time for T20s." As far as Hardik is concerned, Shastri finds him at his decision-making best when he is fit and leading from the front.

"He is supremely confident about his own abilities and the fact that he is fit now, makes a massive difference," he said.

The national team, under head coach Igor Stimac, will be camping in Bhubaneswar to prepare for the tournament from May 15.

This will be the third edition of the Intercontinental Cup, with the previous two being held in Mumbai (2018) and Ahmedabad (2019).

India to play Mongolia in Intercontinental Cup opener

New Delhi, May 12 (PTI)

The Indian men's football team will take on Mongolia on the opening day of the upcoming Intercontinental Cup, which kicks off at Bhubaneswar's Kalinga Stadium on June 9.

The other two teams in the competition, Lebanon and Vanuatu, will clash on the same day, which will be the tournament opener.

The event is part of India's preparations for the 2023 AFC Asian Cup in Qatar. Immediately after the Intercontinental Cup, India will play the SAFF Championship, to be held in Bengaluru from June 21 July 3.

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BWF hands interim ban on new 'spin serve'

New Delhi, May 12 (PTI):

top badminton players with even the Indian doubles shuttlers putting in the hard yards to master this latest skill, which many believe can give "unfair" advantage to the players.

It was first started by Danish doubles player Marcus Rindshoj, who accumulated a bunch of points with this innovative spin serve at the Polish Open last month.

This is a kind of serve where the shuttler holds the cork of the shuttlecock in between his or her thumb and middle finger and tries to put a spin to it with a carrom strike motion before sending it across the net with the racket. This spin serve has proved to be a handful for the opposition players, who have struggled to send it back as the shuttle twists and falls across the net.

Jaiswal's thumb rule: 'Routine and process'

Kolkata, May 12 (PTI)

Indian cricket's 'next big thing' Yashasvi Jaiswal is a stickler for processes and there are a few basic rules that he follows while preparing for high-intensity, high-stakes game like the "intense one" against KKR, which he would remember for a long time.

Jaiswal, who struck IPL's fastest half-century in 13 balls en route his magnificent 98 not out in 47 balls, has now scored 575 runs in 12 games at a strike-rate of 167 plus. He is just one run short of Faf du Plessis' current aggregate of 576.

"I will remember this innings for a long time in my life. It was very intense," said the 21-year-old at the post-match media interaction.

"When I went to bat, I felt I had very less time



and suddenly I felt 'ab sab hua jaa raha hai' (every-

thing was falling in place)... I thought I should

continue playing like this. It's one of my memorable knocks," Jaiswal told media after the game.

The harder you train, the easier it gets in match situation is a basic theme but very difficult to follow at times. Putting his effort in systemic training, Jaiswal has found success and his India call-up will be a matter of time.

"My thumb rule is on my routine and the process, it matters a lot to me. I try my best to keep my focus on that and keep learning every match. It's very important as I have to take my game forward," he added.

Putting in hours under RR's Director of Cricket Zubiin Bharucha at their academy -- MSD.7 -- in Talegaon, a village in Maharashtra's Wardha district is helping him immensely.

Laggards DC face desperate PBKS

New Delhi, May 11 (PTI)

Marsh, who have given the team some momentum with willow. The likes of Manish Pandey, Ripal Patel and Aman Hakim Khan have lacked the killer punch as they have not been able to change their game according to the match situation.

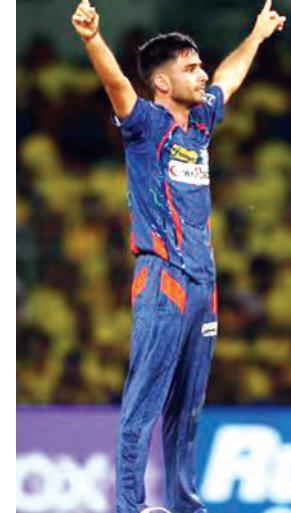
The inability of the middle-order to rotate the strike or find big hits has put paid to their hopes. As a result, once the top-order caves in, they lack the wherewithal to finish a chase, something which was on display against Chennai Super Kings, the other day.

Skipper Warner, who looked good during the first half of the season, has struggled in the last five innings with single digit scores in three of them.

"When I went to bat, I felt I had very less time

Sunrisers batters gear up for Lucknow spin test

Hyderabad, May 12 (PTI)



mix. However, on an Uppal track that has produced middling team totals, the role of spinners will be paramount, and that's where Bishnoi, veteran Impact Sub' Amit Mishra and skipper Krunal himself come into the picture.

The spin troika will have its task cut out against a Hyderabad lineup whose batting will be dependant on their three overseas recruits -- Aiden Markram, Heinrich Klaasen and Glenn Phillips. Phillips is a new entrant into the playing XI after Rs 13.25 crore buy Harry Brook's underwhelming returns of 163 runs in first nine games.

Hussamuddin gives walkover, signs of with bronze

Tashkent, May 12 (PTI)

Indian boxer Mohammad Hussamuddin signed off with a bronze medal at the World Championships after a knee injury forced him to withdraw from his semifinal bout here on Friday. The 29-year-old from Nizamabad sustained a knee injury in his quarterfinal bout against J. Diaz Ibanez of Bulgaria. "Hussamuddin gives a walkover due to injury and settles for bronze. He sustained a knee injury during his QF bout and was advised to not compete further," the boxing federation of India said in a statement.

Hussamuddin, who was competing in his debut World Championships, was scheduled to face Cuba's Saidel Horta in the last four clash.

His replacement, Amit Mishra,

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Federico Gatti equalised with the last play of the game seven minutes into added time as his header earned Juventus a vital point.

Juventus won in the second leg next week to get a chance to claim a first European title since winning the Champions League in 1996. Sevilla has won the trophy six times and the Spanish squad again

proved it is a title contender.

Youssef En-Nesyri scored in the 26th minute to finish a lethal counter-attack for Sevilla, which eliminated Manchester United in the quarterfinals

Lokayukta police raid contractual engineer with govt body, unearth assets worth nearly Rs 7 crore

Bhopal, May 12 (PTI)

TV set worth nearly Rs 30 lakh, he said.

"We carried out raids at three locations linked to Hema Meena, including her farmhouse at Bilkiriy area in Bhopal around 1 am on Friday," Bhopal Lokayukta Superintendent of Police Manu Vyas told PTI over the phone. The official said assets worth nearly Rs 7 crore disproportionately to her known sources of income were unearthed. The raids were conducted after the Lokayukta police received

complaints that she had amassed huge wealth by unfair means, the official said. "We found 65 canines, including more than 30 country dogs, at her farmhouse spread over an area of 20,000 square feet with a built-up area of 10,000 square feet. Besides, we found around 30 cattle there. Some of them are Gir cows," he added. Seven to eight vehicles, including high-end Sports Utility Vehicles (SUV), were found parked at the woman's farmhouse, the SP said.

Accused Hema Meena

works with the MP Police

Housing

Corporation

(MPPHC) on a contractual basis and draws a monthly payment of Rs 30,000. The recovered assets include a



KALASH YATRA

Women take part in a 'Kalash Yatra' a day before a programme of Dhrendra Shastri at Naubatpur in Patna, Friday.

ED custody of Jharkhand IAS officer Chhavi Ranjan extended

Ranchi, May 12 (PTI)

money laundering probe into the alleged illegal land deals.

Ranjan was briefly questioned by the agency on April 13 as well, when searches were carried out at his premises and those of some others in Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal.

The ED had earlier arrested seven people, including a Jharkhand government officer, after the raids.

The central agency is investigating more than a dozen land deals, including one pertaining to defence land, wherein a group of mafias, middlemen and bureaucrats allegedly "connived" in forging deeds and documents from as early as 1932.

It is alleged that land parcels of the poor were usurped as part of this fraud.

This is the second case in which a Jharkhand cadre IAS officer has come under the scanner of the ED.

He recalled how one of

Gandhinagar, May 12 (PTI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that earlier students used to get "kitabi gyan" (bookish knowledge) but the new National Education Policy (NEP) will change that.

Addressing teachers gathered here from across the country for the 29th Biennial Educational Conference, organised by the All India Primary Teachers Federation, Modi said Google can give data and information but the role of teachers is to be the mentors of students.

"Earlier, we used to give just kitabi gyan to our students, but this will change with the introduction of the New Education Policy," Modi said.

He said the new NEP focuses on practical learning.

"Such an education system is at the centre of NEP and now it is the responsibility of the teachers to implement this system on the ground," said the PM in an appeal to the teachers.

According to Modi, education imparted in local languages will also help talented youths from villages to become teachers.

"After our

Independence, English became a dominant language.

Even today, parents want their kids to study in English medium.

As a result, talented teachers

from villages and from



his school teachers used to make him and other students learn about numbers using grains.

Referring to the changes made in the NEP, Modi stressed the need for giving primary education to students in their mother tongue and added that NEP has made provisions for it.

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from villages and from

poor family backgrounds stopped getting opportunities just because they never got a chance to learn English. Since NEP puts stress on education in local languages, it will also help such teachers in getting opportunities," he said.

Praising what he called the noble profession of teaching, Modi said whenever he met any world leader, including royal rulers of Bhutan and Saudi Arabia, they told him that they had received their education from teachers from India.

The King of Saudi Arabia (Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud), who is a very senior and respectable leader, told me that his teacher was from Gujarat, Modi said.

Modi said though he has never been a teacher in his entire life, he has been a lifelong student who observes things happening in society.

He told the audience that despite being the PM, he is still in "live contact" with his school teachers who are alive.

Maha govt drops departmental enquiry-linked charges against Mumbai ex-top cop Singh

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corruption and misconduct.

The order revoking the suspension of Singh and withdrawing all charges against him related to the departmental enquiry initiated in 2021 were issued by the state home department on Wednesday, he said.

According to the order, the period of the former IPS officer's suspension should be treated as he was on duty.

The Maharashtra government has dropped all charges against former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh brought during a departmental enquiry, and also revoked his suspension order issued in December 2021, an official said on Friday.

However, the CBI will continue to investigate five cases filed by it against Singh, he said.

The retired IPS officer is facing multiple cases of extortion,

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