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Shoot down

# **Modi's feet on arrival**

#### Port Moresby, May 21 (PTI):

A monkey walks past as a mirage appears on Kartavya Path during a hot summer day, in New

Amritsar: The Border Security Force shot down a Pakistani drone near the international border in

> Modi's visit to Papua New Guinea on the second leg of his three-nation tour is the first ever by any Indian prime minister

'Reached Papua New unmanned aerial vehicle

Kanker, May 21:

said on Sunday.

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### Mishap

Hisar: Three people died after allegedly inhaling toxic gas while cleaning a well in the Saharwa village in this Haryana district, police said on Sunday. The victims have been identified as Jaipal. Narendra and Suresh, they said. According to the police, Jaipal entered the well but lost consciousness after allegedly inhaling the toxic gas. Narendra then went inside but did not return either.

#### Fire

New Delhi: A fire broke out inside the projector room of a Cinema Hall in west Delhi's Moti Nagar on Sunday afternoon, fire service officials said. No injuries were reported. A call about a fire at the Cinema Hall was received around 1.12 pm and seven fire tenders were rushed to the spot, a senior fire

#### Booked

official said.

Bhadohi: A 22-year-old man was booked under charges of rape after he was found to have married a minor girl, police said on Sunday. Circle officer of Aurai Umeshwar Prabhat Singh

# **Papua New Guinea PM touches**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday arrived in Papua New Guinea on his maiden visit during which he will host a key summit on Monday between India and 14 Pacific island countries to boost bilateral ties. The prime minister

reached Port Moresby from Japan where he attended the summit of the G7 advanced economies and held bilateral meetings with several world leaders.

Security forces have ar-

rested three Maoists and

recovered an improvised

explosive device (IED)

planted by them on a road

in Kanker district, police

Two of them were car-

rying rewards of Rs 8 lakh

each on their heads, they

A joint team of the

District Reserve Guard

and the Central Reserve

Police Force's 30th battal-

search/area domination

operation from the CRPF's

Chilparas camp in the dis-

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three persons in a forested patch under Koilibead po-

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PM of Papua New Guinea James Marape touches Prime Minister Narendra Modi's feet upon the latter's arrival in Papua New Guinea. Sunday.

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Three Maoists arrested; IED recovered

About the arrest

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Salik Ram (35), Punau Ram

of Koilibeda in Kanker, and

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Mandavi (22), both residents

Ramesh Punem alias Budhru

after seeing the police,'

Superintendent of Police

Shalabh Kumar Sinha

said. A walkie-talkie set, a

torch and Rs 6.000 cash

Reserve Guard and the

always remember. I look forward to boosting India's ties

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Based on information

possession, he said.

#### Net ban affects normal life in strife-torn Manipur

#### Imphal, May 21 (PTI):

Thongbam Inaotomba's son in Delhi is likely to be thrown out of his lodgings in Delhi as she has not been able to send money to the young student as the internet has been switched off in Manipur for the last 19 days.



### 'BJP seeks votes in name of cows, but has never served them'

#### Durg, May 21:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Sunday alleged that the Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) only seeks votes in the name of cows, but has never served them.

Speaking at 'Bharose ka Sammelan' programme in his constituency Patan in Durg district, the chief minister slammed the BJP's



claims about the absence of cows at "gauthans" (cow shelters) in the state. "BJP leaders and workers have been visiting 'gauthans' and claiming that there are no cattle at these shelters. People of Chhattisgarh know that in summers cattle are left to graze outside in the afternoons and only brought back in the evenings," Baghel said.

# No form or ID needed for exchanging Rs 2,000 notes

#### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

with this great nation dur-

ing my visit,' Modi tweeted.

monial welcome to any

leader coming after sunset.

Minister Modi and a cere-

monial welcome was ac-

'A grand beginning of an

important visit! PM

@narendramodi arrives in

Port Moresby on what is the

first-ever visit by an Indian

Prime Minister to Papua

New Guinea. Accorded a 19-

gun salute, guard of honour

& ceremonial welcome. As a

special gesture, PM James

Marape received PM Modi

at the airport,' Ministry of

Affairs

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corded to him.

External

Spokesperson

Bagchi tweeted.

But a special exception

made for Prime

Normally Papua New Guinea doesn't give a cere-

No form or requisition slip is required for exchange of Rs 2,000 notes up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time as part of exercise to withdraw high-value currency notes from circulation.

RBI on Friday in a surwithdrawal of Rs 2,000 currency notes from circula-September 30 to either deposit such notes in accounts or exchange them at banks. Unlike the November 2016 shock of demonetisation, when old Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes were invalidated overnight, the Rs 2,000 notes will continue to be a legal tender. In a communication to chief general manager of all its local head offices, State Bank of

**DEVOTION AND FAITH** 

#### Exchange from May 23

In order to ensure operational convenience and to avoid disruption of regular activities of bank branches, the RBI said exchange of Rs 2,000 bank notes into bank notes of other denominations can be made up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time at any bank starting from May 23, 2023. Besides, the facility for exchange of Rs 2,000 bank notes up to the limit of Rs 20,000 at a time will be provided at the 19 Regional Offices (ROs) of the RBI having issue departments from May 23. The Rs 2,000 denomination bank note was introduced in November 2016, primarily to meet the currency requirement of the economy in an expeditious manner after the withdrawal of legal tender status of all Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 bank notes that were in circulation at that time.

India (SBI) informed that other applicable statutory the facility of exchange of requirements. "Further, no Rs 2,000 notes by public up identity proof is required to to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a be submitted by the tendertime will be allowed wither at the time of exchange, out obtaining any requisithe communication dated tion slip. With regard to de-May 20 said. It has asked its posit of such notes in own local head offices to account, RBI has not speciarrange and extend all cofied any limit but it will be operation to the public so subject to compliance with that the exercise is conductextant Know ed in a smooth and seam-Your Customer (KYC) norms and less manner without any in-

convenience. According to sources, one can stand any number of times in queue for exchange of Rs 2,000 notes. Although the facility for exchange is available from May 23, many customers were seen visiting their branches with the Rs

2,000 notes on Saturday. Bank officials returned such customers after advising them about the start date for exchange.

Some of the customers used cash deposit machines on Saturday to deposit Rs 2,000 notes in their accounts.

Many have tried jewellery shops to buy gold and other precious metals. However, jewellers are also hesitant in accepting Rs 2,000 notes and asking for KYC beyond prescribed cash purchase in many parts of the country.

### Cong preps for next round of polls; Kharge calls meet

said.

Telangana,

state leaders.

### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI): tional fighting by replicat-

ing the 'Karnataka strategy, the party is also deter mined to make a come-

back in Madhya Pradesh

where it lost power after

Jyotiraditya Scindia and

some of the MLAs

switched loyalties, sources

They said Congress president Mallikarjun

Kharge has called a meet-

ing of its leaders from

Pradesh, Rajasthan and

Chhattisgarh on May 24 to

strategise on the upcom-

Kharge will hold sepa-

A senior leader said the

idea is to chalk out an

early strategy to reach out

ing assembly elections.

Madhya



**New Deihi, May Zi tri D**a largest coal producing mine in Asia", according The government is scalto a coal ministry stateing up the annual producment. The secretary was tion of SECL's Gevra coal on a two-day visit to mine to 70 MT making it Chhattisgarh. Along with officials of the largest, coal secretary South East Central Railway (SECR) at SECL Amrit Lal Meena said. Gevra project of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd headquarters in Bilaspur, Meena reviewed the rail (SECL) in Chhattisgarh recently became the first projects of Chhattisgarh mine in the country to East Railway Limited achieve 50 MT of coal pro-(CERL) and Chhattisgarh duction, the official said in West East Railway Limited (CEWRL). a review meeting with the He inaugurated 'Chhal' state-owned miner on rail siding in SECL, Saturday. Without sharing any Raigarh area and also took timeline, Meena said, "It stock of the progress of two rail corridors being (Gevra mine) is currently developed on Special being expanded to achieve Purpose Vehicle (SPV) 70 MT of production which would make it the model in the state.

Central Reserve Police Force's which they had planted on 30th battalion launched a Chilparas Dudta road was search/area domination operfound with a wire atation from the CRPF's tached, the official said. Chilparas camp in the district The three accused have on Friday. "During the operabeen tion, the security forces spot-

identified Peeluram Anchala alias Salik Ram (35), Punau Ram Mandavi (22), both residents of Koilibeda in Kanker, and Ramesh Punem alias Budhru (25), hailing from Bijapur, he said.

Peeluram was the deputy commander of section A of the Maoists' North Bastar division company number 5. Punem was a member of the Maoist company no. 5. They both carried cash rewards of Rs 8 lakh each on their heads, the official said.

# as prise move announced tion but gave public time till

said that Suraj, a resident of Raimalpur village, had on March 12 abducted a 16-year-old girl. Her family after looking for her extensively came to know their the girl was living at Suraj's house and the two had got "married."

#### Arrested

Relocate

Leh: A camp of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is being relocated from Chumathang hot springs as authorities on Sunday dis-

cussed measures required

for the preservation and pro-

tection of the natural attrac-

tion in Ladakh, officials said.

The meeting, chaired by the

Tourism, Kacho Mehboob Ali

administrative secretary,

Khan, identified various

measures for immediate

action and long-term plan-

ning to ensure sustainable

development of the hot

springs for the benefit of

officials said.

both locals and tourists, the

Weather

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New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested Dinesh Gope, the self-styled supremo of the proscribed People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI), an agency spokesperson said on Sunday. The PLFI, which mainly operates in Jharkhand, is a splinter group of the Maoists.



Uttarakhand SDRF personnel help the pilgrims during Gurudwara Sri Hemkunt Sahib yatra, in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand, Sunday.

After a stunning victory in Karnataka, the focus of Congress leadership has shifted to the next round of assembly elections where the party is locked in a direct contest with the BJP in some states.

With assembly elections due in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram in the next few months, the Congress is working on poll strategies in these states and has convened a meeting of state leaders on May 24.

rate meetings with the While Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh are two states ruled by the Congress where it is hoping to offset the anti-incumbency factor and facto the grassroots level

# **SHOCKING TRUTH** Rain fury in Bengaluru: Woman trapped in car dies

#### **Bengaluru, May 21 (PTI)**:

A woman drowned on Sunday after a car she was travelling in with her family got stuck in neck-deep water at KR Circle underpass, just a stone's throw from Vidhana Soudha, the of power of seat Karnataka. Fire and emergency

services personnel saved five others of the family and the driver, with the help of people who had rushed to save those trapped in the flooded underpass in the heart of the city. The victim as well as the others were taken to St Martha's Hospital where doctors declared the woman, identified as Bhanurekha, dead.

Learning about the incident, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah rushed to the hospital and took stock of the situation. He announced a compensation of Rs five lakh to the next of kin of the deceased and free treatment for those admitted in the hospital.

"The family from Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh had hired a car and come to see Bengaluru. Bhanurekha works in Infosys. Due to the downpour, the barricade at the underpass fell down and the driver took the risk of

crossing the underpass, which he should not have,' Siddaramaiah told reporters.

When reporters who were covering the incident complained that doctors refused to treat Bhanurekha, who was alive when she was taken to the hospital, Siddaramaiah said he will get it investigated and initiate action.

According to those present at the spot, the car driver tried to zoom through the water, but in the middle of the underpass the car almost got submerged. The occupants of the vehicle came out frantically trying to save themselves.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and members of the Gandhi family on Sunday paid homage to former prime

his death anniversary. Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were among a large number of party leaders who paid their tributes at Veer Bhumi, the memorial of Rajiv Gandhi.

Sharing a video of his father on Twitter, Rahul Gandhi said, "Papa, you are with me, as an inspiration, in memories, always.

# Cong leaders pay tributes to Rajiv Gandhi on death anniv

#### **New Delhi, May 21 (PTI)**:

minister Rajiv Gandhi on

**Congress President Mallikarjun** 

Kharge and former president Sonia Gandhi pay tribute to former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary, at his memorial 'Veer Bhumi'. in New Delhi, Sunday.



"Rajiv Gandhi was a great son of India. Through multiple interventions such as lowering of voting age, strengthening Panchayati Raj, Telecom & IT revolution, and sustained peace accords, he transformed India, propelling it in 21st century. Our humble homage on his martyrdom day," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a tweet.

Kharge, who was among the first ones to pay homage to Rajiv Gandhi at Veer Bhumi, also shared a video on the former prime minister's life on Twitter.

great son of India Through multiple interventions such as lowering of voting age, strengthening Panchayati Raj, Telecom & IT revolution, and sustained peace accords, he transformed India, propelling it in 21st century. Our humble homage on his martyrdom day," he said in a tweet. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said one of the last major accomplishments of Rajiv Gandhi before his assassination on this day, 32 years ago, was the finalisation of the Congress party's manifesto for the 1991 Lok

"Rajiv Gandhi was a Sabha elections.

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# 02

# Rajiv Gandhi's dream of prosperous farmers came true in Chhattisgarh: CM

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Bhilai, May 21: On Sunday, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel commemorated and paid homage to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary. He said that Rajiv ji led the country and gave a new direction to progress and development. His contributions for the nation will be remembered forever. He was the youngest prime minister of the nation. He dedicated his entire life in the service of the country and lost his life for the integrity of the nation.

Recollecting the memories, CM Bhupesh Baghel said that Raiiv Gandhi often emphasised on the prosperity of farmers as he believed that it was necessary for making a strong economy. Baghel said that he worked to make this idea a reality. Today the farmers of Chhattisgarh are getting prosperous. Work is being done in the interest of every class.

The Chief Minister was addressing the "Bharose Ke Sammelan" organised at village Sankara of Patan Block on Sunday. He said that the first Bharose ka Sammelan was held on March 25 at Sargaon in Mungeli district which was attended by lakhs of people including farmers, laborers and youth. CM



#### Foundation stone laid for Mahatma **Gandhi University**

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed the Bhoomipujan of the Mahatma Gandhi **University of Horticulture** and Forestry during the 'Bharose ka Sammelan'. A magnificent building for Maĥatma Gandhi **University of Horticulture** and Forestry will be constructed in Sankra Patan at a cost of Rs 120 crores. A total of 14 government and

4 private colleges are being operated under the University. The establishment of the university aims to promote horticulture and forestry in the state. He also oversaw the blueprint of the university. Chief Minister visited the stalls set up by various departments and interacted with the people.



### **Rs 2028 crores disbursed under Nyay schemes**

During the Bharose ka Sammelan, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel disbursed a total of Rs 2028 crores of various Nyay Schemes run by the state government. He disbursed a sum of Rs 13.57 crore to the beneficiaries of the Godhan NYAY Yojana. A total of Rs 445.14 crore has been disbursed to the beneficiaries of the scheme so far. CM virtually transferred the funds to the beneficiaries. It needs to be mentioned here that the Godhan NYAY Yojana was launched on July 20, 2020, on the occasion of the Hareli festival. Cow dung is being procured from rural cattle rearers at the rate of Rs 2 per Kg and 'gomutra' (cow urine) at the rate of Rs 4 per litre. The Chief Minister also disbursed the first installment of this year's amount under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Bhumiheen Krishi Majdoor NYAY Yojana to landless agricultural laborers. A total of 5 lakh 63 thousand 576 landless agricultural laborers from rural and urban areas will benefit from this scheme. An amount of Rs 112 crore 71 lakh 52 thousand was transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries. The Chief Minister also disbursed the first installment of the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana to 24.5 lakh farmers. He transferred the first installment, amounting to Rs 1895 crore, during the 'Bharose Ka Sammelan'. Under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana, farmers in the state have received an input subsidy of Rs 18208 crore so far. The remaining amount will be disbursed to farmers in three additional installments scheduled for the months of August, October, and March, respectively. Further, CM transferred the funds to Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs also. Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs of 13 districts received Rs. 7.71 crore. Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs have been established with the objective of engaging youth in creative activities. A total amount of Rs 60.18 crore has been made available to Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs since the inception of the scheme.

situations, Chhattisgarh Government gave work to the labourers and lakhs of families earned livelihood during the lockdown. He added that they are continuously working for the farmers. The area of cultivation has increased and the production has in-Vidhan Sabha

Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu. Transport Minister Mohammad Akbar, Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey, PHE Minister Guru Rudra Kumar. Urban Administration Minister Shiv Kumar Daharia, School Education Minister Dr Premsai Singh Tekam and other cabinet ministers as well as MLAs Sangeeta Sinha, Kunwar Singh Nishad, Ashish Kumar Chhabra, Gurudayal Singh Banjare. Bhuneshwar Shobharam Baghel, Patan Janpad President President Rambai Sinha, Sankara Village Sarpanch Raman Jangde along with other public representatives were present.

creased in the state. People are once again returning to agriculture. While addressing the conference, former Union Minister Kumari Selja praised the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and said that today a smile is visible on the face of every resident of the state. The Chief Minister meets everyone and talks to everyone in a very kind and sensitive manner. The

connection of the people of Chhattisgarh with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is easily visible. He worked to give jus-

tice to the poor. laborers. farmers, women, youth and all sections of the society. She added that the Chhattisgarh government has done appreciable work in the last 4.5 years. She also praised the Chief Minister for providing ample employment opportunities to the vouth.

# 'Mission Life' on environment awareness organised at SSS-VII



Kumar



# **VJV students bring laurels** in the CBSE Board result

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai, May 21: In the CBSE, Class X and XII Board results declared today, the third batch of class X and the first batch of class XII students of Vichakshan Jain Vidyapeeth proved their mettle.

In class X Jainam Rampuriya topped the school list securing 92.4% with 88 in English, 94 in Hindi, 89 in Maths, 95 in Science and 96 in Social-Science. Chaitanya Jain followed second scoring 90% with 96 in English, 94 in Hindi, 72 in Maths, 90 in Science, and 98 in Social-Science. Tanvi Golchha secured the third position scoring 88.4% with 93 in English, 88 in Sanskrit, 80 in Maths, 86 in Science and 95 in



#### **Central Chronicle News**

Bhilai, May 21: The Education Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Town Services Department, organized "Mission Life- Lifestyle for Environment" a one-day event on environmental awareness on May 20, 2023, at Senior Secondary School, Sector-7. "Mission Life" was organized under the aegis of 'Jan Andolan' Movement to spread awareness and increase individual and community participation in environment conservation.

Uma Katoch, Acting CGM (Environment) delivered the welcome speech on this occasion. K Praveen, GM (Environment Mgmt), Sanjay

(Environment Mgmt), B Anuradha, AGM (Environment Mgmt), Rajendra Prasad, DGM (TSD- Education), along with Chief of Scout & Guide and about 50 officers and employees of BSP and over 100 school stuwere present. dents Environmentalists Baluram Verma and Neha Banchhor were specially invited to take part in Mission Life programme.

Sharma,

SAIL-BSP has always been ahead in environmental conservation and has taken several initiatives to spread environmental awareness. Under Mission Life Programme, people were encouraged to take steps for conserving the environment. They

GM were also made aware of hazards of pollution and ways of reducing the same.

The programme was inaugurated with a rally by students of BSP schools. People were administered an oath to protect the environment. Eco-friendly carry-bags made of cloth were distributed, as the first step towards environmental protection and awareness. Key environmental issues,

such as energy conservation, water conservation, tree plantation, pollution control, climate control, waste management, cleanliness were addressed through the programme. On this occasion, various awareness activities like

speeches, poems, quiz competitions, video presentations etc. were organized, wherein the students participated actively. Prizes were distributed among the winners.

This program was conducted by Anita Ashok, Senior Lecturer, whereas Ruchi Burman Roy, Principal, Senior Secondary School, Sector-7, proposed the vote of thanks.

"Mission Life" is a people's campaign to protect the environment. This includes making every individual aware of his or her responsibility and duty towards the environment and nature. The term "Mission Life" is made up of two components, the first being lifestyle and sec-

ond the environment, which aims at leading a lifestyle which helps in reducing the effect of environmental imbalance. Three rules have been listed -Reduce, Reuse & Recycle, The motto being environment can-Socialnot be saved unless our lifestyle

is reformed. Water Conservation has also been emphasized through 'Mission Life'. The ground water level is depleting, which gives a lesson that in order to have a secure future, steps for sustainability have to be implemented in the present itself. Appropriate steps should also be taken in the energy and industrial sector to bring down carbon emissions.

Science. The subject wise toppers are in English Chaitanya Jain secured 96, in Hindi Jainam Rampuriya and Chaitanva Jain secured 94. Sanskrit Saksham Jain secured 91, in Maths, Jainam Rampuriya scored 89 and in Science he secured 95, in Social- Science Chaitanya Jain scored 98. In the skill subject Retail Chaitanya Jain, Pulkit Surana, Pahal Vaidya and Shailly Jain secured 98 marks.

Of the 43 candidates who took the class X Board exam, 29 students secured first division marks. Nandika Nair P topped the school list securing 93%, with 95 marks in English, 94 marks in History, 96 marks in Sociology, 94 marks in Sanskrit and 86 in Economics. Arihant Luniya followed second securing 92.2% with 87 in English, 93 in Economics, 91 in Business Studies, 93 in Accountancy and 97 in Music. Anmol Jain second the third position scoring 90%. The subject wise toppers are in English Nandika Nair P with 95, Sanskrit 94 - Nandika Nair P, History 94 - Nandika Nair P,

Sociology 96 Nandika Nair P, Economics 93 - Arihant Luniya and Samkit Jain, Business Studies 95 Anmol Jain, Accountancy 98 Anmol Jain, Physical Education 98 Adishwar Parakh, Music 97 -Arihant Luniya and Sonal Golchha. Overall 32 students appeared for the board examination of which 23 secured first division marks.

The Management of Vichakshan Jain Vidyapeeth, Director Principal, Vice Principal and all staff members congratulated the students and wished them all the very best for all their future endeavours.

**OBITUARY** 

**Mithlesh Asthana** 

# Director-in-charge, BSP inaugurates Summer Sports Training Camp-2023

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Bhilai, May 21: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Summer Sports Coaching Camp 2023 was formally inaugurated by Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c Bhilai Steel Plant on May 20. 2023 at Pant Stadium Cricket Ground, Sector-1, Bhilai. The inauguration ceremony was presided over by S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects) with Addl Charge of P&A.

Addressing guests, SCCA sports officials & trainers and participants after formally inaugurating the camp, Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c BSP stated that the Summer Coaching Camp being organised by BSP every year since 1977 on a large scale has launched many reputed players who went on to rep-



resent the country. As such it has few parallels in the country. The participation of 800 girls among the 2,200 children participating in this year's Summer Sports their lives camp shows the growing interest and popularity of

coaching camps among the girls, Dasgupta said, appealing to the participating students to take full advantage of coaching.

He also appealed to guardians to motivate the

girls to take up sports seriously and bring laurels to the country. He also urged the children to imbibe the spirit of sportsmanship in

Among senior officers present on the occasion as Special Guests were Ajay Kumar Chakraborty, ED (MM), Sandeep Mathur, (Personnel), YK CGM Joshi, CGM (Utilities), NK Banchor, Chairman, SEFI President, Officers &

Association, Paramjit Singh, General Secretary (OA), Dr Binayake, CMO (M&HS), Dr K Thakur, CMO (M&HS), Dr Rajeev Pal, CMO (M&HS), SK Soni, GM (Personnel), Srikanth Ramaraju, GM (Director Secretariat). Sai Ram Jakhar, DGM (SCCA) was also present on the occasion along with the officials of SCCA Department and Expert Sports Trainers and sports enthusiasts.

Sports coaching in being provided in 24 games in various sports complexes, school halls and playgrounds. These 24 games include Athletics. Badminton, Ball Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Chess, Cricket. Football, Handball, Hockey, Karate, Judo, Tennis, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Yoga, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Powerlifting, Cycle Polo, Gymnastics, Fencing,

Netting and Wrestling. SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant continuously endeavours to patronise sports and cultural activities. BSP has been

the foremost organization of the country to encourage sports, and has provided a platform to several national and international players.

Bhilai Steel Plant provides adequate facilities for various sports activities by training the budding players to excel in their field of games and Sports. As a part of such efforts, Summer Sports Training Camp has been organized regularly by Bhilai Steel Plant.

Like every year, this year also, the month-long Summer Sports Training Camp was started by BSP's SCCA Department on May 10, 2023 and will continue till June 09, 2023. Coaching is being imparted at 37 sports complexes, school halls and playgrounds of the Township by more than 110 expert coaches

As many as 2,200 school students from BSP and non-BSP schools are getting trained in different games this year. At the outset, Sai Ram Jakhar, DGM (SCCA) welcomed the guests and other members. The programme was conducted by Supriyo Sen.



Bhilai: Lilly 222, A-Block, Talpuri resident Mithlesh Asthana left for heavenly abode at the age of 87 years on Sunday. Funeral procession will be taken out from her residence on May 22 around 10:00 hrs and last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Risali Muktidham. She was the mother of retired BSP DGM Rakesh Asthana, Ajay Asthana, Renu Dalela, Meenu Vaishneya, GM (Medical) Preeti Bhatnagar and mother-in-law of Dr Ruchir Bhatnagar and Dr Anupama Asthana.

# RAIPUR

CENTRAL CHRONICLE, RAIPUR, MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

### **Bond of unity and brotherhood transcends** Heat wave alert in many districts of Ch'garh geographical boundaries: Governor degrees

It also promotes a harmonious environment

**'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat': Foundation Days of** Odisha, HP, and Sikkim celebrated with great enthusiasm at Raj Bhavan

Raipur, May 21: The foundation day of Odisha, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim states was celebrated with great enthusiasm under the programme 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' at Raj Bhavan Sunday. here on Chhattisgarh Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan stated that the bond of unity and brotherhood among us transcends geographical boundaries and promotes a harmonious environment. The presence of people from various states here has facilitated the exchange of culture, new ideas, perspectives, and skills, thus enriching the economic and social landscape of Chhattisgarh.

As part of the 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' programme initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. the Central Government has launched a campaign to promote unity in diversity by celebrating the foundation days of various states. In keeping with this spirit, a programme was organized at Raj Bhavan, where residents of Chhattisgarh from Odisha, Himachal



Pradesh, and Sikkim actively participated with great zeal. The Governor extended congratulations to everyone on the occasion of their respective foundation days. Addressing the gather-

Governor ing, Biswabhusan Harichandan said "It is truly fortunate to have the opportunity to express gratitude and acknowledge the significant contributions of the individuals from these states who consider Chhattisgarh as their home. We take great pride in having people from Odisha, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim among us, as they enhance our lives and contribute to the progress and development of Chhattisgarh.

They have enriched the cultural heritage of this state and have played a pivotal role in its development." He mentioned that on the first day of April, Odisha celebrates 'Utkala Dibasa' (Odisha Day) to remember the foundation of

the Odisha state. The agricultural knowledge and skills of the people of Odisha have contributed to the advancement of agricultural practices in Chhattisgarh, while their mining experience has assisted in the development of the mining sector in the state. Furthermore, the citizens of Odisha have enriched the cultural diversity of Chhattisgarh with their unique festivals, dance forms, and handicrafts. He

further added that the citizens of Himachal Pradesh have played a significant role in the development of tourism, horticulture, and education sectors in Chhattisgarh.

Their expertise in promoting local tourism has contributed to the growth of the state's tourism industry. Furthermore, their knowledge of horticulture has aided agricultural practices, and their contributions to the field of education have empowered Chhattisgarh's youth.

Through their traditions, unique art forms, music, and culinary delights, the people of Sikkim have breathed new life into the cultural heritage of Chhattisgarh. Their dedication, hard present in large numbers.

#### work, and adaptability have not only made contributions to the state's economy but have also fostered social integration and cul-

tural exchange, he said. In the programme, children and youth from all three states showcased their respective state's cultures and folk traditions through their cultural performances. The performances of the Odissi dance from Odisha, the Nati dance from Himachal Pradesh, and the Maruni dance from Sikkim beautifully portrayed their rich cultural heritage.

Representatives of the three states, Purandar Mishra, Vivek Acharya, and Sangita Madan honored the Governor on behalf of their respective states.

The Governor also felic itated individuals and talented students from these states who have made remarkable contributions in their fields.

Distinguished personalities including Padma Shri Bharti Bandhu, retired Indian Administrative Service officer M.K. Rawat, P.C. Dalei, S.K. Mishra, retired lieutenant colonel D.K. Verma, litterateur Dr. Chitranjan Kar, and social worker Arun Panda were also honored

during the event. Additional Chief Secretary Subrat Sahoo, Secretary Governor's Amrit Khalkho, Deputy Secretary Deepak Agrawal, children, youth, women, and dignitaries of the three states residing in Chhattisgarh were also

### Shakti remains hottest with 45

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Raipur, May 21: Chhattisgarh is reeling under intense heat with hot winds scorching people fiercely. It has become difficult to step out of the house in the scorching afternoon sun. In the Sakti district of the state, the heat wave made people restless on Sunday with a temperature of 45 degrees Celsius.

Same is the situation in Mahasamund, Janjgir, Mungeli, Raigarh, Balodabazar, Balod, Rajnandgaon and Bilaspur which recorded highest temperature. There may have been relief from the heat in the beginning of April and May, but the hot winds coming from the northwest have added to discomfort of the people. With rise in temperature in many districts heat



wave-like conditions are prevailing.

Mahasamund district was the hottest after Sakti district in the state. where the temperature was recorded at 44.7 degree Celsius. Janjgir-Champa district recorded maximum temperature of 44.4 degree Celsius. Similarly, Raigarh recorded a temperature of 44.3 degree Celsius whereas Sarangarh also recorded a temperature of 44 degree Celsius due to strong winds. The temperature in Korba was 42.3 and in Bilaspur it was 43.5 degree Celsius. In Durg district, the temperature was 44.3 degrees while Raipur district recorded a temperature 43.1degrees. Kabirdham recorded a temperature of 38.6 degrees Celsius and Rajnandgaon district recorded a temperature of 42.1 degrees Celsius. According to meteorologist temperature is likely to increase further in the next few days.

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## Two nabbed with 80 kg 'ganja' worth Rs 8 lakh

#### • Were smuggling it in a private vehicle

Raipur, May 21: Two drug smugglers were nabbed with 80 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 8.0 lakh being smuggled in a private vehicle near Ring Road 03 turn by police along with 2 mobile phones and car was seized. A case under section 20 B of Narcotics Act was filed against the two. The Anticrime and Cyber unit got tip from an informer that a vehicle bearing No. CG 06-GH-4317 coming from Arang to Raipur is carry-



ing drugs in large quantity. The senior police officials directed the Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit of Mandir Hasoud area to nab the accused and check-post was created near the Ring-Road No. 3. The Duster vehicle was stopped near the turn and two persons were travelling in it and they disclosed their names as Mo. Azaharuddin and Rupendra Yadav. When the

police conducted search of the vehicle they found packets of 80 kg Ganja' worth Rs 8.0 lakh secretly hidden. The police seized the drugs and 2 mobile phones and including the cost of Duster vehicle, entire cost of goods seized went upto Rs 15.20 lakh.

The two accused are-Moh. Azharuddin S/o Nizamuddin (33), R/o Madani Chowk, Sanjay Nagar, Raipur, thana Tikrapara and other is Rupendra Yadav, S/o Dinesh Yaday, (21), R/o village Khuteri, thana Mandir Hasoud

# **Ratanpur bandh near total,** residents turn aggressive



it off. But later it was learnt that the agitated crowed attacked the residence of the accused along with the rape victim and the situation turned tensed till afternoon hours.

As per reports the agitated crowd entered the

### **Three including minor** killed in road accident

After the accident, the unidentified driver fled from the spot. The police is examining the CCTV footage. The deceased and injured in the road accident have been identified.

The deceased included a man named Basu Tandi. his sister Dona Kumari and her eight-year-old son Nihal Kumar. Basu

# **AC coach of Puri-Durg train** caught fire twice

few as the ground was far below the three ladders of the train in the jungle area. The fire broke out as the disc-brakes of the coach got jammed. Since it was night hours

the 18425 Puri-Durg

Express train from Puri to

Durg had left from Puri

brakes. The disc-brakes were released and the train against left for its destination and covering around 4 km again the disc-brakes got jammed and fire broke out in the AC coach. Once again the passengers got tensed and panicked and came out of the coach. By this time the train has entered jungle area and the passengers found it very difficult to alight, as the level of ground and three ladders

situation brought under control on time

**Central Chronicle News** 

Few passengers

alighting in dark;

injured while

#### Even after TI was line-attached, situation remained tensed

Bilaspur, May 21: The call for Ratanpur band to protest against action taken against the mother of the rape victim was near total. SP Santosh Singh has line-attached Ratanpur the TI Krishnakant Singh and a three-member inquiry team has been formed under leadership of ASP

(rural) Rahul Dev Sharma to investigate into the matter. It is notable here that the residents of the locality of residence of rape victim in Ratanpur turned aggressive when the mother of the rape vic-

tim was sent to jail in Ratanpur area on Sunday morning. The annoyed people staged chakka-jam in the morning on Sunday and after which the TI Ratanpur was line-attached and it was expected

**Two groups enter into fight** 

nouse of the accused Aftab Mohammed by breaking open the gate and were raising slogans against the uncle of the accused Aftab, who is a corporator. Police force was deployed in large number to handle the crowd.

Later the local administration and police intervened and brought the situation under control and police was deployed till the writing of these lines in order to avoid any untothat the people would call ward incident.

killed while a woman was injured in a road accident near Dhaneli Nullah Tatibandh Crossing in Raipur. According to information available four people were riding on the same bike. In the meantime an unknown speeding vehicle hit the bike.

Raipur, May 21: Three

persons including an

eight-year-old child were

Woman injured

Tandi's mother Phoolmati who sustained injuries in accident, was admitted to the hospital. According to the doctors, the condition of the Phoolmati is also serious. It is being told that deceased and injured are residents of Gandhi Nagar in Pandri.

### Police nab miscreants trying to rob petrol pump



in Shimmer's Club Raipur, May 21: Brawl broke out between two groups in Vidhan Sabha Road police station area of capital Raipur. According to reports, some youths in a club misbehaved a girl while she was dancing on the DJ. This led to brawl between two groups. Two groups entered into controversy and this resulted in exchange of fists and legs against each other in city's Shimmer's Club on Vidhan Sabha road on Saturday night. It was due to alleged misbehaviour with a girl while dancing that this situation resulted and the 112 and VS thana police reached the venue on time and got the Club closed. According to reports, illicit liquor was being served till morning without excise license in the club.

As per reports in this re-



gard, there were two night. On information, 112 and Vidhan Sabha Police groups from Dhamtari and Raipur present in the thana came to the site and Shimmer's Club Party on the Shimmer's Club was Saturday night. During closed and all were asked dancing there was misbeto move out of the Club. haviour by one from ei-There are reports that ther group with a girl and liquor is being served in this resulted in tensed sit-Shimmer's Club, despite it uation. Both the groups not having a excise licence exchanges hands with to serve it. The police is ineach other and situation terrogating into the turned bit tensed late at matter.

Raipur, May 21: Three miscreants not only tried to rob the pump, but also stabbed the pump worker and left him injured at the Arora petrol pump near Fruit Market in Rajendra Nagar area of ??the capital Raipur, immediately after they were asked to pay for refilling their bike on the intervening night of Friday-Saturday. Police arrested two of attackers within 12 hours of the incident, while one is absconding. Two arrested miscreants were paraded to the said Petrol Pump by the police. The police made both miscreants to do sit-ups to apologise before the petrol pump staff and public.

According to Purani Basti CSP Rajesh Chaudhary Gaurav Kumar Sen (21), who lives near Pachpedhi Naka Devi Laxmi Hospital, is an employee at Arora Petrol Pump in front of Fruit Market for the last one month. Yogesh Dhruv, Sahu, Punendra Govind Chakradhari and Gaurav were on duty at one o'clock on Friday

night. Meanwhile, three youths riding in Pulsar bike CG 04 HW 9790 arrived for refilling. One of the petrol pump workers Gaurav filled petrol worth Rs 200 in the petrol tank of the bike. When he asked payment three miscreants refused to pay and started intimidating him. Instead of paying for petrol they started demanding money from the petrol pump worker. They even started hurling abuses. Hearing the noise, other pump workers also came near them. Three miscreants while threatening to kill Gaurav attacked him with a knife and fled immediately. After giving information about the incident to the pump operator Sonu, the injured Gaurav along with other pump workers reached the police station to lodge complaint. The police started looking for miscreants on the basis of the bike number after registering the crime in the case.

Within a short time Veer

Kulharia and Harish Patel were

arrested while Nohar Divra is

absconding.

Raipur, May 21: The AC coach of Puri-Durg Express train caught fire twice on Saturday evening and this created fear among the passengers and all got down immediately. The panic among the passengers to get down from the AC coach caused injuries to

on time and it was after covering some distance the AC coach of the train caught fire. This created tension among the passengers in the AC coach and they all rushed to get out of the coach and this resulted in minor injuries to few. Somehow the fire was brought under control after the train was stopped with emergency

was very high. Somehow the fire was brought under control and the train left for its destination. There was no casualty reported from this fire.

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# RAIPUR

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# **Protest in city regarding road widening**

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Dongargaon, May 21: Civilians and traders have opposed the ongoing road widening in the city, as a team of officials along with the squad team reached the region to take action. The traders lodged a protest against the action from the center of the city and demanded that any action be taken from one end of the road under construction, where the officials had to face opposition, while on the other hand the residents of the city questioned the authorities for doing demolition work on priority instead of repairing the disrupted drinking water supply in the city. However, the ADM



who arrived with the team did not stop the proceedings even after a lot of persuasion, submission and protest by the affected people and the process of removing the temporary construction continued till late evening by continuous measurement. SDM Sunil Nayak and

the officers, who came to vandalize in front of Gautam Hotel located at the heart of the city, had to face the protest of the traders and had to remove the JCB from there. Alleging arbitrariness on the officials, the traders asked the SDM

for more time to safely remove the pucca construction, saving that the to be removed by 5 pm on time of five days is insuf-May 19 for widening the ficient, and asked to take road from Bagdai bridge

action only after discusto Mohad Chowk by 40 sion with the collector. feet The officials again dis-

The ultimatum has tributed a consent letter been given but the seal of to all the affected by the any office or officer has employees of the Nagar not been given in this let-Panchayat, in which the ter, due to which there encroached shop/house/ has again been confusion balconv/teen shed, has among the affected.

centrated in this area for

years and in the coming days, a bypass road is to be made to exit the city and after that, if necessary, the main road should be widened.'

What officer says

"Business has been con-

- Laxminarayan Gupta, MP Representative

"Notice was given for road widening. Some people had cleared the roads. Action is being taken against those who have not removed it. Time has been demanded by the traders, in which consent has been shown. The project has already been delayed, so action is being taken quickly. - Sunil Nayak SDM

Deongargaon

## **Collector expresses** displeasure over pace of works

Conducts reviews of works in Bhairamgarh and Bijapur block



**Central Chronicle News** 

Bijapur, May 21: Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara, while taking stock of the development works being conducted in Bhairamgarh block, expressed his displeasure over the slow progress in the construction work of Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park (RIPA) and called for quality work to be completed within the time-limit. He gave strict instructions to complete the same soon. On the other hand, taking stock of the works of the

Prime Minister's Aawas Yoiana in Jangla, necessary instructions were given. In Bijapur's Naimed Gram Panchayat, the work of making ice ice-cream by the women of self-help groups is being done by the Skill Development Department. The Collector explained the women to work hard with dedication and also tasted the ice cream made by the group and gave instructions to improve the quality. During this, CEO District Panchayat Mr. Ravi Kumar Sahu and other officers were present.

# **One-day camp held to create** awareness among youth

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Fingeshwar, May 21: Government of India Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports sponsored by the National Service Scheme Survey of youth not in formal education or regular employment under National Service Scheme Cell under the banner of Phanikeshwar Nath Government College in Fingeshwar District-Gariaband (Chhattisgarh) a one day camp was held to create awareness among the youth.

To train 20 best volunteers as pilot survey, a one-day camp was organized on 17.05.2023 at village Soridkhurd on the theme "Survey of youth not in formal education or regular employment". It should be known that

राष्ट्रीय सेवा योजना प्रकोष्ठ the main objective of this have received training are survey is to survey the allotted for the survey on persons aged 15-29 years the basis of their ability, who are neither in formal includes Dalnayak

education nor in regular employment on the date of survey. Apart from this, information about youths who are looking for wage work and planning to start self-employment for profit due to leaving formal education is included. The best volunteers who

Chiteshwar Sahu (Ghoghara-Patoli), Dalnayaka Bharti Sahu (Lalpur), Rashmi Jagat (Soridkhurd) and Vinay Kumar Sinha (Semra Siltara), Digeshwari Sahu (Parsati Sendar), Neelam (Bellar), Gulab Ratre Sinha (Pathri), Ambika Yaday (Borid) Yamini

(Gunderdehi), Nishad Khumeshwar Sahu Teman (Bamhandehi), (Ghoghra-Belar), Sahu Neha Sahu (Pathri-Sonasili), Khemlata (Sarkada), Sonkar Manisha Sahu (Binauri), Hema Parghi (Nangjhar), Maheshwari Sahu (Borsi), Varsha Mandalay (Madwadih), Pawan Sahu (Daripar) Shiva Mandalay (Fingeshwar) Village has been allotted

# Organic farming gives more profit in less cost: Sahu

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Arang, May 21: Ishwari Sahu, a resident of Kukra village, is doing organic farming for the last 6-7 years and is receiving a very good response. Talking on her experience on organic farming, she says that organic rice is very beneficial for our health

Today, farmers are using excessive amounts of chemical fertilizers in their fields for the sake of higher production and also, chemical medicines are being used in large quantities to kill insects, due to which poison is getting dissolved in the grains.

Along with this, the fertility of the land is also getting very weak, which is a matter of contemplation for the entire human community. she added. She also said that farmers have to turn to or-



ganic farming to reduce the input cost in agriculture and by making cow dung and cow urine manure and pesticides and using them in our fields, the cost of medicines and fertilizers is reduced.

Talking further she also said that red and black rice are sugar free and anti cancer and along with this.

the amount of hemoglobin remains sufficient in it and the use of such rice increases the immunity of the body and also the government is trying to promote organic farming through many schemes. It may be noted that Ishwari Sahu has been appointed as an organic farming in-

structor by the Agriculture

Department, who are also giving training to promote organic farming by reaching different villages of the zone

She told that a farmers' organization Aarog Farmer Producer Company Limited has been formed to bring awareness among the farm ers, who are registered with the Government of India

# 'Vat Savitri' festival celebrated with great enthusiasm

**Central Chronicle News** 

Kareli Badi, May 21: 'Vat Savitri' festival was celebrated with great enthusi-



#### **Central Chronicle News**

Dongargarh, May 21: Farmers of 11 villages in the development block met senior officials including the district collector under the leadership of former MLA Ramii Bharti regard-

# Farmers being cheated in the name of insurance: Bharti





asm by married women on May 19 in sub-tehsil area Kareli Badi, Khisora, Motimpur, Kundel, Khatti, Parasathi, Hasda, Dhaurabhatha, Bhota and surrounding villages.

Worshiping the Banyan tree from early morning and wishing for the long life of the husband was done by keeping a waterless fast. Married women dressed in new clothes circumambulated the Banvan tree and tied a molly thread and wished for a happy life for the husband and family, says Jaya Soni, Tuleshwari Sahu, Kamna from Kareli Badi. During this, the women

also heard the story of wished for the long life of Savitri. They told that acthe husband.

cording to a legend, Savitri prayed to Yamraj Soni also performed ritufor the return of her husals for the long life of band Satyavan's life. their At the time when the Savitri' festival was celebrated by tying threads to

husband was received, sitthe banyan tree and listing under the Banyan tening to the story. The tree, the married women prayed for the long life of fast was broken after comthe husband by keeping a ing home and worshiping fast on Vat Savitri and one's husband.

ing the complaint of forgery made by the concerned department in the amount of crop insurance and demanded to show the amount in the insurance portal. On the instructions of the District Collector, senior officials have assured Tulsi Soni, Santoshi

the aggrieved farmers to solve the problem within a week. Here it takes a menhusbands. 'Vat tion that farmers living in 11 villages of the development block are being deprived of crop insurance due to negligence by the Agriculture Department and for the last 2 years, the amount of crop insurance

is being taken from the farmers, but the crop insurance is not being shown in the portal.

Former MLA Ramji Bharti had drawn everyone's attention to the district level officials in the meeting of the Disha Committee held earlier regarding the inclusion of farmers' names in the insurance portal. Ravi Agarwal, senior

member of Janpad Panchayat has said that

farmers are continuously being cheated in the name of crop insurance and in a release issued to the press, Aggarwal said that farmers of 11 villages including Thakur Tola, Katalwahi, Piparkhar. Khurshipar. Navagaon of Dongargarh development block are not getting the benefit of crop insurance scheme for the last two years and the name of these villages has been deleted from the portal of Insurance the Crop

Company. It has reached such an extent that the farmers of these villages are being deducted insurance premium for the 2021, 2022 Kharif and 2022 Rabi crops by the Society, he said. On this occasion, former

MLA Ramji Bharti and senior member of Janpad Panchayat, Ravi Agarwal, mainly among the victim farmers, Piradas Sahu, Dular Sahu, Devkumar Verma, Teejlal Verma, Damesh Verma, Deepak

Verma, Durjan Singh Thanwar Singh. , Jirdhan Verma, Khomlal Verma, Sampat Verma, Dinu Verma, Punam Verma, Santosh Verma, Manoj Verma, Verma, Taturam Verma Sanjay Verma, Bali Verma, Dinesh Verma, Dilip Verma, Mehtar Verma Hiraman Verma, Shravan Mandavirameshwar Lautre, along with other affected farmers were present.

## **Mastram Sahu donates for** development of a temple

Kareli badi, May 21: Mastram Sahu, S/o of late Ledga Ram Sahu, a prominent worker of the Gayatri family, a resident of village Kareli Badi, set an example by providing financial assistance for the development of the temple. He donated cash of Rs 5001 for Satyanarayan Temple, Rs 2100 for Balak Das Gau Sewa Aayog and Rs 10001 for Shri Vedmata Gayatri Mandir. It is noteworthy that

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Sahuji and his wife Meena Bai have 3 daughters, due to health reasons, they are now going to leave Kareli for permanent residence in Raipur. On this occasion Domar Sahu Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Kareli Badi, Mohan Sahu President Rural, Khumendra Sahu President Sheetla Committee, Nishad Rural Secretary, Mithilesh Sinha and Bhukhand Sinha, Shesh Narayan Sahu, Bhau Ram Ji Sahu Teacher, Pushp Ji Sahu, Sh. Kanwal Sahu, Krishna Sahu were present, in the end everyone including the Sarpanch prayed to God for his speedy recovery and long life. Kanwal Ram Sahu block chief Gayatri family expressed gratitude to everyone and especially Mastram Sahu and his family.

# Action will be taken if there is no growth in MNREGA work: Collector

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Bijapur, May 21: On Friday in the District Panchayat meeting hall, the Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara, while reviewing the MNREGA scheme in detail, gave instructions to include maximum labourers in the Aadhar based payment system hotfoot.

He directed to complete the technical works of the last financial year. Seeing the decrease in the number of labourers working in MNREGA work in the district, he expressed displeasure and said that negligence in providing employment to rural labourers will not be tolerated.



Till the month of March, action will be taken against the related employment assistant and technical assistant of the Panchayat in which negligence is seen in the creation of man-days. Informing about the

implementation and progress of MNREGA scheme in the district, **CEO** District Panchayat Ravi Kumar Sahu said that 61 thousand 4 hundred 73 labourers have been verified for payment through Aadhar payment system in the district, out of which more than 42000 Aadhar is converted for payment from the payment system.

The accounts of about 14000 labourers in the district have still not been linked to Aadhar. On which the Collector gave instructions to link with Aadhar within 15 days.

Along with this, instructions were given to complete the pending works of PMAY at the earliest. In the review meeting, Assistant Project Officer PR Sahu, Narayan Banjare, all district CEOs, besides district and district officers and technical staff were present.

Chhaganlal **OBITUARY** 

### **Kirit Bhai Jethalal Rathor**



Raipur: Mr Kirit Bhai Jethalal Rathor, resident of Anupam (Near Nagar ΤV Tower) Raipur passed away at the age of 65. He was Director of Poonam Sweets and Girnar Hotel. He was brother of Mukund (Tappu) Bhai and Girish Bhai Rathor. His funeral was performed at Devendra Nagar Muktidham.



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# Woman who accused Cong MLA's aide of molestation alleges harassment

#### Raigarh, May 21:

A woman government official who had lodged a complaint of molestation against a close aide of a Congress MLA in 2019 has sought justice from Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel claiming she has been transferred against the rules.

The woman, attached to the Rural Engineering Service and posted in Raigarh district, uploaded a video on social media on Wednesday and said she would resign from service if she fails to get justice.

The woman has alleged she was implicated in false cases and jailed and was being continuously harassed after she lodged a complaint in 2019 against Arun Sharma, representative of Raigarh MLA Prakash Nayak, for al-

legedly molesting her. She has alleged that Seeks justice from CM

when she was posted in Baramkela Janpad Panchayat in 2019 and that the MLA, when informed about the incident, had asked her to go in for a compromise. Even police refused to register a case on her complaint, the woman has alleged. She said, in January

2020, she was framed in a false case under Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and on August 15 that year she was jailed under section 151 of the Code of Criminal Procedure when went to the she Independence Day func-

tion in Raigarh district headquarter to raise her grievance before the chief guest. She was then suspended by the department against

which she had gone to the Chhattisgarh High Court. "The court has acquit-

Sharma molested her ted me in the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act case and on the direction of the HC, my suspension was revoked last year. After I was reinstated. I got posted in Gharghoda Panchayat. Janpad However my ordeal did not end there and within a few months, I was transferred and attached to Raigarh Janpad Panchayat against the

rules," she claimed. In the video, she said she had no option but to resign from service on May 30 if she did not get justice from CM Baghel.

Meanwhile, Raigarh Additional Superintendent of Police Sanjay Mahadeva said a chargesheet was submitted in the local court in 2020against Sharma under Indian Penal Code sections 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modest of a woman)

their mobile numbers and

by informing the villagers

about the current socio-re-

ligious situation. Along

with this, information

about the problems and

and 354 (molestation). "After Sarangarh district was carved out of Raigarh last year, the matter was transferred to the newly formed Sarangarh-Bhilaigarh district," he added. The National Commission of Women, with whom she claimed she had lodged a complaint on the incident, on Friday said it had received the video of the woman.

In a statement, the NCW said its chairperson Rekha Sharma has written to Chhattisgarh Director General of Police to personally intervene and ensure a fair and unbiased investigation.

The letter sought protection for the woman and action against the police officials who refused to act on her complaint earlier.

The statement said a two-member NCW team will visit the state to inquire into the matter

### 11 jawans injured after storm hits **CRPF** camp Jagdalpur, May 21:

Eleven Central Reserve Police Force troopers were injured after a storm hit their camp in Bastar district in Chhattisgarh on Friday afternoon, an official said. The camp of 241st battalion, located at Sedva village under Dharbha police station limits, some 336 kilometres from state capital Raipur, suffered substantial damage after a powerful storm hit it, Inspector General of Police Bastar Sundarraj P said.

"Eleven CRPF jawans were injured in the incident. The residential quarters of jawans were damaged as the storm blew away tin sheets that formed the roof, power lines, iron frames and false ceilings," he said.

"The wind speed was so high that tin sheets were scattered across the camp and several trees were uprooted. The injured jawans have been admitted in the battalion hospital and are out of danger," the IG added.

#### Sukma, May 21:

Weekly deadline meeting here was concluded under the chairmanship of District Collector Harris S.In the meeting along with bringing progress in the construction works being done under Anganwadi, PDS building and school Manwa Nava Naar, the Collector instructed to complete the work of electrification in the newly constructed buildings by the last week of this month.

Keeping in mind the facilities of the school children, the Collector has directed the Atmanand School. Hostel to complete the lab, library, toilet repair, drinking water system, play ground, entrance gate and other construction works in the school building premises in a systematic manner with quality within the time-limit and also instructed to prepare an action plan for coaching and start coding in all POTA cabins in this academic



#### Gauthan

In the meeting, instructions were given to verify the farmers registered under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, to complete 100% registration of all Divyang and third gender citizens in the voter list at the earliest. Under the Godhan Nyay Yojana, in the review of purchase of vermi-fertilizer, cow urine and cow dung, the CMO and the officer-in-charge were told to issue a show cause notice if unwanted cow dung was not purchased in Dornapal was also taken

session

Expressing deep displeasure over the nonavailability of raw material for production, the Collector directed the concerned officials to bring progress. Along with this, information regarding Government of India's Bharat Net Project Phase 2. Dhanwantari Yojana. Building Regularization, Nutrition Tracker App, Bastar Area Tribal Development Authority, Jal Jeevan Mission, and Unemployment Allowance

# 'Amcho Bastar-Amcho Police' pblic darshan organized

#### In village Kudalgaon Jagdalpur, May 21:

Under the leadership of Deputy Inspector General of Police and Senior Superintendent of Police (DIG-SSP) Jitendra Singh Meena, Bastar Police tried to reach out to the general public. Efforts are being made to establish better coordination between the police and the general public by solving the problems related to the police department. Community and community policing is being promoted. Under this a public darshan programme was organized in Kudalgaon village on Sunday under the village contact campaign with the basic mantra of 'Amcho



Bastar-Amcho Police'. In this programme, informathe mobile number of the tion was given to the villagers regarding cyber repolice control roomlated crimes and measures 9479194099, on which the villagers can contact in prevent them, women/girl related any kind of situation. crimes, 'good-touch bad-After discussing with the touch', Expression App, villagers about the village, dial 112, side effects of an appeal was made for codrugs and traffic rules. operation in maintaining The villagers were also peace and law and order

CCTV cameras. The villagers were informed about their village beat in-charge and em-

told about the utility of

complaints of the villagers was taken by the Senior Superintendent of Police. And the concerned police station in-charge was instructed to take appropriate legal action. The station in-charge

and the staff present asked the villagers to inform the police immediately if they have information about any kind of problem, crime or suspicious activities. Nilima Thakur, Babli

Nag class 5th among the talented girl students of the village and Payal Thakur, Kheleshwari Kashyap of Class 8th. Himanshi Thakur, Janvi Thakur, Yuvraj Kashyap class 10th and Tanushree Thakur class 12th were honored with mementos.

#### Jagdalpur, May 21: The 'Chalbo Gauthan-

Kholbo pol' campaign was started on Sunday under leadership the of Bharatiya Janata Party's State General Secretary Kedar Kashyap. In this campaign, BJP leaders

went to Ghotia, Sudapal, Pathri, Murkuchi Gothans of Bhanpuri Mandal and observed the condition of Gauthans. BJP found condition of all Gauthans is

serious. People are not getting any benefit from these Gauthans. At the same time, the debt on the panchayat has increased. The Congress government has robbed most of the rights of Panchayats and Sarpanchs in the name of

#### Chalbo Gauthan-Kholbo pol' campaign, **BJP conducted**

Gauthan scam is a living example of Cong corruption: Kashyap

were

played

According to the facts re-

vealed so far, a huge scam

has been done by misusing

the amount of more than

**Gouthan inspection** illegal business in the

name of 'Gauthans'. The amount meant for the development of the Panchayat in various items has been snatched from the Sarpanch and distributed in the name of Gauthan.

BJP State General Secretary Kedar Kashyap charged that the Chief Minister has done the most shameful scam in the name of Gaumata and has tarnished the image Chhattisgarh. In the name of alleged 'Narva, Garva, Ghurva, Bari,' the sentiments of Chhattisgarhis

Rs 1300 crores spent in the name of Gauthan.

BJP State General Secretary Kedar Kashyap claimed that neither a single cow was found nor cow-dung was being sold in all these Gauthans. No arrangements were made for the maintenance of cow in Gauthan. It seemed as if there had never been a cow here.

Ever since the Congress government came to power, it has mercilessly looted the resources of the he state. alleged Chhattisgarh is ashamed of the news of scams coming to light everyday. By looking at all the Gauthans, one can understand what kind of scam has been done in its name he added

### **Chief Electoral Officer takes joint meeting Jhiram Tribute Day on May 25**

Tribute will be given to the

martyrs in the offices

Jagdalpur, May 21: On May 25, on the occasion of Jhiram Tribute Day, trib-



#### Korea, May 21:

in

Chief Electoral Officer Chhattisgarh Reena Babasaheh Kangale reached Korea district today in connection with the preparations for the upcoming assembly elec tions. During this, she took a joint meeting of district Korea and district Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur in the collectorate hall and did a detailed review of necessary preparations regarding elections in both the districts. District Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur Collector Narendra Kumar Dugga, Superintendent of Police Koshima, SDM T.R. Manendragarh Abhishek Kumar, Joint Collector Anil Sidar, Additional Superintendent of Police Kumar, Rohit SDM Baikunthpur Ankita Som and concerned officers of both the districts were present.





with.

ute will be paid to the martyrs of Jhiram Valley in all government and semigovernment offices of the state. Tributes will be paid to the people's representatives, security forces personnel and all the people who were martyred in Naxal violence in present and past years in Jhiram Valley. In connection with celebration the of Jheeram Valley Tribute Day, a letter has been sent by the Chhattisgarh Government to all the departments, the chairman of the revenue board, all the heads of departments. divisional commissioners and collectors.

Officers-employees will also be administered oath in the tribute to be offered so as to make the state an island of peace again. The state government has decided to celebrate May 25 every year as Jheeram Tribute Day. Like every year, this year too, two minutes silence will be observed in all government and semi-government offices in the memory of the martyrs on Jhiram Ghati Tribute Day.

It is worth mentioning that there has been a lot of politics in the Jheeram case. But the Congress government also set up a commission of inquiry in this, but the result re-

mained the same. The NIA has announced a reward of lakhs of rupees for nab-

Mandavi, Bhagat Hemla alias Badru, Sappo Hunga Sukma Chhattisgarh. A reward of

Rs 2.50 lakh has been announced on three Naxalites. It includes Telam Aaytu, Badru Modiyam and Kurasam Sanni. All these three belong to Bijapur district. A reward of Rs 1 lakh each has been announced on nine Naxalites. These include Kamesh Kawasi of Bastar, Korsa Sanni, Lachhi Modiyam, Somi Potam, Modiyam Ramesh, Korsa Lakhu, Sarita Kekam, Kuma Gonde and Mangli Kosa of Bijapur. A reward of 50-50 thousand has been announced on Madda Madkami and Vetti Sannu of Dantewada.

In the meeting, CEO Kangale, while reviewing all the important points, inquired about the total polling stations, remote, inaccessible and sensitive polling stations in the district and instructed to make all necessary preparations. She inquired about building changes, electricity, drinking water, furniture, toilets, ramps etc. in polling stations as per the requirement and said that including adding the names of voters in the voter list, other works

should be done as per the prescribed procedure, uploading data in the portal, completion of EPIC work.

In the meeting, detailed information was given by the officials on the preparations being made in connection with the elections in the district. It was told that awareness programs are being run under SVEEP in the district to make voters aware, work is on to identify new voters and future voters and add them to the voter list. Instructing the District Education Officer, Kangale said that by organizing a meeting of the principals of higher secondary schools make an action plan to connect the new voters who were left out, keeping in mind that no new voter should be left out.

She also inspected the polling stations of district Korea and the EVM warehouse in the Collectorate premises. In polling station number 31 Chervapara, information regarding total number

of voters, number of women, men and differently-abled persons was taken from concerned BLO. While inspecting the strong room, counting room at polling stam at po-number 100 Higher she tion Ramanuja Secondary School, she asked to repair the infrastructure and pay special attention to security. She also inspected the EVM warehouse in the Collectorate premises and examined the CCTV

cameras.

# Accelerate construction works, complete all before monsoon: Baij

#### Bijapur, May 21:

Development District Coordinator and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) Member of Parliament Road Safety Committee and District Level Vigilance under Scheduled Scheduled Castes. Tribes Atrocities Prevention Act 1989 in the meeting hall of the District Office under the chairmanship of Mr. Deepak Baij, Lok Sabha MP Bastar Parliamentary Constituency and the meeting of the monitoring committee was concluded.

In the Disha meeting, Member of Parliament Deepak Baij gave instructions to give priority to individual wells for irrigation apart from land levelling, ponds, dabri construction. man-dav wage payment and beneficiaryoriented works created under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. Under

the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, according to the target in rural and urban areas, instructions were given to complete the work by sanctioning houses to all the eligible beneficiaries within the

time limit. Installation of new handpumps on priority basis under Chief Public Health Engineering Department and 100% tap connection in houses under Jal-Jeevan Mission and construction work of water augmentation project under Jal-Jeevan Mission water supply scheme, instructions to speed up the

sanctioned work in Bijapur and Bhairamgarh. On the other hand, he became

and

aware of the status of the Bhopalpatnam water augmentation project, which is supplying water to 18 villages in addition to the urban areas. In the field of health, Malaria, sickle cell test

was directed to reduce malaria. At the same time, asked to ensure distribution of infectious essential medicines before the rains.

> In order to reduce malnutrition, instructions were given for better implementation of the Minister's Nutrition Campaign. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, facilities provided to school children under the campaign, re-run schools, potakabins, hostels and anganwadis including registered children were reviewed.

He congratulated the education department and the district administration for the better results of class 10th and class 12th in the current session. Along with this. Summer Camp (PekorPandum) in Education City was described as a better innovation for the all-round development of children, where children



are learning their favourite subjects through summer classes.

In the meeting, by expediting the works of RIPA, emphasis was laid on connecting people with employment for doing livelihoodoriented work. On the other hand. Member of Parliament Mr. Deepak Baij gave instructions to approve the situation and development work of Adarsh village Ermanar. Taking information about the status of forest procollection including duce Tendupatta, gave necessary guidelines.

Reviewing the meeting of the Member of Parliament Road Safety Committee, being aware of the number of dead and injured in road accidents from January 2023 till now, asked to ensure all kinds of measures to reduce road accidents. MP Mr. Baij, who was informed by the Transport Department about the

absence of black spots in the district, gave instructions to put up information boards on blind spot (Andhamod) accident prone areas, identify roadside schools and put stoppers. On the other hand, instructions were given to provide all possible cooperation and services to the passengers and to invite complaints and suggestions and to implement them. Gave directions.

Under the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes Atrocities Prevention Act 1989, detailed information about the cases was given by the Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Department in the meeting of District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee. On which Member of Parliament Mr. Deepak Baji gave instructions to provide the amount of assistance to the victims within the time-limit as per the rules and to provide cooper ation and guidance to the victims. In the meeting, MLA Mr. Vikram Shah Mandavi gave necessary suggestions regarding the development works to the district officials. On the other hand, Collector Mr. Rajendra Kumar Katara talked about doing better work according to the instructions received in the meeting. In the meeting, District Panchayat President Mr. Shankar Kudiyam, Vice President Mr. Purushottam Sallur, District Panchayat Member Mrs. Neena RawatiyaUdde, Municipal President Mr. Benhur Rawatiya and public representatives and DFO Mr. Ashok Patel, CEO District Panchayat Mr. Ravi Kumar Sahu, Joint Collector Mr. Pawan Kumar Premi and district level senior officers were present.

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### **SOIL EROSION**



Swarai India Chief Yoqendra Yadav speaks during the wrestlers' protest, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, Sunday.

#### Charas seized

Mahrajganj (UP): Police here on Sunday recovered 16 kg of Charas worth over Rs 9 crore and arrested two alleged narcotics smugglers, officials said. A special investigation team intercepted two men following a tip-off and recovered the contraband, which was kept in two bags they were carrying, Superintendent of Police Kaustubh said. The accused have been identified as Dipendra Bahadur (28), from Nepal, and Jeewan (25) of Mahrajganj, he said.

#### Custodial death

Gonda (UP): An advocate arrested in connection with a land scam case died in police custody following which an FIR has been lodged against six police personnel and three policemen suspended, an official said on Sunday. Advocate Rajkumar Lal Srivastava, 60, was an accused in a case related to the land scam lodged at police station Kotwali Nagar in 2018. He was brought to the police station last week for questioning where he died.

#### Man booked

Bhadohi (UP): A 22year-old man was booked under charges of rape after he was found to have married a minor girl, police said on Sunday. Circle officer of Aurai Umeshwar Prabhat Singh said that Suraj, a resident of Raimalpur village. had on March 12 abducted a 16-year-old girl. Her family after looking for her extensively came to know their the girl was living at Suraj's house and the two had got "married."

# **CBI quizzes Sameer Wankhede for more than 5 hours on 2nd day** media persons waiting

Cruise drug bust bribery case

Mumbai, May 21 (PTI):

Wankhede, an Indian

Revenue Service (IRS) of

ficer, reached the Central

Bureau of Investigation's

(CBI) office in the Bandra-

Kurla Complex at around

fice, Wankhede told reporters he has "faith in

Poonch/Jammu, May 21

(PTI): The Army on

Sunday launched a mas-

sive search operation in a

forward area in Jammu

and Kashmir's border dis-

cials said.

While entering the of-

10.30 am, he said.

the judiciary"

cial said.

outside the CBI office but only said, "Satyamev Former Mumbai NCB chief Sameer Wankhede Jayate" (truth only triwas questioned for more umphs). than five hours on the sec-

On Saturday also, the ond day in a row on Sunday by CBI probing CBI questioned Wankhede for more than the alleged Rs 25 crore five hours. bribe demand from actor

After he left the CBI of-Shah Rukh Khan for not fice at around 4.30 pm on Saturday, Wankhede implicating his son Aryan along with his family members visited the in the Cordelia cruise 'drug bust' case, an offi-Siddhivinayak temple at Prabhadevi in Mumbai.

The central agency booked Wankhede and four others on May 11 for alleged criminal conspiracy and threat of extortion, besides provisions pertaining to bribery under the Prevention of Corruption Act on a complaint by the Narcotics

He was allowed a lunch Control Bureau (NCB). break during questioning, On Friday, Wankhede the official said, adding got a relief from the Wankhede left the CBI of-Bombay High Court which directed the CBI fice for the day at around 4.30 pm. Wankhede didn't not to take any "coercive action", such as arrest, respond to queries from

tionary measure, they said,

adding the searches were

completed in the populated

area but no one was arrest-

ed. However, the combing

operation is still going on

against him till May 22 Seeking quashing of the FIR, Wankhede alleged before the HC that the 'draft complaint" in the 2021 drugs-on-cruise case named Aryan Khan as an accused, but it was later replaced and Aryan's name was dropped.

Aryan Khan was arrest ed by the NCB on October 3, 2021, following the alleged drug seizure on board the Cordelia cruise ship here. He was granted bail by the high court three weeks later as the anti-drugs agency failed to substantiate its charges against him.

The CBI alleged that the NCB's Mumbai zone received information in October 2021 regarding the consumption and possession of narcotic substances by various individuals on the cruise ship, and some NCB officers conspired to get bribes from the accused in return for letting them off.



Repair work is underway after heavy soil erosion by the River Brahmaputra, at Mayong village in Morigaon district of Assam, Sunday.

### **Bihar govt asks districts to** Delhi Police busts ramp up social media presence illegal trafficking gang

#### Patna, May 21 (PTI):

The Nitish Kumar government in Bihar is intent on improving its social media presence and districts with negligible activity on WhatsApp, Facebook and Twitter are getting a rap on the knuckles.

Expressing dissatisfac-tion over the "not up to the mark" performance by certain districts in improving their social media presence, the Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD), has directed officials concerned to pull up their socks and highlight the achievements and welfare measures of the Bihar government on different social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter

#### April 2023".

and WhatsApp.

ber of "followers"

by district PRD officials to

reach out to everyone and

every social section by in-

creasing the number of

followers on the social

media platforms of their

respective districts", said

the minutes of a session

recently held by the IPRD

The minutes, accessed

by PTI, flagged a decline

in the social media out-

reach of Araria where the

number of followers on

the district administra-

tion's Twitter handle

dropped "from 12,899 in

March 2023 to 11,009 in

department.

Besides, districts like Officials concerned have also been asked to re-Siwan and Jamui, despite main active on these platadding nine and seven folforms and take the initialowers, respectively, durtive to increase the numing the same period, did not still have their total "Efforts should be made

numbers in double digits. Other districts called out for adding a less than satisfactory number of followers were Aurangabad (11), Sheohar (17), Madhepura (25), Lakhisarai (27),Kishanganj (55)Sheikhpura (64), Bhojpur

(64), Arwal (67), Sitamarhi (68), Khagaria (74) and Madhubani (87).

The capital district of Patna, on the other hand, stood at the top with 1,341 fresh additions, followed by Nalanda (566), East Champaran (304) and Muzaffarpur (270).

#### New Delhi. May 21 (PTI):

Delhi Police has arrested four men who allegedly sent people abroad on forged papers, a senior officer said on Sunday.

Girish Bhandari, 48, Himanshu Mehta, 23, Gagan Sharma, 22, and Ramesh Arya, 38, had been running the syndicate under the garb of a tour and travel business for the last 10-12 years, police said.

Bhandari. the mastermind of the racket, had registered a firm 'Harsh Tour and Travel' opening its office in west Delhi's Tilak Nagar, they said.

Police seized 80 passports of several countries and a cache of forged documents, stamps, and laptops with the arrest, said the officer.

agents spread all over NCR, Haryana, Punjab, and Gujarat. These agents lured the people with a promise of an illegal landing in a foreign nation and charged them a minimum of Rs 6 lakh for a Schengen visa

which is valid in 27 coun-

Special Commissioner

Ravindra Singh Yadav

said that based on a tip off,

a raid was conducted at an

office in Prem Nagar,

Tilak Nagar and four per-

sons were arrested with

large number of passports

incriminating documents,

currency, forged bank

statements, letter pads of

different firms and compa-

The accused operated

from Delhi and had their

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## **BRO** camp being relocated as part of preservation of Chumathang hot springs

As an immediate ac-

Development, the local panchayat, councillor, Block Development

Councillor (BDC) and

NGOs' who are working

on preservation and de-

#### Leh, May 21 (PTI):

said a Detailed Project the BRO establishment Report (DPR) is being pre- from the existing location pared for the development near the Hot Springs The BRO has agreed to and sustainable management of the hot springs'.

trict of Poonch after troops in the woods but there was picked up suspicious moveno contact with the susment and opened fire, offipected terrorists so far. the officials said. The nearby No one was injured in Bhata Dhurian witnessed a the firing by the soldiers on deadly ambush by terrorpatrolling duty at Keri in ists on an Army vehicle on Mendhar sector around 3 April 20, resulting in the am, they said. Though killing of five soldiers and there was no retaliation injuries to a major-rank offrom the suspected perficer. At least six oversons, the Army launched a ground workers were armassive search operation rested for providing shelter

People asked to stay

indoors as Army carries out massive

anti-terrorist operation

leading to the besieged vast area were closed and the residents were asked to stay indoors as a precau-

in the area and adjoining to the terrorists. However, forests to ensure that there the attackers are still at large and efforts are on to is no presence of terrorists. the officials said. All roads neutralise them, with the Army almost conducting





#### **Road accident**

Bulandshahr (UP): Two bike-borne men were killed after being hit by a vehicle in Shikarpur area here, police said on Sunday. The accident happened on Saturday night, killing Aman (21) and Arun (25) on the spot, they said. SHO, Shikarpur Prem Chandra Sharma said that a probe is on in the matter and attempts are on to trace the vehicle.

#### Three killed

Jaipur: Three members of a family were killed and as many injured when a speeding car hit them while they were standing on the roadside here on Sunday morning, police said. They had returned from Haridwar after performing the last rites of a family member and were waiting to be picked up by a relative near Doi Ki Dhani in Chaksu tehsil here, they said. "Three peo ple, including a woman and her son, were killed in the accident.



Tourists bathe at Sahastradhara waterfall to cool themselves on a hot summer day, in Dehradun, Sunday.

A camp of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is being relocated from Chumathang hot springs as authorities on Sunday discussed measures required for the preservation and protection of the natural attraction in Ladakh, officials said.

The meeting, chaired by the administrative secretary, Tourism, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan, identified various measures for immediate action and long-term planning to ensure sustainable development of the hot springs for the benefit of both locals and tourists, the officials said. The officials

the plan, the officials said, adding the concerned officials will be requested for tion, they said a sustained cleanliness drive would be formal allocation of the launched on Monday, inidentified land at the earvolving the departments liest. of Tourism, BRO, Rural The Rural Development

Department and deputy commissioner, Leh will identify the existing structures around the hot springs which are in a dilapidated condition and are non-functional.

velopment of the Rong' area. The officials said the The exercise is imporcouncillor, LAHDC of tant for the incorporation Chumathang constituenof the area for developcy and BDC have been asment in the DPR being signed to identify suitable prepared as per the appatches of land downproved action plan, the ofstream for relocation of ficials said.

# Book brings alive city of Shahjahanabad using exquisite map

book mentions.

knowledge

#### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

A book uses a beautifully-drawn coloured map found in the British Library to bring alive the city of Shahjahanabad as it had stood prior to its mid-19th century changes. "Shahjahanabad: In Mapping a Mughal City",

historian Swapna Liddle shows how this map is not only a valuable resource for the study of the city in the first half of the 19th century, but also about Mughal city planning.

The map shows in great detail what existed in the city in the 1840s.

This picture was drastically altered in the years immediately after the revolt of 1857. Large areas were almost completely

cleared of buildings. The with the streets and landdemolitions took place in marks of Shahjahanabad and around the Red Fort for security reasons; in Chandni Chowk and Daryaganj after the concenturies. fiscation of royal and other properties, and in the northern part of the

today, which in many ways has not changed much over the last two The book asserts how Shahjahanabad was a

planned city, the only living, planned Mughal city city for the railways," the extant in largely its origi-Liddle says two factors nal form. "Encircled by a emboldened her when city wall, it was situated Pramod Kapoor of Roli on the bank of the Books suggested that she Yamuna. The citadel should write a detailed housing the emperor and analysis of this map of the royal family (officially Shahjahanabad (Old named Qila-e-Moall, 'the Delhi). "One was some exalted fort', but today known as the Red Fort) of Shahjahanabad as it was was an important focal during the period of the point of the city, and the East India Company congregational mosque, when the map was made," the Jama Masjid, was the she says, adding the secnext most prominent ond was a familiarity landmark," it says.

#### Bengaluru, May 21 (PTI):

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti who is visiting Karnataka, on Sunday appreciated the people for voting out a 'fascist" BJP government in the state, but also cautioned people about the recent developments in Delhi, saying it was a wake-up call for everyone as it can happen anywhere in the country.

Mufti was referring to an ordinance passed by the President on Friday, May 20, giving overriding powers to the Delhi's Lieutenant Governor — a union government nominee — to oversee the transfer, posting and disciplinary proceedings against civil servants in Delhi.

The ordinance was brought in just a week

#### Centre's ordinance on Delhi services insult to judiciary: Akhilesh

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday came in support of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and said that Centre's ordinance on services in the national capital was an insult to judiciary. "The Delhi ordinance is an insult to the judiciary. This is the result of negative politics of BJP and also of democratic-injustice," Yadav said in a tweet in Hindi. "BJP knows that it will be defeated in all the seats of Delhi in the Lok Sabha elections, that is why it is already taking revenge from the public. This is murder of mandate in the name of ordinance," Yadav added. The Centre promulgated the ordinance

happened in Delhi is a wake-up call for everyone. Whatever happened in Jammu and Kashmir is going to happen around the whole country," Mufti said at a press conference here.

"BJP doesn't want to have any opposition. The Delhi government has been disempowered. This is going to happen to everyone," the PDP chief added. Stating that the people of Karnataka had given a ray of hope to the entire country by defeating a "fascist, communal and divisive" BJP in the recently-concluded Assembly election, Mufti said, "Karnataka people have shown us the way, that the might of power agencies and institutions can be defeated with your vote in a democracy.

'Whatever happened in Delhi is a wake-up call'



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#### BRIEF



Fighters from Lebanese militant group Hezbollah carry out a training exercise Aaramta village in the Jezzine District, southern Lebanon.

### Helicopter crash

Islamabad: An Afghan military helicopter crashed in the country's north on Sunday after hitting a power line base, killing at least two crewmembers, the Defense Ministry said. The MD-530 chopper was patrolling in the area after it took off from northern Balkh province and crashed in the Kholim district in Samangan province, a ministry statement said. Officials said the chopper hit the base of a high voltage power line before crashing.

#### Morning shooting

Kansas City: Two people were killed at the scene and a third victim died at a hospi tal following a shooting at a Kansas City, Missouri, bar early on Sunday, police said. Two other victims were wounded and transported to a hospital, including one who was in critical condition and another who was in stable condition. Kansas Citv Police Department Officer Donna Drake said in an email. Multiple officers responded to the Klymax Lounge on Indiana Avenue at 1:25 am.

### Prison sentence

Mexico City: Mexican prosecutors announced on Saturday night that they are withdrawing a case against a woman who was sentenced to six years in prison for killing a

# Japanese PM faces dilemma at G7 as he balances anti-nuke goals with reality of threats Hiroshima, May 21 (AP)

It's a big reason leaders from the world's most powerful democracies descended on Hiroshima for this weekend's Group of Seven summit: Part commemoration, part effort to confront the continuing consequences of the moa US B-29 ment Superfortress released what the Americans named "Little Boy" over the city in the first wartime use of a nuclear

bomb. presents It also Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, the drivforce behind ing Hiroshima's selection for the G7 venue, with a unique dilemma.

On the one hand, he is keen to promote the vision of a world without nuclear weapons that has long been a cornerstone of his political rhetoric. On the



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, right, shakes hands with Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida during a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the G7 leaders' summit in Hiroshima.

other, he is mindful of the widespread domestic worry over aggression by nuclear-armed neighbours. Kishida's difficult bal-

ancing act could be clearly seen in the G7's over-

It said local authorities

report said more were

added up to a partial ninth

level. It said that extra

weight overwhelmed the

poorly built structure of

the original five-story

China has suffered a se-

ries of collapses of struc-

tures built by owners in

violation of safety rules or

due to unauthorized addi-

tion of extra floors. That

prompted Chinese leader

Xi Jinping to order addi-

Gusmao,

local officials.

building.

Chinese investigators blame

illegal construction

whelming focus on building support for Ukraine's defense against nucleararmed Russia's invasion, highlighted by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's personal appearance in Hiroshima.

There was also sustained G7 pressure on China over its expanding nuclear arsenal, and on North Korea's pursuit of nuclear-tipped missiles that can target the US mainland.

But even as he stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Zelenskyv, whose presence at the summit bolsters Kishida politically, the Japanese leader sought to repeatedly infuse the summit with his ideas about a nuclear-free world.

On both the opening and closing days of a gathering that included four nucleararmed nations G7 members France, the UK, the United States, and visiting participant India Kishida brought leaders to pay their respects at memorials to the 140,000 people killed by the bomb. They planted a symbolic cherry tree, spoke with a survivor and offered a silent praver.



A view of the 48-meter-long U17 submarine being transported by road via a truck to the Speyer Museum of Technology, in Speyer, Germany, Sunday.

#### Mount Etna volcano erupts

Rome, May 21 (AP): Mount Etna, Europe's most active volcano, was erupting on Sunday, spewing ash on Catania, eastern Sicily's largest city, and forcing a shutdown of that city's airport. Italy's National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology, or INGV, which closely monitors Etna with instrumentation on the slopes, noted that cloud cover on a rainy day was impeding views of the eruption, which often serves up a spectacular display of flaming lava during the volcano's not infrequent eruptions. The institute said that ash had fallen on Catania and at least one town on Mount Etna's inhabited slopes. No injures were reported.

# **Zelenskyy denies Ukrainian city of Bakhmut occupied by Russian forces**

#### Beijing, May 21 (AP)

The collapse of a ninestorev building in central China that killed 54 people last year was caused by shoddy, illegal construction and local officials' failure to enforce standards, according to an official report released Sunday. At least nine people including the building owner were reported arrested following the April 2022 disaster in Changsha, which trapped survivors under rubble for up to five days. Nine people were injured. The report by investigators appointed by the ruling Communist Party said the collapse of the "self-built" structure was due by "illegal and irregular construction" and additions by residents, ac-

#### tional checks to find struccording to state TV.

tural weaknesses **East Timor votes in parliamentary election** aiming to break political impasse

#### Hiroshima, May 21 (AP)

were "not serious" about enforcing building rules Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and "shirked responsibilisaid on Sunday that ty." The report gave no indication of possible pun-Russian forces weren't occupying Bakhmut, casting ishment for the owner and doubt on Moscow's insis-News reports at the tence that the eastern time said the building had Ukrainian city had fallen. six stories, but Sunday's

Responding to a reporter's question about the status of the city at the Group of Seven summit in Japan, Zelenskyy said, "Bakhmut is not occupied by the Russian Federation as of today."

"We are not throwing people (away) to die," Zelenskyy said in Ukrainian through an interpreter. "People are the treasure. I clearly understand what is happening in Bakhmut. I cannot share with you the technical details of what is hap-



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy gestures during a meeting with President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Hiroshima, Japan, Sunday.

added confusion to the pening with our warmatter. riors. Zelenskyy's response in

The fog of war made it impossible to confirm the situation on the ground in the invasion's longest battle, and a series of comments from Ukrainian and Russian officials

### **Extremist Israeli Cabinet minister** visits sensitive Jerusalem holy site

**Jerusalem, May 21 (AP)** 

background, according to video released by his of-

English to a question ear-

**Trial process initiated against May 9 protesters** under military laws: Pak Army chief

tors and perpetrators in-

volved in the May 9 tragedy

has commenced under the

Pakistan Army Act and the

Official Secret Act as per

existing and established

legal procedures derived

from the Constitution of

On May 9, violent

protests erupted after the

arrest of Khan by paramili-

tary Rangers from the

premises of the Islamabad

High Court. His party work-

ers vandalised a dozen mili-

tary installations, including

the Jinnah House (Lahore

Corps Commander house).

Mianwali airbase and the

ISI building in Faisalabad.

The Army headquarters

(GHQ) in Rawalpindi was

also attacked by the mob for

the first time. Police put the

death toll in violent clashes

to 10 while Khan's party

claims 40 of its workers lost

their lives in the firing by

security personnel.

Pakistan'

#### Islamabad, May 21 (PTI)

Brushing aside the concerns of human rights groups, Pakistan Army chief General Asim Munir has said that authorities have initiated a "legal process of trial" under stringent military laws against those involved in recent attacks on military installations following the arrest of former prime minis-

ter Imran Khan. Gen Munir made the disclosure on Saturday during his visit to the Punjab province capital Lahore, the worst hit city by the violent protests.

According to a late-night statement by the Army, Gen Munir chief addressed the garrison officers and soldiers at the Corps Headquarters.

He said that the "legal process of trial against planners, instigators, abet-

### At least 9 dead in stampede at soccer stadium

Salvador (El San Salvador), May 21 (AP) At dead seven men and two

"We can confirm nine women and we attended to more than 500 people, and more than 100 were transported to hospitals, some of them were serious, Fuentes said. Play was suspended about 16 minutes into the match, when fans in the stands waving franti cally began getting the attention of those on the field and carrying the injured out of a tunnel and down to the pitch. Local television transmitted live images of the aftermath of the stampede by Alianza fans. Dozens made it onto the field where they received medical treatment. Fans who escaped the crush stood on the field furiously waving shirts attempting to review people lying on the grass barely moving.

lier at the summit about the status of Bakhmut was interpreted by many as saying the city had fall-

en to Russian forces

Dome of the Rock in the An extremist Israeli

rapist as he attacked her. In a ruling last week that touched off a public outcry, a court in Mexico State said that while it agreed 23year-old Roxana Ruiz was raped in 2021. it found her guilty of homicide with "excessive use of legitimate defence". It also ordered Ruiz to pay more than USD 16,000 in reparations to the family of her attacker.

#### Alabama gunfire

Birmingham (US): Four people were shot and wounded outside an Alabama bar early on Sunday in what police described as an exchange of gunfire. **Birmingham Police** Lt. Ron Harless said three men and a woman were shot outside Tin Roof in the citv's Lakeview District, AL.com reported. The shooting was reported around 12.45 am to an off-duty Birmingham police officer who was working inside Tin Roof. Police and Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service responded and found a man who had been shot and a woman who was grazed by a bullet in the parking lot. An SUV reportedly fled the scene and was pulled over nearby. Two seriously wounded men, including one with lifethreatening injuries, were in the vehicle.

Vote counting was underway in East Timor's parliamentary election Sunday with two former independence fighters considered for the post of prime minister.

Dili, May 21 (AP)

Two main political parincumbent ties the **Revolutionary Front for** an Independent East Timor, or Fretilin, and op-National position Congress for Timorese Reconstruction, or CNRT are believed to be in a close

race for the 65-seat National Parliament. A total of 17 parties were running. No parties have formed any pre-election coalitions, but analysts said CNRT, a party led by former prime minister

Xanana favoured to win following a successful presidential campaign in 2022 that saw its candidate, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jose Ramos-Horta, back in office.

"I believe the CNRT will win a majority of seats in Parliament this time and I'm ready to be the prime minister for the sake of people's prosperity and justice," Gusmao said after casting his vote in Dili, the capital.

Polls closed at 3 p.m. and vote-counting began at 1,500 polling centers across the small country.

Preliminary results may not be known until Wednesday. "If we win, it is the victory of the people of Timor Leste," said the

arrested at a short dis-

tance from the crime

scene and has been

charged with first-degree

Tyler Bell, the two knew

each other but the

specifics of their relation-

ship as well as the motive

for the stabbing remain

unclear. "Homicide inves-

tigators will be canvassing

local residents for any

(video) footage," Toronto

Singh appeared in

Star quoted Bell as saying.

Saturday morning.

Canada.

According to Constable

1S Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri. "I call on people to accept whatever the results of this election.<sup>3</sup>

and independence leader leader of Fretilin, former

Parties were required to have a woman in at least every third position in their list and seats are allocated using the method with an electoral threshold of 4%. Fretilin and CNRT have blamed each other for years of political paralysis. In 2018, then-President Francisco "Lu Olo" Guterres from Fretilin refused to swear in nine Cabinet nominees from CNRT. The impasse led to the resignation of Prime Minister Taur Matan Ruak in February 2020, but he agreed to stay on until a new government is formed.

a sensitive Jerusalem holy site on Sunday at a time of heightened tensions with the Palestinians.

Cabinet minister visited

The visit by National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, his second known visit since becoming a member of Israel's most right-leaning government ever, drew condemnations from the Palestinians and Israel's neighbor Jordan, which acts as the custodian of the site.

"I am happy to come up to the Temple Mount, the most important place for the Israeli people," Ben-Gvir said during his early morning visit to the site, with the golden

fice. He praised the police presence at the site, saying it "proves who is in charge in Jerusalem."

Palestinian presidential spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh called Ben-Gvir's visit a "blatant attack" on the Jordan's mosque. Foreign Ministry called it "a provocative step that is condemned, and a dangerous and unacceptable escalation.'

Neighbouring Egypt, which has a peace treaty with Israel, also issued a condemnation.

The visit comes days after Israelis marked Jerusalem Day, which celebrates Israel's capturing of east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war.

least nine people were killed and dozens more injured when stampeding soccer fans pushed through one of the access gates at a quarterfinal match in the Salvadoran league on Saturday.

The National Civil Police said in a preliminary report via Twitter that nine dead were confirmed at the match between clubs Alianza and FAS at Monumental stadium in Cuscatlan, which is about 25 miles (41 kilometres) northeast of the capital. At least two of the injured transported to hospitals were in critical condition, police said. Carlos Fuentes, spokesman for the first aid group Rescue Commandos, also confirmed the deaths.

### Indian-origin man charged with murder for stabbing Sikh woman

murder.

Toronto, May 21 (IANS)

A 44-year-old Indian-origin man has been charged with first degree murder for stabbing a Sikh woman in Canada's Brampton city.

Nishan Singh Nav stabbed to death Davinder Kaur, 43, on Friday at Sparrow Park in Brampton city, Peel Regional Police said in a statement on Friday.

The police said it found the victim with signs of trauma on a footpath after it reached the site following a call about the stabbing at about 6 pm.

Attempts to revive her failed as she succumbed to her injuries at the scene, the police said. Singh was

### Indian-origin Singaporean man missing after reaching Mount Everest summit

#### Singapore, May 21 (PTI)

An Indian-origin Singaporean climber has gone missing after reaching the summit of Mount Everest, his family has said and called for urgent attention to his situation.

According to a petition on the website change.org, Shrinivas Sainis Dattatraya set out from Singapore to Nepal last month to climb the world's highest peak.

Brampton court on His cousin Divya Bharath wrote in the peti-With a population of tion that on the way down, more than 7,00,000 people, Shrinivas seemed to have Brampton is home to the suffered frostbite and altibiggest concentration of tude sickness. This probathe Punjabi community in bly might have resulted in Dattatraya getting separat-

ed from the rest of his group, and "fell at around 8,000 metres, likely onto the Tibetan side of the mountain".

A Singaporean news channel on Saturday cited Bharat as saying that a team of sherpas began search operations for Dattatraya on Saturday morning. He was reportedly last in contact with base camp officials at around

8,500 metres In the petition, Bharath wrote that the family has reached out to the governments concerned.

'This matter needs to be brought to their attention on an urgent basis. We need a special rescue team that is trained to operate in

such risky terrain as well as to ensure that this whole rescue operation is not hindered by diplomatic paperwork," Channel News Asia

quoted Bharath as saying. She added that Shrivinas' family was devastated but did not want to lose hope

Shrinivas, 39, who is an executive director at real estate firm Jones Lang LaSalle, left for Mount Everest on April 1. He was due to return home on June 4. According to a report by The Straits Times, Dattatraya last sent a text message to his wife on Friday saying that he has reached the summit of Everest but was not likely to make it back down.

#### Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board

#### Expression of Interest for Internal Audit

Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board invites "Expression of Interest" from reputed and experienced Chhattisgarh based Chartered Accountants firms empanelled with the Office of Comptroller & Auditor General for conducting the internal audit for Financial Years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22 of the Board comprising the Head Office and Seven Regional Offices located at Raipur, Bilaspur, Bhilai-Durg, Jagdalpur, Raigarh, Korba 8 Jagdalpur.

The detailed terms & conditions, eligibility criteria and formats to be illed along with Bid document will be available in website of the Board i.e. https://www.enviscecb.org/from 22nd May 2023 to 22nd June 2023 at 03.00 PM.

Last date for submission of EOI is 22nd June 2023 up-to 03:00 PM through Speed/Registered Post only.

Opening of EOI will be on 22nd June 2023 at 04:00 PM at the Head Office of the Board.

The EOI is to be sent to following address:-

The Member Secretary

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# CENTRAL CENTRAL Established 1974 Volume 48 No. 226

# Rana's Extradition

Strengthening India-US Cooperation he approval of Tahawwur Rana's extradition by a US district court marks a significant milestone in India's relentless pursuit of justice for the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. Rana, a Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman, is wanted for his role in the dastardly strikes carried out by Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists that claimed the lives of 166 people, including six Americans. This decision comes as a ray of hope for India, as it has been grappling with the challenges of bringing the perpetrators of the 26/11 attacks to trial. Rana, however, still has the option to file an appeal in the Circuit Court, while the final decision rests with the US Secretary of State regarding his extradition. The lengthy legal battle to extradite Rana highlights the difficulties faced by Indian authorities in building a strong case against him. Back in June 2011, a US jury had acquitted Rana of involvement in the Mumbai attacks, although he was found guilty of providing material support to LeT. Despite this setback, India's National Investigation Agency proceeded to file a chargesheet against Rana, along with his childhood friend David Coleman Headley, LeT founder Hafiz Saeed, and seven others, holding them accountable for plotting the 26/11 mayhem. However, India's pursuit of justice was marred by the lost opportunity to extradite Headley. In a controversial plea bargain, he escaped the possibility of a death sentence and extradition to any country by pleading guilty to his involvement in the Mumbai attacks. This raised questions about the US authorities' commitment to combating terrorism and their failure to take preventive action despite prior warnings about Headley's links with Pakistan's spy agency, the ISI. The United States, while repeatedly proclaiming India as a key ally in the war against terror, must back its words with decisive actions. India's call for the US to take the Rana case to its logical conclusion holds tremendous significance. Strengthening cooperation between India and the US in the fight against terrorism is crucial, and Washington must demonstrate its commitment to earning New Delhi's trust. The extradition of Rana not only serves the cause of justice but also highlights the need for enhanced collaboration between nations to counter the global menace of terrorism. India has been resolute in its efforts to combat this threat, leveraging its relations with the US and other Western nations. The extradition approval comes at a time when India and the US have been building closer ties, not only on economic and strategic fronts but also through a shared commitment to counterterrorism. It is imperative for India to capitalize on this positive development and urge the US to continue supporting India's pursuit of justice for the Mumbai attacks. The process should be transparent, ensuring a fair trial and allowing the victims' families to find closure. Additionally, it is crucial to address the broader issue of terrorism and dismantle networks that perpetrate violence, while putting pressure on Pakistan to abandon its nefarious activities against India. The extradition of Rana is a stepping stone towards justice, but it is by no means the end of the road. The fight against terrorism demands persistent efforts, collaboration, and intelligence sharing among nations. India must seize this opportunity to strengthen interna-tional partnerships, enhance extradition mechanisms, and ensure that terrorists and their accomplices are held accountable for their actions. The approval of Tahawwur Rana's extradition is a significant milestone in India's quest for justice for the Mumbai terror attacks. It underscores the importance of international cooperation and highlights the need for the United States to live up to its commitments as India's key ally in the fight against terrorism.

# **Climate Justice**

#### **Fulfilling Promises to Protect Our Planet**

s the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) warns us of the hottest-ever five years ahead, the world must prepare for the severe consequences of climate change. Extreme heatwaves, flooding, and droughts loom on the horizon, demanding immediate action to mitigate their impact. The forecasted rise of 1.5 ŰC over pre-industrial levels between 2023 and 2027 is attributed to the disastrous combination of the naturally occurring El Nino and the trapping of heat by man-made greenhouse gases. This serves as a stark reminder that global warming is a pressing reality, and unless we nonor our commitments to compatilit, we are on a path towards calamity. While the predicted temperature surge is temporary, it underscores the urgency of our situation. Over the years, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change has convened Conferences of the Parties, during which nations have made pledges to control the trajectory of global temperature rise. However, these commitments remain largely unfulfilled, and the world stands on the precipice of a climate catastrophe. It is imperative that we take sincere and decisive action to address this crisis. One crucial aspect of rectifying our course lies in providing adequate funds. The responsibility to support the transition to green energy and safeguard vulnerable communities rests heavily on the shoulders of affluent nations. Developed countries owe developing nations billions of dollars in promised "climate finance" as compensation for the losses incurred due to carbon emissions during their industrialization processes over the past century. It is time for these nations to fulfill their financial obligations and acknowledge the detrimental impact they have had on the global climate. This is an opportunity for the developing world to assert its right to protect its people and its ecology, and to demand climate justice from the wealthy West. Climate justice demands that we address the disparities that exist between nations. While the consequences of climate change are felt by all, it is the most vulnerable communities in developing countries that bear the brunt of its devastating effects. Extreme weather events can ravage these regions, leaving a trail of destruction and displacing countless lives. It is incumbent upon us to rectify this injustice and ensure that those who have contributed the least to climate change are not left to bear its heaviest burdens. Furthermore, addressing climate change requires a comprehensive approach that encompasses not only mitigation efforts but also adaptation and resilience-building measures. We must invest in sustainable infrastructure, develop early warning systems, and prioritize the protection and rehabilitation of vulnerable areas and communities. By doing so, we can empower these communities to withstand the impacts of climate change and build a more sustainable future for all. The time for half-hearted commitments and empty promises is over. We stand at a critical juncture in our history, where the decisions we make today will determine the fate of our planet and future generations. As we witness the alarming climate projections, we must summon the political will and collective action necessary to avert disaster. The rich nations must step up and fulfill their financial obligations, providing the necessary resources to combat climate change. Additionally, we must foster international cooperation and collaboration to develop innovative solutions and share best practices in tackling this global challenge. The urgency of climate change demands our immediate attention and action. We cannot afford to ignore the warnings or delay the fulfillment of our promises. The time has come for the wealthy nations to honor their commitments and provide the financial assistance owed to the developing world. Let us embrace the principles of climate justice and work together to protect our planet, secure the well-being of all people, and create a sustainable future for generations to come.

### **AGRICULTURE ACTIVITY BEGINS**



A farmer ploughs his field for cotton plantation at Hingna near Nagpur, Sunday.

## Voters hold the power to transform the State and Course of Indian politics



T he pas brings passage of time forth rapid changes. Human values, beliefs, and loyalties undergo transformations, mirroring shifts in lifestyle. Present-day individuals have become increasingly self-centered and driven by greed, prioritizing their own interests above all else. Aspects like living in harmony with nature, aiding the underprivileged, sacrificing for national pride, using respectful language, and showing reverence for all religions and communities are gradually fading from their behavior. Concepts such as brotherhood, tolerance, and philanthropy are disappearing from their code of conout authority and positions; they seem unable to sleep without them. Their primary aim is to win elections and then attain power.

Previously, it was believed that individuals entered politics to serve society. They sought to ensure that the poor received their rights. Rules, laws, plans, and policies were expected to be crafted with the welfare of the weaker sections of society in mind, fostering progress and development for the state and country. Finally, efforts were meant to be made to ensure their proper implementation. However, today, the nature and purpose of politics appear to be changing. Most people enter politics with the desire to gain authority, status, and the associated honor and respect. Their pursuit is focused on rapid personal growth day and night, often justifying their wrongdoings. Only a limited number of politicians in India dedicate their entire lives to improving society and the country. Consequently, alongside some good individuals, those with criminal charges and records have also entered the current political ecosystem. In our country, even individuals like Atiq (a notorious mafia figure) and figures such as Phoolan Devi (a convicted dacoit and murderer) gain respectability by winning elections as MLAs/MPs. The election of such criminals raises several questions: Why are they elected? Is it out of fear or choice? Do the public have no option to choose a virtuous individual? Or is there some hidden compulsion that they do not wish to disclose? The option of NOTA (None of the Above) in India's election system becomes meaningless when the winning candidate is determined solely by the highest number of votes. Furthermore, efforts to attract "clean" individuals to active politics are not readily apparent.

The language of election campaigns is also changing; respect and dignity seem to be forgotten. It appears that leaders believe they have the right to say anything to anyone. Discussions about the party's future plans are given less attention during election campaigns, although they are outlined in the manifesto. Instead, every party claims they will distribute numerous free items upon assuming power, such as water, electricity, gas, and food grains. Almost every caste and community demands reservations, but is this practice beneficial for the country's longterm well-being and growth? In recent years, a new characteristic has emerged among politicians: their faith, belief, and loyalty to their party's principles and policies are visible only as long as they hold positions or are election candidates for the party. If another party presents a favorable offer, they are willing to abandon their parent party. Although many lower-level party work-

ers remain loyal, their voices hold little significance. All parties believe that a leader from another party is necessary for their own party's victory and increased vote percentage. Thus, all parties welcome such individuals, either before or after the elections. As long as this practice continues, the exchange of leaders cannot be prevented, despite India having anti-defection laws in place. In my understanding, if we want to curb defections, recognized parties should only grant their election symbol to individuals who have spent at least five years in the party. Interestingly, those leaders

who were not selected as party candidates for MP, MLA, and other elections never consider their chances of winning. At this point, these leaders neither consider their age nor take into account the choices of the people or evaluate their own performance in serving the public over the past five years. They fail to realize that if veteran politicians do not step aside, the new, young, and enthusiastic party workers will never get the opportunity to progress. In my opinion, only voters possess the power to change the current condition and direction of Indian politics. By electing leaders who are morally upright, educated, visionary, and dedicated to serving the society, regardless of caste or religion, voters can bring about this transformation. Therefore, while selecting leaders, voters must always prioritize a clean image, incorruptible conduct, and a genuine commitment to the welfare of the people, city, state, and country.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **Digital Detachment**

The current generation is engrossed in video games and online learning, neglecting the traditional sources of knowledge and entertainment. Libraries and reading rooms have been forgotten, as online learning apps provide a convenient and affordable alternative. The playgrounds that once held cherished memories are now deserted, replaced by virtual realms. The youth fail to appreciate the value of outdoor games like football, cricket, kho kho, and kabaddi, which were once integral to their lives. Seeking diverse forms of entertainment, they opt for online movies instead of visiting cinema halls. The present generation is disconnected from books, nature, and the joy of exploration, consumed by screens and indoor distractions

Rathin Kumar Chanda, Hooghly, West Bengal

#### Adani Investigation

The development regarding the Adani Group probe, where the Supreme Court has granted the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) an extension until August 14, raises questions among investors. SEBI is entrusted with safeguarding investments and has implemented various regulations to promote transparency and combat fraudulent practices like insider trading and market manipulation. However, the SEBI's request for additional time to investigate allegations against the Adani Group can be interpreted in two ways. It could signify that no irregularities have been unearthed thus far, instilling confidence in the group's operations. Alternatively, it may also imply that the market regulator is meticulously conducting a thorough examination, prioritizing accuracy over haste in revealing the truth.

#### Shivkumar Miashra, Raipur

#### Leadership Void

The education system in India has been profoundly influenced by the immense societal and parental expectations, resulting in unforeseen consequences. It is surprising that while numerous academic achievers aspire to become IAS officers, there is a significant lack of interest in pursuing a career in politics. This dearth of educated politicians is a pressing issue in the

Central Chronicle invites articles, write-ups, and comments on a wide range of issues for our editorial page. Submissions should be between 800-900 words in length. In addition, we welcome letters to the editor for this page. While letters may be edited for clarity, we aim to preserve the integrity of the original message, and ask that they be kept to around 50-60 words. Submissions can be sent via email to editorcentralchronicle@gmail.com. duct. Simultaneously, unethical activities such as theft, intolerance, corruption, drug addiction, and rape are on the rise within society. These developments may indicate that human society is headed towards the era known as 'Kali Yuga.'

As we have read, everything changes during the 'Kali Yuga,' and Indian politics cannot remain untouched. Nowadays, it has become common for political leaders to humiliate others, especially their opponents. Healthy competition is disappearing, and politicians have forgotten how to exist withcountry. The conventional definition of success revolves around lucrative jobs, luxurious homes, extravagant cars, and annual foreign vacations. While parents strive to provide the best for their children, determining what truly constitutes "the best" remains a subject of debate. Obedience to parental wishes is often regarded as virtuous, leaving children torn between following their own path and the expectations placed upon them, leading to feelings of guilt and internal conflict.

Rajesh Soni, Raipur

# WHO Warns of Risks in the Rapid Adoption of Al

I n a world increasingly reliant on artificial intelligence (AI), the World Health Organization (WHO) has issued a compelling warning that demands immediate attention. The WHO's cautionary message about the hasty implementation of AI-based tools, particularly in the context of patient care, serves as a wake-up call for policymakers, technology firms, and society as a whole.

platforms like As ChatGPT, Bard, BERT, and others imitate human communication, the WHO stresses the importance of vigilance and emphasizes the need to ensure patient safety and protection. Despite the publication of the WHO's "Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence for Health" in 2021, little progress has been made to

address these concerns. This

article explores the implications of the WHO's warning and calls for action to ensure the proper protection of patients.

#### Unveiling the Risks:

The WHO has expressed significant concerns over the inconsistent exercise of caution when employing large language model (LLM) tools powered by AI. These tools possess the capability to generate responses that may appear authoritative and plausible, yet be entirely incorrect or contain serious errorsâ "particularly worrisome when it comes to healthrelated matters. Additionally, these AI tools can be misused to disseminate convincing disinformation in various forms, making it difficult for the public to discern reliable health content from deceptive sources. The risks associated with the adoption of AI necessitate careful examination, especially when utilizing these tools to enhance access to health information, support decision-making, or bolster diagnostic capacities in under-resourced settings.

#### The Dual Nature of AI:

Artificial intelligence has become a widely recognized term, representing machines' ability to perform tasks requiring human-like intelligence. Its applications span numerous sectors, including healthcare, education, transportation, entertainment, and production, offering both benefits and dangers. ChatGPT when asked about the dangers of AI, highlights various concerns, such as job displacement, social manipulation, surveillance, and the automa tion of weapons. These perils encompass the potential for unemployment, inequality, social unrest, misinformation

campaigns, privacy breaches, biased decision-making, digital divides, market disruption, and the ethical quandaries surrounding autonomous weapons.

#### Safeguarding Against AI's Dangers:

While acknowledging the potential benefits of AI in supporting healthcare professionals, patients, researchers, and scientists, the WHO emphasizes the need to address the associated risks. ChatGPT suggests that AI can play a role in mitigating these dangers but asserts that it must be guided and regulated by human values, ethics, and laws. Proposed solutions include establishing an external AI ethics board, developing national or international laws for AI governance, promoting responsible and trustworthy AI development, and fostering education and awareness

about AI's impact. Implementing these solutions requires collaboration, coordination, and consensus among stakeholders and ongoing adaptation to the evolving challenges posed by AI.

#### Conclusion

As AI-based tools permeate various aspects of our lives, a comprehensive and proactive approach is needed to ensure the responsible development and use of these technologies. Policymakers, technology firms, researchers, and so ciety as a whole must come together to establish robust governance frameworks, prioritize patient protection, and foster public understanding of AI's impact. By addressing the challenges headon, we can harness the transformative power of AI while safeguarding the well-being and security of individuals worldwide.

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# BUSINESS

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Walmart looking at sourcing toys,

The move is significant

and highlights India's

growing strength in the

toy industry, especially

since India was a net im-

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and wellness along with

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In December 2020,

Walmart committed to

triple its exports of goods

from India to USD 10 bil-

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Mumbai, May 21:

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#### BRIEF



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New Delhi: IT company Infogain has said that global businesses even amid uncertainty are prioritising digitisation and customer experience to gain an edge in the market, and it is looking to hire 1,000-plus people in FY24, as it steers ahead with growth strategy. The Silicon Valley-headquartered digital plat form and software en gineering services company is also actively scouting for acquisitions, Dayapatra Nevatia, President and Chief Operating Officer of Infogain told PTI.

#### FMCG

New Delhi: Encouraged by volume growth, margin improvement and recovery in rural sales, India's top fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies are now back to their normal growth cycle as they step up investments as well as spending on advertising and marketing. FMCG companies are chasing volume growth again after a gap of a few quarters, offering higher grammage and price cuts thanks to inflationary pressures softening on key raw materials for everything from soaps to food items.

#### Amendment bill

New Delhi: The government is likely to introduce an amendment bill, which seeks to provide auction of minerals mined offshore, in the next Parliament session, sources said."The hurdle is that the original Act for offshore mining does not provide for auctions of

# **PSBs' total profit crosses** Rs 1 lakh crore-mark

#### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI): In FY23

Public sector banks' cumulative profit crossed the Rs 1 lakh crore-mark in the financial year ended March 2023, with 14.110 crore. market leader State Bank of India (SBI) accounting for nearly half of the total

earnings. From posting a total net an increase of 59 per cent loss of Rs 85,390 crore in over the preceding finan-2017-18, the Public Sector cial year. Banks (PSBs) have come a Except for the Punjab National Bank (PNB), long way as their profit other PSBs have reported touched Rs 1,04,649 crore in 2022-23, according to an

results. These 12 PSBs witnessed 57 per cent increase in total profit compared to Rs 66,539.98 crore earned in 2021-22.

analysis of their financial

In percentage terms Pune-based Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) had the highest net profit growth with 126 per cent to Rs 2.602 crore, followed

(Rs 10.604 crore). Other lenders like Punjab and by UCO with 100 per cent Sind Bank posted an annual profit growth 26 per cent (Rs 1,313 crore), rise to Rs 1,862 crore and Bank of Baroda with 94 Central Bank of India 51 per cent increase to Rs per cent (Rs 1,582 crore). However, in absolute Indian Overseas Bank 23 per cent (Rs 2,099 crore), term, SBI has reported an annual profit of Rs 50,232 Bank of India 18 per cent (Rs 4,023 crore), Indian Bank 34 per cent (Rs 5,282 crore in 2022-23, showing

crore) and Union Bank of India 61 per cent (Rs 8,433 crore). PSB is a turnaround story from record losses to impressive annual in-creases in their profit record profit. The doomto-bloom story of the public sector banking indus-Delhi-headquarter PNB try can be attributed to the posted a 27 per cent deinitiatives and spate of recline in annual net profit forms undertaken by the from Rs 3.457 crore in 2021government led by Prime 22 to Rs 2,507 crore in the Minister Narendra Modi, along with former finance The PSBs which reportminister Arun Jaitley and ed an annual profit in exfinancial services secrecess of Rs 10,000 crore are tary Rajiy Kumar and his

comprehensive 4R strategy: Recognising NPAs transparently, Resolution and recovery, Recapitalising PSBs, and Reforms in the financial ecosvstem.

As part of the strategy, the government infused an unprecedented Rs 3,10,997 crore to recapitalise PSBs during the last five financial years -- from 2016-17 to 2020-21. The recapitalisation programme provided much-needed support to the PSBs and prevented the possibility of any default on their

part. The reforms undertaken by the government over the last eight years addressed credit discipline, ensured responsible lending and improved governance. Besides, there was adoption of technology, amalgamation of banks, and general confidence of bankers was maintained.

'Need more Indian brands

selling local tea globally'

#### shoes, bicycles from India New Delhi, May 21 (PTI): international operations.

US-based retail giant Walmart is looking to source toys, shoes and bicycles from Indian suppliers as the company is targeting to increase its exports from India to USD 10 billion annually by 2027.

The company also wants to develop new suppliers in categories such as food, pharmaceuticals, consumables, health and wellness, and apparel and home textiles, a company spokesperson told PTI.

Officials from the Bentonville-headquartered firm recently held a virtual meeting with several domestic toy manufacturers here.

The company informed toy makers about their requirements and expected quality standards as it is directly engaging with the domestic toy makers for sourcing.

Global retailers such as IKEA are already sourcing tovs from India for their

sourcing will include helping develop hundreds of new suppliers in categories such as food, pharmaceuticals, consumables, health & wellness and general merchandise, along with apparel, homeware and other key Indian export categories," it had said.

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Earlier this month, Walmart Inc President and CEO Doug McMillon reaffirmed its commitment during his visit to India and said that India's unique ecosystem of suppliers will help the company in achieving its goal of exporting goods worth USD 10 billion from the country annually by 2027.

Addressing Indian suppliers, Doug McMillon has reaffirmed the roadmap for strengthening partnerships with Indian communities, expanding opportunities for Indian business es and fostering transformative and innovative solutions for retail from India to the world.

tomers through 6.000 banking outlets across 34

of the 36 states and

union territories in

India. The total number

of employees working at

Bandhan Bank stands at

During the final quar-

ter of FY23, the Bank's

deposit book grew 12%

over the corresponding

quarter of the previous

year. The total deposits

now stand at Rs.1.08 lakh

crore. The current ac-

count and savings ac-

count (CASA) ratio now

stands at 39.3% of the

overall deposit book.

With respect to advances,

the bank saw 10%

growth over the corre-

sponding quarter of the

previous year. The total

advances are now at

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"The expansion in

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nounced its financial re-

sults for the fourth quar-

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a half years of opera-

tions, the total business

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lakh crore as on March

31, 2023. The Bank serves

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the quarter.

**Bandhan Bank crosses** 

milestone of 3 cr customers

### crore) and Canara Bank **Tata AIA Life 'Fortune Guarantee Pension' gets** a powerful upgrade

the

after tax.

year ended March 2023.

Bank of Baroda (Rs 14.110

#### Mumbai. May 21:

Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA Life), one of India's leading Life Insurance Companies, has introduced a more powerful version of its flagship annuity (guaranteed income for life) plan, Tata AIA Life Fortune Guarantee Pension. The new version includes some critical improvements, including higher annuity rates and death benefits, making it a musthave for the consumers to live financially independent and worry-free in their golden years.

Longer life expectancy and reduced savings levels have made Retirement



country.

quately for retired life. The plan caters to a diverse set of customers, including the married, women and individuals wanting to seriously consider saving to maintain their current lifestyles for the future.

Discoms' dues down by a third

to Rs 93,000 cr in less than a year

The total outstanding dues now stand at around role to bring financial

New Delhi, May 21 (PTI): Of enforcing LPS Rule

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#### Income a major concern in Citing how foreign brands are making the most of the opportunity from selling tea grown in India, VAHDAM CEO

New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

sucessors. The govern-

ment has implemented a

Bala Sarda on the occasion of International Tea Day said it is about time India moves beyond supplying and starts selling its world-class tea under more homegrown labels.

Sarda, whose homegrown tea company is making waves internationally with the who's who of Hollywood -- including the likes of Oprah Winfrey, Ellen Degeneres and Mariah Carey -- endorsing the brand's exotic tea blends, said it is sad that there are more



"European brands selling Darjeeling tea and American brands selling Chai" to the world than Indian brands.

"I think we as consumers have always trusted origin products. For example, wine from France whiskey from

#### TVS iQube launches a 10-city mega delivery marathon Bhopal, May 21:

Strengthening its commitment towards transforming future mobility in the twowheeler segment, TVS Motor

Scotland. But for some reason, European brands selling are more Darjeeling tea, and American brands are selling more Chai than any Indian brand was even doing remotely.

'For India to be recognised as a country, which is trusted, which is a superpower we need global brands to come out of India... I think it is just about taking Indian teas through an Indian brand and you know, convincing consumers to have that, Sarda told PTI.

For the unversed, India is the world's second largest producer and consumer of tea -- accounting for nearly 25-28 per cent of world tea production.

### 'Domestic tourism will continue to be strong' With India's G20 presidency

#### New Delhi. May 21 (PTI):

domestic India's tourism growth will continue to be strong and will



he added. "The pandemic has brought about a change in human behaviour. You're seeing more people operate from home. The tendency to spend more time with the family has increased, as a result of which the need to take frequent breaks is what the domestic market is driving," Menon said.

Bala Sarda

minerals. The auction is the policy now. So the Act needs to be amended," the sources said.

#### Surpass



Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh has surpassed Maharashtra in sugar production in the current season even as 118 sugar mills operated in UP during the period compared to 210 mills that were operational in the western state. UP's **Cane Development** and Sugar Mills' min ister Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary told PTI, "UP is ahead of Maharashtra as far as production of sugar is concerned along with a number of other factors.

#### **Deloitte India**

New Delhi: The country's skilled workforce is being sought after by global organisations for high-end work. Deloitte India said on Sunday while announcing the opening up of three new offices in Pune, Chennai and Kolkata.

bution utilities (discoms) has reduced by a third to around Rs 93.000 crore in May, in less than year of implementing the Late Payment Surcharge

(LPS) Rules in June 2022. The burgeoning dues of discoms toward power generation (gencos) mainly and transmission (trancos) firms have been affecting the entire value chain of the sector till last year. According to industry

data, in June last year, discoms' dues were at Rs 1.39 lakh crore at the time of the launch of the Late Pavment Surcharge (LPS) scheme.

time. Besides, it has also The total outstanding ensured the payment of

PRAAPTI coms.

(Payment Ratification The non-payment of current dues by discoms, And Analysis in Power procurement for bringing one month after the due date of payment or two Invoicing of generators). and half months after the The PRAAPTI portal presentation of power was launched in May bill, whichever is later, shall attract regulation 2018, to bring transparency in power purchase (power supply cut) of power under the the Late between generators and discoms. Payment Surcharge Experts believe the Rules, 2022.

current dues in time. The

scheme has played a key

discipline among dis-

Apart from this the power ministry had also provided for strong payment security management and made it mandatory for discoms to open credit letters or make payment of power supply well in time to ensure financial discipline.

Company, a reputed manufacturer of two-wheelers and three-wheelers in the world, extends its mega delivery commitment with the 10 (days) X 10 (cities) X 1,000 (vehicle deliveries) marathon. The company handed over 100 TVS iQube scooters to its customers in Raipur, kickstarting the 10 day, 10 cities, 1,000 electric scooters mega delivery marathon.

Backed by its strong electrification journey in India, TVS iQube recorded a sales milestone of 1,00,000 units for its range of scooters, since its launch in 2020. Additionally, TVS iQube electric scooters has successfully transitioned to AIS156 phase 2.

be further fuelled by in bound travels through the country's presidency of G20, conferences and exhibitions that are now increasingly held here, according to Thomas Cook (India) Chairman and Managing Director Madhavan Menon.

On the other hand, longhaul outbound travels from India are also expected to pick up with the onset of summer in Europe and the US, he told PTI.

'Domestic tourism is here to stay and the reality is that we're going to see more and more activity in the domestic space without a doubt," Menon said **Madhavan Menon** 

when asked if the strong growth in domestic tourism witnessed post COVID would sustain.

One of the main reasons for the surge in domestic tourism is the changed consumer behaviour after the pandemic, believing in living for today and not worrying about tomorrow, coupled with their strong confidence in the economy,

**ICICI** Prudential Life Insurance launches new debt fund

#### Mumbai,May 17:

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launched a debt fund on Monday which will enable customers to lock-in their investments at current high interest rates, build long-term wealth and achieve financial goals.

#### inverse relationship be-tween prices of debt instruments and interest rates - their prices increase when interest rates fall thus benefitting customers who have invested in these instruments.

This fund is available The prevailing interest for investments with the rate regime provides cus-Company's flagship Unit tomers with an excellent Linked Insurance Plans (ULIP). ULIPs provide opportunity to invest in the debt fund - ICICI Pru customers with a unique Constant Maturity Fund proposition of life cover, - the first such fund in financial security to the the life insurance marfamily and facilitate ket. With interest rates building wealth over the long-term. ICICI Pru closer to their peak, any **Constant Maturity Fund** fall in interest rates makes debt instruments is available with Unit Linked Products from attractive as an investment option for cus-May 15, 2023.

# 'Royal Enfield to roll out uniquely differentiated electric bikes'

#### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

Royal Enfield is developing 'uniquely differentiated electric motorcycles' and has already started investing towards product development and creating a supplier ecosystem around its Chennai-based plant, according to CEO B Govindarajan.

The company, which is part of Eicher Motors, has announced a capex of Rs 1,000 crore for the current fiscal with a focus on various aspects, including EV manufacturing and product development. Part of the capex would also go into the rolling out of new products from the company's existing internal combustion engine portfolio. "On the EV journey, we



have been making steady progress. I can say Royal Enfield's EV journey is in the top gear now. Our intention is to create uniquely differentiated electric motorcycles with strong Royal Enfield DNA, Govindarajan said in an analyst call. The company has commissioned a very capable team and has

started committing very deep investments in terms of product development, product strategy and in the product testing and development area, he added.

Currently, we have laid a robust long-term product and technology roadmap on the EV and towards developing the supplier ecosystem is what is the focus as of now,' Govindarajan noted.

There are a lot of prototypes and testings, which are currently going on, he stated. "We are very committed. It's in full blast now," Govindarajan said.

Further, he noted that the company has made a strategic investment in Stark Future and now both the teams are working well.

He further said,"Now, my expectation is that people earlier would have done one international trip and maybe another domestic trip. Today, it has completely changed. We're now talking of multiple domestic trips, even short weekend (trips)".

however, Menon, added,"But that doesn't take away from the fact that you will see Indians travelling both short-haul and long-haul.

### AAI back on profitable runway; reports Rs 3,400 cr profit

#### In 2022-23 fiscal

New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

Airports Authority of India (AAI) is back in the black, raking in a profit of Rs 3,400 crore in the fiscal ended March as surging domestic air traffic boosted its financial performance, according to a source

AAI has reported a profit for the first time after the coronavirus pandemic that had significantly impacted air traffic and the aviation sector as a whole. In the financial years --

2021-22 and 2020-21 -- AAI had reported a loss.

While the loss was Rs passenger traffic surged 803.72 crore in the fiscal 47.05 per cent to 12.32 ended March 2022, the crore compared to 8.38 same stood at Rs 3,176.12 crore in the year-ago pericrore in the financial year od.

These figures excluded exceptional and extraordinary items and tax.

ended March 2021.

The source in the know told PTI that AAI has recorded a profit of Rs 3,400 crore for the 2022-23 financial year.

This is a provisional figure and the final figure will be known after the audit of the financial results.

The source also said the good performance was mainly due to the high growth in domestic air traffic. In 2022, domestic air

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# Prachi joins 'Kundali Milan' as lead

hemaroo Umang's highly anticipated new Show, Kundali Milan, has announced the addi-tion of talented actress Prachi Bohra to its ensemble cast. Prachi, known for her exceptional performances and versatility, will be portraying the character of Richa, a strong and independent woman whose life takes an unexpected turn when she discovers the power of destiny and love.

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Known for her exceptional acting skills and ability to bring characters to life, Prachi Bohra is excited to take on this new role shared her heartfelt sentiments, stating, "I truly believe that Radharani had a hand in guiding me towards this role. It's as if the universe conspired to bring us together right from the moment I heard the story and Richa's character. When I received the news that I was chosen for this role, I was overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude. I knew that I couldn't let this opportunity slip by and was determined to do my best to give this character the justice she deserves. I am eternally grateful to Radharani for guiding me towards this role and blessing me with the chance to bring Richa to life.

Nestled in the sacred town of Mathura, tive that weaves together the intricate threads of love, destiny, and unbreakable bonds. The story revolves around two traditional families, the Agrawals and the Gargs and their children Yash and Richa, whose lives are intertwined in more ways than one. Yash and Richa, childhood sweethearts entwined by destiny, long for a union that defies time itself. But fate takes an unforeseen twist when an enigmatic astrologer unveils a chilling prophecy, clouding Yash and Richa's future

tiny and love.

Kundali Milan unveils a mesmerizing narrawith uncertainty. Will their love conquer all,

or will they succumb to the forces of destiny?

### Ajay Devgn's company forays into NE, opens multiplex in Guwahati

Bollywood superstar Ajay Devgn, who has recently directed and was seen in 'Bholaa', is set to change the dynamics of movie exhibitions in the northeast part of the country. The actor's Cinemas will open its exclusive multiplex cinema in the heart of Guwahati city. This mul-



#### Janhvi Kapoor steps into the world of 'The Little Mermaid'



Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor turned into a mermaid for a new promotional asset of the upcoming film 'The Little Mermaid'. The actress took to her social media platform on Friday to share a video with magical realism. In the video, she can be seen stepping into the magical world of Princess Ariel as a fan and magically fits into it for her young fans as she recitesa 'Machhli Jal Ki Rani Hai.' 'The Little Mermaid' directed by Rob Marshall, features Halle Bailey as Ariel, Melissa McCarthy as Ursula, Jonah Hauer-King as Prince Eric, Javier Bardem as King Triton, Daveed Diggs as Sebastian, Jacob Tremblay as Flounder, Awkwafina as Scuttle, Noma Dumezweni, and Jude Akuwudike.

# **Unexpected turn of events in &TV shows**

Tn &TV show Doosri Maa, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, the key highlight will be the unexpected turn of events. About &TV's Doosri Maa track, Yashoda shares, 'Upon Ashok (Mohit Dagga) return to Gupta's house, he becomes aware of Kamini (Priety Sahay) instructing Yashoda (Neha Joshi) to separate the chullah, raising suspicions within him. Simultaneously, Yashodha stumbles upon the realization that Varun (Micckie Duddaney) has managed to flee from prison and suspects him of abducting Varun (Micckie Duddaney). As Ashok catches sight of his children at the school entrance, a sense of distress takes over him, while the absence of Krishna deeply troubles Yashodha."

About &TV's Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai track, Angoori shares, "Saxena (Saanand Verma) shares



the news of his recent employment at an OTT platform, which is currently seeking exemplary neighbours for an upcoming reality series, with Angoori (Shubhangi Atre) and Anita (Vidisha Srivastava). Additionally, Saxena reveals that the show's winners will receive a substantial reward of 2.5 crores. Concerned about their fi-

nancial situation. Angoori and Anita participate in the show. Upon learning about this opportunity, Vibhuti (Aasif Sheikh), Tiwari (Rohitashv Gour), Teeka (Vaibhav Mathur), Tilu (Salim Zaidi), and Master (Jeetu Gupta) begin displaying excessive friendliness towards each other to impress Saxena and secure a spot on the show. However, suddenly the situation turns when Saxena arrives and cautions them that his senior believes being good neighbours might be outdated."

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

# **Nakuul and Disha** reprise their roles in 'Bade Acche Lagte Hain 3'

ony Entertainment Television has given Indian television some of its most iconic shows with memorable characters that have stood the test of time. Such has been the case of Bade Acche Lagte Hain, a show which has a loyal viewer base with ardent followers of #RaYa or Ram Kapoor and Priya, one of the most loved couples on the small screen. And now, the channel is all set to entertain viewers with a new season of Bade Acche Lagte Hain 3, with Nakuul Mehta and Disha Parmar reprising their roles as Ram Kapoor and testament to the endur-Priva. Back on fans' demand - the immensely ing popularity of the popular jodi of Nakuul show and its characters. and Disha has earned It's an incredible feeling to know that the characmuch adulation and fans ter I played resonated of the show can't keep calm as #RaYa are returning with an all-new narrative. Staying true to its core concept, the third edition of this cult drama will bring alive another mature love story of urban loneliness, unlike other quintessential romance dramas. However, in this new chapter, viewers will see Ram and Priya in a fresh and rebooted avatar, and coupled with Nakuul and Disha's unmissable chemistry - it promises to make for an interesting watch. Talking about her return to the show, an elated Disha Parmar shares, The return of Bade Acche Lagte Hain is a takes us.





anessa Hudgens with audiences across India; it's a surreal feelwill join Mads ing to have been able to Mikkelsen to contribute and become a headline the action spy part of the show's legacy. 'The Black thriller Kaiser', directed by Priya has always been adamant about the Derrick Borte. things that she believed Borte has replaced in but this time around -Jonas Akerlund, who she is even more strongwas previously anwilled, and I am looking nounced as director. The film is written by Jayson forward to playing Priva 2.0. I am certain that all Rothwell, based on the our fans will be just as Dark Horse graphic excited as we are to renovel 'Polar' by Victor turn to the show and fol-Santos. It is set to shoot low the journey of both this fall, reports 'Variety'. Ram and Priva as they In the film, the Black Kaiser (Mikkelsen), the continue to evolve. We can't wait to share this world's most lethal hitman, uncovers a deadly new chapter of the show with our viewers and to conspiracy protecting a see where the story powerful syndicate of killers, and becomes

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their No. 1 target. 'The Black Kaiser' is a Constantin Film, JB

<u>northeast region after</u> successfully having delivered multiple screens in North and West of the country.

signed keeping the Assamese culture and tradition in mind where everyone feels at home. NY Cinemas, a multiplex chain, was founded by Ajay with the intention of bringing the oldworld charm of single screens back to the mul-

film stars.

Disney India is set to release 'The Little Mermaid' in cinemas on May 26 in English.

Pictures and Dark Horse Entertainment production, and will be produced by Jeremy Bolt and Robert Kulzer, two of the producers behind the 'Resident Evil' franchise. As per 'Variety', Mike Richardson and Keith Goldberg of Dark Horse Entertainment are also producing, and Martin Moszkowicz and Mikkelsen are executive

producing. XYZ Films will executive produce and will continue to sell worldwide rights at the Marche du Film in Cannes.

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# Sapna Choudhary fulfils 'lifetime dream' in crepe coloured gown at Cannes

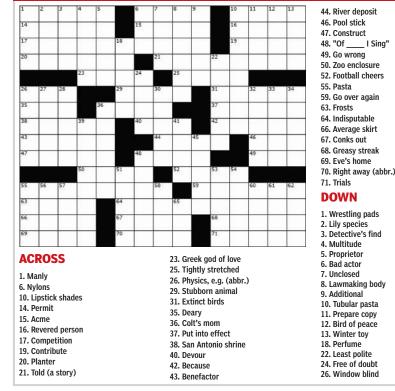
aryanvi dancing sensation and ex-Bigg Boss contestant, Sapna Choudhary has made her Cannes red carpet debut. Sapna has become the first regional artiste from Harvana to attend the prestigious film festival.

Talking about attending the fest, Sapna said: "Cannes is not just a dream, but a lifetime dream for any actress/actor, and I am thankful to God that today I could conquered this besides the facts of not even knowing English or any international languages. I am a proud Indian standing here at Cannes for my country and my state Haryana." Sapna has collaborated



with Air France for the fest. As her debut look, she chose a crepe coloured elegant gown with floral designs and embellishments. Further, sharing her experience Sapna stated: "People of Air France are so generous and accepting, I think acceptance is the biggest step towards change and humanity as well! It was an incredible experience to debut at the Cannes Film Festival. Walking the red carpet was surreal. The atmosphere was electric and I was thrilled to be there with so many other talented artists from around the world. "Being the first regional artiste to achieve this milestone is a dream come true.

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# **Rybakina wins Italian Open**

#### Rune to play Medvedev in men's final

#### Rome, May 21 (AP):

Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina won the Italian Open when Ukrainian opponent Anhelina Kalinina retired due to a left thigh injury early in the second set of the rain-delayed final on Saturday.

Rybakina was leading 6-4, 1-0, 15-0 when Kalinina called for a trainer and grasped her left leg as she teared up. She then decided she couldn't continue.

The final began at almost 11 p.m. on Saturday and ended just after mid-

night on Sunday. rallied past Casper Ruud 6-"I'm really sorry that I 7 (2), 6-4, 6-2 and Medvedev couldn't play," Kalinina performed a little celebratory dance after beating said during the trophy cer-Stefanos Tsitsipas 7-5, 7-5 emony as the crowd whistled after waiting under in a semifinal that was the rain for hours before suspended twice in the the night session started. first set for a total of near-



"I was trying to do my ly 4 hours due to rain.

Rybakina earned her biggest tournament win on clay. Her only other title on the surface was in Bucharest in 2019.

It's been quite a year for Rybakina, who reached the final of the Australian Open, also won an elite title in Indian Wells and was the runner-up in Miami. On Monday, she'll

move up to a career-high No. 4 in the rankings and will be considered a contender at the French Open, which starts next weekend

47th-ranked The Kalinina was playing in the biggest final of her career, and has been dedicating her performances to her war-torn country.

Kalinina's family home was destroyed in a Russian attack last year. Also, her elderly grandparents have had to relocate from the southern city of Nova Kakhovka which is held by Russian forces to Kyiv. Kalinina's parents work as tennis coaches in Kviv and she said on Friday there was a 'huge, huge bomb near them, near their academy" a few days ago.

Rybakina was born in Moscow and has represented Kazakhstan since 2018, when that country offered funding to support

her tennis career. Kalinina spent more than four hours longer on court than Rybakina entering the final, having won the longest match on the women's circuit this season 3 hours, 41 minutes against Beatriz Haddad Maia in the quarterfinals. She also required three sets to beat Russia's Veronika Kudermetova in an emotionally charged semifinal.

Rune, who eliminated six-time Rome champion Novak Djokovic in the quarterfinals, improved to 7-1 in his career against players ranked in the top five. "I play some of my best tennis when I play the top guys of the world," Rune said. "You need it against those players." Making the final marked quite a turn-

around for Medvedev, who lost his opening match in Rome in his three previous appearances.

# Sharath Kamal, Sathiyan win opening matches at World Championships

#### Durban, May 21 (PTI):

India veterans Sharath Kamal and G Sathiyan made a winning start at the World Table Tennis Championships here on Sunday.

The 56th ranked Indian defeated world no. 170 David Serdaroglu of Austria 11-8, 9-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-6 to advance to the round of 64. Sathiyan beat England's Tom Jarvis 4-3 (11-9 11-8 7-11 11-2 15-13 13-11 11-6) in another men's singles contest to begin his campaign on a positive note. The other Indian in the singles competition, Manika Batra will play her opening round match later on Sunday. Manush Shah and Harmeet Desai had lost their opening matches on Saturday. Sreeja Akula had won her round of 128 clash against Nicole Arlia of Italy.



#### Manika-Sathiyan mixed doubles pair in round of 32

Durban: India pair of Manika Batra and Sathiyan Gnanasekaran advanced to the Mixed Doubles round of 32 at the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals after notching a tense 3-2 victory over Xia Lian Ni and Luka Mladenovic of Luxembourg here on Saturday. The fourth-seeded Indian pair won 9-11, 11-8, 14-16, 11-7, 11-6 against their Luxembourg opponents who are ranked 122 positions below them in the world rankings.

### Hockey: Indian women play out 1-1 draw with Australia

#### Adelaide, May 21 (PTI)

Deen Grace Ekka converted a penalty corner to help the Indian women's hockey team rally and play out a 1-1 draw in its third tour game against its Australian counterparts here on Sunday.

The visitors came from behind to level the score as Deep Grace Ekka (42th minute) netted a goal for India after Maddison Brooks (25th) had put the hosts in front. The result meant that Australia won the three-match series 2-0. India started the first quarter of the game on a positive

India controlling the tempo in their bid to find the equaliser note by keeping the possession and it paid off as Grace conand making some good passes. verted a penalty corner to level The visitors also displayed a the score. The visitors continpressing game to win the ball ued to test Australia's defence. back and also got two penalty but the third guarter didn't see corners. The hosts tested any more goals, and so did the India's defence on multiple fourth even though Australia occasions but both the teams

were unable to capitalise on the chances as the opening quarter ended goal-less. Indian players showed some terrific ball control and played an

far post, put the ball beyond

India's goalkeeper and captain

The third quarter began with

best." Holger Rune will

face Daniil Medvedev in

The 20-year-old Rune

the men's final on Sunday.

attacking game in the second guarter. However, it was Australia who took the lead as Brooks scored a field goal after she received a pass through a Sunday quickly taken free hit. Brooks, who was standing free at the

Savita. The hosts went into the to post 200/5. half-time break with a 1-0 lead.

Mumbai In reply, Indians got a perfect start with skipper Rohit Sharma (56 from 37 balls) and Green putting together 128 runs from 65 balls for the second wicket.

After Rohit's departure, Green sealed the chase with 12 balls to spare, staying unbeaten on 100 from

# MI beat SRH by eight wickets

#### Mumbai, May 21 (PTI)

Cameron Green struck an unbeaten century after uncapped Indian pacer Akash Madhwal's 4/37 as Mumbai Indians secured a comprehensive eight-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League here on

Madhwal's stunning spell at the death saw Sunrisers manage just 32 runs in the last four overs while losing three wickets



Mumbai Indians bowler Akash Madhwal celebrates with teammates at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, Sunday.

47 balls (8x4, 8x6). The fivetime champions' playoffs fate, however, hinges on the result of the match between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Gujarat Titans in the concluding league match of the season later in the day. RCB, who have a better run-rate, need a win to seal the

fourth spot in the playoffs at the expense of MI. Earlier, opener Mayank Agarwal returned to form with his first fifty of the IPL to give SRH a perfect start after Rohit Sharma opted to bowl. Unheralded Uttarakhand pacer Akash Madhwal nailed his yorkers consistently at the

With one eye on Bengaluru weather where RCB is taking on Gujarat Titans. Madhwal's fourwicket haul ensured that SRH ended with at least 15 short of what could be considered a par-score on a flat Wankhede track. This was after a century opening stand between seasoned opener Mayank Agarwal (83 off 45 balls) and rookie Vivrant Sharma (69 off 47 balls) threatened to take the game away, in the IPL here on Sunday.

Courtesy Madhwal's 4 for 37, which included two lethal block-hole deliveries to clean up in-form Heinrich Klaasen (18) and Harry Brook (0), SRH managed only 26 in last three overs

### Young long jumper Shaili Singh finishes third in Japan



Yokohama , May 21 (PTI):

Talented Indian youngster Shaili Singh finished third with a creditable effort of 6.65m in the women's long jump at the Seiko Golden Grand Prix here on Sunday.

The 19-year-old Shaili's first round jump of 6.65m remained her best in the World Athletics Continental

Tour gold level event, though it was 11cm below her personal best. Her effort also saw a wind speed of +2.1 m/s, which is above the permissible limit of +2.0 m/s. She was leading the competition event till the third round. Maryse Luzolo of Germany took the gold with a jump of 6.79m, while Brooke Buschkuel of Australia was second with an effort of 6.77m. Shaili was competing in her first big international outdoor event at the senior level. She had won a silver in the World U-20 Athletics Championships in 2021 with a jump of 6.59m. In April Shaili had logged 6.76m, the all-time second longest long jump by an India behind her idol and mentor Anju Bobby George, en route to winning a gold at the Indian Grand Prix

### came out all guns blazing. Australia slight favourites for WTC final: Chappell Kolkata, May 21 (PTI):

#### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

Ian Chappell feels the potency of Australia's pace attack in English con-



injury concerns and neither team having played a Test since completing a hard-fought series earlier this year.

Rinku Singh may have been the solitary talking point for Kolkata Knight Riders in an IPL season gone horribly wrong, but the 25-year-old prefers to

stay grounded and not

Having made headlines

# 'Not thinking about Team India selection yet'

#### Rinku is really hungry for success: Andy Flower

Kolkata: Rinku Singh is a "good package' with his ice-cool demeanour and hunger for success, making him a potential India candidate, feels Lucknow Super Giants coach Andy Flower. The 25-year-old was the sole bright spot of Kolkata Knight Riders' topsy-turvy season as they bowed out of IPL 2023 with a one-run loss to Lucknow Super Giants here on Saturday. Rinku played out of his skin again to get them that close, did n't he? We were really in good situation, but if they had won it from there it would have been genuinely astounding," Flower said in the post-match media interaction. The T20 World Cup and Ashes-winning former England coach further said Rinku has got "future".

#### death as Mumbai Indians restricted Sunrisers Hyderabad to 200 for 5 in their final IPL encounter.

ditions will give them the edge in next month's World Test Championship final against India, who could be "badly affected" by the absence of injured Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant.

Shreyas Iyer and K L Rahul are another two Indian players who have been ruled out off the June 7-11 final due to injuries. Chappell also said injury-prone Hardik Pandya not playing redball cricket also harms India. Hardik last played a first class game in 2018.

"The injuries to Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant badly affect India, as they would be outright

favourites with these two playing. "The somewhat surprising unavailability

of allrounder Hardik Pandya also harms India, as he could have provided them with the final piece of the jigsaw puzzle," Chappell wrote in a column for ESPNcricinfo. Majority of the Indian

players go into the final after two months of IPL but Chappell feels that might not negatively impact them after all.

"As it should be, this is a hard match to predict. That's mainly because of

To make matters even more difficult, many of thinking about a Team the players involved have India push. only competed in the IPL hitting fives sixes in a row in the lead-up to the oneoff Test.

in their win over Gujarat Titans earlier this season, "While this may not seem to be the ideal prepa-Rinku emerged as KKR's top-batter and finisher ration, it's worth recalling this season with former the opinion of former England batter Ravi India coach Ravi Shastri Bopara. In 2009, Bopara picking him to make a went from the fledgling IPL into a Test series against West Indies and reckoned he was ideally prepared because T20 got his feet moving and put him in a positive frame of mind," he said referring to Bopara's successive hundreds in the Caribbean

late push for India's World Cup squad. "Anyone will feel great to have a season like this, but I'm not thinking that

far that I will get selected to Indian team," said Rinku in the post-match media interaction after their one-run defeat to Lucknow Super Giants



here on Saturday. The 25top run-getter for KKR year-old struck a 33-ball 67 with 474 runs at an avernot out, his fourth fifty age of 59.25 and 149-plus this season, and nearly pulled off another strike rate. From getting used to the chants of thrilling win against LSG. 'Rinku, Rinku' in the Rinku finished with the packed Eden Gardens' galleries to receiving adulation from all quarters, his life has changed for good in span of just two months.

But Rinku prefers to go back to drawing board and follow the same routine.

"I will just continue my same routine -- practice and gym -- after returning home. Names will keep on coming, I will just do my job," the UP cricketer

said. "Everyone at home is really happy. Last year people came to know about me for my cameos. But after hitting those five sixes, I'm getting a lot of respect. Many people now know me. I'm happy but not overjoyed, afterall we couldn't make it," he rued. Needing to hit three sixes from last three deliveries to win against LSG,

### like situation. **Recurve archers draw a blank**

**Rising Indian recurve** 

bagged a maiden World

Cup bronze in Antalya

last month was the only

hope after the seasoned

duo of Tarundeep Rai and Atanu Das and

Chauhan made first

But Korea once again

became the thorn in

India's recurve cam-

paign, as the Army man

lost out to Oh Jin Hokey

0-6 (29-30, 28-29, 29-30) in

straight sets to make a

In the recurve mixed

team event too India were

eliminated in the last-16

after the duo of Dhiraj

and Simranjeet Kaur

squandered a first set lead to go down to their

pre-quarterfinal exit.

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#### Bengaluru, May 21 (PTI)

Sabastian Sawe of Kenya and Ethiopia's Tsehay Gemechu ran superblypaced races to win the elite men's and women's titles in two close finishes at the 15th TCS World 10K Bengaluru here on Sunday.

Among the Indian elite, Murli Gavit, making only his second appearance at the race, clinched the men's title with a superb finish, while debutant Tamshi Singh won the women's category. Fresh from clocking the world's fifth fastest 10K time in Germany last month, Sawe (27:58.24) won milliseconds ahead of Rodrigue Burundi's Kwizera (27:58.35) in a gripping finish. Three Kenyans finished inside the top four

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Sawe, Gemechu reign supreme in Bengaluru 10K

Nicholas Kipkoekir (28:05.09) come fourth behind Hillary Chepkwoni (27:59.70). "The last two kilometres was really tough. I told myself I have to push really hard, even the last 500m was very challenging," Sawe said. It was an Ethiopian 1-2-3 in the women's race with Fotyen Tesafe finishing four seconds behind Gemechu (31:38) and the experienced Dera Dida only seven seconds shy of the winner. The winners took home an equal prize cheque of USD 26,000 each. In her previous visit to Bengaluru in 2019 Gemechu had finished sixth. "I was determined to get this victory. In 2019, I had made one mistake, this time I had the experience, so this was an easier race. I think my track experience came in handy today," she said.

#### Jayaprakash re-elected national swimming federation president

Chennai, May 21 (PTI)

R N Jayaprakash was on Sunday unanimously reelected president of the Swimming Federation of India while Monal Chokshi will be the general secretary. The new office-bearers were elected at the Federation's Annual General Body meeting held here.

Jayaprakash, who would continue to head the SFI for the term 2023-2027, spoke about the key areas identified for 'Mission 2028', and said "We have a lot more work to be done and I'm optimistic towards India becoming a dominant global force in swimming in a few years' time."

#### India finish 2nd in medals tally with 3 medals in compound section

#### Shanghai, May 21 (PTI):

Recurve archers returned empty-handed to take some sheen off their spectacular show in non-Olympic compound section, as India finished second behind Korea with two gold and one bronze medals in the World Cup Stage 2, here on Sunday.

Making a comeback after skipping the seasonopener Antalya leg, recurve heavyweights Korea grabbed four gold, two silver and one bronze in the Olympic discipline to top the standings with Indonesian rivals 2-6 (39-35, 37-39, 37-38, 34-35).

it was a Gujarat Titans

That none of the recurve archers could even make the medal round was a grim reality check for the national federation with just one year left for the Paris Olympics and four months for the Asian Games.

With the Asian Games featuring both the recurve and compound sections, the compound archers show was the only saving grace.

India bagged all their three medals in the compound section, with Prathamesh Jawkar and Avneet Kaur winning the individual gold and bronze respectively. Ojas Deotale and Jyothi Surekha Vennam bagged the mixed team gold.



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# **'Six entities under lens for suspicious** trading in Adani shares'

#### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

Six entities including four foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) are under lens for suspicious trading in Adani group shares prior to the release of the damning Hindenburg report, the Supreme Courtappointed expert committee has said.

There was a build up of short positions in the Adani scips prior to the January 24 release of the Hindenburg report, and substantial profits were booked thereafter as stocks crashed, the 178page report said.

A "short" position is generally the sale of a stock one does not own.

Investors who sell short lionaire Gautam Adani, the Supreme Court on believe the price of the stock will decrease in March 2, constituted the

value. If the price drops, they can buy the stock at the lower price and make a profit.

engaged in a

nipulation and ac-

counting fraud scheme".

Shares of Adani Group,

which denied all allega-

tions, likening the US in-

vestment firm's report to

an attack on India, fell after the Hindenburg re-

port was published on

political row and petitions

were filed for a probe into

the empire helmed by bil-

As the report stirred a

January 24.

ure to disclose transactions with related parties Hindenburg's report claimed that the Adani and if stock prices were manipulated. empire was the "biggest The expert committee

con in corporate history" headed by former SC judge AM Sapre "brazen stock ma- SC PANEI found no regulato-

expert committee to inves-

tigate if there was any fail-

ry failure during the sharp rise in prices of Adani group companies between March 2000 and December 2022 and their dramatic meltdown after January 24. "While there was no adverse observation with respect to Adani scips in the cash segment, suspicious trading has been observed on the part of six entities. These are four FPIs, one body corporate and one individual," the report said. The report

did not name any of the

six. "The trading pattern here is suspicious because of the build up of short positions by these entities in the Adani scrips prior to the Hindenburg report, and substantial profits earned by them by squaring off their short positions after publication of the Hindenburg report on January 24, 2023," the expert committee said.

A detailed investigation is being carried out in respect of the trading of the six entities. "These being matters under investigation, and the factual findings at this stage being prima facie in nature, the Committee is not delving into the details and names of these persons, or commenting upon the quality of the prima facie evidence.

tion also includes a unique



Union Minister of Environment Forest & Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav along with Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais during the G20 beach cleanup drive at Juhu beach, in Mumbai, Sunday.

#### 78-yr-old MP man takes pride in his rare collection of clocks Heritage KJP Girl's school reduced to ashes

#### From across globe

#### Indore. May 21 (PTI):

As one enters the home of a 78-year-old man in Madhya Pradesh's Indore city, one is welcomed with the tick-tock and mesmerising sounds of some of the rare and antique clocks collected from across the world, giving an impression as if one has reached the past sitting on a time machine.

The collector, Anil Bhalla, claims to have more than 650 timepieces collected from India and various places abroad, including the US, France, Switzerland, Britain and Germany.

Bhalla told PTI that he inherited the hobby of collection of clocks from his grandfather Hukumat Rai Bhalla, who brought some timepieces to India while pursuing higher studies



Anil Bhalla (78) showing his rare collection of antique clocks, in Indore.

abroad. "I bought the first and colour year after year. clock of my collection at said the Limca Book of the age of 16, which was Records issued him a ceran anniversary clock, retificate in 2013 for his rare quiring winding only once collection including a 10a year. After that I bought feet-tall "grandfather" clock made in France in clocks whenever I had some extra money," he 1750. He also claims to said. Bhalla, who has since have a clock made somethen kept collecting clocks where around the year of different shapes, sizes 1700.

clock from England made by carving a single piece of wood in 1830 which simultaneously shows the time of 16 major cities of the world through different dials. While showing his huge collection, he pointed at a clock made in Switzerland which does not need key winding. Another clock is so huge that two persons are required for winding it.He also has a foreign-made pocket clock, the dial of which has the picture of an engine with 'Railway Timekeeper' printed on it. This clock had specially been made for railway workers, he said.

His collection includes only one Indian made clock, named 'Vande Mataram'. The nearly 65year-old clock's outer covering is made of pure copper and the images of Goddesses, Gods.

Bhalla said his collec-Mahatma Gandhi and Bal Gangadhar Tilak have been carved on it. Bhalla, who has been as-

sociated with the automobile business since a long time, said these days he remains busy taking care of his collection of clocks and repairing them. "My collection also in-

cludes some clocks bought in a junked condition from scrap dealers. I managed to get their spare parts from various places in the world and repaired them to make them functional again," he said.

According to Bhalla, more than 650 clocks and watches in his collection are currently in functional condition, but to wind them regularly is not any easy task for him alone.

Hence, they are winded only when needed. "Some people say a nonworking clock at home is a bad omen, but I don't believe it," he said.

#### Boarders safe

#### Shillong, May 21 (PTI):

A major fire broke out at the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Girls Higher Secondary school here in the early hours of Sunday, reducing the heritage building to ashes, police said on Sunday.

There was no report of any casualty in the fire, they said.

The woodwork frame of the school building built in the late 1800s aided the fire to spread and initial reports indicated that the fire broke out at around 2 am, the police said.

The boarders residing in the adjacent building were all safe and have been temporarily shifted to the community hall of Mission Compound locality, officials said.

Police said fire tenders



A major fire broke out at the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Girls Higher Secondary school in the early hours of Sunday.

were deployed from the Welsh missionaries at headquarters here to Nongsawlia village in fight the inferno and help Sohra Cherrapunjee), where it Being the only school was converted into a

for girls in the Northeast over a century ago, the KJP Girls' Higher Secondary School celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2017.

The school was an offshoot of an erstwhile school established by the

proper school in 1864. The school became an exclusive school for girls in 1892 when a missionary of the Welsh Presbyterian Mission Society took over the administration of the

(erstwhile

# Arunachalee woman entrepreneur stirs storm in glass



Ziro, May 21 (PTI):

ers were failing to fetch proper market value for their produce," Rita told PTI.

She said reviving the demand for organic kiwis was one of the first mile

#### fruit The four-month wine-

save lives.

making process starts with manual sourcing of the fruit, followed by cleaning, sorting and grad-

tional value, making her wine a healthier choice among alcoholic beverages and a good pick for conscious drinkers.

Rita, who is in her midthirties, was the first entrepreneur from the Northeast to secure a deal at Shark Tank India Season 2, which was aired on March 13 this year on Sony LIV channel.



**ARTIST AT WORK** 

The construction work of 'Shri Tirupati Balaii' temple is in its final phase, in Jammu, Sunday,

An Arunachalee woman has stirred a storm in the wine glass with her signature kiwi wine 'Naara Aaba'.

Tage Rita, an agricultural engineer-turned-entrepreneur, set up her winery in Hong village in the picturesque Ziro Valley in Lower Subansiri district in 2017.

Since then, Rita and her team's produce has grabbed the attention of wine lovers from far and wide.

"Naara Aaba's journey began with the purpose of creating market linkage for the under-utilised kiwi fruits grown in abundance in the region. Kiwi farm-

stones she has achieved in her path to provide sustainable livelihood to kiwi farmers in the region. The initial days were

tremendously tough for her as she set up on a mission to manufacture kiwi wine in an unforgiving mountainous terrain, facing transportation bottlenecks and dealing with the ignorance of locals about the huge potential of the fruit as an ingredient for

wine. "Every ingredient used in manufacturing Naara Aaba is organic and certified. The wine has all the vitamins and minerals present in the fruit," she son of locally grown kiwi

ing in the facility. The plant has a small laboratory to test parameters based on which ingredients such as sugar and yeast are added in the right quantities during the process

"Temperature is maintained through cold stabilisation at the chilling plant. To prevent microbes or harmful bacteria from affecting the wine, it undergoes a filtration process," she said.

The kiwi wine tastes a little tangy, as additional sugar is not added to the mix. She is adamant about keeping the taste as natural as possible while retaining the fruit's nutri-

Out of the five sharks, Vineeta Singh of Sugar Cosmetics and Vikas D Nahar of Happilo came on board with an offer of Rs 50 lakh investment for 5 per cent equity and Rs 25 lakh debt at 10 per cent interest, amounting to a total of Rs 75 lakh funding for her winery.

The winery has scaled up its production capacity from 20,000 litres in 2017 to 60,000 litres at present through 16 tanks.



# Ramgarh crater in Raj to be developed as geo-tourist destination

#### Jaipur, May 21 (PTI):

Believed to have been formed 600 million years ago, the Ramgarh crater in Rajasthan's Baran district will soon be transformed into a geo-tourist attraction, according to officials.

It is the country's third and the state's first crater. The other two are Lunar crater in Maharashtra and Dhala crater in Madhya Pradesh.

After the plan is implemented, the Rajasthan Tourism Department expects 30,000 to 40,000 tourists to visit the site



PFA picture for Ramgarh crater site in Rajasthans Baran district, which is being developed as a new tourist destination in the state.

every year, the officials oped as a tourist attracsaid. The site will be develtion at a cost of Rs 57.22

crore and the work has already started. This includes beautification of the crater lake, infrastructure development and other decorative work around the site, they said.

The Tourism Department is constructing a high-quality road, an information centre, a knowledge centre and a cafeteria, the officials said.

Development of gardens and a green area, construction of a ghat. erecting an entrance gate and signage, and drip irrigation have been proposed, they said.

Ballia (UP), May 21 (PTI):

Farmers in a dusty village of Ballia district in eastern UP are pioneering the art of growing the famous Shahi (Royal) Litchis and expanding the horizons by taking the succulent fruit to other

markets in the country. Nirupur village located 13 kilometers from the district headquarters, has become a hub for the production of the famous

#### Shahi Litchis. Raja Shankar Tiwari, who retired from the Railway Protection Force, is one of the farmers who about to bring

the pioneers of Litchi

farming in Nirupur, told

PTI that in 2013, after his

retirement, he started

litchi plantation after

reading somewhere that

a tree gives an output of

Rs 90 lakhs in its entire

life. "After retirement, I

went to Muzaffarpur

and learned about litchi

horticulture at Litchi

Research Center and

planted 230 royal (Shahi)

Entrepreneur Tage Rita from Lower Subansiri dis-

trict of Arunachal Pradesh

in a Kiwi Orchard near her

said. The production of

wine in batches is aligned

with the harvesting sea-

winery.

litchi trees and 200 mango trees in two hectares of land in

Dopahi Mouja of our vil-

lage," said Tiwari. Nirupur village into the limelight by producing the high quality litchi fruit. Tiwari, was one of



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BRIEF



A monkey walks past as a mirage appears on Kartavya Path during a hot summer day, in New Delhi. Sunday.

#### Shoot down

Amritsar: The Border Security Force shot down a Pakistani drone near the international border in Puniab's Amritsar, said a BSF statement on Sunday. BSF troops heard the buzzing sound of the drone on Saturday night and intercepted the unmanned aerial vehicle by firing at it.

### Mishap

Hisar: Three people died after allegedly inhaling toxic gas while cleaning a well in the Saharwa village in this Haryana district, police said on Sunday. The victims have been identified as Jaipal. Narendra and Suresh, they said. According to the police, Jaipal entered the well but lost consciousness after allegedly inhaling the toxic gas. Narendra then went inside but did not return either.

#### Fire

New Delhi: A fire broke out inside the projector room of a Cinema Hall in west Delhi's Moti Nagar on Sunday afternoon, fire service officials said. No injuries were reported. A call about a fire at the Cinema Hall was received around 1.12 pm and seven fire tenders were rushed to the spot, a senior fire official said.

#### Booked

Bhadohi: A 22-year-old man was booked under charges of rape after he was found to have married a minor girl, police said on Sunday. Circle officer of Aurai Umeshwar Prabhat Singh

# **Papua New Guinea PM touches Modi's feet on arrival**

#### Port Moresby, May 21 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday arrived in Papua New Guinea on his maiden visit during which he will host a key summit on Monday between India and 14 Pacific island countries to boost bilateral ties. The prime minister

reached Port Moresby from Japan where he attended the summit of the G7 advanced economies and held bilateral meetings with several world leaders.

Modi's visit to Papua New Guinea on the second leg of his three-nation tour is the first ever by any Indian prime minister

Security forces have ar-

rested three Maoists and

recovered an improvised

explosive device (IED)

planted by them on a road

in Kanker district, police

Two of them were car-

rying rewards of Rs 8 lakh

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A joint team of the

District Reserve Guard

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Kanker, May 21:

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PM of Papua New Guinea James Marape touches Prime Minister Narendra Modi's feet upon the latter's arrival in Papua New Guinea. Sunday.

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Superintendent of Police

Shalabh Kumar Sinha

said. A walkie-talkie set, a

torch and Rs 6.000 cash

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always remember. I look forward to boosting India's ties

#### Imphal, May 21 (PTI): Thongbam Inaotomba's son in Delhi is likely to be

with this great nation durings in Delhi as she has ing my visit,' Modi tweeted. not been able to send money to the young stu-Normally Papua New Guinea doesn't give a ceredent as the internet has monial welcome to any

leader coming after sunset. But a special exception made for Prime was Minister Modi and a cere-

monial welcome was accorded to him. 'A grand beginning of an important visit! PM @narendramodi arrives in Port Moresby on what is the first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Papua New Guinea. Accorded a 19gun salute, guard of honour & ceremonial welcome. As a special gesture, PM James Marape received PM Modi at the airport,' Ministry of External Affairs

Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted.

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### 'BJP seeks votes in name of cows, but has never served them'

#### Durg, May 21:

days.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Sunday alleged that the Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) only seeks votes in the name of cows, but has never served them.

Net ban affects

normal life in

Speaking at 'Bharose ka Sammelan' programme in his constituency Patan in Durg district, the chief minister slammed the BJP's



claims about the absence of cows at "gauthans" (cow shelters) in the state. "BJP leaders and workers have been visiting 'gauthans' and claiming that there are no cattle at these shelters. People of Chhattisgarh know that in summers cattle are left to graze outside in the afternoons and only brought back in the evenings," Baghel said.

# No form or ID needed for exchanging Rs 2,000 notes

No form or requisition slip is required for exchange of Rs 2,000 notes up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time as part of exercise to withdraw high-value currency notes from circulation.

RBI on Friday in a surprise move announced withdrawal of Rs 2,000 currency notes from circulation but gave public time till September 30 to either deposit such notes in accounts or exchange them at banks. Unlike the November 2016 shock of demonetisation, when old Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes were invalidated overnight, the Rs 2,000 notes will continue to be a legal tender. In a communication to chief general manager of all its local head offices, State Bank of

**DEVOTION AND FAITH** 

#### Exchange from May 23

In order to ensure operational convenience and to avoid disruption of regular activities of bank branches, the RBI said exchange of Rs 2,000 bank notes into bank notes of other denominations can be made up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time at any bank starting from May 23, 2023. Besides, the facility for exchange of Rs 2,000 bank notes up to the limit of Rs 20,000 at a time will be provided at the 19 Regional Offices (ROs) of the RBI having issue departments from May 23. The Rs 2,000 denomination bank note was introduced in November 2016, primarily to meet the currency requirement of the economy in an expeditious manner after the withdrawal of legal tender status of all Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 bank notes that were in circulation at that time.

India (SBI) informed that other applicable statutory the facility of exchange of requirements. "Further, no Rs 2,000 notes by public up identity proof is required to to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a be submitted by the tendertime will be allowed wither at the time of exchange, out obtaining any requisithe communication dated tion slip. With regard to de-May 20 said. It has asked its posit of such notes in own local head offices to account, RBI has not speciarrange and extend all cofied any limit but it will be operation to the public so subject to compliance with that the exercise is conduct-Know ed in a smooth and seam-Your Customer (KYC) norms and less manner without any in-

extant

convenience. According to sources, one can stand any number of times in queue for exchange of Rs 2,000 notes. Although the facility for exchange is available from May 23, many customers were seen visiting their branches with the Rs 2,000 notes on Saturday.

Bank officials returned such customers after advising them about the start date for exchange.

Some of the customers used cash deposit machines on Saturday to deposit Rs 2,000 notes in their accounts.

Many have tried jewellery shops to buy gold and other precious metals. However, jewellers are also hesitant in accepting Rs 2,000 notes and asking for KYC beyond prescribed cash purchase in many parts of the country.

### Cong preps for next round of polls; Kharge calls meet

said.

Telangana,

state leaders.

### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI): tional fighting by replicat-

ing the 'Karnataka strategy, the party is also deter mined to make a come-

back in Madhya Pradesh

where it lost power after

Jyotiraditya Scindia and

some of the MLAs

switched loyalties, sources

They said Congress president Mallikarjun

Kharge has called a meet-

ing of its leaders from

Pradesh, Rajasthan and

Chhattisgarh on May 24 to

strategise on the upcom-

Kharge will hold sepa-

A senior leader said the

idea is to chalk out an

early strategy to reach out

ing assembly elections.

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**New Deihi, May Zi tri D**a largest coal producing mine in Asia", according The government is scalto a coal ministry stateing up the annual producment. The secretary was tion of SECL's Gevra coal on a two-day visit to mine to 70 MT making it Chhattisgarh. Along with officials of the largest, coal secretary South East Central Railway (SECR) at SECL Amrit Lal Meena said. Gevra project of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd headquarters in Bilaspur, Meena reviewed the rail (SECL) in Chhattisgarh recently became the first projects of Chhattisgarh mine in the country to East Railway Limited achieve 50 MT of coal pro-(CERL) and Chhattisgarh duction, the official said in West East Railway Limited (CEWRL). a review meeting with the He inaugurated 'Chhal' state-owned miner on rail siding in SECL, Saturday. Without sharing any Raigarh area and also took timeline, Meena said, "It stock of the progress of two rail corridors being (Gevra mine) is currently developed on Special being expanded to achieve Purpose Vehicle (SPV) 70 MT of production which would make it the model in the state.

About the arrest possession, he said. A joint team of the District Based on information Reserve Guard and the given by them, an IED Central Reserve Police Force's 30th battalion launched a

which they had planted on Chilparas Dudta road was found with a wire attached, the official said.

The three accused have been identified as Peeluram Anchala alias Salik Ram (35), Punau Ram Mandavi (22), both residents of Koilibeda in Kanker, and Ramesh Punem alias Budhru (25), hailing from Bijapur, he said.

Peeluram was the deputy commander of section A of the Maoists' North Bastar division company number 5. Punem was a member of the Maoist company no. 5. They both carried cash rewards of Rs 8 lakh each on their heads, the official said.

### Three Maoists arrested; IED recovered were recovered from their New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

said that Suraj, a resident of Raimalpur village, had on March 12 abducted a 16-year-old girl. Her family after looking for her extensively came to know their the girl was living at Suraj's house and the two had got "married."

#### Arrested

Relocate

Leh: A camp of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is being relocated from Chumathang hot springs as authorities on Sunday dis-

cussed measures required

for the preservation and pro-

tection of the natural attrac-

tion in Ladakh, officials said.

The meeting, chaired by the

Tourism, Kacho Mehboob Ali

administrative secretary,

Khan, identified various

measures for immediate

action and long-term plan-

ning to ensure sustainable

development of the hot

springs for the benefit of

officials said.

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New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested Dinesh Gope, the self-styled supremo of the proscribed People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI), an agency spokesperson said on Sunday. The PLFI, which mainly operates in Jharkhand, is a splinter group of the Maoists.



Uttarakhand SDRF personnel help the pilgrims during Gurudwara Sri Hemkunt Sahib yatra, in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand, Sunday.

After a stunning victory in Karnataka, the focus of Congress leadership has shifted to the next round of assembly elections where the party is locked in a direct contest with the BJP in some states.

With assembly elections due in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram in the next few months, the Congress is working on poll strategies in these states and has convened a meeting of state leaders on May 24.

rate meetings with the While Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh are two states ruled by the Congress where it is hoping to offset the anti-incumbency factor and facto the grassroots level

# **SHOCKING TRUTH** Rain fury in Bengaluru: Woman trapped in car dies

#### **Bengaluru, May 21 (PTI)**:

A woman drowned on Sunday after a car she was travelling in with her family got stuck in neck-deep water at KR Circle underpass, just a stone's throw from Vidhana Soudha, the of power of seat Karnataka. Fire and emergency

services personnel saved five others of the family and the driver, with the help of people who had rushed to save those trapped in the flooded underpass in the heart of the city. The victim as well as the others were taken to St Martha's Hospital where doctors declared the woman, identified as Bhanurekha, dead.

Learning about the incident, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah rushed to the hospital and took stock of the situation. He announced a compensation of Rs five lakh to the next of kin of the deceased and free treatment for those admitted in the hospital.

"The family from Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh had hired a car and come to see Bengaluru. Bhanurekha works in Infosys. Due to the downpour, the barricade at the underpass fell down and the driver took the risk of

crossing the underpass, which he should not have,' Siddaramaiah told reporters.

When reporters who were covering the incident complained that doctors refused to treat Bhanurekha, who was alive when she was taken to the hospital, Siddaramaiah said he will get it investigated and initiate action.

According to those present at the spot, the car driver tried to zoom through the water, but in the middle of the underpass the car almost got submerged. The occupants of the vehicle came out frantically trying to save themselves.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and members of the Gandhi family on Sunday paid homage to former prime

his death anniversary. Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were among a large number of party leaders who paid their tributes at Veer Bhumi, the memorial of Raiiv Gandhi.

Sharing a video of his father on Twitter, Rahul Gandhi said, "Papa, you are with me, as an inspiration, in memories, always.

# Cong leaders pay tributes to Rajiv Gandhi on death anniv

#### **New Delhi, May 21 (PTI)**:

minister Rajiv Gandhi on

**Congress President Mallikarjun** 

Kharge and former president Sonia Gandhi pay tribute to former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary, at his memorial 'Veer Bhumi'. in New Delhi, Sunday.



"Rajiv Gandhi was a great son of India. Through multiple interventions such as lowering of voting age, strengthening Panchayati Raj, Telecom & IT revolution, and sustained peace accords, he transformed India, propelling it in 21st century. Our humble homage on his martyrdom day," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a tweet.

Kharge, who was among the first ones to pay homage to Rajiv Gandhi at Veer Bhumi, also shared a video on the former prime minister's life on Twitter.

great son of India Through multiple interventions such as lowering of voting age, strengthening Panchayati Raj, Telecom & IT revolution, and sustained peace accords, he transformed India, propelling it in 21st century. Our humble homage on his martyrdom day," he said in a tweet. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said one of the last major accomplishments of Rajiv Gandhi before his assassination on this day, 32 years ago, was the finalisation of the Congress party's manifesto for the 1991 Lok

"Rajiv Gandhi was a Sabha elections.

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# Rajiv Gandhi's dream of prosperous farmers came true in Chhattisgarh: CM

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Bhilai, May 21: On Sunday, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel commemorated and paid homage to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary. He said that Rajiv ji led the country and gave a new direction to progress and development. His contributions for the nation will be remembered forever. He was the youngest prime minister of the nation. He dedicated his entire life in the service of the country and lost his life for the integrity of the nation.

Recollecting the memories, CM Bhupesh Baghel said that Rajiv Gandhi often emphasised on the prosperity of farmers as he believed that it was necessary for making a strong economy. Baghel said that he worked to make this idea a reality. Today the farmers of Chhattisgarh are getting prosperous. Work is being done in the interest of every class.

The Chief Minister was addressing the "Bharose Ke Sammelan" organised at village Sankara of Patan Block on Sunday He said that the first Bharose ka Sammelan was held on March 25 at Sargaon in Mungeli district which was attended by lakhs of people including farmers, laborers and youth. CM



#### Foundation stone laid for Mahatma Gandhi University

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed the Bhoomipujan of the Mahatma Gandhi University of Horticulture and Forestry during the 'Bharose ka Sammelan'. A magnificent building for Maĥatma Gandhi **University of Horticulture** and Forestry will be constructed in Sankra Patan at a cost of Rs 120 crores. A total of 14 government and

4 private colleges are being operated under the University. The establishment of the university aims to promote horticulture and forestry in the state. He also oversaw the blueprint of the university. Chief Minister visited the stalls set up by various departments and interacted with the people.



### Rs 2028 crores disbursed under Nyay schemes

During the Bharose ka Sammelan, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel disbursed a total of Rs 2028 crores of various Nyay Schemes run by the state government. He disbursed a sum of Rs 13.57 crore to the beneficiaries of the Godhan NYAY Yojana. A total of Rs 445.14 crore has been disbursed to the beneficiaries of the scheme so far. CM virtually transferred the funds to the beneficiaries. It needs to be mentioned here that the Godhan NYAY Yojana was launched on July 20, 2020, on the occasion of the Hareli festival. Cow dung is being procured from rural cattle rearers at the rate of Rs 2 per Kg and 'gomutra' (cow urine) at the rate of Rs 4 per litre. The Chief Minister also disbursed the first installment of this year's amount under Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Bhumiheen Krishi Majdoor NYAY Yojana to landless agricultural laborers. A total of 5 lakh 63 thousand 576 landless agricultural laborers from rural and urban areas will benefit from this scheme. An amount of Rs 112 crore 71 lakh 52 thousand was transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries. The Chief Minister also disbursed the first installment of the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana to 24.5 lakh farmers. He transferred the first installment, amounting to Rs 1895 crore, during the 'Bharose Ka Sammelan'. Under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan NYAY Yojana, farmers in the state have received an input subsidy of Rs 18208 crore so far. The remaining amount will be disbursed to farmers in three additional installments scheduled for the months of August, October, and March, remaining amount will be disbursed to Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs also. Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs also. Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs of 13 districts received Rs. 7.71 crore. Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs have been established with the objective of engaging youth in creative activities. A total amount of Rs 60.18 crore has been made available to Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs since the inception of the scheme.

Vidhan Sabha Speaker Dr Charandas Mahant, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu. Transport Minister Mohammad Akbar, Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey, PHE Minister Guru Rudra Kumar. Urban Administration Minister Shiv Kumar Daharia, School Education Minister Dr Premsai Singh Tekam and other cabinet ministers as well as MLAs Sangeeta Sinha, Kunwar Singh

Nishad, Ashish Kumar Chhabra, Gurudayal Singh Banjare, B h u n e s h w a r Shobharam Baghel, Patan Janpad President President Rambai Sinha, Sankara Village Sarpanch Raman Jangde along with other public representatives were present. further said that there was a crisis of livelihood and work during the Corona period

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During such adverse situations, Chhattisgarh Government gave work to the labourers and lakhs of families earned livelihood during the lockdown. He added that they are continuously working for the farmers. The area of cultivation has increased and the production has increased in the state. People are once again returning to agriculture.

While addressing the conference, former Union Minister Kumari Selja praised the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and said that today a smile is visible on the face of every resident of the state. The Chief Minister meets everyone and talks to everyone in a very kind and sensitive manner. The connection of the people of Chhattisgarh with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is easily visible.

He worked to give justice to the poor, laborers, farmers, women, youth and all sections of the society. She added that the Chhattisgarh government has done appreciable work in the last 4.5 years. She also praised the Chief Minister for providing ample employment opportunities to the vouth.

# 'Mission Life' on environment awareness organised at SSS-VII



Kumar



# VJV students bring laurels in the CBSE Board result

**Central Chronicle News** 

Bhilai, May 21: In the CBSE, Class X and XII Board results declared today, the third batch of class X and the first batch of class XII students of Vichakshan Jain Vidyapeeth proved their mettle.

In class X Jainam Rampuriya topped the school list securing 92.4% with 88 in English, 94 in Hindi, 89 in Maths, 95 in Science and 96 in Social-Science. Chaitanya Jain followed second scoring 90% with 96 in English, 94 in Hindi, 72 in Maths, 90 in Science, and 98 in Social-Science. Tanvi Golchha secured the third position scoring 88.4% with 93 in English, 88 in Sanskrit, 80 in Maths, 86 in Science and 95 in



#### **Central Chronicle News**

Bhilai, May 21: The Education Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Town Services Department, organized "Mission Life- Lifestyle for Environment" a one-day event on environmental awareness on May 20, 2023, at Senior Secondary School, Sector-7. "Mission Life" was organized under the aegis of Jan Andolan' Movement to spread awareness and increase individual and community participation in environment conservation.

Uma Katoch, Acting CGM (Environment) delivered the welcome speech on this occasion. K Praveen, GM (Environment Mgmt), Sanjay (Environment Mgmt), B a Anuradha, AGM (Environment Mgmt), Rajendra Prasad, DGM (TSD- Education), along with Chief of Scout & Guide and about 50 officers and employees of BSP and over 100 school students were present. Environmentalists Baluram Verma and Neha Banchhor were specially invited to take part in Mission Life programme.

Sharma,

SAIL-BSP has always been ahead in environmental conservation and has taken several initiatives to spread environmental awareness. Under Mission Life Programme, people were encouraged to take steps for conserving the environment. They

GM were also made aware of hazards of pollution and ways of reducing the same.

The programme was inaugurated with a rally by students of BSP schools. People were administered an oath to protect the environment. Eco-friendly carry-bags made of cloth were distributed, as the first step towards environmental protection and awareness. Key environmental issues,

such as energy conservation, water conservation, tree plantation, pollution control, climate control, waste management, cleanliness were addressed through the programme. On this occasion, various awareness activities like

 speeches, poems, quiz competitions, video presentations etc. were organized, wherein the students participated actively.
Prizes were distributed among the winners.

This program was conducted by Anita Ashok, Senior Lecturer, whereas Ruchi Burman Roy, Principal, Senior Secondary School, Sector-7, proposed the vote of thanks.

"Mission Life" is a people's campaign to protect the environment. This includes making every individual aware of his or her responsibility and duty towards the environment and nature. The term "Mission Life" is made up of two components, the first being lifestyle and second the environment, which<br/>aims at leading a lifestyle which<br/>helps in reducing the effect of<br/>environmental imbalance.72 in M<br/>98 in<br/>Golcht<br/>tion so<br/>EnglisThree rules have been listed -<br/>Reduce, Reuse & Recycle. The<br/>motto being environment can-<br/>not be saved unless our lifestyleScial-<br/>Scial-<br/>Scial-

is reformed. Water Conservation has also been emphasized through 'Mission Life'. The ground 'Mission Life'. The ground 'Mission Life'. The ground 'S chait 'Asson that in order to have a secure future, steps for sustainability have to be implemented in the present itself. Appropriate steps should also be taken in the energy and industrial sector to bring down carbon emissions.

Science. The subject wise toppers are in English Chaitanya Jain secured 96, in Hindi Jainam Rampuriya and Chaitanya Jain secured 94, Sanskrit Saksham Jain secured 91, in Maths, Jainam Rampuriya scored 89 and in Science he secured 95, in Social- Science Chaitanya Jain scored 98. In the skill subject Retail Chaitanya Jain, Pulkit Surana, Pahal Vaidya and Shailly Jain secured 98 marks.

Of the 43 candidates who took the class X Board exam, 29 students secured first division marks. Nandika Nair P topped the school list securing 93%, with 95 marks in English, 94 marks in History, 96 marks in Sociology, 94 marks in Sanskrit and 86 in Economics. Arihant Luniya followed second securing 92.2% with 87 in English, 93 in Economics, 91 in Business Studies, 93 in Accountancy and 97 in Music. Anmol Jain second the third position scoring 90%. The subject wise toppers are in English Nandika Nair P with 95, Sanskrit 94 - Nandika Nair P, History 94 - Nandika Nair P,

Sociology 96 Nandika Nair P, Economics 93 - Arihant Luniya and Samkit Jain, Business Studies 95 Anmol Jain, Accountancy 98 Anmol Jain, Physical Education 98 -Adishwar Parakh, Music 97 -Arihant Luniya and Sonal Golchha. Overall 32 students appeared for the board examination of which 23 secured first division marks.

The Management of Vichakshan Jain Vidyapeeth, Director Principal, Vice Principal and all staff members congratulated the students and wished them all the very best for all their future endeavours.

**OBITUARY** 

**Mithlesh Asthana** 

# Director-in-charge, BSP inaugurates Summer Sports Training Camp-2023

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Bhilai, May 21: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Summer Sports Coaching Camp 2023 was formally inaugurated by Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c Bhilai Steel Plant on May 20, 2023 at Pant Stadium Cricket Ground, Sector-1, Bhilai. The inauguration ceremony was presided over by S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects) with Addl Charge of P&A.

Addressing guests, SCCA sports officials & trainers and participants after formally inaugurating the camp, Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c BSP stated that the Summer Coaching Camp being organised by BSP every year since 1977 on a large scale has launched many reputed players who went on to rep-



resent the country. As such it has few parallels in the country. The participation of 800 girls among the 2,200 children participating in this year's Summer Sports camp shows the growing interest and popularity of

coaching camps among the girls, Dasgupta said, appealing to the participating students to take full advantage of coaching.

He also appealed to guardians to motivate the

girls to take up sports seriously and bring laurels to the country. He also urged the children to imbibe the spirit of sportsmanship in their lives.

Among senior officers present on the occasion as Special Guests were Ajay Kumar Chakraborty, ED (MM), Sandeep Mathur, CGM (Personnel), YK Joshi, CGM (Utilities), NK Banchor, Chairman, SEFI & President, Officers

Association, Paramjit Singh, General Secretary (OA), Dr Binayake, CMO (M&HS), Dr K Thakur, CMO (M&HS), Dr Rajeev Pal, CMO (M&HS), SK Soni, GM (Personnel), Srikanth Ramaraju, GM (Director Secretariat). Sai Ram Jakhar, DGM (SCCA) was also present on the occasion along with the officials of SCCA Department and Expert Sports Trainers and sports enthusiasts.

Sports coaching in being provided in 24 games in various sports complexes, school halls and playgrounds. These 24 games include Athletics. Badminton, Ball Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Chess, Cricket. Football, Handball, Hockey, Karate, Judo, Tennis, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Yoga, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Powerlifting, Cycle Polo, Gymnastics, Fencing,

ng Netting and Wrestling. SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant continuously endeavours to patronise sports and cultural activities. BSP has been the foremost organization

the foremost organization of the country to encourage sports, and has provided a platform to several national and international players.

Bhilai Steel Plant provides adequate facilities for various sports activities by training the budding players to excel in their field of games and Sports. As a part of such efforts, Summer Sports Training Camp has been organized regularly by Bhilai Steel Plant.

Like every year, this year also, the month-long Summer Sports Training Camp was started by BSP's SCCA Department on May 10, 2023 and will continue till June 09, 2023. Coaching is being imparted at 37 sports complexes, school halls and playgrounds of the Township by more than 110 expert coaches.

As many as 2,200 school students from BSP and non-BSP schools are getting trained in different games this year. At the outset, Sai Ram Jakhar, DGM (SCCA) welcomed the guests and other members. The programme was conducted by Supriyo Sen.



Bhilai: Lilly 222, A-Block, Talpuri resident Mithlesh Asthana left for heavenly abode at the age of 87 years on Sunday. Funeral procession will be taken out from her residence on May 22 around 10:00 hrs and last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Risali Muktidham. She was the mother of retired BSP DGM Rakesh Asthana, Ajay Asthana, Renu Dalela, Meenu Vaishneya, GM (Medical) Preeti Bhatnagar and mother-in-law of Dr Ruchir Bhatnagar and Dr Anupama Asthana.

# RAIPUR

#### **Bond of unity and brotherhood transcends** Heat wave alert in many districts of Ch'garh geographical boundaries: Governor Shakti remains hottest with 45 degrees

It also promotes a harmonious environment

**'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat': Foundation Days of** Odisha, HP, and Sikkim celebrated with great enthusiasm at Raj Bhavan

Raipur, May 21: The foundation day of Odisha, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim states was celebrated with great enthusiasm under the programme 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' at Raj Bhavan here on Sunday. Chhattisgarh Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan stated that the bond of unity and brotherhood among us transcends geographical boundaries and promotes a harmonious environment. The presence of people from various states here has facilitated the exchange of culture, new ideas, perspectives, and skills, thus enriching the economic and social landscape of Chhattisgarh.

As part of the 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' programme initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government has launched a campaign to promote unity in diversity by celebrating the foundation days of various states. In keeping with this spirit, a programme was organized at Raj Bhavan, where residents of Chhattisgarh from Odisha, Himachal



Pradesh, and Sikkim actively participated with great zeal. The Governor extended congratulations to everyone on the occasion of their respective foundation days. Addressing the gather-

ing, Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan said "It is truly fortunate to have the opportunity to express gratitude and acknowledge the significant contributions of the individuals from these states who consider Chhattisgarh as their home. We take great pride in having people from Odisha, Himachal Pradesh, and Sikkim among us, as they enhance our lives and contribute to the progress and development of Chhattisgarh.

They have enriched the cultural heritage of this state and have played a pivotal role in its development." He mentioned that on the first day of April. Odisha celebrates 'Utkala Dibasa' (Odisha Day) to remember the foundation of

the Odisha state. The agricultural knowledge and skills of the people of Odisha have contributed to the advancement of agricultural practices in Chhattisgarh, while their mining experience has assisted in the development of the mining sector in the state. Furthermore, the citizens of Odisha have enriched the cultural diversity of Chhattisgarh with their unique festivals, dance forms, and handicrafts. He

further added that the citizens of Himachal Pradesh have played a significant role in the development of tourism, horticulture, and education sectors in Chhattisgarh.

Their expertise in promoting local tourism has contributed to the growth of the state's tourism industry. Furthermore, their knowledge of horticulture has aided agricultural practices, and their contributions to the field of education have empowered Chhattisgarh's youth.

Through their traditions, unique art forms, music, and culinary delights, the people of Sikkim have breathed new life into the cultural heritage of Chhattisgarh.

#### work, and adaptability have not only made contributions to the state's economy but have also fostered social integration and cul-

tural exchange, he said. In the programme, children and youth from all three states showcased their respective state's cultures and folk traditions through their cultural performances. The performances of the Odissi dance from Odisha, the Nati dance from Himachal Pradesh, and the Maruni dance from Sikkim beautifully portrayed their rich cultural heritage.

Representatives of the three states, Purandar Mishra, Vivek Acharya, and Sangita Madan honored the Governor on behalf of their respective states.

The Governor also felicitated individuals and talented students from these states who have made remarkable contributions in their fields.

Distinguished personalities including Padma Shri Bharti Bandhu, retired Indian Administrative Service officer M.K. Rawat, P.C. Dalei, S.K. Mishra, retired lieutenant colonel D.K. Verma, litterateur Dr. Chitranjan Kar, and social worker Arun

Panda were also honored during the event. Additional Chief Secretary Subrat Sahoo, Governor's Secretary Amrit Khalkho, Deputy Secretary Deepak Agrawal, children, youth, women, and dignitaries of the three states residing in Chhattisgarh were also

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Raipur, May 21: Chhattisgarh is reeling under intense heat with hot winds scorching people fiercely. It has become difficult to step out of the house in the scorching afternoon sun. In the Sakti district of the state, the heat wave made people restless on Sunday with a temperature of 45 degrees Celsius.

Same is the situation in Mahasamund, Janjgir, Raigarh, Mungeli. Balodabazar, Balod, Rajnandgaon and Bilaspur which recorded highest temperature. There may have been relief from the heat in the beginning of April and May, but the hot winds coming from the northwest have added to discomfort of the people. With rise in temperature in many districts heat



wave-like conditions are prevailing.

Mahasamund district was the hottest after Sakti district in the state. where the temperature was recorded at 44.7 degree Celsius. Janjgir-Champa district recorded maximum temperature of 44.4 degree Celsius. Similarly, Raigarh recorded a temperature of 44.3 degree Celsius whereas Sarangarh also recorded a temperature of 44 degree Celsius due to strong winds. The temperature in Korba was 42.3 and in Bilaspur it was 43.5 degree Celsius. In Durg district, the temperature was 44.3 degrees while Raipur district recorded a temperature of 43.1degrees. Kabirdham recorded a temperature of 38.6 degrees Celsius and Rajnandgaon district recorded a temperature of 42.1 degrees Celsius. According to meteorologist temperature is likely to increase further in the next few days

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## Two nabbed with 80 kg 'ganja' worth Rs 8 lakh

#### • Were smuggling it in a private vehicle

Raipur, May 21: Two drug smugglers were nabbed with 80 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 8.0 lakh being smuggled in a private vehicle near Ring Road 03 turn by police along with 2 mobile phones and car was seized. A case under section 20 B of Narcotics Act was filed against the two. The Anticrime and Cyber unit got tip from an informer that a vehicle bearing No. CG 06-GH-4317 coming from Arang to Raipur is carry-



ing drugs in large quantity. The senior police officials directed the Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit of Mandir Hasoud area to nab the accused and check-post was created near the Ring-Road No. 3. The Duster vehicle was stopped near the turn and two persons were travelling in it and they disclosed their names as Mo. and Azaharuddin Rupendra Yadav. When the

police conducted search of the vehicle they found packets of 80 kg Ganja' worth Rs 8.0 lakh secretly hidden. The police seized the drugs and 2 mobile phones and including the cost of Duster vehicle, entire cost of goods seized

went upto Rs 15.20 lakh. The two accused are-Moh. Azharuddin S/o Nizamuddin (33), R/o Madani Chowk, Sanjay Nagar, Raipur, thana Tikrapara and other is Rupendra Yadav, S/o Dinesh Yaday, (21), R/o village Khuteri, thana Mandir

Hasoud

# **Ratanpur bandh near total,** residents turn aggressive



it off. But later it was learnt that the agitated crowed attacked the residence of the accused along with the rape victim and the situation turned tensed till afternoon hours.

As per reports the agitated crowd entered the nouse of the accused

### **Three including minor** killed in road accident

The deceased included a man named Basu Tandi. his sister Dona Kumari and her eight-year-old son Nihal Kumar. Basu

situation brought under control on

Few passengers

few as the ground was far below the three ladders of the train in the jungle area. The fire broke out as the disc-brakes of the coach got jammed. Since it was night hours

the 18425 Puri-Durg

Express train from Puri to

Durg had left from Puri

caught fire twice

brakes. The disc-brakes were released and the train against left for its destination and covering around 4 km again the disc-brakes got jammed and fire broke out in the AC coach. Once again the passengers got tensed and panicked and came out of the coach. By this time the train has entered jungle area and the passengers found it very difficult to alight, as the level of ground and three ladders

# Their dedication, hard present in large numbers. **AC coach of Puri-Durg train**

After the accident, the unidentified driver fled from the spot. The police is examining the CCTV footage. The deceased and injured in the road accident have been identified.

### injured while alighting in dark; time

Central Chronicle News

#### Even after TI was line-attached, situation remained tensed

Bilaspur, May 21: The call for Ratanpur band to protest against action taken against the mother of the rape victim was near total. SP Santosh Singh has line-attached Ratanpur the TI Krishnakant Singh and a three-member inquiry team has been formed under leadership of ASP

(rural) Rahul Dev Sharma to investigate into the matter. It is notable here that the residents of the locality of residence of rape victim in Ratanpur turned aggressive when the mother of the rape victim was sent to jail in Ratanpur area on Sunday morning. The annoyed people staged chakka-jam in the morning on Sunday

**Two groups enter into fight** 

in Shimmer's Club

Aftab Mohammed by breaking open the gate and were raising slogans against the uncle of the accused Aftab, who is a corporator. Police force was deployed in large number to handle the crowd. Later the local adminis-

tration and police intervened and brought the situation under control and police was deployed till and after which the TI the writing of these lines Ratanpur was line-attached and it was expected in order to avoid any untothat the people would call ward incident.

killed while a woman was injured in a road accident near Dhaneli Nullah Tatibandh Crossing in Raipur. According to information available four people were riding on the same bike. In the meantime an unknown speeding vehicle hit the bike.

Woman injured

Raipur, May 21: Three

persons including an

eight-year-old child were

Tandi's mother Phoolmati who sustained injuries in accident, was admitted to the hospital. According to the doctors, the condition of the Phoolmati is also serious. It is being told that deceased and injured are residents of Gandhi Nagar in Pandri.

### Police nab miscreants trying to rob petrol pump



Raipur, May 21: Brawl broke out between two groups in Vidhan Sabha Road police station area of capital Raipur. According to reports, some youths in a club misbehaved a girl while she was dancing on the DJ. This led to brawl between two groups. Two groups entered into controversy and this resulted in exchange of fists and legs against each other in city's Shimmer's Club on Vidhan Sabha road on Saturday night. It was due to alleged misbehaviour with a girl while dancing that this situation resulted and the 112 and VS thana police reached the venue on time and got the Club closed. According to reports, illicit liquor was being served till morning without excise license in the club.

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groups from Dhamtari and Vidhan Sabha Police and Raipur present in the thana came to the site and Shimmer's Club Party on the Shimmer's Club was Saturday night. During closed and all were asked dancing there was misbeto move out of the Club. haviour by one from ei-There are reports that ther group with a girl and liquor is being served in this resulted in tensed sit-Shimmer's Club, despite it uation. Both the groups not having a excise licence exchanges hands with to serve it. The police is ineach other and situation terrogating into the turned bit tensed late at matter.

Raipur, May 21: Three miscreants not only tried to rob the pump, but also stabbed the pump worker and left him injured at the Arora petrol pump near Fruit Market in Rajendra Nagar area of ??the capital Raipur, immediately after they were asked to pay for refilling their bike on the intervening night of Friday-Saturday. Police arrested two of attackers within 12 hours of the incident, while one is absconding. Two arrested miscreants were paraded to the said Petrol Pump by the police. The police made both miscreants to do sit-ups to apologise before the petrol pump staff and public.

According to Purani Basti CSP Rajesh Chaudhary Gaurav Kumar Sen (21), who lives near Pachpedhi Naka Devi Laxmi Hospital, is an employee at Arora Petrol Pump in front of Fruit Market for the last one Dhruv, month. Yogesh Sahu, Punendra Govind Chakradhari and Gaurav were on duty at one o'clock on Friday

night. Meanwhile, three youths riding in Pulsar bike CG 04 HW 9790 arrived for refilling. One of the petrol pump workers Gaurav filled petrol worth Rs 200 in the petrol tank of the bike. When he asked payment three miscreants refused to pay and started intimidating him. Instead of paying for petrol they started demanding money from the petrol pump worker. They even started hurling abuses. Hearing the noise, other pump workers also came near them. Three miscreants while threatening to kill Gaurav attacked him with a knife and fled immediately. After giving information about the incident to the pump operator Sonu, the injured Gaurav along with other pump workers reached the police station to lodge complaint. The police started looking for miscreants on the basis of the bike number after regis-

tering the crime in the case.

Within a short time Veer

Kulharia and Harish Patel were

arrested while Nohar Divra is

absconding.

Raipur, May 21: The AC coach of Puri-Durg Express train caught fire twice on Saturday evening and this created fear among the passengers and all got down immediately. The panic among the passengers to get down from the AC coach caused injuries to

on time and it was after covering some distance the AC coach of the train caught fire. This created tension among the passengers in the AC coach and they all rushed to get out of the coach and this resulted in minor injuries to few. Somehow the fire was brought under control after the train was stopped with emergency

was very high. Somehow the fire was brought under control and the train left for its destination. There was no casualty reported from this fire.

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# **Protest in city regarding road widening**

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Dongargaon, May 21: Civilians and traders have opposed the ongoing road widening in the city, as a team of officials along with the squad team reached the region to take action. The traders lodged a protest against the action from the center of the city and demanded that any action be taken from one end of the road under construction, where the officials had to face opposition, while on the other hand the residents of the city questioned the authorities for doing demolition work on priority instead of repairing the disrupted drinking water supply in the city. However, the ADM



who arrived with the team did not stop the proceedings even after a lot of persuasion, submission and protest by the affected people and the process of removing the temporary construction continued till late evening by continuous measurement. SDM Sunil Nayak and

the officers, who came to vandalize in front of Gautam Hotel located at the heart of the city, had to face the protest of the traders and had to remove the JCB from there. Alleging arbitrariness on the officials, the

traders asked the SDM for more time to safely remove the pucca construction, saving that the time of five days is insufficient, and asked to take action only after discussion with the collector.

The officials again distributed a consent letter to all the affected by the employees of the Nagar Panchayat, in which the encroached shop/house/ balcony/teen shed, has

to be removed by 5 pm on May 19 for widening the road from Bagdai bridge to Mohad Chowk by 40 feet

The ultimatum has been given but the seal of any office or officer has not been given in this letter, due to which there has again been confusion among the affected.

What officer says

"Business has been concentrated in this area for years and in the coming days, a bypass road is to be made to exit the city and after that, if necessary, the main road should be widened.'

- Laxminarayan Gupta, MP Representative

"Notice was given for road widening. Some people had cleared the roads. Action is being taken against those who have not removed it. Time has been demanded by the traders, in which consent has been shown. The project has already been delayed, so action is being taken quickly. - Sunil Nayak SDM

Deongargaon

## **Collector expresses** displeasure over pace of works

Conducts reviews of works in Bhairamgarh and Bijapur block



**Central Chronicle News** 

Bijapur, May 21: Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara, while taking stock of the development works being conducted in Bhairamgarh block, expressed his displeasure over the slow progress in the construction work of Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park (RIPA) and called for quality work to be completed within the time-limit. He gave strict instructions to complete the same soon. On the other hand, taking stock of the works of the

Prime Minister's Aawas Yoiana in Jangla, necessary instructions were given. In Bijapur's Naimed Gram Panchayat, the work of making ice ice-cream by the women of self-help groups is being done by the Skill Development Department. The Collector explained the women to work hard with dedication and also tasted the ice cream made by the group and gave instructions to improve the quality. During this, CEO District Panchayat Mr. Ravi Kumar Sahu and other officers were present.

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# **One-day camp held to create** awareness among youth

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Fingeshwar, May 21: Government of India Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports sponsored by the National Service Scheme Survey of youth not in formal education or regular employment under National Service Scheme Cell under the banner of Phanikeshwar Nath Government College in Fingeshwar District-Gariaband (Chhattisgarh) a one day camp was held to create awareness among the youth.

To train 20 best volunteers as pilot survey, a one-day camp was organized on 17.05.2023 at village Soridkhurd on the theme "Survey of youth not in formal education or regular employment". It should be known that

the main objective of this survey is to survey the persons aged 15-29 years who are neither in formal education nor in regular employment on the date of survey. Apart from this, information about youths who are looking for wage work and planning to start self-employment for profit due to

leaving formal education is included. The best volunteers who



have received training are allotted for the survey on the basis of their ability, includes Dalnayak Chiteshwar Sahu (Ghoghara-Patoli), Dalnayaka Bharti Sahu (Lalpur), Rashmi Jagat (Soridkhurd) and Vinay Kumar Sinha (Semra Siltara), Digeshwari Sahu (Parsati Sendar), Neelam (Bellar), Gulab Ratre Sinha (Pathri), Ambika Yaday (Borid) Yamini

(Gunderdehi), Nishad Khumeshwar Sahu Teman (Bamhandehi), (Ghoghra-Belar), Sahu Neha Sahu (Pathri-Sonasili), Khemlata (Sarkada), Sonkar Manisha Sahu (Binauri), Hema Parghi (Nangjhar), Maheshwari Sahu (Borsi), Varsha Mandalay (Madwadih), Pawan Sahu (Daripar) Shiva Mandalay (Fingeshwar) Village has been allotted

# Organic farming gives more profit in less cost: Sahu

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Arang, May 21: Ishwari Sahu, a resident of Kukra village, is doing organic farming for the last 6-7 years and is receiving a very good response. Talking on her experience on organic farming, she says that organic rice is very beneficial for our health

Today, farmers are using excessive amounts of chemical fertilizers in their fields for the sake of higher production and also, chemical medicines are being used in large quantities to kill insects, due to which poison is getting dissolved in the grains.

Along with this, the fertility of the land is also getting very weak, which is a matter of contemplation for the entire human community. she added. She also said that farmers have to turn to or-



ganic farming to reduce the input cost in agriculture and by making cow dung and cow urine manure and pesticides and using them in our fields, the cost of medicines and fertilizers is reduced.

Talking further she also said that red and black rice are sugar free and anti cancer and along with this.

the amount of hemoglobin remains sufficient in it and the use of such rice increases the immunity of the body and also the government is trying to promote organic farming through many schemes. It may be noted that Ishwari Sahu has been appointed as an organic farming in-

structor by the Agriculture

Department, who are also giving training to promote organic farming by reaching different villages of the zone

She told that a farmers' organization Aarog Farmer Producer Company Limited has been formed to bring awareness among the farm ers, who are registered with the Government of India

# 'Vat Savitri' festival celebrated with great enthusiasm

**Central Chronicle News** 

Kareli Badi, May 21: 'Vat Savitri' festival was celebrated with great enthusi-



#### **Central Chronicle News**

Dongargarh, May 21: Farmers of 11 villages in the development block met senior officials including the district collector under the leadership of former MLA Ramii Bharti regard-

# Farmers being cheated in the name of insurance: Bharti





asm by married women on May 19 in sub-tehsil area Kareli Badi, Khisora, Motimpur, Kundel, Khatti, Parasathi, Hasda, Dhaurabhatha, Bhota and surrounding villages.

Worshiping the Banyan tree from early morning and wishing for the long life of the husband was done by keeping a waterless fast. Married women dressed in new clothes circumambulated the Banvan tree and tied a molly thread and wished for a happy life for the husband and family, says Jaya Soni, Tuleshwari Sahu, Kamna from Kareli Badi. During this, the women

also heard the story of wished for the long life of Savitri. They told that acthe husband.

cording to a legend, Savitri prayed to Yamraj Soni also performed ritufor the return of her husals for the long life of band Satyavan's life. their At the time when the Savitri' festival was celebrated by tying threads to

husband was received, sitthe banyan tree and listing under the Banyan tening to the story. The tree, the married women prayed for the long life of fast was broken after comthe husband by keeping a ing home and worshiping fast on Vat Savitri and one's husband.

ing the complaint of forgery made by the concerned department in the amount of crop insurance and demanded to show the amount in the insurance portal. On the instructions of the District Collector, senior officials have assured Tulsi Soni, Santoshi

the aggrieved farmers to solve the problem within a week. Here it takes a menhusbands. 'Vat tion that farmers living in 11 villages of the development block are being deprived of crop insurance due to negligence by the Agriculture Department and for the last 2 years, the amount of crop insurance

is being taken from the farmers, but the crop insurance is not being shown in the portal.

Former MLA Ramji Bharti had drawn everyone's attention to the district level officials in the meeting of the Disha Committee held earlier regarding the inclusion of farmers' names in the insurance portal. Ravi Agarwal, senior

member of Janpad Panchayat has said that

farmers are continuously being cheated in the name of crop insurance and in a release issued to the press, Aggarwal said that farmers of 11 villages including Thakur Tola, Katalwahi, Piparkhar. Khurshipar. Navagaon of Dongargarh development block are not getting the benefit of crop insurance scheme for the last two years and the name of these villages has been deleted from the portal of Insurance the Crop

Company. It has reached such an extent that the farmers of these villages are being deducted insurance premium for the 2021, 2022 Kharif and 2022 Rabi crops by the Society, he said. On this occasion, former

MLA Ramji Bharti and senior member of Janpad Panchayat, Ravi Agarwal, mainly among the victim farmers, Piradas Sahu, Dular Sahu, Devkumar Verma, Teejlal Verma, Damesh Verma, Deepak

Verma, Durjan Singh Thanwar Singh. , Jirdhan Verma, Khomlal Verma, Sampat Verma, Dinu Verma, Punam Verma, Santosh Verma, Manoj Verma, Verma, Taturam Verma Sanjay Verma, Bali Verma, Dinesh Verma, Dilip Verma, Mehtar Verma Hiraman Verma, Shravan Mandavirameshwar Lautre, along with other affected farmers were present.

## **Mastram Sahu donates for** development of a temple

Kareli badi, May 21: Mastram Sahu, S/o of late Ledga Ram Sahu, a prominent worker of the Gayatri family, a resident of village Kareli Badi, set an example by providing financial assistance for the development of the temple. He donated cash of Rs 5001 for Satyanarayan Temple, Rs 2100 for Balak Das Gau Sewa Aayog and Rs 10001 for Shri Vedmata Gayatri Mandir. It is noteworthy that

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Sahuji and his wife Meena Bai have 3 daughters, due to health reasons, they are now going to leave Kareli for permanent residence in Raipur. On this occasion Domar Sahu Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Kareli Badi, Mohan Sahu President Rural, Khumendra Sahu President Sheetla Committee, Nishad Rural Secretary, Mithilesh Sinha and Bhukhand Sinha, Shesh Narayan Sahu, Bhau Ram Ji Sahu Teacher, Pushp Ji Sahu, Sh. Kanwal Sahu, Krishna Sahu were present, in the end everyone including the Sarpanch prayed to God for his speedy recovery and long life. Kanwal Ram Sahu block chief Gayatri family expressed gratitude to everyone and especially Mastram Sahu and his family.

# Action will be taken if there is no growth in MNREGA work: Collector

#### **Central Chronicle News**

Bijapur, May 21: On Friday in the District Panchayat meeting hall, the Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara, while reviewing the MNREGA scheme in detail, gave instructions to include maximum labourers in the Aadhar based payment system hotfoot.

He directed to complete the technical works of the last financial year. Seeing the decrease in the number of labourers working in MNREGA work in the district, he expressed displeasure and said that negligence in providing employment to rural labourers will not be tolerated.



Till the month of March, action will be taken against the related employment assistant and technical assistant of the Panchayat in which negligence is seen in the creation of man-days. Informing about the

implementation and progress of MNREGA scheme in the district, **CEO** District Panchayat Ravi Kumar Sahu said that 61 thousand 4 hundred 73 labourers have been verified for payment through Aadhar payment system in the district, out of which more than 42000 Aadhar is converted for payment from the payment system.

The accounts of about 14000 labourers in the district have still not been linked to Aadhar. On which the Collector gave instructions to link with Aadhar within 15 days.

Along with this, instructions were given to complete the pending works of PMAY at the earliest. In the review meeting, Assistant Project Officer PR Sahu, Narayan Banjare, all district CEOs, besides district and district officers and technical staff were present.

Chhaganlal **OBITUARY** 

### **Kirit Bhai Jethalal Rathor**



Raipur: Mr Kirit Bhai Jethalal Rathor, resident of Anupam (Near Nagar ΤV Tower) Raipur passed away at the age of 65. He was Director of Poonam Sweets and Girnar Hotel. He was brother of Mukund (Tappu) Bhai and Girish Bhai Rathor. His funeral was performed at Devendra Nagar Muktidham.



# **36GARH**

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# Woman who accused Cong MLA's aide of molestation alleges harassment

#### Raigarh, May 21:

A woman government official who had lodged a complaint of molestation against a close aide of a Congress MLA in 2019 has sought justice from Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel claiming she has been transferred against the rules.

The woman, attached to the Rural Engineering Service and posted in Raigarh district, uploaded a video on social media on Wednesday and said she would resign from service if she fails to get justice.

The woman has alleged she was implicated in false cases and jailed and was being continuously harassed after she lodged a complaint in 2019 against Arun Sharma, representative of Raigarh MLA Prakash Nayak, for al-

legedly molesting her. She has alleged that

#### Seeks justice from CM

when she was posted in Baramkela Janpad Panchayat in 2019 and that the MLA, when informed about the incident, had asked her to go in for a compromise. Even police refused to register a case on her complaint, the woman has alleged. She said, in January

2020, she was framed in a false case under Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and on August 15 that year she was jailed under section 151 of the Code of Criminal Procedure when went to the she Independence Day function in Raigarh district

headquarter to raise her grievance before the chief guest. She was then suspended by the department against

which she had gone to the Chhattisgarh High Court. "The court has acquit-

Sharma molested her ted me in the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act case and on the direction of the HC, my suspension was revoked last year. After I was reinstated. I got posted in Gharghoda Panchayat. Janpad However my ordeal did not end there and within a few months, I was transferred and attached to Raigarh Janpad Panchayat against the

rules," she claimed. In the video, she said she had no option but to resign from service on May 30 if she did not get justice from CM Baghel.

Meanwhile, Raigarh Additional Superintendent of Police Sanjay Mahadeva said a chargesheet was submitted in the local court in against Sharma 2020under Indian Penal Code sections 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modest of a woman)

by informing the villagers

about the current socio-re-

ligious situation. Along

with this, information

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volved in the Jhiram inci-

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ward of Rs 5 lakh each has

in

and 354 (molestation). "After Sarangarh district was carved out of Raigarh last year, the matter was transferred to the newly formed Sarangarh-Bhilaigarh district," he added. The National Commission of Women, with whom she claimed she had lodged a complaint on the incident, on Friday said it had received the video of the woman.

In a statement, the NCW said its chairperson Rekha Sharma has written to Chhattisgarh Director General of Police to personally intervene and ensure a fair and unbiased investigation.

The letter sought protection for the woman and action against the police officials who refused to act on her complaint earlier.

The statement said a two-member NCW team will visit the state to inquire into the matter

### 11 jawans injured after storm hits **CRPF** camp Jagdalpur, May 21:

Eleven Central Reserve Police Force troopers were injured after a storm hit their camp in Bastar district in Chhattisgarh on Friday afternoon, an official said. The camp of 241st battalion, located at Sedva village under Dharbha police station limits, some 336 kilometres from state capital Raipur, suffered substantial damage after a powerful storm hit it, Inspector General of Police Bastar Sundarraj P said.

"Eleven CRPF jawans were injured in the incident. The residential quarters of jawans were damaged as the storm blew away tin sheets that formed the roof, power lines, iron frames and false ceilings," he said.

"The wind speed was so high that tin sheets were scattered across the camp and several trees were uprooted. The injured jawans have been admitted in the battalion hospital and are out of danger," the IG added.

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Bharatiya Janata Party's

State General Secretary

Kedar Kashyap. In this campaign, BJP leaders

went to Ghotia, Sudapal,

Pathri, Murkuchi Gothans

of Bhanpuri Mandal and

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#### Sukma, May 21:

Weekly deadline meeting here was concluded under the chairmanship of District Collector Harris S.In the meeting along with bringing progress in the construction works being done under Anganwadi, PDS building and school Manwa Nava Naar, the Collector instructed to complete the work of electrification in the newly constructed buildings by the last week of this month.

Keeping in mind the facilities of the school children, the Collector has directed the Atmanand School. Hostel to complete the lab, library, toilet repair, drinking water system, play ground, entrance gate and other construction works in the school building premises in a systematic manner with quality within the time-limit and also instructed to prepare an action plan for coaching and start coding in all POTA cabins in this academic



#### Gauthan

In the meeting, instructions were given to verify the farmers registered under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, to complete 100% registration of all Divyang and third gender citizens in the voter list at the earliest. Under the Godhan Nyay Yojana, in the review of purchase of vermi-fertilizer, cow urine and cow dung, the CMO and the officer-in-charge were told to issue a show cause notice if unwanted cow dung was not purchased in Dornapal

session

Gauthan scam is a living example of Cong corruption: Kashyap

were

played

According to the facts re-

vealed so far, a huge scam

has been done by misusing

the amount of more than

Expressing deep displeasure over the nonavailability of raw material for production, the Collector directed the concerned officials to bring progress. Along with this, information regarding Government of India's Bharat Net Project Phase 2. Dhanwantari Yojana. Building Regularization, Nutrition Tracker App, Bastar Area Tribal Development Authority, Jal Jeevan Mission, and

# 'Amcho Bastar-Amcho Police' pblic darshan organized

### In village Kudalgaon

Jagdalpur, May 21:

Under the leadership of Deputy Inspector General of Police and Senior Superintendent of Police (DIG-SSP) Jitendra Singh Meena, Bastar Police tried to reach out to the general nublic. Efforts are being made to establish better coordination between the police and the general public by solving the problems related to the police department. Community and community policing is being promoted. Under this a public darshan programme was organized in Kudalgaon village on Sunday under the village contact campaign with the basic mantra of 'Amcho



Bastar-Amcho Police'. In ployee and were given this programme, informatheir mobile numbers and the mobile number of the tion was given to the villagers regarding cyber repolice control roomlated crimes and measures 9479194099, on which the villagers can contact in prevent them, women/girl related any kind of situation. crimes, 'good-touch bad-After discussing with the touch', Expression App, villagers about the village, dial 112, side effects of an appeal was made for codrugs and traffic rules. operation in maintaining The villagers were also peace and law and order

CCTV cameras. The villagers were informed about their village beat in-charge and emabout the problems and

told about the utility of

complaints of the villagers was taken by the Senior Superintendent of Police. And the concerned police station in-charge was instructed to take appropriate legal action. The station in-charge

and the staff present asked the villagers to inform the police immediately if they have information about any kind of problem, crime or suspicious activities. Nilima Thakur, Babli

Nag class 5th among the talented girl students of the village and Payal Thakur, Kheleshwari Kashyap of Class 8th. Himanshi Thakur, Janvi Thakur, Yuvraj Kashyap class 10th and Tanushree Thakur class 12th were honored with mementos.

#### Jagdalpur, May 21: Chalbo Gauthan-Kholbo pol' campaign, The 'Chalbo Gauthan-Kholbo pol' campaign was

of

#### **BJP conducted Gouthan inspection**

illegal business in the name of 'Gauthans'. The amount meant for the development of the Panchayat in various items has been snatched from the Sarpanch and distributed in the name of Gauthan.

BJP State General Secretary Kedar Kashyap charged that the Chief Minister has done the most shameful scam in the name of Gaumata and has tarnished the image Chhattisgarh. In the name of alleged 'Narva, Garva, Ghurva, Bari,' the sentiments of Chhattisgarhis

Rs 1300 crores spent in the name of Gauthan.

Unemployment Allowance

was also taken

BJP State General Secretary Kedar Kashyap claimed that neither a single cow was found nor cow-dung was being sold in all these Gauthans. No arrangements were made for the maintenance of cow in Gauthan. It seemed as if there had never been a cow here.

Ever since the Congress government came to power, it has mercilessly looted the resources of the he state. alleged Chhattisgarh is ashamed of the news of scams coming to light everyday. By looking at all the Gauthans, one can understand what kind of scam has been done in its name he added

### **Chief Electoral Officer takes joint meeting Jhiram Tribute Day on May 25**

Tribute will be given to the

martyrs in the offices Jagdalpur, May 21: On May 25, on the occasion of Jhiram Tribute Day, trib-



#### Korea, May 21:

Chief Electoral Officer Devji and Ganesh are na-Chhattisgarh Reena Babasaheh Kangale reached Korea district today in connection with been announced on Soma Sodhi, Barse Sukka, Jailal the preparations for the upcoming assembly elec tions. During this, she took a joint meeting of district Korea and district Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur in the collectorate hall and did a detailed review of necessary preparations regarding elections in both the districts. District Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur Collector Narendra Kumar Dugga, Superintendent of Police Koshima, SDM T.R. Manendragarh Abhishek Kumar, Joint Collector Anil Sidar, Additional Superintendent of Police Kumar, Rohit SDM Baikunthpur Ankita Som and concerned officers of both the districts were present.

#### chayat has increased. The Congress government has robbed most of the rights of Panchayats and Sarpanchs in the name of





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ute will be paid to the martyrs of Jhiram Valley in all government and semigovernment offices of the state. Tributes will be paid to the people's representatives, security forces personnel and all the people who were martyred in Naxal violence in present and past years in Jhiram Valley. In connection with celebration the of Jheeram Valley Tribute Day, a letter has been sent by the Chhattisgarh Government to all the departments, the chairman of the revenue board, all the heads of departments. divisional commissioners and collectors.

Officers-employees will also be administered oath in the tribute to be offered so as to make the state an island of peace again. The state government has decided to celebrate May 25 every year as Jheeram Tribute Day. Like every year, this year too, two minutes silence will be observed in all government and semi-government offices in the memory of the martyrs on Jhiram Ghati Tribute Day.

It is worth mentioning that there has been a lot of politics in the Jheeram case. But the Congress government also set up a commission of inquiry in this, but the result re-

mained the same. The NIA has announced a reward of lakhs of rupees for nab-

Mandavi, Bhagat Hemla alias Badru, Sappo Hunga Sukma Chhattisgarh. A reward of

Rs 2.50 lakh has been announced on three Naxalites. It includes Telam Aaytu, Badru Modiyam and Kurasam Sanni. All these three belong to Bijapur district. A reward of Rs 1 lakh each has been announced on nine Naxalites. These include Kamesh Kawasi of Bastar, Korsa Sanni, Lachhi Modiyam, Somi Potam, Modiyam Ramesh, Korsa Lakhu, Sarita Kekam, Kuma Gonde and Mangli Kosa of Bijapur. A reward of 50-50 thousand has been announced on Madda Madkami and Vetti Sannu of Dantewada.

In the meeting, CEO Kangale, while reviewing all the important points, inquired about the total polling stations, remote, inaccessible and sensitive polling stations in the district and instructed to make all necessary preparations. She inquired about building changes, electricity, drinking water, furniture, toilets, ramps etc. in polling stations as per the requirement and said that including adding the names of voters in the voter list, other works

should be done as per the prescribed procedure, uploading data in the portal, completion of EPIC work.

In the meeting, detailed information was given by the officials on the preparations being made in connection with the elections in the district. It was told that awareness programs are being run under SVEEP in the district to make voters aware, work is on to identify new voters and future voters and add them to the voter list. Instructing the District Education Officer, Kangale said that by organizing a meeting of the principals of higher secondary schools make an action plan to connect the new voters who were left out, keeping in mind that no new voter should be left out.

She also inspected the polling stations of district Korea and the EVM warehouse in the Collectorate premises. In polling station number 31 Chervapara, information regarding total number

of voters, number of women, men and differently-abled persons was taken from concerned BLO. While inspecting the strong room, counting room at polling stam at po-number 100 Higher she tion Ramanuja Secondary School, she asked to repair the infrastructure and pay special attention to security. She also inspected the EVM warehouse in the Collectorate premises and examined the CCTV

cameras.

# Accelerate construction works, complete all before monsoon: Baij

#### Bijapur, May 21:

Development District Coordinator and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) Member of Parliament Road Safety Committee and District Level Vigilance under Scheduled Scheduled Castes. Tribes Atrocities Prevention Act 1989 in the meeting hall of the District Office under the chairmanship of Mr. Deepak Baij, Lok Sabha MP Bastar Parliamentary Constituency and the meeting of the monitoring committee was concluded.

In the Disha meeting, Member of Parliament Deepak Baij gave instructions to give priority to individual wells for irrigation apart from land levelling, ponds, dabri construction. man-dav wage payment and beneficiaryoriented works created under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA. Under

the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, according to the target in rural and urban areas, instructions were given to complete the work by sanctioning houses to all the eligible beneficiaries within the

time limit. Installation of new handpumps on priority basis under Chief Public Health Engineering Department and 100% tap connection in houses under Jal-Jeevan Mission and construction work of water augmentation project under Jal-Jeevan Mission water supply scheme, instructions to speed up the

sanctioned work in Bijapur and Bhairamgarh. On the other hand, he became

and

aware of the status of the Bhopalpatnam water augmentation project, which is supplying water to 18 villages in addition to the urban areas. In the field of health, Malaria, sickle cell test

was directed to reduce malaria. At the same time, asked to ensure distribution of infectious essential medicines before the rains.

> In order to reduce malnutrition, instructions were given for better implementation of the Minister's Nutrition Campaign. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, facilities provided to school children under the campaign, re-run schools, potakabins, hostels and anganwadis including registered children were reviewed.

He congratulated the education department and the district administration for the better results of class 10th and class 12th in the current session. Along with this. Summer Camp (PekorPandum) in Education City was described as a better innovation for the all-round development of children, where children



are learning their favourite subjects through summer classes.

In the meeting, by expediting the works of RIPA, emphasis was laid on connecting people with employment for doing livelihoodoriented work. On the other hand. Member of Parliament Mr. Deepak Baij gave instructions to approve the situation and development work of Adarsh village Ermanar. Taking information about the status of forest procollection including duce Tendupatta, gave necessary guidelines.

Reviewing the meeting of the Member of Parliament Road Safety Committee, being aware of the number of dead and injured in road accidents from January 2023 till now, asked to ensure all kinds of measures to reduce road accidents. MP Mr. Baij, who was informed by the Transport Department about the

absence of black spots in the district, gave instructions to put up information boards on blind spot (Andhamod) accident prone areas, identify roadside schools and put stoppers. On the other hand, instructions were given to provide all possible cooperation and services to the passengers and to invite complaints and suggestions and to implement them. Gave directions.

Under the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes Atrocities Prevention Act 1989, detailed information about the cases was given by the Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development Department in the meeting of District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee. On which Member of Parliament Mr. Deepak Baji gave instructions to provide the amount of assistance to the victims within the time-limit as per the rules and to provide cooper ation and guidance to the victims. In the meeting, MLA Mr. Vikram Shah Mandavi gave necessary suggestions regarding the development works to the district officials. On the other hand, Collector Mr. Rajendra Kumar Katara talked about doing better work according to the instructions received in the meeting. In the meeting, District Panchayat President Mr. Shankar Kudiyam, Vice President Mr. Purushottam Sallur, District Panchayat Member Mrs. Neena RawatiyaUdde, Municipal President Mr. Benhur Rawatiya and public representatives and DFO Mr. Ashok Patel, CEO District Panchayat Mr. Ravi Kumar Sahu, Joint Collector Mr. Pawan Kumar Premi and district level senior officers were present.

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#### Cruise drug bust bribery case

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five hours.

Saturday,

the

anti-terrorist operation

Prabhadevi in Mumbai.

which directed the CBI

not to take any "coercive

action", such as arrest,

tionary measure, they said,

completed in the populated

operation is still going on

in the woods but there was

pected terrorists so far. the

officials said. The nearby

Bhata Dhurian witnessed a

deadly ambush by terror-

ists on an Army vehicle on

April 20, resulting in the

killing of five soldiers and

injuries to a major-rank of-

ficer. At least six over-

ground workers were ar-

rested for providing shelter

to the terrorists. However,

the attackers are still at

large and efforts are on to

neutralise them, with the

Army almost conducting

daily search operations

and area domination pa-

trols, according to officials.

# **CBI quizzes Sameer Wankhede for more than 5 hours on 2nd day**

Mumbai, May 21 (PTI):

Former Mumbai NCB chief Sameer Wankhede was questioned for more than five hours on the second day in a row on Sunday by CBI probing the alleged Rs 25 crore bribe demand from actor Shah Rukh Khan for not implicating his son Aryan in the Cordelia cruise

'drug bust' case, an official said. Wankhede, an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) of ficer, reached the Central

Bureau of Investigation's Charas worth over Rs (CBI) office in the Bandra-Kurla Complex at around 10.30 am, he said. While entering the of-

fice, Wankhede told reporters he has "faith in the judiciary" He was allowed a lunch break during questioning,

the official said, adding Wankhede left the CBI office for the day at around 4.30 pm. Wankhede didn't respond to queries from

media persons waiting against him till May 22 outside the CBI office but only said, "Satyamev Seeking quashing of the FIR, Wankhede alleged Jayate" (truth only tribefore the HC that the 'draft complaint" in the On Saturday also, the 2021 drugs-on-cruise case CBI questioned Wankhede for more than named Aryan Khan as an accused, but it was later replaced and Aryan's

After he left the CBI ofname was dropped. Aryan Khan was arrest fice at around 4.30 pm on Wankhede ed by the NCB on October along with his family members visited the 3, 2021, following the alleged drug seizure on Siddhivinayak temple at board the Cordelia cruise ship here. He was granted bail by the high court against him.

The CBI alleged that the NCB's Mumbai zone received information in October 2021 regarding the consumption and possession of narcotic substances by various individuals on the cruise ship, and some NCB officers conspired to get bribes from the accused in return for letting them off.

#### The central agency booked Wankhede and three weeks later as the anti-drugs agency failed four others on May 11 for alleged criminal conspirato substantiate its charges cy and threat of extortion, besides provisions pertaining to bribery under Prevention of Corruption Act on a complaint by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). On Friday, Wankhede got a relief from the Bombay High Court

Repair work is underway after heavy soil erosion by the River Brahmaputra, at Mayong village in Morigaon district of Assam, Sunday.

**SOIL EROSION** 

### **Bihar govt asks districts to** Delhi Police busts ramp up social media presence illegal trafficking gang

#### Patna, May 21 (PTI):

The Nitish Kumar government in Bihar is intent on improving its social media presence and districts with negligible activity on WhatsApp, Facebook and Twitter are getting a rap on the knuckles.

Expressing dissatisfac-tion over the "not up to the mark" performance by certain districts in improving their social media presence, the Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD), has directed officials concerned to pull up their socks and highlight the achievements and welfare measures of the Bihar government on different social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter

#### and WhatsApp. April 2023".

Officials concerned have also been asked to remain active on these platforms and take the initiative to increase the number of "followers"

"Efforts should be made by district PRD officials to reach out to everyone and every social section by increasing the number of followers on the social media platforms of their respective districts", said the minutes of a session recently held by the IPRD department.

The minutes, accessed by PTI, flagged a decline in the social media outreach of Araria where the number of followers on the district administration's Twitter handle dropped "from 12,899 in March 2023 to 11,009 in

Besides, districts like Siwan and Jamui, despite adding nine and seven followers, respectively, dur-

ing the same period, did not still have their total numbers in double digits. Other districts called out for adding a less than satisfactory number of followers were Aurangabad (11), Sheohar (17), Madhepura (25),

Lakhisarai (27),Kishanganj (55)Sheikhpura (64), Bhojpur (64), Arwal (67), Sitamarhi (68), Khagaria (74) and Madhubani (87).

The capital district of Patna, on the other hand, stood at the top with 1,341 fresh additions, followed by Nalanda (566), East Champaran (304) and Muzaffarpur (270).

New Delhi. May 21 (PTI):

Delhi Police has arrested four men who allegedly sent people abroad on forged papers, a senior officer said on Sunday.

Girish Bhandari, 48, Himanshu Mehta, 23, Gagan Sharma, 22, and Ramesh Arya, 38, had been running the syndicate under the garb of a tour and travel business for the last 10-12 years, police said.

Bhandari. the mastermind of the racket, had registered a firm 'Harsh Tour and Travel' opening its office in west Delhi's

Tilak Nagar, they said. Police seized 80 passports of several countries and a cache of forged documents, stamps, and laptops with the arrest, said the officer.

Police (Crime) of Ravindra Singh Yadav said that based on a tip off, a raid was conducted at an office in Prem Nagar, Tilak Nagar and four persons were arrested with large number of passports incriminating documents, currency, forged bank statements, letter pads of different firms and companies.

Special Commissioner

The accused operated from Delhi and had their agents spread all over NCR, Haryana, Punjab, and Gujarat.

These agents lured the people with a promise of an illegal landing in a foreign nation and charged them a minimum of Rs 6 lakh for a Schengen visa which is valid in 27 countries.

# **BRO** camp being relocated as part of preservation of Chumathang hot springs

As an immediate ac-

Development, the local panchayat, councillor, Block Development

Councillor (BDC) and

NGOs' who are working

on preservation and de-

#### Leh, May 21 (PTI):

said a Detailed Project the BRO establishment Report (DPR) is being pre- from the existing location pared for the development near the Hot Springs The BRO has agreed to and sustainable management of the hot springs'.

Poonch/Jammu, May 21 (PTI): The Army on adding the searches were Sunday launched a massive search operation in a area but no one was arrestforward area in Jammu ed. However, the combing and Kashmir's border district of Poonch after troops picked up suspicious moveno contact with the susment and opened fire, officials said. No one was injured in

pended, an official said the firing by the soldiers on patrolling duty at Keri in Mendhar sector around 3 accused in a case relatam, they said. Though there was no retaliation lodged at police station from the suspected persons, the Army launched a massive search operation police station last week in the area and adjoining forests to ensure that there is no presence of terrorists. the officials said. All roads leading to the besieged vast area were closed and the

Bhadohi (UP): A 22residents were asked to year-old man was stay indoors as a precaubooked under charges of rape after he was found to have married a minor girl, police said on Sunday. Circle officer of Aurai Umeshwar Prabhat



Charas seized Mahrajganj (UP): Police here on Sunday

recovered 16 kg of

Mahrajganj, he said.

Custodial death

Gonda (UP): An advo-

cate arrested in con-

nection with a land

scam case died in po-

lice custody following

lodged against six po-

three policemen sus-

on Sunday. Advocate

Srivastava, 60, was an

Kotwali Nagar in 2018.

He was brought to the

for questioning where

ed to the land scam

Rajkumar Lal

he died.

Man booked

lice personnel and

which an FIR has been

BRIEF



Swarai India Chief Yoqendra Yadav speaks during the wrestlers' protest, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, Sunday.

Raimalpur village. had on March 12 abducted a 16-year-old girl. Her family after looking for her extensively came to know their the girl was living at Suraj's house and the two had got "married."

Singh said that Suraj,

a resident of

#### **Road accident**

Bulandshahr (UP): Two bike-borne men were killed after being hit by a vehicle in Shikarpur area here, police said on Sunday. The accident happened on Saturday night, killing Aman (21) and Arun (25) on the spot, they said. SHO, Shikarpur Prem Chandra Sharma said that a probe is on in the matter and attempts are on to trace the vehicle.

#### Three killed

Jaipur: Three members of a family were killed and as many injured when a speeding car hit them while they were standing on the roadside here on Sunday morning, police said. They had returned from Haridwar after performing the last rites of a family member and were waiting to be picked up by a relative near Doi Ki Dhani in Chaksu tehsil here, they said. "Three peo ple, including a woman and her son, were killed in the accident.



TOURISTS ENJOY WATERFALL

Tourists bathe at Sahastradhara waterfall to cool themselves on a hot summer day, in Dehradun, Sunday.

A camp of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is being relocated from Chumathang hot springs as authorities on Sunday discussed measures required for the preservation and protection of the natural attraction in Ladakh, officials said.

The meeting, chaired by the administrative secretary, Tourism, Kacho Mehboob Ali Khan, identified various measures for immediate action and long-term planning to ensure sustainable development of the hot springs for the benefit of both locals and tourists, the officials said. The officials

the plan, the officials said, adding the concerned officials will be requested for tion, they said a sustained cleanliness drive would be formal allocation of the launched on Monday, inidentified land at the earvolving the departments liest. of Tourism, BRO, Rural The Rural Development

Department and deputy commissioner, Leh will identify the existing structures around the hot springs which are in a dilapidated condition and are non-functional.

velopment of the Rong' area. The officials said the The exercise is imporcouncillor, LAHDC of tant for the incorporation Chumathang constituenof the area for developcy and BDC have been asment in the DPR being signed to identify suitable prepared as per the appatches of land downproved action plan, the ofstream for relocation of ficials said.

# Book brings alive city of Shahjahanabad using exquisite map

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#### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

A book uses a beautifully-drawn coloured map found in the British Library to bring alive the city of Shahjahanabad as it had stood prior to its mid-19th century changes. "Shahjahanabad: In Mapping a Mughal City",

historian Swapna Liddle shows how this map is not only a valuable resource for the study of the city in the first half of the 19th century, but also about Mughal city planning.

The map shows in great detail what existed in the city in the 1840s.

This picture was drastically altered in the years immediately after the revolt of 1857. Large areas were almost completely

cleared of buildings. The with the streets and landdemolitions took place in marks of Shahjahanabad and around the Red Fort for security reasons; in Chandni Chowk and Daryaganj after the concenturies. fiscation of royal and other properties, and in the northern part of the

today, which in many ways has not changed much over the last two The book asserts how Shahjahanabad was a

planned city, the only living, planned Mughal city city for the railways," the extant in largely its origi-Liddle says two factors nal form. "Encircled by a emboldened her when city wall, it was situated Pramod Kapoor of Roli on the bank of the Books suggested that she Yamuna. The citadel should write a detailed housing the emperor and analysis of this map of the royal family (officially Shahjahanabad (Old named Qila-e-Moall, 'the Delhi). "One was some exalted fort', but today known as the Red Fort) of Shahjahanabad as it was was an important focal during the period of the point of the city, and the East India Company congregational mosque, when the map was made," the Jama Masjid, was the she says, adding the secnext most prominent ond was a familiarity landmark," it says.

#### Bengaluru, May 21 (PTI):

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti who is visiting Karnataka, on Sunday appreciated the people for voting out a 'fascist" BJP government in the state, but also cautioned people about the recent developments in Delhi, saying it was a wake-up call for everyone as it can happen anywhere in the country.

Mufti was referring to an ordinance passed by the President on Friday, May 20, giving overriding powers to the Delhi's Lieutenant Governor — a union government nominee — to oversee the transfer, posting and disciplinary proceedings against civil servants in Delhi.

The ordinance was brought in just a week

#### Centre's ordinance on Delhi services insult to judiciary: Akhilesh

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday came in support of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and said that Centre's ordinance on services in the national capital was an insult to judiciary. "The Delhi ordinance is an insult to the judiciary. This is the result of negative politics of BJP and also of democratic-injustice," Yadav said in a tweet in Hindi. "BJP knows that it will be defeated in all the seats of Delhi in the Lok Sabha elections, that is why it is already taking revenge from the public. This is murder of mandate in the name of ordinance," Yadav added. The Centre promulgated the ordinance

happened in Delhi is a wake-up call for everyone. Whatever happened in Jammu and Kashmir is going to happen around the whole country," Mufti said at a press conference here.

"BJP doesn't want to have any opposition. The Delhi government has been disempowered. This is going to happen to everyone," the PDP chief added. Stating that the people of Karnataka had given a ray of hope to the entire country by defeating a "fascist, communal and divisive" BJP in the recently-concluded Assembly election, Mufti said, "Karnataka people have shown us the way, that the might of power agencies and institutions can be defeated with your vote in a democracy.

'Whatever happened in Delhi is a wake-up call'



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#### BRIEF



Fighters from Lebanese militant group Hezbollah carry out a training exercise Aaramta village in the Jezzine District, southern Lebanon.

### Helicopter crash

Islamabad: An Afghan military helicopter crashed in the country's north on Sunday after hitting a power line base, killing at least two crewmembers, the Defense Ministry said. The MD-530 chopper was patrolling in the area after it took off from northern Balkh province and crashed in the Kholim district in Samangan province, a ministry statement said. Officials said the chopper hit the base of a high voltage power line before crashing.

#### Morning shooting

Kansas City: Two people were killed at the scene and a third victim died at a hospi tal following a shooting at a Kansas City, Missouri, bar early on Sunday, police said. Two other victims were wounded and transported to a hospital, including one who was in critical condition and another who was in stable condition, Kansas City Police Department Officer Donna Drake said in an email. Multiple officers responded to the Klymax Lounge on Indiana Avenue at 1:25 am.

### **Prison sentence**

Mexico City: Mexican prosecutors announced on Saturday night that they are withdrawing a case against a woman who was sen tenced to six years in prison for killing a



It's a big reason leaders from the world's most powerful democracies descended on Hiroshima for this weekend's Group of Seven summit: Part commemoration, part effort to confront the continuing consequences of the moa US B-29 ment Superfortress released what the Americans named "Little Boy" over the city in the first wartime use of a nuclear

bomb. presents It also Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, the drivforce behind ing Hiroshima's selection for the G7 venue, with a

unique dilemma. On the one hand, he is keen to promote the vision of a world without nuclear weapons that has long been a cornerstone of his political rhetoric. On the



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, right, shakes hands with Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida during a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the G7 leaders' summit in Hiroshima.

other, he is mindful of the widespread domestic worry over aggression by nuclear-armed neighbours.

Kishida's difficult balancing act could be clearly seen in the G7's over-

It said local authorities

were "not serious" about

and "shirked responsibili-

ty." The report gave no in-

dication of possible pun-

ishment for the owner and

whelming focus on building support for Ukraine's defense against nucleararmed Russia's invasion, highlighted by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's personal appearance in Hiroshima.

There was also sustained G7 pressure on China over its expanding nuclear arsenal, and on North Korea's pursuit of nuclear-tipped missiles that can target the US mainland.

But even as he stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Zelenskyy, whose presence at the summit bolsters Kishida politically, the Japanese leader sought to repeatedly infuse the summit with his ideas about a nuclear-free world.

On both the opening and closing days of a gathering that included four nucleararmed nations G7 members France, the UK, the United States, and visiting participant India Kishida brought leaders to pay their respects at memorials to the 140,000 people killed by the bomb. They planted a symbolic cherry tree, spoke with a survivor and offered a silent prayer.



A view of the 48-meter-long U17 submarine being transported by road via a truck to the Speyer Museum of Technology, in Speyer, Germany, Sunday.

#### Mount Etna volcano erupts

Rome, May 21 (AP): Mount Etna, Europe's most active volcano, was erupting on Sunday, spewing ash on Catania, eastern Sicily's largest city, and forcing a shutdown of that city's airport. Italy's National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology, or INGV, which closely monitors Etna with instrumentation on the slopes, noted that cloud cover on a rainy day was impeding views of the eruption, which often serves up a spectacular display of flaming lava during the volcano's not infrequent eruptions. The institute said that ash had fallen on Catania and at least one town on Mount Etna's inhabited slopes. No injures were reported.

#### **Zelenskyy denies Ukrainian city of** Chinese investigators blame illegal construction **Bakhmut occupied by Russian forces**

#### Beijing, May 21 (AP)

The collapse of a nineenforcing building rules storev building in central China that killed 54 people last year was caused by shoddy, illegal construction and local officials' failure to enforce standards, according to an official report released Sunday. At least nine people including the building owner were reported arrested following the April 2022 disaster in Changsha, which trapped survivors under rubble for up to five days. Nine people were injured. The report by investigators appointed by the ruling Communist Party said the collapse of the "self-built" structure was due by "illegal and irregular construction" and additions by residents, ac-

local officials. News reports at the time said the building had six stories, but Sunday's report said more were added up to a partial ninth level. It said that extra weight overwhelmed the poorly built structure of

the original five-story building. China has suffered a series of collapses of structures built by owners in violation of safety rules or due to unauthorized addition of extra floors. That prompted Chinese leader Xi Jinping to order additional checks to find structural weaknesses.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Sunday that Russian forces weren't occupying Bakhmut, casting doubt on Moscow's insistence that the eastern Ukrainian city had fallen.

Responding to a reporter's question about the status of the city at the Group of Seven summit in Japan, Zelenskyy said, "Bakhmut is not occupied by the Russian Federation as of today."

"We are not throwing people (away) to die," Zelenskyy said in Ukrainian through an interpreter. "People are the treasure. I clearly understand what is happening in Bakhmut. I cannot share with you the technical details of what is hap-



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy gestures during a meeting with President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Hiroshima, Japan, Sunday.

added confusion to the matter.

### **Extremist Israeli Cabinet minister** visits sensitive Jerusalem holy site

**Jerusalem, May 21 (AP)** 

An extremist Israeli

Dome of the Rock in the background, according to video released by his of-

Zelenskyy's response in

**Trial process initiated against May 9 protesters** under military laws: Pak Army chief tors and perpetrators in-

volved in the May 9 tragedy

has commenced under the

Pakistan Army Act and the

Official Secret Act as per

existing and established

legal procedures derived

from the Constitution of

On May 9, violent

protests erupted after the

arrest of Khan by paramili-

tary Rangers from the

premises of the Islamabad

High Court. His party work-

ers vandalised a dozen mili-

tary installations, including

the Jinnah House (Lahore

Corps Commander house).

Mianwali airbase and the

ISI building in Faisalabad.

The Army headquarters

(GHQ) in Rawalpindi was

also attacked by the mob for

the first time. Police put the

death toll in violent clashes

to 10 while Khan's party

claims 40 of its workers lost

their lives in the firing by

security personnel.

Pakistan'

#### Islamabad, May 21 (PTI)

Brushing aside the concerns of human rights groups, Pakistan Army chief General Asim Munir has said that authorities have initiated a "legal process of trial" under stringent military laws against those involved in recent attacks on military installations following the arrest of former prime minister Imran Khan.

Gen Munir made the disclosure on Saturday during his visit to the Punjab province capital Lahore, the worst hit city by the violent protests.

According to a late-night statement by the Army, Gen Munir chief addressed the garrison officers and soldiers at the Corps Headquarters.

He said that the "legal process of trial against planners, instigators, abet-

### At least 9 dead in stampede at soccer stadium

Salvador (El San Salvador), May 21 (AP) At dead seven men and two

"We can confirm nine women and we attended to more than 500 people, and more than 100 were transported to hospitals, some of them were serious, Fuentes said. Play was suspended about 16 minutes into the match, when fans in the stands waving frantically began getting the attention of those on the field and carrying the injured out of a tunnel and down to the pitch. Local television transmitted live images of the aftermath of the stampede by Alianza fans. Dozens made it onto the field where they received medical treatment. Fans who escaped the crush stood on the field furiously waving shirts attempting to review people lying on the grass barely moving.

pening with our warriors. The fog of war made it impossible to confirm the English to a question earsituation on the ground in lier at the summit about the invasion's longest batthe status of Bakhmut tle, and a series of comwas interpreted by many ments from Ukrainian as saying the city had falland Russian officials en to Russian forces

## **East Timor votes in parliamentary election** aiming to break political impasse

#### Dili, May 21 (AP)

cording to state TV.

and independence leader leader of Fretilin, former Gusmao, 1S

# Hiroshima, May 21 (AP)

rapist as he attacked her. In a ruling last week that touched off a public outcry, a court in Mexico State said that while it agreed 23year-old Roxana Ruiz was raped in 2021. it found her guilty of homicide with "excessive use of legitimate defence". It also ordered Ruiz to pay more than USD 16,000 in reparations to the family of her attacker.

#### Alabama gunfire

Birmingham (US): Four people were shot and wounded outside an Alabama bar early on Sunday in what police described as an exchange of gunfire. **Birmingham Police** Lt. Ron Harless said three men and a woman were shot outside Tin Roof in the citv's Lakeview District, AL.com reported. The shooting was reported around 12.45 am to an off-duty Birmingham police officer who was working inside Tin Roof. Police and Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service responded and found a man who had been shot and a woman who was grazed by a bullet in the parking lot. An SUV reportedly fled the scene and was pulled over nearby. Two seriously wounded men, including one with lifethreatening injuries, were in the vehicle.

Vote counting was underway in East Timor's parliamentary election Sunday with two former independence fighters considered for the post of prime minister.

Two main political parties the incumbent **Revolutionary Front for** an Independent East Timor, or Fretilin, and op-National position Congress for Timorese Reconstruction, or CNRT are believed to be in a close

race for the 65-seat National Parliament. A total of 17 parties were running. No parties have formed any pre-election coalitions, but analysts said CNRT, a party led by former prime minister

Xanana favoured to win following a successful presidential campaign in 2022 that saw its candidate, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jose Ramos-Horta, back in office.

"I believe the CNRT will win a majority of seats in Parliament this time and I'm ready to be the prime minister for the sake of people's prosperity and justice," Gusmao said after casting his vote in Dili, the capital.

Polls closed at 3 p.m. and vote-counting began at 1,500 polling centers across the small country.

Preliminary results may not be known until Wednesday. "If we win, it is the victory of the people of Timor Leste," said the

arrested at a short dis-

tance from the crime

scene and has been

charged with first-degree

Tyler Bell, the two knew

each other but the

specifics of their relation-

ship as well as the motive

for the stabbing remain

unclear. "Homicide inves-

tigators will be canvassing

local residents for any

(video) footage," Toronto

Star quoted Bell as saying.

Saturday morning.

Canada.

Singh appeared in

According to Constable

Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri. "I call on people to accept whatever the results of this election.<sup>3</sup>

Parties were required to have a woman in at least every third position in their list and seats are allocated using the method with an electoral threshold of 4%. Fretilin and CNRT have blamed each other for years of political paralysis. In 2018, then-President Francisco "Lu Olo" Guterres from Fretilin refused to swear in nine Cabinet nominees from CNRT. The impasse led to the resignation of Prime Minister Taur Matan Ruak in February 2020, but he agreed to stay on until a new government is formed.

a sensitive Jerusalem holy site on Sunday at a time of heightened tensions with the Palestinians.

Cabinet minister visited

The visit by National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, his second known visit since becoming a member of Israel's most right-leaning government ever, drew condemnations from the Palestinians and Israel's neighbor Jordan, which acts as the custodian of the site.

"I am happy to come up to the Temple Mount, the most important place for the Israeli people," Ben-Gvir said during his early morning visit to the site, with the golden

fice. He praised the police presence at the site, saying it "proves who is in charge in Jerusalem."

Palestinian presidential spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh called Ben-Gvir's visit a "blatant attack" on the mosque. Jordan's Foreign Ministry called it "a provocative step that is condemned, and a dangerous and unacceptable escalation.'

Neighbouring Egypt, which has a peace treaty with Israel, also issued a condemnation.

The visit comes days after Israelis marked Jerusalem Day, which celebrates Israel's capturing of east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war.

least nine people were killed and dozens more injured when stampeding soccer fans pushed through one of the access gates at a quarterfinal match in the Salvadoran league on Saturday.

The National Civil Police said in a preliminary report via Twitter that nine dead were confirmed at the match between clubs Alianza and FAS at Monumental stadium in Cuscatlan, which is about 25 miles (41 kilometres) northeast of the capital. At least two of the injured transported to hospitals were in critical condition, police said. Carlos Fuentes, spokesman for the first aid group Rescue Commandos, also confirmed the deaths.

### Indian-origin man charged with murder for stabbing Sikh woman

murder.

Toronto, May 21 (IANS)

A 44-year-old Indian-origin man has been charged with first degree murder for stabbing a Sikh woman in Canada's Brampton city.

Nishan Singh Nav stabbed to death Davinder Kaur, 43, on Friday at Sparrow Park in Brampton city, Peel Regional Police said in a statement on Friday.

The police said it found the victim with signs of trauma on a footpath after it reached the site following a call about the stabbing at about 6 pm.

Attempts to revive her failed as she succumbed to her injuries at the scene, the police said. Singh was

### Indian-origin Singaporean man missing after reaching Mount Everest summit

#### Singapore, May 21 (PTI)

An Indian-origin Singaporean climber has gone missing after reaching the summit of Mount Everest, his family has said and called for urgent attention to his situation.

According to a petition on the website change.org, Shrinivas Sainis Dattatraya set out from Singapore to Nepal last month to climb the world's highest peak.

Brampton court on His cousin Divya Bharath wrote in the petition that on the way down, With a population of more than 7,00,000 people, Shrinivas seemed to have Brampton is home to the suffered frostbite and altibiggest concentration of tude sickness. This probathe Punjabi community in bly might have resulted in Dattatraya getting separated from the rest of his group, and "fell at around 8,000 metres, likely onto the Tibetan side of the mountain".

A Singaporean news channel on Saturday cited Bharat as saying that a team of sherpas began search operations for Dattatraya on Saturday morning. He was reportedly last in contact with base camp officials at around

8,500 metres In the petition, Bharath wrote that the family has reached out to the governments concerned.

'This matter needs to be brought to their attention on an urgent basis. We need a special rescue team that is trained to operate in

such risky terrain as well as to ensure that this whole rescue operation is not hindered by diplomatic paperwork," Channel News Asia

quoted Bharath as saying. She added that Shrivinas' family was devastated but did not want to lose hope.

Shrinivas, 39, who is an executive director at real estate firm Jones Lang LaSalle, left for Mount Everest on April 1. He was due to return home on June 4. According to a report by The Straits Times. Dattatraya last sent a text message to his wife on Friday saying that he has reached the summit of Everest but was not likely to make it back down.

### Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board

#### Expression of Interest for Internal Audit

Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board invites "Expression of Interest" from reputed and experienced Chhattisgarh based Chartered Accountants firms empanelled with the Office of Comptroller & Auditor General for conducting the internal audit for Financial Years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22 of the Board comprising the Head Office and Seven Regional Offices located at Raipur, Bilaspur, Bhilai-Durg, Jagdalpur, Raigarh, Korba 8 Jagdalpur.

The detailed terms & conditions, eligibility criteria and formats to be illed along with Bid document will be available in website of the Board i.e. https://www.enviscecb.org/from 22nd May 2023 to 22nd June 2023 at 03.00 PM.

Last date for submission of EOI is 22nd June 2023 up-to 03:00 PM through Speed/Registered Post only.

Opening of EOI will be on 22nd June 2023 at 04:00 PM at the Head Office of the Board.

The EOI is to be sent to following address:-

The Member Secretary

Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board Paryavas Bhawan, North Block, Sector-19 Nava Raipur Atal Nagar-492002 District-Raipur (C.G.) Email- hocecb@gmáil.com

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# C E N T R A L C E N T R A L Since 1974 Volume 11 No. 52

### Rana's Extradition A Crucial Step Towards Justice and

Strengthening India-US Cooperation he approval of Tahawwur Rana's extradition by a US district court marks a significant milestone in India's relentless pursuit of justice for the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. Rana, a Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman, is wanted for his role in the dastardly strikes carried out by Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists that claimed the lives of 166 people, including six Americans. This decision comes as a ray of hope for India, as it has been grappling with the challenges of bringing the perpetrators of the 26/11 attacks to trial. Rana, however, still has the option to file an appeal in the Circuit Court, while the final decision rests with the US Secretary of State regarding his extradition. The lengthy legal battle to extradite Rana highlights the difficulties faced by Indian authorities in building a strong case against him. Back in June 2011, a US jury had acquitted Rana of involvement in the Mumbai attacks, although he was found guilty of providing material support to LeT. Despite this setback, India's National Investigation Agency proceeded to file a chargesheet against Rana, along with his childhood friend David Coleman Headley, LeT founder Hafiz Saeed, and seven others, holding them accountable for plotting the 26/11 mayhem. However, India's pursuit of justice was marred by the lost opportunity to extradite Headley. In a controversial plea bargain, he escaped the possibility of a death sentence and extradition to any country by pleading guilty to his involvement in the Mumbai attacks. This raised questions about the US authorities' commitment to combating terrorism and their failure to take preventive action despite prior warnings about Headley's links with Pakistan's spy agency, the ISI. The United States, while repeatedly proclaiming India as a key ally in the war against terror, must back its words with decisive actions. India's call for the US to take the Rana case to its logical conclusion holds tremendous significance. Strengthening cooperation between India and the US in the fight against terrorism is crucial, and Washington must demonstrate its commitment to earning New Delhi's trust. The extradition of Rana not only serves the cause of justice but also highlights the need for enhanced collaboration between nations to counter the global menace of terrorism. India has been resolute in its efforts to combat this threat, leveraging its relations with the US and other Western nations. The extradition approval comes at a time when India and the US have been building closer ties, not only on economic and strategic fronts but also through a shared commitment to counterterrorism. It is imperative for India to capitalize on this positive development and urge the US to continue supporting India's pursuit of justice for the Mumbai attacks. The process should be transparent, ensuring a fair trial and allowing the victims' families to find closure. Additionally, it is crucial to address the broader issue of terrorism and dismantle networks that perpetrate violence, while putting pressure on Pakistan to abandon its nefarious activities against India. The extradition of Rana is a stepping stone towards justice, but it is by no means the end of the road. The fight against terrorism demands persistent efforts, collaboration, and intelligence sharing among nations. India must seize this opportunity to strengthen interna-tional partnerships, enhance extradition mechanisms, and ensure that terrorists and their accomplices are held accountable for their actions. The approval of Tahawwur Rana's extradition is a significant milestone in India's quest for justice for the Mumbai terror attacks. It underscores the importance of international cooperation and highlights the need for the United States to live up to its commitments as India's key ally in the fight against terrorism.

# **Climate Justice**

#### **Fulfilling Promises to Protect Our Planet**

s the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) warns us of the hottest-ever five years ahead, the world must prepare for the severe consequences of climate change. Extreme heatwaves, flooding, and droughts loom on the horizon, demanding immediate action to mitigate their impact. The forecasted rise of 1.5 ŰC over pre-industrial levels between 2023 and 2027 is attributed to the disastrous combination of the naturally occurring El Nino and the trapping of heat by man-made greenhouse gases. This serves as a stark reminder that global warming is a pressing reality, and unless we nonor our commitments to compatilit, we are on a path towards calamity. While the predicted temperature surge is temporary, it underscores the urgency of our situation. Over the years, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change has convened Conferences of the Parties, during which nations have made pledges to control the trajectory of global temperature rise. However, these commitments remain largely unfulfilled, and the world stands on the precipice of a climate catastrophe. It is imperative that we take sincere and decisive action to address this crisis. One crucial aspect of rectifying our course lies in providing adequate funds. The responsibility to support the transition to green energy and safeguard vulnerable communities rests heavily on the shoulders of affluent nations. Developed countries owe developing nations billions of dollars in promised "climate finance" as compensation for the losses incurred due to carbon emissions during their industrialization processes over the past century. It is time for these nations to fulfill their financial obligations and acknowledge the detrimental impact they have had on the global climate. This is an opportunity for the developing world to assert its right to protect its people and its ecology, and to demand climate justice from the wealthy West. Climate justice demands that we address the disparities that exist between nations. While the consequences of climate change are felt by all, it is the most vulnerable communities in developing countries that bear the brunt of its devastating effects. Extreme weather events can ravage these regions, leaving a trail of destruction and displacing countless lives. It is incumbent upon us to rectify this injustice and ensure that those who have contributed the least to climate change are not left to bear its heaviest burdens. Furthermore, addressing climate change requires a comprehensive approach that encompasses not only mitigation efforts but also adaptation and resilience-building measures. We must invest in sustainable infrastructure, develop early warning systems, and prioritize the protection and rehabilitation of vulnerable areas and communities. By doing so, we can empower these communities to withstand the impacts of climate change and build a more sustainable future for all. The time for half-hearted commitments and empty promises is over. We stand at a critical juncture in our history, where the decisions we make today will determine the fate of our planet and future generations. As we witness the alarming climate projections, we must summon the political will and collective action necessary to avert disaster. The rich nations must step up and fulfill their financial obligations, providing the necessary resources to combat climate change. Additionally, we must foster international cooperation and collaboration to develop innovative solutions and share best practices in tackling this global challenge. The urgency of climate change demands our immediate attention and action. We cannot afford to ignore the warnings or delay the fulfillment of our promises. The time has come for the wealthy nations to honor their commitments and provide the financial assistance owed to the developing world. Let us embrace the principles of climate justice and work together to protect our planet, secure the well-being of all people, and create a sustainable future for generations to come.

### **AGRICULTURE ACTIVITY BEGINS**



A farmer ploughs his field for cotton plantation at Hingna near Nagpur, Sunday.

## Voters hold the power to transform the State and Course of Indian politics





T he pas brings passage of time forth rapid changes. Human values, beliefs, and loyalties undergo transformations, mirroring shifts in lifestyle. Present-day individuals have become increasingly self-centered and driven by greed, prioritizing their own interests above all else. Aspects like living in harmony with nature, aiding the underprivileged, sacrificing for national pride, using respectful language, and showing reverence for all religions and communities are gradually fading from their behavior. Concepts such as brotherhood, tolerance, and philanthropy are disappearout authority and positions; they seem unable to sleep without them. Their primary aim is to win elections and then attain power.

Previously, it was believed that individuals entered politics to serve society. They sought to ensure that the poor received their rights. Rules, laws, plans, and policies were expected to be crafted with the welfare of the weaker sections of society in mind, fostering progress and development for the state and country. Finally, efforts were meant to be made to ensure their proper implementation. However, today, the nature and purpose of politics appear to be changing. Most people enter politics with the desire to gain authority, status, and the associated honor and respect. Their pursuit is focused on rapid personal growth day and night, often justifying their wrongdoings. Only a limited number of politicians in India dedicate their entire lives to improving society and the country. Consequently, alongside some good individuals, those with criminal charges and records have also entered the current political ecosystem. In our country, even individuals like Atiq (a notorious mafia figure) and figures such as Phoolan Devi (a convicted dacoit and murderer) gain respectability by winning elections as MLAs/MPs. The election of such criminals raises several questions: Why are they elected? Is it out of fear or choice? Do the public have no option to choose a virtuous individual? Or is there some hidden compulsion that they do not wish to disclose? The option of NOTA (None of the Above) in India's election system becomes meaningless when the winning candidate is determined solely by the highest number of votes. Furthermore, efforts to attract "clean" individuals to active politics are not readily apparent.

The language of election campaigns is also changing; respect and dignity seem to be forgotten. It appears that leaders believe they have the right to say anything to anyone. Discussions about the party's future plans are given less attention during election campaigns, although they are outlined in the manifesto. Instead, every party claims they will distribute numerous free items upon assuming power, such as water, electricity, gas, and food grains. Almost every caste and community demands reservations, but is this practice beneficial for the country's longterm well-being and growth? In recent years, a new characteristic has emerged among politicians: their faith, belief, and loyalty to their party's principles and policies are visible only as long as they hold positions or are election candidates for the party. If another party presents a favorable offer, they are willing to abandon their parent party. Although many lower-level party work-

ers remain loyal, their voices hold little significance. All parties believe that a leader from another party is necessary for their own party's victory and increased vote percentage. Thus, all parties welcome such individuals, either before or after the elections. As long as this practice continues, the exchange of leaders cannot be prevented, despite India having anti-defection laws in place. In my understanding, if we want to curb defections, recognized parties should only grant their election symbol to individuals who have spent at least five years in the party.

Interestingly, those leaders who were not selected as party candidates for MP, MLA, and other elections never consider their chances of winning. At this point, these leaders neither consider their age nor take into account the choices of the people or evaluate their own performance in serving the public over the past five years. They fail to realize that if veteran politicians do not step aside, the new, young, and enthusiastic party workers will never get the opportunity to progress. In my opinion, only voters possess the power to change the current condition and direction of Indian politics. By electing leaders who are morally upright, educated, visionary, and dedicated to serving the society, regardless of caste or religion, voters can bring about this transformation. Therefore, while selecting leaders, voters must always prioritize a clean image, incorruptible conduct, and a genuine commitment to the welfare of the people, city, state, and country.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **Digital Detachment**

The current generation is engrossed in video games and online learning, neglecting the traditional sources of knowledge and entertainment. Libraries and reading rooms have been forgotten, as online learning apps provide a convenient and affordable alternative. The playgrounds that once held cherished memories are now deserted, replaced by virtual realms. The youth fail to appreciate the value of outdoor games like football, cricket, kho kho, and kabaddi, which were once integral to their lives. Seeking diverse forms of entertainment, they opt for online movies instead of visiting cinema halls. The present generation is disconnected from books, nature, and the joy of exploration, consumed by screens and indoor distractions

Rathin Kumar Chanda, Hooghly, West Bengal

#### Adani Investigation

The development regarding the Adani Group probe, where the Supreme Court has granted the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) an extension until August 14, raises questions among investors. SEBI is entrusted with safeguarding investments and has implemented various regulations to promote transparency and combat fraudulent practices like insider trading and market manipulation. However, the SEBI's request for additional time to investigate allegations against the Adani Group can be interpreted in two ways. It could signify that no irregularities have been unearthed thus far, instilling confidence in the group's operations. Alternatively, it may also imply that the market regulator is meticulously conducting a thorough examination, prioritizing accuracy over haste in revealing the truth.

#### Shivkumar Miashra, Raipur

#### Leadership Void

The education system in India has been profoundly influenced by the immense societal and parental expectations, resulting in unforeseen consequences. It is surprising that while numerous academic achievers aspire to become IAS officers, there is a significant lack of interest in pursuing a career in politics. This dearth of educated politicians is a pressing issue in the

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ing from their code of con-

As we have read, everything changes during the 'Kali Yuga,' and Indian politics cannot remain untouched. Nowadays, it has become common for political leaders to humiliate others, especially their opponents. Healthy competition is disappearing, and politicians have forgotten how to exist withcountry. The conventional definition of success revolves around lucrative jobs, luxurious homes, extravagant cars, and annual foreign vacations. While parents strive to provide the best for their children, determining what truly constitutes "the best" remains a subject of debate. Obedience to parental wishes is often regarded as virtuous, leaving children torn between following their own path and the expectations placed upon them, leading to feelings of guilt and internal conflict.

Rajesh Soni, Raipur

# WHO Warns of Risks in the Rapid Adoption of Al

I n a world increasingly reliant on artificial intelligence (AI), the World Health Organization (WHO) has issued a compelling warning that demands immediate attention. The WHO's cautionary message about the hasty implementation of AI-based tools, particularly in the context of patient care, serves as a wake-up call for policymakers, technology firms, and society as a whole.

platforms like As ChatGPT, Bard, BERT, and others imitate human communication, the WHO stresses the importance of vigilance and emphasizes the need to ensure patient safety and protection. Despite the publication of the WHO's "Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence for Health" in 2021, little progress has been made to

address these concerns. This

article explores the implications of the WHO's warning and calls for action to ensure the proper protection of patients.

#### Unveiling the Risks:

The WHO has expressed significant concerns over the inconsistent exercise of caution when employing large language model (LLM) tools powered by AI. These tools possess the capability to generate responses that may appear authoritative and plausible, yet be entirely incorrect or contain serious errorsâ "particularly worrisome when it comes to healthrelated matters. Additionally, these AI tools can be misused to disseminate convincing disinformation in various forms, making it difficult for the public to discern reliable health content from deceptive sources. The risks associated with the adoption of AI necessitate careful examination, especially when utilizing these tools to enhance access to health information, support decision-making, or bolster diagnostic capacities in under-resourced settings.

#### The Dual Nature of AI:

Artificial intelligence has become a widely recognized term, representing machines' ability to perform tasks requiring human-like intelligence. Its applications span numerous sectors, including healthcare, education, transportation, entertainment, and production, offering both benefits and dangers. ChatGPT when asked about the dangers of AI, highlights various concerns, such as job displacement, social manipulation, surveillance, and the automa tion of weapons. These perils encompass the potential for unemployment, inequality, social unrest, misinformation

campaigns, privacy breaches, biased decision-making, digital divides, market disruption, and the ethical quandaries surrounding autonomous weapons.

#### Safeguarding Against AI's Dangers:

While acknowledging the potential benefits of AI in supporting healthcare professionals, patients, researchers, and scientists, the WHO emphasizes the need to address the associated risks. ChatGPT suggests that AI can play a role in mitigating these dangers but asserts that it must be guided and regulated by human values, ethics, and laws. Proposed solutions include establishing an external AI ethics board, developing national or international laws for AI governance, promoting responsible and trustworthy AI development, and fostering education and awareness

about AI's impact. Implementing these solutions requires collaboration, coordination, and consensus among stakeholders and ongoing adaptation to the evolving challenges posed by AI.

#### Conclusion

As AI-based tools permeate various aspects of our lives, a comprehensive and proactive approach is needed to ensure the responsible development and use of these technologies. Policymakers, technology firms, researchers, and so ciety as a whole must come together to establish robust governance frameworks, prioritize patient protection, and foster public understanding of AI's impact. By addressing the challenges headon, we can harness the transformative power of AI while safeguarding the well-being and security of individuals worldwide.

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# BUSINESS

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Walmart looking at sourcing toys,

The move is significant

and highlights India's

growing strength in the toy industry, especially

since India was a net im-

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and helping develop new

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such as food, pharmaceuti-

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and wellness along with

apparel and home textiles.

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In December 2020,

Walmart committed to

triple its exports of goods

from India to USD 10 bil-

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Mumbai, May 21:

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#### BRIEF



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New Delhi: IT company Infogain has said that global businesses even amid uncertainty are prioritising digitisation and customer experience to gain an edge in the market, and it is looking to hire 1,000-plus people in FY24, as it steers ahead with growth strategy. The Silicon Valley-headquartered digital plat form and software en gineering services company is also actively scouting for acquisitions, Dayapatra Nevatia, President and Chief Operating Officer of Infogain told PTI.

#### FMCG

New Delhi: Encouraged by volume growth, margin improvement and recovery in rural sales, India's top fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies are now back to their normal growth cycle as they step up investments as well as spending on advertising and marketing. FMCG companies are chasing volume growth again after a gap of a few quarters, offering higher grammage and price cuts thanks to inflationary pressures softening on key raw materials for everything from soaps to food items.

#### Amendment bill

New Delhi: The government is likely to introduce an amendment bill, which seeks to provide auction of minerals mined offshore, in the next Parliament session, sources said."The hurdle is that the original Act for offshore mining does not provide for auctions of

### **PSBs' total profit crosses** Rs 1 lakh crore-mark New Delhi, May 21 (PTI): In FY23

Public sector banks' cuby UCO with 100 per cent mulative profit crossed rise to Rs 1,862 crore and Bank of Baroda with 94 the Rs 1 lakh crore-mark in the financial year per cent increase to Rs ended March 2023, with 14.110 crore.

However, in absolute market leader State Bank of India (SBI) accounting term, SBI has reported an for nearly half of the total annual profit of Rs 50,232 crore in 2022-23, showing From posting a total net an increase of 59 per cent loss of Rs 85,390 crore in over the preceding finan-2017-18, the Public Sector cial year.

Except for the Punjab National Bank (PNB), other PSBs have reported impressive annual in-creases in their profit after tax.

Delhi-headquarter PNB posted a 27 per cent decline in annual net profit from Rs 3.457 crore in 2021-22 to Rs 2,507 crore in the year ended March 2023.

The PSBs which report-Maharashtra (BoM) had ed an annual profit in exthe highest net profit cess of Rs 10,000 crore are growth with 126 per cent Bank of Baroda (Rs 14.110 crore) and Canara Bank

(Rs 10.604 crore). Other lenders like Punjab and Sind Bank posted an annual profit growth 26 per cent (Rs 1,313 crore), Central Bank of India 51 per cent (Rs 1,582 crore). Indian Overseas Bank 23 per cent (Rs 2,099 crore), Bank of India 18 per cent (Rs 4,023 crore), Indian Bank 34 per cent (Rs 5,282 crore) and Union Bank of India 61 per cent (Rs 8,433

crore). PSB is a turnaround story from record losses to record profit. The doomto-bloom story of the public sector banking industry can be attributed to the initiatives and spate of reforms undertaken by the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with former finance minister Arun Jaitley and financial services secretary Rajiy Kumar and his sucessors. The government has implemented a

comprehensive 4R strategy: Recognising NPAs transparently, Resolution and recovery, Recapitalising PSBs, and Reforms in the financial ecosvstem.

As part of the strategy, the government infused an unprecedented Rs 3,10,997 crore to recapitalise PSBs during the last five financial years -- from 2016-17 to 2020-21. The recapitalisation programme provided much-needed support to the PSBs and prevented the possibility of any default on their part.

The reforms undertaken by the government over the last eight years addressed credit discipline, ensured responsible lending and improved governance. Besides, there was adoption of technology, amalgamation of banks, and general confidence of bankers was maintained.

'Need more Indian brands

selling local tea globally'

#### shoes, bicycles from India New Delhi, May 21 (PTI): international operations.

US-based retail giant Walmart is looking to source toys, shoes and bicycles from Indian suppliers as the company is targeting to increase its exports from India to USD 10 billion annually by 2027.

The company also wants to develop new suppliers in categories such as food, pharmaceuticals, consumables, health and wellness, and apparel and home textiles, a company spokesperson told PTI.

Officials from the Bentonville-headquartered firm recently held a virtual meeting with several domestic toy manufacturers here.

The company informed toy makers about their requirements and expected quality standards as it is directly engaging with the domestic toy makers for sourcing.

Global retailers such as IKEA are already sourcing tovs from India for their

sourcing will include helping develop hundreds of new suppliers in categories such as food, pharmaceuticals, consumables, health & wellness and general merchandise, along with apparel, homeware and other key Indian export categories," it had said.

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Earlier this month, Walmart Inc President and CEO Doug McMillon reaffirmed its commitment during his visit to India and said that India's unique ecosystem of suppliers will help the company in achieving its goal of exporting goods worth USD 10 billion from the country annually by 2027.

Addressing Indian suppliers, Doug McMillon has reaffirmed the roadmap for strengthening partnerships with Indian communities, expanding opportunities for Indian business es and fostering transformative and innovative solutions for retail from India to the world.

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of the 36 states and

union territories in

India. The total number

of employees working at

Bandhan Bank stands at

During the final quar-

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deposit book grew 12%

over the corresponding

quarter of the previous

year. The total deposits

now stand at Rs.1.08 lakh

crore. The current ac-

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count (CASA) ratio now

stands at 39.3% of the

overall deposit book.

With respect to advances,

the bank saw 10%

growth over the corre-

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**Bandhan Bank crosses** 

milestone of 3 cr customers

### **Tata AIA Life 'Fortune Guarantee Pension' gets** a powerful upgrade

#### Mumbai. May 21:

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Banks (PSBs) have come a

long way as their profit

touched Rs 1,04,649 crore

in 2022-23, according to an

analysis of their financial

These 12 PSBs wit-

nessed 57 per cent in-

crease in total profit com-

pared to Rs 66,539.98 crore

Pune-based Bank of

to Rs 2.602 crore, followed

In percentage terms

earned in 2021-22.

Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA Life), one of India's leading Life Insurance Companies, has introduced a more powerful version of its flagship annuity (guaranteed income for life) plan, Tata AIA Life Fortune Guarantee Pension. The new version includes some critical improvements, including higher annuity rates and death benefits, making it a musthave for the consumers to live financially independent and worry-free in their

golden years. Longer life expectancy and reduced savings levels have made Retirement

### Income a major concern in country. The the

Retirement Savings Gap in India is projected to reach USD 85 trillion by 2050, and Indian consumers must prepare for this crisis by ensuring financial independence after retirement. Tata AIA Life Fortune Guarantee Pension plan offers multiple tailor-made guaranteed income options and helps consumers save adequately for retired life.

The plan caters to a diverse set of customers, including the married, women and individuals wanting to seriously consider saving to maintain their current lifestyles for the future.

Discoms' dues down by a third

to Rs 93,000 cr in less than a year

The total outstanding dues now stand at around role to bring financial

New Delhi, May 21 (PTI): Of enforcing LPS Rule

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#### Citing how foreign brands are making the most of the opportunity

from selling tea grown in India, VAHDAM CEO Bala Sarda on the occasion of International Tea Day said it is about time India moves beyond supplying and starts selling its world-class tea under more homegrown labels.

New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

Sarda, whose homegrown tea company is making waves internationally with the who's who of Hollywood -- including the likes of Oprah Winfrey, Ellen Degeneres and Mariah Carey -- endorsing the brand's exotic tea blends, said it is sad that there are more

current dues in time. The

scheme has played a key

discipline among dis-



"European brands selling Darjeeling tea and American brands selling Chai" to the world than Indian brands.

"I think we as consumers have always trusted origin products. For example, wine from France whiskey from

TVS iQube launches a 10-city mega delivery marathon Bhopal, May 21:

Strengthening its commitment towards transforming future mobility in the twowheeler segment, TVS Motor

#### Scotland. But for some reason, European brands selling are more Darjeeling tea, and American brands are selling more Chai than any Indian brand was even doing remotely.

'For India to be recoga half years of operanised as a country, which is trusted, which is a superpower we need global brands to come out of India... I think it is just in distribution and about taking Indian teas favourable operating enthrough an Indian brand vironment, the Bank witand you know, convincing consumers to have that, Sarda told PTI.

For the unversed, India is the world's second largest producer and consumer of tea -- accounting for nearly 25-28 per cent of world tea production.

### 'Domestic tourism will continue to be strong' With India's G20 presidency

#### New Delhi. May 21 (PTI):

domestic India's tourism growth will continue to be strong and will



he added. "The pandemic has brought about a change in human behaviour. You're seeing more people operate from home. The tendency to spend more time with the family has increased, as a result of which the need to take frequent breaks is what the domestic market is driving," Menon said.



minerals. The auction is the policy now. So the Act needs to be amended," the sources said.

#### Surpass



Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh has surpassed Maharashtra in sugar production in the current season even as 118 sugar mills operated in UP during the period compared to 210 mills that were operational in the western state. UP's **Cane Development** and Sugar Mills' min ister Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary told PTI, "UP is ahead of Maharashtra as far as production of sugar is concerned along with a number of other factors.

#### **Deloitte India**

New Delhi: The country's skilled workforce is being sought after by global organisations for high-end work. Deloitte India said on Sunday while announcing the opening up of three new offices in Pune, Chennai and Kolkata.

bution utilities (discoms) has reduced by a third to around Rs 93.000 crore in May, in less than year of implementing the Late Payment Surcharge

(LPS) Rules in June 2022. The burgeoning dues of discoms toward power generation (gencos) mainly and transmission (trancos) firms have been affecting the entire value chain of the sector till last year. According to industry

data, in June last year, discoms' dues were at Rs 1.39 lakh crore at the time of the launch of the Late Pavment Surcharge (LPS) scheme.

time. Besides, it has also The total outstanding ensured the payment of

PRAAPTI coms.

(Payment Ratification The non-payment of current dues by discoms, And Analysis in Power procurement for bringing one month after the due date of payment or two Invoicing of generators). and half months after the The PRAAPTI portal presentation of power was launched in May bill, whichever is later, shall attract regulation 2018, to bring transparency in power purchase (power supply cut) of power under the the Late between generators and discoms. Payment Surcharge Experts believe the Rules, 2022.

Apart from this the power ministry had also provided for strong payment security management and made it mandatory for discoms to open credit letters or make payment of power supply well in time to ensure financial discipline.

Company, a reputed manufacturer of two-wheelers and three-wheelers in the world, extends its mega delivery commitment with the 10 (days) X 10 (cities) X 1,000 (vehicle deliveries) marathon. The company handed over 100 TVS iQube scooters to its customers in Raipur, kickstarting the 10 day, 10 cities, 1,000 electric scooters mega delivery marathon.

Backed by its strong electrification journey in India, TVS iQube recorded a sales milestone of 1,00,000 units for its range of scooters, since its launch in 2020. Additionally, TVS iQube electric scooters has successfully transitioned to AIS156 phase 2.

be further fuelled by in bound travels through the country's presidency of G20, conferences and exhibitions that are now increasingly held here, according to Thomas Cook (India) Chairman and Managing Director Madhavan Menon.

On the other hand, longhaul outbound travels from India are also expected to pick up with the onset of summer in Europe and the US, he told PTI.

'Domestic tourism is here to stay and the reality is that we're going to see more and more activity in the domestic space without a doubt," Menon said **Madhavan Menon** 

when asked if the strong growth in domestic tourism witnessed post COVID would sustain.

One of the main reasons for the surge in domestic tourism is the changed consumer behaviour after the pandemic, believing in living for today and not worrying about tomorrow, coupled with their strong confidence in the economy,

**ICICI** Prudential Life Insurance launches new debt fund

#### Mumbai,May 17:

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance launched a debt fund on Monday which will enable customers to lock-in their investments at current high interest rates, build long-term wealth and achieve financial goals.

#### inverse relationship be-tween prices of debt instruments and interest rates - their prices increase when interest rates fall thus benefitting customers who have invested in these instruments.

This fund is available The prevailing interest for investments with the rate regime provides cus-Company's flagship Unit tomers with an excellent Linked Insurance Plans (ULIP). ULIPs provide opportunity to invest in the debt fund - ICICI Pru customers with a unique Constant Maturity Fund proposition of life cover, - the first such fund in financial security to the the life insurance marfamily and facilitate ket. With interest rates building wealth over the long-term. ICICI Pru closer to their peak, any **Constant Maturity Fund** fall in interest rates makes debt instruments is available with Unit Linked Products from attractive as an investment option for cus-May 15, 2023.

# 'Royal Enfield to roll out uniquely differentiated electric bikes'

#### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

Royal Enfield is developing 'uniquely differentiated electric motorcycles' and has already started investing towards product development and creating a supplier ecosystem around its Chennai-based plant, according to CEO B Govindarajan.

The company, which is part of Eicher Motors, has announced a capex of Rs 1,000 crore for the current fiscal with a focus on various aspects, including EV manufacturing and product development. Part of the capex would also go into the rolling out of new products from the company's existing internal combustion engine portfolio. "On the EV journey, we



have been making steady progress. I can say Royal Enfield's EV journey is in the top gear now. Our intention is to create uniquely differentiated electric motorcycles with strong Royal Enfield DNA, Govindarajan said in an analyst call. The company has commissioned a very capable team and has

started committing very deep investments in terms of product development, product strategy and in the product testing and development area, he added.

Currently, we have laid a robust long-term product and technology roadmap on the EV and towards developing the supplier ecosystem is what is the focus as of now,' Govindarajan noted.

There are a lot of prototypes and testings, which are currently going on, he stated. "We are very committed. It's in full blast now," Govindarajan said.

Further, he noted that the company has made a strategic investment in Stark Future and now both the teams are working well.

He further said,"Now, my expectation is that people earlier would have done one international trip and maybe another domestic trip. Today, it has completely changed. We're now talking of multiple domestic trips, even short weekend (trips)".

however, Menon, added,"But that doesn't take away from the fact that you will see Indians travelling both short-haul and long-haul.

### AAI back on profitable runway; reports Rs 3,400 cr profit

#### In 2022-23 fiscal

New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

Airports Authority of India (AAI) is back in the black, raking in a profit of Rs 3,400 crore in the fiscal ended March as surging domestic air traffic boosted its financial performance, according to a source

AAI has reported a profit for the first time after the coronavirus pandemic that had significantly impacted air traffic and the aviation sector as a whole. In the financial years --

2021-22 and 2020-21 -- AAI had reported a loss.

While the loss was Rs passenger traffic surged 803.72 crore in the fiscal 47.05 per cent to 12.32 ended March 2022, the crore compared to 8.38 same stood at Rs 3,176.12 crore in the year-ago pericrore in the financial year od.

These figures excluded exceptional and extraordinary items and tax.

ended March 2021.

The source in the know told PTI that AAI has recorded a profit of Rs 3,400 crore for the 2022-23 financial year.

This is a provisional figure and the final figure will be known after the audit of the financial results.

The source also said the good performance was mainly due to the high growth in domestic air traffic. In 2022, domestic air

# LEISURE

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# Prachi joins 'Kundali Milan' as lead

hemaroo Umang's highly anticipated new Show, Kundali Milan, has announced the addi-tion of talented actress Prachi Bohra to its ensemble cast. Prachi, known for her exceptional performances and versatility, will be portraying the character of Richa, a strong and independent woman whose life takes an unexpected turn when she discovers the power of destiny and love.

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Known for her exceptional acting skills and ability to bring characters to life, Prachi Bohra is excited to take on this new role shared her heartfelt sentiments, stating, "I truly believe that Radharani had a hand in guiding me towards this role. It's as if the universe conspired to bring us together right from the moment I heard the story and Richa's character. When I received the news that I was chosen for this role, I was overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude. I knew that I couldn't let this opportunity slip by and was determined to do my best to give this character the justice she deserves. I am eternally grateful to Radharani for guiding me towards this role and blessing me with the chance to bring Richa to life.

Nestled in the sacred town of Mathura, Kundali Milan unveils a mesmerizing narrative that weaves together the intricate threads of love, destiny, and unbreakable bonds. The story revolves around two traditional families, the Agrawals and the Gargs and their children Yash and Richa, whose lives are intertwined in more ways than one. Yash and Richa, childhood sweethearts entwined by destiny, long for a union that defies time itself. But enigmatic astrologer unveils a chilling prophecy, clouding Yash and Richa's future with uncertainty. Will their love conquer all, or will they succumb to the forces of destiny?

fate takes an unforeseen twist when an



#### Janhvi Kapoor steps into the world of 'The Little Mermaid'



Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor turned into a mermaid for a new promotional asset of the upcoming film 'The Little Mermaid'. The actress took to her social media platform on Friday to share a video with magical realism. In the video, she can be seen stepping into the magical world of Princess Ariel as a fan and magically fits into it for her young fans as she recitesa 'Machhli Jal Ki Rani Hai.' 'The Little Mermaid' directed by Rob Marshall, features Halle Bailey as Ariel, Melissa McCarthy as Ursula, Jonah Hauer-King as Prince Eric, Javier Bardem as King Triton, Daveed Diggs as Sebastian, Jacob Tremblay as Flounder, Awkwafina as Scuttle, Noma Dumezweni, and Jude Akuwudike.

# **Unexpected turn of events in &TV shows**

Tn &TV show Doosri Maa, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, the key highlight will be the unexpected turn of events. About &TV's Doosri Maa track, Yashoda shares, 'Upon Ashok (Mohit Dagga) return to Gupta's house, he becomes aware of Kamini (Priety Sahay) instructing Yashoda (Neha Joshi) to separate the chullah, raising suspicions within him. Simultaneously, Yashodha stumbles upon the realization that Varun (Micckie Duddaney) has managed to flee from prison and suspects him of abducting Varun (Micckie Duddaney). As Ashok catches sight of his children at the school entrance, a sense of distress takes over him, while the absence of Krishna deeply troubles Yashodha."

About &TV's Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai track, Angoori shares, "Saxena (Saanand Verma) shares



the news of his recent employment at an OTT platform, which is currently seeking exemplary neighbours for an upcoming reality series, with Angoori (Shubhangi Atre) and Anita (Vidisha Srivastava). Additionally, Saxena reveals that the show's winners will receive a substantial reward of 2.5 crores. Concerned about their fi-

nancial situation. Angoori and Anita participate in the show. Upon learning about this opportunity, Vibhuti (Aasif Sheikh), Tiwari (Rohitashv Gour), Teeka (Vaibhav Mathur), Tilu (Salim Zaidi), and Master (Jeetu Gupta) begin displaying excessive friendliness towards each other to impress Saxena and secure a spot on the show. However, suddenly the situation turns when Saxena arrives and cautions them that his senior believes being good neighbours might be out-

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

# **Nakuul and Disha** reprise their roles in 'Bade Acche Lagte Hain 3'

ony Entertainment Television has given Indian television some of its most iconic shows with memorable characters that have stood the test of time. Such has been the case of Bade Acche Lagte Hain, a show which has a loyal viewer base with ardent followers of #RaYa or Ram Kapoor and Priya, one of the most loved couples on the small screen. And now, the channel is all set to entertain viewers with a new season of Bade Acche Lagte Hain 3, with Nakuul Mehta and Disha Parmar reprising their roles as Ram Kapoor and Priva. Back on fans' demand - the immensely popular jodi of Nakuul and Disha has earned much adulation and fans of the show can't keep calm as #RaYa are returning with an all-new narrative. Staying true to its core concept, the third edition of this cult drama will bring alive another mature love story of urban loneliness, unlike other quintessential romance dramas. However, in this new chapter, viewers will see Ram and Priya in a fresh and rebooted avatar, and coupled with Nakuul and Disha's unmissable chemistry - it promises to make for an interesting watch. Talking about her return to the show, an elated Disha Parmar shares, The return of Bade Acche Lagte Hain is a takes us.



testament to the enduring popularity of the show and its characters. It's an incredible feeling to know that the character I played resonated with audiences across India; it's a surreal feeling to have been able to contribute and become a

Vanessa Hudgens joins cast of Mads Mikkelsen-starrer 'The Black Kaiser'



anessa Hudgens will join Mads Mikkelsen to headline the action spy part of the show's legacy. 'The Black thriller Kaiser', directed by Priya has always been adamant about the Derrick Borte. things that she believed Borte has replaced in but this time around -Jonas Akerlund, who she is even more strongwas previously anwilled, and I am looking nounced as director. The film is written by Jayson forward to playing Priva 2.0. I am certain that all Rothwell, based on the our fans will be just as Dark Horse graphic excited as we are to renovel 'Polar' by Victor turn to the show and fol-Santos. It is set to shoot low the journey of both this fall, reports 'Variety'. Ram and Priva as they In the film, the Black Kaiser (Mikkelsen), the continue to evolve. We can't wait to share this world's most lethal hitman, uncovers a deadly new chapter of the show with our viewers and to conspiracy protecting a see where the story powerful syndicate of killers, and becomes

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'The Black Kaiser' is a Constantin Film, JB

inema's entry in the <u>northeast region after</u> successfully having delivered multiple screens in North and West of the country.

The theatre is de signed keeping the Assamese culture and tradition in mind where everyone feels at home. NY Cinemas, a multiplex chain, was founded by Ajay with the intention of bringing the oldworld charm of single screens back to the multiplexes and bringing

film stars.



Disney India is set to release 'The Little Mermaid' in cinemas on May 26 in English.

Pictures and Dark Horse Entertainment production, and will be produced by Jeremy Bolt and Robert Kulzer, two of the producers behind the 'Resident Evil' franchise. As per 'Variety', Mike Richardson and Keith Goldberg of Dark Horse Entertainment are also producing, and Martin Moszkowicz and Mikkelsen are executive

producing. XYZ Films will executive produce and will continue to sell worldwide rights at the Marche du Film in Cannes.

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# Sapna Choudhary fulfils 'lifetime dream' in crepe coloured gown at Cannes

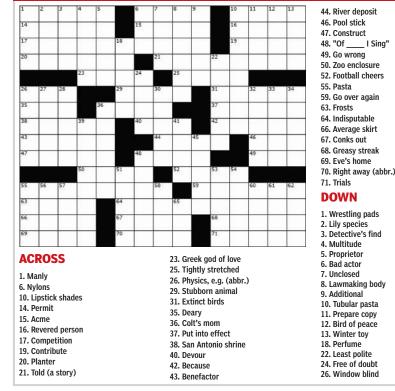
aryanvi dancing sensation and ex-Bigg Boss contestant, Sapna Choudhary has made her Cannes red carpet debut. Sapna has become the first regional artiste from Harvana to attend the prestigious film festival.

Talking about attending the fest, Sapna said: "Cannes is not just a dream, but a lifetime dream for any actress/actor, and I am thankful to God that today I could conquered this besides the facts of not even knowing English or any international languages. I am a proud Indian standing here at Cannes for my country and my state Haryana." Sapna has collaborated



with Air France for the fest. As her debut look, she chose a crepe coloured elegant gown with floral designs and embellishments. Further, sharing her experience Sapna stated: "People of Air France are so generous and accepting, I think acceptance is the biggest step towards change and humanity as well! It was an incredible experience to debut at the Cannes Film Festival. Walking the red carpet was surreal. The atmosphere was electric and I was thrilled to be there with so many other talented artists from around the world. "Being the first regional artiste to achieve this milestone is a dream come true.

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Sharath Kamal, Sathiyan win opening

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# **Rybakina wins Italian Open**

#### Rune to play Medvedev in men's final

#### Rome, May 21 (AP):

Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina won the Italian Open when Ukrainian opponent Anhelina Kalinina retired due to a left thigh injury early in the second set of the rain-delayed final on Saturday.

Rybakina was leading 6-4, 1-0, 15-0 when Kalinina called for a trainer and grasped her left leg as she teared up. She then decided she couldn't continue.

The final began at almost 11 p.m. on Saturday and ended just after mid-

night on Sunday. rallied past Casper Ruud 6-"I'm really sorry that I 7 (2), 6-4, 6-2 and Medvedev couldn't play," Kalinina performed a little celebratory dance after beating said during the trophy cer-Stefanos Tsitsipas 7-5, 7-5 emony as the crowd whistled after waiting under in a semifinal that was the rain for hours before suspended twice in the the night session started. first set for a total of near-



"I was trying to do my ly 4 hours due to rain.

Rybakina earned her biggest tournament win on clay. Her only other title on the surface was in Bucharest in 2019.

It's been quite a year for Rybakina, who reached the final of the Australian Open, also won an elite title in Indian Wells and was the runner-up in Miami. On Monday, she'll

spell at the death saw

Sunrisers manage just 32

runs in the last four overs

while losing three wickets

Indians got a perfect start

skipper

Sharma (56 from 37 balls)

and Green putting togeth-

er 128 runs from 65 balls

After Rohit's departure,

Green sealed the chase

with 12 balls to spare, stay-

for the second wicket.

Mumbai

Rohit

to post 200/5.

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In reply,

move up to a career-high No. 4 in the rankings and will be considered a contender at the French Open, which starts next weekend

47th-ranked The Kalinina was playing in the biggest final of her career, and has been dedicating her performances to her war-torn country.

Kalinina's family home was destroyed in a Russian attack last year. Also, her elderly grandparents have had to relocate from the southern city of Nova Kakhovka which is held by Russian forces to Kyiv. Kalinina's parents work as tennis coaches in Kviv and she said on Friday there was a 'huge, huge bomb near them, near their academy" a few days ago.

Rybakina was born in Moscow and has represented Kazakhstan since 2018, when that country offered funding to support

her tennis career. Kalinina spent more than four hours longer on court than Durban, May 21 (PTI): Rybakina entering the final, having won the longest match on the Kamal and G Sathiyan women's circuit this season 3 hours, 41 minutes against Beatriz Haddad Maia in the quarterfinals. Sunday. She also required three sets to beat Russia's Veronika Kudermetova in an emotionally charged semifinal.

Rune, who eliminated round of 64. Sathiyan beat six-time Rome champion England's Tom Jarvis 4-3 Novak Djokovic in the (11-9 11-8 7-11 11-2 15-13 13quarterfinals, improved to 11 11-6) in another men's 7-1 in his career against singles contest to begin his players ranked in the top campaign on a positive note. The other Indian in five. "I play some of my best tennis when I play the the singles competition, top guys of the world," Manika Batra will play Rune said. "You need it her opening round match against those players." later on Sunday. Manush Making the final marked quite a turn-

Shah and Harmeet Desai had lost their opening around for Medvedev, who matches on Saturday. lost his opening match in Sreeja Akula had won her round of 128 clash against Rome in his three previ-Nicole Arlia of Italy. ous appearances.



#### Manika-Sathiyan mixed doubles pair in round of 32

Durban: India pair of Manika Batra and Sathiyan Gnanasekaran advanced to the Mixed Doubles round of 32 at the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals after notching a tense 3-2 victory over Xia Lian Ni and Luka Mladenovic of Luxembourg here on Saturday. The fourth-seeded Indian pair won 9-11, 11-8, 14-16, 11-7, 11-6 against their Luxembourg opponents who are ranked 122 positions below them in the world rankings.

## Hockey: Indian women play out 1-1 draw with Australia

#### Adelaide, May 21 (PTI)

Deen Grace Ekka converted a penalty corner to help the Indian women's hockey team rally and play out a 1-1 draw in its third tour game against its Australian counterparts here on Sunday.

The visitors came from behind to level the score as Deep Grace Ekka (42th minute) netted a goal for India after Maddison Brooks (25th) had put the hosts in front. The result meant that Australia won the three-match series 2-0. India started the first quar-

ter of the game on a positive note by keeping the possession and making some good passes. The visitors also displayed a pressing game to win the ball back and also got two penalty corners. The hosts tested India's defence on multiple fourth even though Australia occasions but both the teams

# were unable to capitalise on

best." Holger Rune will

face Daniil Medvedev in

The 20-year-old Rune

the men's final on Sunday.

Cameron Green struck the chances as the opening an unbeaten century after quarter ended goal-less. Indian uncapped Indian pacer Akash Madhwal's 4/37 as players showed some terrific ball control and played an Mumbai Indians secured a attacking game in the second comprehensive eight-wicket win over Sunrisers guarter. However, it was Australia who took the lead as Hyderabad in the Indian Brooks scored a field goal after Premier League here on she received a pass through a Sunday Madhwal's stunning

quickly taken free hit. Brooks, who was standing free at the far post, put the ball beyond India's goalkeeper and captain Savita. The hosts went into the half-time break with a 1-0 lead. The third quarter began with India controlling the tempo in their bid to find the equaliser and it paid off as Grace converted a penalty corner to level the score. The visitors continued to test Australia's defence. but the third guarter didn't see any more goals, and so did the

**MI beat SRH by eight wickets** Mumbai, May 21 (PTI)

Mumbai Indians bowler Akash Madhwal celebrates with teammates at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, Sunday.

47 balls (8x4, 8x6). The fivetime champions' playoffs fate, however, hinges on the result of the match between Royal Challengers Bangalore and Gujarat Titans in the concluding league match of the season later in the day. RCB, who have a better run-rate, need a win to seal the

fourth spot in the playoffs at the expense of MI. Earlier, opener Mayank Agarwal returned to form with his first fifty of the IPL to give SRH a perfect start after Rohit Sharma opted to bowl. Unheralded Uttarakhand pacer Akash Madhwal nailed his yorkers consistently at the death as Mumbai Indians restricted Sunrisers Hyderabad to 200 for 5 in their final IPL encounter.

With one eye on Bengaluru weather where RCB is taking on Gujarat Titans. Madhwal's fourwicket haul ensured that SRH ended with at least 15 short of what could be considered a par-score on a flat Wankhede track. This was after a century opening stand between seasoned opener Mayank Agarwal (83 off 45 balls) and rookie Vivrant Sharma (69 off 47 balls) threatened to take the game away, in the IPL here on Sunday.

Courtesy Madhwal's 4 for 37, which included two lethal block-hole deliveries to clean up in-form Heinrich Klaasen (18) and Harry Brook (0), SRH managed only 26 in last three overs

### Young long jumper Shaili Singh finishes third in Japan



Yokohama , May 21 (PTI):

Talented Indian youngster Shaili Singh finished third with a creditable effort of 6.65m in the women's long jump at the Seiko Golden Grand Prix here on Sunday.

The 19-year-old Shaili's first round jump of 6.65m remained her best in the World Athletics Continental

Tour gold level event, though it was 11cm below her personal best. Her effort also saw a wind speed of +2.1 m/s, which is above the permissible limit of +2.0 m/s. She was leading the competition event till the third round. Maryse Luzolo of Germany took the gold with a jump of 6.79m, while Brooke Buschkuel of Australia was second with an effort of 6.77m. Shaili was competing in her first big international outdoor event at the senior level. She had won a silver in the World U-20 Athletics Championships in 2021 with a jump of 6.59m. In April Shaili had logged 6.76m, the all-time second longest long jump by an India behind her idol and mentor Anju Bobby George, en route to winning a gold at the Indian Grand Prix

### came out all guns blazing. ing unbeaten on 100 from Australia slight favourites for WTC final: Chappell

#### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

Ian Chappell feels the potency of Australia's pace attack in English conditions will give them the edge in next month's World Test Championship final against India, who could be "badly affected" by the absence of injured Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant. Shreyas Iyer and K L Rahul are another two Indian players who have been ruled out off the June 7-11 final due to injuries. Chappell also said injury-prone Hardik Pandya not playing redball cricket also harms India. Hardik last played a first class game in 2018.



injury concerns and neither team having played a Test since completing a hard-fought series earlier this year.

#### Rinku Singh may have been the solitary talking point for Kolkata Knight Riders in an IPL season

gone horribly wrong, but

the 25-year-old prefers to

stay grounded and not

Having made headlines

Kolkata, May 21 (PTI):

# 'Not thinking about Team India selection yet'



#### Rinku is really hungry for success: Andy Flower

Kolkata: Rinku Singh is a "good package' with his ice-cool demeanour and hunger for success, making him a potential India candidate, feels Lucknow Super Giants coach Andy Flower. The 25-year-old was the sole bright spot of Kolkata Knight Riders' topsy-turvy season as they bowed out of IPL 2023 with a one-run loss to Lucknow Super Giants here on Saturday. Rinku played out of his skin again to get them that close, did n't he? We were really in good situation, but if they had won it from there it would have been genuinely astounding," Flower said in the post-match media interaction. The T20 World Cup and Ashes-winning former England coach further said Rinku has got "future".

"The injuries to Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant badly affect India, as they would be outright

favourites with these two playing. "The somewhat surprising unavailability

of allrounder Hardik Pandya also harms India, as he could have provided them with the final piece of the jigsaw puzzle," Chappell wrote in a column for ESPNcricinfo. Majority of the Indian

players go into the final after two months of IPL but Chappell feels that might not negatively impact them after all.

"As it should be, this is a hard match to predict. That's mainly because of

To make matters even more difficult, many of thinking about a Team the players involved have India push. only competed in the IPL hitting fives sixes in a row in the lead-up to the oneoff Test.

in their win over Gujarat Titans earlier this season, "While this may not seem to be the ideal prepa-Rinku emerged as KKR's top-batter and finisher ration, it's worth recalling this season with former the opinion of former England batter Ravi India coach Ravi Shastri Bopara. In 2009, Bopara picking him to make a went from the fledgling IPL into a Test series against West Indies and reckoned he was ideally prepared because T20 got his feet moving and put him in a positive frame of mind," he said referring to Bopara's successive hundreds in the Caribbean

late push for India's World Cup squad. "Anyone will feel great to have a season like this, but I'm not thinking that

far that I will get selected to Indian team," said Rinku in the post-match media interaction after their one-run defeat to Lucknow Super Giants

here on Saturday. The 25top run-getter for KKR year-old struck a 33-ball 67 with 474 runs at an avernot out, his fourth fifty age of 59.25 and 149-plus this season, and nearly pulled off another strike rate. From getting used to the chants of thrilling win against LSG. 'Rinku, Rinku' in the Rinku finished with the packed Eden Gardens' galleries to receiving adulation from all quarters, his life has changed for good in span of just two months.

But Rinku prefers to go back to drawing board and follow the same routine.

"I will just continue my same routine -- practice and gym -- after returning home. Names will keep on coming, I will just do my job," the UP cricketer

said. "Everyone at home is really happy. Last year people came to know about me for my cameos. But after hitting those five sixes, I'm getting a lot of respect. Many people now know me. I'm happy but not overjoyed, afterall we couldn't make it," he rued. Needing to hit three sixes from last three deliveries to win against LSG,

### like situation. **Recurve archers draw a blank**

**Rising Indian recurve** 

bagged a maiden World

Cup bronze in Antalya

last month was the only

hope after the seasoned

duo of Tarundeep Rai and Atanu Das and

Chauhan made first

But Korea once again

became the thorn in

India's recurve cam-

paign, as the Army man

lost out to Oh Jin Hokey

0-6 (29-30, 28-29, 29-30) in

straight sets to make a

In the recurve mixed

team event too India were

eliminated in the last-16

after the duo of Dhiraj

and Simranjeet Kaur

squandered a first set lead to go down to their

pre-quarterfinal exit.

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11 medals.

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archer

#### Bengaluru, May 21 (PTI)

Sabastian Sawe of Kenya and Ethiopia's Tsehay Gemechu ran superblypaced races to win the elite men's and women's titles in two close finishes at the 15th TCS World 10K Bengaluru here on Sunday.

Among the Indian elite, Murli Gavit, making only his second appearance at the race, clinched the men's title with a superb finish, while debutant Tamshi Singh won the women's category. Fresh from clocking the world's fifth fastest 10K time in Germany last month, Sawe (27:58.24) won milliseconds ahead of Rodrigue Burundi's Kwizera (27:58.35) in a gripping finish. Three Kenyans finished inside the top four

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Sawe, Gemechu reign supreme in Bengaluru 10K

Nicholas Kipkoekir (28:05.09) come fourth behind Hillary Chepkwoni (27:59.70). "The last two kilometres was really tough. I told myself I have to push really hard, even the last 500m was very challenging," Sawe said. It was an Ethiopian 1-2-3 in the women's race with Fotyen Tesafe finishing four seconds behind Gemechu (31:38) and the experienced Dera Dida only seven seconds shy of the winner. The winners took home an equal prize cheque of USD 26,000 each. In her previous visit to Bengaluru in 2019 Gemechu had finished sixth. "I was determined to get this victory. In 2019, I had made one mistake, this time I had the experience, so this was an easier race. I think my track experience came in handy today," she said.

#### Jayaprakash re-elected national swimming federation president

Chennai, May 21 (PTI)

R N Jayaprakash was on Sunday unanimously reelected president of the Swimming Federation of India while Monal Chokshi will be the general secretary. The new office-bearers were elected at the Federation's Annual General Body meeting held here.

Jayaprakash, who would continue to head the SFI for the term 2023-2027, spoke about the key areas identified for 'Mission 2028', and said "We have a lot more work to be done and I'm optimistic towards India becoming a dominant global force in swimming in a few years' time."

#### India finish 2nd in medals tally with 3 medals in compound section

#### Shanghai, May 21 (PTI):

Recurve archers returned empty-handed to take some sheen off their spectacular show in non-Olympic compound section, as India finished second behind Korea with two gold and one bronze medals in the World Cup Stage 2, here on Sunday.

Making a comeback after skipping the seasonopener Antalya leg, recurve heavyweights Korea grabbed four gold, two silver and one bronze in the Olympic discipline to top the standings with Indonesian rivals 2-6 (39-35, 37-39, 37-38, 34-35).

it was a Gujarat Titans

That none of the recurve archers could even make the medal round was a grim reality check for the national federation with just one year left for the Paris Olympics and four months for the Asian Games.

With the Asian Games featuring both the recurve and compound sections, the compound archers show was the only saving grace.

India bagged all their three medals in the compound section, with Prathamesh Jawkar and Avneet Kaur winning the individual gold and bronze respectively. Ojas Deotale and Jyothi Surekha Vennam bagged the mixed team gold.



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# **Six entities under lens for suspicious** trading in Adani shares'

#### New Delhi, May 21 (PTI):

Six entities including four foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) are under lens for suspicious trading in Adani group shares prior to the release of the damning Hindenburg report, the Supreme Courtappointed expert committee has said.

There was a build up of short positions in the Adani scips prior to the January 24 release of the Hindenburg report, and substantial profits were booked thereafter as stocks crashed, the 178page report said.

A "short" position is generally the sale of a stock one does not own.

the empire helmed by bil-Investors who sell short lionaire Gautam Adani, the Supreme Court on believe the price of the stock will decrease in March 2, constituted the

value. If the price drops, they can buy the stock at the lower price and make a profit.

engaged in a

nipulation and ac-

counting fraud scheme".

Shares of Adani Group,

which denied all allega-

tions, likening the US in-

vestment firm's report to

an attack on India, fell

after the Hindenburg re-

port was published on

political row and petitions

were filed for a probe into

As the report stirred a

January 24.

ure to disclose transactions with related parties Hindenburg's report claimed that the Adani and if stock prices were manipulated. empire was the "biggest The expert committee

con in corporate history" headed by former SC judge AM Sapre "brazen stock ma- SC PANEI found no regulato-

expert committee to inves-

tigate if there was any fail-

ry failure during the sharp rise in prices of Adani group companies between March 2000 and December 2022 and their dramatic meltdown after January 24. "While there was no adverse observation with respect to Adani scips in the cash segment, suspicious trading has been observed on the part of six entities. These are four FPIs, one body corporate and one individual," the report said. The report

did not name any of the

six. "The trading pattern here is suspicious because of the build up of short positions by these entities in the Adani scrips prior to the Hindenburg report, and substantial profits earned by them by squaring off their short positions after publication of the Hindenburg report on January 24, 2023," the expert committee said.

A detailed investigation is being carried out in respect of the trading of the six entities. "These being matters under investigation, and the factual findings at this stage being prima facie in nature, the Committee is not delving into the details and names of these persons, or commenting upon the quality of the prima facie evidence.



Union Minister of Environment Forest & Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav along with Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais during the G20 beach cleanup drive at Juhu beach, in Mumbai, Sunday.

#### 78-yr-old MP man takes pride in his rare collection of clocks Heritage KJP Girl's school reduced to ashes

#### From across globe

#### Indore. May 21 (PTI):

As one enters the home of a 78-year-old man in Madhya Pradesh's Indore city, one is welcomed with the tick-tock and mesmerising sounds of some of the rare and antique clocks collected from across the world, giving an impression as if one has reached the past sitting on a time machine.

The collector, Anil Bhalla, claims to have more than 650 timepieces collected from India and various places abroad, including the US, France, Switzerland, Britain and Germany.

Bhalla told PTI that he inherited the hobby of collection of clocks from his grandfather Hukumat Rai Bhalla, who brought some timepieces to India while pursuing higher studies



Anil Bhalla (78) showing his rare collection of antique clocks, in Indore.

abroad. "I bought the first and colour year after year. clock of my collection at said the Limca Book of the age of 16, which was Records issued him a ceran anniversary clock, retificate in 2013 for his rare quiring winding only once collection including a 10a year. After that I bought feet-tall "grandfather" clock made in France in clocks whenever I had some extra money," he 1750. He also claims to said. Bhalla, who has since have a clock made somethen kept collecting clocks where around the year of different shapes, sizes 1700.

**ARTIST AT WORK** 

tion also includes a unique clock from England made by carving a single piece of wood in 1830 which simultaneously shows the time of 16 major cities of the world through different dials. While showing his huge collection, he pointed at a clock made in Switzerland which does not need key winding. Another clock is so huge that two persons are required for winding it.He also has a foreign-made pocket clock, the dial of which has the picture of an engine with 'Railway Timekeeper' printed on it. This clock had specially been made for railway workers, he said.

His collection includes only one Indian made clock, named 'Vande Mataram'. The nearly 65year-old clock's outer covering is made of pure copper and the images of Goddesses, Gods.

Bhalla said his collec-Mahatma Gandhi and Bal Gangadhar Tilak have been carved on it. Bhalla, who has been as-

sociated with the automobile business since a long time, said these days he remains busy taking care of his collection of clocks and repairing them. "My collection also in-

cludes some clocks bought in a junked condition from scrap dealers. I managed to get their spare parts from various places in the world and repaired them to make them functional again," he said.

According to Bhalla, more than 650 clocks and watches in his collection are currently in functional condition, but to wind them regularly is not any easy task for him alone. Hence, they are winded

only when needed. "Some people say a nonworking clock at home is a bad omen, but I don't believe it," he said.

#### Boarders safe

#### Shillong, May 21 (PTI):

A major fire broke out at the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Girls Higher Secondary school here in the early hours of Sunday, reducing the heritage building to ashes, police said on Sunday.

There was no report of any casualty in the fire, they said.

The woodwork frame of the school building built in the late 1800s aided the fire to spread and initial reports indicated that the fire broke out at around 2 am, the police said.

The boarders residing in the adjacent building were all safe and have been temporarily shifted to the community hall of Mission Compound locality, officials said.

Police said fire tenders



A major fire broke out at the Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Girls Higher Secondary school in the early hours of Sunday.

were deployed from the Welsh missionaries at headquarters here to Nongsawlia village in fight the inferno and help Sohra (erstwhile Cherrapunjee), where it was converted into a proper school in 1864.

Being the only school for girls in the Northeast over a century ago, the KJP Girls' Higher Secondary School celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2017.

The school was an offshoot of an erstwhile school established by the

in 1892 when a missionary of the Welsh Presbyterian Mission Society took over the administration of the

The school became an

exclusive school for girls

# Arunachalee woman entrepreneur stirs storm in glass



#### Ziro, May 21 (PTI):

ers were failing to fetch proper market value for their produce," Rita told PTI.

She said reviving the demand for organic kiwis was one of the first mile

Entrepreneur Tage Rita from Lower Subansiri dis-

trict of Arunachal Pradesh

in a Kiwi Orchard near her

winery.

#### fruit The four-month wine-

save lives.

making process starts with manual sourcing of the fruit, followed by cleaning, sorting and grad-

tional value, making her wine a healthier choice among alcoholic beverages and a good pick for conscious drinkers.

Rita, who is in her midthirties, was the first en trepreneur from the Northeast to secure a deal at Shark Tank India Season 2, which was aired on March 13 this year on Sony LIV channel.



The construction work of 'Shri Tirupati Balaii' temple is in its final phase, in Jammu, Sunday,

An Arunachalee woman has stirred a storm in the wine glass with her signature kiwi wine 'Naara Aaba'.

Tage Rita, an agricultural engineer-turned-entrepreneur, set up her winery in Hong village in the picturesque Ziro Valley in Lower Subansiri district in 2017.

Since then, Rita and her team's produce has grabbed the attention of wine lovers from far and wide.

"Naara Aaba's journey began with the purpose of creating market linkage for the under-utilised kiwi fruits grown in abundance in the region. Kiwi farm-

stones she has achieved in her path to provide sustainable livelihood to kiwi farmers in the region. The initial days were

tremendously tough for her as she set up on a mission to manufacture kiwi wine in an unforgiving mountainous terrain, facing transportation bottlenecks and dealing with the ignorance of locals about the huge potential of the fruit as an ingredient for

wine. "Every ingredient used in manufacturing Naara said. The production of Aaba is organic and certified. The wine has all the wine in batches is aligned vitamins and minerals with the harvesting seapresent in the fruit," she son of locally grown kiwi

Ballia (UP), May 21 (PTI):

Farmers in a dusty vil-

lage of Ballia district in

eastern UP are pioneer-

ing the art of growing the

famous Shahi (Royal)

Litchis and expanding the

horizons by taking the

succulent fruit to other

Nirupur village located

13 kilometers from the

district headquarters, has

become a hub for the pro-

duction of the famous

markets in the country.

ing in the facility. The plant has a small laboratory to test parameters based on which ingredients such as sugar and yeast are added in the right quantities during the process

"Temperature is maintained through cold stabilisation at the chilling plant. To prevent microbes or harmful bacteria from affecting the wine, it undergoes a filtration process," she said.

The kiwi wine tastes a little tangy, as additional sugar is not added to the mix. She is adamant about keeping the taste as natural as possible while retaining the fruit's nutri-

Out of the five sharks, Vineeta Singh of Sugar Cosmetics and Vikas D Nahar of Happilo came on board with an offer of Rs 50 lakh investment for 5 per cent equity and Rs 25 lakh debt at 10 per cent interest, amounting to a total of Rs 75 lakh funding for her winery.

The winery has scaled up its production capacity from 20,000 litres in 2017 to 60,000 litres at present through 16 tanks.



# Ramgarh crater in Raj to be developed as geo-tourist destination

#### Jaipur, May 21 (PTI):

Believed to have been formed 600 million years ago, the Ramgarh crater in Rajasthan's Baran district will soon be transformed into a geo-tourist attraction, according to officials.

It is the country's third and the state's first crater. The other two are Lunar crater in Maharashtra and Dhala crater in Madhya Pradesh.

After the plan is implemented, the Rajasthan Tourism Department expects 30,000 to 40,000 tourists to visit the site



PFA picture for Ramgarh crater site in Rajasthans Baran district, which is being developed as a new tourist destination in the state.

every year, the officials oped as a tourist attracsaid. The site will be develtion at a cost of Rs 57.22

crore and the work has already started. This includes beautification of the crater lake, infrastructure development and other decorative work around the site, they said.

The Tourism Department is constructing a high-quality road, an information centre, a knowledge centre and a cafeteria, the officials said.

Development of gardens and a green area, construction of a ghat. erecting an entrance gate and signage, and drip irrigation have been proposed, they said.

#### production of famous 'Shahi Litchi' Shahi Litchis. Raja Shankar Tiwari, who retired from the

Railway Protection Force, is one of the farmers who

about to bring Nirupur village into the limelight by producing the high quality litchi fruit. Tiwari, was one of the pioneers of Litchi farming in Nirupur, told PTI that in 2013, after his retirement, he started litchi plantation after reading somewhere that a tree gives an output of Rs 90 lakhs in its entire life. "After retirement, I went to Muzaffarpur and learned about litchi horticulture at Litchi Research Center and planted 230 royal (Shahi)

lage," said Tiwari.

litchi trees and 200 mango trees in two hectares of land in Dopahi Mouja of our vil-



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