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Bollywood actors Vicky Kaushal and Sara Ali Khan during a promotional event for their upcoming movie 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke', in Mumbai.

2 more cheetah cubs die

■ Kuno National Park: Two cheetah cubs born in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park nearly two months ago died on Thursday due to 'sweltering heat and weakness', the official said. As per the officials, the cubs which were born to a Namibian cheetah on March 24, died from apparent dehydration and weakness within the fenced area housing the mother and cubs. A female cheetah named Jwala brought from Namibia at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur district, gave birth to four cubs in March this year.

Tremor

Ahmedabad: A tremor of 3.0 magnitude hit Kutch district in Gujarat on Thursday evening with its epicentre near Bhachau, the Institute of Seismological Research (ISR) said. The tremor was recorded at 6.40 pm, the Gandhinagar-based institute said. The epicentre of the tremor was around 19 km north-north east (NNE) from Bhachau in the district, it added. This occurred a little over a week after the region was jolted by an earthquake measuring 4.2 magnitude on May 17.

SBI penalised

■ New Delhi: A Delhi consumer forum has directed the SBI Cards & Payments Services Pvt. Ltd. to pay Rs 2 lakh to a person here for sending him bill even after his card's expiry and blacklisting him for nonpayment of the charges. The New Delhi District **Consumer Disputes** Redressal Forum comprising its president Monika A Srivastava and members Kiran Kausal and Umesh Kumar Tyagi directed the company to pay the amount to M J Anthony, a former journalist, for "deficiency in providing services".

One dead

■ Una (HP): A 23-year-old man was killed and two people suffered serious injuries when a tree fell on their bike due to strong winds in this district of Himachal Pradesh, police said on Thursday. The incident took place in Haroli area on Wednesday night, they said. The three injured, residents of Ajauli Tehsil in this district, were taken to Una hospital where the doctors declared Sundan dead.



CM Baghel questions dropping maoist leaders' names in NIA's final report

Tenth anniversary of Jhiram valley attack

Raipur, May 25 (PTI):

Chhattisgarh Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Thursday asked the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) why the names of Maoist leaders `Ganpati' and `Ramanna' were removed from the NIA's final report on the 2013 Jhiram Valley attack in which several Congress leaders were killed.

Paying homage to the victims on the tenth anniversary of the attack, he also said that the Maoists



have been pushed on the backfoot in the state.

Maoists attacked a convoy of Congress leaders during the party's Parivartan Rally' in the Jhiram Valley in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh on May 25, 2013, killing 29 people, including then Trust, Development, Security and Peace pushed Naxals on backfoot

Later, speaking at the event in Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar district, Baghel said his government has pushed naxals on the backfoot with its three-pronged strategy of 'trust, development and security'. The event was held at Lalbag Maidan here where Jhiram Memorial has been built. "The supreme sacrifice of martyrs in the fight against Naxalism will not go in vain. The Bastar region will be freed from Naxalism and restored as an island of peace," Baghel said. "Our leaders who were martyred in that incident had talked about change. They used to say that we have to bring change in the lives of farmers, tribals, youth and women...Our government has worked hard to achieve their vision. With the strategy of development, trust and security, we have contained Naxals to a few limited areas," he said.

state Congress chief Nand Kumar Patel, former leader of opposition Shukla. Talking with re-

Mahendra Karma and former Union minister V C

Lines helipad before leaving for Jagdalpur in Bastar to attend an event to pay respect to the victims of the attack, Baghel also accused the BJP of stalling the investigation into the incident.

"The Jhiram Valley incident shocked the entire nation The then UPA government had ordered a National Investigation Agency probe into it, while the then (BJP) state government (of Raman Singh) constituted a one member judicial commission headed by Justice Prashant Mishra to investigate it," Baghel said.



World wants to know what **India thinks: Modi**

New Delhi, May 25: Concluding his three-nation visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday morning arrived in Delhi and said, today the world wants to know what India is thinking. While addressing the public gathered to welcome him, PM Modi said, "The people here asked me why I gave the vaccines to the world. I want to say that this is the land of Buddha, Gandhi. We care even for our enemies... Today the world wants to know what India is thinking." "When I talk about the culture of my country, I look into the eyes of the world.

Praveen Sood takes over as CBI director

New Delhi, May 25:

Senior IPS officer Praveen Sood took over as the new CBI director on Thursday and he will be in the post for two years, officials said.

On his last working day, the outgoing director, Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, handed Sood the charge of the agency at its headquarters, they said. Sood is a 1986-batch

Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Karnataka cadre and was the state's director general of police. He is the senior-most IPS officer in the country after Jaiswal. Sood's name was cleared in a



New CBI Director Praveen Sood (L) with outgoing CBI director Subodh Jaiswal, in New Delhi, Thursday, May 25.

meeting of a high-powered comprising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Leader of Opposition in Lok

Adhir Ranjan Sabha Chowdhury.

Chowdhury, a Congress leader, had reportedly given a dissent note on the selection of Sood as the next CBI director In an order, the department of personnel and training had said.

"Approval of the competent authority is hereby conveyed to the appointment of Praveen Sood, IPS (KN:86) as Director. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a period of two years from the date of assumption of charge of the office vice Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, IPS (MH:85) consequent upon completion of his tenure.

New Delhi, May 25, PTI:

The Bharativa Janata Party on Thursday alleged that the opposition parties have decided to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi just because it has been built at his initiative.

Senior BJP leader and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the new building is a symbol of India's pride and appealed to the opposition parties to attend the 'historic day' of its inauguration on May 28 by showing a 'big heart'. "We all re-

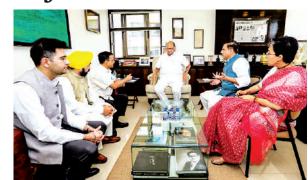


spect the President, I don't want to drag the post of the President into any controversy today by recalling what Congress said about her. But India's prime minister is also an important part of Parliament. The prime minister also holds constitutional responsibility," he told reporters.

PIL in SC seeks President should open new Parl

New Delhi: A PIL has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking a direction that the new Parliament building should be inaugurated by the President of India. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman urged the Opposition to attend. "It's a temple of democracy; even the PM entered the Parliament by bowing on its steps. I humbly request and appeal (to the Opposition), kindly re-think, change your stand and participate in the ceremony. Congress and 18 other opposition parties have decided to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament Building, saying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to inaugurate the building without President Droupadi Murmu "insults the high office of the President, and violates the letter and spirit of the Constitution". In a joint statement, the like-minded opposition parties said that Prime Minister's decision to inaugurate the building by himself is "a direct assault on our democracy, which demands a commensurate response." The new Parliament building will be inaugurated on May 28.

NCP will support Kejriwal: Sharad Pawar



New Delhi, May 25, PTI:

"There is a crisis in the country and it's not an issue limited to Delhi. NCP and the people of Maharashtra will support Keiriwal. We will also talk to other leaders to support Kejriwal. We must focus on bringing all non-BJP parties together," says NCP chief Sharad Pawar.

Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday called on

Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar at Yashwantrao Chavan Centre in Mumbai to seek NCP's support against the Centre's ordinance on control of administrative services in the national capital. Kejriwal was accompanied by Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, AAP MP Raghav Chadha, Delhi Minister Atishi and other leaders. The Delhi CM also met Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray

Shah: Will go to Manipur soon', appeals for peace



New Delhi, May 25, PTI

Union Home Minister Amit people in Manipur to maintain peace and promised that justice will be ensured to all sections of society. Shah while laying the foundation stone of the tenth national campus of area of Kamrup district, said he will travel to the northeastern state to help resolve disputes. "I will go to Manipur soon and stay there for three days but before that, both and suspicion among them-

the National Forensic Sciences University to be set Changsari groups should remove mistrust selves and ensure that peace is restored in the state," he said.

Need to focus on technological advancement in defence sector: Rajnath

on Wednesday.

New Delhi, May 25 (PTI):

India must focus on advancement in defence technology in view of "double threat" along the borders, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday in an oblique reference to challenges along the frontiers with China and Pakistan. In an address at a con-

ference, Singh underlined the need for extensive research to develop defence technologies for the country to meet various security challenges.

"For a country like India, it becomes very important because we are facing a double threat on our borders. In such a situation, it is very important for us to move forward in terms of technological advancement," he

"Today we are one of the largest armies in the



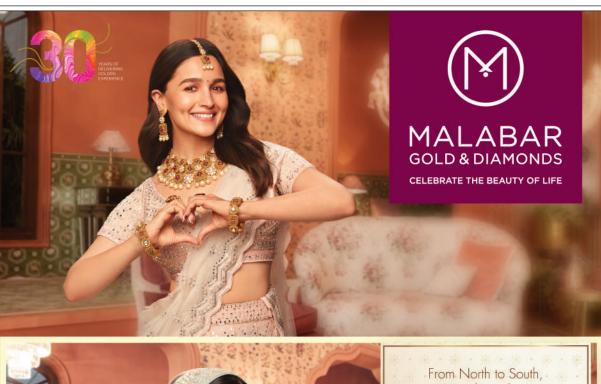
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh felicitates Krishanan Balasubramanian (IIT Madaras) during the inauguration of 'DRDO Academia Conclave', in New Delhi, Thursday, May 25.

world, the bravery of our army is discussed all over the world. In such a situation, it becomes imperative that we have a technologically advanced army to protect the interests of the country," he added.

The defence minister's comments came in the backdrop of the lingering border row in eastern Ladakh and Pakistan's continuous support to cross-border terrorism.

In his remarks, Singh also called for collaboration between the Defence Research

Development Organisation (DRDO) and academia for ensuring desired technological advancement.







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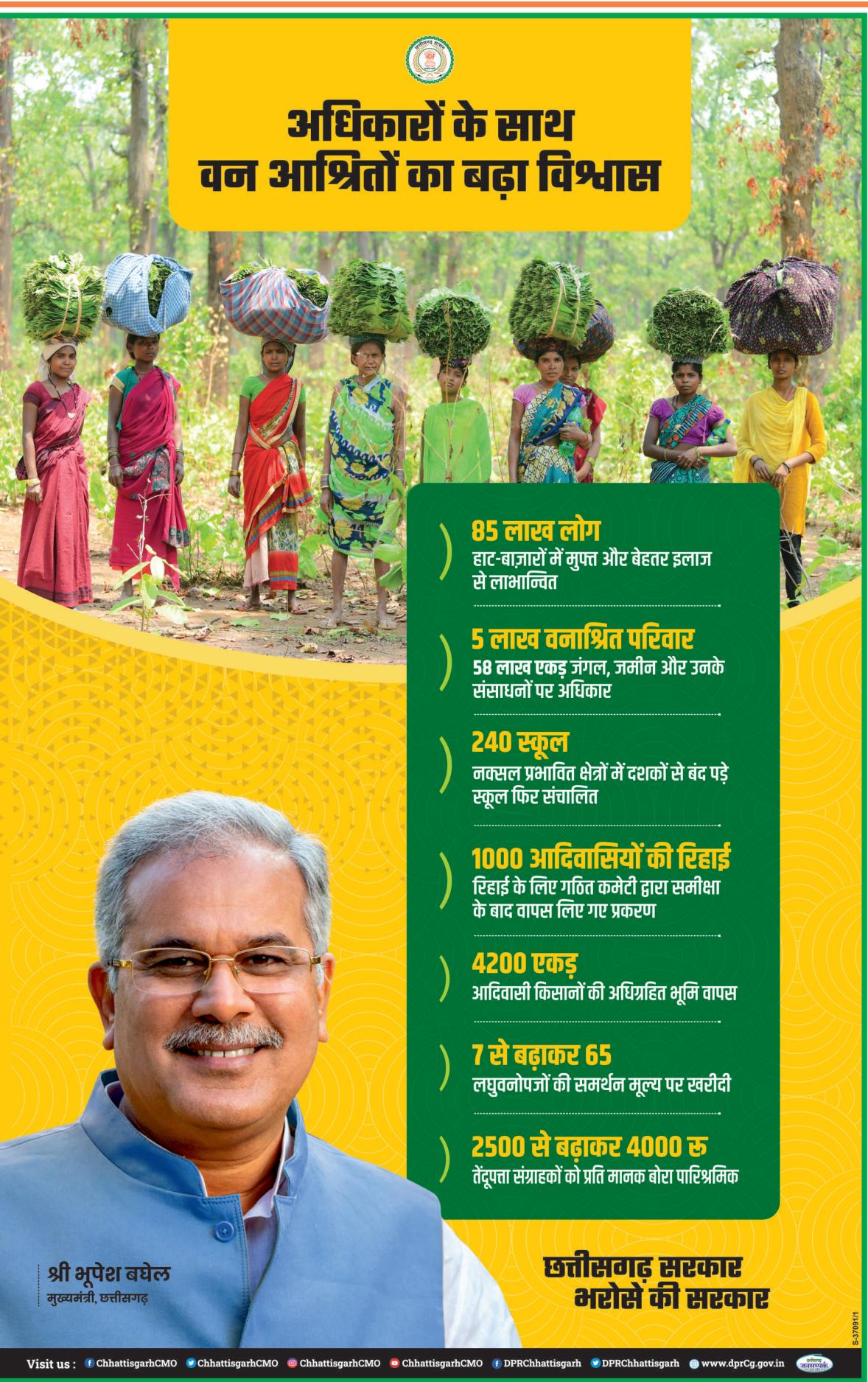
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Sal forests will be freed from Naxalism, peace will be restored: CM



occasion of Jhiram Valley Martyrdom Day, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel paid tribute to the martyrs of Jhiram Valley by offering flowers at Jhiram Memorial in Lalbagh, Jagdalpur today. Chief Minister Mr. Baghel said that sacrifices of the martyrs against Naxalism will not go in vain, Sal forests of Bastar region will be freed from Naxalism and peace will be restored here

Chief Minister Baghel and the public representatives present on the occasion observed silence for two minutes in the honour of the martyrs of Jhiram. Baghel also administered an oath to all those present to make the state an island of peace once again. On the occasion, CM Baghel

met the families of the martyrs of Jhiram Valley and presented them with shawl-shrifal.

In his address, CM Baghel said that it has been ten years since the Jhiram Valley incident. Every year we pay homage to the martyrs of Jhiram on May 25, commemorating the martyrs and their sacrifices. Those who survived and saw the incident with their own eyes, describe it as terrifying and painful. Baghel said that the leaders who were martyred in this incident used to talk about the need to bring positive change in the lives of farmers, tribals, youth and women. Those leaders, who were determined to bring transformation in the lives of people, are no longer with

Recalling the Jhiram incident, Chief Minister said that when the naxals attacked the convoy, our Rajya Sabha member Phulo Devi Netam faced the attackers with a brave face, asking them to stop the atrocity on civilians. When naxalites besetted our leaders, Martyr Mahendra Karma came out and asked the Naxalites to stop killing innocent people. He said-"Your enmity is with me. So I surrender. I am Bastar Tiger, I am Mahendra Karma". Mahendra Mahendra Karma did not apologise, he sacrificed his life for Bastar, for the state, for democracy, for

Chief Minister further said that we are consisus. They were martyred in tently working towards



attaining the goal of Parivartan Yatra, and to fulfill the dreams of our leaders. With the policy of development, trust and security, we have contained the Naxalites to a few areas only. He said that we have ensured the development of Bastar with our plans and policies. We have accelerated education, health, conservation of tribal culture and other development

On the tenth anniversary of Jhiram Valley Martyrdom Minister Industries Kawasi Lakhma, Lok Constituency Sabha Bastar MP Deepak Baij, Chairman of Bastar **Development Authority** Lakheshwar Baghel, Vice President Vikram Mandavi, Parliamentary Secretary Rekhchand MLA Mohan am, Sangeeta Sinha, Chandan Kashyap, Mayor Jagdalpur Safira Sahu, Chairperson of

tive situation is deteriorat-

Municipality Sahu, Vice Chairman of Indravati Basin **Development Authority** Rajeev Sharma, Commissioner Shyam Dhawde, IG Sundarraj P, Collector Vijay Dayaram Senior Superintendent of Police Jitendra Meena and other public representatives also paid tribute to the

CM met the families of the martyrs

martvrs.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel met the families of the martyrs, after paying homage to the martyrs of Jhiram Valley. He honored the family members by presenting shawl-shreefal. Chief Minister became emotional while interacting with the families of martyrs. Minister asked them about their well being and told the family members that the sacrifice will not go in vain. Chhattisgarh government is with you every step of the way.



With slight rains before monsoon showers, there is waterlogging in the roads, causing problems to pedestrians.

SC issues notice to ED on petition by Excise Secy

 Hearing to be conducted in this case and other petitions on May 29

Raipur / New Delhi, May The Excise Secretary

Niranjan Das has filed a petition in the Supreme Court (SC) against the ED's action in alleged liquor scam and on which ED has been issued notice and hearing will be held on May 29. On the same day the hearing of other petitioners viz. businessman Arvind Singh and others too will be held in the SC.

Secretary Excise Niranjan Das in his petition in the SC has held the action by ED as politically motivated and has challenged the provisions of ED's in PMLA. The bench of Justice JK Maheshwari and Justice PL Narsimha have accepted the petition and asked to filed report in 3 days and so the hearing into the case will be held on May 29.

In the same way, the hearing into the petitions by businessman Arvind Singh, Amit Singh and Pinki Singh will also be

Singh has held the raid by ED in the liquor case as unfortunate and has challenged the provisions of ED in PMLA. The Court would be hearing into the bail petition of the accused in liquor scam Anwar Dhebar and this petition has been filed by her wife Karishma Dhebar in the Supreme Court and it has been accepted. In this case, Justice Sanjay Kishan and Justice Asnuddin Amanullah's bench will be conducting hearing and for this June

BJP gheraoes RMC zone-1, 5

Over civic amenities, public grievances

Raipur, May 25: Workers of BJP City District led by former Minister Rajesh Munat gharoed Zone-1 and 5 offices of Raipur Municipal Corporation on issues of civic amenities and problems being faced by the residents. Thousands of BJP workers along with local public reached zone offices to gherao the offices.

The police administration had made elaborate arrangements to stop the protesters, but the BJP workers, defied all the arrangements of the administration and stormed the main gate of the zone offices. Women reached the zone offices with empty pots to protest against the water problems and broke the empty pots at the main gate of the corporation's zone offices. Munat told that



Municipal Corporation zone offices were gheraoed with permission, but the police forcibly stopped the workers and beat them up. Some workers were injured in police action, he said. He alleged the action to prevent people's representatives from coming to zone offices was intended to crush peaceful movement, Munat, along with BJP workers, sat on a dharna in front of the zone offices protesting against the repressive action of the administration. He gave an ultimatum to

the zone officers, saying that he would give one month's time to the municipal corporation to rectify the entire system. He warned that BJP and the people of Raipur West Assembly will gherao the Municipal Corporation Headquarters and all the illegal tender works which are being distributed by the Municipal Corporation Mayor to their close ones will be stopped.

Ever since the Congress government came to power in the state, the administra-

ing day by day, Munat said, adding that condition of the streets of the capital city of Raipur is getting worse. Public representatives belonging to Congress are busy in filling their pockets with new methods of corruption, he alleged. People have become fed up with the tyranny of the Congress and now the departure of the Bhupesh Baghel government is almost certain, he said. District BJP President Jayanti Patel, state executive members Prafulla Vishvakarma, Ashok Pandey, Channi Verma, district general secretary Satyam Duwa, opposition leader in municipal corporation Meenal Choubey, Omkar Bais, Gopi Sahu, Amit Maisheri, Bajrang Khandelwal, Akhilesh Kashyap and others participated in gheraoe pro-

At Raipur Collectorate Office Collector Dr Bhure

administers oath of non-violence and tolerance

Raipur, May 25: People's representatives and citizens who were martyred ten vears ago in Naxal violence in Jhiram valley of Bastar district were paid tribute today at Raipur collectorate office. On the occasion of Jhiram Tribute Day, a two-minute silence was observed here today in Collector Dr Sarveshwar Bhure administered oath to all the officers and employees to oppose any kind of violence by maintaining the tradition of non-violence and tolerance. Everyone resolved to oppose Naxalism and vioand

Tributes paid to the martyrs of Jhiram Naxal violence

Chhattisgarh state an is-

land of peace again.

public representatives, senior office bearers, jawans of security forces who were

martyred in Naxal violence of Jheeram Valley and those who were martyred in incidents of naxal violence that took place in previous years and recently. Additional Collector NR Sahu, Additional Collector Sahu, Additional Collector BB Panchbhai, all the Joint and deputy Collectors and other staff

4 has been finalised.

Tributes paid to the Martyrs in Mantralaya

Raipur: Jhiram Tribute Day was observed at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan, where heartfelt tributes were paid to the public representative's senior officials and soldiers of the security forces who lost their lives in the tragic incident at Jhiram Valley in Bastar. A moment of silence lasting two minutes was observed as a mark of respect for the martyrs. Officials and employees of Mantralay paid tribute to all those who have been martyred



in the past and more recently due to acts of naxal violence. Additionally, they also took an oath to firmly uphold the val-

Judicial remand of Trilok Singh

forms of naxalism violence by working towards restoring Chhattisgarh as a land of

Collector inspects the Mother and Child Hospital, Kalibari



Raipur, May 25: Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure made a surprise observation and inspection of arrangements Mother and Child Hospital, Kalibari, Raipur here recently. He inquired about the cleanliness of the hospital, facilities provided to the patients etc. and also inspected various wards.

During the inspection, the Collector discussed with the patients about the arrangements related to their medical examination and treatment. He directed to use water tank located outside the OPD for drinking purpose. Doctors were directed to prescribe medicines. Collector reviewed the op-

eration theater repair

work of the hospital and

fourth OT. He directed Dr Nirmala Yadav. Superintendent, Mother Child Hospital, Kalibari, Raipur to coordinate with the Public Works Department and civil surgeon for necessary action for site selection for making 04 bedded ICU.

The Superintendent and the Hospital Consultant were directed to select the site and take necessary action in coordination with Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Raipur, for the construction of smart toilets in the and Child Mother Hospital, Kalibari, Raipur. He directed to use the newly constructed room in SNCU and to increase the number of admissions in

the in-patient department.

BEd, DEd on June 17, Nursing entrance exam on June 24 Raipur, May 25: Applications for held on June 24. Admit cards for

admission to Pre BEd, Pre DEIEd, B.Sc Nursing, MSc Nursing and Post Basic Nursing courses have to be filled online till May 28. Errors can be rectified in the filled applications till the next three days, 29, 30 and 31 May. Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board (VYAPAM) is going to conduct BEd and DEd exams on June 17, 2023.

The admit cards for these examinations will be issued on VYAPAM website on June 9. The exam for admission to BSc Nursing, MSc Nursing and Post Basic Nursing courses will be these exams will be issued on June 16. Candidates willing to appear in the examinations can apply by logging on to the website of Chhattisgarh Professional **Examination** Board. vyapam.cgstate.gov.in.

According to the decision taken by the state government, no examination fee will be charged from the local resident participants of Chhattisgarh state for these examinations.

Certificates related to the candidate's caste, date of birth, local resident etc. will not be taken along with the online

application. The documents of the candidates will be tested during the counselling. The **Professional Examination Board** will not be responsible for wrong information provided by the candidate. The error made in the online application can also be rectified during the prescribed time limit for submission of the form. Apart from this, the facility of correction of errors will also be available in the time period of three days after the last date of filling the online form. No error correction facility will be given on the day of exam-

Dhillon extended for 14 days Sent to Central Jail

Raipur, May 25: ED produced the alleged accused in Rs 2000 cr liquor scamTrilok Singh Dhillon in the Court on completion of his remand here on Thursday and after 1 hour long hearing into the case in the Special Court of Judge Ajay Singh, he was sent to Judicial

Remand for another 14 days

Raipur



Central Jail Raipur.

It is notable here that on Monday, ED taking a big action against all the accused, had attached the fixed assets and properties of the accused worth croresa. ED in

Twitter has mentioned about attachment of 119 fixed assets and properties to the tune of Rs 121.87 cr that of IAS officer Anil Tuteja, Anwar Dhebar and AP Tripathi. In the liquor scam the total property attached till date has now reached Rs 180 cr. In this cash, FDs too has been put on the hold. In this case, ED is continuously taking ac-

Congmen demand strict action against accused

Trying to malign image of Rahul **Gandhi for passing** objectionable comments in Media

Raipur, May 25: The activeness of the political parties on social media has increased with few months to go for the elections and with this the controversies too have started erupting. On Thursday, the Congress leaders submitted filed report in Kotwali Police thana against the accused for making objectionable



comments against the AICC ex-President and senior party leader Rahul Gandhi.

Congress Satyanarayan Sharma, Kuldeep Juneja, Vikas U padhyay, and Mayor Ajaz Dhebar and other party workers lodged complaint in Kotwali thana and charged the Congress leaders of disturbing the peaceful atmosphere of capital city. Congress leaders charged that the BJP leaders are trying to malign Rahul Gandhi's image in a planned manner.

Apart from this the Congress leaders charged BJP of worsening the communal harmony in the state and for this strict action be taken against those involved in such cases. Satyanarayan Sharma demanded strict action against those trying to make objectionable comagainst Rahul ments Gandhi.

Ganja worth 5 lakh seized from train coach

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Raipur, May Raipur Railway Police has taken major acagainst

tion drugs. Two interstate smugglers Delhi from and Chandigarh have been arrested while smuggling ganja. About 48 kg of ganja worth Rs 5

lakh has been recov-

ered from their possession. According to information, Delhi's Rocky Kumar Chandigarh's

Vishal were caught illegally smuggling Ganja (marijuana) in the B-6 bogie Puri-LTT Super Fast Express in Dhekanal in Odisha. GRP has arrested both of them.

Tributes paid to Jheeram Valley Martyrs

On Thursday, the police officers and personnel took oath to maintain peace in the state on the occasion of "Jheeram Shraddhanjali Diwas". Tributes were paid to public representatives, senior officials and security forces personnel, who were massacred by Naxals in Jheeram Valley.

As per the instructions of the Chief Minister, May 25 is observed as Jheeram Shraddhanjali Diwas in memory of public representatives, senior officials, jawans of security forces and others who were martvred in Naxal violence in Jheeram Valley on May 25,

In this sequel, tributes were paid to the martyrs at Police Lines in Durg. Dr Abhishek (Superintendent of Police, Durg) and senior officers of the district paid homage to the martyrs and pledged to make the state an island of peace again.



Sahu, ASP (IUCAW) Meeta Pawar, CSP (Durg) Banker Vaibhav Ramanlal (IPS), CSP (Chhawani) Ashish Banchhor, DSP (Traffic) Satish Thakur, DSP (AJK) Vinod Minj, DSP (Crime) Rajeev Sharma, DSP (Police Line) Nilesh (Police Line) Reserve Dwivedi. Inspector Ramesh Chandra and officers/personnel of Durg Police were present.



Prembhushan Ji Maharaj to narrate Shri Ram Katha from May 27

Elaborate arrangements being made at Shri Shankaracharya Medical College, Junwani

Bhilai, May 25:

Shri Ram Katha is being organised from May 27 to June 04 at Shri Shankaracharva Medical College in Junwani. A grand pandal is being constructed here next to Shri Anjaneya Hanuman Mandir in the Medical College campus for this mega religious event. Thousands of devotees are likely to participate in this event.

R e n o w n e d kathawachak Shri Prembhushan Ji Maharaj will narrate Shri Ram Katha. While addressing media persons Thursday, renowned educationist IP Mishra (Chairman. Shankaracharya Group)) informed that the katha timings are from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Renowned storyteller Prembhushan Ji Maharaj will narrate Shri Ram Katha for the first time in Bhilai- Durg. This event is a pure reli-



politics. There will also be an arrangement for about 6000 chairs at the venue. In view of the heat, arrangements of air cooling and drinking water have been made. Prasad and Bhandara will be served on all days after the katha in the evening.

Mishra further said in the year 2020-21, the entire humanity suffered a lot due to the coronavirus pandemic. The entire mankind was terrified

and was praying to Almighty God with great hope and faith for their protection from the pandemic. Mishra added that the doctors and other medical staff of Shri Shankaracharya Hospital worked tirelessly to serve the people and humanity in this epidemic.

At this time, they also praved to Sankatmochak Hanuman Ji for their protection and wellbeing of their patients. Many people died in this tragedy even after every possible effort. In

Temple was established in the medical college campus. After the establishment of this temple, the common devotees are receiving immense spiritual strength.

In this perspective, the story of Lord Shri Ram, the deity of Shri Anjaneya Hanuman, has been organized near Shri Hanuman Anjaneya Temple in the college campus.

Prembhushan

Maharaj will narrate the story of Shri Shiv Vivah on May 28, Shri Ram Janmotsav on May 30, Shri Sita Ram Vivah Mahotsav on June 01and Shri Ram Rajyabhishek on June 04. The organisers have appealed to the devotees to attend Shri Ram Katha in large numbers. Nishant Tripathi Dr Rahul Gulati and other members of the organising committee were

BAKS approaches PMO for settlement of SAIL wage revision

Anadhishasi Karmachari Sangh (BAKS) has approached the PMO with its demand for fullest settlement and implementation of the SAIL Wage Revision. The union has sent a 28-page letter along with complete documents to the Prime Minister's Office, Steel Minister, Labour Minister, Steel Secretary, and DPE Secretary for early settlement of the wage revision.

In the letter, the union office bearers questioned the reason for pendency of wage settlement in SAIL in a situation when the wage revision has been

PSUs with full benefits and arrears to all the employees. Full NJCS meeting has not been called after the last full NJCS meeting held on 19 July 2022. Consequently, the wage revision agreement of the employees is incomplete even after 77 months.

Through the letter, the DPE Secretary has been requested to follow the guidelines given by DPE for wage revision of unionized workmen in the The Labour Minister has also been requested to investigate the role of SAIL and NJCS leaders as to how most of the leaders have forcefully

tives of the workers. In the letter sent to the Steel Minister and the Steel Secretary, the union has revealed on the basis of documentary evidence that how the Steel Ministry was misled in the wage settlement of SAIL employees and how discrimination was done between the employee and the executives working in the same company. The union has demanded from all the parties that the MOU made with the consent of only three unions out of five in NJCS has no legal basis, so the Prime Minister himself should intervene and direct the

15% MGB, 35% perks as well as 9% pension benefits from 2007 and fitment arrears and perks arrears to SAIL employees at par with the benefits provided to the executives of Maharatna companies and SAIL.

Union President Amar Patel said that they have not joined the SAIL just to carry the flag of protest. "Just as our labour is included in the production of the company, we also have the right to share in its profit. The employees have not formed the union for personal gain. If all the employees of Bhilai continue to cooperate in the

form of monthly membership fees, then the union can approach the court in the end to win the rights of the employees", he said.

Secretary Abhishek Singh said that it is very unfortunate that the outsider and retired employees are leading the Trade Unions which are representing the employees who are working with dedication to bring profit to the company and reduce the debts. The employees of Bhilai have been watching the performance of NJCS leaders for the last 77 months. The union leaders have left an incomplete wage revision after curtailing all the facilities.

Universal Rail Mill sets New Day Records

Bhilai, May 25: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Universal Rail Mill that rolls out the world's longest 130 metre rail in single piece and supplies 260 metre welded rail panels to Indian Railways has set several new day records on May 24, 2023. The Mill produced 3415 Tonnes of finished rails surpassing previous best of 3328 Tonnes on March 03, 2023. Production of 3321 Tonnes of prime rails May 24, 2023 was also the highest in a day, surpassing previous best of 3194 Tonnes on March 03, 2023. The Mill also set a new record of producing 337 numbers of 130 metre rails May 24, 2023 as against



previous best of 300 numbers of 130 metre rails produced on Sept 04, 2022.

Among other new day records made by URM on May 24, 2023 are highest number of 437 rails visually inspected as against previous best of 426 numbers

of rails visually inspected on March 03, 2023 and highest number of 430 rails tested through NDT (non-destructive testing) as against previous best of 417 numbers of rails tested through NDT on March 03,

ed with senior officers of

the Modex Units during

visit, Brijesh Kumar ar-

Following his Plant

his visit.

District Youth Congress performs 'Shramdaan' in Gauthan

Bhilai, May 25: In response to the BJP party workers are visiting Gauthans to expose condition under 'Chalbo Gauthan-Kholbo Pol' campaign in the entire state. The Bhilai District Youth Congress workers have come up with a counter of performing "Shram Daan" at Gauthans under the 'Mera Gauthan-Mera Abhimaan' programme. The members of the committee and the women working in Gauthan are also honouring the women of self-help groups. In this series, the Bhilai District Youth Congress under the guidance of Devendra Yadav, MLA Bhilai Nagar, and the instructions of Chhattisgarh State Youth Congress President Akash Sharma performed



"Shram Daan", District President Vibhor Duragkar and State General Secretary Aditya Singh, countering BJP's allegations, said that BJP has no other issue therefore they are again in-

dulging into cow politics which is an old habit. The BJP doing politics in the name of cow does not know that cows are not kept in the open or in sheds in such scorching heat. People keep their

cows in their homes, leave them in the evening in the cowsheds. Mainly present in this

campaign were District President Vibhor Durgkar, State General Secretary Aditya Singh, Vaishali Nagar Assembly President Palash Limesh, District Vice President Mohammad, Shoaib Khilesh, District General Secretary Prince Shergill, Priyanshu Verma, Bhaskar Dubey, Ekant Sahu, Assembly Vice President Rohit Singh, Assembly General Naveen Secretary Agarwal, Bobiraj Pandey, Satnam Singh, Sumit Singh, Samar Randhawa, D Sagar, Nandkishore Sonkar, Tinku, Vikram Singh, Jitendra Dosanjh, Aman Sethia, etc.

Brijesh Kumar of Railway Board witnesses Steel Making at Modex Units

Bhilai, May 25:

Additional Member (Works), Railway Board, Brijesh Kumar, arrived on a visit to SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant on May 25, 2023. He was welcomed at Bhilai Niwas by Mukhopadhyay, (Projects) with Additional Charge of (P&A). Brijesh

EDKumar visited various production units of Bhilai Steel Plant and witnessed Steel Making at the Modex

Soon after his arrival at Bhilai Niwas, Kumar planted a sapling before leaving for his visit to the Plant. During his visit to the Plant, Brijesh Kumar Additional Member (Works), Railway Board, took keen interest in operations at Modex Units, in-



cluding Blast Furnace 8, Steel Melting Shop 3 & Universal Rail Mill. At the beginning of his Plant visit, Kumar was briefed about safety at Safety Excellence Centre inside the Plant.

Accompanied by Tapas Dasgupta, CGM I/c (Iron) and other senior officers of

Plant, Additional Member (Works), Railway Board, witnessed production of hot metal at Blast Furnace 8, production of crude steel at SMS 3 and production of world's

longest 130 metre rail and

loading of 260 metre weld-

ed rail panels at Universal

Rail Mill. He also interact-

rived at Ispat Bhavan where he was welcomed by Anjani Kumar, ED (Works), Dr AK Panda, ED (F & A), S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects & P&A), AK Chakraborty, (Materials Management), and Samir Swarup, CGM I/c Mines & Rowghat.

A presentation on highlights of performance in the area of production of rails was made at Director I/c Conference Hall, following which Brijesh Kumar interacted at length with a cross-section of senior officers on different aspects of current performance, as also about plans for the future.

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Rashmi Jogi awarded **PhD in Economics**

Bhilai, May 25: Rashmi Jogi was awarded PhD in Economics during the 26th Convocation organized by Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur. She did her research on the topic "An analytical study on Rural in Durg Poverty District



Lalit Kumar Jogi, a farmer and granddaughter

of Jai Lal Jogi. She is the wife of Dr Om

Prakash Baghel, Assistant Professor

(Economics). All her friends and relatives have

congratulated her on this achievement.

Plant. Rashmi was born in village Sakra (Kumhari) and grew up in Bhilai. She is the daughter of

Furnace Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded with the 'Karm Shiromani' Award for their commendable work performance under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' of Bhilai Steel

Ceremony was organised in the auditorium of Welfare Building-8 (Blast Furnace), on May 24, 2023. Addressing the gathering, Tapas Dasgupta, CGM I/c (Iron) and Arvind Gupta, Acting CGM (Blast Furnace) congratulated the awardees and encour-

Employees of Blast Furnace felicitated with Karma Shiromani Awards

Bhilai, Employees of the Blast The Award

aged them to work with same spirit in future. Onkar Singh Jamdar,

Master Operator, and Shakeel Ahmed Siddiqui, Master Technician were awarded with 'Karm Shiromani Award' for their performance in the month of April 2023.

Present in the programme were the other exemplary performance.



Madhu, Anand, Shantanu Mitra, Arjun Singh Bist, KSNR Ramesh, VK Diwakar and Ashish Aggarwal. All the present guests also con-

gratulated the award win-

ners by appreciating their

conducted by Biju George, (Personnel), Furnace. Madan Mohan Additional Srivastav. Labour Welfare Officer, Pradeep Khare, Mamta, Divya, Haseena Begum and Urmi also contributed for organising the programme successfully

DEO refuses fee hike at SSV-X

Bhilai, May 25: The District Education Officer of Durg has refused to allow the fee hike at Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Sector 10 for the session 2023-24. This school is run by the Shri Shankara Education Society. The Nodal institute. Government Higher Secondary School Sector 9 Bhilai, had given its dissent on any kind of revision of fees Sri Sankara Vidyalaya. Accordingly, the DEO has refused fee hike for the session 2023-24 at Sri Sankara Vidyalaya.

Indira Chandravanshi felicitated

Work starts in **New Fair Ground**

Puja ghat to be 60 meters long



Work has finally started in new fair ground after the visit of Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, and the puja ghat reportedly is to be 60 meters long. The supervisor overseeing the work told that the length of the ghat will be 60 metres and a total of three ghats will be built one after the other. The length of the remaining two ghats will be thirty meters each and every effort is being made to prepare the Puja Ghat before the monsoon. It has to be told that sand is being removed and in order that the work continues even after filling the water, the work will be

completed at least up to for other works Ballast etc has been dumped and on the other hand, some work has also been done to put mud in the ground. Here it takes a mention that in this year's budget, the Chief Minister of the state, Bhupesh Baghel, has made plans for the new fair ground, with a provision of 30 cr. It is also necessary to mention that on the closing occasion of 2023 Maghi Punni Mela, Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu had announced a budget of 100 crores for the new fair ground. However, the work of building the ghat has only started and its completion

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with 'Kala Sadhak Samman'

Teacher Indira Chandravanshi was felicitated with 'Kala Sadhak Samman' in the 'Vaicharik national-level Sanghosthi' and 'Lok Kala Sadhak' and 'Kala Ratna Samman Samroh' organised in Bhilai recently. It is notable here that 'Kala Sadhak Samman' is organised by Sanskar Bharti, Chhattisgarh for protection and conservation of Chhattisgarh rich art & culture. In this the Chief Guest was Durg LS MP Vijay Baghel and it was chaired by 'Kasth Shilp' artist and Padam Shri recipient Ajay Mandavi. Special guest on the occasion was Brijesh Bijpuria, BJP President Bhilai, Rajulal Netam, President BJP's SCST Cell Bhilai. During the programme the teacher Indira Chandravanshi, posted in Khairagarh block was felicitated with 'Kala Sadhak Samman' at the hands of

(former Union Minister) and Purshottam senioratis Chandrakar. She was presented with a memento, srifal and stole for her remarkable works in protection and preservation of rich art & culture of Chhattisgarh. Hailing the organisation of such programmes. Chandravanshi said that with such efforts, our original art & culture could be safeguarded.

During this the other wellknown artists of the state were also presented with Chhattisgarh Kala Ratna and Kala Sadhak samman. The head of organising samiti and recipient of

President's honour Amruta Barle, Pandwani Singe and Padam Shri recipient Dr Teejan Bai, Rikhi Kshtriya, and Dholmaru singer Rajni Rajak felicitated with President's honour extended greetings to all the artists who were hon-

SHO Sachin Singh presents honest example of humanity

Performs last rites of a person rejected by the family

Manendragarh, May 25:

The police station in-Manendragarh has done such a thing that people are praising his noble work, completely different from the image of the police in the minds of the common people. Here the station in-

charge took the respon-

sibility of women reject-

ed by the family, after

the death of the woman's

He performed the last rites of deceased husband, while taking the two -year-old child of the deceased in his lap when

the pyre was lit. According to the information, Savita Singh, a resident of Amalibahara of Podi Uproda in Korba district Manendragarh police station with a dead body at around 8 pm on Tuesday night. There,

she narrated her pain in

front of City Kotwali incharge Sachin Singh, tion staff started preparshe told that her husing for the last rites and band had died.The reached Muktidham in woman informed that the morning with the poshe had a love marriage licemen. There the last with Nikki Valmiki, a rites of the deceased resident of Jakhara in were performed with full Gwalior district of Hindu customs Madhya Pradesh, due to which the family members were angry with her, now there is no one to shoulder the dead body. Listening to the

helpless and crying

woman Kotwali in-

charge Sachin Singh

pacified her and assured

her to perform the last

rites of the deceased

husband along with the

staff . On Wednesday

morning, City Kotwali

in-charge Sachin Singh

The Kotwali in-charge took the two -year-old child of the deceased in his lap, lit the fire and got the last rites done The suffering of the helpless woman was reduced to some extent by the example of humanity presented by the SHO by performing the last rites of the deceased, the people have also appreciated this noble work of the SHO and the

Fox Hole IED recovered and defused





Bijapur, May 25: Maoists had planted IEDs in series in 02 plastic containers of 25 kg each by making a Fox Hole of 8x8 feet length width and 5 feet depth in the middle of the road on Awapalli-Basaguda road IEDs were planted with the intention of causing great harm to the security forces. On May 24, IED was recovered at 3.00 pm near Durga Temple on Awapalli-Basaguda road by the team of Police Station Awapalli, CRPF 168 and 222. The IED was defused by CRPF 168,222 and Bijapur BDS team on the spot. The plans of the Maoists was foiled by the vigilance and intelligence

न्यायालय कलेक्टर, दुर्ग जिला-दुर्ग (छत्तीसगढ़) व्यक्तिगत उपस्थिति समन

of the security forces.

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उपरोक्त वादी द्वारा इस न्यायालय में वित्तीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूतिहित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम, 2002 की धारा 14 के अन्तर्गत अनावेदक द्वारा आवेदक बैंक से वित्तीय सहायता ऋण की सुरक्षा हेतु बैंक के पक्ष में रखी गई बंधक संपत्ति प्लॉट ने. 63 एस्ट 4 बी.एच.के. ट्रिप्लेक्श रॉ मकान क्षेत्रफल 840 वर्गफीट जो मौजा चौहान ग्रीन वैली जुनवानी भिलाई तहसील व जिला दुर्ग में स्थित हैं को बकाया राशि की अदायगी नहीं करने वे कारण रिक्त भौतिक आधिपत्य में प्राप्त करने हेत् प्रस्तुत आवेदन पत्र पर प्रकरण संस्थित कर प्राकृतिक न्याय सिद्धांत के अन्तर्गत अनावेदक को इस न्यायालय द्वारा समक्ष सुनवाई किया जाना है अनावेदकगण को जारी रजिस्टर्ड नोटिस अदम तामिल वापस प्राप्त।

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tion. In the coming time,

the view of the fair will be seen in the new fair ground, roads have to be

built apart from cottage, festival stage, permanent

shops, pathways, perma-

nent land for Meena

Bazaar, mini circuit house

etc. Though the Naveen

Mela Maidan is a big proj-

ect, despite this, the dis-

trict administration has

not cleared the situation of

the work order yet.

According to the an-

nouncement, two roads

are to be constructed soon

and it is not known from

where to where this road

will be built and what will

be its length and width.

The road work has also not

started yet. The Electricity

Department has started

the construction of 32/11

KV electrical substation

for adequate power supply

in the surrounding vil-

lages and localities includ-

ing the Naveen Mela

Maidan, and the target of

completing which has

been set in three months.

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कोहका सुपेला भिलाई दुर्ग तह. व जिला दुर्गअनावेदक उपरोक्त वादी द्वारा इस न्यायलय में वित्तीय आस्तियों का प्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूतिहित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम, 2002 की धारा 14 के अन्तर्गत अनावेदक द्वारा बैंक से वित्तीय सहायता ऋण की सुरक्षा हेतु बैंक के पक्ष में रखी गई बंधक संपत्ति खसरा नंबर 1157/1 का भाग मौजा कुरुद प.हु.नं. 14/19 रूंगटा कॉलेज के पास आस्था डेवलपर्स रा.नि.म. दुर्ग-1 कुल रकब 1500 वर्गफीट तहसील व जिला दुर्ग में स्थित है को बकाया राशि की अदायगी नहीं करने के कारण रिक्त भौतिक आधिपत्य में प्राप्त करने हेतु प्रस्तुत आवेदन पत्र पर प्रकरण संस्थित कर प्राकृतिक न्याय सिद्धांत के अन्तर्गत अनावेदक को इस न्यायालय द्वारा समक्ष सुनवाई किया जाना है अनावेदकगण के जारी रजिस्टर्ड नोटिस अदम

चुंकि अनावेदक को प्रकरण में समक्ष सुनवाई का युक्तियुक्त अवसर प्रदान किया जाना है । अतएव इस समन के जरिये अनावेदकों को आदेश दिया जाता है कि आप इस मामले के आगामी पेशी दिनांक 19/06/2023 को कलेक्टर, दुर्ग के न्यायालय में व्यक्तिगत रूप से अनिवार्यतः उपस्थित होकर अपना पक्ष प्रस्तुत करें । यदि आप निर्धारित सुनवाई तिथि को अनुपस्थित पाये गये तो मामले की सुनवाई आपकी गैरहाजिरी में जाकर आपके विरुद्ध एकपक्षीय कार्यवाही की जावेगी।

अपर कलेक्टर

दुर्ग, दिनांक 22/05/2023

न्यायालय कलेक्टर, दुर्ग जिला-दुर्ग (छत्तीसगढ़) व्यक्तिगत उपस्थिति समन

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प्राधिकृत अधिकारी, बंधन बैंक लि. गृह फाइनेंस लि. शाखा– प्रथम तल केशरी कुंज मोहन नगर थाना के सामने गुरुद्वारा रोड दुर्ग तह. व जिला रायपुर (छ.ग.)

- श्री पीनसिट्टी केंवट रमन्ना पि. श्री अप्पाराव पीनसिट्टी
- 2. श्रीमति पीनसिट्टी केंवट लक्ष्मी पति पीनसिट्टी वेंकट रमन्ना दोनो पत्ता-क्वा. नं. 13/ए सेक्टर-4 सडक नं. 06 भिलाई द्र्ग तह. व जिला द्र्ग

उपरोक्त वादी द्वारा इस न्यायालय में वित्तीय आस्तियों का ग्रतिभूतिकरण और पुनर्गठन और प्रतिभूतिहित प्रवर्तन अधिनियम, 2002 की धारा 14 के अन्तर्गत अनावेदक द्वारा आवेदक बैंक से वित्तीय सहायता ऋण की सुरक्षा हेतु बैंक के पक्ष में रखी गई बंधक संपत्ति खसरा नंबर 4709 का भाग ब्लॉक सी स्थित मौजा कोहका चंद्र नगर प.ह.नं. 19 वार्ड नं. 10 रा.नि.मं. दुर्ग–1 कुल रकबा 1620 वर्गफीट तहसील व जिला दुर्ग में स्थित है को बकाया राशि की अदायगी नहीं करने के कारण रिक्त भौतिक आधिपत्य में प्राप्त करने हेतु प्रस्तुत आवेदन पत्र पर प्रकरण संस्थित कर प्राकृतिक न्याय सिद्धांत के अन्तर्गत अनावेदक को इस न्यायालय द्वारा समक्ष सुनवाई किया जाना है अनावेदकगण को जारी रजिस्टर्ड नोटिस अदम तामिल वापस अप्राप्त।

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अपर कलेक्टर

दुर्ग दुर्ग, दिनांक 22/05/2023

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India Bemetara Branch: Opp. Pikri Talab, Kawardha Road, Bemetara (C.G.) BOI≯

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act)

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/s (Borrower), and guarantor have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, now they are hereby informed by way of this public notice. Details of Properties/ Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced

Guarantor & Address Date of NPA 25.05.2023 ₹15,32,775.81/-Equitable mortgage of immovable Property in the name of Mr. Ravindra Kumar Banjare situated at Plot No. 110, Block A.P. II KH 337, PH. 31 Mouja Fari Bemetara Tahsil & Dist. Bemetara, Pin -Mr. Ravindra Kumar Banjare S/o. Shri Hemdas Banjare, Plot No. 110 Block A.P. II, KH 24 02 2023

24.02.2023 491335, Chhattisgarh Admeasuring 1280 Sqft. in the Name of Mr Ravindra Kumar Banjare. **Boundaries:-North:** PlotA-109, **South:** Road, **East:** Kh. 338/1-2, **West:** Road. emetara, Bemertara 491335.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and /or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are nereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstrction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002. Authorised Officer, Bank of India

+ Intt. + Other

STATE BANK OF INDIA

03272, SBI Kumhari, Distt. Durg (C.G.) Pin-490042, Email ID - sbi.03272@sbi.co.ir Publication of Notice Regarding Possession of Property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Bronarty Dataile Escility	Date of Demand Notice	Outstanding
Property Details Facility	Date of Possession	Amount
Flat No. C-505, Block-C, Sai Vilas & Apartment, 5th Floor with Carpet area: 46.36 sq.mt / 499.00 sq.Ft. & Built Up Area: 46.36 Sp.Mt. 400.00 S. Et Situation	05.02.2023	16,33,817/- +interest
303/2 & 303/10 Ph No 49/44. Tehsil: Dhamdha Dist Duro C.G.		and Other Dues and Cost
	Carpet area : 46.36 sq.mt / 499.00 sq.Ft. & Bullt Up Area : 46.36 sq.Mt. / 499.00 sq.Ft. Situated at village Janjgiri, Kh No. 303/15, 303/2 & 303/10 Ph No. 49/44, Tehsil : Dhamdha Dist Durg C.G. Boundaries : East Lift, West Flat No. 507, North Flat No. 506,	Date of Possession

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank



Regional Office, 3rd floor, LIC Investment Building, Jeevan Beema Marg, Pandri, Raipur- 492004, Ph: 0771 2546004/05

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)]

337, PH 31, Mouja Fari

Whereas the Authorized Officers of **Union Bank of India** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices to the following borrowers / guarantors/mortgagors calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the Notices within 60 days from the date of said Notices. The Borrowers / guarantors / mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, Notices are hereby given to the borrowers/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor in particular and the public in general that Authorized Officer has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on dated mentioned below. The borrower's attention is invited to the provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to referent the secured assets. in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers/guarantor(s)/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India** for the amounts and interests and incidental expenses and costs and charges thereon as mentioned below-Description of Secured Assets

Branch: Maharaja Chowk, Durg

PREM LAL PRADHAN, NEAR Residential Land and Building Kh No-1552/6, PH MALSAY TALAB, SECTOR-3, ROAD-No-106A, Ward-64, Professor Colony, Sector-3, 17 PROFESSOR COLONY, RAIPUR- Khusalpur, Near Malsay Talab Sector-3, Road No. 17, Raipur (C.G.)

M/s Srishti Resources, Prop- Mr. Property No.1. EMD of Industrial Building and Preshit Gharde, Plot No 6,7,8,9,10,11 machinery at plot no 640 B In URLA industrial Area Industrial Area Phase-I Village Tendua Vill Achholi Raipur area of 12500 sq feet in the Kh no 357/1 Raipur,
Proprietor- Mr. Preshit Gharde s/o
Property No.2. EMD of B-16, Maruti Enclave, Near

Pramod Gharade

Co-Borrower/Guarantor- Smt Rajni feet in the name of Smt Rajni Pramod Gharaue feet in the name of Smt Rajni Pramod Gharaue Property No.3. EMD of plot no 6,7,8,9,10,11 industrial area phase 1 vill. Tendua Raipur. Area of Character of Cha 1- Nitendra Kumar S/o Rajendra Kumar, 2- Rajendra Kumar, 2- Rajendra Kumar Bhardvaj, S/o Lt Phirtu Ram Bhardvaj, Add- 470, Opp Masjid Titurdih Ward No 19, Durg, Pranch: Maharaia Chout Durg, CG.)

1)Date of Demand Notice & 2) Date of Possession (1) 21.12.2022 Rs 11,38,495.78/-+ intt. since 01/12/22 +Legal & Other charges

(2) 20.05.2023 Rs 49,96,138.02/-+ intt. since

(1)09.01.2023

(2) 22.05.2023 Rs 22,10,529.95/-+ intt. since

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र भारत सरकार का उद्यम

एक परिवार एक बैंक

Bank of Maharashtra

Branch: : 1st floor, Shree Complex, Phool Chowk, Raipur, TELE : (0771) 4265618,

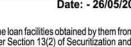
e-mail: bom439@mahabank.co.in Head Office:

LOKMANGAL, 1501, SHIVAJINAGAR, PUNE-5



AO18 /SARFAESI/13 (2)/Shree Baba Collection/2023-24

DEMAND NOTICE



Notice is hereby given that the following (Borrowers) and (Guarantors) have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the Bank of Maharastra and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses. Further borrower & guarantor are hereby informed by way

Date Of Notice: 02.05.2023 & Date of NPA: 30.04.2023 Present outstanding (as on 02/05/2023)

Borrower- M/S SHREE BABA 1) WCTL of Rs. 4000000/-COLLECTION, Prop: Mr. Harish Sachedv s/o Mr. Lila Ram Sachedv, Office Add.: 1. 2) FITL of Rs. 515000/-Shop No. 1/3, IGVP,Pandri,Raipur(C.G.)-492001, 2. Shop no-127, Pagaria complex, (Five lakh fifteen thousand only) **Primary: Hypothecation of Goods** Pandri Chowk, Raipur (C.G.)-492001, and Book Debts

Garden, Daldal Seoni, Raipur, Add.- 2. House no 134/4 (c/o Mr. Prashant Sharma) New Shanti nagar, Panditarai, Nathani Apartment, Raipur (C.G.) -492001, B. Guarators- 1. Mrs. Preeti Sachdev w/o Mr. Harish Sachdev, Add.-1 House no-20, Avanti Garden, Daldal Seoni, Raipur(C.G.), Add-2. House no 134/4 (c/o Mr. Prashant Sharma) , New Shanti nagar, Pandritarai, Nathani Apartment, Raipur, (C.G.) 2. M/S Vishal Net Industries, Proprietor: Mr. Vishal Prithwani s/o Ganesh Prithwani, Residential Add.: C-53/5, Main Road, Taigore Nagar, Near Kapil Provision Raipur(C.G.), Office Add.: Bahnakadi, P.C. NO-14, RIC-Arang, Tehsil-Arang, Raipur

All those pieces and parcels of land situate being and lying at 3828405.50/- + 361534.35/-Unapplied Intt. of Rs. Unapplied Intt. of Rs part of kh no-357/1, 361/1 at Mouja-Bahnakadi,RIC-Mandir 95012.48/-+ penal 9243.62 + pena Hasaud, Tahsil- Arang, Distt- interest @ 2% plus interest @ 2% plus Raipur(C.G.) admeasuring 9000 other Expenses, other Expenses Sq ft. and Bounded as under : w.e.f. 01.05.2023 North- Rasta, East- Land of M/S | Total : Ledger Bal: Rs.4189939.85 /- + Kiran Peticoat Industries, West - Unapplied Intt. of Rs.104256.10/- + pena

WCTL

Land of Manish, South- Others interest @ 2%,plus other Expenses, w.e.f. plot, in the name of M/S Vishal 01.05.2023 Net Industries, Proprietor: Mr. Vishal Prithwani s/o Ganesh Prithwani

Hence, this Paper Publication. The above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amoun within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice under subsection (4) of section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

This notice is also being published in vernacular language. The English version shall be final in case any question of interpretation arises

te: 26.05.2023, Place: Raipur & Durg

Name of the Borrowers / Guarantors & Address

Residential Add: 1. House no-20 ,Avanti





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w.e.f. 01.05.2023

Baghel unveiled the statue of Shaheed Gundadhur

The hero of 'Bhoomkal' movement

Raipur, 25 May: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel unveiled the life-size statue of Veer Gundadhur, the leader of the Bhumkal rebellion, at Shaheed Gundadhur Agricultural College campus Kumravand, during his daylong visit to Bastar.

In his brief address on the occasion, Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that Veer Gundadhur was one of the great tribal leaders of Bastar, who led the great rebellion movement of Bhoomkal. In the honour of his contribution and sacrifices, a life-size statue of Veer Gundadhur has been installed in the agriculture college premise. He said that this statue will inspire the young students of the college to to get acquainted with his indomitable courage and bravery. Tribal heroes of Bastar made significant contribution in the freedom struggle as well as in



the tribal culture, taking inspiration from which the government is also making sincere efforts to save the tribal culture across Chhattisgarh including Bastar

At the unveiling of the statue built at the cost of Rs 10 lakh sanctioned from Bastar Area Tribal Development Authority, Chief Minister Mr. Baghel met the great-grandsons of Veer Gundadhur - Jaydev Nag, Punu Nag, Dularu Nag, Pardesi Nag, who had come from Netanar.

Industries Minister Kawasi Lakhma, Bastar MP Deepak Baij, President public representatives were present as well. Shaheed

Gundadhur: The Great Martvr Veer Gundadhur led the 'Bhoomkal' movement against the British in 1910 to save the land of the tribals. Bhoomkal means earthquake or tremble in the land. And as the word describes, Bhoomkal movement shook the entire Bastar. Forest policy, compulsory education, changing religion, forced labour, bureaucracy were few of the many reasons behind this movement. Bhoomkal rebellion was so efficiently strategized that the tribals bravely fought the British army with bowarrows and spears under the leadership of Veer Gundadhur. Not only Chhattisgarh but the entire country remembers the the valour and heroism of Veer Gundadhur. And to honour his memories, Government Chhattisgarh has established the 'Gundadhur Samman' for outstanding

performance in the field of

CM flags off Nikshay Rath Six players from Shri Gujrati



Jagdalpur. May 25: As part of the 'Nikshay Mitra TB Mukt Chhattisgarh Abhiyan', patients will receive nutritious food throughout their sixmonth treatment period. This initiative involves providing TB

patients with a monthly nutrition kit valued at Rs. 1,000, with the active involvement of the community. The Nikshay Rath is being utilized to effectively raise awareness about this programme.

CM Baghel pays tribute to the Jhiram Valley martyrs

Jagdalpur, May Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel paid his humble tributes to the martyrs of the Jhiram Valley at 🖡 Jhiram Memorial and had a meeting with their families.

Chief Minister, along with other public representatives, observed two minutes of silence in honour of the martyrs.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel administered an oath to make the state the

symbol of peace again on the occasion of 'Jhiram Shraddhanjali Diwas'.

Chief Minister honoured the families of the martyrs by presenting them with shawls and

School in state team

Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh Secretary Ashok Bhai Patel, Shri Gujrati Higher Secondary School Principal Anis Memon, English Medium School Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma, Primary Section In-charge Yogita Tank, coach Tikeshwari Sahu, manager Jageshwar Dadsena and selected students pose for a group photograph.

For National Muay **Thai Championship**

Raipur, May 25: Six students of Shri Gujrati School will represent Chhattisgarh in national Muay Thai Championship to be held in Chennai from May 25 to 30. The championship will be organised by United Muay Thai Association India and United Muav Association India Tamil Nadu. 12 players of Raipur have been selected for the championship.

Six players of Shri Gujrati School- namely Kaniska Sriwas, Pallavi Sahu, Mansi Tandi, Tisa Sahu, Ragni Sahu and Dhritesh Sahu have been seonship. These players called on Managing Committee of Shri Guirati Shikshan Sangh Secretary Ashok Bhai Patel at the school Ashok Bhai Patel has con-

lected for the champi-

gratulated the selected players for the championship Shri Gujrati Higher Secondary School Principal Anis Memon, English Medium School Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma, Primary Section In-charge Yogita Tank, Tikeshwari Sahu and manager Jageshwar Dadsena were present on the occasion. Total 58 players including 32 boys and 26 girls of Chhattisgarh will partici-

NTPC Lara contributes for **Clean Railway Station**



Lara (Bilaspur), May **25:** Under the observance of Swachhta Pakhwada (Cleanliness Fortnight) NTPC Lara provided dustbins, gloves, brooms to the Raigarh railway station authority on 23rd May 2023 and undertook cleaning activity at the station compound. On this matter a team of NTPC Lara under guidance of Samarendra Mallik, DGM (HR) and

Sinha from Railway and handed over those items

Under the guidance of the central government. cleanliness fortnight is being observed at NTPC Lara from 16-31 May 2023. During this period various cleaning activities are being undertaken by NTPC Lara inside the plant and nearby villages. Besides various awareness generation activities other officials met Shri P – like essay, drawing and K Raut, Chief Station painting competitions are Master and Smt Rekha being organized.

'BALCO celebrates Int'nl Family Day with 'Proud Families'

Balconagar, May 25: Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer and a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium, created a truly memorable experience for its employees and their families on International Family Day this year, by organizing plant visits for the family members of the employees. The visits not only showcased the processes of aluminium manufacturing to the parents but also added to their pride by leaving a lasting impression and further strengthening their bond with the com-

Authority Lakheshwar

Baghel, Vice President

Vikram Mandavi, Former

MP Nand Kumar Sai,

Parliamentary Secretary

Rekhchand Jain, MLA

Narayanpur Chandan

Kashyap, Sanjari Balod

were present on this occa-

sion. MLA Sangeeta Sinha,

Municipality President

President of Indravati

Authority Rajeev Sharma,

Divisional Commissioner

Sundarraj P., Collector

Vijay Dayaram K., SSP

Shyam Dhavde,

Mayor

Kavita

Safira

Sahu,

Sahu,

Development

BALCO, under the 'Proud Families' initiative had provided a comprehensive schedule to all the visiting families that covered an understanding of the crucial functions of the company. From parents to siblings and spouses, the participating family members indulged in an overall understanding of plant operations over the well-guided trip that also included discussions with the plant representatives. Keeping the standards of safety intact at every level, the families ence from the family visits were given an extraordinary spread over a week. opportunity to witness the entire

journey of aluminium production, starting from pot rooms to power plants and the Finishing Line Areas (Casthouses). They had also witnessed the transformation of aluminium into a multitude of end products that serve vital purposes across various industries. The visits were concluded with an enriching experience at BALCO Museum and

Learning Centre, a rich repository of BALCO's heritage where the families were introduced to the fascinating legacy of BALCO. Here, the families spent time learning about BALCO- independent India's first Public Sector Undertaking (PSU), and its contribution to the industrial progress of the nation. Around 110 people had a joyful experi-

Speaking about the impor-

tance of employee well-being and fostering a nurturing workplace, Mr. Rajesh Kumar, CEO, and Director, BALCO said, "Families play a pivotal role in the lives of employees, providing them with a strong support system and contributing to their performance and success. At BALCO, we understand this and work towards creating a healthy work-life balance for the overall happiness and well-being of our employees. We are committed to fostering a happy and healthy work culture for realizing the truest potential of our employees, crucial for their holistic growth and success." BALCO prioritizes the well-being of employees' families by providing a diverse range of family-friendly benefits. Through the innova- the company is working towards tive 'Spouse hiring policy', creating a strong platform to BALCO offers deserving and empower the employees.

experienced spouses, opportunities to join the company's workforce. The company also ensures that the health needs of employees' family members are taken care of through comprehensive medical coverage. BALCO facilitates a comfortable living environment within its township, with easy accessibility to schools, parks, hospitals, and grocery stores in the vicinity which, ensures that families have all the essential amenities. Additionally, the company also provides opportunities for families to socialize and have an engaging lifestyle by organizing vibrant events and celebrating all major festivals. BALCO is committed to transforming the workplace by embracing internationally recognized best practices in people management. The company takes continuous measures for fostering a diverse and inclusive work culture, distinguishing itself as an organization that actively supports LGBTOIA+ employees in core operations. Through new-age learning & growth opportunities,

TLM workshop organised



Simga, May 25: A TLM workshop is being organised at Teachers learning Centre, Simga of Balodabazar District. In the field of education, TLM is a commonly used acronym that stands for "teaching/learning materials." Broadly, the term refers to a spectrum of educational materials that teachers use in the classroom to support specific learning objectives, as set out in lesson plans. The teachers learning material is a supportive resource to address any concept with better clarity among young children. It is significant as it helps young children to

learn with ease and enjoy-

ment. Government Primary

pating in this three days workshop, However it will run for 6 days in two batches. To highlight that Resource persons of Azim Premii Foundation & BRCC Simga are collaboratively running this workshop.

Foundation's Resource persons Ankit, Atul and Abhas are currently facilitating and contributing to the workshop. The foundation has been particularly working towards improving the teaching learning process through supporting different modes of teachers training along with field support. Their vision is to establish just a equitable, humane and sustainable so ciety.In the field of educa-School teachers are particition.

Continuous action on encroachment in Tiger Reserve forest

Ichradi village to be removed on May 26 **Thousands of trees** cut to settle the villagers

Mainpur, May 24: Thousands of costly trees have been cut inside Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve for settling more than half-a-dozen villages. Now the forest department in the last one and half month has twice taken action for the removal of illegal settlements and got success in their attempts. The first such drive was taken on April 06 when 59 houses were bulldozed in the village Sornamal. Another drive was taken on May 19 in which 70 houses were removed in the village Goharamal. Now the forest department is preparing for another action on May 26 in the village Ichradi located inside buffer zone Tourenga forest area of Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve. The notice has been served to the villagers and has been asked to vacate the place by May 25 or else encroachment will be removed on May 26. Deputy Director Varun Jain said, now the time has come for all the people who are aware towards conservation of environment to come forward or else the forest cannot be saved for being desert. He added, in the Ichradi village thousands of trees on 525 acres have been cut.

As per information re-

ceived, encroachment has

ceedings will be done on

May 26, many villagers

who left their homes after

locking their houses were

seen in front of their hous-

es. Google earth and drone

survey map obtained from

it has also been handed

been done by 65 persons by cutting thousands of trees on about 200 hectares and 525 acres of land in Gariba Beat's reserved section no 1201 and 1202. After the survey, the image matching of the above land was done through the Indian Space Research Center ISRO satellite map of the year 2008 and 2012 and Google Earth image, in which most of the year 2011-12 and in some forest from areas after the year 2019-20 encroachment followed by Narharpur, hut construction and farming has started, after which the first notice was given on 19/04/2023 with 10 days time, after the first villages Shocking case of lease notice, no satisfactory answer and claim objection related to the occupation of forest land by the said encroachers was submitted. After which again the second notice was given on 03/05/2023, in which seven days time has been served and eviction pro-



Villagers of Ichradi village with eviction notice.

over with notice, where forest department has made complete preparations for eviction proceedings on coming May 26. According to the information received, villagers Odisha, Vishrampuri, Dudhwa, Makdi. Kanker have settled in this illegally settled Ichradi village, some villagers are also from the surrounding

on Illegal land of Ichradi

Kanker, Vishrampuri and residents of different areas of Odisha have settled in this village. When the forest staff asked for the name and address of the accused for action, it was revealed from the Aadhaar card received. Taurenga ranger BL Soori said that a few years back when action was being taken on some people who were ploughing on this forest land, they informed of taking the land on lease

from another person after

paying them annually in

A view of Ichradi village.

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return, apart from this, POR action was done several times in the last 5 years, every time the name of the accused has changed. In the present action being taken, 7 people are missing and they have

the Forest Department has an apprehension that some local people who are the alleged heads of these occupied areas have given these lands on lease. Till now it was believed that illegal felling is done due to the greed of forest land, but now not only the forest staff, but the administration too is been shocked by the recently found proof of giving land on lease.

fled after locking their

huts. Based on these facts,



apart from ration cards,

arrangements have also

been made for the people

The school running in this illegally settled village. living there to teach their children by making arrangement of schools and teachers.

For illegal encroachment, the officers and employees of the Forest Department were also under suspicion

Ichradi village , which has been built by cutting thousands of trees from the dense forest and is inhabited by 65 families, all of a sudden this cannot happen in a day or two during these period role; of the officers and employees of the responsible Forest Department are also under suspicion .The people of the area have made a demand to Director Varun Jain that when the illegal encroachment was happening at that time, then the responsible officers and employees of the Forest Department posted here have been inactive and encroachment has taken place under their protection , so after investigating the matter impartially such guilty local forest officer employee should be punished and action should also be taken.

Solar panel in illegally settled village, handpump, government facility are beyond understanding.....

When Ichradi village is an illegally settled village government facilities like opening of SRT center school, hand-pump and solar panels, construction of kuccha roads in 2013-14 are the subject of public discussion in this village.

What does Deputy Director say....

Varun Jain , Deputy Director of Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, told in the discussion that people having illegal encroachments in Ichradi village have been given protection under Section 34 (a) of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 and Section 80 (a) of the Indian Forest Act 1927 (amendment) . Notices have been served and action will be taken to remove the encroachment on May 26.

Imran Khan says 'undeclared martial law' in Pakistan; files plea in Supreme Court

Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan has filed a petition in the Supreme Court against the government invoking Article 245 in several provinces, terming it "undeclared martial law". Under Article 245 of Pakistan's Constitution, the army can be called in to aid the civil administration to defend the country. Khan has filed a plea in the Supreme Court, challenging the invoking of Article 245 in Punjab, Khyber Balochistan Islamabad and calling it "undeclared martial law". In his petition, the 70-yearold Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief said the arrests, investigations and

trial of citizens under the Army Act 1952 were "un-



constitutional and void and of no legal effect and amounts to negation of the Constitution, the rule of law and independence of the judiciary." He said that the "dismantling of PTI through forcible quitting of party membership and office are unconstitutional and void being against Article 17 of the Constitution," the Dawn newspaper reported. Khan also urged the apex court to order the formation of a judicial commission to probe the violence that erupted on May 9. The plea

supremo Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam Nawaz, ex-president Asif Zardari, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman and other as respondents, the report said. Prime Minister Sharif has said the attackers of May 9 attacked the "idea and identity of Pakistan and gave the enemies of the country reasons to celebrate". "I don't see the tragic incidents of May 9 as merely a protest that became violent. The designs of those who planned them were actually very sinister," he tweeted on Thursday. "There was a clear buildup to the shameful incidents, as the whole nation witnessed in utter disbelief

power made them do what was never done before," he said. Sharif said the "tragic and heart-rending events" of May 9 were a wake-up call. "We have to identify and expose all such people who want to destroy the foundations of Pakistan. May 9 has drawn up a di-

viding line between the

protectors and builders of

Pakistan and those who wish to weaken it," he said. On May 9, violent protests erupted after paramilitary Rangers arrested Khan from the Islamabad High Court (IHC) premises. His party workers vandalised a dozen military installations, including the Lahore Corps Commander's House, the Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad in response to Khan's arrest.

ROSE HARVEST FESTIVAL



Syria's first lady, Asma Assad, left, the wife of Syrian President Bashar Assad, and others collect Damascene flowers after plucking them during the Damascene Rose Harvest Festival in the village of al-Marah in the mountainous region of Qalamoun, Syria, Thursday, May 25.

Tipu Sultan's bedchamber sword creates new auction record in UK

London, May 25:

A fabled sword found in the private bedchamber of 18th century Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan has broken all auction records for an Indian object for Bonhams in London by fetching over GBP 14 million at its Islamic and Indian Art sale this week. The sword, from Tipu Sultan's reign between 1782 and 1799, is described as a fine gold koftgari hilted steel sword referred to as sukhela an emblem of authority. It was found in the private apartments of Tipu Sultan and presented to Major General David Baird by the Army of the East India Company as a "token of their high esteem of his courage and conduct in



The Bedchamber Sword of Tipu Sultan that was sold at Bonhams auction house, in

ed in the killing of Tipu Sultan known as the Tiger of Mysore. "This spectacular sword is the greatest of all the weapons linked to Tipu Sultan still in private hands," said Oliver White, Bonhams' Head of Islamic and Indian Art and auc-

and a state of shock how

"Its close personal association with the Sultan, its impeccable provenance traceable to the very day it was captured, and the outstanding craftsmanship that went into its manufacture make it unique and highly desirable," he said. The sword had a guide price between GBP 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 but went on to surpass that estimate to fetch GBP 14,080,900. "The sword has an extraordinary history, an astonishing provenance and unrivalled craftsmanship. It was no surprise it was so hotly contested between two phone bidders and a bid-

Iran unveils latest version of ballistic missile amid wider tensions over nuclear program Authorities showed off the



In this picture released by the Iranian Defense Ministry on Thursday, May 25, 2023, Khorramshahr-4 missile is launched at an undisclosed location, Iran. Iran unveiled on Thursday, May 25.

Tehran, May 25:

unveiled Thursday what it dubbed

liquid-fuelled Khorramshahr ballistic missile amid wider tensions with the West over nuclear program. 1980s. The missile also is

Khorramshahr-4 to journalists at an event in Tehran, with the missile truck-mounted launcher. Defence Minister Gen. Mohammad Reza Ashtiani said the missile could be prepared for launch in a short period. Iranian officials described the missile as having a 2,000-kilometre (1,240-mile) range with a 1,500-kilogram (3,300pound) warhead. They also released undated video footage purported ly showing a successful launch of the missile. The Khorramshahr-4 is named after an Iranian city that was the scene of heavy fighting during the Iran-Iraq War in the

by the Muslims in the 7th century in what is now Saudi Arabia. Regional tensions likely played a role in Iran's missile display on Thursday. A minia-

example Jerusalem's golden Dome of the Rock on the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, a holy site in both Islam and Judaism that Jews call the Temple Mount, stood next to the mobile launcher.

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Japan nuclear watchdog ask **Fukushima plant operator to** assess risk from reactor damage

Tokvo. May 25:

A nuclear watchdog has Japan s wrecked Fukushima nuclear power plant to assess potential risks from damage found in a key supporting structure inside the worst-hit of the three melted reactors. A robotic probe inside Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant's Unit 1 primary containment chamber found its pedestal a main supporting structure right underneath the core was largely damaged. The thick concrete exterior was missing almost all the way around, exposing the internal steel reinforcement

About 880 tons of highly radioactive melted nuclear fuel remain inside the plant's three reactors. Robotic probes have provided some information, but the status of the melted debris is still largely unknown.

Based on data collected from earlier probes and simulations, experts have said most of the melted fuel inside Unit 1, believed to be the worst hit, fell to the bottom of the primary containment chamber, but some might have fallen through into the concrete foundation a situation that makes the already daunting task of decommissioning extremely difficult. At a meeting Wednesday of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, its commissioners agreed to order operator Tokyo Electric Company Holdings to urgently assess the risks from the pedestal damage, including possible leaks of radioactive substances from cracks and holes caused by the meltdown. The authority also requested that TEPCO assess potential risks if, in the event of another disaster, the pedestal fails

to support the reactor.

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अनुबंध अनुसार पदस्थापना उपरांत पदांकित स्थान पर कार्यभार ग्रहण करने हेत् अंतिम अवसर प्रदाय करने के संबंध में सचना (पी.जी. छात्र/चिकित्सक)

चिकित्सा शिक्षा विभाग, मंत्रालय महानदी भवन द्वारा प्राधिकार से प्रकाशित आपके द्वारा पी.जी. प्रवेश के समय निष्पादित अनुबंध अनुसार आपको संविदा आधार पर दो वर्ष की कालावधि तक शासकीय सेवा करना अनिवार्य है। जिसमें तारतम्य में आपको संदर्भि आदेश के माध्यम से संविदा आधार पर 02 वर्ष हेतु पदांकित किया गया था। संदर्भित आदेश वं संविदा नियुक्ति की शर्तें की कंडिका 09 अनुसार आपको पदांकन स्थल पर तत्काल कार्यभार ग्रहण करना अनिवार्य था। संबंधित नियंत्रणकर्ता से प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार संबंधित पी.जी अनबंधित चिकित्सकों द्वारा उक्त पदस्थापना स्थल में आज दिनांक तक उपस्थिति नहीं दी

2 / संबंधित चिकित्सा अधिकारी द्वारा छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभा के मध्य बंधपत्र निष्पादित किया गया है, जिसके अनुसार 02 वर्ष की ग्रामीण सेवा या बॉड की राशि जमा किया जाना था परंतु संबंधित चिकित्सा अधिकारी द्वारा न ही 02 वर्ष ग्रामीण सेवा हेतु अपने पदस्थापना स्थल में अपनी उपस्थिति दी गई है और न ही बाँड की राशि जमा की गई है 3/ निर्देशानुसार आप उक्त पदस्थापना स्थान में पत्र जारी होने के दिनांक रं 05 दिवस के भीतर उपस्थित होना सनिश्चित करें।

यदि निर्घारित समय सीमा में पदांकित स्थान पर कार्यभार ग्रहण नहीं किया जाता हैं तो ऐसी स्थिति में आपसे चिकित्सा शिक्षा विभाग, मंत्रालय महानदी भवन द्वारा प्राधिकार से प्रकाशित छत्तीसगढ़ राजपत्र (असाधारण), जो छत्तीसगढ़ चिकित्सा स्नात्कोत्तर प्रवेश नियम के कंडिका 11 की परिशिष्ट—चार ''क'' की कंडिका 4 क अनुपालन नहीं करने के लिए बॉण्ड की संपूर्ण राशि की वसूली की कार्यवार्ह भू—राजस्व की बकाया राशि के रूप में उपरोक्त परिशिष्ट—चार ''क'' की कंडिका ! के अनुसार की जाएगी। ऐसे अभ्यर्थी को नियम 11 के परिशिष्ट चार (क) की कंडिका (6) में यथा उल्लेखित अनापत्ति प्रमाण पत्र तब तक प्रदान नहीं किए जाएगा, जब तक कि सम्पूर्ण देय राशि की वसूली नहीं हो जाती।

उपरोक्तानुसार पदस्थापना स्थान में पत्र जारी होने के दिनांक से 05 दिवस के भीत उपस्थित नहीं होने पर समस्त कार्यवाही के लिए आप स्वयं जिम्मेदार होंगे। अतः उपरोक्त सूचना स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग के विभागीय वेबसाईट

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कार्यालय प्रमुख अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, निर्माण भवन, नया रायपुर अटल नगर जिला रायपुर (छत्तीसगढ़)

"द्धितीय काउंसिलिंग हेतु सूचना"

छत्तीसगढ व्यावसायिक परीक्षा मंडल नवा रायपुर अटल नगर जिला रायपुर भाग के प्रस्ताव पर सहायक मानचित्रकार (सिविल) के रिक्त पदों की पूर्ति हेतु दिनाव 25.03.2018 को मानचित्रकार/सहायक मानचित्रकार के पद पर भर्ती हेतु संयुक्त भर्त परीक्षा (CDM18) आयोजित की गई तथा परीक्षा का परिणाम व्यापम की वेबसाईट पर दिनांक 19.07.2018 को प्रदर्शित किया गया। परीक्षा परिणाम घोषित होने के पश्चात विज्ञप्ति में दी गई कंडिकाओं के अनरूप मेरिट आधार पर अभ्यर्थियों के मल प्रमाण पत्रे की जांच हेतु केवल लोक निर्माण विभाग के लिए विज्ञापित रिक्त पदों हेतु काउंसिलिंग

अभ्यर्थियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि वे निम्नांकित मूल प्रमाण पत्रों एवं उसकी स्वयं अथवा राजपत्रित अधिकारी से सत्यापित छायाप्रतियाँ सहित दिनांक 05.06. 2033 को समय प्रातः 11.00 बजे कार्यालय प्रमुख अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, निर्माण भवन, नया रायपुर अटल नगर जिला रायपुर (छत्तीसगढ़) में उपथित होवें :-

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> प्रमुख अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग नवा रायपुर अटल नगर (छ.ग.)

4 injured by man carrying rifle and knife in central Japan

Tokyo, May 25:

A masked man carrying a rifle and a knife holed up in a building Thursday in Nagano, central Japan, after four people were injured, according to news reports. Kyodo News said a pedestrian reported to police about a commotion in the Nakano city in the Nagano prefecture, prompting officers to rush to the scene. Four people were injured, including two police officers who might have been shot by

the suspect, who was carrying a rifle, Kyodo said. Details of their injuries, including whether they were stabbed or shot, was not known. Witnesses also say the suspect had been holed up inside a building, Kyodo said. Police described the suspect as a man wearing camouflage outfit, a hat, a mask and sunglasses, Kyodo said. He is at large and city officials have urged those in the

area to stay home. No other details were immediately known.

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Inauguration Row

Need To Unite The Nation Beyond Politics

he upcoming inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the center of a contentious battle between the ruling government and the Opposition. With the Congress, Trinamool Congress, DMK, and Aam Aadmi Party among the nineteen parties boycotting the event, an unfortunate divide has overshadowed this momentous occasion. In a joint statement, these parties have deemed the PM's decision to personally inaugurate the building as "a direct assault on our democracy," asserting that the "soul of democracy" has been drained from Parliament. Citing constitutional norms, the Congress argues that the President, as the "head of Parliament," should conduct the inauguration rather than the Prime Minister. However, the Centre counters by accusing the Opposition of politicizing a historic event. They point out that previous prime ministers, such as Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, had similarly inaugurated parliamentary structures. The Parliament House Annexe and Parliament Library were opened during their tenures, with the respective Presidents involved in the ceremonies. In the present case, PM Modi laid the foundation stone for the new building in December 2020 and is now set to inaugurate it. It is worth noting that when PM Modi first entered Parliament House in 2014, he knelt and bowed his head in reverence for the "temple of democracy." It is through his unwavering dedication that this grand 21stcentury monument of India has been completed less than a year after the nation celebrated 75 years of independence. Now, it is time for him to step back and allow this remarkable building, representing a vibrant democracy, to bask in the limelight. By embracing the Opposition's request to invite the President for the inauguration, PM Modi can showcase his magnanimity and ensure that no controversy tarnishes this momentous event. The new Parliament building stands as a testament to India's democratic spirit and progress. Its awe-inspiring architecture blends tradition with modernity, symbolizing the nation's aspirations and commitment to democratic values. The structure showcases the strength of India's democracy, providing a physical embodiment of the people's power and their collective voice. Beyond the political wrangling, this inauguration should serve as an opportunity to unite the nation and celebrate its democratic heritage. The occasion should not be marred by divisive rhetoric or power struggles. Instead, it should foster a sense of camaraderie and inclusivity among all political parties. By setting aside differences and coming together on this significant day, leaders can demonstrate their dedication to the nation and the democratic principles it upholds. In a diverse country like India, where opinions often diverge, it is essential to prioritize the greater good and work towards the betterment of society. The new Parliament building offers a physical space that can inspire collaboration, dialogue, and progress. It should symbolize a shared commitment to serving the people and strengthening the democratic institutions that form the backbone of our nation. Prime Minister Modi has an opportunity to rise above the political fray and set a precedent for statesmanship. By inviting the President to inaugurate the new Parliament building, he can demonstrate his willingness to put the nation's interests first. This act of humility and inclusivity will help bridge the gap between the ruling party and the Opposition, fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation. The inauguration of the new Parliament building is not just about a physical structure; it is a celebration of democracy itself. It is an occasion to reflect on the progress made, the challenges faced, and the future aspirations of the Indian nation. This event should unite the nation under a common purpose and inspire citizens to actively participate in shaping the destiny of the country. As the nation eagerly awaits the inauguration of the new Parliament building, it is a time for reflection and unity. It is a moment to celebrate the resilience of India's democracy and to reaffirm our collective determination to uphold its values. Let us seize this opportunity to rise above political bickering and embrace the spirit of collaboration, for in doing

India's Dual Reality

so, we strengthen the very foundation of our great nation.

Space Progress and Social Intolerance

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

India, a nation known for its remarkable strides in space technology, stands at a crossroads where scientific achievements intersect with the challenges of religious orthodoxy and intolerance. The incident involving a BJP leader in Uttarakhand, who felt compelled to postpone his daughter's marriage due to fears of law and order disruption simply because the groom was Muslim, highlights the disheartening reality that plagues our society. In a country that prides itself on being a multi-religious and diverse democracy, where the Constitution unholds the cherished values of secularism, the disanproval faced by individuals who choose love and marriage based on their personal preferences is deeply concerning. The very essence of personal freedom and autonomy is being questioned, with romantic relationships becoming subject to scrutiny and disdain. What is even more alarming is that such intolerance persists despite the presence of a legal framework governing the state. If a political leader from the ruling party feels helpless and succumbs to the diktats of intolerant communal elements within his own community, one can only imagine the immense ordeal faced by individuals with lesser credentials when religion becomes a factor in their matrimonial decisions. This is a grave indictment of our society and a stark reminder of the challenges we must confront. It is disheartening to witness prominent figures in the political landscape celebrating India's accomplishments in conquering space, be it attaining the Mars orbit or successful missile launches, while simultaneously witnessing the erosion of morality and humanitarian values. While the world applauds our scientific prowess, we must confront the uncomfortable truth that our society is rapidly descending into the depths of a dark communal pit. We cannot afford to prioritize the conquest of space over addressing the rampant assault on humanity. The insidious narratives of "love jihad" and "honour killings" continue to poison our social fabric. The very concept of personal space and individual choices is being infringed upon shamelessly. If we allow such assaults on our collective conscience to persist unchecked, India risks moral disintegration, becoming a society governed by the law of "Might is Right. "It is imperative that we confront these challenges head-on. Our nation's progress should not be limited to technological achievements alone but should also encompass the values that define us as a humane and compassionate society. Our leaders must rise above political rhetoric and take decisive action to address religious intolerance, working towards building a society where personal choices are respected and diversity is celebrated. India's future is at stake. While we marvel at our achievements in space, we must also acknowledge the urgent need to safeguard the fundamental principles that make us who we are.

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RAINY STRIDE



Pedestrians cross a road amid rainfall, in Shimla, Thursday, May 25.

Narendra Modi: A Respected Global Leader Shaping India's Influence



DR MANMOHAN PRAKASH

face trouble abroad, there is a

Modi's International Influence

Irrespective of a country's economic status, development level, or political power, the influence of Narendra Modi transcends borders. Leaders from various nations demonstrate their admiration for him in different ways, such as patting his back, bowing down, saluting, or even touching his feet. Some countries have even gone to the extent of breaking protocols for Modi, while others have expressed a desire to confer upon him the highest honors of their respective nations. The chant of "Har Har Modi, Ghar Ghar Modi" echoes through the native and foreign citizens of every country he visits, signifying the global recognition of his

India's presence under Modi's leadership is sought after by numerous international organizations, including G-5, G-7, and G-20, despite not being a member. The international community sees a ray of hope in Modi, be it for fostering cordial relationships, promoting free trade, resolving conflicts, enhancing peace in the Indo-Pacific region, or addressing environmental concerns. Nations like France, America, Britain, and Russia have welcomed India's political and administrative moves under Modi's leadership, leading to increased trade and job opportunities for their own countries.

International Crisis Management

Modi's leadership extends beyond bilateral relations and economic growth. Whenever Indians strong belief that the presence of Prime Minister Modi will resolve the situation. Recent instances in Ukraine and Sudan have proven this notion true, further bolstering India's reputation and the influence of its people in global politics. These achievements instill a sense of pride among Indians, raising their respect in the international society under Modi's guidance.

Strategic Partnerships and Global Philanthropy

Under Modi's leadership, India has witnessed a surge in strategic partnerships and collaborations with developed and nuclear-powered countries. Many nations are eager to forge alliances and supply modern technologies and warheads, a testament to the credibility and trust established by Modi on the global stage. Furthermore, countries seek to sell their goods in the vast Indian market, while others express a keen interest in purchasing Indian goods. India's philanthropic efforts remain unwavering, as evidenced by its swift response in providing aid to regions affected by natural disasters across the globe. The Indian government banks continue to perform well and contribute positively to the country's financial stability, even as some banks in countries like America face bankruptcy.

Domestic Challenges and Opposition

While Modi's leadership enjoys admiration abroad, domestic conditions present a different perspec-

n today's world, the charismatic personality of India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has garnered immense respect and admiration not only within the borders of his own nation but across the globe. Leaders from all corners of the world acknowledge and appreciate Modi's popularity and pay their respects to his voice. This article explores the profound impact of Modi's leadership, highlighting the way in which he has earned admiration and recognition from countries worldwide. It also delves into the challenges and criticisms faced domestically, showcasing the complexities of his leadership within India.

tive. It is important to note that not all Indians or opposition parties are satisfied with the policies implemented under Modi's administration. Concerns regarding law and order, farmer welfare, unemployment, and reservation status have been raised, resulting in electoral gains for the opposition in some assembly elections. However, the prospect of victory in national elections remains uncertain for the opposition parties.

Despite ideological differences, the opposition parties are contemplating joining forces to contest the upcoming central elections. History shows that a united opposition can pose a significant challenge to the ruling party, as witnessed in the 1977 central elections when the combined power of opposition parties led to their victory against the Congress party. However, the reluctance of individual parties to dissolve their own existence provides assurance to Modi and his party that they have a strong chance of winning the upcoming central elections.

Understanding the Common Indian

Citizen's Perspective To gauge the mood of the common Indian citizen, it becomes apparent that many attribute significant progress in key areas to Modi's leadership. Initiatives such as the resolution of the Ram Mandir issue, the abolition of triple talaq, the revocation of special rights in Kashmir, and the focus on resolving problems in the North East have all been perceived as outcomes of Modi's dedication and interest. The people of India look towards Modi with hopeful eyes for

addressing other pressing issues such as implementing a common civil code, establishing a population register, and resolving the Shri Krishna Janam Bhoomi dispute. Even in the face of some setbacks in various states, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged victorious in the last central election. This further strengthens the belief that Modi and his party have the potential to secure victory in the upcoming central elections.

However, the BJP faces challenges in certain states, including Himachal, Punjab, and Karnataka, where they do not possess an indisputable winning face. The presence of anti-incumbency sentiment in these states may provide an advantage to the opposition. It is worth noting that the electoral landscape has seen a shift, with parties like AAP gaining power in Delhi and Punjab by promising extensive welfare measures. If this trend extends to the central elections, the results could be unpre-

Narendra Modi's leadership has undeniably garnered respect and admiration on the global stage. Leaders from around the world acknowledge his popularity and pay their respects to his voice. India's presence and influence in international organizations are desired, and Modi's initiatives have led to increased trade and job opportunities for various countries. Furthermore, his effective crisis management has bolstered India's reputation and strengthened the perception of Indian citizens in global politics. (Views are

Jai Ho Modi: Global Admiration

The chanting of "Jai Ho Modi" by world leaders and citizens is a source of pride for every Indian. Modi's international itinerary and the participation of world representatives in the G20 conference in Srinagar are testaments to his global influence. India achieved a major victory when most countries acknowledged Kashmir as part of India. However, challenges remain with nucleararmed neighboring countries, China and Pakistan, posing strategic concerns. India's approach is based on mutual respect and interests, aiming for normalization. Pakistan's turmoil and currency devaluation further complicate the situation. Despite these challenges, India's economic growth has catapulted it to the fifth-largest economy globally. Remarkable instances like the President of Papua New Guinea touching Modi's feet and the President of the USA requesting his autograph highlight Modi's exceptional stature. Modi's visits abroad will likely impact the 2024 parliamentary elections, as voters now differentiate between state and national elections. Ultimately, the warm reception for India's Prime Minister in foreign countries is a matter of immense pride.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

Pink is turning to Yellow

The abolition of the 2000 (pink) note by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hasn't caused the same uproar as the initial demonetization, but concerns remain. The four-month window for exchanging pink notes may have eased tensions. However, the decision has led to a surge in gold demand (yellow metal), reflecting the volatility generated by demonetization. Those holding large quantities of pink notes are now turning to gold as a new investment. Reports indicate a rise in jewelry purchases as people seek to safeguard their wealth. India's cultural affinity for gold complicates efforts to unlock the potential of these dormant assets for productive growth. Balancing currency management and economic development remains a challenge for policymakers.

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Modi's Charisma Fading

The Karnataka Assembly elections have revealed a decline in the charismatic appeal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. BJP's heavy reliance on Modi's persona did not yield the desired results, indicating that voters can no longer be taken for granted. The grandeur of election rallies and pageantry no longer holds sway over the electorate, who are now more discerning. The ruling party's inability to effectively address crucial issues such as the Adani controversy, sexual harassment cases, and cow vigilantism has not gone unnoticed. Today's voters are astute and can comprehend the reasons behind the delayed action against BJP MP Brii Bhushan Sharan Singh.

MK Nair Raipur

MODI-fication of Rupee's Trade Value

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Money makes the economy move, which was the concept behind the ascent of money. Otherwise, barter would have been our mode of transaction until today. The global economy and the domestic economy at large wanted to have some currency, leading to the conceptualization of legal tender known as currency or money. Since the ages after we transitioned to the gold standard, the US dollar remained a benchmark currency, giving the US a leading position in controlling the global economy. But lately, international players have started to believe that the USD cannot be the standard anymore, and for the world to grow more prominent, it would need to think independently without USD. So, countries are coming forward to settle internation-

al trades in some alternative bilaterally accepted currency, keeping USD aside. China and India will be the two major players looking to occupy this space. In the future, market share will be distributed among many others too, but these two countries will become significantly prominent and emerge as power centers, at least in Asian markets.

An international trading currency should have some unique, acceptable attributes like stability against volatility. The rupee in the global market may fetch a higher valuation that the world needs to see in the coming days. To sustain such currency valuations, it has to be backed up by robust export capabilities and improved competitive advantage; otherwise, international valuation would be short-term. The central bank will need more liquidity to stabilize the rupee's valuation in international and domestic markets.

Therefore, focusing on export-oriented business through big and small players is a complementary approach to the new initiatives of RBI. Financial policies and the RBI roadmap must sync to augfuture economic ment prospects. Indian budgets predominantly focus on tax collection and meeting expenditures. The budgets for the last 6/7 years did not indicate any policies supporting the vision of positioning the rupee in the international market to establish a global footprint. Therefore, in the coming years, these engagement initiatives might increase to enhance the currency's value through a more global presence, but not through traditional RBI buying-selling mechanisms. However, inflationary pressure on the currency will sometimes have more impact on the economy. Therefore, a business-friendly and sustainable roadmap for the future must be in place to achieve our aspirations. Financial pragmatism needs to include what India used to have in their ministry in the past. In the past, especially in the 90s, leaders showed extraordinary capabilities to steer the economy in dire situations. India survived many recessions due to the size of the domestic market, which is the hidden strength of the country, and that is why all global companies are eyeing to try their prospects in India.

External influences sometimes work in the reverse direction if a solid and wellthought-out financial framework is not established before promoting a currency as a feasible alternative in international markets. The commoditization of money in global trade platforms often carries risks and invites volatility. The value of cash and the stability of the domestic economy will be at stake if robust financial plans are not in place.

Although a vast economic potential is approaching due to India's population strength. how to control currency volatility is a matter for RBI to consider with a futuristic strategy, taking into account a time horizon of at least 30/40 vears ahead. Reinventing the international currency, where global peace is at stake and seems to continue for a while, is a risky roadmap. Therefore, at this juncture, financial transactions in a divided world due to the Russia-Ukraine war pose a challenge that can be solved by staying united.

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Delayed projects



New Delhi: Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh on Thursday said the government will crackdown on developers of power projects, who miss the scheduled commercial date of operation or deadline to complete

the project. Addressing a CII conference, Singh said the electricity generation capacity addition is a big challenge, as people are sitting on several projects won under the bidding process. Singh said that all these projects (power projects) are won under the bidding process and if they miss the SCOD (scheduled commercial date of operation or deadline to complete the project), then the developer will be banned from participating in project bidding for one year.

Money laundering

■ New Delhi: Industry body Assocham has inked an agreement with cost accountants' apex body ICMAI with an aim to prevent money laundering and transnational financial crimes. Both entities have entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in this regard. The strategic collaboration aims to drive professional and organisational development in the realm of money laundering prevention and related transnational financial crimes, according to a release on Thursday.

Processing plant



Dharamsala: Himachal Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that Rs 250 crore will be invested to upgrade the facilities of the Dhagwar milk processing plant in Kangra district. The state government aims to collect milk from cattle herders and sell milk products to boost the rural economy, he said during a visit to the milk plant. In line with this objective, the government is launching the 'Him-Ganga' scheme, which focuses on developing a milk-based economy in the state.

Extends deadline

■ New Delhi: The Income Tax department extended the deadline for charitable and religious trusts to furnish applications for registration till September 30. Under Income Tax law, the income of charitable institutions, religious trusts, medical and educational institutions are exempt from tax. However, these institutions are required to seek registration from the I-T department.

BSNL 4G to go live in next 2 weeks; **5G by December: Vaishnaw**

Dehradun, May 25:

has started rolling out of 4G network with 200 sites, and after a three-month trial, it will launch an average of 200 sites per day, Union IT and Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. The minister said the 4G network of BSNL will be upgraded to 5G November-December.

"The 4G-5G telecom stack we have developed in India. That stack deployment started with BSNL Between Chandigarh and Dehradun, 200 sites installations have been done and within the next maximum of two weeks, it will go Vaishnaw said. BSNL has placed an advance purchase order of over Rs 19,000 crore with Tata Consultancy Services and ITI Limited for the de-



ployment of a 4G network, comprising more than 1.23 lakh sites. "The speed at which BSNL will deploy, you will be surprised. After testing for three months, we will be doing 200 sites a day. That is the average at which we will go. BSNL network will work initially like 4G. Very soon, somewhere around November- December, with a very small software adjustment this will be-

come 5G," Vaishnaw said. He was speaking to reporters after commissioning the 2,00,000th site in Gangotri along with Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.

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every minute one 5G site is getting activated. The world is surprised. It is a matter of pride for us that the 2,00,000th site has installed Chardham," Vaishnaw said. The Prime Minister has said that India will stand along with the world in 5G and take the lead in 6G, he noted. Vaishnaw said that gone are the days when technology transfers used to be signed.

"Today India has become a technology exporter," Vaishnaw added. The first 1 lakh 5G sites months of the launch of service by the Prime Minister on October 1. The next 1 lakh sites have been rolled out in three months. "We had set a target to have around 1.5 lakh sites by December 31, 2023. Already 2 lakh sites have been completed. I feel by December 31, it should be more than 3 lakh sites," Vaishnaw said. He said that countries like the US have started deploying made-in-India telecom technologies. "Today, devotees of Chardham have received a present in the form of a 5G site. Now, our border area will also get wrapped up with mobile connectivity. The dream that we saw of high-speed connectivity in hilly area Uttarakhand has been ful-

BMW India drives in new Z4



Priced at **Rs 89.3 lakh**

New Delhi, May 25:

Luxury automaker BMW India on Thursday said it has launched new version of Z4 Roadster in the country priced at Rs 89.3 lakh (ex-showroom). The model comes as a completely built-up unit (CBU). "It is the epitome of driving pleasure with its powerful engine, rear-wheel drive and a vehicle concept centered around agility," BMW Group India President Vikram Pawah said in a statement. The petrol powered three-litre six-cylinder engine helps the car surge from 0-100 km/hr in 4.5 seconds. The Z4 Roadster comes with various many driver assistance features like active park distance control (PDC), rear view camera assisted optional parking assistant function and driving assistant

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to Rs 25 lakh

New Delhi, May 25:

In line with the Budget announcement, the fiministry Thursday hiked the tax exemption limit for leave encashment upon retirement for private sector salaried employees to Rs 25 lakh. So far, the tax exemption on leave encashment for non-government employees was Rs 3 lakh which was fixed in 2002, when the highest basic pay in the government was Rs 30,000 per month.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), in a statement, said the aggregate amount exempt from income tax under section 10(10AA)(ii) shall not exceed the limit of Rs 25

ments are received by a non-government employee from more than one em-The increased limit for

tax exemption on leave encashment on retirement or otherwise of non-government salaried employees to Rs 25 lakh with effect from April 1, 2023. "In pursuance to the proposal in the Budget speech, 2023,... the central government has notified the increased limit for tax exemption on leave encashment on retirement or otherwise of non-government salaried employees to Rs 25 lakh w.e.f. 01.04.2023," the CBDT said. In 2023-24 Budget, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had increased the tax exemption on leave encashment on retirement non-government salaried employees to Rs 25 lakh, from Rs 3 lakh.

Lexus India rolls out new LC 500H Luxury Coupe



■ Tagged at Rs 2.39 cr

New Delhi, May 25:

Lexus India on Thursday said it has launched announced the new LC 500H Luxury Coupe in the country priced at Rs 2.39 crore (ex-showroom). The company said the model now comes with all new instrument panels to the layout of the centre console, among others. "The transition to the new model of LC 500h is in sync with our commitment to

designing products that offer unparalleled comfort and superior performance to our discerning quests." Lexus India President Naveen Soni said in a statement. The new enhanced LC will surely catch the imagination of luxury consumers with newer technology and design upgrades, he added. The automaker said it has teamed up with designers Abraham and Thakore to release limited edition jackets, featuring custom designs inspired by Lexus.

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PM to chair NITI Aayog Governing Council meet on Saturday

filled today," Dhami said.

New Delhi. May 25:

Narendra Modi will chair NITI Aayog's eighth Governing Council meeting on May 27, which will deliberate on several issues including, health, skill development, women empowerment and infrastructure development, with an aim to make India a developed nation by 2047.

The council, the apex body of NITI Aayog, includes all chief ministers, lieutenant governors of Union Territories, and several Union ministers. Modi is the Chairman of NITI Aayog. "NITI Aayog will be organising its 8th Council Governing Meeting on the theme of 'Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Role



of Team India' on May 27, 2023," the Aayog said in a statement. The statement noted that as the world's fifth largest economy and the most populous nation, India is at a stage in its economic development trajectory where it can achieve accelerated growth over the next 25 years. In this context, the statement said the 8th Governing Council Meeting provides an op-

portunity to create a roadmap for Viksit Bharat by 2047 in which Centre and states can work together as Team India. "Eight prominent themes will be discussed, including Viksit Bharat@2047, thrust on MSMEs, infrastructure and investments, minimising compliances, women empowerment, health and nutrition, skill development, and Gati Shakti for area development and social infrastructure," the statement

According to the statement, as a prelude to the 8th Governing Council meeting, the 2nd Chief Secretaries Conference was held in January 2023 where these themes were extensively discussed.

LG India expects 10% growth Exploring new

business categories as **Health care, says MD** New Delhi, May 25:

LG Electronics India expects around 10 per cent growth in FY24 and exploring new business categories such healthcare and water purification here besides investing further in its manufacturing ecosystem, its Managing Director Hong Ju Jeon said on Wednesday. India is an important market for the South Korean chaebol, where it sees a "big potential" as the economic situation is bright compared to other global markets with a growing population with more youths, he said. The company is working towards increasing the domestic value addition of India-made products and is

even inviting its sister concerns from South Korea to set up plants for component manufacturing here, Jeon told PTI in an interaction here. It is also looking to increase exports to other countries from India by enhancing the cost competitiveness and more products in its offerings. "We will support the India government's make-in-India initiatives and will increase the exports from here and contribute to the Indian Economy," said Jeon. Jeon also lauded India's growth story this year and said its economy is growing despite other markets facing tough times on account of global disruption from war and other factors. When asked about the growth expectation of LG business in India, he said: "LG also has

Unacademy celebrates outstanding success of UPSC CSE 2022

New Delhi, May 25:

Unacademy, India's largest learning platform, is proud to announce the exceptional the UPSC CSE (Civil Services Examination) 2022. Among the top rankers of Unacademy are Smriti Mishra (AIR 4), Kanika Goyal (AIR 9), Rahul Srivastava (AIR 10), Abhinav Siwach (AIR 12) and Vidushi Singh (AIR 13). 300+ Unacademy Learners have secured top ranks, showcasing their dedication, perseverance, and the effectiveness of Unacademy's comprehensive learning platform. Among the Unacademy Learners, 206 rank holders were from the online program, benefiting from exclusive guidance provided by India's Top

FinMin agrees to allow highway contractors to convert bank guarantees into surety bonds, says Gadkari

New Delhi, May 25:

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has said the finance ministry has agreed to allow contractors engaged by state-owned NHAI and NHIDCL to convert their bank guarantees into insurance surety bonds. Gadkari had recently said changes will be made to the surety bond offering to make it more lucrative as no contractor is buying it because of the strict conditions imposed by insurance regulator Irdai. "I conveyed to the road transport secretary that he should talk to the finance secretary once to give it (allowing conversion of bank guarantee to



surety bonds) from retrospective effect. "In NHAI, in the road ministry and NHIDCL whatever bank guarantees are there, if they want, they can convert them into insurance surety bonds. Permission should be given for this,' Gadkari said Wednesday at an event or-

ganised by the National Highways Authority of India. Last year in December, launched the country's first-ever surety bond insurance product with an aim to reduce the dependence on infrastructure developers on bank guarantees. "I am happy to tell you that the road transport secretary talked to the finance secretary and the finance secretary has agreed. Now you can convert it," the road transport and highways minister said. The product, from the stable of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, has been developed in response to a demand by the industry and the government.

Cambridge International students shine with remarkable results

New Delhi, May 25: Cambridge International, the largest provider of international education for 5 to 19-yearolds in India and globally, has announced the results of its March 2023 exam series for Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGSCE) and Cambridge International AS & A Level. With 65,157entries submitted from 379schools across the country, the March 2023 exam series has once again produced excellent results for Cambridge International students in India.Cambridge IGCSE had a 5 per cent and Cambridge International AS & A Levelsaw 12 per cent increase with over 47,800 entries for the year 2022-23 compared to 45,000 entries last year, and Cambridge International

AS & A Level saw growth of 12 per cent with 15,600 entries for the year 2022-23 compared to 13,833 entries last year. Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, First Language English, and Biology were the most popular Cambridge IGCSE subjects, while Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, and Business were the most popular subjects for Cambridge International AS & A Level. Meanwhile, a 6 per cent increase in entries for STEM subjects with over 25,539 entries in total shows that students in India continue to have inclination for these subjects. Mahesh Srivastava Regional Director, South Asia. Cambridge International. 'Cambridge International is proud to announce the results achieved by our

students in India for the

March 2023 exam series.

Markets bounce back from intra-day lows; settle higher on fag-end buying

nounce the launch of Uber Green, unveiling an EV partnership.

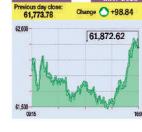
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Mumbai, May 25:

Equity benchmark in-

dices bounced back from intra-day lows to settle in the positive territory on Thursday helped by fagend buying. In a volatile of 61,484.66. The NSE Nifty gained 35.75 points or 0.20 per cent to end at 18,321.15 after beginning the trade on a weak note. From the Sensex pack, Bharti Airtel. ITC, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Larsen & Toubro, Power Grid, Bajaj Finance, Infosys, Nestle, Paints Asian and



Uber Senior Vice President (Mobility & Business Operations) Andrew Macdonald

(left) and Uber India & South Asia President Prabhjeet Singh during an event to an-

were among the major gainers. Wipro, Tata Motors, IndusInd Bank, HDFC. Hindustan Unilever, State Bank of India and Tata Steel were the major laggards. In Asian markets, Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower, while Tokyo ended in the green. Equity markets in Europe were trading on a mixed note. The US market ended lower on Wednesday.

need of the hour

Several prominent lead-

ers have endorsed the Legislators' National

constituency. Such gatherings facilitate communication and understanding between legislators from different regions, allowing them to learn about each other's constituencies and

The leaders believe that in a diverse culture like ours, there is a need to bring legislators from across the country, cutting across party lines to have a meaningful dialogue. Speaking through video conference during the re-cent event, Dr Meira Kumar, former Lok Sabha Speaker said, "There are very few countries where there are multiple religions and sects. The forthcoming conference is all set to create history. Several issues related to social justice, international relations, or education, are going to be dis-

Rupee falls 7 paise to close at 82.75 against US dollar Mumbai, May 25:

The rupee fell 7 paise to

close at 82.75 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, weighed down by the strength of the American currency in the overseas market. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.76 against the dollar, and finally settled at 82.75 (provisional), down 7 paise from its previous close. During the day, the rupee touched a high of 82.70 and a low of 82.78 against greenback Wednesday, the rupee had settled at 82.68 against the dollar. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.13 per cent to 104.02. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, declined 1.47 per cent to USD 77.21 per barrel.

trade amid the monthly derivaives expiry, the 30share BSE Sensex climbed 98.84 points or 0.16 per cent to settle at 61,872.62. During the day, it hit a high of 61,934.01 and a low

Mahindra & Mahindra

NLC Bharat is the

Mumbai, May 25:

Conference (NLC) Bharat scheduled to take place next month in Mumbai. Cutting across party lines, the leaders have expressed that the exercise that will see congregation of over 2,500 legislators, will be a historic event. Speaking at recent event organized at the Jio World Convention Centre, Sumitra Mahajan, former Lok Sabha Speaker said, "MLCs and MLAs from different regions will come together to discuss sustainable issues, exchange perspectives, and learn about the challenges being addressed in their respective states. It is essential to prioritise the nation first, followed by the state, and then the individual

exchange ideas.

Doing an out-an-out action film is something I wanted to do, says **Shahid Kapoor**

ctor Shahid Kapoor's upcoming film 'Bloody Daddy' is set to release on OTT on June 9. He said that doing an out-an-out action film was something he had been wanting to do.

Speaking about his unconventional role, Shahid said: Doing an out-an-out action film was something I have been wanting to do but I was waiting for the right one to come my way. When Ali came to me with this project, I knew this was it! It's high octane, its action packed, it's thrilling, it's intense, created especially for a digital first audience." "Ali is a true master when it comes to this style of films, and it's been very enriching for me to partner with him on this. We really love what we have created together and are bloody excited to see the audience reaction The film will exclusively stream on JioCinema. The platform unveiled the action-packed trailer of the Ali Abbas Zafar-directorial at a grand event in Mumbai, in the presence of Shahid Kapoor and the director ahead of its release. Ali Abbas Zafar said: "We see a lot of

dark crime thrillers in the west, but hardly any in India that are made at that level and intensity. Bloody Daddy' breaks all stereotypes right from Shahid's transformation into a 'killing machine' to being one of the first direct to OTT films to be created at this grand scale! 'Bloody Daddy' is a hard-hitting out and out dark action thriller that promises raw and real action. Produced by Jyoti Deshpande, Sunir Kheterpal, Gaurav Bose, Himanshu Kishan Mehra, and Ali Abas Zafar, the Bloody avatar of Shahid will be accompanied by an equally talented cast of Diana Penty, Sanjay Kapoor, Ronit Roy, and Rajeev Khandelwal in pivotal roles. Bloody Daddy unravels the story of Sumair (played by Shahid Kapoor) as he faces off against Gurugram's white-

ceitful friends, a

ruthless crime

ous narcs, and both corrupt and honest cops - all during one fateful night. In the midst of a post-COVID party apocalypse, this embattled man embraces a precarious new normal and will stop at nothing to

Sakhi gets over her fear of driving

ony SAB's Wagle Ki Peedhi Naye Kissey is a slice of life family drama that follows the daily happenings of a middle-class household. With its relatable characters and thought-provoking narrative, Wagle Ki Duniya has won audiences heart and continues to be loved by people of all ages alike. Be it in sickness or in health, in good times or bad, the Wagle family always stands by each other. So, when his darling daughter Sakhi (played by Chinmayee Salvi) contemplates learning how to drive a car, Rajesh Wagle (played by Sumeet Raghavan) encourages her by enrolling her to a driving class in Maruti Driving School.

The upcoming track sees Sakhi trying to get over her biggest fear yet that of driving. When Radhika (played by Bharti Achrekar) needs to be taken to the doctor, Sakhi ropes Vivaan in to

drive them there. At this point Vivaan urges Sakhi to take up driving and get over her irrational fear. Seeing a window of opportunity, Rajesh steps in and decides he must encourage his daughter to overcome this challenge and empower herself with driving skills which will make her more independent in her day to day life. Chinmayee Salvi, who essays the role of Sakhi Wagle, said, "I think driving is a skill all

and makes one independthe viewers will find a part of themselves in

Ki Duniya: Nayi Peedhi Naye Kissey only on Sony SAB every Monday to Saturday at 9.00 PM.



Tune in to watch Wagle

Will Katha consider giving love a second chance?

Sony Entertainment Television's Kathaa Entertainment Ankahee has made a remarkable impression on the viewers with its heartwarming love story born out of repentance. Starring Adnan Khan and Aditi Dev Sharma, the storyline has witnessed Viaan and Katha work towards overcoming life's challenges. Breaking away from the mould of the stereotypical TV hero, Viaan is a character who has been appreciated for confessing his feelings and giving Katha the assurance that he does not expect anything in return. But view-

ers also empathise with Katha who is clear that there is no place for love or anv man in her life; her life revolves around her son, Aarav, and his well-being.

women should know. It is

extremely empowering

Shedding some light on this situation, Aditi Dev Sharma, who plays Katha opines, "As a mother, I completely understand Katha's situation. Her priority is her son Aarav's happiness and well-being. She doesn't want Aarav to think anyone is taking his father's place because most children tend to refrain from welcoming a third person into their family."



save the one relationship that truly matters to him. The other side of 'Rashmi' I never really considered

becoming a singer, says comedian-singer Munawar omedian and singer Munawar ◆has discussed his journey as a singer and said that he never considered being one. Munawar has made his music debut with the album 'Madari'. All songs in the album have been written by Munawar. Sharing his experience of stepping into the world of music, Munawar revealed: "While

working on a composition. I used to hum the tune, and one of my composer friends encouraged me to try my hand at singing. "I was hesitant at first, but after some persuasion, I decided to give it a shot. That's how my journey as a singer began." He added: "To be honest. I never really considered becoming a

singer. Even now, I feel like I need to take good care of my throat for singing, and sometimes it is difficult to maintain a consistent schedule. When I came up with the idea of creating 'Madari.' I was faced with a question: what language should I choose?"

"Since I can write in various genres like comedy, shayari, aggressive hip-hop, and romantic songs, I thought, why not include everything in Madari."



Dharti Bhatt portrays a grey character who consistently attempts to disrupt Kanha and Sayuri's lives. However, in contrast to her on-screen persona, Dharti Bhatt is completely different in her personal life. She reveals that people often misunderstand her in real life due to the impactful nature of her character Rashmi, and she sheds light on her true self outside of the show and how she likes to spend her usual days.

She says, "I portray the strong and cunning character of Rashmi, who possesses shades of grey. While I receive much praise for my portrayal, my true personality is often misunderstood. Those who are close to me understand how different I am in reality. I lead a simple life and consider myself a deeply spiritual person. Whenever I have the opportunity, I enjoy visiting the Isckon temple. As a devoted follower of Lord Krishna, I eagerly await my days off so I can visit Iskcon. Recently, I even made an impromptu trip to Vrindavan.'



Stay tuned to watch 'Woh Toh Hai Albela' every Monday-Friday at 9:00 PM only on Star Bharat.

Swara Bhasker wraps up her multiple role film 'Mrs Falani'

Bhasker, who recently tied the knot with political activist Fahad Ahmad, wrapped up shooting for her upcoming film 'Mrs Falani' in which she essays multiple characters.

The film is based on 8 different stories and will see the actress pulling off 8 different characters belonging from different regions, speaking different dialects, sporting different

attires in one single movie. Talking about the film, Swara said: "'Mrs Falani' is a really special film because it's the first time I got to essay multiple characters in one project. It was a real challenge to build 8 distinct female characters that were distinguishable and unique in their own identity but also united in their woman-hood and their ex-



Chhattisgarh which was an eye opener in its beauty diversity. Collaboration with Manish Kishore Ji and his team was a happy and fulming experience and I am proud to be part of this film and play various Mrs Falanis.

periences. It was the first

time I was shooting in

In the film, Swara will be seen in the role of a homemaker representing different states such as Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Punjab and others. Reportedly, going the extra mile, Swara also got her nose pierced for the

Manish Kishore, director of the project, said in a statement: "It is a very compelling story, in fact it's a collection of stories from various geographies in the country defying the odds by being themselves.

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ctress Priyanka Chopra Jonas ⊾bravelv dressed an unsettling incident that took place in Bollywood, where a filmmaker made a disrespectful comment, stating that he "needed to see her underwear." Priyanka, known for her outspoken nature, shared her experience of shooting for a film in which she portrayed an undercover role, shedding light on the dehumanizing encounter and her decision to walk away from the project.

Recalling the incident, Priyanka revealed that it occurred around 2002 or '03 during the filming of a scene where her character seduced an individual as part of her undercover mission. The actress expressed her desire to layer up for the scene, but the film-

maker insisted



on showcasing her underwear, believing it would entice audiences to watch the movie.

The demeaning comment was not directed at Priyanka personally but was uttered by the filmmaker to the stylist in her presence. It left her feeling devalued, reducing her worth to mere objectification. Priyanka expressed her frustration, stating that it conveyed the message that her artistic contributions and individuality were insignificant compared to her perceived util-

After enduring two days such treatment, Priyanka decided to walk away from the film. Her father, Ashok Chopra, supported her decision but asked her to reimburse the production company with her own money to cover the expenses had inthey

curred.

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Upbeat MI hold the edge vs Titans in Qualifier 2

Ahmedabad, May 25 (PTI):

Madhwal's Akash breathtaking bowling performance Lucknow Super Giants in the Eliminator would have given five-time IPL champions Mumbai Indians wings and they would be fancying their chances against defending champions Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 2 to be played in the world's largest stadium here on Friday.

Mumbai Indians, riding on magical figures of five for five produced by Madhwal at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Wednesday night, knocked out LSG from the race to the final with an 81-run win.

The massive MI victory was a warning to the rivals that they could lift their game according to the occasion even in the absence of star pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Jofra Archer and batting mainstay Tilak Varma.

The likes of Cameron Green, Suryakumar Yadav and Tim David have responded well to the challenges and now form the backbone of the batting



young Nehal Wadhera too making a huge impact, and the opening pair of Rohit and Ishan Kishan doing a fair job.

It will be a stern test for the Titans' bowling attack. led by Mohammad Shami (26 wickets in 15 matches). to get the better of MI's batting, which has im-

proved drastically towards the business end of the tournament. Madhwal has been a revelation with the ball. The right-arm bowler returned a dream spell of 3.5-0-5-5 against LSG to put his side into the virtual semifinal after a threewicket burst that set up victory in their crucial

Time: 7:30PM IST.

last league game against Sunrisers Hyderabad. Veterans Piyush Chawla (21 wickets in 15 matches) and Jason Behrendorff (14 wickets in 11 matches) have also been impressive, while an otherwise expensive Chris Jordan also enjoyed a fine outing of 2-1-7-1 in the Eliminator.

Gujarat Titans, outclassed and outgunned in Qualifier 1 by Mahendra Singh Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings, will have one last chance to gather themselves up and put their best foot forward in familiar conditions here in order to qualify for their second IPL final on the trot. It will be imperative for the defending champions that their batting clicks in unison, since Shubman Gill and Vijay Shankar have done bulk of the heavy lifting with the bat in the last few games.

Gill might have had an off day against CSK but his two centuries in the closing stages of the league round make him the biggest threat for Mumbai Indians. With 722 runs in 15 matches at an

two centuries and four fifties, the India batter has 421 runs more than the second-best GT batter --Shankar with 301 runs in 12 matches -- and is also just eight runs short of going past RCB's Faf du Plessis to finish with most runs in this IPL.

The Titans will also expect more with the bat from their captain Hardik Pandya, who is going through a form slump, notching scores of 8, DNB, 8, 4 and 25 in his last five games. The Titans' lower middle-order lynchpin David Miller too has gone without a fifty this season and also failed to get into double figures in his last three outings.

The contest here on Friday night will be the third meeting between GT and MI this season, with both teams winning one game each.

After the Titans crushed MI at this venue by 55 runs in a one-sided game, in their next Suryakumar struck his maiden IPL century to power MI to a 27-run win -a margin which could have been a lot bigger had Rashid Khan not smashed

Sindhu, Prannoy enter quarterfinals of Malaysia Masters

Star Indian shuttler PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy booked their places in the quarterfinals of the Malaysia Masters with contrasting wins over their respective rivals here on Thursday.

While double Olympic medallist and sixth seed Sindhu disposed of Aya Ohori of Japan in straight games in women's singles. Prannov had to dig deep to get the better of Shi Feng Li of China in a tough three-game men's singles contest. Taking the court first, world No. 13 Sindhu extended her domination over Ohori, ranked 28th, taking just 40 minutes to beat the Japanese 21-16, 21-11 in the round of 16. Sindhu, thus, enjoys a commanding 12-0 head-to-head record against Ohori. Sindhu will face China's Yi Man Zhang in the quarterfinals. World No. 9 Prannoy then overcame a game deficit to beat world No.11 Li 13-21, 21-16, 21-11 in one hour and 10 minutes to book his berth in



the last-eight stage. Prannoy will next meet the winner of the match between third seed Jonatan Christie of Indonesia and Japan's Kenta Nishimoto. Later in the day, Lakshya Sen will be seen in action against Angus Ng Ka Long of Hong Kong while Kidambi Srikanth will play eight seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand in their respective

Sathiyan, Sharath, Manika among retained players ahead of UTT season 4

Mumbai. May 25 (PTI):

Veteran Sharath Kamal and G Sathiyan are among the four players retained by their respective franchises of the Ultimate Tennis (UTT) league.

Defending champions Chennai Lions have retained ten-time national champion Sharath, while UTT Season 3 finalists Dabang Delhi TTC have decided to continue with Sathivan at the fore.

India's star female paddler Manika Batra has retained Bengaluru Smashers with



the retention transfer originating from her former franchise, while Asian Games bronze medallist Manay Thakkar will continue at U Mumba TT.

"The Season 4 and this will be my fourth consecutive season for Dabang Delhi. The most unforget table moment was certainly winning the championship point for Dabang Delhi in Season 2. I am eagerly looking forward to play for Delhi family again and win the UTT this year," Sathiyan said.

Individuals showed a lot of character to reach successive **WTC finals: Rohit**

New Delhi, May 25 (PTI):

Captain Rohit Sharma feels all individuals showed a lot of character and stepped up when needed to take India to the World Test Championship final for the second consecutive time, especially after losing in the inaugural edition in 2021.

India will take on Australia at The Oval in the 2021-2023 cycle WTC final, starting June 7. "After the World Test Championship Southampton, we quickly

had to regroup and get ready for the next cycle." Rohit said in a video posted by BCCI on its website. i thought in that cycle

we played some really, really tough cricket. We were challenged a lot of times and I thought to come out of that was obviously going to take a lot of character from not just a few individuals. but everyone." Rohit was



full of praise for the fighting character of his teammates after the disappointment of losing the inaugural WTC final to New Zealand in 2021.

"Look, it's a cycle of two rears and we play a lot of Test matches during that period. Lot(s) of players have played in that cycle,' he said. "Different individuals have stepped up, putting the performances that we were looking for from the individual.

Lautaro Martinez scores 2 as Inter beats Fiorentina 2-1 for Italian Cup title

Rome, May 25 (AP):

Take note, Manchester City: the bigger the match, the bigger the performfrom Lautaro Martinez lately.

After scoring key goals against Benfica and city rival AC Milan to help secure Inter Milan a spot in the Champions League final, Martinez netted twice as the Nerazzurri produced a 2-1 comeback win over Fiorentina to defend the Italian Cup trophy on Wednesday.

It's the second trophy that Inter has won this season after also beating Milan in the Italian Super Cup in January when Martinez also scored.

After a couple of matches to finish up Serie A, Martinez and Inter will be aiming for one more trophy when they face City in the Champions League final on June 10 in Istanbul. "In all honesty, I



Inter Milan's players celebrate after their victory of the Italian Cup final soccer match between Fiorentina and Inter Milan at the Rome's Olympic Stadium.

couple of years we have been bringing trophies to this great club and we've got to continue this way," said Martinez, who also played a big role when Inter won Serie A in 2021. "I want to keep contributing for Inter, because that's

am moved, because for a what matters." Martinez now has a career-best 27 goals across all competitions for Inter this season, having also helped Argentina win the World Cup in December. He's also the only player to have appeared in all 54 of Inter's matches this season.

I am not Bumrah's replacement: Madhwal



Akash Madhwal, who engineered Mumbai Indians' comprehensive 81-run win over Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL Eliminator, doesn't consider himself as Jasprit Bumrah's replacement and is happy to fulfil the responsibility entrusted on him by the team. Madhwal, an engineer from Uttarakhand, returned impressive figures of 5 for 5 in 3.3 overs as MI inched one step closer to the IPL summit clash on Wednesday night.

"I am trying my best to fulfil the responsibilities given to me by the team. I am not Bumrah's replacement but I'm trying my best to do what I can," Madhwal told reporters after the match.

Decision on Asia Cup hosts on May 28: Jay Shah

New Delhi, May 25 (PTI):

A decision on Asia Cup's fate will be taken on the sidelines of the IPL final, which will be attended by a host of top Asian Cricket Council (ACC) dignitaries, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on Thursday.

Pakistan have the hosting rights for this year's Asia Cup but with BCCI deciding against sending its team to the neighbouring country without government permission, PCB chairman Najam Sethi had proposed a 'hybrid model' where they will organise at least four games on home soil and India will play their matches at a neutral venue.

It couldn't be confirmed whether Sethi has been formally invited for the IPL final.

'As of now, the decision with regards to hosting of Asia Cup hasn't yet been finalised. We are busy with IPL but the top digni-

bowling. The series win was a

significant milestone in

2020-21 Border-Gavaskar

Trophy: The Brisbane

Miracle

Gavaskar Trophy will forever

be etched in cricketing histo-

ry as a testament to India's re-

silience and determination.

Despite facing numerous

challenges, including injuries

to key players and being dis-

missed for a paltry 36 runs in

the first Test at Adelaide, the

Indian team staged a remark-

able comeback. Led by stand-

in captain Ajinkya Rahane,

they secured a historic victo-

ry in the series decider at the

Gabba in Brisbane. The tri-

umph marked India's second

consecutive Test series win

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India's cricketing journey.

taries of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), Bangladesh and Afghanistan Cricket Board are coming to watch the IPL final. We will have a discussion and take a final decision in due course," Jay Shah told

It has been learnt from ACC sources that Sethi's proposed hybrid model looks like a feasible solution although ACC had made no formal state ments. According to the model, Sri Lanka. Bangladesh, Nepal and Afghanistan play four preliminary matches in Pakistan and India would play all their games at

The Epic Clash:

India vs. Australia World Test Championship Final: The Ultimate Showdown

Vasisht. M.C

The stage is set, and the cricketing world holds its breath as the giants of the game, India and Australia, prepare to face off in the highly anticipated final of the World Test Championship. Scheduled for the 7th of June 2023, this monumental clash will take place at the prestigious Oval cricket ground. As an ardent cricket enthusiast and historian, I have compiled a booklet that delves into the rich history of India-Australia cricket, highlighting the major events and victories leading up to this momentous occasion.

The First Encounter:

1947-48 Tour of Australia The journey between India and Australia began in the post-independence era when the Indian cricket team embarked on its first official tour of Australia in 1947-48. Led by charismatic Lala Amarnath, the Indian team showcased their mettle against their formidable opponents. Although Australia emerged victorious in the series, the tour laid the foundation for future encounters, fostering a healthy rivalry between the

two nations.

A Spirited Battle

Border-Gavaskar Trophy, initiated in 1996-97, has been a fiercely contested series between India and Australia. This prestigious trophy has witnessed enthralling encounters, intense rivalries, and breathtaking performances from both sides. Over the years, the series has produced iconic moments like Sourav Ganguly's shirt-waving celebration at Lord's in 2002 and Harbhajan Singh's hat-trick in 2001.

2001 Kolkata Test: The Iconic Turnaround

One of the most memorable matches in cricket history took place in 2001 during the second Test of Australia's tour to India. Facing a follow-on, India orchestrated a remarkable comeback, spearheaded by VVS Laxman's majestic 281 and Rahul Dravid's gritty 180. This historic partnership led India to victory, inflicting Australia's first Test defeat after a record-breaking streak of 16 consecutive wins.

2008 Perth Test: Triumph Amidst Tragedy

During the 2007-08 tour of Australia, tragedy struck when promising Indian bats-

76 years of Cricket, India's famous victories

man, Rahul Dravid, was

struck by a bouncer from

Mitchell Johnson at the

WACA Ground in Perth.

Despite the adversity, the

Indian team showcased in-

credible resilience and

emerged victorious in a hard-

fought battle, winning the Test



India clinch first 4-0 series wi

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Historic First Down Under

history was scripted as India

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In the 2018-19 Test series,

2018-19 Test Series:

India Vs Australia 1947 - 2023









series victory on Australian

soil. Under the captaincy of

Virat Kohli, the Indian team

exhibited exceptional skill,

resilience, and character

Notable performances includ-

ed Cheteshwar Pujara's mon-

umental run-scoring spree

series.

throughout the



The rivalry between two modern-day cricketing giants, Virat Kohli of India and Steve Smith of Australia, has captivated fans worldwide. Known for their batting prowess and consistent runscoring ability, Kohli and Smith have engaged in enthralling battles on the field.

often determined the outcome of matches and have added another layer of excitement to the India-Australia

neutral venues

The upcoming World Test Championship Final between India and Australia represents the pinnacle of their rivalry in the longest format of the game. It serves as an opportunity for both teams to showcase their skills, tactical acumen, and mental fortitude on a global

The match will be a culmination of their cricketing journeys and an event that fans eagerly anticipate. As we delve into the rich history of the India-Australia cricket rivalry, it becomes evident that this clash in the World Test Championship Final is not just a battle for supremacy but also a celebration of the spirit of cricket, where two great cricketing nations come together to compete and etch their names in the annals of the sport's history.

(Writer is Former Head of the Department of History, Malabar Christian College, Calicut.)

Cong called sacred Sengol 'gift to Nehru': BJP

New Delhi, May 25, PTI:

The BJP on Thursday alleged that the Congress displayed disregard for Hindu traditions by calling the sacred 'Sengol' a "golden stick gifted" to former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru and tucking it away in a muse-

The ceremonial sceptre, which will be installed in the new Parliament building, was given to Nehru to symbolise the transfer of power from the British to India in August 1947. It was kept in the Nehru Gallery of the Allahabad Museum.

Minister Prime Narendra Modi will now install the 'Sengol' "in the

close to the Speaker's podium", BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya said, asserting that it has been given its rightful place.

His remarks come a day

after 20 Opposition parties, including Congress, TMC, Samajwadi Party and AAP, announced to boycott the inauguration of the building on May 28 by Modi. They said the prime minister's decision to inaugurate it by himself, "completely sidelining President Droupadi Murmu, is not only a grave insult but a direct assault on our democracy which demands a commensurate response".

The vesting of the "sacred 'Sengol'" with Nehru,

Independence, was the exact moment of transfer of power from the British to India, Malviya said.

"But instead of being given the pride of its place, it was tucked away in Anand Bhavan, and called the golden stick gifted to Nehru," he said in a tweet, adding, "Such is the disdain for Hindu rituals in the Congress". Malviya said Prime

Minister Modi will now install the 'Sengol' from 1947, "in the Lok Sabha, prominently close to the Speaker's podium". It will be displayed for the nation to see, and it will be also "taken out on special occasions", he said. "It is now Sengol vs Opposition," the Made of silver with a

coat of gold, the historical sceptre will be installed near the Chair of the Lok Sabha Speaker on the same day the new Parliament building is dedicated to the nation. Following the announcement of boycott by the Opposition parties, the BJP-led National Democratic alliance on Wednesday launched a sharp counterattack on the Opposition parties for their decision to boycott the new Parliament building's inauguration, slamming their stand as a "blatant affront to democratic

ethos and constitutional

values of our great na-



train, in Dehradun, Thursday, May 25. Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the train.

20 TN priests to oversee new Parl inauguration

New Delhi, May 25, PTI:

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman 20 Thursday "aadeenams" Tamil Nadu have been invited for the inaugurathe new tion of Parliament building on May 28, where the 'Sengol' will be installed, as did in 1947 to symbolise the power transformation from the British.

Addressing reporters in Chennai along with the Governors of Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Nagaland, she said TN has a "big proud part" to the episode of handing over of the Sengol (sceptre) to the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, symbolising the nower transfer from the British to the people of India in 1947. This was done on the advice of the Tiruvavduthurai adheenam after the late CR Rajagopalachary discussed it with the Shaivite pontiff following Nehru's consultations with him.

"With the Sengol to be installed in the new Parliament building on May 28 during its inauguration by Prime Narendra Minister Modi, 20 'aadeenams' from Tamil Nadu, inc l u d i n g Tiruvavaduthurai, Perur and Madurai have been invited for the event," she said.

In Tamil, the word 'Aadeenam' refers to Shaivite а monastery and the head of such a math.

pontiffs will attend the event, there will be Oduvars (scholars in Shaivite scriptures and hymns) who will recite the Thevaram. In 1947 also the Sengol was handed over to Nehru when othuvargal recited Kolaru Pathigam," she said. The same Sengol will be installed in Lok Sabha near the chair of the Lok Sabha Speaker with much reverence and it will symbolise "governance with jus-

tice and without any

bias," she added. TN

Governor RN Ravi, his

Telangana Nagaland counterparts, Tamilsai Soundararajan and La Ganesan, respectively, Union Minister L Murugan and TN Minister PK Sekar Babu

Gangster Lawrence Bishnoi moves jail

on May 2.According to

sources, Lawrence Bishnoi

has been kept in cell number 15 of the jail.

The notorious gangster

was brought from Gujarat

to Delhi airport amidst tight

security at around 12.30 am.

Last month the Gujarat

Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS)

got the custody of Bishnoi

in connection with a case of

cross-border smuggling of



New Delhi, May 25, PTI:

Gangster Lawrence Bishnoi was early Thursday morning brought to Delhi from a Gujarat jail and lodged in the national capital's Mandoli prison, officials said today. Bishoi has been sent to the Mandoli jail, due to security reasons, an official said.

This comes in the wake of killing of Tillu Tajpuria in Tihar Jail earlier this month and the jail administration took the decision to keep Bishoni in a separate prison to prevent any possibility of a gang war, offi-

Teen kills sister, chops off fingers, burns face cials said. Tajpuriya, an accused in Delhi's Rohini court shootout case was stabbed to death by rival Vaishali, May 25, PTI: year-old girl has been sent gang members in Tihar jail

A 13-year-old girl allegedly killed her younger sister with the help of her boyfriend and aunt and burnt the deceased's face with acid and chopped off fingers to conceal the identity in Bihar's Vaishali district, a senior police officer said on Thursday.

Police have arrested all three accused, including the minor, involved in the incident. While the 13-

to Balika Sudhar Grah' (correction home) in the district, her 18-vear-old boyfriend and aunt are in iudicial custody, an officer said. Talking to reporters on Thursday, Vaishali SP Ravi Ranjan Kumar, said the incident took place on May 15 at Harprasad village when the parents of the girls had gone to a relative's village to participate in a wedding ceremony.

When the parents re-

turned home they found their younger nine-yearold-daughter missing, Kumar said, adding the parents lodged a complaint at Jandaha police station. The local police constituted a special investigation team (SIT) and lodged a missing report which was later converted into a murder case after the recovery of the body from a field behind her home on May 19, the

There are some in govt service who have doctorate in corruption: Kerala CM

Pilot has not given ultimatum to party: Cong

Thiruvananthapuram, May 25 (PTI): Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday said there were some persons in the government service who have a "doctorate" in corruption and that the problem can be addressed only by a collective effort, including by those working with such individuals.

Vijayan said that the LDF government's stand was that there would be no compromise where corrupt activities are concerned and those engaged in it would not be protect-

Therefore, while stringent measures are being taken by the government and the vigilance, even the concerned departments

New Delhi, May 25:

Congress MLA and

Punjab's state chief

Harish Chaudhary on

Wednesday made it clear that Sachin Pilot has not

given any ultimatum to the party but wanted to

speak to the party and

prefers to build a bridge between the people and

given any ultimatum to

the party but he has tried

to speak to the govern-

ment. Any leader who is

talking to the government

or anybody else, it needs

to be heard and resolved

on the basis of merit. I am

hopeful that government

the state government. "Sachin Pilot has not and those working with such persons — who are engaged in corrupt practices — should also inter-

The CM was referring to the recent arrest of a field assistant Palakkayam village in Palakkad district of the state for allegedly accepting a bribe.

Cash and bank deposits documents worth over Rs 1 crore were allegedly recovered during a search from his rented accommo-Vijayan said that the of-

ficial in question was allegedly using the bribe amounts for his needs and his salary was lying un-

The CM also said that

tion." Chaudhary said.

His statement comes

referring to the former

Rajasthan Deputy Chief

Minister and Congress

leader Sachin Pilot's ulti-

matum to his own party's

government in Rajasthan

to probe the alleged paper

leak scam. He warned the

while in big offices and de partments, it may be difficult to know if someone is engaged in corrupt prac-

However, in smaller offices, like the one in the recent incident, it was difficult to believe that everyone there was oblivious to what was happening.

"In such incidents, the others there should intervene and prevent such practices. The majority of those in the government sector are honest. But there are some who have taken a doctorate in committing corruption.

"They have acquired a taste for it and do not want to give it up," Vijayan said after inaugurating here a state-level conference of

Gehlot government that if

his demands were not

met by this month, he

would agitate across the

paper leak case in the

state, Harish Chaudhary

said that he always had a

very clear stand on the

When asked about the

state.

the Kerala Municipal and Corporation Staff Union.

The matter requires serious consideration as such practices ruin the distinction that Kerala has earned of being the state in India with the least corruption, he said.

He said that those in government service should have a peoplefriendly attitude and help them out wherever it was

legally possible.
"What cannot be done legally, should not be

He said digitisation of government services and providing them online would be a step towards transparency and swift delivery of services to the

issue both in the assembly and outside the assembly

that there should not be

any injustice to the stu-

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Bollywood actors Vicky Kausha and Sara Ali Khan during a promotional event for their upcoming movie 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke', in Mumbai,

2 more cheetah cubs die

■ Kuno National Park: Two cheetah cubs born in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park nearly two months ago died on Thursday due to 'sweltering heat and weakness', the official said. As per the officials, the cubs which were born to a Namibian cheetah on March 24, died from apparent dehydration and weakness within the fenced area housing the mother and cubs. A female cheetah named Jwala brought from Namibia at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh's Sheopur district, gave birth to four cubs in March this year.

Tremor

Ahmedabad: A tremor of 3.0 magnitude hit Kutch district in Gujarat on Thursday evening with its epicentre near Bhachau, the Institute of Seismological Research (ISR) said. The tremor was recorded at 6.40 pm, the Gandhinagar-based institute said. The epicentre of the tremor was around 19 km north-north east (NNE) from Bhachau in the district, it added. This occurred a little over a week after the region was jolted by an earthquake measuring 4.2 magnitude on May 17.

SBI penalised

■ New Delhi: A Delhi conthe SBI Cards & Payments Services Pvt. Ltd. to pay Rs 2 lakh to a person here for sending him bill even after his card's expiry and blacklisting him for nonpayment of the charges. The New Delhi District **Consumer Disputes** Redressal Forum comprising its president Monika A Srivastava and members Kiran Kausal and Umesh Kumar Tyagi directed the company to pay the amount to M J Anthony, a former journalist, for "deficiency in providing services".

One dead

■ Una (HP): A 23-year-old man was killed and two people suffered serious injuries when a tree fell on their bike due to strong winds in this district of Himachal Pradesh, police said on Thursday. The incident took place in Haroli area on Wednesday night, they said. The three injured, residents of Ajauli Tehsil in this district, were taken to Una hospital where the doctors declared Sundan dead



CM Baghel questions dropping maoist leaders' names in NIA's final report

Tenth anniversary of **Jhiram valley attack**

Raipur, May 25 (PTI):

Chhattisgarh Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Thursday asked the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) why the names of top Maoist leaders Ganpati' and `Ramanna' were removed from the NIA's final report on the 2013 Jhiram Valley attack in which several Congress leaders were killed.

Paying homage to the victims on the tenth anniversary of the attack, he also said that the Maoists have been pushed on the backfoot in the state.

Maoists attacked a convoy of Congress leaders during the party's Parivartan Rally' in the Jhiram Valley in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh on May 25, 2013, killing 29 people, including then



Congress chief Nand Kumar Patel, former leader of opposition Mahendra Karma and former Union minister V C Shukla. Talking with reporters here at the Civil Lines helipad before leaving for Jagdalpur in Bastar to attend an event to pay respect to the victims of the attack, Baghel also accused the BJP of stalling the investigation into the incident.

"The Jhiram Valley incident shocked the entire nation The then UPA government had ordered a Trust, Development, Security and Peace pushed Naxals on backfoot

Later, speaking at the event in Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar district, Baghel said his government has pushed naxals on the backfoot with its three-pronged strategy of 'trust, development and security'. The event was held at Lalbag Maidan here where Jhiram Memorial has been built. "The supreme sacrifice of martyrs in the fight against Naxalism will not go in vain. The Bastar region will be freed from Naxalism and restored as an island of peace," Baghel said. "Our leaders who were martyred in that incident had talked about change. They used to say that we have to bring change in the lives of farmers, tribals, youth and women...Our government has worked hard to achieve their vision. With the strategy of development, trust and security, we have contained Naxals to a few limited areas," he said. His government ensured development of Bastar with its schemes and policies and accelerated its pace by providing education, health and infrastructure facilities while preserving tribal culture, Baghel added. On the occasion, Baghel and his cabinet colleagues paid floral tribute to those killed in the attack. The CM also administered a pledge to those present to remake Bastar as an island of peace.

Agency probe into it, while the then (BJP) state government (of Raman Singh) constituted a one member judicial commis-National Investigation Prashant Mishra to inves-

tigate it," Baghel said.

'The NIA in its FIR had named Naxal leaders Ganpati (also spelt as Ganapathi) Ramanna and their names were in the case

till August 2014. However, in September 2014, when the initial report was presented by the NIA in court the names of the two Maoist leaders were missing. In the final report too they have not been named as accused," Baghel said.

He asked why the Narendra Modi government at the Centre had "saved" Ganpati and Ramanna, adding that the name of a criminal is not removed once it is included in an FIR.

"The BJP should clarify why their (Ganpati and Ramanna's) names were removed and why they want to save these Naxal leaders," Baghel said. The commission headed by Justice Mishra submitted its report to Raj Bhawan (Governor) and not to the chief secretary or the state government in 2021,



World wants to know what **India thinks: Modi**

New Delhi, May 25:

Concluding his threenation visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday morning arrived in Delhi and said, today the world wants to know what India is thinking. While addressing the public gathered to welcome him, PM Modi said,

"The people here asked me why I gave the vaccines to the world. I want to say that this is the land of Buddha, Gandhi. We care even for our enemies... Today the world wants to know what India is thinking." "When I talk

Show 'big heart', attend Parl opening: BJP to Oppn

about the culture of my country, I look into the eyes of the world.

This confidence has come because you have formed a government with an absolute majority in the country. Those who have come here are people who love India, not PM Modi," he said. PM Modi further

talked about the release of the Tok Pisin translation of the book 'Thirukkural' in Papua New Guinea and said, "Tamil language is our language. It is the language of every Indian. It is the oldest language in the world.

Praveen Sood takes over as CBI director

New Delhi, May 25:

IPS officer Senior Praveen Sood took over as the new CBI director on Thursday and he will be in the post for two years, officials said.

On his last working day, the outgoing director, Subodh Kumar Jaiswal handed Sood the charge of the agency at its headquarters, they said.

Sood is a 1986-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Karnataka cadre and was the state's director general of police. He is the senior-most IPS officer in the country after Jaiswal. Sood's name was cleared in a meeting of a high-powered committee comprising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

Chowdhury, a Congress



New CBI Director Praveen Sood (L) with outgoing CBI director Subodh Jaiswal, in New Delhi, Thursday, May 25.

leader, had reportedly given a dissent note on the selection of Sood as the next CBI director In an order, the department of personnel and training had "Approval of the compe-

tent authority is hereby conveyed to the appointment of Prayeen Sood, IPS (KN:86) as Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a period of two years from the date of assumption of charge of the office vice Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, IPS (MH:85) consequent upon completion of

New Delhi, May 25, PTI:

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Thursday alleged that the opposition parties have decided to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi just because it has been built at his initiative.

Senior BJP leader and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the new building is a symbol of India's pride and appealed to the opposition parties to attend the 'historic day' of its inauguration on May 28 by showing a 'big heart'. "We all respect the President, I don't want to drag the post of the President into any controversy today by recalling what Congress said about her. But India's prime minister is also an important part of Parliament. The prime minister also holds constitutional responsibil-



ity." he told reporters.

Prasad urged the opposition leaders not to use the boycott of the event as a platform to forge opposition unity, saying they will have more opportunities to do so. "Mughals built Lal Quila, Jama Masjid and Humayun's Tomb. Qutab-ud-din Aibak built Outab Minar, they claim. The British built North Block, South Block, President House which was called Viceroy House, and a Sansad Bhavan,' Prasad said, and asked 'What did we built in 75 years of Independence?'

'After 75 five years of in-

PIL in SC seeks President should open new Parl

New Delhi: A PIL has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking a direction that the new Parliament building should be inaugurated by the President of India. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman urged the Opposition to attend. "It's a temple of democracy; even the PM entered the Parliament by bowing on its steps. I humbly request and appeal (to the Opposition), kindly re-think, change your stand and participate in the ceremony. Congress and 18 other opposition parties have decided to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament Building, saying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to inaugurate the building without President Droupadi Murmu "insults the high office of the President, and violates the letter and spirit of the Constitution". In a joint statement, the like-minded opposition parties said that Prime Minister's decision to inaugurate the building by himself is "a direct assault on our democracy, which demands a commensurate response." The new Parliament building will be inaugurated on May 28.

dependence, why India should not get a Parliament built by Indians,' he added.

Prasad said the new Parliament building is an 'exemplary model' of Indian Vaastu Kala (architecture) and it has been built according to Indian 'sanskar'. "I would say to the Congress leaders and other opposition leaders that you come and attend the programme. Sansad (Parliament) is the crown of the country's democracy," he said.

NCP will support Kejriwal: Sharad Pawar

New Delhi, May 25, PTI:

"There is a crisis in the country and it's not an issue limited to Delhi. NCP and the people of Maharashtra will support Kejriwal. We will also talk to other leaders to support Kejriwal. We must focus on bringing all non-BJP parties together," says NCP chief Sharad Pawar. Delhi Chief Minister

and Aam Aadmi Party supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday called on



NCP Chief Sharad Pawar in a meeting with Delhi Chief Minister and AAP Convener Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and AAP leaders Sanjay Singh, Raghav Chadha and Atishi Marlena, in Mumbai, Thursday, May 25.

Nationalist Congress Party chief Sharad Pawar at Yashwantrao Chavan Centre in Mumbai to seek NCP's support against the Centre's ordinance on control of administrative services in the national capital. Kejriwal was accompanied by Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, AAP Raghav Chadha, Delhi Minister Atishi and other leaders. The Delhi CM also met Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday.

Shah: 'Will go to Manipur soon', appeals for peace **New Delhi, May 25, PTI:**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday appealed to people in Manipur to maintain peace and promised that justice will be ensured to all sections of society. Shah while laying the foundation stone of the tenth national campus of the National Forensic Sciences University to be set Changsari area of



Kamrup district, said he will travel to the northeastern state to help resolve disputes. "I will go to

Manipur soon and stay there for three days but before that, both groups should remove mistrust and suspicion among themselves and ensure that peace is restored in the state," he said. The Centre will ensure that justice is given to all who suffered in the clashes which broke out in the state, but 'people must hold a dialogue to ensure peace in the state'. Shah said

MiG-29K fighter makes maiden night landing on INS Vikrant

Navy terms it 'historic milestone' **New Delhi, May 25 (PTI):**

For the first time, the MiG-29K fighter aircraft undertook night landing on indigenously-built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, a feat described by the Indian Navy as a "historic milestone".

The Navy said the "challenging" night landing trial demonstrated the resolve, skill and professionalism of the crew of the INS Vikrant and the naval pilots. The milestone was achieved on Wednesday night when the ship was sailing in the Arabian Sea, officials said. "The Indian Navy achieves another historic milestone by under-

taking the maiden night landing of MiG-29K on INS Vikrant. This is indicative of the Navy's impetus towards Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance)," Indian Navy spokesperson Commander Vivek Madhwal said.

"This challenging night landing trial also demonstrates the resolve, skill and professionalism of the Vikrant crew and the Naval pilots," he said.

In February, Russian-origin MiG-29K and a prototype of the Naval variant of the indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas jets had conducted day landings on the aircraft carrier. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the Indian Navy for the successful maiden night landing trials of MiG-29K on INS Vikrant. "Congratulations to the Indian Navy for successfully undertaking the maiden night landing trials of MiG-29K on #INSVikrant," Singh said on Twitter.

"This remarkable achievement is a testimony to the skills, perseverance and professionalism of the Vikrant crew and Naval pilots. Kudos to them," he tweeted. In September last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned India's first indigenously-built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant that made the country part of an elite group of nations capable of manufacturing aircraft carriers above 40,000 tonnes category.

advancement in defence sector: Rajnath New Delhi, May 25 (PTI):

India must focus on advancement in defence technology in view of "double threat" along the borders, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday in an oblique reference to challenges along the frontiers with China and Pakistan.

In an address at a conference, Singh underlined the need for extensive research to develop defence technologies for the country to meet various security challenges.

"For a country like India, it becomes very important because we are facing a double threat on our borders. In such a situation, it



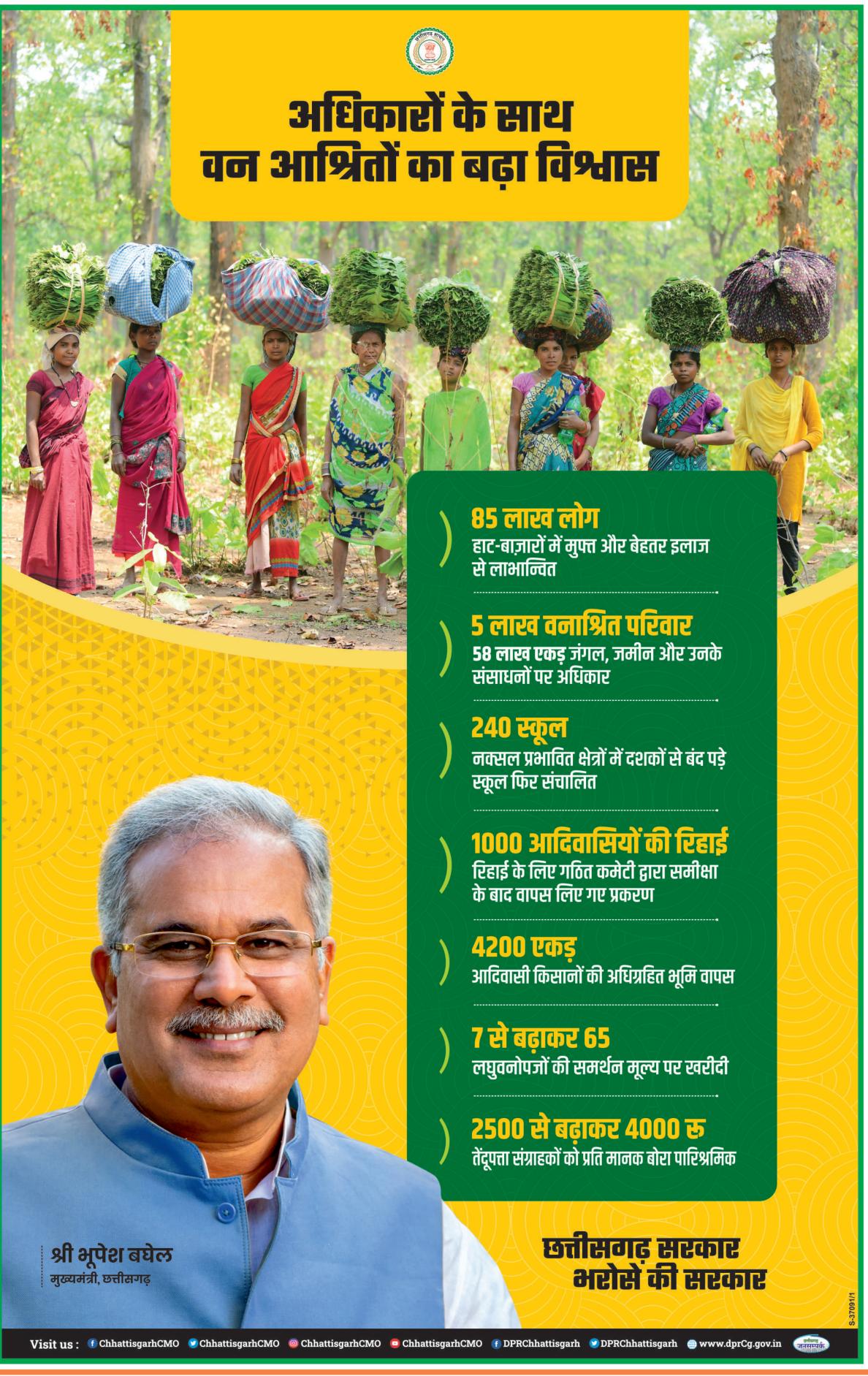
Need to focus on technological

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh felicitates Krishanan Balasubramanian (IIT Madaras) during the inauguration of 'DRDO Academia Conclave', in New Delhi, Thursday, May 25.

such a situation, it becomes move forward in terms of technological advancement," he said. "Today we imperative that we have a technologically advanced are one of the largest army to protect the interarmies in the world, the ests of the country," he bravery of our army is disadded. The defence minisis very important for us to cussed all over the world. In ter's comments came in the

backdrop of the lingering border row in eastern Ladakh and Pakistan's continuous support to crossborder terrorism. In his remarks, Singh also called for collaboration

between the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and academia for ensuring desired technological advancement. "The only way for this advancement is research. It is the need of the hour that both DRDO and academia work in tandem,' he said. "The more this partnership grows, I think India's research sector will also grow in the same proportion. Scientists and experts from both the DRDO and academia are sitting here," he said.



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Sal forests will be freed from Naxalism, peace will be restored: CM



occasion of Jhiram Valley Martyrdom Day, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel paid tribute to the martyrs of Jhiram Valley by offering flowers at Jhiram Memorial in Lalbagh, Jagdalpur today. Chief Minister Mr. Baghel said that sacrifices of the martyrs against Naxalism will not go in vain, Sal forests of Bastar region will be freed from Naxalism and peace will be restored here

Chief Minister Baghel and the public representatives present on the occasion observed silence for two minutes in the honour of the martyrs of Jhiram. Baghel also administered an oath to all those present to make the state an island of peace once again. On the occasion, CM Baghel met the families of the martyrs of Jhiram Valley and presented them with shawl-shrifal.

In his address, CM Baghel said that it has been ten years since the Jhiram Valley incident. Every year we pay homage to the martyrs of Jhiram on May 25, commemorating the martyrs and their sacrifices. Those who survived and saw the incident with their own eyes, describe it as terrifying and painful. Baghel said that the leaders who were martyred in this incident used to talk about the need to bring positive change in the lives of farmers, tribals, youth and women. Those leaders, who were determined to bring transformation in the lives of people, are no longer with

Recalling the Jhiram incident, Chief Minister said that when the naxals attacked the convoy, our Rajya Sabha member Phulo Devi Netam faced the attackers with a brave face, asking them to stop the atrocity on civilians. When naxalites besetted our leaders, Martyr Mahendra Karma came out and asked the Naxalites to stop killing innocent people. He said-"Your enmity is with me. So I surrender. I am Bastar Tiger, I am Mahendra Karma". Mahendra Mahendra Karma did not apologise, he sacrificed his life for Bastar, for the state, for democracy, for

Chief Minister further said that we are consisus. They were martyred in tently working towards



Parivartan Yatra, and to fulfill the dreams of our leaders. With the policy of development, trust and security, we have contained the Naxalites to a few areas only. He said that we have ensured the development of Bastar with our plans and policies. We have accelerated education, health, conservation of tribal culture and other development

On the tenth anniversary of Jhiram Valley Martyrdom Minister Industries Kawasi Lakhma, Lok Sabha Constituency Bastar MP Deepak Baij, Chairman of Bastar **Development Authority** Lakheshwar Baghel, Vice President Vikram Mandavi, Parliamentary Secretary Rekhchand Sangeeta Markam, Sinha, Chandan Kashyap, Mayor Jagdalpur Safira Sahu, Chairperson of

tive situation is deteriorat-

Municipality Sahu, Vice Chairman of Indravati Basin Development Authority Sharma, Commissioner Shyam Dhawde, IG Sundarraj P, Collector Vijay Dayaram Senior Superintendent of Police Jitendra Meena and other public representatives

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Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel met the families of the martyrs, after paying homage to the martyrs of Jhiram Valley. He honored the family members by presenting shawl-shreefal. Chief Minister became emotional while interacting with the families of martyrs. Minister asked them about their well being and told the family members that the sacrifice will not go in vain. Chhattisgarh government is with you every step of the way.

With slight rains before monsoon showers, there is waterlogging in the roads, causing problems to pedestrians.

SC issues notice to ED on petition by Excise Secy

Hearing to be conducted in this case and other petitions on May 29

Raipur / New Delhi, May The Excise Secretary

Niranjan Das has filed a petition in the Supreme Court (SC) against the ED's action in alleged liquor scam and on which ED has been issued notice and hearing will be held on May 29. On the same day the hearing of other petitioners viz. businessman Arvind Singh and others too will be held in the SC.

Excise Secretary Niranjan Das in his petition in the SC has held the action by ED as politically motivated and has challenged the provisions of ED's in PMLA. The bench of Justice JK Maheshwari and Justice PL Narsimha have accepted the petition and asked to filed report in 3 days and so the hearing into the case will be held on May 29.

In the same way, the hearing into the petitions by businessman Arvind Singh, Amit Singh and Pinki Singh will also be

by ED in the liquor case as unfortunate and has challenged the provisions of ED in PMLA. The Court would be hearing into the bail petition of the accused in liquor scam Anwar Dhebar and this petition has been filed by her wife Karishma Dhebar in the Supreme Court and it has been accepted. In this case, Justice Sanjay Kishan and Asnuddin Amanullah's bench will be conducting hearing and for this June

Singh has held the raid

BJP gheraoes RMC zone-1, 5

Over civic amenities, public grievances

Raipur, May 25: Workers of BJP City District led by former Minister Rajesh Munat gharoed Zone-1 and 5 offices of Raipur Municipal Corporation on issues of civic amenities and problems being faced by the residents. Thousands of BJP workers along with local public reached zone offices to gherao the offices.

The police administration had made elaborate arrangements to stop the protesters, but the BJP workers, defied all the arrangements of the administration and stormed the main gate of the zone offices. Women reached the zone offices with empty pots to protest against the water problems and broke the empty pots at the main gate of the corporation's zone offices. Munat told that



Municipal Corporation zone offices were gheraoed with permission, but the police forcibly stopped the workers and beat them up. Some workers were injured in police action, he said. He alleged the action to prevent people's representatives from coming to zone offices was intended to crush peaceful movement, Munat, along with BJP workers, sat on a dharna in front of the zone offices protesting against the repressive action of the administration. He gave an ultimatum to

the zone officers, saying that he would give one month's time to the municipal corporation to rectify the entire system. He warned that BJP and the people of Raipur West Assembly will gherao the Municipal Corporation Headquarters and all the illegal tender works which are being distributed by the Municipal Corporation Mayor to their close ones will be stopped.

Ever since the Congress government came to power in the state, the administra-

ing day by day, Munat said, adding that condition of the streets of the capital city of Raipur is getting worse. Public representatives belonging to Congress are busy in filling their pockets with new methods of corruption, he alleged. People have become fed up with the tyranny of the Congress and now the departure of the Bhupesh Baghel government is almost certain, he said. District BJP President Javanti Patel, state executive members Prafulla Vishvakarma, Ashok Pandey, Channi Verma, district general secretary Satyam Duwa, opposition leader in municipal corporation Meenal Choubey, Omkar Bais, Gopi Sahu, Amit Maisheri, Bajrang Khandelwal, Akhilesh Kashyap and others participated in gheraoe pro-

At Raipur Collectorate Office Collector Dr Bhure

administers oath of non-violence and tolerance

Raipur, May 25: People's representatives and citizens who were martyred ten vears ago in Naxal violence in Jhiram valley of Bastar district were paid tribute today at Raipur collectorate office. On the occasion of Jhiram Tribute Day, a two-minute silence was observed here today in Collector Dr Sarveshwar Bhure administered oath to all the officers and employees to oppose any kind of violence by maintaining the tradition of non-violence and tolerance. Everyone resolved to oppose Naxalism and vioand

Tributes paid to the martyrs of Jhiram Naxal violence

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public representatives, senior office bearers, jawans of security forces who were

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Tributes paid to the Martyrs in Mantralaya

Raipur: Jhiram Tribute Day was Mahanadi Bhawan, where heartfelt tributes were paid to the public representative's senior officials and soldiers of the security forces who lost their lives in the tragic incident at Jhiram Valley in Bastar. A moment of silence lasting two minutes was observed as a mark of respect for the martyrs. Officials and employees of Mantralay paid tribute to all those who have been martyred



due to acts of naxal violence. Additionally, they also took an oath to firmly uphold the val-

Judicial remand of Trilok Singh

forms of naxalism violence by working towards restoring Chhattisgarh as a land of

Collector inspects the Mother and Child Hospital, Kalibari



Raipur, May 25: Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure made a surprise observation and inspection of arrangements Mother and Child Hospital, Kalibari, Raipur here recently. He inquired about the cleanliness of the hospital, facilities provided to the patients etc. and also inspected various wards.

During the inspection, the Collector discussed with the patients about the arrangements related to their medical examination and treatment. He directed to use water tank located outside the OPD for drinking purpose. Doctors were directed to prescribe medicines. Collector reviewed the operation theater repair

work of the hospital and

fourth OT. He directed Dr Nirmala Yadav. Superintendent, Mother Child Hospital, Kalibari, Raipur to coordinate with the Public Works Department and civil surgeon for necessary action for site selection for making 04 bedded ICU.

The Superintendent and the Hospital Consultant were directed to select the site and take necessary action in coordination with Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Raipur, for the construction of smart toilets in the Child and Mother Hospital, Kalibari, Raipur. He directed to use the newly constructed room in SNCU and to increase the number of admissions in

the in-patient department.

BEd, DEd on June 17, Nursing entrance exam on June 24

Raipur, May 25: Applications for admission to Pre BEd, Pre DEIEd, B.Sc Nursing, MSc Nursing and Post Basic Nursing courses have to be filled online till May 28. Errors can be rectified in the filled applications till the next three days, 29, 30 and 31 May. Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board (VYAPAM) is going to conduct BEd and DEd exams on June 17, 2023.

The admit cards for these examinations will be issued on VYAPAM website on June 9. The exam for admission to BSc Nursing, MSc Nursing and Post Basic Nursing courses will be

held on June 24. Admit cards for these exams will be issued on June 16. Candidates willing to appear in the examinations can apply by logging on to the website of Chhattisgarh Professional **Examination** Board. vyapam.cgstate.gov.in.

According to the decision taken by the state government, no examination fee will be charged from the local resident narticipants of Chhattisgarh state for these examinations.

Certificates related to the candidate's caste, date of birth, local resident etc. will not be taken along with the online

application. The documents of the candidates will be tested during the counselling. The **Professional Examination Board** will not be responsible for wrong information provided by the candidate. The error made in the online application can also be rectified during the prescribed time limit for submission of the form. Apart from this, the facility of correction of errors will also be available in the time period of three days after the last date of filling the online form. No error correction facility will be given on the day of exam-

Dhillon extended for 14 days Sent to Central Jail

Raipur, May 25: ED produced the alleged accused in Rs 2000 cr liquor scamTrilok Singh Dhillon in the Court on completion of his remand here on Thursday and after 1 hour long hearing into the case in the Special Court of Judge Ajay Singh, he was sent to Judicial Remand for another 14 days

Raipur



Central Jail Raipur. It is notable here that on Monday, ED taking a big action against all the accused, had attached the fixed assets and properties of the accused worth croresa. ED in

Twitter has mentioned about attachment of 119 fixed assets and properties to the tune of Rs 121.87 cr that of IAS officer Anil Tuteja, Anwar Dhebar and AP Tripathi. In the liquor scam the total property attached till date has now reached Rs 180 cr. In this cash, FDs too has been put on the hold. In this case, ED is continuously taking ac-

Congmen demand strict action against accused

Trying to malign image of Rahul **Gandhi for passing** objectionable comments in Media

Raipur, May 25: The activeness of the political parties on social media has increased with few months to go for the elections and with this the controversies too have started erupting. On Thursday, the Congress leaders submitted filed report in Kotwali Police thana against the accused for making objectionable



comments against the AICC ex-President and senior party leader Rahul Gandhi.

Congress Satyanarayan Sharma, Kuldeep Juneja, Vikas U padhyay, and Mayor Ajaz Dhebar and other party workers lodged complaint in Kotwali thana and charged the Congress leaders of disturbing the peaceful atmosphere of capital city. Congress leaders charged that the BJP leaders are trying to malign Rahul Gandhi's image in a planned manner.

Apart from this the Congress leaders charged BJP of worsening the communal harmony in the state and for this strict action be taken against those involved in such cases. Satyanarayan Sharma demanded strict action against those trying to make objectionable comments against Rahul Gandhi.

Ganja worth 5 lakh seized from train coach

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kg of ganja worth Rs 5

lakh has been recov-

Raipur, May Raipur Railway has

Police taken major action against drugs. Two interstate smugglers Delhi and from Chandigarh have been arrested while smuggling ganja. About 48

sion. According to information, Delhi's Rocky Kumar a n d Chandigarh's Vishal were caught illegally

ered from their posses-

smuggling Ganja (marijuana) in the B-6 bogie Puri-LTT Super Fast Express Dhekanal in Odisha. GRP has arrested both of them.

Tributes paid to Jheeram Valley Martyrs

On Thursday, the police officers and personnel took oath to maintain peace in the state on the occasion of "Jheeram Shraddhanjali Diwas". Tributes were paid to public representatives, senior officials and security forces personnel, who were massacred by Naxals in Jheeram Valley.

As per the instructions of the Chief Minister, May 25 is observed as Jheeram Shraddhanjali Diwas in memory of public representatives, senior officials, jawans of security forces and others who were martvred in Naxal violence in Jheeram Valley on May 25,

In this sequel, tributes were paid to the martyrs at Police Lines in Durg. Dr Abhishek (Superintendent of Police, Durg) and senior officers of the district paid homage to the martyrs and pledged to make the state an island of peace again.



Sahu, ASP (IUCAW) Meeta Pawar, CSP (Durg) Banker Vaibhav Ramanlal (IPS), CSP (Chhawani) Ashish Banchhor, DSP (Traffic) Satish Thakur, DSP (AJK) Vinod Minj, DSP (Crime) Rajeev Sharma, DSP (Police Line) Nilesh (Police Line) Reserve Dwivedi. Inspector Ramesh Chandra and officers/personnel of Durg Police were present.



Prembhushan Ji Maharaj to narrate Shri Ram Katha from May 27

Elaborate arrangements being made at Shri Shankaracharya Medical College, Junwani

Bhilai, May 25:

Shri Ram Katha is being organised from May 27 to June 04 at Shri Shankaracharva Medical College in Junwani. A grand pandal is being constructed here next to Shri Anjaneya Hanuman Mandir in the Medical College campus for this mega religious event. Thousands of devotees are likely to participate in this event.

R e n o w n e d kathawachak Shri Prembhushan Ji Maharaj will narrate Shri Ram Katha. While addressing media persons Thursday, renowned educationist IP Mishra (Chairman. Shankaracharya Group)) informed that the katha timings are from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Renowned storyteller Prembhushan Ji Maharaj will narrate Shri Ram Katha for the first time in Bhilai- Durg. This event is a pure reli-



and will be far away from politics. There will also be an arrangement for about 6000 chairs at the venue. In view of the heat, arrangements of air cooling and drinking water have been made. Prasad and Bhandara will be served on all days after the katha in the evening.

Mishra further said in the year 2020-21, the entire humanity suffered a lot due to the coronavirus pandemic. The entire mankind was terrified

and was praying to Almighty God with great hope and faith for their protection from the pandemic. Mishra added that the doctors and other medical staff of Shri Shankaracharya Hospital worked tirelessly to serve the people and humanity in this epidemic.

At this time, they also praved to Sankatmochak Hanuman Ji for their protection and wellbeing of their patients. Many people died in this tragedy even after every possible effort. In

Temple was established in the medical college campus. After the establishment of this temple, the common devotees are receiving immense spiritual strength.

In this perspective, the story of Lord Shri Ram, the deity of Shri Anjaneya Hanuman, has been organized near Shri Hanuman Anjaneya Temple in the college campus.

Prembhushan Maharaj will narrate the story of Shri Shiv Vivah on May 28, Shri Ram Janmotsav on May 30, Shri Sita Ram Vivah Mahotsav on June 01and Shri Ram Rajyabhishek on June 04. The organisers have appealed to the devotees to attend Shri Ram Katha in large numbers. Nishant Tripathi Dr Rahul Gulati and other members of the organising committee were

BAKS approaches PMO for settlement of SAIL wage revision

Anadhishasi Karmachari Sangh (BAKS) has approached the PMO with its demand for fullest settlement and implementation of the SAIL Wage Revision. The union has sent a 28-page letter along with complete documents to the Prime Minister's Office, Steel Minister, Labour Minister, Steel Secretary, and DPE Secretary for early settlement of the wage revision.

In the letter, the union office bearers questioned the reason for pendency of wage settlement in SAIL in a situation when the wage revision has been

PSUs with full benefits and arrears to all the employees. Full NJCS meeting has not been called after the last full NJCS meeting held on 19 July 2022. Consequently, the wage revision agreement of the employees is incomplete even after 77 months.

Through the letter, the DPE Secretary has been requested to follow the guidelines given by DPE for wage revision of unionized workmen in the The Labour Minister has also been requested to investigate the role of SAIL and NJCS leaders as to how most of the leaders have forcefully

tives of the workers. In the letter sent to the Steel Minister and the Steel Secretary, the union has revealed on the basis of documentary evidence that how the Steel Ministry was misled in the wage settlement of SAIL employees and how discrimination was done between the employee and the executives working in the same company. The union has demanded from all the parties that the MOU made with the consent of only three unions out of five in NJCS has no legal basis, so the Prime Minister himself should intervene and direct the 15% MGB, 35% perks as well as 9% pension benefits from 2007 and fitment arrears and perks arrears to SAIL employees at par with the benefits provided to the executives of Maharatna companies and SAIL.

Union President Amar Patel said that they have not joined the SAIL just to carry the flag of protest. "Just as our labour is included in the production of the company, we also have the right to share in its profit. The employees have not formed the union for personal gain. If all the employees of Bhilai continue to cooperate in the

form of monthly membership fees, then the union can approach the court in the end to win the rights of the employees", he said.

Secretary Abhishek Singh said that it is very unfortunate that the outsider and retired employees are leading the Trade Unions which are representing the employees who are working with dedication to bring profit to the company and reduce the debts. The employees of Bhilai have been watching the performance of NJCS leaders for the last 77 months. The union leaders have left an incomplete wage revision after curtailing all the facilities.

Universal Rail Mill sets New Day Records

Bhilai, May 25: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Universal Rail Mill that rolls out the world's longest 130 metre rail in single piece and supplies 260 metre welded rail panels to Indian Railways has set several new day records on May 24, 2023. The Mill produced 3415 Tonnes of finished rails surpassing previous best of 3328 Tonnes on March 03, 2023. Production of 3321 Tonnes of prime rails May 24, 2023 was also the highest in a day, surpassing previous best of 3194 Tonnes on March 03, 2023. The Mill also set a new record of producing 337 numbers of 130 metre rails May 24, 2023 as against



previous best of 300 numbers of 130 metre rails produced on Sept 04, 2022.

Among other new day records made by URM on May 24, 2023 are highest number of 437 rails visually inspected as against previous best of 426 numbers

of rails visually inspected on March 03, 2023 and highest number of 430 rails tested through NDT (non-destructive testing) as against previous best of 417 numbers of rails tested through NDT on March 03,

District Youth Congress performs 'Shramdaan' in Gauthan

Bhilai, May 25: In response to the BJP party workers are visiting Gauthans to expose condition under 'Chalbo Gauthan-Kholbo Pol' campaign in the entire state. The Bhilai District Youth Congress workers have come up with a counter of performing "Shram Daan" at Gauthans under the 'Mera Gauthan-Mera Abhimaan' programme. The members of the committee and the women working in Gauthan are also honouring the women of self-help groups. In this series, the Bhilai District Youth Congress under the guidance of Devendra Yadav, MLA Bhilai Nagar, and the instructions of Chhattisgarh State Youth Congress President Akash Sharma performed



"Shram Daan", District President Vibhor Duragkar and State General Secretary Aditya Singh, countering BJP's allegations, said that BJP has no other issue therefore they are again in-

dulging into cow politics which is an old habit. The BJP doing politics in the name of cow does not know that cows are not kept in the open or in sheds in such scorching heat. People keep their

cows in their homes, leave them in the evening in the cowsheds. Mainly present in this

campaign were District President Vibhor Durgkar, State General Secretary Aditya Singh, Vaishali Nagar Assembly President Palash Limesh, District Vice President Mohammad, Shoaib Khilesh, District General Secretary Prince Shergill, Priyanshu Verma, Bhaskar Dubey, Ekant Sahu, Assembly Vice President Rohit Singh, Assembly General Naveen Secretary Agarwal, Bobiraj Pandey, Satnam Singh, Sumit Singh, Samar Randhawa, D Sagar, Nandkishore Sonkar, Tinku, Vikram Singh, Jitendra Dosanjh, Aman Sethia, etc.

Brijesh Kumar of Railway Board witnesses Steel Making at Modex Units

Bhilai, May 25:

(Works), Railway Board, Brijesh Kumar, arrived on a visit to SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant on May 25, 2023. He was welcomed at Bhilai Niwas by Mukhopadhyay, ED(Projects) with Additional Kumar visited various

Additional Member

Charge of (P&A). Brijesh production units of Bhilai Steel Plant and witnessed Steel Making at the Modex Soon after his arrival at

Bhilai Niwas, Kumar planted a sapling before leaving for his visit to the Plant. During his visit to the Plant, Brijesh Kumar Additional Member (Works), Railway Board, took keen interest in operations at Modex Units, in-



cluding Blast Furnace 8, Steel Melting Shop 3 & Universal Rail Mill. At the beginning of his Plant visit, Kumar was briefed about safety at Safety Excellence Centre inside the Plant.

Accompanied by Tapas Dasgupta, CGM I/c (Iron) and other senior officers of

Plant, Additional Member (Works), Railway Board, witnessed production of hot metal at Blast Furnace 8, production of crude steel at SMS 3 and production of world's longest 130 metre rail and

loading of 260 metre weld-

ed rail panels at Universal

Rail Mill. He also interact-

ed with senior officers of the Modex Units during his visit.

Following his Plant visit, Brijesh Kumar arrived at Ispat Bhavan where he was welcomed by Anjani Kumar, ED (Works), Dr AK Panda, ED (F & A), S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects & P&A), AK Chakraborty, (Materials Management), and Samir Swarup, CGM I/c Mines & Rowghat.

A presentation on highlights of performance in the area of production of rails was made at Director I/c Conference Hall, following which Brijesh Kumar interacted at length with a cross-section of senior officers on different aspects of current performance, as also about plans for the future.

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Rashmi Jogi awarded **PhD in Economics**

Bhilai, May 25: Rashmi Jogi was awarded PhD in Economics during the 26th Convocation organized by Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur. She did her research on the topic "An analytical study on Rural in Durg Poverty District



Chhattisgarh" under the guidance of Dr Neelam Agrawal (HoD, Economics, Government PG College Mahasamund) and Professor AK Pandey (Economics, RSU). Rashmi was born in village Sakra (Kumhari) and grew up in Bhilai. She is the daughter of Lalit Kumar Jogi, a farmer and granddaughter of Jai Lal Jogi. She is the wife of Dr Om Prakash Baghel, Assistant Professor (Economics). All her friends and relatives have congratulated her on this achievement.

Employees of Blast Furnace felicitated with Karma Shiromani Awards Bhilai,

Employees of the Blast Furnace Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant were awarded with the 'Karm Shiromani' Award for their commendable work performance under the 'Shiromani Puraskar Yojana' of Bhilai Steel Plant. The Award Ceremony was organised in the auditorium of Welfare Building-8 (Blast Furnace), on May 24, 2023. Addressing the gathering, Tapas Dasgupta, CGM I/c (Iron) and Arvind Gupta,

Acting CGM (Blast

Furnace) congratulated

the awardees and encour-



Singh

Bist,

Ashish Aggarwal. All the

gratulated the award win-

same spirit in future. Onkar Singh Jamdar,

Master Operator, and Shakeel Ahmed Siddiqui, Master Technician were awarded with 'Karm Shiromani Award' for their performance in the month of April 2023.

Present in the programme were the other exemplary performance.

The programme was senior officers of the department Rajesh Balraj, R Gaikwad, S Senior Madhu, Anand,

KSNR

conducted by Biju George, (Personnel), Shantanu Mitra, Arjun Furnace. Madan Mohan Additional Srivastav. Ramesh, VK Diwakar and Labour Welfare Officer, Pradeep Khare, Mamta, present guests also con-Divya, Haseena Begum and Urmi also contributed ners by appreciating their for organising the programme successfully

DEO refuses fee hike at SSV-X Bhilai, May 25: The

District Education Officer of Durg has refused to allow the fee hike at Sri Sankara Vidyalaya, Sector 10 for the session 2023-24. This school is run by the Shri Shankara Education Society. The Nodal institute. Government Higher Secondary School Sector 9 Bhilai, had given its dissent on any kind of revision of fees Sri Sankara Vidyalaya. Accordingly, the DEO has refused fee hike for the session 2023-24 at Sri Sankara Vidyalaya.

Puia ghat to be 60 meters long



Rajim, May 25: Work has finally started in new fair ground after the visit of Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, and the puja ghat reportedly is to be 60 meters long. The supervisor overseeing the work told that the length of the ghat will be 60 metres and a total of three ghats will be built one after the other. The length of the remaining two ghats will be thirty meters each and

every effort is being made

to prepare the Puja Ghat

before the monsoon. It has to be told that sand is being removed and in order that the work continues even after filling the water, the work will be completed at least up to the level of water. Sand for other works Ballast etc has been dumped and on the other hand, some work has also been done to put mud in the ground. Here it takes a mention that in this year's budget, the Chief Minister of the state, Bhupesh Baghel, has

made plans for the new fair ground, with a provision of 30 cr. It is also necessary to mention that on the closing occasion of 2023 Maghi Punni Mela, Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu had announced a budget of 100 crores for the new fair ground. However, the work of building the ghat has only started and its completion before Monsoon is a question. In the coming time, the view of the fair will be

built apart from cottage, festival stage, permanent shops, pathways, permanent land for Meena Bazaar, mini circuit house etc. Though the Naveen Mela Maidan is a big project. despite this, the district administration has not cleared the situation of the work order yet. According to the announcement, two roads are to be constructed soon and it is not known from where to where this road will be built and what will be its length and width. The road work has also not started vet. The Electricity Department has started the construction of 32/11 KV electrical substation for adequate power supply in the surrounding villages and localities including the Naveen Mela Maidan, and the target of completing which has

ground, roads have to be

Work starts in New Fair Ground SHO Sachin Singh presents honest example of humanity

Performs last rites of a person rejected by the family

CENTRAL CHRONICLE, BILASPUR, FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023

Manendragarh, May 25:

The police station incharge of Manendragarh has done such a thing that people are praising his noble work, completely different from the image of the police in the minds of the common people . Here the station in-charge took the responsibility of women reiected by the family, after the death of the woman's husband. He performed the last rites of deceased husband, while taking the two -year-old child of the deceased in his lap when the pyre was lit. According to the information, Savita Singh, a



resident of Amalibahara of Podi Uproda in Korba district reached Manendragarh police station with a dead body at around 8 pm on Tuesday night. There, she narrated her pain in front of City Kotwali in-charge Sachin Singh , she told that her husband had died.The woman informed that she had a

Jakhara in Gwalior district of Madhya Pradesh, due to which the family members were angry with her, now there is no one to shoulder the dead

Listening to the helpless and crying woman Kotwali in-charge Sachin Singh pacified her and assured her to perform the

husband along with the staff . On Wednesday morning, City Kotwali in-charge Sachin Singh along with his police station staff started preparing for the last rites and reached Muktidham in the morning with the policemen. There the last rites of the deceased were performed with full Hindu customs . The Kotwali in-charge took the two -year-old child of the deceased in his lap, lit the fire and got the last rites done. The suffering of the

helpless woman was reduced to some extent by the example of humanity presented by the SHO by performing the last rites of the deceased, the people have also appreciated this noble work of the

Career guidance program held

10th and 12th toppers felicitated

Karelibedi, May 25:

Hundreds of children participated in one day personality building career guidance youth camp in Kareli, along with 10th and 12th toppers were also felicitated in the camp. The camp was organized by the Officers' Association in the High School building.Kanwal Ram Sahu, threw light on the sources of successful life with a quiz. Special guest Dr. Tarun Sahu and Dr. Aishwarya Sahu, Medical Officer Chhura, Gariaband highlighted how to study.

Chief Guest Dr. Amar Singh Sahoo Professor Dhamtari threw light on how children should choose their subject in studies by starting their talk with whether they

want to become a boss or a servant. Dr. Harishankar Sahu, President of the Employees Association, said that failure proves that the effort for success was not done properly. Failure is a challenge, accept it and move forward, this is the key to a successful life. Chhabi Ram Sahu Bhendri said that we have

three gurus, Google, YouTube and teachers, we can move forward with their guidance. If these apps are used properly then you will definitely success.Lecturer Budeni Raju Sahu, Yogeshwar Sinha Ved Ram Sahu, Lalit Sinha Nagesh Kumar Sahu, Santosh Sarathi Panchu Ram Nishad, Amar Singh Mande, Hemant Nishad, Bhushan Nishad these in-

tellectuals by keeping their views gave positive guidance to the young generation regarding the future.

Sarpanch of the village Mr. Domar Sahu said to the children, why have you come here, what will you say to your parents after going home; it is a right lesson to implement what is being told by the Guru in your life. After the lecture, certifi-

cates and medals were to Kumari awarded Reshma, class XII, first 82% and Dinesh Kumar, class XII, second 79%

In the end, Mr. handrahas Sahu Chandrahas Lecturer Bhendri expressed his gratitude to everyone and urged the children that if anyone's parents are unable to provide higher education, such children can take help from the officers and staff organization Kareli Badi

All the children and guests were provided with snacks. . Sugarcane juice was arranged for everyone by Mr. Bhagirathi Sonkar Sankul Coordinator. The program concluded with wishes for a happy life for all the children. 97 young women took part in the camp and got acquainted with ca-

BJYM holds protest against illicit sale of liquor



Dongargarh, May 25: Under BJP Dongargarh Mandal guidance, the workers of BJYM staged dharna and chakka-jam against illicit sale of liquor at different chowks and squares and localities in the city and to wake-up the Congress government and later

dum to SDM (revenue) and TI Dongargarh to take action against those involved in such crimes. Among the leaders present in this protest and submission of memo included ex-MLA Ramji Bharti, Mandal President Amit Jain, District BJYM President

Mandal President BJP Jain Meshram, BJYM Prsident Sumit Mishra, Vijendra Singh Thakur, Ashish Dongre, Pintu Veram, Shrivastava, Yadav, Khushal Yadav, Santosh Rao, Rakesh Agrawal, Amit Chabda

Fox Hole IED recovered and defused on the spot



Bijapur, May 25:

Maoists had planted IEDs in series in 02 plastic containers of 25 kg each by making a Fox Hole of 8x8 feet length width and 5 feet depth in the middle of the road on Awapalli-Basaguda road IEDs were planted with the intention of causing great harm to the security forces. On



May 24, IED was recovered at 3.00 pm near Temple Durga Awapalli-Basaguda road by the team of Police Station Awapalli, CRPF 168 and 222. The IED was defused by CRPF 168,222 and Bijapur BDS team on the spot. The plans of the Maoists was foiled by the vigilance and intelligence of the security

Water scarcity hits the region

Churikala, May 24:

Even after starting the augmentation scheme in the city, the common people are facing a huge water problem; they have to run for a bucket of water, while the panchavat administration and public representatives have not taken any initiative to solve the problem. Anger has started rising among the people towards the people's representative and the city panchayat administration. Awatpara Ward of

Nagar Panchayat In number 8, 9 and 6, the water problem has become very serious; one has to wander here and there for a bucket of water., A tanker is being sent at intervals, which is proving to be like cumin in the camel's mouth. The women of the ward say that a complaint has been made by the women of the ward to the Nagar Panchayat public representative regarding the water problem, but no initiative has been taken regarding water, due to compulsion, the women of the ward have to fetch



borewells installed in nearby houses.

On the other hand, due to not getting enough water from the tap, they have to go outside for defecation and disposal. Ward residents say that the tap water augmentation scheme has been started, then why is the problem of water arising, the whole city should get enough water, but despite the start of tap water augmentation, the serious water problem has increased.

Regarding the water problem, the women of the ward are increasing indignant towards the panchayat administration and public representatives. Apart from this, there is a serious problem of water in Indira Chowk ward number 7 and 10, the heart of the city. No time has been fixed for tap water supply in this ward, sometimes it is supplied in the morning, sometimes in the afternoon and sometimes in the evening. It is noteworthy that the councilors of both the wards have not taken the water problem seriously till date, they remain engaged in their personal business

Indira Chandravanshi felicitated with 'Kala Sadhak Samman'



Khairagarh, May 25:

Teacher Indira Chandravanshi was felicitated with 'Kala Sadhak Samman' in the nationallevel 'Vaicharik Sanghosthi' and 'Lok Kala Sadhak' and 'Kala Ratna Samman Samroh' organised in Bhilai recently. It is notable here that 'Kala Sadhak Samman' is organised by Sanskar Bharti, Chhattisgarh for protection and conservation of Chhattisgarh rich art & culture. In this the Chief Guest was Durg LS MP Vijay Baghel and it was chaired by 'Kasth Shilp' artist and Padam Shri recipient Ajay Mandavi.

Special guest on the occasion was Brijesh Bijpuria, BJP President Bhilai, Rajulal Netam, President BJP's SCST Cell Bhilai. During the programme teacher Indira Chandravanshi, posted in Khairagarh block was felicitated with Sadhak Samman' at the hands of Chief Guest Vishnu Deo Sai (former Union Minister) and senioratis Purshottam Chandrakar. She was presented with a memento, srifal and stole for her remarkable works in protection and preservation of rich art & culture of Chhattisgarh. Hailing the organisation of such programmes. Chandravanshi said that with such efforts, our original art & culture could be safeguarded. During this the other well-known artists of the state were also presented with Chhattisgarh Kala Ratna and Kala Sadhak samman. The head of organising samiti and recipient of President's Amruta Barle, Pandwani Singe and Padam Shri recipient Dr Teejan Bai, Rikhi Kshtriya, and Dholmaru singer Rajni Rajak felicitated with President's honour extended greetings to all the artists who were hon-

Undeclared power cuts and low voltage prevalent

Mungeli May 24:

The electricity consumers of urban areas are facing the brunt of undeclared power cuts and poor system and the public is getting troubled due to low-voltage, undeclared cuts and poor supply system. There is also water problem due to power cut and due to the negligence the Electricity Department, power shutdown for hours at any time has become a daily prob-

Due to the heat, people stay in the house in the name of heat, in such a



power cut, due to which people are suffering in the heat. Everyday power cuts of one to two hours have become common and also there is a problem of low voltage in the villages. There is also water problem due to power cut and

maintenance is almost

Electricity Department is doing maintenance work worth crores in rural and urban areas, but people are not getting relief from old transformers and dangling wires. The department does maintenance

work before the rainy season in May-June, due to which electricity is switched off during this period.

Despite this, unannounced cuts are made and citizens say that all this is the result of lack of awareness among the officials of the department. Relying on old resources and limited staff, it is not possible for the consumers to get rid of the problem of electricity. Most importantly, the public has opined that the phone is not picked up by the staff and officers, when in ur-

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(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to the following borrowers / quarantors calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The under mentioned Borrower / Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub - section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 and under section 14 of the Act of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

Branch Name/Ph.No.	Name of Borrower / Guarantor	Description of Property		
Sarangarh Branch	Electricals Stores	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of situated at Chhind (Bilaspur Road) PH No 12/15 Kh 0.036 Hect and Kh. No 579/3 Area 0.045 Hec Tahsil: Erstwhile District: Raiparh Current District: Sarangarh		

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Mr. Kailash Kumar Khute S/o Mr. Jaggula

Khute Legal Heir of Late Mr Jaggulal

Khute (Mortgagor and Guarantor)

of Diverted Land n No 578/2 Area Bilaigarh, C.G. in the name of Mr. Jaggulal Khunte S/o Chheduram Khunte. Boundary Marks: North-Bilaspur N.H. Road, South:- Plot Of Shyam Lal, East:- Plot Of Shyam Lal, West:-Plot Of Dasrath.

07.10.2021 Rs. 17,81,138.50 + interest + other charges

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The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above mentioned property and any alings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for above mentioned amount interest and other charges thereon. The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Date: 26.05.2023, Place: Bilaspur (C.G.) Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

Baghel unveiled the statue of Shaheed Gundadhur

The hero of 'Bhoomkal' movement

Raipur, 25 May: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel unveiled the life-size statue of Veer Gundadhur, the leader of the Bhumkal rebellion, at Shaheed Gundadhur Agricultural College campus Kumravand, during his daylong visit to Bastar.

In his brief address on the occasion, Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that Veer Gundadhur was one of the great tribal leaders of Bastar, who led the great rebellion movement of Bhoomkal. In the honour of his contribution and sacrifices, a life-size statue of Veer Gundadhur has been installed in the agriculture college premise. He said that this statue will inspire the young students of the college to to get acquainted with his indomitable courage and bravery. Tribal heroes of Bastar made significant contribution in the freedom struggle as well as in



the tribal culture, taking inspiration from which the government is also making sincere efforts to save the tribal culture across Chhattisgarh including Bastar

At the unveiling of the statue built at the cost of Rs 10 lakh sanctioned from Bastar Area Tribal Development Authority, Chief Minister Mr. Baghel met the great-grandsons of Veer Gundadhur - Jaydev Nag, Punu Nag, Dularu Nag, Pardesi Nag, who had come from Netanar.

Industries Minister Kawasi Lakhma, Bastar MP Deepak Baij, President public representatives were present as well. Shaheed

Gundadhur: The Great Martvr Veer Gundadhur led the 'Bhoomkal' movement against the British in 1910 to save the land of the tribals. Bhoomkal means earthquake or tremble in the land. And as the word describes, Bhoomkal movement shook the entire Bastar. Forest policy, compulsory education, changing religion, forced labour, bureaucracy were few of the many reasons behind this movement. Bhoomkal rebellion was so efficiently strategized that the tribals bravely fought the British army with bowarrows and spears under the leadership of Veer Gundadhur. Not only Chhattisgarh but the entire country remembers the the valour and heroism of Veer Gundadhur. And to honour his memories, Government Chhattisgarh has established the 'Gundadhur Samman' for outstanding performance in the field of

CM flags off Nikshay Rath Six players from Shri Gujrati



Jagdalpur. May 25: As part of the 'Nikshay Mitra TB Mukt Chhattisgarh Abhiyan', patients will receive nutritious food throughout their sixmonth treatment period. This initiative involves providing TB

patients with a monthly nutrition kit valued at Rs. 1,000, with the active involvement of the community. The Nikshay Rath is being utilized to effectively raise awareness about this programme.

CM Baghel pays tribute to the Jhiram Valley martyrs

Jagdalpur, May Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel paid his humble tributes to the martyrs of the Jhiram Valley at 🖡 Jhiram Memorial and had a meeting with their families.

Chief Minister, along with other public representatives, observed two minutes of silence in honour of the martyrs.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel administered an oath to make the state the

symbol of peace again on the occasion of 'Jhiram Shraddhanjali Diwas'.

Chief Minister honoured the families of the martyrs by presenting them with shawls and

School in state team



Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh Secretary Ashok Bhai Patel, Shri Gujrati Higher Secondary School Principal Anis Memon, English Medium School Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma, Primary Section In-charge Yogita Tank, coach Tikeshwari Sahu, manager Jageshwar Dadsena and selected students pose for a group photograph.

For National Muay **Thai Championship**

Raipur, May 25: Six students of Shri Gujrati School will represent Chhattisgarh in national Muay Thai Championship to be held in Chennai from May 25 to 30. The championship will be organised by United Muay Thai Association India and United Muav Association India Tamil Nadu. 12 players of Raipur have been selected for the championship.

Six players of Shri Gujrati School- namely Kaniska Sriwas, Pallavi Sahu, Mansi Tandi, Tisa Sahu, Ragni Sahu and Dhritesh Sahu have been seShri Guirati Shikshan Sangh Secretary Ashok Bhai Patel at the school Ashok Bhai Patel has congratulated the selected players for the championship Shri Gujrati Higher Secondary School Principal Anis Memon, English

lected for the champi-

onship. These players called

on Managing Committee of

Medium School Principal Dr Shailesh Sharma, Primary Section In-charge Yogita Tank, Tikeshwari Sahu and manager Jageshwar Dadsena were present on the occasion. Total 58 players including 32 boys and 26 girls of Chhattisgarh will partici-

NTPC Lara contributes for **Clean Railway Station**



Lara (Bilaspur), May **25:** Under the observance of Swachhta Pakhwada (Cleanliness Fortnight) NTPC Lara provided dustbins, gloves, brooms to the Raigarh railway station authority on 23rd May 2023 and undertook cleaning activity at the station compound. On this matter a team of NTPC Lara under guidance of Samarendra Mallik, DGM (HR) and

Sinha from Railway and handed over those items

Under the guidance of the central government. cleanliness fortnight is being observed at NTPC Lara from 16-31 May 2023. During this period various cleaning activities are being undertaken by NTPC Lara inside the plant and nearby villages. Besides various awareness generation activities other officials met Shri P – like essay, drawing and K Raut, Chief Station painting competitions are Master and Smt Rekha being organized.

'BALCO celebrates Int'nl Family Day with 'Proud Families' Balconagar, May 25: Bharat

Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer and a subsidiary of Vedanta Aluminium, created a truly memorable experience for its employees and their families on International Family Day this year, by organizing plant visits for the family members of the employees. The visits not only showcased the processes of aluminium manufacturing to the parents but also added to their pride by leaving a lasting impression and further strengthening their bond with the com-

of Bastar Development

Authority Lakheshwar

Baghel, Vice President

Vikram Mandavi, Former

MP Nand Kumar Sai,

Parliamentary Secretary

Rekhchand Jain, MLA

Narayanpur Chandan

Kashyap, Sanjari Balod

were present on this occa-

sion. MLA Sangeeta Sinha,

Municipality President

President of Indravati

Authority Rajeev Sharma,

Divisional Commissioner

Sundarraj P., Collector

Vijay Dayaram K., SSP

Shyam Dhavde,

Mayor

Kavita

Safira

Sahu,

Sahu,

Development

BALCO, under the 'Proud Families' initiative had provided a comprehensive schedule to all the visiting families that covered an understanding of the crucial functions of the company. From parents to siblings and spouses, the participating family members indulged in an overall understanding of plant operations over the well-guided trip that also included discussions with the plant representatives. Keeping the standards of safety were given an extraordinary spread over a week. opportunity to witness the entire



titude of end products that serve vital purposes across various industries. The visits were concluded with an enriching experience at BALCO Museum and Learning Centre, a rich repository of BALCO's heritage where the families were introduced to the fascinating legacy of BALCO. Here, the families spent time learning about BALCO- independent India's first Public Sector Undertaking (PSU), and its contribution to the industrial progress of the nation. Around 110 people had a joyful experiintact at every level, the families ence from the family visits

Speaking about the impor-

tance of employee well-being and fostering a nurturing workplace, Mr. Rajesh Kumar, CEO, and Director, BALCO said, "Families play a pivotal role in the lives of employees, providing them with a strong support system and contributing to their performance and success. At BALCO, we understand this and work towards creating a healthy work-life balance for the overall happiness and well-being of our employees. We are committed to fostering a happy and healthy work culture for realizing the truest potential of our employees, crucial for their holistic growth and success." BALCO prioritizes the well-being of employees' families by providing a diverse range of family-friendly benefits. Through the innova- the company is working towards tive 'Spouse hiring policy', creating a strong platform to BALCO offers deserving and empower the employees.

experienced spouses, opportunities to join the company's workforce. The company also ensures that the health needs of employees' family members are taken care of through comprehensive medical coverage. BALCO facilitates a comfortable living environment within its township, with easy accessibility to schools, parks, hospitals, and grocery stores in the vicinity which, ensures that families have all the essential amenities. Additionally, the company also provides opportunities for families to socialize and have an engaging lifestyle by organizing vibrant events and celebrating all major festivals. BALCO is committed to transforming the workplace by embracing internationally recognized best practices in people management. The company takes continuous measures for fostering a diverse and inclusive work culture, distinguishing itself as an organization that actively supports LGBTOIA+ employees in core operations. Through new-age learning & growth opportunities,

TLM workshop organised



Simga, May 25: A TLM workshop is being organised at Teachers learning Centre, Simga of Balodabazar District. In the field of education, TLM is a commonly used acronym that stands for "teaching/learning materials." Broadly, the term refers to a spectrum of educational materials that teachers use in the classroom to support specific learning objectives, as set out in lesson plans. The teachers learning material is a supportive resource to address any concept with better clarity among young children. It is significant as it helps young children to

learn with ease and enjoy-

ment. Government Primary

pating in this three days workshop, However it will run for 6 days in two batches. To highlight that Resource persons of Azim Premii Foundation & BRCC Simga are collaboratively running this workshop.

Foundation's Resource persons Ankit, Atul and Abhas are currently facilitating and contributing to the workshop. The foundation has been particularly working towards improving the teaching learning process through supporting different modes of teachers training along with field support. Their vision is to establish just a equitable, humane and sustainable so ciety.In the field of educa-School teachers are particition.

Continuous action on encroachment in Tiger Reserve forest

Ichradi village to be removed on May 26 **Thousands of trees** cut to settle the villagers

Mainpur, May 24: Thousands of costly trees have been cut inside Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve for settling more than half-a-dozen villages. Now the forest department in the last one and half month has twice taken action for the removal of illegal settlements and got success in their attempts. The first such drive was taken on April 06 when 59 houses were bulldozed in the village Sornamal. Another drive was taken on May 19 in which 70 houses were removed in the village Goharamal. Now the forest department is preparing for another action on May 26 in the village Ichradi located inside buffer zone Tourenga forest area of Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve. The notice has been served to the villagers and has been asked to vacate the place by May 25 or else encroachment will be removed on May 26. Deputy Director Varun Jain said, now the time has come for all the people who are aware towards conservation of environment to come forward or else the forest cannot be saved for being desert. He added, in the Ichradi village thousands of trees on 525 acres have been cut.

As per information re-

ceived, encroachment has

served and eviction pro-

ceedings will be done on

May 26, many villagers

who left their homes after

locking their houses were

seen in front of their hous-

es. Google earth and drone

survey map obtained from

it has also been handed

been done by 65 persons by cutting thousands of trees on about 200 hectares and 525 acres of land in Gariba Beat's reserved section no 1201 and 1202. After the survey, the image matching of the above land was done through the Indian Space Research Center ISRO satellite map of the year 2008 and 2012 and Google Earth image, in which most of the year 2011-12 and in some forest from areas after the year 2019-20 encroachment followed by Narharpur, hut construction and farming has started, after which the first notice was given on 19/04/2023 with 10 days time, after the first villages Shocking case of lease notice, no satisfactory answer and claim objection related to the occupation of forest land by the said encroachers was submitted. After which again the second notice was given on 03/05/2023, in which seven days time has been



Villagers of Ichradi village with eviction notice.

over with notice, where forest department has made complete preparations for eviction proceedings on coming May 26. According to the information received, villagers Odisha, Vishrampuri, Dudhwa, Makdi. Kanker have settled in this illegally settled Ichradi village, some villagers are also from the surrounding

on Illegal land of Ichradi

areas of Odisha have settled in this village. When the forest staff asked for the name and address of the accused for action, it was revealed from the Aadhaar card received. Taurenga ranger BL Soori said that a few years back when action was being taken on some people who were ploughing on this forest land, they informed of

Kanker, Vishrampuri and residents of different

taking the land on lease

from another person after

paying them annually in

A view of Ichradi village.

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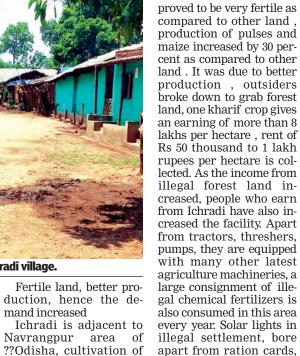
maize in Odisha increased

after 2010, forest land

return, apart from this, POR action was done several times in the last 5 years, every time the name of the accused has changed. In the present action being taken, 7 people are missing and they have

huts. Based on these facts, the Forest Department has an apprehension that some local people who are the alleged heads of these occupied areas have given these lands on lease. Till now it was believed that illegal felling is done due to the greed of forest land, but now not only the forest staff, but the administration too is been shocked by the recently found proof of giving land on lease.

fled after locking their



arrangements have also

been made for the people

The school running in this illegally settled village. living there to teach their children by making arrangement of schools and teachers.

For illegal encroachment, the officers and employees of the Forest Department were also under suspicion

Ichradi village , which has been built by cutting thousands of trees from the dense forest and is inhabited by 65 families, all of a sudden this cannot happen in a day or two during these period role; of the officers and employees of the responsible Forest Department are also under suspicion .The people of the area have made a demand to Director Varun Jain that when the illegal encroachment was happening at that time, then the responsible officers and employees of the Forest Department posted here

have been inactive and encroachment has taken place under their protection , so after investigating the matter impartially such guilty local forest officer employee should be punished and action should also be taken. Solar panel in illegally

settled village, handpump, government facility are beyond understanding..... When Ichradi village is

an illegally settled village government facilities like opening of SRT center school, hand-pump and solar panels, construction of kuccha roads in 2013-14 are the subject of public discussion in this village.

What does Deputy Director say....

Varun Jain , Deputy Director of Udanti Sitanadi Tiger Reserve, told in the discussion that people having illegal encroachments in Ichradi village have been given protection under Section 34 (a) of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 and Section 80 (a) of the Indian Forest Act 1927 (amendment) . Notices have been served and action will be taken to remove the encroachment on May 26.

Imran Khan says 'undeclared martial law' in Pakistan; files plea in Supreme Court

Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan has filed a petition in the Supreme Court against the government invoking Article 245 in several provinces, terming it "undeclared martial law". Under Article 245 of Pakistan's Constitution, the army can be called in to aid the civil administration to defend the country. Khan has filed a plea in the Supreme Court, challenging the invoking of Article 245 in Punjab, Khyber Balochistan Islamabad and calling it "undeclared martial law". In his petition, the 70-yearold Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief said the arrests, investigations and trial of citizens under the

Army Act 1952 were "un-



constitutional and void and of no legal effect and amounts to negation of the Constitution, the rule of law and independence of the judiciary." He said that the "dismantling of PTI through forcible quitting of party membership and office are unconstitutional and void being against Article 17 of the Constitution," the Dawn newspaper reported. Khan also urged the apex court to order the formation of a judicial commission to probe the violence that erupted on May 9. The plea

Shehbaz Sharif, PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif and his daughter Maryam Nawaz, ex-president Asif Ali Zardari, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman and other as respondents, the report said. Prime Minister Sharif has said the attackers of May 9 attacked the "idea and identity of Pakistan and gave the enemies of the country reasons to celebrate". "I don't see the tragic incidents of May 9 as merely a protest that became violent. The designs of those who planned them were actually very sinister," he tweeted on Thursday. "There was a clear build-

up to the shameful inci-

dents, as the whole nation

witnessed in utter disbelief

and a state of shock how

power made them do what was never done before," he said. Sharif said the "tragic and heart-rending events" of May 9 were a wake-up call. "We have to identify and expose all such people who want to destroy the foundations of Pakistan. May 9 has drawn up a di-

viding line between the protectors and builders of Pakistan and those who wish to weaken it," he said. On May 9, violent protests erupted after paramilitary Rangers arrested Khan from the Islamabad High Court (IHC) premises. His party workers vandalised a dozen military installations, including the Lahore Corps Commander's House, the Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad in response to Khan's arrest.

ROSE HARVEST FESTIVAL



Syria's first lady, Asma Assad, left, the wife of Syrian President Bashar Assad, and others collect Damascene flowers after plucking them during the Damascene Rose Harvest Festival in the village of al-Marah in the mountainous region of Qalamoun, Syria, Thursday, May 25.

Iran unveils latest version of ballistic missile amid

wider tensions over nuclear program

Tipu Sultan's bedchamber sword creates new auction record in UK

London, May 25:

A fabled sword found in the private bedchamber of 18th century Mysore ruler Tipu Sultan has broken all auction records for an Bonhams in London by fetching over GBP 14 million at its Islamic and Indian Art sale this week. The sword, from Tipu Sultan's reign between 1782 and 1799, is described as a fine gold koftgari hilted steel sword referred to as sukhela an emblem of authority. It was found in the private apartments of Tipu Sultan and presented to Major General David Baird by the Army



The Bedchamber Sword of Tipu Sultan that was sold at Bonhams auction house, in

the East India Company as a "token of their high esteem of his courage and conduct in ed in the killing of Tipu Sultan known as the Tiger of Mysore. "This spectacular sword is the greatest of all the weapons linked to Tipu Sultan still in private Oliver White, Bonhams' Head of Islamic and Indian Art and auctioneer, in a statement ahead of the sale on Tuesday.

"Its close personal association with the Sultan, its impeccable provenance traceable to the very day it was captured, and the outstanding craftsmanship that went into its manufacture make it unique and highly desirable," he said.

Tehran, May 25:

Iran unveiled Thursday what it dubbed the latest iteration of its liquid-fuelled Khorramshahr ballistic missile amid wider tensions with the West over its nuclear program. Authorities showed off the Khorramshahr-4 to journalists at an event in Tehran, with the missile on a truck-mounted launcher. Defence Minister Gen. Mohammad Reza Ashtiani said the missile could be prepared for launch in a short period. Iranian officials described the missile as having a 2,000-kilometre



In this picture released by the Iranian Defense Ministry on Thursday, May 25, 2023, Khorramshahr-4 missile is launched at an undisclosed location, Iran. Iran unveiled on Thursday, May 25.

(1,240-mile) range with a pound) warhead. They

Mount, stood next to the mobile launcher. showing a successful Iran views Israel as its launch of the missile. The Khorramshahr-4 is named archenemy and arming after an Iranian city that anti-Israeli was the scene of heavy groups in the Palestinian fighting during the Iranterritories and surround-Iraq War in the 1980s. The missile also is called

ing countries. Tensions between the two nations are high, particularly as Iran enriches uranium closer than ever to weaponslevels. Khorramshahr would be able to reach Israel. It remains unclear, however, why the missile has been called Khorramshahr-4 as only two other variants of the missile are publicly known. It is modeled after North Korea's Musudan

Japan nuclear watchdog ask **Fukushima plant operator to** assess risk from reactor damage

Tokyo, May 25:

A nuclear watchdog has asked the operator of nuclear power plant to assess potential risks from damage found in a key supporting structure inside the worst-hit of the three melted reactors. A robotic inside Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant's Unit 1 primary containment chamber found its pedestal a main supporting structure right underneath the core was largely damaged. The thick concrete exterior was missing almost all the way around, exposing the internal steel reinforcement. About 880 tons of highly radioactive melted nuclear fuel remain inside the plant's three reactors. Robotic probes have provided some information, but the status of the melted debris is still largely unknown. Based on data collected from earlier probes and simulations, experts have said most of the melted fuel inside possible."

Unit 1, believed to be the worst hit, fell to the bottom of the primary containment chamber, but some might have fallen through into the concrete foundation a situation that makes the already daunting task of decommissioning extremely difficult. At a meeting Wednesday of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, its commissioners agreed to order operator Tokyo Electric Company Holdings to urgently assess the risks from the pedestal damage, including possible leaks of radioactive substances from cracks and holes caused by the meltdown. The authority also requested that TEPCO assess potential risks if, in the event of another disaster, the pedestal fails to support the reactor. "We need to think about responses in case of an accident," watchdog commis-

Shinsuke

Yamanaka told reporters.

"TEPCO has a responsi-

bility to make the risk as-

sessment as soon as

4 injured by man carrying rifle and knife in central Japan

sioner

Tokyo, May 25:

A masked man carrying a rifle and a knife holed up in a building Thursday in Nagano, central Japan, after four people were injured, according to news reports. Kyodo News said a pedestrian reported to police about a commotion in the Nakano city in the prefecture, prompting officers to rush to the scene. Four people were injured, in-

who might have been shot by the suspect, who was carrying a rifle, Kyodo said. Details of their injuries, including whether they were stabbed or shot, was not known. Witnesses also say the suspect had been holed up inside a building, Kyodo said. Police described the suspect as a man wearing camouflage outfit, a hat, a mask and sunglasses, Kyodo said. He is at large and city officials have urged those in the area to cluding two police officers stay home.

21-year-old sentenced to 5 years for thwarted bomb plot

Hong Kong, May 25:

A Hong Kong man was sentenced to more than five years in prison for participating in a thwarted bomb plot that aimed to build resistance forces, in a closely watched case involving high school students accused of serious crimes following the 2019 anti-government protests. Prosecutors said Alexander Au, 21, and the five others in court Thursday had planned to manufacture explosives and target court buildings. Their plot was foiled due to a police investigation, and no bombs were made and no casualties occurred.

Though the six are not among the most prominent activists in Hong Kong's suppressed democracy movement, their case has drawn attention because they were all students when the prosecution began in 2021 and they were charged with conspiracy to carry out terrorist activities National Security Law. Earlier this month, Au and four defendants, aged between 17 and 20, pleaded guilty to conspiring to cause explosions that are likely to endanger life and property, an alternative to the terrorism

charge that falls under a separate law. The remaining defendant Ho Yu-wang. 19, admitted to the terrorism charge. Ho was described as one of the plot masterminds. Judge Alex Lee said at Thursday's sentencing that the plot would have worsened the social situation in Hong Kong had it materialised and could have caused casualties. Lee sentenced Au to five years and eight months, saying Au was more culpable since he was involved in renting a room in a guesthouse for making explosives and inspecting targeted buildings with Ho.

Head of Russian private army Wagner says his forces are handing control of Bakhmut to Moscow February 2022 has lost momentum

Kheibar, after a Jewish

fortress conquered by the

Muslims in the 7th centu-

ry in what is now Saudi

Arabia. Regional tensions

likely played a role in

Iran's missile display on

Thursday. A miniature ex-

ample of Jerusalem's gold-

en Dome of the Rock on

the Al-Aqsa Mosque com-

pound, a holy site in both

Islam and Judaism that

Jews call the Temple

Russian private military contractor Wagner claimed on Thursday that his forces have started pulling out of Bakhmut, in eastern Ukraine, and handing over control to the Russian military, days after he said Wagner troops had captured the ruined city. Yevgeny Prigozhin, Wagner's millionaire owner with links to Russian longtime President Vladimir Putin, said in a video published on Telegram that the handover would be completed by June 1. There was no immediate comment from the Russian defense ministry. It was not possible to independently verify whether Wagner's pullout from the bombed-out city has begun, and the Ukrainian General Staff said on Wednesday that heavy fighting

was continuing inside the eastern

city after a nine-month battle that killed tens of thousands of people. Prigozhin's Bakhmut triumph delivered a badly needed victory for

and now faces the possibility of a Ukrainian counteroffensive using advanced weapons supplied by

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134548	03 / व.ले.लि. /2023-24 दि. 23.05.2023	बांधापारा जलाशय का बांध एवं नहर का जीर्णोद्धार एवं लाईनिंग कार्य।	रू. 172.30 लाख	तृतीय आमंत्रण
134550	04 / व.ले.लि. /2023—24 दि. 23.05.2023	उत्तर बस्तर कांकेर जिले के विकासखंड कांकेर में कानागांव चिनार नदी के दांया तट पर ग्राम पीढ़ापाल के पास काउन्टर फोर्ट रिटेनिंग वॉल का निर्माण कार्य।	रू. 270.163 लाख	तृतीय आमंत्रण

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संचालनालय स्वास्थ्य सेवाये, छत्तेसिगढ

स्वास्थ्य भवन, सेक्टर–19, नार्थ ब्लॉक, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर

अनुबंध अनुसार पदस्थापना उपरांत पदांकित स्थान पर कार्यभार ग्रहण करने हेत् अंतिम अवसर प्रदाय करने के संबंध में सचना (पी.जी. छात्र/चिकित्सक)

जपत्र (असाधारण), जो स्नात्कोत्तर प्रवेश नियम से संबंधित है। जिसके कंडिका 11 के तह आपके द्वारा पी.जी. प्रवेश के समय निष्पादित अनुबंध अनुसार आपको संविदा आधार पर दो वर्ष की कालावधि तक शासकीय सेवा करना अनिवार्य है। जिसमें तारतम्य में आपको संदर्भित आदेश के माध्यम से संविदा आधार पर 02 वर्ष हेतु पदांकित किया गया था। संदर्भित आदेश व संविदा नियुक्ति की शर्तें की कंडिका 09 अनुसार आपको पदांकन स्थल पर तत्काल कार्यभा ग्रहण करना अनिवार्य था। संबंधित नियंत्रणकर्ता से प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार संबंधित पी.जी. अनुबंधित चिकित्सकों द्वारा उक्त पदस्थापना स्थल में आज दिनांक तक उपस्थिति नहीं द

2/ संबंधित चिकित्सा अधिकारी द्वारा छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग के मध्य बंधपत्र निष्पादित किया गया है, जिसके अनुसार 02 वर्ष की ग्रामीण सेवा या बॉड की राशि जमा किया जाना था परंत संबंधित चिकित्सा अधिकारी द्वारा न ही 02 वर्ष ग्रामीण सेवा हेत अपने पदस्थापना स्थल में अपनी उपस्थिति दी गई है और न ही बाँड की राशि जमा की गई है 3 / निर्देशानसार आप उक्त पदस्थापना स्थान में पत्र जारी होने के दिनांक 05 दिवस के भीतर उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें।

यदि निर्घारित समय सीमा में पदांकित स्थान पर कार्यभार ग्रहण नहीं किया जाता है तो ऐसी स्थिति में आपसे चिकित्सा शिक्षा विभाग, मंत्रालय महानदी भवन द्वारा प्राधिकार से प्रकाशित छत्तीसगढ राजपत्र (असाधारण), जो छत्तीसगढ चिकित्स स्नात्कोत्तर प्रवेश नियम के कंडिका 11 की परिशिष्ट—चार ''क'' की कंडिका 4 क अनुपालन नहीं करने के लिए बॉण्ड की संपूर्ण राशि की वसूली की कार्यवाही भू-राजस्व की बकाया राशि के रूप में उपरोक्त परिशिष्ट-चार ''क'' की कंडिका ! कें अनुसार की जाएगी। ऐसे अभ्यर्थी को नियम 11 के परिशिष्ट चार (क) की कंडिका (6) में यथा उल्लेखित अनापत्ति प्रमाण पत्र तब तक प्रदान नहीं किए जाएगा, जब तव कि सम्पूर्ण देय राशि की वसूली नहीं हो जाती।

उपरोक्तानुसार पदस्थापना स्थान में पत्र जारी होने के दिनांक से 05 दिवस के भीत ास्थित नहीं होने पर समस्त कार्यवाही के लिए आप स्वयं जिम्मेदार होंगे।

अतः उपरोक्त सचना स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग के विभागीय वेबसाईर ww.cghealth.nic.in से अवलोकन किया जा सकता है।

स्वास्थ्य सेवायें, छत्तीसगढ़ मास्क पहनें, 2-गज की दूरी अपनाए, साबुन से हाथ धोएं

संचालक

कार्यालय प्रमुख अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, निर्माण भवन, नया रायपुर अटल नगर जिला रायपुर (छत्तीसगढ़)

"द्धितीय काउंसिलिंग हेतु सूचना"

छत्तीसगढ़ व्यावसायिक परीक्षा मंडल नवा रायपुर अटल नगर जिला रायपुर छत्तीसगढ़) द्वारा ग्रामीण यांत्रिकी सेवा, लोक निर्माण विभाग तथा भौमिक तथा खनिकर्म विभाग के प्रस्ताव पर सहायक मानचित्रकार (सिविल) के रिक्त पदों की पूर्ति हेतू दिनांक 25.03.2018 को मानचित्रकार / सहायक मानचित्रकार के पद पर भर्ती हेत संयक्त भर्त परीक्षा (CDM18) आयोजित की गई तथा परीक्षा का परिणाम व्यापम की वेबसाईट पर दिनांक 19.07.2018 को प्रदर्शित किया गया। परीक्षा परिणाम घोषित होने के पश्चात् विज्ञप्ति में दी गई कंडिकाओं के अनुरूप मेरिट आधार पर अभ्यर्थियों के मूल प्रमाण पत्रो की जांच हेतु केवल लोक निर्माण विभाग के लिए विज्ञापित रिक्त पदों हेतु काउंसिलिंग

अभ्यर्थियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि वे निम्नांकित मूल प्रमाण पत्रों एवं उसकी स्वयं अथवा राजपत्रित अधिकारी से सत्यापित छायाप्रतियाँ सहित दिनांक 05.06 2033 को समय प्रातः 11.00 बजे कार्यालय प्रमुख अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर—19, निर्माण भवन, नया रायपुर अटल नगर जिला रायपुर

(i) ऑनलाईन प्रदर्शित अभ्यर्थी का बायोडाटा (फोटो राजपत्रित अधिकारी र सत्यापित (ii) संयुक्त भर्ती परीक्षा का प्रवेश पत्र (Admit Card) (iii) हाई स्कूल सर्टिफिकेट परीक्षा (10+2), (iv) पर सेकेण्डरी स्कूल सर्टिफिकेट परीक्षा (10+2) (v) निर्धारित शैक्षणिक अर्हता संबंधी प्रमाण पत्र (vi) स्थाई जाति प्रमाण पत्र (vii) जाति सत्यापन प्रमाण पत्र (viii) संलग्न प्रारूप (एक) अनुसार शपथ पत्र (यदि जाति सत्यापन प्रमाण पत्र नहीं हे तो) (ix) छत्तीसगढ़ का मूल निवास प्रमाण पत्र (x) रोजगार कार्यालय का जीवित पंजीयन प्रमाण पत्र (xi) अनापत्ति प्रमाण पत्र (यदि शासकीय सेवा में हो तो) (xii) भूतपूर्व सैनिक प्रमाण पत्र (Xiii) एवं अन्य प्रमाण पत्र / दस्तावेज (यदि कोई हो तो)।

इस हेत् अभ्यर्थियों को डाक के माध्यम से सूचना नहीं दी जायेगी। काउंसिलिंग हेत् नाये जाने वाले अभ्यर्थियों का नाम, अनुक्रमांक (रोल नं.) एवं अन्य विवरण का अवलोकन हेतु लोक निर्माण विभाग के वेबसाईट https://pwd.cg.nic.in एवं कार्यालय के सूचन पटल पर प्रदर्शित किया गया है।

> प्रमुख अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग नवा रायपुर अटल नगर (छ.ग.)

Inauguration Row

Need To Unite The Nation Beyond Politics

he upcoming inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the center of a contentious battle between the ruling government and the Opposition. With the Congress, Trinamool Congress, DMK, and Aam Aadmi Party among the nineteen parties boycotting the event, an unfortunate divide has overshadowed this momentous occasion. In a joint statement, these parties have deemed the PM's decision to personally inaugurate the building as "a direct assault on our democracy," asserting that the "soul of democracy" has been drained from Parliament. Citing constitutional norms, the Congress argues that the President, as the "head of Parliament," should conduct the inauguration rather than the Prime Minister. However, the Centre counters by accusing the Opposition of politicizing a historic event. They point out that previous prime ministers, such as Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, had similarly inaugurated parliamentary structures. The Parliament House Annexe and Parliament Library were opened during their tenures, with the respective Presidents involved in the ceremonies. In the present case, PM Modi laid the foundation stone for the new building in December 2020 and is now set to inaugurate it. It is worth noting that when PM Modi first entered Parliament House in 2014, he knelt and bowed his head in reverence for the "temple of democracy." It is through his unwavering dedication that this grand 21stcentury monument of India has been completed less than a year after the nation celebrated 75 years of independence. Now, it is time for him to step back and allow this remarkable building, representing a vibrant democracy, to bask in the limelight. By embracing the Opposition's request to invite the President for the inauguration, PM Modi can showcase his magnanimity and ensure that no controversy tarnishes this momentous event. The new Parliament building stands as a testament to India's democratic spirit and progress. Its awe-inspiring architecture blends tradition with modernity, symbolizing the nation's aspirations and commitment to democratic values. The structure showcases the strength of India's democracy, providing a physical embodiment of the people's power and their collective voice. Beyond the political wrangling, this inauguration should serve as an opportunity to unite the nation and celebrate its democratic heritage. The occasion should not be marred by divisive rhetoric or power struggles. Instead, it should foster a sense of camaraderie and inclusivity among all political parties. By setting aside differences and coming together on this significant day, leaders can demonstrate their dedication to the nation and the democratic principles it upholds. In a diverse country like India, where opinions often diverge, it is essential to prioritize the greater good and work towards the betterment of society. The new Parliament building offers a physical space that can inspire collaboration, dialogue, and progress. It should symbolize a shared commitment to serving the people and strengthening the democratic institutions that form the backbone of our nation. Prime Minister Modi has an opportunity to rise above the political fray and set a precedent for statesmanship. By inviting the President to inaugurate the new Parliament building, he can demonstrate his willingness to put the nation's interests first. This act of humility and inclusivity will help bridge the gap between the ruling party and the Opposition, fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation. The inauguration of the new Parliament building is not just about a physical structure; it is a celebration of democracy itself. It is an occasion to reflect on the progress made, the challenges faced, and the future aspirations of the Indian nation. This event should unite the nation under a common purpose and inspire citizens to actively participate in shaping the destiny of the country. As the nation eagerly awaits the inauguration of the new Parliament building, it is a time for reflection and unity. It is a moment to celebrate the resilience of India's democracy and to reaffirm our collective determination to uphold its values. Let us seize this opportunity to rise above political bickering and embrace the spirit of collaboration, for in doing

India's Dual Reality

so, we strengthen the very foundation of our great nation.

Space Progress and Social Intolerance

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

India, a nation known for its remarkable strides in space technology, stands at a crossroads where scientific achievements intersect with the challenges of religious orthodoxy and intolerance. The incident involving a BJP leader in Uttarakhand, who felt compelled to postpone his daughter's marriage due to fears of law and order disruption simply because the groom was Muslim, highlights the disheartening reality that plagues our society. In a country that prides itself on being a multi-religious and diverse democracy, where the Constitution upholds the cherished values of secularism, the disapproval faced by individuals who choose love and marriage based on their personal preferences is deeply concerning. The very essence of personal freedom and autonomy is being questioned, with romantic relationships becoming subject to scrutiny and disdain. What is even more alarming is that such intolerance persists despite the presence of a legal framework governing the state. If a political leader from the ruling party feels helpless and succumbs to the diktats of intolerant communal elements within his own community, one can only imagine the immense ordeal faced by individuals with lesser credentials when religion becomes a factor in their matrimonial decisions. This is a grave indictment of our society and a stark reminder of the challenges we must confront. It is disheartening to witness prominent figures in the political landscape celebrating India's accomplishments in conquering space, be it attaining the Mars orbit or successful missile launches, while simultaneously witnessing the erosion of morality and humanitarian values. While the world applauds our scientific prowess, we must confront the uncomfortable truth that our society is rapidly descending into the depths of a dark communal pit. We cannot afford to prioritize the conquest of space over addressing the rampant assault on humanity. The insidious narratives of "love jihad" and "honour killings" continue to poison our social fabric. The very concept of personal space and individual choices is being infringed upon shamelessly. If we allow such assaults on our collective conscience to persist unchecked, India risks moral disintegration, becoming a society governed by the law of "Might is Right. "It is imperative that we confront these challenges head-on. Our nation's progress should not be limited to technological achievements alone but should also encompass the values that define us as a humane and compassionate society. Our leaders must rise above political rhetoric and take decisive action to address religious intolerance, working towards building a society where personal choices are respected and diversity is celebrated. India's future is at stake. While we marvel at our achievements in space, we must also acknowledge the urgent need to safeguard the fundamental principles that make us who we are.

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RAINY STRIDE



Pedestrians cross a road amid rainfall, in Shimla, Thursday, May 25.

Narendra Modi: A Respected Global Leader Shaping India's Influence



Modi's International Influence

Irrespective of a country's economic status, development level, or political power, the influence of Narendra Modi transcends borders. Leaders from various nations demonstrate their admiration for him in different ways, such as patting his back, bowing down, saluting, or even touching his feet. Some countries have even gone to the extent of breaking protocols for Modi, while others have expressed a desire to confer upon him the highest honors of their respective nations. The chant of "Har Har Modi, Ghar Ghar Modi" echoes through the native and foreign citizens of every country he visits, signifying the global recognition of his

India's presence under Modi's leadership is sought after by numerous international organizations, including G-5, G-7, and G-20, despite not being a member. The international community sees a ray of hope in Modi, be it for fostering cordial relationships, promoting free trade, resolving conflicts, enhancing peace in the Indo-Pacific region, or addressing environmental concerns. Nations like France, America, Britain, and Russia have welcomed India's political and administrative moves under Modi's leadership, leading to increased trade and job opportunities for

their own countries. **International Crisis Management**

Modi's leadership extends beyond bilateral relations and economic growth. Whenever Indians face trouble abroad, there is a strong belief that the presence of Prime Minister Modi will resolve the situation. Recent instances in Ukraine and Sudan have proven this notion true, further bolstering India's reputation and the influence of its people in global politics. These achievements instill a sense of pride among Indians, raising their respect in the international society under Modi's guidance. Strategic Partnerships and Global

Philanthropy

Under Modi's leadership, India has witnessed a surge in strategic partnerships and collaborations with developed and nuclear-powered countries. Many nations are eager to forge alliances and supply modern technologies and warheads, a testament to the credibility and trust established by Modi on the global stage. Furthermore, countries seek to sell their goods in the vast Indian market, while others express a keen interest in purchasing Indian goods. India's philanthropic efforts remain unwavering, as evidenced by its swift response in providing aid to regions affected by natural disasters across the globe. The Indian government banks continue to perform well and contribute positively to the country's financial stability, even as some banks in countries like America face bankruptcy.

Domestic Challenges and Opposition

While Modi's leadership enjoys admiration abroad, domestic conditions present a different perspec-

n today's world, the charismatic personality of India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has garnered immense respect and admiration not only within the borders of his own nation but across the globe. Leaders from all corners of the world acknowledge and appreciate Modi's popularity and pay their respects to his voice. This article explores the profound impact of Modi's leadership, highlighting the way in which he has earned admiration and recognition from countries worldwide. It also delves into the challenges and criticisms faced domestically, showcasing the complexities of his leadership within India.

tive. It is important to note that not all Indians or opposition parties are satisfied with the policies implemented under Modi's administration. Concerns regarding law and order, farmer welfare, unemployment, and reservation status have been raised, resulting in electoral gains for the opposition in some assembly elections. However, the prospect of victory in national elections remains uncertain for the opposition parties.

Despite ideological differences, the opposition parties are contemplating joining forces to contest the upcoming central elections. History shows that a united opposition can pose a significant challenge to the ruling party, as witnessed in the 1977 central elections when the combined power of opposition parties led to their victory against the Congress party. However, the reluctance of individual parties to dissolve their own existence provides assurance to Modi and his party that they have a strong chance of winning the upcoming central elections.

Understanding the Common Indian

Citizen's Perspective To gauge the mood of the common Indian citizen, it becomes apparent that many attribute significant progress in key areas to Modi's leadership. Initiatives such as the resolution of the Ram Mandir issue, the abolition of triple talaq, the revocation of special rights in Kashmir, and the focus on resolving problems in the North East have all been perceived as outcomes of Modi's dedication and interest. The people of India look towards Modi with hopeful eyes for

addressing other pressing issues such as implementing a common civil code, establishing a population register, and resolving the Shri Krishna Janam Bhoomi dispute. Even in the face of some setbacks in various states, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerged victorious in the last central election. This further strengthens the belief that Modi and his party have the potential to secure victory in the upcoming central elections.

However, the BJP faces challenges in certain states, including Himachal, Punjab, and Karnataka, where they do not possess an indisputable winning face. The presence of anti-incumbency sentiment in these states may provide an advantage to the opposition. It is worth noting that the electoral landscape has seen a shift, with parties like AAP gaining power in Delhi and Punjab by promising extensive welfare measures. If this trend extends to the central elections, the results could be unpredictable.

Narendra Modi's leadership has undeniably garnered respect and admiration on the global stage. Leaders from around the world acknowledge his popularity and pay their respects to his voice. India's presence and influence in international organizations are desired, and Modi's initiatives have led to increased trade and job opportunities for various countries. Furthermore, his effective crisis management has bolstered India's reputation and strengthened the perception of Indian citizens in global politics. (Views are

Jai Ho Modi: Global Admiration

The chanting of "Jai Ho Modi" by world leaders and citizens is a source of pride for every Indian. Modi's international itinerary and the participation of world representatives in the G20 conference in Srinagar are testaments to his global influence. India achieved a major victory when most countries acknowledged Kashmir as part of India. However, challenges remain with nucleararmed neighboring countries, China and Pakistan, posing strategic concerns. India's approach is based on mutual respect and interests, aiming for normalization. Pakistan's turmoil and currency devaluation further complicate the situation. Despite these challenges, India's economic growth has catapulted it to the fifth-largest economy globally. Remarkable instances like the President of Papua New Guinea touching Modi's feet and the President of the USA requesting his autograph highlight Modi's exceptional stature. Modi's visits abroad will likely impact the 2024 parliamentary elections, as voters now differentiate between state and national elections. Ultimately, the warm reception for India's Prime Minister in foreign countries is a matter of immense pride.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

Pink is turning to Yellow

The abolition of the 2000 (pink) note by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hasn't caused the same uproar as the initial demonetization, but concerns remain. The four-month window for exchanging pink notes may have eased tensions. However, the decision has led to a surge in gold demand (yellow metal), reflecting the volatility generated by demonetization. Those holding large quantities of pink notes are now turning to gold as a new investment. Reports indicate a rise in jewelry purchases as people seek to safeguard their wealth. India's cultural affinity for gold complicates efforts to unlock the potential of these dormant assets for productive growth. Balancing currency management and economic development remains a challenge for policymakers.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K, Raichur,

Modi's Charisma Fading

The Karnataka Assembly elections have revealed a decline in the charismatic appeal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. BJP's heavy reliance on Modi's persona did not yield the desired results, indicating that voters can no longer be taken for granted. The grandeur of election rallies and pageantry no longer holds sway over the electorate, who are now more discerning. The ruling party's inability to effectively address crucial issues such as the Adani controversy, sexual harassment cases, and cow vigilantism has not gone unnoticed. Today's voters are astute and can comprehend the reasons behind the delayed action against BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

MK Nair Raipur

MODI-fication of Rupee's Trade Value

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Money makes the economy move, which was the concept behind the ascent of money. Otherwise, barter would have been our mode of transaction until today. The global economy and the domestic economy at large wanted to have some currency, leading to the conceptualization of legal tender known as currency or money. Since the ages after we transitioned to the gold standard, the US dollar remained a benchmark currency, giving the US a leading position in controlling the global economy. But lately, international players have started to believe that the USD cannot be the standard anymore, and for the world to grow more prominent, it would need to think independently without USD. So, countries are coming forward to settle internation-

al trades in some alternative bilaterally accepted currency, keeping USD aside. China and India will be the two major players looking to occupy this space. In the future, market share will be distributed among many others too, but these two countries will become significantly prominent and emerge as power centers, at least in Asian markets.

An international trading currency should have some unique, acceptable attributes like stability against volatility. The rupee in the global market may fetch a higher valuation that the world needs to see in the coming days. To sustain such currency valuations, it has to be backed up by robust export capabilities and improved competitive advantage; otherwise, international valuation would be short-term. The central bank will need more liquidity to stabilize the rupee's valuation in international and domestic markets.

Therefore, focusing on export-oriented business through big and small players is a complementary approach to the new initiatives of RBI. Financial policies and the RBI roadmap must sync to augfuture economic ment prospects. Indian budgets predominantly focus on tax collection and meeting expenditures. The budgets for the last 6/7 years did not indicate any policies supporting the vision of positioning the rupee in the international market to establish a global footprint. Therefore, in the coming years, these engagement initiatives might increase to enhance the currency's value through a more global presence, but not through traditional RBI buying-selling mechanisms. However, inflationary pressure on the currency will sometimes have more impact on the economy. Therefore, a business-friendly and sustainable roadmap for the future must be in place to achieve our aspirations. Financial pragmatism needs to include what India used to have in their ministry in the past. In the past, especially in the 90s, leaders showed extraordinary capabilities to steer the economy in dire situations. India survived many recessions due to the size of the domestic market, which is the hidden strength of the country, and that is why all global companies are eyeing to try their prospects in India.

External influences sometimes work in the reverse direction if a solid and wellthought-out financial framework is not established before promoting a currency as a feasible alternative in international markets. The commoditization of money in global trade platforms often carries risks and invites volatility. The value of cash and the stability of the domestic economy will be at stake if robust financial plans are not in place.

Although a vast economic potential is approaching due to India's population strength. how to control currency volatility is a matter for RBI to consider with a futuristic strategy, taking into account a time horizon of at least 30/40 vears ahead. Reinventing the international currency, where global peace is at stake and seems to continue for a while, is a risky roadmap. Therefore, at this juncture, financial transactions in a divided world due to the Russia-Ukraine war pose a challenge that can be solved by staying united.

BRIEF

Delayed projects



New Delhi: Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh on Thursday said the government will crackdown on developers of power projects, who miss the scheduled commercial date of operation or deadline to complete

the project. Addressing a CII conference, Singh said the electricity generation capacity addition is a big challenge, as people are sitting on several projects won under the bidding process. Singh said that all these projects (power projects) are won under the bidding process and if they miss the SCOD (scheduled commercial date of operation or deadline to complete the project), then the developer will be banned from participating in project bidding for one year.

Money laundering

■ New Delhi: Industry body Assocham has inked an agreement with cost accountants' apex body ICMAI with an aim to prevent money laundering and transnational financial crimes. Both entities have entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in this regard. The strategic collaboration aims to drive professional and organisational development in the realm of money laundering prevention and related transnational financial crimes, according to a release on Thursday.

Processing plant



Dharamsala: Himachal Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said that Rs 250 crore will be invested to upgrade the facilities of the Dhagwar milk processing plant in Kangra district. The state government aims to collect milk from cattle herders and sell milk products to boost the rural economy, he said during a visit to the milk plant. In line with this objective, the government is launching the 'Him-Ganga' scheme, which focuses on developing a milk-based economy in the state.

Extends deadline

■ New Delhi: The Income Tax department extended the deadline for charitable and religious trusts to furnish applications for registration till September 30. Under Income Tax law, the income of charitable institutions, religious trusts, medical and educational institutions are exempt from tax. However, these institutions are required to seek registration from the I-T department.

BSNL 4G to go live in next 2 weeks; **5G by December: Vaishnaw**

Dehradun, May 25:

has started rolling out of 4G network with 200 sites, and after a three-month trial, it will launch an average of 200 sites per day, Union IT and Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. The minister said the 4G network of BSNL will be upgraded to 5G November-December.

"The 4G-5G telecom stack we have developed in India. That stack deployment started with BSNL Between Chandigarh and Dehradun, 200 sites installations have been done and within the next maximum of two weeks, it will go Vaishnaw said. BSNL has placed an advance purchase order of over Rs 19,000 crore with Tata Consultancy Services and ITI Limited for the de-



ployment of a 4G network, comprising more than 1.23 lakh sites. "The speed at which BSNL will deploy, you will be surprised. After testing for three months, we will be doing 200 sites a day. That is the average at which we will go. BSNL network will work initially like 4G. Very soon, somewhere around November- December, with a very small software adjustment this will be-

come 5G," Vaishnaw said. He was speaking to reporters after commissioning the 2,00,000th site in Gangotri along with Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. practically

every minute one 5G site is getting activated. The world is surprised. It is a matter of pride for us that the 2,00,000th site has installed Chardham," Vaishnaw said. The Prime Minister has said that India will stand along with the world in 5G and take the lead in 6G, he noted. Vaishnaw said that gone are the days when technology transfers used to be signed.

"Today India has become a technology exporter," Vaishnaw added. The first 1 lakh 5G sites months of the launch of service by the Prime Minister on October 1. The next 1 lakh sites have been rolled out in three months. "We had set a target to have around 1.5 lakh sites by December 31, 2023. Already 2 lakh sites have been completed. I feel by December 31, it should be more than 3 lakh sites," Vaishnaw said. He said that countries like the US have started deploying made-in-India telecom technologies. "Today, devotees of Chardham have received a present in the form of a 5G site. Now, our border area will also get wrapped up with mobile connectivity. The dream that we saw of high-speed connectivity in hilly area Uttarakhand has been ful-

BMW India drives in new Z4



Priced at **Rs 89.3 lakh**

New Delhi, May 25:

Luxury automaker BMW India on Thursday said it has launched new version of Z4 Roadster in the country priced at Rs 89.3 lakh (ex-showroom). The model comes as a completely built-up unit (CBU). "It is the epitome of driving pleasure with its powerful engine, rear-wheel drive and a vehicle concept centered around agility," BMW Group India President Vikram Pawah said in a statement. The petrol powered three-litre six-cylinder engine helps the car surge from 0-100 km/hr in 4.5 seconds. The Z4 Roadster comes with various many driver assistance features like active park distance control (PDC), rear view camera assisted optional parking assistant function and driving assistant

I-T exemption limit for leave encashment upon retirement lakh, where any such pay-

For salaried employees hiked to Rs 25 lakh

New Delhi, May 25:

In line with the Budget announcement, the fiministry Thursday hiked the tax exemption limit for leave encashment upon retirement for private sector salaried employees to Rs 25 lakh. So far, the tax exemption on leave encashment for non-government employees was Rs 3 lakh which was fixed in 2002, when the highest basic pay in the government was Rs 30,000 per month.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), in a statement, said the aggregate amount exempt from income tax under section 10(10AA)(ii) shall not exceed the limit of Rs 25

The increased limit for tax exemption on leave encashment on retirement or otherwise of non-government salaried employees to Rs 25 lakh with effect from April 1, 2023. "In pursuance to the proposal in

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from more than one em-

the Budget speech, 2023,... the central government has notified the increased limit for tax exemption on leave encashment on retirement or otherwise of non-government salaried employees to Rs 25 lakh w.e.f. 01.04.2023," the CBDT said. In 2023-24 Budget, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had increased the tax exemption on leave encashment on retirement non-government salaried employees to Rs 25 lakh, from Rs 3 lakh.

Lexus India rolls out new LC 500H Luxury Coupe



■ Tagged at Rs 2.39 cr

New Delhi, May 25:

Lexus India on Thursday said it has launched announced the new LC 500H Luxury Coupe in the country priced at Rs 2.39 crore (ex-showroom). The company said the model now comes with all new instrument panels to the layout of the centre console, among others. "The transition to the new model of LC 500h is in sync with our commitment to

designing products that offer unparalleled comfort and superior performance to our discerning quests." Lexus India President Naveen Soni said in a statement. The new enhanced LC will surely catch the imagination of luxury consumers with newer technology and design upgrades, he added. The automaker said it has teamed up with designers Abraham and Thakore to release limited edition jackets, featuring custom designs inspired by Lexus.

EV PARTNERSHIP

PM to chair NITI Aayog Governing Council meet on Saturday

filled today," Dhami said.

New Delhi. May 25:

Narendra Modi will chair NITI Aayog's eighth Governing Council meeting on May 27, which will deliberate on several issues including, health, skill development, women empowerment and infrastructure development, with an aim to make India a developed nation by 2047.

The council, the apex body of NITI Aayog, includes all chief ministers, lieutenant governors of Union Territories, and several Union ministers. Modi is the Chairman of NITI Aayog. "NITI Aayog will be organising its 8th Council Governing Meeting on the theme of 'Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Role



of Team India' on May 27, 2023," the Aayog said in a statement. The statement noted that as the world's fifth largest economy and the most populous nation, India is at a stage in its economic development trajectory where it can achieve accelerated growth over the next 25 years. In this context, the statement said the 8th Governing Council Meeting provides an op-

portunity to create a roadmap for Viksit Bharat by 2047 in which Centre and states can work together as Team India. "Eight prominent themes will be discussed, including Viksit Bharat@2047, thrust on MSMEs, infrastructure and investments, minimising compliances, women empowerment, health and nutrition, skill development, and Gati Shakti for area development and social infrastructure," the statement

According to the statement, as a prelude to the 8th Governing Council meeting, the 2nd Chief Secretaries Conference was held in January 2023 where these themes were extensively discussed.

LG India expects 10% growth Exploring new even inviting its sister con-

business categories as **Health care, says MD** New Delhi, May 25:

LG Electronics India expects around 10 per cent growth in FY24 and exploring new business categories such healthcare and water purification here besides investing further in its manufacturing ecosystem, its Managing Director Hong Ju Jeon said on Wednesday. India is an important market for the South Korean chaebol, where it sees a "big potential" as the economic situation is bright compared to other global markets with a growing population with more youths, he said. The cerns from South Korea to set up plants for component manufacturing here, Jeon told PTI in an interaction here. It is also looking to increase exports to other countries from India by enhancing the cost competitiveness and more products in its offerings. "We will support the India government's make-in-India initiatives and will increase the exports from here and contribute to the Indian Economy," said Jeon. Jeon also lauded India's growth story this year and said its economy is growing despite other markets facing tough times on account of global disruption from war and other factors. When asked about the growth expectation of LG business in India, he said: "LG also has

Unacademy celebrates outstanding success of UPSC CSE 2022

New Delhi, May 25:

Unacademy, India's largest learning platform, is proud to announce the exceptional the UPSC CSE (Civil Services Examination) 2022. Among the top rankers of Unacademy are Smriti Mishra (AIR 4), Kanika Goyal (AIR 9), Rahul Srivastava (AIR 10), Abhinav Siwach (AIR 12) and Vidushi Singh (AIR 13). 300+ Unacademy Learners have secured top ranks, showcasing their dedication, perseverance, and the effectiveness of Unacademy's comprehensive learning platform. Among the Unacademy Learners, 206 rank holders were from the online program, benefiting from exclusive guidance provided by India's Top

FinMin agrees to allow highway contractors to convert bank guarantees into surety bonds, says Gadkari ganised by the National

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New Delhi, May 25:

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has said the finance ministry has agreed to allow contractors engaged by state-owned NHAI and NHIDCL to convert their bank guarantees into insurance surety bonds. Gadkari had recently said changes will be made to the surety bond offering to make it more lucrative as no contractor is buying it because of the strict conditions imposed by insurance regulator Irdai. "I conveyed to the road transport secretary that he should talk to the finance secretary once to give it (allowing conversion of bank guarantee to



surety bonds) from retrospective effect. "In NHAI, in the road ministry and NHIDCL whatever bank guarantees are there, if they want, they can convert them into insurance surety bonds. Permission should be given for this,' Gadkari said Wednesday at an event or-

Highways Authority of India. Last year in December, launched the country's first-ever surety bond insurance product with an aim to reduce the dependence on infrastructure developers on bank guarantees. "I am happy to tell you that the road transport secretary talked to the finance secretary and the finance secretary has agreed. Now you can convert it," the road transport and highways minister said. The product, from the stable of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, has been developed in response to a demand by the industry and the government.

Rupee falls 7 paise to close at 82.75 against US dollar

Mumbai, May 25:

The rupee fell 7 paise to close at 82.75 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, weighed down by the strength of the American currency in the overseas market. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.76 against the dollar, and finally settled at 82.75 (provisional), down 7 paise from its previous close. During the day, the rupee touched a high of 82.70 and a low of 82.78 against greenback Wednesday, the rupee had settled at 82.68 against the dollar. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.13 per cent to 104.02. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, declined 1.47 per cent to USD 77.21 per barrel.

Cambridge International students shine with remarkable results

New Delhi, May 25: Cambridge International, the largest provider of international education for 5 to 19-yearolds in India and globally, has announced the results of its March 2023 exam series for Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGSCE) and Cambridge International AS & A Level. With 65,157entries submitted from 379schools across the country, the March 2023 exam series has once again produced excellent results for Cambridge International students in India.Cambridge IGCSE had a 5 per cent and Cambridge International AS & A Levelsaw 12 per cent increase with over 47,800 entries for the year 2022-23 compared to 45,000 entries last year, and Cambridge International

AS & A Level saw growth of 12 per cent with 15,600 entries for the year 2022-23 compared to 13,833 entries last year. Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, First Language English, and Biology were the most popular Cambridge IGCSE subjects, while Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, and Business were the most popular subjects for Cambridge International AS & A Level. Meanwhile, a 6 per cent increase in entries for STEM subjects with over 25,539 entries in total shows that students in India continue to have inclination for these subjects. Mahesh Srivastava Regional Director, South Asia. Cambridge International. 'Cambridge International is proud to announce the results achieved by our students in India for the

March 2023 exam series.

Markets bounce back from intra-day lows; settle higher on fag-end buying

nounce the launch of Uber Green, unveiling an EV partnership.

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Green

Mumbai, May 25:

Equity benchmark indices bounced back from intra-day lows to settle in the positive territory on Thursday helped by fagend buying. In a volatile trade amid the monthly derivaives expiry, the 30share BSE Sensex climbed 98.84 points or 0.16 per cent to settle at 61,872.62. During the day, it hit a high of 61,934.01 and a low of 61,484.66. The NSE Nifty gained 35.75 points or 0.20 per cent to end at 18,321.15 after beginning the trade on a weak note. From the Sensex pack, Bharti Airtel. ITC, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Larsen & Toubro, Power Grid, Bajaj Finance, Infosys, Nestle, Paints Asian and

Mahindra & Mahindra



Uber Senior Vice President (Mobility & Business Operations) Andrew Macdonald

(left) and Uber India & South Asia President Prabhjeet Singh during an event to an-

were among the major gainers. Wipro, Tata Motors, IndusInd Bank, HDFC. Hindustan Unilever, State Bank of India and Tata Steel were the major laggards. In Asian markets, Seoul, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower, while Tokyo ended in the green. Equity markets in Europe were trading on a mixed note. The US market ended lower on Wednesday.

NLC Bharat is the need of the hour Mumbai, May 25:

Several prominent lead-

ers have endorsed the Legislators' National Conference (NLC) Bharat scheduled to take place next month in Mumbai. Cutting across party lines, the leaders have expressed that the exercise that will see congregation of over 2,500 legislators, will be a historic event. Speaking at recent event organized at the Jio World Convention Centre, Sumitra Mahajan, former Lok Sabha Speaker said, "MLCs and MLAs from different regions will come together to discuss sustainable issues, exchange perspectives, and learn about the challenges being addressed in their respective states. It is essential to prioritise the nation first, followed by the state, and then the individual

constituency. Such gatherings facilitate communication and understanding between legislators from different regions, allowing them to learn about each exchange ideas.

other's constituencies and The leaders believe that in a diverse culture like ours, there is a need to bring legislators from across the country, cutting across party lines to have a meaningful dialogue. Speaking through video conference during the re-cent event, Dr Meira Kumar, former Lok Sabha Speaker said, "There are very few countries where there are multiple religions and sects. The forthcoming conference is all set to create history. Several issues related to social justice, international relations, or education, are going to be dis-

Doing an out-an-out action film is something I wanted to do, says **Shahid Kapoor**

ctor Shahid Kapoor's upcoming film 'Bloody Daddy' is set to release on OTT on June 9. He said that doing an out-an-out action film was something he had been wanting to do.

Speaking about his unconventional role, Shahid said: Doing an out-an-out action film was something I have been wanting to do but I was waiting for the right one to come my way. When Ali came to me with this project, I knew this was it! It's high octane, its action packed, it's thrilling, it's intense, created especially for a digital first audience." "Ali is a true master when it comes to this style of films, and it's been very enriching for me to partner with him on this. We really love what we have created together and are bloody excited to see the audience reaction The film will exclusively stream on JioCinema. The platform unveiled the action-packed trailer of the Ali Abbas Zafar-directorial at a grand event in Mumbai, in the presence of Shahid Kapoor and the director ahead of its release. Ali Abbas Zafar said: "We see a lot of

> Bloody Daddy' breaks all stereotypes right from Shahid's transformation into a 'killing machine' to being one of the first direct to OTT films to be created at this grand scale! 'Bloody Daddy' is a hard-hitting out and out dark action thriller that promises raw and real action. Produced by Jyoti Deshpande, Sunir Kheterpal, Gaurav Bose, Himanshu Kishan Mehra, and Ali Abas Zafar, the Bloody avatar of Shahid will be accompanied by an equally talented cast of Diana Penty, Sanjay Kapoor, Ronit Roy, and Rajeev Khandelwal in pivotal roles. Bloody Daddy unravels the story of Sumair (played by Shahid Kapoor) as he faces off against Gurugram's white-

> > ceitful friends, a

ruthless crime

dark crime thrillers in the west, but hardly any in

India that are made at that level and intensity.

ous narcs, and both corrupt and honest cops - all during one fateful night. In the midst of a post-COVID party apocalypse, this embattled man embraces a precarious new normal and will stop at nothing to save the one relationship that truly matters to him.

Sakhi gets over her fear of driving ony SAB's Wagle Ki Peedhi Naye Kissey

daily happenings of a middle-class household. With its relatable characters and thought-provoking narrative, Wagle Ki Duniya has won audiences heart and continues to be loved by people of all ages alike. Be it in sickness or in health, in good times or bad, the Wagle family always stands by each other. So, when his darling daughter Sakhi (played by Chinmayee Salvi) contemplates learning how to drive a car, Rajesh Wagle (played by Sumeet Raghavan) encourages her by enrolling her to a driving class in

is a slice of life family drama that follows the

Maruti Driving School. The upcoming track sees Sakhi trying to get over her biggest fear yet that of driving. When Radhika (played by Bharti Achrekar) needs to be taken to the doctor, Sakhi ropes Vivaan in to

drive them there. At this and makes one independence. Her strength and point Vivaan urges Sakhi to take up driving and get confidence comes from over her irrational fear. her family and friends, so Seeing a window of opwhen she's supported by the entire family and Vivaan, their faith in her,

who essays the role of Tune in to watch Wagle Sakhi Wagle, said, "I Ki Duniya: Nayi Peedhi think driving is a skill all Naye Kissey only on Sony women should know. It is SAB every Monday to extremely empowering



Saturday at 9.00 PM.

episodes are very close to

my heart, and I'm sure the viewers will find a

part of themselves in

Will Katha consider giving love a second chance?

Sony Entertainment Television's Kathaa Entertainment Ankahee has made a remarkable impression on the viewers with its heartwarming love story born out of repentance. Starring Adnan Khan and Aditi Dev Sharma, the storyline has witnessed Viaan and Katha work towards overcoming life's challenges. Breaking away from the mould of the stereotypical TV hero, Viaan is a character who has been appreciated for confessing his feelings and giving Katha the assurance that he does not expect anything in return. But view-

ers also empathise with Katha who is clear that there is no place for love or anv man in her life; her life revolves around her son, Aarav, and his well-being.

and empower herself

with driving skills which

will make her more inde-

pendent in her day to day

life. Chinmayee Salvi,

Shedding some light on this situation, Aditi Dev Sharma, who plays Katha opines, "As a mother, I completely understand Katha's situation. Her priority is her son Aarav's happiness and well-being. She doesn't want Aarav to think anyone is taking his father's place because most children tend to refrain from welcoming a third person into their family."



I never really considered becoming a singer, says comedian-singer Munawar

omedian and singer Munawar ◆has discussed his journey as a singer and said that he never considered being one. Munawar has made his music debut with the album 'Madari'. All songs in the album have been written by Munawar. Sharing his experience of stepping into the world of music, Munawar revealed: "While working on a composition, I used to hum the tune, and one of my composer friends encouraged me to try my hand at singing. "I was hesitant at first, but after some persuasion, I decided to give it a shot. That's how my journey as a singer began." He added: "To be honest. I never really considered becoming a singer. Even now, I feel like I need to take good care of my throat for singing, and sometimes it is difficult to maintain a consistent schedule. When I came up with

language should I choose?" "Since I can write in various genres like comedy, shayari, aggressive hip-hop, and romantic songs, I thought, why not include everything in Madari."

the idea of creating 'Madari.' I

was faced with a question: what

ctress Priyanka Chopra Jonas ⊾bravelv dressed an unsettling incident that took place in Bollywood, where a filmmaker made a disrespectful comment, stating that he "needed to see her underwear." Priyanka, known for her outspoken nature, shared her experience of shooting for a film in which she portrayed an undercover role, shedding light on the dehumanizing encounter and her decision to walk away from the

project. Recalling the incident, Priyanka revealed that it occurred around 2002 or '03 during the filming of a scene where her character seduced an individual as part of her undercover mission. The actress expressed her desire to layer up for the scene,

but the filmmaker in-

sisted



harti Bhatt, who is also recognized as Rashmi from Star Bharat's Woh Toh Hai Albela, has captivated viewers with her remarkable performance as the character Rashmi in the series. In the show, she portrays Sayuri's sister, played by Hiba Nawab. Dharti Bhatt portrays a grey character who consistently attempts to disrupt Kanha and Sayuri's lives. However, in contrast to her on-screen persona, Dharti Bhatt is completely different in her personal life. She reveals that people often misunderstand her in real life due to the impactful nature of her character Rashmi, and she sheds light on her true self outside of the show and how she likes to spend her usual days.

She says, "I portray the strong and cunning character of Rashmi, who possesses shades of grey. While I receive much praise for my portrayal, my true personality is often misunderstood. Those who are close to me understand how different I am in reality. I lead a simple life and consider myself a deeply spiritual person. Whenever I have the opportunity, I enjoy visiting the Isckon temple. As a devoted follower of Lord Krishna, I eagerly await my days off so I can visit Iskcon. Recently, I even made an impromptu trip to Vrindavan.'



Stay tuned to watch 'Woh Toh Hai Albela' every Monday-Friday at 9:00 PM only on Star Bharat.

Swara Bhasker wraps up her multiple role film 'Mrs Falani'

Bhasker, who recently tied the knot with political activist Fahad Ahmad, wrapped up shooting for her upcoming film 'Mrs Falani' in which she essays multiple

characters. The film is based on 8 different stories and will see the actress pulling off 8 different characters belonging from different regions, speaking different dialects, sporting different

attires in one single movie. Talking about the film, Swara said: "'Mrs Falani' is a really special film because it's the first time I got to essay multiple characters in one project. It was a real challenge to build 8 distinct female characters that were distinguishable and unique in their own identity but also united in their woman-hood and their ex-



Chhattisgarh which was an eye opener in its beauty diversity. Collaboration with Manish Kishore Ji and his team was a happy and fulming experience and I am proud to be part of this film and play various Mrs Falanis.

periences. It was the first

time I was shooting in

In the film, Swara will be seen in the role of a homemaker representing different states such as Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Punjab and others. Reportedly, going the extra mile, Swara also got her nose pierced for the

Manish Kishore, director of the project, said in a statement: "It is a very compelling story, in fact it's a collection of stories from various geographies in the country defying the odds by being themselves.

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39. Balm

51. Brews 53. Operatic melodies

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on showcasing her underwear, believing it would entice audiences to watch the movie.

The demeaning comment was not directed at Priyanka personally but was uttered by the filmmaker to the stylist in her presence. It left her feeling devalued, reducing her worth to mere objectification. Priyanka expressed her frustration, stating that it conveyed the message that her artistic contributions and individuality were insignificant compared to her perceived util-

After enduring two days such treatment, Priyanka decided to walk away from the film. Her father, Ashok Chopra, supported her decision but asked her to reimburse the production company with her own money to cover the expenses had inthey

curred.

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- 71. Frozen raindrop

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Upbeat MI hold the edge vs Titans in Qualifier 2

Ahmedabad, May 25 (PTI):

Madhwal's Akash breathtaking bowling performance Lucknow Super Giants in the Eliminator would have given five-time IPL champions Mumbai Indians wings and they would be fancying their chances against defending champions Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 2 to be played in the world's largest stadium here on Friday.

Mumbai Indians, riding on magical figures of five for five produced by Madhwal at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Wednesday night, knocked out LSG from the race to the final with an 81-run win.

The massive MI victory was a warning to the rivals that they could lift their game according to the occasion even in the absence of star pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Jofra Archer and batting mainstay Tilak Varma.

The likes of Cameron Green, Suryakumar Yadav and Tim David have responded well to the challenges and now form the backbone of the batting



young Nehal Wadhera too making a huge impact, and the opening pair of Rohit and Ishan Kishan doing a fair job.

It will be a stern test for the Titans' bowling attack. led by Mohammad Shami (26 wickets in 15 matches). to get the better of MI's batting, which has im-

proved drastically towards the business end of the tournament. Madhwal has been a revelation with the ball. The right-arm bowler returned a dream spell of 3.5-0-5-5 against LSG to put his side into the virtual semifinal after a threewicket burst that set up victory in their crucial

Time: 7:30PM IST.

last league game against Sunrisers Hyderabad. Veterans Piyush Chawla (21 wickets in 15 matches) and Jason Behrendorff (14 wickets in 11 matches) have also been impressive, while an otherwise expensive Chris Jordan also enjoyed a fine outing of 2-1-7-1 in the Eliminator.

Gujarat Titans, outclassed and outgunned in Qualifier 1 by Mahendra Singh Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings, will have one last chance to gather themselves up and put their best foot forward in familiar conditions here in order to qualify for their second IPL final on the trot. It will be imperative for the defending champions that their batting clicks in unison, since Shubman Gill and Vijay Shankar have done bulk of the heavy lifting with the bat in the last few games.

Gill might have had an off day against CSK but his two centuries in the closing stages of the league round make him the biggest threat for Mumbai Indians. With 722 runs in 15 matches at an

two centuries and four fifties, the India batter has 421 runs more than the second-best GT batter --Shankar with 301 runs in 12 matches -- and is also just eight runs short of going past RCB's Faf du Plessis to finish with most runs in this IPL.

The Titans will also expect more with the bat from their captain Hardik Pandya, who is going through a form slump, notching scores of 8, DNB, 8, 4 and 25 in his last five games. The Titans' lower middle-order lynchpin David Miller too has gone without a fifty this season and also failed to get into double figures in his last three outings.

The contest here on Friday night will be the third meeting between GT and MI this season, with both teams winning one game each.

After the Titans crushed MI at this venue by 55 runs in a one-sided game, in their next Suryakumar struck his maiden IPL century to power MI to a 27-run win -a margin which could have been a lot bigger had Rashid Khan not smashed

Sindhu, Prannoy enter quarterfinals of Malaysia Masters

Star Indian shuttler PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy booked their places in the quarterfinals of the Malaysia Masters with contrasting wins over their respective rivals here on Thursday.

While double Olympic medallist and sixth seed

Sindhu disposed of Aya Ohori of Japan in straight games in women's singles. Prannov had to dig deep to get the better of Shi Feng Li of China in a tough three-game men's singles contest. Taking the court first, world No. 13 Sindhu extended her domination over Ohori, ranked 28th, taking just 40 minutes to beat the Japanese 21-16, 21-11 in the round of 16. Sindhu, thus, enjoys a commanding 12-0 head-to-head record against Ohori. Sindhu will face China's Yi Man Zhang in the quarterfinals. World No. 9 Prannoy then overcame a game deficit to beat world No.11 Li 13-21, 21-16, 21-11 in one hour and 10 minutes to book his berth in



the last-eight stage. Prannoy will next meet the winner of the match between third seed Jonatan Christie of Indonesia and Japan's Kenta Nishimoto. Later in the day, Lakshya Sen will be seen in action against Angus Ng Ka Long of Hong Kong while Kidambi Srikanth will play eight seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand in their respective

Sathiyan, Sharath, Manika among retained players ahead of UTT season 4

Mumbai. May 25 (PTI):

Veteran Sharath Kamal and G Sathiyan are among the four players retained by their respective franchises of the Ultimate Tennis (UTT) league.

Defending champions Chennai Lions have retained ten-time national champion Sharath, while UTT Season 3 finalists Dabang Delhi TTC have decided to continue with Sathivan at the fore.

India's star female paddler Manika Batra has retained Bengaluru Smashers with

the retention transfer originating from her former franchise, while Asian Games bronze medallist Manay Thakkar will continue at U Mumba TT.

"The Season 4 and this will be my fourth consecutive season for Dabang Delhi. The most unforget table moment was certainly winning the championship point for Dabang Delhi in Season 2. I am eagerly looking forward to play for Delhi family again and win the UTT this year," Sathiyan said.

Individuals showed a lot of character to reach successive **WTC finals: Rohit**

New Delhi, May 25 (PTI):

Captain Rohit Sharma feels all individuals showed a lot of character and stepped up when needed to take India to the World Test Championship final for the second consecutive time, especially after losing in the inaugural edition in 2021.

India will take on Australia at The Oval in the 2021-2023 cycle WTC final, starting June 7. "After the World Test Championship Southampton, we quickly

had to regroup and get ready for the next cycle." Rohit said in a video posted by BCCI on its website.

i thought in that cycle we played some really, really tough cricket. We were challenged a lot of times and I thought to come out of that was obviously going to take a lot of character from not just a few individuals. but everyone." Rohit was



full of praise for the fighting character of his teammates after the disappointment of losing the inaugural WTC final to New Zealand in 2021.

"Look, it's a cycle of two rears and we play a lot of Test matches during that period. Lot(s) of players have played in that cycle,' he said. "Different individuals have stepped up, putting the performances that we were looking for from the individual.

Lautaro Martinez scores 2 as Inter beats Fiorentina 2-1 for Italian Cup title

Rome, May 25 (AP):

Take note, Manchester City: the bigger the match, the bigger the performfrom Lautaro Martinez lately.

After scoring key goals against Benfica and city rival AC Milan to help secure Inter Milan a spot in the Champions League final, Martinez netted twice as the Nerazzurri produced a 2-1 comeback win over Fiorentina to defend the Italian Cup trophy on Wednesday.

It's the second trophy that Inter has won this season after also beating Milan in the Italian Super Cup in January when Martinez also scored.

After a couple of matches to finish up Serie A, Martinez and Inter will be aiming for one more trophy when they face City in the Champions League final on June 10 in Istanbul. "In all honesty, I



Inter Milan's players celebrate after their victory of the Italian Cup final soccer match between Fiorentina and Inter Milan at the Rome's Olympic Stadium.

couple of years we have been bringing trophies to this great club and we've got to continue this way," said Martinez, who also played a big role when Inter won Serie A in 2021. "I want to keep contributing for Inter, because that's

am moved, because for a what matters." Martinez now has a career-best 27 goals across all competitions for Inter this season, having also helped Argentina win the World Cup in December. He's also the only player to have appeared in all 54 of Inter's matches this season.

I am not Bumrah's replacement: Madhwal



Akash Madhwal, who engineered Mumbai Indians' comprehensive 81-run win over Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL Eliminator, doesn't consider himself as Jasprit Bumrah's replacement and is happy to fulfil the responsibility entrusted on him by the team. Madhwal, an engineer from Uttarakhand, returned impressive figures of 5 for 5 in 3.3 overs as MI inched one step closer to the IPL summit clash on Wednesday night. "I am trying my best to fulfil

the responsibilities given to me by the team. I am not Bumrah's replacement but I'm trying my best to do what I can," Madhwal told reporters after the match.

Decision on Asia Cup hosts on May 28: Jay Shah

New Delhi, May 25 (PTI):

A decision on Asia Cup's fate will be taken on the sidelines of the IPL final, which will be attended by a host of top Asian Cricket Council (ACC) dignitaries, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on Thursday.

Pakistan have the hosting rights for this year's Asia Cup but with BCCI deciding against sending its team to the neighbouring country without government permission, PCB chairman Najam Sethi had proposed a 'hybrid model' where they will organise at least four games on home soil and India will play their matches at a neutral venue.

It couldn't be confirmed whether Sethi has been formally invited for the IPL final.

'As of now, the decision with regards to hosting of Asia Cup hasn't yet been finalised. We are busy with IPL but the top digni-

taries of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), Bangladesh and Afghanistan Cricket Board are coming to watch the IPL final. We will have a discussion and take a final decision in due course," Jay Shah told

It has been learnt from ACC sources that Sethi's proposed hybrid model looks like a feasible solution although ACC had made no formal state ments. According to the model, Sri Lanka. Bangladesh, Nepal and Afghanistan play four preliminary matches in Pakistan and India would play all their games at

The Epic Clash:

India vs. Australia World Test Championship Final: The Ultimate Showdown

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The stage is set, and the cricketing world holds its breath as the giants of the game, India and Australia, prepare to face off in the highly anticipated final of the World Test Championship. Scheduled for the 7th of June 2023, this monumental clash will take place at the prestigious Oval cricket ground. As an ardent cricket enthusiast and historian, I have compiled a booklet that delves into the rich history of India-Australia cricket, highlighting the major events and victories leading up to this momentous occasion.

The First Encounter:

1947-48 Tour of Australia The journey between India and Australia began in the post-independence era when the Indian cricket team embarked on its first official tour of Australia in 1947-48. Led by charismatic Lala Amarnath, the Indian team showcased their mettle against their formidable opponents. Although Australia emerged victorious in the series, the tour laid the foundation for future encounters, fostering a healthy rivalry between the

two nations.

A Spirited Battle Border-Gavaskar

Trophy, initiated in 1996-97, has been a fiercely contested series between India and Australia. This prestigious trophy has witnessed enthralling encounters, intense rivalries, and breathtaking performances from both sides. Over the years, the series has produced iconic moments like Sourav Ganguly's shirt-waving celebration at Lord's in 2002 and Harbhajan Singh's hat-trick in 2001.

2001 Kolkata Test: The

Iconic Turnaround One of the most memorable matches in cricket history took place in 2001 during the second Test of Australia's tour to India. Facing a follow-on, India orchestrated a remarkable comeback, spearheaded by VVS Laxman's majestic 281 and Rahul Dravid's gritty 180. This historic partnership led India to victory, inflicting Australia's first Test defeat after a record-breaking streak of 16 consecutive wins.

2008 Perth Test: Triumph Amidst Tragedy

During the 2007-08 tour of Australia, tragedy struck when promising Indian bats-

man, Rahul Dravid, was

struck by a bouncer from

Mitchell Johnson at the

WACA Ground in Perth.

Despite the adversity, the

Indian team showcased in-

credible resilience and

emerged victorious in a hard-

fought battle, winning the Test

India Vs Australia 1947 - 2023 76 years of Cricket, India's famous victories

by 72 runs. This victory sym-

bolized the team's determina-

tion and spirit in the face of

Historic First Down Under

history was scripted as India

achieved their first-ever Test

In the 2018-19 Test series,

2018-19 Test Series:





India clinch first 4-0 series wi

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exhibited exceptional skill,

resilience, and character

Notable performances includ-

ed Cheteshwar Pujara's mon-

umental run-scoring spree

series.

throughout the



bowling. The series win was a significant milestone in India's cricketing journey. 2020-21 Border-Gavaskar

Trophy: The Brisbane Miracle 2020-21 Border-

Gavaskar Trophy will forever be etched in cricketing history as a testament to India's resilience and determination. Despite facing numerous challenges, including injuries to key players and being dismissed for a paltry 36 runs in the first Test at Adelaide, the Indian team staged a remarkable comeback. Led by standin captain Ajinkya Rahane, they secured a historic victory in the series decider at the Gabba in Brisbane. The triumph marked India's second consecutive Test series win on Australian soil.

The Rise of Virat Kohli and Steve Smith

The rivalry between two modern-day cricketing giants, Virat Kohli of India and Steve Smith of Australia, has captivated fans worldwide. Known for their batting prowess and consistent runscoring ability, Kohli and Smith have engaged in enthralling battles on the field.

often determined the outcome of matches and have added another layer of excitement to the India-Australia

neutral venues

The upcoming World Test Championship Final between India and Australia represents the pinnacle of their rivalry in the longest format of the game. It serves as an opportunity for both teams to showcase their skills, tactical acumen, and mental fortitude on a global

The match will be a culmination of their cricketing journeys and an event that fans eagerly anticipate. As we delve into the rich history of the India-Australia cricket rivalry, it becomes evident that this clash in the World Test Championship Final is not just a battle for supremacy but also a celebration of the spirit of cricket, where two great cricketing nations come together to compete and etch their names in the annals of the sport's history.

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Cong called sacred Sengol 'gift to Nehru': BJP

New Delhi, May 25, PTI:

The BJP on Thursday alleged that the Congress displayed disregard for Hindu traditions by calling the sacred 'Sengol' a "golden stick gifted" to former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru and tucking it away in a muse-

The ceremonial sceptre, which will be installed in the new Parliament building, was given to Nehru to symbolise the transfer of power from the British to India in August 1947. It was kept in the Nehru Gallery of the Allahabad Museum.

Minister Prime Narendra Modi will now install the 'Sengol' "in the

close to the Speaker's podium", BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya said, asserting that it has been given its rightful place.

His remarks come a day

after 20 Opposition parties, including Congress, TMC, Samajwadi Party and AAP, announced to boycott the inauguration of the building on May 28 by Modi. They said the prime minister's decision to inaugurate it by himself, "completely sidelining President Droupadi Murmu, is not only a grave insult but a direct assault on our democracy which demands a commensurate response".

The vesting of the "sacred 'Sengol'" with Nehru,

Independence, was the exact moment of transfer of power from the British to India, Malviya said. "But instead of being

given the pride of its place, it was tucked away in Anand Bhavan, and called the golden stick gifted to Nehru," he said in a tweet, adding, "Such is the disdain for Hindu rituals in the Congress". Malviya said Prime

Minister Modi will now install the 'Sengol' from 1947, "in the Lok Sabha, prominently close to the Speaker's podium". It will be displayed for the nation to see, and it will be also "taken out on special occasions", he said. "It is now Sengol vs Opposition," the Made of silver with a

coat of gold, the historical sceptre will be installed near the Chair of the Lok Sabha Speaker on the same day the new Parliament building is dedicated to the nation. Following the announcement of boycott by the Opposition parties, the BJP-led National Democratic alliance on Wednesday launched a sharp counterattack on the Opposition parties for their decision to boycott the new Parliament building's inauguration, slamming their stand as a "bla-

tant affront to democratic

ethos and constitutional



Locals at the Dehradun railway station during the flag-off ceremony of the Delhi-Dehradun Vande Bharat Express train, in Dehradun, Thursday, May 25. Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the train.

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20 TN priests to oversee new Parl inauguration

New Delhi, May 25, PTI:

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman 20 Thursday "aadeenams" Tamil Nadu have been invited for the inaugurathe new tion of Parliament building on May 28, where the 'Sengol' will be installed, as did in 1947 to symbolise the power transformation from the British.

Addressing reporters in Chennai along with the Governors of Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Nagaland, she said TN has a "big proud part" to the episode of handing over of the Sengol (sceptre) to the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, symbolising the nower transfer from the British to the people of India in 1947. This was done on the advice of the Tiruvavduthurai adheenam after the late CR Rajagopalachary discussed it with the Shaivite pontiff following Nehru's consultations with him.

"With the Sengol to be installed in the new Parliament building on May 28 during its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 20 'aadeenams' from Tamil Nadu, inc l u d i n g Tiruvavaduthurai, Perur and Madurai have been invited for the event," she said.

In Tamil, the word 'Aadeenam' refers to Shaivite а monastery and the head of such a math.

pontiffs will attend the event, there will be Oduvars (scholars in Shaivite scriptures and hymns) who will recite the Thevaram. In 1947 also the Sengol was handed over to Nehru when othuvargal recited Kolaru Pathigam," she said. The same Sengol will be installed in Lok Sabha near the chair of the Lok Sabha Speaker with much reverence and it will symbolise "governance with jus-

tice and without any

bias," she added. TN

Governor RN Ravi, his

Telangana Nagaland counterparts, Tamilsai Soundararajan and La Ganesan, respectively, Union Minister L Murugan and TN Minister PK Sekar Babu

Gangster Lawrence Bishnoi moves jail

stabbed to death by rival

gang members in Tihar jail

on May 2.According to

sources, Lawrence Bishnoi

has been kept in cell number 15 of the jail.

The notorious gangster

was brought from Gujarat

to Delhi airport amidst tight

security at around 12.30 am.

Last month the Gujarat

Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS)

got the custody of Bishnoi

in connection with a case of

cross-border smuggling of



New Delhi, May 25, PTI:

Gangster Lawrence Bishnoi was early Thursday morning brought to Delhi from a Gujarat jail and lodged in the national capital's Mandoli prison, officials said today. Bishoi has been sent to the Mandoli jail, due to security reasons, an official said.

This comes in the wake of killing of Tillu Tajpuria in Tihar Jail earlier this

Teen kills sister, chops off fingers, burns face cials said. Tajpuriya, an accused in Delhi's Rohini court shootout case was

Vaishali, May 25, PTI:

A 13-year-old girl allegedly killed her younger sister with the help of her boyfriend and aunt and burnt the deceased's face with acid and chopped off fingers to conceal the identity in Bihar's Vaishali district, a senior police officer said on Thursday.

Police have arrested all three accused, including the minor, involved in the incident. While the 13-

year-old girl has been sent to Balika Sudhar Grah' (correction home) in the district, her 18-vear-old boyfriend and aunt are in iudicial custody, an officer said. Talking to reporters on Thursday, Vaishali SP Ravi Ranjan Kumar, said the incident took place on May 15 at Harprasad village when the parents of the girls had gone to a relative's village to participate in a wedding ceremony.

When the parents re-

turned home they found their younger nine-yearold-daughter missing, Kumar said, adding the parents lodged a complaint at Jandaha police station. The local police constituted a special investigation team (SIT) and lodged a missing report which was later converted into a murder case after the recovery of the body from a field behind her home on May 19, the

month and the jail administration took the decision to keep Bishoni in a separate prison to prevent any possibility of a gang war, offi-There are some in govt service who have doctorate in corruption: Kerala CM the Kerala Municipal and Corporation Staff Union.

Thiruvananthapuram, and those working with May 25 (PTI): Kerala such persons — who are Chief Minister Pinarayi engaged in corrupt prac-Viiavan on Thursday said tices — should also interthere were some persons

in the government service who have a "doctorate" in corruption and that the problem can be addressed only by a collective effort, including by those working with such individuals.

Vijayan said that the LDF government's stand was that there would be no compromise where corrupt activities are concerned and those engaged in it would not be protect-

Therefore, while stringent measures are being taken by the government and the vigilance, even the concerned departments

New Delhi, May 25:

Congress MLA and

Punjab's state chief

Harish Chaudhary on

Wednesday made it clear that Sachin Pilot has not

given any ultimatum to the party but wanted to

speak to the party and

prefers to build a bridge between the people and

given any ultimatum to

the party but he has tried

will come up with a solu-

the state government. "Sachin Pilot has not

The CM was referring to the recent arrest of a field assistant Palakkayam village in Palakkad district of the state for allegedly accepting a bribe.

Cash and bank deposits documents worth over Rs 1 crore were allegedly recovered during a search from his rented accommo-

Vijayan said that the official in question was allegedly using the bribe amounts for his needs and his salary was lying un-

The CM also said that

tion." Chaudhary said.

His statement comes

leak scam. He warned the

while in big offices and de partments, it may be difficult to know if someone is engaged in corrupt prac-

However, in smaller offices, like the one in the recent incident, it was difficult to believe that everyone there was oblivious to what was happening.

"In such incidents, the others there should intervene and prevent such practices. The majority of those in the government sector are honest. But there are some who have taken a doctorate in committing corruption.

"They have acquired a taste for it and do not want to give it up," Vijayan said after inaugurating here a state-level conference of

Gehlot government that if

his demands were not

Pilot has not given ultimatum to party: Cong

The matter requires serious consideration as such practices ruin the distinction that Kerala has earned of being the state in India with the least corruption, he said.

He said that those in service government should have a peoplefriendly attitude and help them out wherever it was

legally possible.
"What cannot be done legally, should not be

He said digitisation of government services and providing them online would be a step towards transparency and swift delivery of services to the

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