

‘Le Suru Hoge Maya Ke Kahani’ in theatres from today

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Bhilai, May 04: Chhattisgarhi film 'Le Suru Hoge Maya Ke Kahani' is all set to hit the theatres of the state from May 5. Director Satish Jain and other actors gave information about the film during a press conference the other day.

Satish Jain is expecting to gain new heights from this movie after the success of his previous films 'Mor Chhada Bhuiya' and 'Has Jhan Pagli Fans Jabe'. The song and trailer of the film has been launched on YouTube AVM song. There are a total of six songs in this film, which are written by Satish Jain. Sunil Soni, Anupama Mishra and Shail Kiran have given



voice to these songs. The movie is based on a shocking story which will persuade the general audience to consider themselves as the hero of this film. Amlesh Nagesh is seen representing a common (typical) Chhattisgarhi boy who binds the very beautiful

heroine, Elsa Ghosh.

The heroine of this film, Elsa Ghosh inspires him to move ahead in life. This film is a clean and family movie. Other cast of the film are Suresh Godalen, Manoj Joshi, Sheetal Sharma, Pappu Chandrakar, Dr Ajay Sahay, Upasana Vaishnav,

Sangeeta Nishad, Anjali Singh, Anil Sinha, Ghanshyam Mirza, Vishal Sahu, Jai Ram Bhagwani and Rajendra Kapoor. Producer is Chhote Lal Sahu, Director - Satish Jain, Executive Producer - Tikeswar Sahu and Khilishwar Sahu, Cinematographer -

Siddharth Singh, Tulendra Patel, Choreographer - Chandan Deep, Audiographer - Ansari, Chief Asst Director - Sunil Soni, Editing- Prabodh Ranjan Sahu, Asso Director - Salim Bhopendra Chandaniyan, Production Designer - Alekh Chowdhary, Make-up Tarani Dubey (Gora), Executive Producer - Lalit Sinha, Graphics - Praveen Das, Action - Kundrathur S Babu, PRO - Dilip Nampallywar and costume designers are Sarita Jain and Runjhun Jain. Film lead actors Nagesh and Elsa Ghosh, Producers Chhote Lal Sahu, Shamshir Shivani and Dilip Nampallywar were present in the press conference.

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Bhilai, May 04: Election for the post of President of District Panchayat Durg was conducted on Thursday. This post was vacant after the sudden demise of Shalini Rivendra Yadav last month. Pushpa Bhuneshwar Yadav and Harsha Lokmani Chandrakar had filed their nominations for the post of President. 11 District Panchayat members cast their vote in the election, in which Pushpa Yadav got 7 votes and Harsha Chandrakar got 4 votes.

Pushpa Bhuvaneshwar Yadav was declared elected for the post of President by the Presiding Officer. On this occasion, Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, Additional Collector Padmani Bhoi, Praveen Verma, Abhay Singh,



Congress Organisational I/c (Durg) Girish Dewangan, District Cooperative Central Bank President Rajendra Sahu, Bhilai Charoda Mayor Nirmal Kosre, Bhilai DCC President Mukesh Chandrakar, Labour Board Vice President Keshav Harmukh 'Bunty', PCC General Secretary Jitendra Sahu, DCC

Cooperative Cell Rivendra Yadav, BCC President Nand Kumar Sen, DMC Speaker Rajesh Yadav, Janpad President Devendar Deshmukh, OBC Commission Vice President RN Verma, Madarsa Board President Altaf Ahmad, Rishabh Jain, Abhay Singh, Krishna Dewangan and others were present.

Man sentenced life imprisonment for sexually assaulting 3-year-old girl

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Bhilai, May 04: A Fast Track Special Court in Durg sentenced a man to rigorous life imprisonment, i.e. confinement for the balance of his natural life, for sexual assault on a 3-year-old girl. The trial was completed and punishment was awarded to the convict within eleven months of charge sheet filing.

Additional Sessions Judge (Fourth), FTSC - POCSO, Sangeeta Naveen Tiwari convicted 32-year-old Mamohan Kumar Prasad of Camp-1, Bhilai on Wednesday. The girl's mother had lodged a complaint at Vaishali Nagar Police Station on April 30,

2022. Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Kasar informed that the accused and the victim's family resided as tenants in two different portions of a house. The complainant (victim's mother) resided with her two daughters as her husband was in jail in connection with a murder.

The child often visited the place of the accused while playing as he offered biscuits and chocolates to her. On April 30, when the child returned from the place of the accused, her mother noticed that the child was not wearing the clothes properly. When she asked, the child narrated the entire incident. The victim's mother immediately con-

tacted her relatives and thereafter they lodged a complaint at Vaishali Nagar Police Station. They alleged that the accused committed penetrative sexual assault on the child using his fingers. After trial, the Special Court found the accused guilty and awarded jail term for Section 06 of POCSO Act under which the accused was tried.

He was sentenced to rigorous life imprisonment (imprisonment till rest of his life) and Rs 50000 fine under section 06 of POCSO Act, informed Special Public Prosecutor Santosh Kasar. The money collected as fine will be provided to the victim as compensation.

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Bhilai, May 04: Steel Employees Union (INTUC) celebrated the 76th Foundation Day of Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) at Sector 4. They celebrated the occasion by cutting a cake. While addressing the gathering, Steel Employees Union (INTUC) General Secretary Vansh Bahadur Singh said that Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) was established on May 3, 1947. After independence, considering the suggestions of INTUC leaders, the Congress government framed laws to provide rights and facilities to the working class of the country. But in the present era,

the central government is making way for the capitalists to exploit the laborers by abolishing all those laws. He urged the entire labour class to come together and oppose the central government's move.

Working President Puran Verma said that INTUC was established even before independence with the idea of having an independent union for the rights of the working class in the country. He added that INTUC is continuously working to ensure rights to the working class of the country and the union accomplished several important works towards social security. President of



Steel Contract Union Sanjay Sahu said that INTUC ensured many rights and facilities to the organized and unorganized sector workers of the country but still there is a big gap between regular and contract workers. Chandrashekhar Singh, Senior Vice President of Steel Employees Union, said that we are proud to be members of the country's

largest trade union established by the freedom fighters. We will continue the fight for the working class, he said. INTUC office bearers and members celebrated the foundation day of INTUC by cutting a cake. The program was conducted by Rajkumar.

Senior Vice President Santosh Kichlu, S Ravi, Giriraj Deshmukh,

Rajaram Pandey, Additional General Secretary Shekhar Sharma, Deputy General Secretary Dhanesh Prasad, Jayant Barathe, Shiv Shankar Singh, Animesh Pasine, Vipin Bihari Mishra, Resham Rathore, Raman Murthy, Gurudev Sahu, Gyanendra Pandey, Govind Rathore, Jai Kishore Brahma, Rajkumar, Arif Manjar, Rakesh Tiwari, Vincent Perera, Vijay Vishwakarma, Madan Mohan Soni, Prakash Mahle, AJ Santosh Ramamurthy, Bal Singh, Kaushalendra Singh, Jitendra Agarwal, Venkateshwara Rao, Benjamin, Binny Pal, DP Sahu, Venugopal, Arjun Kumar, Surendra Prasad, Jitendra Singh and others were present.

Teams from Sinter Plant-III win in World Steel Safety Day Competition

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Bhilai, May 04: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Sinter Plant Team has been creating records not only in fulfilling production targets but also in creating safe working environment with innovative ideas and solutions.

At the Hazard Analysis Competition (HaZAN) conducted as part of the World Steel Safety Day, three teams from Bhilai Steel Plant's Sinter Plant-III had been selected for final round of presentations at SAIL Safety organization (SSO), Ranchi on April 28, 2023. The competition was organised in two categories and the teams from Sinter Plant-III has won in both the categories. In Category-I, the



team comprising of S Srinivas, RK Randive and Om Namah Sharma won the consolation prize for their presentation on "Innovative Safe Disposal Mechanism".

In Category II, two teams from Sinter Plant were selected to the final round of presentation on "Safe Gas Line Isolation Practice" and "Identifying

Hazards and Mitigating Risks While Working in Gravity Take up Drums of Belt Conveyors" respectively. Out of these, the team comprising of Shailendra Jainwar, Gangadhar and Abhishek Sahani won the first prize for their presentation on the safe gas isolation. The presentation made by the other team comprising of

Vishnu Kumar, Kaushal Chaudhary and Gaurav Kumar was also appreciated and were provided with participation certificates.

Apart from this, teams from Sinter Plant 3 representing BSP in various other competitions and events have also won laurels. Recently, a team comprising of Arunesh Sharma and UK Akhila had won 2nd Runners up prize in the International Conclave on Digital HR for Capability Building in Metals & Mining Industry, held on April 12-13, 2023 at MTI, Ranchi.

With such initiatives and other in-house competitions being organized in SP-3, the morale of the team has been high, ready to tackle the challenges of production.

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Bhilai, May 04: PG Department of Psychology, St Thomas College, Bhilai conducted a workshop on "World Day for Safety & Health at Work". Resource person of the program was Dr Abha Shashi Kumar, founder and convener of SAM-GRAM, Family Development Centre, Bhilai.

In her speech she informed the students about resilience and its importance. She explained importance of health by explaining relationship between emotional intelligence, addictive behaviours and resilience. The various trends and changes in the field of Industrial safety and



health were also explained in the workshop.

The negative effects of lack of resilience, lack of neglect of health were discussed in relation to psychological theories and concepts. The different ways to enhance health safety was covered in the workshop.

Administrator of the college Father Dr Joshi

Varghese congratulated the department & praised the efforts taken by the faculty of the department. Principal Dr MG Roymon encouraged the program with his best wishes and said such training benefits the student in becoming a good clinical psychologist. Dr Debjani Mukherjee, Head, PG Department of Psychology introduced the

resource person and stressed that the students should imbibe the teaching learning offered by the resource person since application of knowledge is very important in the learning process. Dr Sumita Singh, Dr Ankita Deshmukh and Tanmaya Patnaik Assistant Professors guided the students in this learning experience.

On this occasion a book titled "Industrial and individual counselling" was also launched by Principal Dr MG Roymon in the presence of Dr PK Shrivastav, Dr Anjana Shrivastav and Dr Abha Shashi Kumar. The book has various therapeutic counselling techniques applied in Industrial sectors and Human problems.

Workshop held on Yard Management in Dispatch Bay of Plate Mill

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Bhilai, May 04: Plate Mill of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant that is known for producing quality plates as per international standards has a long list of customers for the wide range of plates it produces for different applications. In accordance with 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' mission, fulfilling the demand to meet the critical need of domestic customers who play a key role in development of the country has become all the more important.

Plate Mill Team that has constantly endeavoured to scale newer heights in the field of production of value added plates has achieved a handsome growth in production and dispatch in the financial year 2022-23, recording 105% fulfillment of Annual Business Plan (ABP).

Plate Mill currently produces a wide range of plates in thickness sizes from 10 mm to 120 mm. Dispatch of plates is the last mile in the entire journey of production of plates. Streamlining the volume of



dispatch per day in accordance with the number of consignees and destinations involved is very crucial. Further, to meet the stringent norms of free time allowed by Railways for shipping of plates, it becomes all the more important that proper Yard Management is done so as to locate any plate at right time for dispatch.

This becomes very much tenable in the present context, as the volume of production is increasing whereas the space of the shipping yard is limited, from where it has to

cater not only large number of consignees, sizes and grade of plates but also different modes of dispatch such as rail or road transport.

All this demands a very pragmatic and disciplined approach to stack the plates of different grades, size and for different customers in such a way to ensure correct movement of plates in time. With the experience of the Mill's crew members, mapping of the shipping yard is done in an immaculate manner to resolve all the possibilities of traceability and material handling.

An extensive workshop on Yard Management in Plate Mill was arranged on May 02, 2023 at the Plant's HRDD for thorough interaction with concerned personnel, including Marketing & Business Planning (M&BP) Dept as well as SAIL's Central Marketing Organisation (CMO) that has experience with yard management.

The objective of the workshop, organised under the direction of Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (Bhilai Steel Plant) and Anjali Kumar, ED (Works), was to evolve better network and design of suitable process in the domain of Yard Management in Dispatch Bay of Plate Mill. RK Bisare, CGM (Plate Mill), MK Gupta, CGM (BRM), MK Goyal, CGM (MWRM) and Tushar Kant, CGM (Sales) addressed participants of the workshop, sharing their experience and providing valuable insights.

CGM (Plate Mill) Bisare in his address gave impetus on carrying out yard management with no compromise on safety. CGM (BRM)

Gupta emphasised that yard management has the main role in ensuring that demurrage is minimum so as to have good profitability. He also pointed out the need for introducing edge marking facility for better traceability of the plates. CGM (MWRM) Goyal emphasised that regular and disciplined yard management is the key factor for accommodating the increased numbers of consignees in the limited area of the shop floor.

CGM (Sales) Tushar Kant emphasised on the basic need to dispatch the ordered plates on time to have better customer satisfaction which is the ultimate goal. Tanmay Sen, GM (SRM) highlighted the need for on-time dispatches. On this occasion Vingewar, AGM (Oprn), P Mill, N Mahanta, AGM (Oprn) P Mill and Himani, Mgr (Oprn) P Mill and BT Rao, GM (Bhilai Warehouse) made presentations that were followed by interactions. The programme was organized and managed by D Roy, GM (Operations) Plate Mill.

Skillovilla selects five from Sri Rawatpura Sarkar Institute of Pharmacy



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Bhilai, May 04: The students of Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Institute of Pharmacy Kumhari have once again performed brilliantly in the campus placements. A campus drive was organised by Skillovilla, a well-known company of the country, 5 students of Sri Rawatpura Government Institute of

Pharmacy Kumhari were selected. Neeraj Sahu, Pradeep Bhowmik, Chetna Verma, Roshan Jha, Pushpendra Chandrakar from the institute's pharmacy final year were selected in campus for service in the company. All these candidates have been selected for the company's initial annual package of 6 lakhs per annum. All the selected candidates of

SRIP have appreciated the quality teaching and cooperative management of the institute and considered it as the basis of their selection. Institute's Vice Chairman Dr JK Upadhyay, Director Dr Umesh Gaur, Principal Dr Alankar Srivastava, Placement Coordinator Astha Verma have congratulated all the selected candidates.

Baghel tweets video of boy using abusive words against him

Calls him Bajrang Dal member

Raipur, May 04:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has posted a video on Twitter which shows a boy purportedly using abusive words against him, and claimed the minor was a Bajrang Dal member.

Baghel posted the video on his Twitter handle on Wednesday hours after he said the Chhattisgarh government will think about banning the Bajrang Dal if the need arises.

On Tuesday, the Congress in its manifesto for the upcoming Karnataka polls promised to take action as per law, including banning organisations like this right-wing Hindu outfit and the PFI, accusing them of spreading hatred. The manifesto sparked a strong protest from the Sangh Parivar.

While posting the video, CM Baghel wrote,

"This child, who refrains from taking the name of Lord Ram, is cursing me. He is a member of the Bajrang Dal. Look at what these people have turned our children into in the name of religion."

"I wish this child a bright future. May God make all children knowledgeable and strong like Hanuman Ji," he added in the tweet.

Earlier in the day, while responding to a question from reporters on whether the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh will consider banning the outfit, the CM said, "Bajrangis did create some disturbances here, but we controlled them. If required we will think about it (banning it)."

Bajrang Dal has often courted controversies over vigilante action. Bajrang is another name for Lord Hanuman and the outfit's insignia carries a picture of the deity.

LONG WAIT



With short-termination and diversion of few trains at Raipur Railway station and many running late, the passengers are left with no option, but to wait.

Campus interview in Govt ITI Saddu on 9th

Raipur, May 04: Jindal Power & Steel - Welspun Group, Welspun Corp Ltd - Steel & Pipe Division will conduct campus interview

on 9th May at Government ITI Saddu, Vidhan Sabha Road Raipur from 10 am onwards. Govt ITI principal told that candidates pass-

ing ITI in two-year trade fitter/electrician/electronics mechanic/motor mechanic with 60 percent marks can participate.

Make maximum loans available for horticulture crops: CS

Review of cooperative, commercial tax, planning, economic and statistics departments



Raipur, May 04:

Chief Secretary Mr. Amitabh Jain, in a review meeting held at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan here on Thursday, has given instructions to disburse maximum loans to farmers through cooperative banks to encourage horticulture crops. Similarly, he asked the officers to construct godowns in cooperative societies. He instructed the officers of the Commercial Tax (GST) Department to work under a comprehensive action plan to increase revenue collection. Cooperative, commercial tax, planning, economic and statistics departments were reviewed in the meet-

ing. Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Mr. Subrat Sahoo was specially present in the meeting. The Chief Secretary said that the officers of the Commercial Taxes (GST) Department should set targets for the increase in GST/VAT.

He said that the data presented by the businessman should be analyzed on time and increase in revenue should be ensured.

In the meeting, expansion of ATM services in cooperative banks, computerization and construction of godowns in primary cooperative societies, cooperative banking facilities in Bastar and Surguja, loan disburse-

ment to farmers, holding forest rights, including distribution of short-term loans at zero percent interest rate for cultivation of horticulture crops, aspirational district. And the updated status of Aspirational Development Block Program was reviewed.

On this occasion, Secretary Cooperative and Commercial Tax, Planning, Economic and Statistics Mr. Himshikhar Gupta, Commissioner Commercial Tax Mr. Bhim Singh, MD Markfed Mr. Manoj Soni and other officers of Cooperative, Commercial Tax and Planning, Economic and Statistics Department were present.

Bajrang Dal scolding is not just to CM, but to all Ch'garhis: Cong

Raipur, May 04:

A party worker of Bajrang Dal during demonstration has scolded CM Bhupesh Baghel and it has been strongly condemned by Congress. PCC media chief Sushil Anand Shukla said that this scolding by Bajrang Dal is not just to the Chief Minister, but to entire 2.75 cr population of Chhattisgarh. Congress would file complaint against RSS Chief, BJP State president and Bajrang Dal Chief with Child Protection Commission (CPC) for provoking a young child and including him in the demonstration. PCC

● **Cong also plants to file complaint against RSS, BJP, Bajrang Dal in CPC**

media chief Shukla said that Bhupesh Baghel is the Chief Minister of state and is associated with pride and prestige of Chhattisgarh and is promoting Chhattisgarhi culture. It is by constructing Mata Kaushalya Mandir and 'Ram Van Gaman Path' of Lord Shri Ram, he has brought Chhattisgarh on the national and international map. In the last four years, CM Baghel has provided an identity to state's 'Teej', 'Tihar' and

local culture and traditions. CM Baghel is the centre of honour and prestige of Chhattisgarh.

Shukla charged that RSS and BJP is unable to tolerate all this, as in their last 15 yrs rule, they have deliberately suppressed state's rich culture heritage.

CM Baghel is now establishing it and getting irritated over it, the co-organisations of RSS are using foul words to CM and it is sheer conduct of disrespect to the honour and prestige of Chhattisgarh Mahatari. Shukla demanded RSS, BJP and Bajrang Dal to beg an apology with CM for their mis-conduct.

Raipur, May 04: Amity University Chhattisgarh organized an awareness programme on protection of child rights 'AAHAVAN' in association with Chhattisgarh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur today on May 04, 2023.

Tej Kunwar Netam, Chairperson, Chhattisgarh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur was the chief guest of the awareness programme. Netam in her address said your parents are everything for you, we should respect them in every sphere of our lives. You pray to mother and father



● **At Amity University**

as 1st and 2nd guru, and teachers for our education as 3rd guru. Education is the best tool for awareness of child rights. The motto of the State Child Right Commission is creating awareness among the different sections of the society, you college students are already educated and the best person to create awareness in the society. She also motivates the students by sharing her own

experience, from the journey as a village Sarpanch to the Chairperson of CGSCPCR. Mrs. Netam also added in her address that addiction of anything is harmful for our life not only alcohol or smoking but also young generation should be away from mobile addiction. A presentation on 'AAHAVAN' was made by Prateek Khare, Secretary, CGSCPCR. Khare also elaborated the concept of 'AAHAVAN' and conducted exercises on Protection of Child



Rights with the students of Amity University.

Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Kant Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, Amity University Chhattisgarh in his address express by citing the example of lord Ganesh as the victim of Child Right Protection. Lord Ganesh

obey the order of his mother goddess Parvati and killed by his father lord Shiva. Mother goddess Parvati take the initiative to protected the Child Right and all god and goddesses gives life to lord Ganesh and he becomes the base god of worship. Pushpa Patle, Member, CGSCPCR was also present in the awareness programme. The programme begins with the welcome address by Dr. Bodhisatva Acharya, Director, Amity Law School, Raipur. All the students, research scholars and faculty members of the university were present in the awareness programme. Rahul Verma, Assistant Professor, Amity University propose the vote of thanks.

RKCH performs the first Orbital Atherectomy case of the state

Raipur, May 04:

A team of doctors at Ramkrishna Care hospital Raipur performed a complex case of angioplasty. The procedure involved use of a new technology called as Orbital Atherectomy.

A 72 year old patient was suffering from chest pain and shortness of breath on exertion. Patient consulted at RKCH, on angiography there were multiple blockages in heart blood vessels called as coronaries. The condition of the patient was critical and an open heart surgery was found to be carrying high risk.

A team of cardiologists lead by Dr Javed Ali khan and Dr Javed Parvez de-



cided to perform the high risk procedure on the patient. Dr Javed informed the press that 'the patient's blood vessels of the heart had very high calcium, multiple blockages made his condition critical and challenging to manage. The use of Orbital Atherectomy helped in treating the calcium and

removing the blockages. Patient is recovering well and will be discharged in 2 days. Without this technology it was impossible to treat the case'.

High risk cases with multiple blockages at elderly frail ages are often unfit for a major surgery like Bypass surgery. Patients who suffer from

chest pain and breathing difficulty despite medical treatment can be offered this current modality of treatment. It helps to remove calcium from the blood vessels making a coronary angioplasty safe and easy in all such cases.

The Managing Director of RKCH Dr Sandeep Dave congratulated the doctors and informed the press that such high risk cases are routinely performed successfully in the hospital.

The team is fully equipped to handle any challenging situation and are committed to provide quality treatment to the people of the region. This happens to be the first case of using orbital atherectomy in the state.

Two-day Cartoon exhb on World Cartoonist Day

At Mahant Ghasidas Museum Art Gallery

● **Cartoonist from Pune -Jinde to make cartoons of people visiting exhibition**

Raipur, May 04:

Two-day programme on occasion of World Cartoonist Day has been organised by only Cartoon Magazine 'Cartoon Watch' on May 5. The exhibition on cartoons will be inaugurated at 6:00 pm at Mahant Ghasidas Museum Art Gallery tomorrow and in this selected enteries of All India level will be put on display. The subject of the competition is 'Keep the cultural heritage & Tourist sites from from waste'.



Editor Cartoon Watch Magazine Triambak Sharma informed that so many entries have come for this competition, that he has to first three prizes in two categories. The first prize of Rs 10000 will be shared between K Vasu of Dongargarh and Raghupati of Bengaluru.

well. Sharma informed that on occasion of World Cartoonist Day, well-known cartoonist Shubham Jinde of Pune will make cartoons of many persons coming to see the exhibition. This exhibition would continue till 9:00 pm and would continue on the second day from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Cartoonists from Chhattisgarh Sagar Kumar Bhagwat Sahu, Dhanesh Diwaker, Ajay Saxena has urged all to witness this exhibition and bring a smile on faces. This programme is being organised by Culture Department and Chhattisgarh Tourism Board.

Job fair on 8th May

Raipur: To provide employment to the local educated unemployed youth of Chhattisgarh the District Employment and Self Employment Guidance Center Raipur is going to organize job fair from 11 am to 2 pm on May 8 at District Employment Office, Old Police Headquarters Complex Raipur. Skynet Services, Muskan Consultancy and Tirupati Corporation India Limited, Raipur will recruit candidates with qualification of 10th, 12th, Graduation (B.Sc. B.Com etc.), ITI Fitter, Wireman, Electrician, Diploma Holders in Automobile, Civil, Mechanical and IT. Experienced applicants are recruited on various posts of Office Boy, Driver UPS Engineer, Sales Manager, Executive Accountant, Telecaller, Guard, Helper, Wireman, Civil Engineer, Fitter, Service Engineer etc. on a pay scale of 8 to 30 thousand per month.

Boy undergoes limb salvage surgery, gets relief from osteosarcoma

Raipur, May 04:

A team of doctors in the Orthopedic Department of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, affiliated to Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College Raipur, brought relief to a 13-year-old-boy from cancer, by performing mega prosthesis limb salvage surgery.

By removing cancer (osteosarcoma) above the knee in the right leg of a 13-year-old boy from Baloda Bazar, the doctors saved his leg from amputation by installing of megaprosthesis (artificial organ made of metal). This is the first operation of this kind to be done in any government hospital in Chhattisgarh. In limb salvage surgery only cancerous bone is removed while healthy muscles are



saved. Initially the patient was seen by the team of Director Regional Cancer Institute Dr. (Prof.) Vivek Chaudhary and Dr. Rajeev Ratan Jain in the cancer department and was given chemotherapy. Subsequently mega prosthesis replacement surgery was done by the doctors of Orthopedic



Department in which the cancerous bone was surgically removed while saving the healthy muscles by three procedures. After that, an artificial organ made of titanium metal was implanted to fill the gap in affected portion.

Primary bone cancer is called sarcoma. Sarcoma is cancer that begins in



● **Doctors in Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital save his leg from amputation**

bone, muscle, fibrous tissue, blood vessels, fat tissue, as well as some other tissues. It usually begins at the ends of large bones such as the arms and legs. Osteosarcoma is most likely to occur in people between the ages of 10 and 30. If it is not treated on time, then a serious condition can be created.

The team that performed surgery comprised Dr (Prof) Vineet Jain, Dr Sanjay Nahar Jain, Dr Purushottam Baghel, Dr Gaurav Parihar, Dr Murari Sahu, Dr Pritam Prajapati, Dr Siddharth Kumar, Dr Shubham, Dr Ajin and Dr Omprakash from the Department of Anaesthesia.

Complaint against CM to be filed with CPC: Choudhary

Raipur, May 04: State General Secretary BJP OP Choudhary raised question behind intention of CM Bhupesh Baghel releasing the video of a child scolding him. Choudhary said that just a day back, CM had commented that he would 'set right Bajrang Dal' and in such conditions, by projecting the child as Bajrang Dal member and releasing his video, seems to carry some dangerous intentions, he added. BJP State gen. secy. OP Choudhary said that in this regard, BJP is now consulting its legal experts and if the need arises that complaint can be lodged against CM with Child Protection Commission (CPC) and legal actions can be taken into consideration. Choudhary said that CM Baghel by making a

● **Would consider other legal alternatives as well**

video of a child public yesterday and informed that this child has scolded him (CM). By saying so, CM termed the child as member of Bajrang Dal. BJP Gen. Secy. said that use of any video of a child has its own legal connotations, but can even be threat to his life. Choudhary said that this clearly indicates that CM Baghel is afraid of 'Rashtravadi' forces and organisations favour 'Sanatan dharma' and reaching a height of irritation, he can go to any extent. Losing patience and decorum sitting in such a responsible constitutional post is strongly condemnable, he added.

11 persons killed in SUV-truck collision

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Balod, May 04: Eleven persons, including five women and two children, were killed when a sports utility vehicle (SUV) they were travelling in collided with a truck in Balod district, police said on Thursday. Ten of the deceased belonged to one family, they said, adding that the accident took place near Jagtara village under Purur police station area on National Highway-30 on Wednesday night.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel expressed grief over the tragedy and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh to the kin of each deceased. The victims, natives of Soram-Bhatgaon village in Dhamtari district, were on their way to a wedding ceremony, police said. "The victims were going to attend a wedding in Markatola village of Kanker district when



Wreckage of a vehicle after a collision between a truck and a sports utility vehicle (SUV), in Balod district, early Thursday.

their vehicle collided head on with the truck," said Arun Kumar Sahu, Station House Officer of Purur police station.

While ten occupants of the Mahindra Bolero died on the spot, a child succumbed to injuries while being shifted to a hospital, he said. The deceased were

identified as Dharmaraj Sahu (55), his wife Usha Sahu (52), their son Keshav Sahu (34), Keshav's wife Tomin (33), Lakshmi Sahu (45), her son Shailendra (22), her daughter Rama (20), Sandhya Sahu (24), her two sons Yogyanish (3) and Ishant (one-and-a-half years) and Damesh Dhruv

(19), he said.

The bodies have been sent for post-mortem, he said, adding that efforts were on to trace the truck driver who fled from the spot leaving his vehicle behind. The exact reason behind the accident is yet to be known. An accidental death report has been reg-

istered and further investigation is underway, the police officer added.

In a tweet, CM Baghel said, "Ten members of Sahu family and another-Damesh Dhruv ji, died in the road accident near Balodgahan between Purur and Charma in Balod. I announce an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh to kin of each of the deceased as an assistance. This is a very sad incident. We are all united in this grief."

CM expresses grief, announces ex-gratia

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Maoist involved in arson incident nabbed

Involved in tipper and tractor transporting sand from Mingachal River

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Bijapur, May 04: As part of the anti-Maoist operation in the district, a joint team of Thana Named and CRPF 222 from Peddakodepal camp had gone towards Peddakodepal on area domination.

During area domination, Bhumkal militia member and Potenar CNM member were arrested from Nadipara, the arrested Maoists were involved in the incident of arson of 2 tippers and 1 tractor transporting sand from across the Mingachal river on March 14, 2023.

The two Maoists arrested are- 1: Sukhrum Poonem (Bhoomkal Militia member) S/o late



Pudhru Poonem, age 30 years, caste Muria, R/o Schoolpara Chhote Tungali police station against the arrested Maoists at Police Station Naimed, they have been produced before the District Court Bijapur and sent on judicial remand.

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Jangla villagers met MLA Mandavi, submit memorandum

Demands cash payment for plucking tendupatta



Central Chronicle News

Bijapur, May 04: These days Tendupatta plucking work is to be done in Bijapur district and on the other hand, villagers of Jangla area are demanding cash payment after Tendupatta plucking. On Thursday, villagers met Bijapur MLA Vikram Mandavi at his Bhairamgarh residence and handed over a memorandum demanding cash payment.

In the memorandum submitted to MLA Vikram Mandavi, the villagers of Jangla area demanded that 'Bijapur district being a sensitive and remote area, there is a shortage of banks. Tendupatta plucking is the main source of income for the villagers and due to the long distance, banks are unable to pay and it is not possible to go to the bank to collect. So tendupatta payment should be paid in cash to all pluckers of the region.

Hockey India's efforts for the devp of hockey commendable: Mudaliar

● 13th Hockey India Sub-Junior Girls Hockey Championship to be held in Rourkela

Central Chronicle News

Rajnandgaon, May 04: The 13th Hockey India Sub-Junior Girls Hockey Championship will be held in Rourkela from May 04 to 14. The state's girls' team will also participate in the championship. To prepare for the event, the Chhattisgarh Hockey Association distributed playing kits, hockey sticks, goalkeeper kits, and other sports equipment to the players. The event was attended by the Chief Guest of the Chhattisgarh Youth Commission, Jitendra



Mudaliar, President of Chhattisgarh Hockey, Firoz Ansari, and other state and district hockey officials.

In his address, Mudaliar commended the efforts of Hockey India and praised their decision to provide high-quality sports equipment to players participating in national championships. He expressed his appreciation for Hockey India's dedication to the development of hockey in the country. He also con-

gratulated Chhattisgarh Hockey for organizing a good event and mentioned that the state government is also working hard to promote sports.

The tournament will feature several talented players, including Anchal, Neha Kumari, Vasundhara Mandavi, Angel Vay Das, Syamli Roy, Rukhmani, Yashika Singh, Yashoda, Sonam Rajbhar, Aradhana Rajbhar, Dubi Ravat, Molisha Verma, Nandani Yadav, Parameswari Sodhi,

Anchal Verma, Damini Khushro, Naurin Hayat Ansari, Madhumati Chauhan, with Amit Mathur as coach and Sonu Kahara as manager. Chhattisgarh's first match is scheduled to be played against Delhi Hockey on May 8.

The event was attended by the Secretary of the District Hockey Association, Shivanarayan Dhaketa, Vice President Bhusan Saw, State Treasurer Asha Thomas, Joint Secretary Anuraj Srivastava, Prince Bhatia, Ajay Jha, Prakash Sharma, Hockey Coaches Amit Mathur and Shakil Ahmad, Deepesh Chaube, Abhinav Mishra, Krishna Yadav, Mo. Haroon Kuraishi, and Taufiq Ahmad, among others.

Foundation day of Shree Ram Jalaram Bappa mandir observed



Central Chronicle News

Dalli-Rajhara, May 05: The 24th foundation day of Shree Ram Jalaram Bapa Mandir was celebrated by members of Guajrati Samaj and local devotees with religious fervor and gaiety.

On this occasion recital of 108 Hanuman Chalisa Ka Paath' was organized by Parmar of Gondia and party. Along with this Bhandara was also organised, informs a press release issued by JK Lakhan of Jalaram Mandir, Dalli-Rajhara.

First phase of teacher training conducted

- At District Teaching Training Institute
- Collector encouraged teachers to bring quality in education by training them with dedication

Central Chronicle News

Bijapur, May 04: Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara conducted surprise inspection of teacher training conducted at the District Education Training Institute, Bijapur. During this, the Collector addressed the teachers and said that training is necessary to bring quality in education. Let us imbibe all the important things in the training.

Learn well so that we can give good and quality education to the children based on the activity, knowledge and experience learned during training, it is not only training but also a platform



to share each other's experiences, he added. Collector further said that the curiosity to learn should always be there, share any doubts, don't hesitate at all and get training through various interesting activities including play games, group-based activities with full concentration and entertainment. Collector Katara asked all the teachers to share cultural activities including culture, interesting things, Teej festival, Pandum, Gondli Halbi song, poetry of their respective village and region so that they can be compiled. Various customs, cultural, heritage of the district will be com-

plied by the district administration and will be kept in the district's library, educational institutions including various offices and for reading so that people can understand the culture, civilization and cultural heritage of the district. Closed schools in training which are being re-operated. Around 200 teachers there are also taking training very simply and in an interesting way, various mathematical problems are being solved through abacus, which is quite interesting and the teachers are learning with interest. During this, District Education Officer BR Baghel was present.

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, May 04: JK Institute of Engineering (JKIE) recently organized a seven-day seminar on Advanced Engineering in Human Life for children. The seminar aimed to introduce children to the advanced technology used today.

The event began with a detailed introduction on aviation technology followed by a tour of the Bilasa Bai Kevat Airport located in Chakarbhatta.

During the tour, the children were briefed about the protocol and operations of the airport by the Director of the airport, M. Virender Singh.

The In-charge engineering of the airport from PWD, UmangGaurah gave



a detailed description of the technical aspects of civil engineering and on-going construction work. The observation was done keeping in mind the rules and security of the Airport Authority.

The Department of Electrical Engineering organized a seminar on Artificial Respiration Techniques, where children were taught the nu-

ances of Artificial Respiration Techniques through live demonstrations by Dr. Ashutosh Kori (M.D. Medicine), Associate Professor, CIMS.

The children learned how to give first aid to a person until the arrival of the doctor in case of an emergency, providing enough time to reach the nearest hospital.

In the final event of the week, the Department of Computer Science organized a seminar on Intelligent Video Surveillance System for Human Behavior Analysis. Dr. Alok Kumar Singh Kushwaha, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of Guru Ghasidas University, explained how we can under-

stand the mood of any person with the help of software to help them and catch criminals.

Dr. Ashish Singh, the Director of the organization, said in the closing ceremony that practical knowledge is as important as book knowledge to make a perfect engineer.

The organization focuses more on practical knowledge than theoretical knowledge, which makes it easier for children to find employment at the end of the course.

Chairman K. Khan and Secretary Dr. Irshad Khan were also present during the program. The seminar proved to be a great success as the children left with a wealth of knowledge and an eagerness to learn more.

SC's decision on reservation is BJP's moral victory

- BJP leaders welcome SC's decision; demands Cong govt to fill up vacant posts following reservation roster

Central Chronicle News

Manendragarh, Chirmiri, Bharatpur, (MCB), May 04: Former Cabinet Minister Bhaiyyalal Rajwade, ex-Parliamentary Secretary Champa Devi Pawale, District President Anil Kesharwani and media

in-charge S a n j a y Gupta, general secy. Virendra Rana and others addressing a press conference here on Monday have welcomed the Supreme Court's decision on reservation. With

this decision not only the decision of the then BJP government in the state that of 58% reservation was proven correct, but the way the Congress tried to take dual political advantage of this issue was disclosed to all.

The BJP leaders said that the 32% reservation for STs imposed during BJP's term was declared incorrect by Congress through a conspiracy by filing up a petition in the High Court. But the SC put a stay on this reservation amendment act 2012 and this is the moral victory of BJP. Now CM Bhupesh Baghel should understand that he is not above the Constitution.

As to what is the outcome of framing new law with good intention was proved by the SC's decision. If in reality all one's policy is not motivated by cheap politics,



but one that would have benefitted the weaker sections, then it is by considering upon all the constitutional aspects, new law would have been framed, the way it was done by BJP.

Rather Congress going against it, by following the policy of creating differences in the society and one that of 'divide and rule', wants to gain political mileage by spreading hatred in the society and this reflects the true image of

Congress.

BJP leaders said that it is known to all the way Congress leaders Padma Manhar and KP Khande and others got stay on the reservation for STs by approaching High Court (HC). In the same way Kunal Shukla of Congress got the stay on reservation for OBCs by going against the reservation offered. On this where the Congress acknowledged the prize of favouring party's reserva-

tion in HC by appointing Khande as Chairman of the Commission, on the other appointed Kunal Shukla as Chairman of Kabir Shodhpeth and this can be done by party like Congress with dual character.

Even when the case was in High Court for reservation, Congress deliberately weakened the proceedings and did not put forth its version forcefully and due to which it lost the case in HC. In this way Congress continued to deprive the weaker sections of the society with worthy justice.

BJP leaders charged that Congress has always being against the reservation rather it has always used it as political weapon. It was non-Congress and the BJP supported VP Singh's government at the Centre who brought reservation for backward classes in the jobs

through Mandal Commission and it was BJP supported government only who made provisions for reservation to backward classes in the government jobs. At that time Congress was in opposition and but obvious against the reservation.

BJP clearly believes that Congress deliberately wanted to lose the reservation case, so that they can hide their failure of not being able to give employment and the decision by SC have brought true face of Congress before general public.

BJP demanded Congress to fill up all the vacancies as per the reservation roster, maintaining complete transparency and honesty and that BJP would not tolerate any such excuses on important issue that of future of youth.

OBITUARY

KV Abraham



Dalli-Rajhara: KV Abraham, 65, (Raju Varghese), R/o Raju Tyre Old Market, Dalli Rajhara, Karimnam-kuzhiyil House, Kozhencherry) passed away on Wednesday, May 3. The mortal remains would be brought to the residence on Saturday, May 6 by 8 am. First service at home would begin by 9am. The funeral service will be held at Mar Thoma Church, Dalli Rajhara on May 6 (Saturday) at 10.30 am.

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One dies, two other injured, as car hits bike

● Near Sambalpur

Central Chronicle News

Balod, May 04: In a head on collision between a car and bike under Doundilohara thana of Balod district, a person died on the spot and two others got injured.

The incident is reported to be that of Wednesday night, when Nakul Pate, Ramayan and Uttam Patel were going in their bike. It was somewhere near Sambalpur they were hit by a car rider and in this



Nakul Patel died on the spot and both Ramayan and Uttam Patel are re-

ported to be critical and have been referred to higher centres after first-

aid in PHC.

As per information marriage preparations were going at Nakul's residence for marriage in the family. This entire incident has come as a big shock to the family and has left all in sadness.

After the incident, there was lot of aggression among the villagers and they staged chakka-jam and demanded action against the driver. On this the Addl. SP Rathore and SDM Lohara Manoj Markam, Tehsildar Deepika Dehari went to the site and tried to console and reduce tension.

CM greets people on 'Buddha Purnima'

Raipur, May 04: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has greeted the people of the state on 'Buddha Purnima', which is to be observed on May 5, 2023. In his message of felicitations, he said Mahatma Buddha gave the message of non-violence, equality, and universal brotherhood. His teachings were adopted by people all over the world, and lakhs of his followers are spreading the message of 'ahimsa' (non-violence) and equality. His teachings are assumed to have greater relevance even today when the world is facing a rise in intolerance, violence, and terrorism. He preached that people should move forward with self-control. Mahatma Buddha's thoughts and life values will always be a guide for building a better society and nation.

Ban should be imposed on 'Jihadis': Togadia

And not on Hindu organisations

Central Chronicle News

Simga, May 04: President International Hindu Parishad Dr Praveen Togadia during his tour to Simga said that there are many attacks from terrorist outfits and 'Jihadis' in the country and Hindus are falling its victim for last thousand years.

So the ban should be imposed on 'Jihadis' and not on the Hindu organisations. He said that a person involved in rape is punished and not the one who had fallen victim and this perhaps no-

body can digest.

Togadia said that it is the Jihadis who are attacking and the Hindus are the one being targeted and but obvious ban should be on 'Jihadis' and not on Hindu.

Commenting upon statement by CM Baghel to impose ban on Hindu organisation, if the need arises, Togadia said that he many continue to think for next 8-10 yrs and it makes no difference.

About tour to Chhattisgrah, Togadia said that he keeps roaming to create awareness

and strengthen Hindus all over the country.

I have nothing to do with the party, he said, adding that Love Jihad and religious conversion should not only be stopped in Chhattisgarh, but in entire country, be it UP, Gujarat or Bihar.

During this BJP leader Anil Pandey, MLA's rep Dheeraj Jain, Abhijeet Awasthi, leaders from Hindu organisation Gagan Sharma, Gagan Tiwari, Sanat Pandey, Tika Jaiswal, Mayank Pandey and others were present.

'Lack of proper drainage leaves the road a muddy-terrain'

No action till date even after complaints to senior officers; demands early repair

Central Chronicle News

Berla, May 04: There is no water outflow system in Gram Budera of Berla block, about 2-3 kms from Kodava and due to which the roads in the village have turned into muddy terrain. The troubled villagers have informed about this to the senior officers, but to no avail.

It is notable here that with no proper drainage system in Gram Budera, the stale and used water from the houses is being release onto the road and it is getting stagnated there. This has turned the entire 'kuccha' road into muddy terrain and it is posing lots of inconvenience to the villagers.



Villagers said that they are facing these problems for last many years and it is the young children, women and elders who face the maximum problem while traversing on this muddy terrain and many a times they have fallen and suffered injuries.

Villagers have approached officials

Dy. Sarpanch Gowardhan Sahu informed that they have lodged complaint both in writing and verbally to the officers and till date no action has been taken and nobody is ready to give it a patient hearing either. Villagers informed

that they have urged the Gram Panchayat to get the road constructed properly with drainage system, but to sheer carelessness of the Sarpanch and Sachiv that the problem remains stand-still.

It has become practically difficult to pass from muddy terrain both on foot and on cycle as well and the stagnated stale water also pose threat for water-borne diseases in the village.

Version

Drain has been constructed by the side of the road and it has got blocked and needs to be cleaned and would get it done soon. Gajendra Veram-Sarpanch- Gram Panchayat Budera.

Police seize 364 plates of 8 tonnes and other items worth Rs 15 lakh

Central Chronicle News

Balod, May 04: The Balod police got a major breakthrough in cases of theft of centering plates being stolen at different places in different thanas. It is after hard work of Cyber Cell and teams of concerned thanas, four accused involved in these thefts were nabbed by the police.

Actually a complaint of theft of 50 centering plates from Matia and Kharbana village of Arjunda Thana were reported stolen on intervening night of Dec-28-29, 2022; 100 from Kurdi on 13-14 April; 30 from Jhika



on 26-27 April; 30 from Anangpur village of Rang-Chirai thana on April 10-11 and 80 centering plates from Gram Kohangtola of Balod thana area on April 14-15.

Seeing this the SP Jitendra K Yadav formed a team of Cyber Cell to investigate into the matter and likewise action was taken along with different thana teams.

Searched 1000 CCTV footage

In order to search for the accused, the Cyber Cell and police thanas team searched thousands of CCTV footages day and

night in last 8 days and then suspected it on a pick-up Van and started its search. The police was able to locate the pick-up Van and on interrogation the accused accepted to have stolen the centering plates.

Had adopted trick to cheat police

The clever thieves stealing centering plates after stealing the centering plates used to put vegetable on top of it, so that nobody used to doubt them and they use to shift it easily to their secret location and in this way were able to cheat police for quite

some time.

All four are from Bhilai

The four accused nabbed in stealing centering plates are from Supela of Bhilai and their names are- Jain Kumar Gardia, Fayyaz Khan, Ayaz Khan, Ravi Yadav. To nab these accused, Asst. SI Cyber Cell Dhaman Bhurya, Head constable Bhuneswar Markam, constable Rahul Manhare, Vivek Sahi, Sandeep Yadav, Vipin Gupta, Aakash Dubey, Puran Dewangan played an important role.

Goods worth

Rs 15 lakh recovered

The police seized 324 centering plates of about 8 tonnes; 2 gas cylinders, 1 cutter, 16 pieces of vegetable crates; Mahinda Pick-up vehicle all totalling worth Rs 15 lakh.

Collector instructs contractors to keep quality standards of JJM

Central Chronicle News

Gourella Pendra Marwahi, May 04: District Collector Priyanka Rishi Mahobia here took a meeting of the contractors regarding the complaints of slow progress in the works of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and reprimanded contractors with low percentage in progress of work and instructions were given to complete the expansion of quality pipeline by May 31.

The Collector held a meeting of contractors regarding complaints of



slow progress and disturbances in the works of Jal Jeevan Mission going on under Public Health Engineering Department.

In the meeting she reviewed the progress of the works of the Panchayat-wise mission and despite having administrative ap-

proval, work orders and contracts, expressing strong displeasure towards the contractors with low percentage in the progress of the work, urged them to speed up the work.

She gave instructions to start the work of expan-

sion of quality pipeline and tank construction simultaneously so that both the works can be completed simultaneously. The Collector also said that the pits dug for the pipeline and the broken CC road should be repaired before the mon-

soon, in any case the pipeline should not be left open.

She also directed the CREDA officials to appoint an agency for the schemes in which solar power pumps are to be installed and form a team to conduct the survey within a week.

In the meeting, Executive Engineer RK

Oraon said that under the Jan Jeevan Mission programme, 563 schemes for providing 74 thousand 838 domestic tap connections in 222 villages in the district have been approved administratively for a cost of Rs 327 crore 91 lakh. So far, the works of 26 thousand 114 domestic tap connections have been completed.

Legal awareness camp organized in DIET



Central Chronicle News

Korba, May 05: National Legal Services Authority New Delhi and Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, Old High Court Bilaspur for the purpose of providing information about the law to the common citizens is organizing legal awareness camp under district and tehsil level judges-magistrates.

According to the guidance and direction of Chairman of District Legal Services Authority Korba, D.L. Katkavar, District and Sessions Judge, Korba, Additional District and Sessions Judge-Special Judge Poxo Act Vikram Pratap Chandra a legal awareness camp was or-

ganized in the District Education and Training Institute. Addressing the program, D.L. Katkavar, said that the error of law is not forgivable and a crime committed unintentionally is also punishable.

Expressing his happiness, over legal camps Special Judge Poxo Act Vikram Pratap Chandra, said that legal awareness has been organized among the teachers of the district institute and giving information about Good Touch, Bad Touch and Child Protection Act is commendable.

Information was given regarding the new Motor Vehicle Act by Chief Judicial Magistrate Korba Krishna Kumar

Suryavanshi. Principal District Education and Training Institute Ramhari Saraf, Lecturer Mrs. Lakra, Jaspreet Kaur, were present in the said camp.

Paralegal volunteers Ahmed and Gopal Chandra were also present. In the program, pamphlets were distributed by paralegal volunteers and a legal book was also distributed to the Institute by the District Legal Services Authority.

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Public Notice for Cancellation of Certificate of Registration

M/s Purvi Finvest Limited

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This is issued in public interest.

Place - Bhopal
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FORM No. IV
(See Sub rule 2(a) of Rule 5]

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
(Shantikunj), H. No. 797-II South Civil Lines, Jabalpur (M.P.)
(Areas of Jurisdiction: Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh)
Summons under Sub-Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule 2A)

of Rule 5 of Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rule, 1993

ORIGINAL APPLICATION No. 942/2022

BANK OF BARODA : APPLICANT
VERSUS :
M/S VEV PACKAGING & ORS : DEFENDANTS

To

- M/s Vev Packaging, a proprietorship concern through its proprietor Vinod Agrahri, having its site address at Village: Bundelika, Rajanandgaon (C.G.)
- Vinod Agrahri, Proprietor of M/s Vev Packaging, R/o Jaistambh Chowk, Kalarpara, Ward no. 22, Rajanandgaon, District: Rajanandgaon (C.G.) Pin: 491441
- Ekta Agrahri W/o Mr. Vinod Agrahri R/o Jaistambh Chowk, Kalarpara, Ward no. 22, Rajanandgaon, District: Rajanandgaon (C.G.) Pin: 491441

WHEREAS, OA no. 942/2022 was listed before Honble Presiding Officer on 25/08/2022 Whereas, the Honble Tribunal is please to issue summons/notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you recovery of debts of Rs.76,94,630.95/- plus interest and expenses (application alongwith copies of documents etc. annexed)

In accordance with sub-section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, you the Defendants are directed as under:

- To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relied prayed for should not be granted
- To disclose particulars of the properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under Serial no. 3A of the Original Application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
- You are restrained from dealing without disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under Serial no. 3A of the Original Application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
- You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest created an/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under Serial no. 3A of the Original Application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.
- You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank of financial institution holding security interest over such assets.
- You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the Applicant and to appear before 31/05/2023 at 11 A.M., failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal this 22nd day of Feb, 2023.

REGISTRAR

BRIEF



SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal during the 'Antim Ardas' of the his father and former Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal, in Sri Muktsar Sahib district, Thursday.

Heart attack

■ **Mainpuri:** A sub-divisional magistrate died due to cardiac arrest while on election duty at Jyoti Khudia polling station here in Uttar Pradesh on Thursday morning, officials said. Virendra Kumar Mittal collapsed at the polling booth and was rushed to a nearby hospital where doctors declared him dead, they said.

Watery grave

■ **Jaipur:** A woman allegedly threw her two children into a water tank and then immolated herself in Rajasthan's Barmer district, police said, adding that all the three died in the incident that took place on Wednesday. The incident took place in Leelsar village on Wednesday evening, police said.

Boat capsizes

■ **Tinsukia:** A boat carrying 25 passengers capsized in Dibang River in Assam's Tinsukia district on Wednesday evening, a senior official said. The incident took place when the boat was about to reach the river bank in Amarpur after starting its journey from Chapakhowa.

Hotel fire

■ **Jammu:** Two people were killed and five others injured when a hotel caught fire in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Thursday morning, officials said. Fire occurred in Hotel Maa Shanti in Sanasar tourist place and spread fast engulfing the entire area, they said.

Fire

■ **Mumbai:** A fire broke out at a restaurant in Byculla area of Mumbai, officials said on Thursday. There was no report of any casualty in the incident which took place at 11.15 pm on Wednesday, they said.

Seized

■ **Mandsaur:** In a major drug haul, police have seized heroin worth more than Rs 20 crore from a truck in Madhya Pradesh's Mandsaur district and arrested one person in this connection, an official said on Thursday.

Shot dead

■ **Bareilly:** A 52-year-old kebab maker was shot dead here reportedly over the poor quality of kebabs, police said on Thursday. Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Rahul Bhati said the incident occurred Wednesday night at an old kebab shop in Priyadarshini Nagar in Prem Nagar area here.

Bengaluru's techies want new K'taka govt to address mobility issues

Bengaluru, May 04 (PTI):

Bengaluru's techies wish to see the new government in Karnataka to do a lot more to address the mobility problem in the city, with thrust on easing traffic on high-density roads, quick completion of expansion of metro rail network and deploying a large number of electric buses to improve public transport, says information technology industry veteran T V Mohandas Pai. The former Chief Financial Officer of IT major Infosys Ltd rejected the perception in some quarters that technology professionals don't vote in elections in large numbers. Pai expressed deep concern over "growing" corruption in the State, saying irrespective of

party, every successive government becomes more corrupt than the previous dispensation, and candidates of the May 10 Assembly elections in Karnataka spend crores of rupees for elections each in their constituencies.

Techies look forward to a new government which will help Bengaluru solve its biggest problem — mobility, the Chairman of Aarin Capital told PTI in an interview.

"We want the Metro to be completed and expand fast to 250 km, and we want at least 15,000 electric buses to improve public transport in Bengaluru," he said, adding that there is a need to ease traffic and decongest 12 high-density roads. Pai said it's a wrong perception that techies don't vote in large num-

bers.

According to him, every year 2.5 lakh to three lakh technology professionals get employed in Bengaluru, with half of them being from outside. "And for people to register here after coming from outside is very difficult, many of them say they are going to go back home in the next two or three years, why should we change our registration."

In addition, there is a section of society disillusioned with politicians, because "every day they suffer from bad traffic, don't see hope, they don't see many things happening", according to him. Pai said: "Every successive government becomes more corrupt. It's not one government or party or something."

BJP for central forces deployment

Bhubaneswar, May 04(PTI):

The opposition BJP on Wednesday submitted a memorandum to the Odisha Chief Electoral Officer seeking deployment of central armed police force personnel during the by-poll to the Jharsuguda assembly segment on May 10.

A BJP delegation led by Dilip Mallick submitted the memorandum to the CEO alleging that the law and order situation in the state, particularly in Jharsuguda has "deteriorated".

The BJP delegation claimed that 71 of the 253 polling booths of the Jharsuguda assembly constituency are highly sensitive. Therefore, steps should be taken to ensure extensive security arrangements in these

booths, BJP state media cell chief Dilip Mallick said.

This apart, they demanded CCTV camera arrangement, drone cameras should also be deployed in and around these booths, he said, adding that CAPF personnel must be deployed in Jharsuguda to ensure free, fair and impartial bypoll.

Meanwhile, in a major jolt to the opposition party ahead of the by-poll, BJP's Jharsuguda district unit president Mangal Sahoo quit his post and joined the ruling BJD on Wednesday.

Sahoo said he decided to leave the saffron party and join the BJD as he was immensely inspired by Chief Minister and BJD president Naveen Patnaik's ideals.

Whistle-blower in APPSC paper leak scam dies

Itanagar, May 04 (PTI):

The whistle-blower in the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) question paper leak scandal, Gyamar Padang died at a hospital in Hyderabad after a prolonged illness, his family said here on Thursday.

Padang, who was in his twenties, was under treatment at the Asian Institution of Gastroenterology Hospital in the southern city and died on Wednesday, they said.

Padang was a candidate in the assistant engineer (civil) mains examination conducted by APPSC.

He had lodged a complaint at the Itanagar police station on August 29,

2022, claiming that the question papers of examinations held on August 26 and 27 were leaked.

Based on his complaint, Itanagar Police registered an FIR on September 10, 2022 and launched an investigation. The probe was handed to the special investigation cell of the police.

The APPSC fiasco had created an uproar in the state and massive agitations were held against it. Subsequently, CBI took over the probe and arrested more than 50 people in the case.

So far 54 individuals, including 41 government officers, have been arrested in connection with the APPSC paper leak case. Out of the 41 government officials found to be in-

involved in the malpractices 19 employees, whose services were yet to be confirmed, were terminated. Disciplinary actions were initiated against 22 regular employees.

Padang's death was condoled by state political leaders, including Chief Minister Pema Khandu and his deputy Chowna Mein.

"Saddened by (the) passing away of Shri Gyamar Padang Ji. Padang Ji shall be remembered for his courage and principles," Khandu tweeted.

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, who represents Arunachal West Parliamentary constituency in Lok Sabha, said that he was deeply shocked to hear the news of Padang's death.

WREATH LAYING PROG



Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee Lt Gen Johnson P Mathew lays a wreath at the National War Memorial, in New Delhi, Thursday.

After no SC relief, SGPC presses Centre

For Balwant Rajoana's release

Amritsar, May 04 (PTI): The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) on Wednesday said the Centre should take a call on releasing Balwant Singh Rajoana after the Supreme Court declined to commute his death penalty in the assassination case of former Punjab chief minister Beant Singh. The apex court refused to commute Rajoana's death penalty, saying, "It is within the domain of the executive to take a call on such sensitive issues". The court said the competent authority may deal with Rajoana's mercy plea. In a statement issued hours after the court order, the SGPC, which has been pressing that Rajoana be granted mercy, said he has already "served more than life imprisonment" and was deprived of parole during his imprisonment. "The

Supreme Court has directed the Union Ministry of Home Affairs to take a decision in Rajoana's case and therefore, the government should take action," SGPC chief Harjinder Singh Dhami said in the statement. Rajoana, the convict in the 1995 Beant Singh assassination case, has been in jail for the past 26 years. "The government of India has already issued a notification regarding the commutation of Rajoana's sentence on the occasion of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev in 2019, in view of which the government should take an immediate decision. "By implementing this notification of 2019, the government should also decide to release Rajoana, as he has served more than life imprisonment and was deprived of parole during his imprisonment in jail," said Dhami.

EXERCISING RIGHTS



Voters wait in a queue at a polling station to cast their votes for the UP Municipal elections, in Gorakhpur, Thursday.

First heart transplant at Safdarjung Hospital

● **Gives Bihar man new lease of life**

New Delhi, May 04 (PTI): A 44-year-old man from Samastipur in Bihar got a new lease of life after he underwent heart transplantation at Safdarjung Hospital here — the first such procedure at the Centre-run facility.

The recipient was evaluated in the Department of Cardio Thoracic Vascular Surgery (CTVS) and Cardiology, and diagnosed with advanced heart failure due to severe coronary artery disease in March, authorities said on Thursday.

He was later put on the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation's (NOTTO) recipient list.

The NOTTO on Wednesday allocated the heart of a donor from a private hospital in Gurugram to Vardhman Mahavir Medical College (VMMC) and Safdarjung Hospital.

"First, a team of doctors went to the private hospital to retrieve the heart. After it was brought to Safdarjung Hospital, the transplant procedure began at around 8 pm and went on till Thursday morning," said Dr Anubhav Gupta, Head of Department of CTVS at Safdarjung Hospital.

A team comprising Associate Professor, CTVS, Dr Ajit Padhy; Assistant Professor, CTVS, Dr Subrata Parmanik; and nursing and perfusion staff retrieved the heart.

'Not invited for inauguration of new Secretariat'

Hyderabad, May 04 (PTI):

Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan on Wednesday said she was not invited to the recent inauguration of the state's new Secretariat.

Speaking at an event here, she termed as 'unfortunate' Raj Bhavan and Pragati Bhavan, the camp office-cum-official residence of Chief Minister K Chandrababhan Rao, not coming together.

"We can meet the heads of other countries. But, we cannot meet the head of this state. It is very unfortunate, sometimes. We cannot come closer also. Countries can come closer. But, very unfortunate. I should not talk politics. But, Raj Bhavan, Pragati Bhavan cannot come closer," she said.

"There is a very big secretariat building opened.



Tamilisai Soundararajan

But, there is no invitation for the first citizen... Whether it is Chief Minister, whether it is Governor or whether it is council of ministers. They are not for self. They are for the state. They are for the country," she added.

The Telangana Raj Bhavan on Tuesday clarified that "no invitation

whatsoever" had been sent to the Governor to attend the inauguration of the state's new Secretariat complex, which it said was the precise reason for her not attending the event.

The Raj Bhavan had denied a "baseless and false" allegation that an invitation had been extended to the Governor for the inauguration of the new Secretariat building by the government and that she did not attend the function in spite of the invitation sent to her.

The new Telangana Secretariat was inaugurated on April 30.

Ties between Raj Bhavan and the BRS government have not been cordial and Soundararajan had earlier complained of protocol not being followed during her visits to the districts.

Serving him for more than four decades

Mumbai, May 04 (PTI):

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar has in his book fondly mentioned his driver 'Gama', who has been taking him to various parts of Maharashtra for the last 43 years.

In his revised autobiography 'Lok Majhe Sangati' launched on Tuesday, Pawar lauded Gama for never causing any accident and never speaking about the leader's interactions with prominent personalities and politicians while travelling in his vehicle.

"I have found some very close colleagues in my successful public life including my personal driver Gama, who has been with me for the last 43 years. He has taken me to all the corners of the state, but we never met

with an accident. It underscores how seriously he has taken his responsibility," he wrote.

Pawar said to save time and its better utilisation, he takes senior politicians, industrialists, reputed personalities and party officials along with him during his journeys.

"I have openly discussed many sensitive issues with them, but Gama has earned my trust that not a single word will go out," he said.

"Gama is at times my guardian as well. He takes all the necessary care, including about my clothes, travel items, medicines and diet. He has even scolded officials if I somehow miss my lunch or medicines," the 82-year-old NCP leader said.

Describing how he got the driver, Pawar said Gama was earlier the

driver of Dr M R Shah from Baramati (in Pune district).

"When my then party gave me a vehicle for party works, I had no driver for it. One day, I casually mentioned to Dr Shah about my requirement and he immediately asked Gama to start working for me. Since then, he has been relentlessly working for me," he said.

Pawar said Gama takes care of the vehicles in which he travels.

"If the vehicle has some issues, he upfront refuses to use it for driving and I have always listened to him," he said.

Pawar said as he has been travelling across the state for so many years, Gama knows the locations and houses of various personalities and takes him there without any hassle.

Interim stay against taking away part of Amartya Sen's Shantiniketan land

Kolkata, May 04 (PTI): Calcutta High Court on Thursday gave an interim stay against a move by Visva Bharati to take away a part of Nobel laureate Amartya Sens property — Pratichi — at Shantiniketan. Nobel laureate Amartya Sen moved the Calcutta High Court, seeking relief as the university had passed an order directing the petitioner to vacate 0.13 acres (5,500 sq ft) of land at his ancestral Santiniketan residence by May 6, even as an appeal for a stay on possible eviction was fixed for hearing on May 15, 2023 at a court in Suri in Birbhum district of West Bengal. The central varsity, which claimed that the land is under the "illegal occupation" of Sen, had

said that it would evict the economist if he failed to vacate it within the deadline. The matter was heard by a bench of Justice Bibhas Ranjan De at the High Court. It gave an interim stay in the matter till it is heard before a lower court in Birbhum district. In his petition, the economist argued that in October 1943, the then Visva-Bharati general secretary Rathindranath Tagore had given 1.38 acre of land for a lease of 99 years to his father Ashutosh Sen, who later built Pratichi. Sen had earlier moved a court in Suri against the eviction notice, but the court set May 15 as the date of hearing, well after the universities deadline to vacate the land. PTI DC SCH JRC

Pak court extends Imran Khan's bail pleas in 9 cases

Islamabad, May 04 (PTI):

In a major relief to Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan, the Islamabad High Court here on Thursday extended his bail pleas in nine cases after he appeared in-person following a warning by the court.

On April 18, the IHC extended Khan's bail in eight cases - including those of violence outside the Federal Judicial Complex - till May 3. On Wednesday, the court asked him to attend the hearing while granting one-day extension in bail pleas in nine cases.

Khan on Thursday appeared before a two-member Islamabad High Court bench headed by Chief Justice Aamer Farooq, which had warned him



that it may cancel his interim bail over his persistent absence from hearings.

After hearing the multiple pleas, the court extended protective bail for 10-day in seven cases about violence outside the Federal Judicial Complex in Islamabad. The court also directed Khan to appear before the relevant district court during this period for permanent bail.

The court also extended bails until May 9 in the mutiny case and the other case about charges of attempted murder case filed by Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz lawmaker Mohsin Ranjha.

Security had been tightened around the court ahead of Khan's appearance who travelled to the federal capital from Lahore this morning to secure interim bail.

Elaborate security arrangements were made on the occasion. Barbed wires and containers were also placed to ensure law and order in the area. Khan was on a wheelchair when he appeared before the court, as gunshot wounds on his leg have not healed. The former premier survived an attack last year.

Russia accuses US of being behind alleged Kremlin drone attack

Kremlin, May 04: Russia said on Thursday that the United States was behind what it says was a drone attack on the Kremlin that aimed to kill President Vladimir Putin, while Moscow's forces fired more combat drones at Ukrainian cities including the capital Kyiv. Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov, without providing evidence, said Ukraine had acted on U.S. orders with the alleged drone attack on the Kremlin citadel in the early hours of Wednesday. Kyiv has denied involvement in that incident, which followed a string of explosions over the past week targeting freight trains and oil depots in western Russia and Russian-controlled Crimea. Moscow has blamed Ukraine for those attacks too.

CII EVENT IN USA



India's Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu with delegates during the launch of Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) latest edition of 'Indian Roots, American Soil' report, in Washington, USA.

Serbia police urge people to lock guns after school shooting

Belgrade, May 04 (AP): Serbian police on Thursday urged citizens to lock up their guns after a 13-year-old boy used his father's guns in a shooting rampage that killed eight of his fellow students and a school guard, sending shock waves through the nation.

Thousands of people in Belgrade and other cities throughout the Balkan country lined up to lay flowers, light candles and leave toys to commemorate the victims of the shooting that happened in a central district in the Serbian capital on Wednesday morning.

Police said the teenager had planned the attack for a month, drew sketches of classrooms and made lists of children he planned to kill. The boy took two guns from his father's safe and had visited shooting ranges with him, police said on Wednesday.

Taiwan trade chief warns against 'unnecessary fear' of China

Washington, May 04 (AP):

Taiwan's chief trade representative says his country's semiconductor makers will expand production in the US as much as they can afford to do so, but he insists Taiwan remains an ideal place for that production and other US trade, business and investment, despite tensions with China.

John Chen-Chung Deng spoke to The Associated Press on a visit this week to Washington, where he is leading a Taiwanese trade delegation and meeting with US trade officials.

Deng's visit comes at a time of intensifying efforts to harden the US and Taiwanese militaries and economies against any threat from rival China.

As part of this, President Joe Biden and Congress are moving to boost semiconductor production on US soil in the event of any conflict dis-

rupting exports from Asia, especially from Taiwan.

Semiconductors make electronics ranging from phones to electric cars to advanced weapons run, and Taiwan produces more than 90 per cent of the world's more advanced semiconductors.

At the same time, Pentagon leaders have been touring the Indo-Pacific to rally regional allies in bolstering military defenses and deterrence.

A House committee last month war-gamed a hypothetical attack by China on Taiwan and US positions as part of a bipartisan congressional effort to find specific ways to boost deterrence.

Deng said Americans should see these efforts as ensuring that Chinese President Xi Jinping will never feel confident enough to invade Taiwan, which China claims as its own. "We should avoid

any exaggeration or rhetoric which doesn't reflect the true situation, that creates fear ... unnecessary fear," said Deng.

He said the US business community in Taiwan assures him it is still expanding and hiring.

He cited the experienced workforce and support industries that Taiwan offers for semiconductor producers and for Google, Amazon and other US businesses on its soil. Relations between the US and China have hit dramatic peaks in tensions over the past two years as Xi's government asserts China's growing strength economically, diplomatically and militarily. That includes China underscoring its broad territorial claims in the region. China, for its part, accuses the US of meddling in its internal affairs and pursuing a containment strategy against China to prevent its rise.

Singapore is seen as a 'prize target' by terrorist groups: Prime Minister Lee

Singapore, May 04 (PTI):

Singapore is seen as a "prize target" by terrorist groups and it continues to be mentioned in their propaganda, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has said, emphasising that his nation cannot afford to let its guard down against such ultra forces.

Speaking at the launch of the Religious Rehabilitation Group's (RRG) Majulah Gallery at the Khadijah Mosque in Geylang on Wednesday, Lee said that his government is alert against terror groups such as the Islamic State (ISIS), Al-Qaeda and Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) that remain active and still influence and inspire followers worldwide.

"Singapore is seen as a prize target by terrorist groups and continues to be mentioned in their propaganda. Locally, there have been a growing number of self-radicalised individuals in recent years," The Straits Times report Prime Minister Lee was quoted as saying, adding that his nation is on alert against terror groups.

He said that since the rise of ISIS in 2015, Singapore has dealt with



49 self-radicalised individuals under the Internal Security Act. This is four times more than the number of cases from 2007 to 2014. Of these 49 individuals, 37 are Singaporeans. They include women and, worryingly, many young people, he said.

Eleven are aged 20 or younger, and five of them wanted to mount attacks in Singapore.

Lee said that the Government is making every effort to neutralise the threat, and outreach to counter extremist ideologies is being increased.

"But every one of us has a role to play. Our strongest defence against terrorism is our collective vigilance," he said.

The gallery launched by Prime Minister Lee fea-

Israeli military kills 3 wanted Palestinians in West Bank

Tel Aviv, May 04 (AP): Israeli troops killed three Palestinians wanted in connection with a deadly attack against Israelis, the Israeli military said on Thursday, the latest bloodshed in a relentless wave of violence. The military said the men were behind an attack last month on a car near a Jewish West Bank settlement that killed a British-Israeli mother and two of her daughters. The military said it entered the heart of the flashpoint city of Nablus in the occupied West Bank early on Thursday, and in a fierce gunbattle killed three suspects, two of whom it alleged were militants affiliated with Hamas. It identified the men as Hassan Katnani, Moaz Masri and Ibrahim Hura. The Palestinian Health Ministry said three people were killed but did not immediately identify them. The violence in Nablus comes at a particularly sensitive time in the region, days after a prominent Palestinian prisoner who was staging a lengthy hunger strike over his detention died in Israeli custody.

Zelenskyy visits International Criminal Court



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, left, meets Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte in the Hague, Netherlands, Thursday, May 4.

The Hague, May 04 (AP):

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Thursday made an unannounced visit to the International Criminal Court, which has issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin for alleged war crimes in Ukraine.

The visit came a day after Zelenskyy denied that Ukrainian forces were responsible for what the Kremlin called an attempt to assassinate Putin in a drone attack on Moscow. The Kremlin promised re-

taliation for what it termed a "terrorist" act. On a visit to Helsinki on Wednesday, Zelenskyy told reporters: "We didn't attack Putin. We leave it to (the) tribunal" an apparent reference to the ICC.

Ukraine's military claimed three Russian drones that hit the southern city of Odesa early Thursday had "for Moscow" and "for the Kremlin" written on them, seemingly referring to the strikes in Moscow. Also, Kyiv was the target of an air attack for the third time in four days.

Senior Advocate Ravindra Srivastava honored in Dubai

Dubai, May 04: Eminent jurist of the country and senior Supreme Court advocate Ravindra Srivastava was honoured with the "Golden Pinnacle Award" at a grand ceremony held in Dubai. Distinguished guests from all over the world also present on the occasion. Mr. Srivastava has been awarded the 'Golden Pinnacle Award' (In recognition of Highest Standards of Professional Excellence. Dedication to worthy Causes and Your Achievements in keeping the flag of India high). Highlighting the bilateral relations between India and Dubai, Mr. Srivastava underlined the



age-old ties and similarities between the two countries. He praised Dubai, which has emerged as the best model for providing opportunities for safe living and progress for the citizens of the whole world, including disciplined administration, law and order, pollution-free environment.

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The Battle for Karnataka

Religion, Caste, and Populism

As Karnataka gears up for the state assembly elections on May 10, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the opposition Congress are making a last-ditch effort to woo voters. The BJP is pushing its pet agenda of implementing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC), while the Congress is focusing on offering freebies and raising the issue of caste dynamics in the state. The BJP has made the implementation of the UCC a major plank of its campaign in Karnataka. The UCC is a proposal to replace the personal laws of different religious communities with a common set of laws governing issues like marriage, divorce, and inheritance. The BJP has argued that the UCC would promote gender justice and equal rights for Muslim women, who constitute around 13 percent of the electorate in Karnataka. However, critics of the BJP have accused the party of using the UCC as a smokescreen to push a Hindu nationalist agenda and divide the Muslim vote. The BJP's push for the UCC has been accompanied by a move to scrap the 4 percent Other Backward Classes (OBC) quota for Muslims in government jobs and educational institutions in the state. The move has been challenged in the Supreme Court, but the BJP is hoping to split the Muslim vote in its favor by playing up the UCC issue. In contrast, the Congress has focused on offering freebies and raising the issue of caste dynamics in the state. The party has promised free cooking gas cylinders to all below poverty line (BPL) families during three major festivals, and free travel for women in government-run buses. It has also promised a monthly assistance of Rs 2,000 to each woman head of a family, free electricity to all households, and a dole for unemployed graduates and diploma holders in the age group of 18-25 years. The Congress has also raised the issue of caste dynamics in Karnataka, where the politics is dominated by three major caste groups – Lingayats, Vokkaligas, and Dalits – as well as Muslims. The party has called for a caste census in the state, which it claims will help in addressing the issue of social justice and welfare. The Congress has also promised to take firm action against organizations like the Bajrang Dal, which it accuses of spreading hatred among communities. The BJP and the Congress are not the only players in the Karnataka elections. The Janata Dal (Secular) (JD(S)), which has traditionally been strong in the state's southern region, is also in the fray. The JD(S) has focused on the farming community and women self-help groups in its manifesto, promising a waiver of farm loans and a scheme to provide interest-free loans to women self-help groups. In addition to these issues, the Karnataka elections are also expected to be influenced by factors like polarisation and populism. Religion has been an emotive issue in the state, and the BJP has promised to create a state wing against religious fundamentalism and terror. The Congress, on the other hand, has promised to take firm action against organizations like the Bajrang Dal. Karnataka is a complex state with diverse cultural and linguistic groups, and the politics of the state reflects this diversity. While the BJP has made inroads into the state in recent years, it faces stiff opposition from the Congress, which has a strong local leadership and a social coalition of OBCs, SCs, and Muslims. The JD(S), too, has pockets of influence in the state. As the state prepares to go to the polls, it remains to be seen which party will emerge victorious.

Energetic Sun Kickstarts Life

Scientists say the first building blocks of organic life, amino acids and carboxylic acids, may have been formed from solar particles of solar eruptions colliding with gases in Earth's early atmosphere. In the late 1800s, scientists speculated about the origins of life to have begun in a "warm little pond": A soup of chemicals, energized by lightning, heat, and other energy sources, that could mix together in concentrated amounts to form organic molecules. When these conditions were recreated in a lab at the University of Chicago, US, in 1953, scientists were able to find that 20 different amino acids had formed. "From the basic components of early Earth's atmosphere, you can synthesize these complex organic molecules," said Vladimir Airapetian, a stellar astrophysicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, and coauthor of this new paper published in the journal Life. 70 years since, scientists now believe ammonia (NH3) and methane (CH4) were far less abundant; instead, Earth's air was filled with carbon dioxide (CO2) and molecular nitrogen (N2), which require more energy to break down. These gases can still yield amino acids, but in greatly reduced quantities. Seeking alternative energy sources, Airapetian, using data from NASA's Kepler mission, pointed to a new idea: energetic particles from our Sun. In 2016, Airapetian published a study suggesting that during Earth's first 100 million years, while the Sun was about 30 per cent dimmer, solar "superflares" - powerful eruptions seen every 100 years or so today - would have erupted once every 3-10 days. These superflares launch near-light speed particles, regularly colliding with our atmosphere and kickstarting chemical reactions. So after publishing, Airapetian was contacted by the Yokohama National University team from Japan. Dr. Kobayashi, a professor of chemistry there, was trying to understand how galactic cosmic rays - incoming particles from outside our solar system - could have affected early Earth's atmosphere. To understand this, Airapetian, Kobayashi, and their collaborators created a mixture of gases matching early Earth's atmosphere as we understand it today. They combined carbon dioxide, molecular nitrogen, water, and a variable amount of methane, considered to be low in Earth's early atmosphere. They shot the gas mixtures with protons (simulating solar particles) or ignited them with spark discharges (simulating lightning), replicating the University of Chicago experiment for comparison. They found that as long as the methane proportion was over 0.5 per cent, the mixtures shot by protons (solar particles) produced detectable amounts of amino acids and carboxylic acids. But the spark discharges (lightning) required about a 15 per cent methane concentration before any amino acids formed at all. "And even at 15% methane, the production rate of the amino acids by lightning is a million times less than by protons," Airapetian added. Protons also tended to produce more carboxylic acids (a precursor of amino acids) than those ignited by spark discharges. These experiments suggested our active young Sun could have catalysed the precursors of life more easily, and perhaps earlier, than previously assumed.

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HOMETOWN WELCOMING



President Droupadi Murmu being welcomed upon her arrival at her hometown, at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj district, Odisha, Thursday, May 4.

Buddhism: A Religion of Awakening and Enlightenment



PROF. SUNIL GOYAL



Buddha Jayanti is celebrated in most of East Asia and South Asia commemorating the birth of Prince Siddhartha Gautama, later the Gautama Buddha, who was the founder of Buddhism. This year, Buddha Jayanti is all set to be celebrated on May 05. With about 400 million followers, Buddhism is one of the largest religions in the world. Unlike Christianity and other monotheistic and polytheistic religions, Buddhism does not worship a deity. Nevertheless, Buddhism is a religion according to today's understanding. Buddhism originated in northern India, where the Dalai Lama, the head of Tibetan Buddhism, is also based. In India itself, Buddhism is now barely widespread. Today, Thailand and the neighboring countries, Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia as well as other Asian countries have the greatest spread. Buddhists across Asia are preparing to celebrate the birthday of Prince Siddhartha

Gautama, who later became known as Gautama Buddha and was the founder of Buddhism. The Buddha is believed to have been born roughly 2,500 years ago in what is today Nepal. In Asia, where most Buddhists live, different countries celebrate the occasion on different days, including April 8 in Japan, May 12 in South Korea and May 18 in India and Nepal. The holiday goes by several names, including Buddha Purnima, Vesak, Buddha Jayanti and Ikh Duichen, and is often marked by national holidays, festivals and events at Buddhist temples. Buddhists made up roughly 7% of the world's population in 2015, but they are expected to decrease to roughly 5% by 2060. This is because Buddhists have relatively low fertility rates compared with other religious groups, and they are not expected to grow significantly due to conversions or religious switching. Buddhism in Asia is a matter of both identity and practice.

Scholars and journalists have documented that many people in Asian countries may engage in Buddhist (and other religious) practices without considering themselves part of any organized religion. Scholars generally agree that Siddhartha Gautama was born in what would today be Nepal and taught in what would today be India, but Buddhism is a minority faith in both countries. Only 1% of Indians and 10% of Nepalese identify as Buddhist; in both countries, the vast majority of people identify as Hindu. Indeed, since Siddhartha was born into a Hindu family, Buddhism is considered to have originated in part from the Hindu religious tradition and some Hindus revere Buddha as an incarnation of a Hindu deity. Buddhists make up roughly 1% of the adult population in the United States, and about two-thirds of U.S. Buddhists are Asian Americans, according to Pew Research Center estimates. Among Asian Americans, 43% of Vietnamese Americans and a quarter of Japanese Americans identify as Buddhist, with most of the rest identifying as either Christian or religiously unaffiliated. With a median age of 36, Buddhists are older than the world's overall population, which has a median age of 30, according to estimates as of 2015. They also are older than people in other major religious groups, such as Muslims (median of 24), Hindus (median of 27) and Christians

(median of 30). Religiously unaffiliated adults have the same median age as Buddhists (36). Similar to Chinese Daoism, Buddhists refer to teachings and philosophical beliefs, not to an almighty God. The supreme teacher is considered to be "Buddha," who through right action and meditation became an "awakened" person and thus serves as a role model. The Buddha statues have become a widespread symbol of Buddhism today.

The goal of the religion is "awakening", i.e., to find the knowledge of one's own being. Central element are the Four Noble Truths, which all revolve around human suffering, its cause and remedy, to finally find true happiness. On the path to happiness, the fundamental sufferings and their causes must first be recognized and then eliminated. The path can only begin with the recognition. The happiness to be attained, which can also only be attained in a later life, is the final state of enlightenment, which ends the cycle of re-birth and the resulting renewed suffering.

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Gyani Zail Singh: The Symbol of Nationalism



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Innumerable people sacrificed their lives for the freedom of India and countless people suffered physical torture. It is difficult to find mention of all these in the pages of our history. But there are some letters of the great writings which speak automatically. The name of Dharti Putra and Kranti Purush Giani Zail Singh is hidden in the womb of these spontaneous writings. Gyani Zail Singh was born on 5 May 1916 in the house of a poor cultivator and artisan Mr. Kishan Singh in the village of Sandhwan in Faridkot. He was not called Zail Singh in his childhood, but Jarnail Singh. Shri Kishan Singh, who had a religious aptitude, had a heartfelt desire that his son Jarnail Singh should propagate the

Guruvani. That is why he got the boy Jarnail Singh out of school and got him to study Hindi and Punjabi in depth under his guidance. After memorizing the Guru Granth Sahib, Jarnail Singh formed a religious congregation and used to recite its couplets on the harmonium in a very charming manner. He got admission in Shaheed Sikh Missionary College, Amritsar, despite not having a matriculation degree, due to the quality of stimulating the public with his speech. After the completion of this course, he was awarded the title of "Gyani" which remained with his name for life. Inspired by the sacrifices of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru and other freedom fighters, Jarnail Singh started his political career as an Akali Dal worker. In 1938, he led the Prajamandal movement against the princely state of Faridkot and opened a Congress branch in Faridkot, which the Maharaja accepted as a challenge and imprisoned him for five years. On being asked by the jailer, he revealed his name as "Zail Singh" (Lion of the jail). Since then he became popular as Zail Singh instead of Jarnail Singh. After his release from imprisonment in 1943, Zail Singh left Faridkot. During the flag movement in 1946, he returned to Faridkot, where there was a lot of enthusiasm among the public to

wards hoisting the tricolor flag. After some time in 1947, when Raja Maler was in Kotla, Giani Zail Singh made a historic explosion by establishing a parallel government in Faridkot. The politics of Punjab would be incomplete without mentioning Gyaniji. After the partition of India, the new state "Patiala and East Punjab Provincial Union" was formed. In 1949, Zail Singh was made the Revenue Minister in the non-party government formed under the Chief Ministership of Gyan Singh Rarewala. After the elections in 1951, he took over as Agriculture Minister in the Congress Government formed on 23 May 1951. He was a member of the Rajya Sabha from 1956 to 1962. In 1970, when Sikh separatism took hold, the Congress Party made Gyani Zail Singh the Chief Minister of Punjab in 1972. Shiromani Akali Dal, the traditional political party of Sikhs, was given a blow by their voters. He dominated the politics of Punjab from 1972 to 1977. In 1980, he was elected to the Lok Sabha from Hoshiarpur constituency and on 14 January 1980 took over as the most important Home Minister in the Union Cabinet. After the completion of the tenure of Shri Neelam Sanjiv Reddy, the Congress Party de-

clared Gyani Zail Singh as the candidate for the post of the seventh President of India. The election was one-sided and in this he also got the support of opponents like the Communist Party in Bengal and the Akali Dal in Punjab. On 25 July 1982, Gyani Zail Singh took the oath of the highest constitutional post. During this, he also made his place by saying light things like "If my leader had said I should pick up a broom and be a sweeper, I would have done that. She chose me to be President". As President, he gave the message of love, brotherhood, equality of all religions, unity, honesty and devotion to the people of India but also to the whole world. Gyani Zail Singh, a multifaceted personality, successfully faced every situation and got victory. Taking special interest in the social upliftment of backward classes, dalits, poor and women, he started many development schemes for their welfare. Keeping the unity and integrity of the nation as supreme, he devoted himself completely. He was not even aware of "Operation Blue Star". After 4 days of military action, Gyani Zail Singh visited the Golden Temple. Not only was he strongly condemned by the extremist Sikh leaders, but a desperate attempt was made to declare him a devout and a scumbag. But the sense of religious duty could not deter him

and without caring about all these religious threats, he followed the path of the Sikh Gurus and always considered the national interest as paramount. After the assassination of Indira Gandhi, in the capacity of President, appointed her son Rajiv Gandhi as the Prime Minister. Gyaniji's academic life may not have been able to embrace big educational institutions, but he had an unmatched love for literature, music and art. He did not speak fluent English, but while showing his deep reverence for Hindi, he used to ask the English masters very easily and confidently that when the nations like France, Germany, Soviet Union, Japan, China, Italy etc. can reach the top of the world with their own language, why can't India reach it? Even abroad, by speaking in Hindi, he enhanced the honor and respect of India. On 29 November 1994, during his visit to Takht Sri Keshavgarh Sahib, his car met with an accident near Kiratpur Sahib and he left this illusory world on 25th December 1994. A simple living, high thoughts, a nurturer of Indian tradition and a genius, who stirred the public with his sincere and blunt speech, Zail Singh will always be remembered by the Indian masses.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Intriguing contest in Karnataka

The BJP and the Congress in Karnataka both have a slew of freebies in their election manifestos. Despite PM Modi's open disdain for the revdi culture, the BJP has promised to provide three free cooking gas cylinders to all BPL families during the months of Yugiadi, Ganesh Chaturthi and Diwali. The Congress has promised free travel for women in government-run buses, Rs 2,000 in monthly assistance for each woman head of a family, 200 units of free electricity for all households, and a dole for unemployed graduates and diploma holders aged 18 to 25. The JDs' manifesto is primarily aimed at the farming community and women's self-help groups. With religion being a sensitive subject in Karnataka, the BJP has promised to establish a state wing to combat fundamentalism and terror, while the Congress has named the Sangh Parivar organisation Bajrang Dal, vowing firm and decisive action against individuals and organisations that spread hatred among communities.

Vijaykumar H K, Richur, Karnataka

Political Mudslinging

Controversy is hallmark of Cong party to resort to unhealthy statements and derogatory remarks against their political opponents. The recent statement made by Pawan Kheda, the party spokesperson, against Prime Minister Modi and his father is highly condemnable and reflects poorly on the party's image. This is not an isolated incident, but a pattern of behavior by the Congress leaders. Rahul Gandhi's unsubstantiated statement on the Indo-China border clashes and his previous comments on the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir and the creation of Bangladesh, have caused immense damage to the party's reputation. The use of derogatory language is not limited to Rahul Gandhi, but other party leaders such as Mallikarjun and Kharge have also used uncivilized words against Modi, which can prove costly for the Congress party in the upcoming elections.

Yash Pal Raihan, Jalandhar

Politicizing Religion

The recent election promises made by both the BJP and the Congress show how religion is being used as a political tool in India. While the BJP is promising a Uniform Civil Code and National Register of Citizens, the Congress is promising to ban outfits like Bajrang Dal and repeal BJP's "anti-people laws." However, it is disappointing to see Prime Minister Narendra Modi equating Bajrang Dal, a self-appointed goon group, with Lord Hanuman, a symbol of humility and devotion. Bajrang Dal is known for its violent acts, including the 2002 Naroda Patiya massacre, which resulted in the deaths of 97 Muslims. Using the name of Lord Hanuman for such terror is not acceptable. On the other hand, Congress spokesperson Pawan Kheda's demand for an apology from the Prime Minister is also not justified. If Congress leader Rahul Gandhi can be convicted in a criminal defamation case for his alleged "Modi surname" remarks, then why not the Prime Minister for insulting religious sentiments by equating Bajrang Dal with Lord Hanuman?

Bidyutkumar Chatterjee, Faridabad.

BRIEF

Coal mining



■ **Shillong:** Coal mining is set to resume in Meghalaya after nine years, Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma said. He said the Union Ministry of Coal has provided approval for mining lease to four license applicants that would lead to the commencement of scientific mining ensuring minimal environmental impact through sustainable and legally compliant extraction procedures.

5G benefits



■ **Mumbai:** The 5G network roll-outs are happening at a blazing pace, but a dearth of applications and backward looking regulations is limiting the benefits India can derive from the modern technology, Airtel chief Gopal Vittal said. Vittal said the second largest telco alone will be reaching each of 7,000 towns and over 1.5 lakh villages with its 5G network by end of FY24, but rued that a lag-gard ecosystem which has not kept pace by offering services does not help the telecom subscriber distinguish between the 4G and 5G networks.

Content delivery



■ **Mumbai:** Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) chairman P D Vaghela pitched for a level-playing field on content delivery across all modes including OTT, DTH and cable. He said at present, there is a lack of the same, pointing out that while a direct-to-home operator like Tata Sky pays an 8 per cent licence fee after availing a licence to operate, there is no such requirement for the local cable operator.

Sitharaman highlights investment opportunities in India in bilateral meeting with Korean FM

Incheon, May 04:

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday highlighted greater opportunities in India for investment in manufacturing, food processing and marine resources in a bilateral meeting with her South Korean counterpart. The minister met Choo Kyung-ho, Deputy PM & Minister of Economy and Finance, South Korea, on the sidelines of 56th ADB Annual Meeting here, and also invited Korea Investment Corporation (KIC) and other investors to take forward investment in India's infrastructure sector.

During the meeting, Sitharaman also highlighted India's enabling policy framework for e-



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addresses the Indian diaspora in Seoul.

vehicles and green hydrogen sectors for further attracting investment in India with the engagement of the Korean government. "FM Smt. @nsitharaman emphasised on greater opportunities in India for #investments in #manufacturing,

#RenewableEnergy, #infrastructure, #pharmaceuticals, #FoodProcessing, including #marine resources, among other sectors," a finance ministry tweet said. Sitharaman further informed her Korean counterpart about investment opportunities for value addition in seafood sector in India and about the newly identified projects under the EDCF Framework (Economic Development Cooperation Fund) Agreement and expressed hope for their quicker implementation. India is looking forward for more committed bilateral relations between the two nations and more ways to further deepen the investment co-operation, she said. "Choo Kyung-ho said the two

countries should continue to broaden cooperation and engagement and that he hoped that Korea will get the opportunity to participate in the investment avenues in India," the finance ministry tweeted.

During the meeting, Sitharaman pointed out that the recently signed EDFC loan agreement for the 'TTS establishment of Nagpur-Mumbai super communication expressway' project will open a gateway for other developmental projects in India. "Referring to the Nagpur project, Mr. Choo Kyung-ho informed FM Smt. @nsitharaman that the Korean investment in the project currently stands at 215 billion won (approx. Rs. 1,495.68 crore)," the ministry tweet said.

Ajay Banga as World Bank President adds to success stories of the Indian Americans: USISPF

Washington, May 04:

Ajay Banga being confirmed as the World Bank President is another proud chapter in the success stories of the Indian-Americans, Mukesh Aghi, president of US India Strategic and Partnership Forum, has said. Banga, 63, on Wednesday became the first-ever Indian-American, to become the President of the World Bank. He will take over as the President of the World Bank on June 2 and succeed current President David Malpass. Banga was one of the founding members of the USISPF and played a key role in the creation of the body representing the interests of American companies having a foothold in India and those who support a strong bilateral relationship between the two largest democracies of the world. "This is another proud chapter in the suc-



Incoming World Bank President Ajay Banga. Banga, 63, will take over as president on June 2, 2023.

cess stories of the Indian-American diaspora, and I congratulate Ajay as he gets set to take a critical leadership role once again," Aghi, president and CEO of USISPF told PTI. Congratulating Banga on being selected as the 14th President of the World Bank, Aghi said US President Joe Biden and the Executive Directors of

the World Bank understand that his deep expertise and several years of experience in the fields of financial inclusion, public-private partnerships, and climate finance will prove invaluable as he takes the reins in June.

"Ajay's leadership comes at a time when the global community searches for urgent solutions to tackle climate change, work toward financial inclusion, achieve gender equality, and bridge the gap between developed and emerging markets," Aghi said. "As I earlier congratulated Ajay on his nomination, it is my unequivocal belief that Ajay's deep expertise in key leadership positions at Fortune 250 companies, best positions him to take charge of the multilateral institution. His past leadership stints evince that he will be a transformative leader and provide out-of-the-box solutions," he said.

BMW India launches X1 sDrive18i M Sport at Rs 48.9 lakh

New Delhi, May 04:

Luxury carmaker BMW on Thursday said it has launched a new variant of the X1 sports activity vehicle priced at Rs 48.9 lakh (ex-showroom). Locally produced at the company's Chennai-based plant, the X1 sDrive18i M Sport comes with a 1,499-cc three-cylinder petrol engine.

Deliveries of the model will commence from June, the auto maker said in a statement. "The all-new BMW X1 has really caught the imagination of customers who were waiting for a luxury SAV that's an all-rounder in



the true sense," BMW Group India President Vikram Pawah said. Looking at the high customer interest, the com-

pany has introduced the M Sport variant in petrol as well - BMW X1 sDrive18i M Sport, he added.

Go First suspends sale of tickets till May 15

New Delhi, May 04:

Crisis-hit airline Go First has suspended sale of tickets till May 15 and is working to refund or reschedule existing bookings for future dates, aviation regulator DGCA said on Thursday. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had issued a show cause notice to the airline after it suddenly decided to cancel flights for three days starting May 3. "Go First has intimated that they have suspended sale of their flights till 15 May 2023 and are working to refund or reschedule for future dates, the passengers already booked to fly with them," the regulator said in a statement.

New Delhi, May 04:

Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday said he wants to see a greater presence of US-based Boeing in India as the American firm has recently received a large order of planes from Tata Group-owned Air India.

In February, in one of the largest aircraft orders by an airline, Air India announced it will buy 470 narrow-body and wide-body planes from Airbus and Boeing, with the total deal value estimated to be worth USD 80 billion (over Rs 6.40 lakh crore). Goyal also said that the



India-US bilateral trade is increasing at a healthy rate and both the sides are looking at expanding the trade four-fold so that "we can touch USD 500 billion target by 2030".

By 2030, India is looking at increasing their goods and services exports to USD 2 trillion.

"Boeing has received a very large order from the Tata's and I am given to understand that similar sized orders are in the pipeline... I want to see greater presence of Boeing in India, we would love to see you expand your local supply chains...and have more MRO (maintenance, repair and operations) activity here, which will serve the entire region," Goyal said here while addressing a function on India-US partnership. He expressed confidence that many more such large corporations from the US would work closely with Indian firms.

Markets rebound; Sensex, Nifty climb nearly 1 pc

Mumbai, May 04:

Equity benchmark indices ended nearly 1 per cent higher on Thursday amid continuous foreign fund inflows and buying in index majors HDFC twins and Reliance Industries. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 555.95 points or 0.91 per cent to settle at 61,749.25. During the day, it rallied 604.61 points or 0.98 per cent to 61,797.91. The broader NSE Nifty advanced 165.95 points or 0.92 per cent to end at 18,255.80.

"The US Federal Reserve softening its stance over future rate hike prospects cheered investors' mood which triggered a fresh bout of buying in banking stocks. With India's growth indicators showing good signs of revival and crude oil prices staying lower, in-



vestors are betting big on local equities even as haze over global economic growth persists," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd. From the Sensex firms, Bajaj Finance, HDFC, HDFC Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Asian Paint, State Bank of India, Tata Consultancy Services, Bharti Airtel, Reliance Industries and Tata Steel were the biggest gainers.

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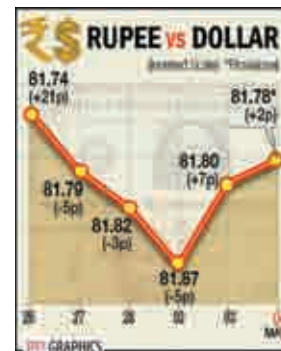
Samsung (Southwest Asia) President and CEO JB Park (left), Samsung India (Consumer Electronics Business) Corporate Vice President CH Choi and Samsung India (Consumer Electronics Business) Senior Vice President Mohandeep Singh (right) during a press conference to launch the company's Neo QLED 8K Television, in Bengaluru, Thursday, May 4.

Rupee gains 2 paise to close at 81.78 against US dollar

Mumbai, May 04:

The rupee edged up by 2 paise to settle at 81.78 (provisional) against the US dollar in a range-bound trade on Thursday, tracking the weakness of the American currency in the overseas market. Forex traders said significant foreign fund inflows and crude oil prices trading below USD 75 a barrel also supported the local unit.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened higher at 81.68 against the US currency but later pared some of the gains to close at 81.78 (provisional), registering a gain of 2 paise over its previous close. During the session, the rupee touched a high of 81.65 and a low of 81.84 against the dollar. On



Wednesday, the rupee closed at 81.80 against the US currency. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.04 per cent to 101.30. The US dollar retreated after the Federal Reserve hinted at a pause to its year-long rate hike cycle following its latest 25 basis point hike in interest rates.

Vedanta Aluminium inaugurates Fire Safety Park

New Delhi, May 04:

On the occasion of World Day for Safety and Health at Work, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, inaugurates a Fire Safety Training Park at its plant in Jharsuguda, one of the largest aluminium smelters in the world.

The park will help the company's Industrial & Fire Safety teams to facilitate live, practical safety demonstrations of fire hazards, their prevention and mitigation, to employees and business partners at the plant. With this, the company recommit itself to further enhancing safety and health at the workplace and ensuring total employee wellbeing.



Speaking about Vedanta Aluminium's endeavours to raise the bar for safety and health at work, Mr. Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Limited - Aluminium Business, said, "At Vedanta Aluminium, the safety and health of our people are of utmost importance to us, and rank as non-ne-

gotiable parameters of our operational excellence. Our operations feature best-in-class safety technologies that remind and reinforce safety-first practices at the workplace. This is augmented by behaviour-based safety initiatives that are applicable to each of our employees.

Physics Wallah plans to offer scholarships worth 160 cr to deserving students

New Delhi, May 04:

Physics Wallah (PW), India's leading ed-tech platform, has announced the launch of the highly anticipated Second Edition of its Scholarship Admission Test (SAT) in response to overwhelming demand from students. The PW SAT offers meritorious JEE/NEET aspirants of Class 8th to 12th and droppers a chance to receive up to 90% scholarships to avail high-quality coaching and guidance from experienced faculty members at Vidyapeethcentres. With an aim to make quality offline education affordable and accessible to every student, PW plans to offer 160 cr worth of scholarships in an impending academic year. The upcoming phase of the PW SAT will be conducted online everyday

till 14th May, and offline on 7th May, and 14th May. Students can take the test online through PW App or website and can appear in the exam offline at the nearest Vidyapeethcentre. Physics Wallah has already rewarded over Rs 100cr+ of scholarships in the current academic year. Over 100k students have registered for PW SAT till April 2023. The PW SAT has empowered more than 40,000 students so far, and more are expected to benefit from it in the upcoming phase. The states where PW SAT is taking place in multiple phases are Bihar, Rajasthan, Delhi, Gujarat, U.P., Maharashtra, Odisha, Jharkhand, M.P., West Bengal, Punjab, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Assam, Uttarakhand, Chhattisgarh & others.

New Delhi, May 04:

Passenger vehicle and two-wheeler retail sales witnessed a drop in April while three-wheelers, tractors and commercial vehicles witnessed an increase in registrations last month, automobile dealers' body FADA said on Thursday.

Passenger vehicle retail sales in India slipped 1 per cent year-on-year to 2,82,674 units last month, as buyers advanced purchases to March in order to avoid enhanced prices on account of stricter emission norms kicking in from April 1. FADA noted that it is the first time in eight months that the passenger vehicle segment witnessed a year-on-



year degrowth, potentially signalling a tapering demand. "The passenger vehicle segment, which achieved record sales in FY23, slowed down in April... This was primarily due to last year's high base and the OBD 2A norms, which led to vehicle price increases and advanced purchases in March," Federation of Automobile

Dealers Associations (FADA) President Manish Raj Singhania said in a statement. FADA urged the PV OEMs to recalibrate their inventory and prioritise the production and supply of products that are in high demand, ensuring a more efficient alignment between market demand and available inventory.

"Despite the ongoing chip shortages and somewhat sluggish market conditions, the marriage season in May is expected to provide a slight boost in sales for the current month," it said. Two-wheeler registrations also declined by 7 per cent to 12,29,911 units in April as against 13,26,773 units in the year-ago period.

Isha Talwar: My father always analyses content like a director

Isha Talwar, who is set to appear in the upcoming streaming series 'Saas, Bahu Aur Flamingo', recently shared that her father, director Vinod Talwar, cannot view a piece of audio-visual content purely as an audience member. According to her, he constantly analyses the technical aspects of the films or series like a director: Vinod Talwar is an experienced director who was recently seen in the streaming series 'Cinema Marte Dum Tak', which is based on the world of pulp movies.

Isha Talwar also mentioned that her father always has technicalities on his mind while watching something. She said that they discuss various elements of filmmaking like the editing, background score, and performances. The actress admitted that she thinks in the same way and finds it hard to watch content without analysing the craft behind it.

Isha also revealed that her father recently enjoyed watching the OTT series 'Jubilee', which has become a meme sensation for its portrayal of Madan Kumar Bh****d. She said that they discussed the performances that moved her father while watching it. They both tend to think about the technical aspects of the craft and cannot view content as just entertainment.

Isha Talwar's upcoming streaming series, 'Saas, Bahu Aur Flamingo', is set to release on Disney+Hotstar on May 5.

Trailer of 'Asterix and Obelix – The Middle Kingdom' released

One of the most popular international comic series in the world - Asterix and Obelix, which has been adapted into films and translated into multiple languages, 'Asterix and Obelix – The Middle Kingdom' is set for its theatrical release in India on 12th May in English, Hindi and Tamil.

After launching the impressive movie posters (in English, Hindi and Tamil) recently, the makers of France's biggest live action adventure have launched the entertaining trailer of the movie which has piqued huge curiosity and anticipation amongst the audience, eagerly awaiting to see their favourite characters – Asterix and Obelix back in action!

The fascinating trailer of 'Asterix and Obelix – The Middle Kingdom' not only brings back the



nostalgia of Asterix comics this summer but also looks grandeur in terms of great scenic locations, mind-blowing action sequences, lovely costumes, quirky dia-

logues and opulent sets. While the popular characters of Asterix and Obelix have been adored by generations across the globe and have a huge fan base, the audience is

eagerly awaiting to see the entertaining comic characters come to life on the big screen in the live action adventure 'Asterix and Obelix – The Middle Kingdom'.

Considering the overwhelming response to the posters and trailer, the movie looks like a perfect family entertainer this summer for the audience to flock cinema halls and witness this live action adventure marvel!

Directed by Guillaume Canet, who will also be seen portraying the role of Asterix, written by René Goscinny, Albert Uderzo and Guillaume Canet, the movie features Gilles Lellouche, Vincent Cassel, Jonathan Cohen, Marion Cotillard, Julien Chen and Leanna Chea.

Having previously collaborated for Korean action-thriller 'The Witch-Part 2', LUV Films and Star Entertainment's 'Asterix and Obelix – The Middle Kingdom' is scheduled to release in cinemas in India on 12th May in English, Hindi and Tamil.

Anil Kapoor reminisces about the origin of his iconic catchphrase 'jhakaas'

Anil Kapoor's famous catchphrase 'jhakaas' has been an unforgettable part of Hindi cinema since the release of his film 'Yudh' 38 years ago. To commemorate the film's anniversary, the actor took to Twitter to share a series of stills from the movie and reminisce about his experience working on it. The film, which marked the directorial debut of producer Gulshan



Rai's son Rajiv Rai in 1985, stars Jackie Shroff, Anil Kapoor in a dual role, Tina Munim, Pran, Danny Denzongpa, Nutan, Shatrughan Sinha and Hema Malini. Kapoor fondly remembers working with producer Gulshan Rai and his son Rajiv, Tina Munim as a co-star, and Jackie Shroff, who was "as always, a blast!" He also mentioned how he loved working with Nutan, who reminded him of his own mother, and dancing with Hema Malini was a dream come true. Kapoor ended the tweet by calling 'Yudh' a "gift that hasn't stopped giving."

Six actors who conquered the digital world

With the advent of OTT platforms, content has seen a new boom providing varied mediums for actors to shine with their versatility in addition to the traditional silver screen and television. Offering better scopes to performers to experiment with their craft, web series have been opening up new avenues for makers as well as actors to unfold facets of their skills that are impressing audience across boundaries of languages, transcending geographical boundaries. Over the recent time, we have seen various groundbreaking shows on different platforms delivering path-breaking performances by actors. Here's shining the spotlight on some of the actors that emerged as revelations by breaking the moulds of stereotypes to deliver some daring performances:

Bhuvan Arora:

Rising to fame overnight, Bhuvan Arora



impressed the audience with his impactful performance as Shahid Kapoor's partner in crime Feroz in Amazon Prime Video's Farzi. Emerging amongst the most streamed web series of all time, Farzi has presented the entertainment industry with a new gem in the form of Bhuvan Arora.

Karan Tacker:

Making his debut over a decade ago, Karan Tacker had been a known name in the television circuit with his varied performances. However, the turning point of his career came with Neeraj Pandey's Special Ops wherein he presented a totally untapped personality of his versatility. The

actor further earned his due with Khakee: The Bihar Chapter portraying the life of IPS Amit Lodha earning praises for his realistic performance. One of the most successful shows on Netflix, Khakee proved instrumental in establishing Karan as a versatile and dependable actor.

Taha Shah Badussha:

Entering the entertainment industry with one of the leading production houses YRF, Taha Shah Badussha made his first appearance as a chocolate boy with Shradha Kapoor in 'Luv Ka The End' in the Title role. With several other performances over the years, Taha continued to impress the audiences and critics alike. However, the actor truly showcased his prowess with Zee 5's Magnum Opus, Taj: Divided By Blood with his portrayal of the ruthless and menacing Prince Murad. The show not only

unfolded the untold secrets of the Mughal dynasty but also established Taha as a bankable performer. In an ensemble full of exceptional actors, Taha was a standout act, leaving the viewers wanting more. Taha's performance truly marks his growth as an actor to watch out for and hopefully, the beginning of a "star in the making" era for this young charmer.

Jim Sarbh:

Hailing from a theatre background, Jim Sarbh has his imprints across the mediums of entertainment including films and OTT. While he has been a renowned name in the entertainment industry with notable work to his credit including Padmavat and Made in Heaven amongst others, his recent performance as Dr Homi Bhabha in Rocket Boys not only earned him praises but also accolades in forms of awards.

Emma Watson on taking acting break: I felt a bit caged

Emma Watson reveals why she is taking an acting break. The actress, who became a household name after playing Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter franchise, spoke to Financial Times about her decision to step away from the spotlight. Watson stated that she "wasn't very happy" and felt "caged" by the demands of being a spokesperson for films where she had no involvement in the process. She mentioned that it was challenging to have to sell something she didn't have much control over and stand in front of the film, with every journalist questioning how it aligned with her viewpoint. Watson expressed frustration about not having a voice and only wanting to stand in front of things where she could take responsibility if things went wrong.



Sonali Bendre calls Anjali Mamgai her 'Sher Bachcha'

This weekend on Sony Entertainment Television, the Best 13 will be paying tribute to Bollywood in the 'Best Ka Pehla Test' on 'India's Best Dancer 3'. While the contestants and choreographers will add a filmy twist through their dance acts, the judges too will step into the shoes of some of the most loved characters of Indian Cinema and enter as Terence 'Pathaan' Lewis, Geeta "Kathiyawadi" Kapur, and Sonali 'Laila' Bendre. Staying true to the theme of the episode, contestant Anjali Mamgai and choreographer Aryan will be charming the viewers with their rendition of the iconic yesteryear song 'Aplam



Chaplam' from the 1955 film 'Azaad'. Dressed like the classic romantic on-screen pair Nargis and Raj Kapoor, the duo will create quite the rose-tinted atmosphere with their honourary tribute to the golden age of Indian cinema.

Fresh talents launched in 'Jubilee' receive high praise from Kangana Ranaut

Acclaimed actress Kangana Ranaut has taken to social media to praise the web series 'Jubilee' and its entire cast and crew. In particular, she has thanked the director, Motwane, for launching two fresh faces, Wamiqa Gabbi and Sidhant Gupta, who have dazzled the screen with their excellent performances, charm, and sparkling energy.

On her Instagram stories, Kangana wrote that 'Jubilee' is a splendid, spectacular, and absolutely sublime drama series that brings alive all the folklores and legends of the golden age of Hindi cinema that people still day-dream about today.



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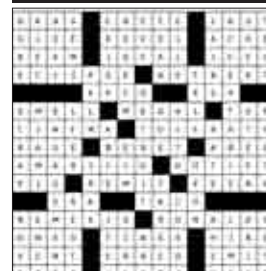
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Neeraj Chopra set to shine in Diamond League season opener

Doha, May 04 (PTI):

Competing for the first time as Diamond League champion, star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will be up against his familiar nemesis in the first of the prestigious meetings series on Friday, as he aims to begin a 'long' season studded with a strong performance.

The 25-year-old Chopra, also a 2022 World Championships silver winner, faces the likes of reigning world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada and Tokyo Olympics silver medalist Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic in a star-studded field at the Qatar Sports Club.

Chopra, who has a personal best and national record of 89.94m, had finished fourth with 87.43m in 2018 in the only other participation in the Doha Diamond League. He could not take part here last year due to lack of "overall fitness and strength".



Despite missing the Doha leg, Chopra went on to script history one after the other last year. He became the first Indian Diamond League champion after winning the 2022 grand finale in Zurich in September. A month before that, he became the first Indian to win a

Diamond League Meeting in Lausanne. Chopra last month said that he was feeling better "physically and technically" at the corresponding point in time, but it will not be easy for him to win the top prize in the season-opening Diamond League here, going by the incredible competition seen here last year.

Peters had produced the fifth-longest throw in history by hurling the spear to 93.07m, a mark just outside German Thomas Rohler's 93.90m, a meeting record set in 2017.

Vadlejch, who finished second behind Chopra in Tokyo Olympics and won a bronze in the 2022 World Championships, also recorded a personal of 90.88m here last year in his first ever throw over 90m.

Two wrestlers, including Sangeeta Phogat's brother Dushyant, suffered injuries.

Wrestlers threaten to return medals, awards to Govt

■ After scuffle with Delhi police

New Delhi, May 04 (PTI):



Wrestlers Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia speak with the media during their protest at Jantar Mantar, in New Delhi, Thursday, May 4.

"If this is how the wrestlers will be treated, what will we do with the medals? Rather we will live an ordinary life and return all the medals and awards to the Indian government," Bajrang, an Olympic bronze medalist, told reporters on Thursday morning. Vinesh, Sakshi and Bajrang are all winners of Khel Ratna, country's highest sporting

honour. Sakshi (2017) and Bajrang (2019) are also recipients of the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian honour. "When police is pushing us, abusing us, misbehaving then they don't see that we are Padma Shri awardee, and not only me, there is Sakshi (Malik) also," he said referring to the Rio Olympics bronze medalist. "They are misbe-

having with us. Women and daughters are sitting on the streets, begging for kindness but no one is bothered about getting justice."

The wrestlers resumed their protest on April 23, demanding the arrest of WFI chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for alleged sexual harassment of seven women grapplers including a minor.

Pakistan beats New Zealand in 3rd ODI, clinches series

Karachi, May 04 (AP):

Pakistan top-order batters continued to prosper as they beat under-strength New Zealand by 26 runs in the third one-day international for an unassailable 3-0 lead in the five-match series.

Opening batter Imam-ul-Haq made 90 off 107 balls and captain Babar Azam scored 54 as the home team raised a total of 287-6 after losing the toss and being asked to bat first.

Cole McConchie's (64 not out) late counter-attack saw the 31-year-old smash New Zealand's fastest half-century on ODI debut off 36 balls before the Kiwis were bowled out for 261 in the final over to lose their first ODI series against Pakistan since 2011.

"We knew these wickets would not be the same as Rawalpindi wickets, so it was important to give respect," Imam said after being named player of the



Pakistan's captain Babar Azam (L) and teammates celebrate after winning the third one-day international.

match. "We knew it was a 280-290 track. We were thinking of 260 but my partnership with Babar helped to get to a good position."

Pakistan chased down two big totals in the first two ODIs at Rawalpindi, including its second highest-ever successful chase in an ODI of 337 runs in the second game.

Rajasthan Royals to challenge Gujarat Titans for top spot

Jaipur, May 04 (PTI):

Gujarat Titans will be eager to move on from their underwhelming batting display when they take on an inconsistent Rajasthan Royals, which will challenge the Hardik Pandya-led side for the top spot, in the Indian Premier League here on Friday.

Both teams are coming off losses and will look to get back to winning ways. Gujarat Titans are perched atop the points table with 12 points despite their five-run loss to wooden spooners Delhi Capitals, while the Royals are on the fourth spot and have 10 points.

The Sanju Samson-led side has ample talent but has been unable to hold on to a winning run recently. Rajasthan have lost three games and won as many in their last six fixtures.

In their last match against Mumbai Indians, the much-feared bowling department failed to de-



Rajasthan Royals Captain Sanju Samson with players during a practice session.

fend 212. Pace spearhead Trent Boult, all-rounder Jason Holder, spinner Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Sen all leaked runs. They would hope for a better show at home on Friday. The Royals can take a bit of solace from

the fact that they emerged victorious earlier in the season against GT.

Rajasthan have the firepower in their batting lineup to pile up runs. Young Yashasvi Jaiswal is enjoying a fine run but the team needs the trio of Jos

Buttler, Sanju Samson and Shimron Hetmyer to fire. They will have their task cut out when they are up against the potent GT bowling attack, led by Mohammed Shami and the wily Rashid Khan. A win for Rajasthan,

Match starts 7.30 IST.

who have a Net Run Rate of +800, at the Sai Man Singh Stadium will catapult them to the top of the table. The Titans, on the other hand, have to get over their lacklustre batting display against the Capitals where they failed to chase down 130.

It was a day when the likes of in-form Shubman Gill and David Miller failed and skipper Pandya, who anchored the innings, took the onus of the loss on himself as he failed to accelerate towards the end. The bowling, however, was on point against the Capitals. Veteran Shami continues to make it look so easy with subtle movement of his fingers around the seam at the delivery. He sizzled with the new ball and will look for an encore. The spin department is led by the ever-reliable Rashid, who has another Afghani Noor Ahmad to complement him.

Asia Cup Archery

Mixed pair teams make finals, India eye all 10 golds on offer

Tashkent, May 04 (PTI):

Continuing their dominance, Indian archers stormed into the finals of the recurve and compound mixed pair sections in the ongoing Asia Cup Stage 2 World Ranking Tournament, here on Thursday. Indian archers have thus made finals in all the 10 sections in the continental show-piece.

The second-seeded mixed pair duo of Mrinal Chauhan and Sangeeta, who got a bye into quarterfinals, defeated Hong Kong 6-0 (37-32, 34-33, 36-34) in straight sets before eliminating Uzbekistan 5-4 (36-37, 36-35, 39-36, 37-39) in the semifinals. The Indian recurve mixed pair will take on their opponents from China in the gold medal clash on Friday. In a small five-nation field in the compound mixed section, the duo of Abhishek Verma and Parneet Kaur pipped Iraq by a narrow 152-151 margin to move into the final. The duo got a bye into the semifinals by virtue of topping the qualification round. Verma and Parneet will face Kazakhstan in the gold medal clash on Friday.

Atletico routs Cadiz 5-1, overtakes Madrid for 2nd place

Madrid, May 04 (AP):

Atletico Madrid continued its winning form by routing Cadiz 5-1 and overtaking Real Madrid for second place in the Spanish league.

Antoine Griezmann scored twice in the first half and Ivaro Morata, Yannick Carrasco and Nahuel Molina each added a goal in the second to give Atletico its 12th win in 14 league matches. Diego Simeone's team moved a point in front of Madrid with five rounds remaining.

It is the first time this season Atletico moved into second spot in the



Atletico Madrid's players celebrate their fourth goal scored by Belgian midfielder Yannick Ferreira-Carrasco.

standings, which is particularly important because it guarantees a spot in the lucrative Spanish Super

Cup in Saudi Arabia. Madrid, which lost 2-0 at Real Sociedad on Tuesday, had been in the

top two since the early rounds. It is now focused on Saturday's Copa del Rey final against Osasuna and the Champions League semifinal against Manchester City. Atletico would still make it to the Super Cup by finishing third behind Madrid, though, which earned its spot for the tournament in Saudi Arabia by reaching the Copa final. It wouldn't make it if it finished third behind another team.

Atletico is 13 points behind leader Barcelona, which has the chance to clinch its first league title in four years in the next round.

Top seeds Alcaraz and Swiatek reach Madrid Open semifinals

Madrid, May 04 (AP):

Carlos Alcaraz made sure he will get to celebrate his 20th birthday on the court at the Madrid Open come Friday.

The defending champion overcame a tough test from Karen Khachanov on Wednesday, rallying late in the second set for a hard-fought 6-4, 7-5 win that set up a semifinal against Borna Coric on his birthday.

It was Alcaraz's 150th tour-level match, and his 117th victory to leave him with a winning percentage (78%) currently better than the likes of Pete Sampras, Boris Becker and Andre



Agassi. "My dream in tennis right now is to become one of the best tennis players in history," Alcaraz said. "I know that this is a big dream, (it) probably is too big. But in this world, you have to dream big and you

have to think big, as well. I want to be part of the best tennis players in history. And I will work for it."

Women's No. 1 Iga Swiatek also made it to the last four in the Spanish capital, cruising to a 6-0, 6-3 win

over Petra Martic. Alcaraz was down 4-1 and 5-2 in the final set before winning the final five games to secure his fourth straight-set victory in Madrid. The top-seeded Spaniard improved to 27-2 this year, having dropped only one set in his last 19 victories. He will be playing in his third Masters 1000 semifinals of the season.

Swiatek was in control from the start against the 27th-seeded Martic, who had upset 2021 French Open champion Barbora Krejickova in the previous round. Swiatek won the first seven games and needed just over an hour to make it to her first semifinal in Madrid.

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Cong sweeps SMC polls

Wins 24 wards, BJP gets 9; AAP draws blank

Shimla, May 04 (PTI):

The ruling Congress on Thursday swept the Shimla Municipal Corporation (SMC) polls with two-third majority by winning 24 wards out of total 34, wresting the prestigious civic body from the BJP. The BJP captured nine wards while the CPI-M managed to win just one ward, Shimla Deputy Commissioner Aditya Negi said.

Both the BJP and the Congress had fielded 34 candidates each and the CPI-M had put up four candidates.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which fielded 21 candidates, drew a blank in the SMC polls held on Tuesday. All the nine independents were also defeated. A total of 102 contestants were in the fray. The Congress had won the as-

sembly polls in December 2022 winning 40 out of 68 seats.

In the 2017 SMC elections, the BJP had wrested the civic body from the Congress for the first time in 32 years, winning 17 wards. The Congress had won 12 wards, the CPI-M one and the rest four wards were captured by independent candidates.

The Congress had advantage in the civic polls as assembly constituencies of two cabinet ministers, Aniruddh Singh (Kasumpti) and Vikramaditya Singh (Shimla Rural), and the constituency of Congress MLA Harish Janartha (Shimla Urban) constituted the SMC area.

The implementation of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) was a major factor in favour of the Congress as the SMC has the highest

number of government employees.

Earlier, the counting of votes for 34 wards of the SMC commenced at 10 am and it was done in five phases on eight tables under tight security.

About 59 per cent polling was recorded in the SMC elections which was 1.2 per cent more than the 2017 SMC polls. The polls were held on party symbols.

A total of 55,385 voters comprising 29,504 males and 25,881 females exercised their franchise out of the total 93,920 people on electoral rolls on May 2. The number further increased to 55,662 after the inclusion of 277 postal ballots.

Deputy Commissioner Negi told PTI. Meanwhile, BJP candidate Kiran Baba from Boileauganj ward alleged tampering with EVM and

said that she would move the court.

Himachal Congress chief Pratibha Singh expressed her gratitude to the voters for the resounding victory of the Congress in the SMC polls and thanked party workers for toiling hard to achieve this feat.

The impressive performance of the Congress in SMC polls is the beginning of victory for the party ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, she added.

There was a festival-like atmosphere outside the counting centre and Congress office here. Enthusiastic supporters of winning candidates burst into celebration and welcomed the winners with beating of dhols and nagaras and distributed sweets with the announcement of results.

NATURAL CALAMITY



Villagers carrying LPG cylinders walk towards their home as a road connecting 12 panchayats was closed following landslide due to rains, in Lagghati, in Kullu district, Thursday.

NEW STUDY

'82 % Indians either alarmed or concerned about global warming'

Thiruvananthapuram, May 04 (PTI): About 82 per cent of Indians are either alarmed or concerned about global warming and are in support of bringing in energy policies to reduce its effects, reveals a new study.

The study report, Global Warming's Four Indias, 2022: An Audience Segmentation Analysis, prepared by the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication and CVoter International, identified four types of audiences within the Indian public who were classified as 'The Alarmed', consisting of 54 per cent, 'The Concerned', 20 per cent, 'The Cautious', 11 per cent, and 'The Disengaged', consisting of just 7 per cent.

The study has found that the majority of the people belonging to three segments backed the formulation of policies to fight cli-

mate change and opined that the Indian government should be doing more to address global warming. They also backed the development of a national programme to teach Indians about global warming, train people on renewable energy jobs, encourage local communities to build check dams to ensure local water supplies, and also expressed the opinion that India should reduce its greenhouse gas emissions immediately before other countries. "The message from the report to the Indian public is clear. Indians of all kinds are concerned about climate change, support climate policies, and want leadership from their governments," said Dr Anjal Prakash, Associate Professor (Research) and Research Director at the Bharati Institute of Public Policy at ISB (Indian

School of Business).

In 'The Alarmed' category, 52 per cent of respondents are from rural areas, 32 per cent from urban areas and 16 per cent semi-urban. Among 'The Concerned', 58 per cent are rural dwellers, 27 per cent urban, and 15 per cent semi-urban. The breakup among 'The Cautious' is 61 per cent rural, 26 per cent urban and 13 per cent semi-urban. As for 'The Disengaged', 45 per cent of them are from the rural population, while 29 are urban and 26 per cent semi-urban. The study has also found that most of the people surveyed said they had noticed changes in weather, with rains increasing or decreasing, and temperatures going up, and many have accepted the vulnerability to extreme climate events and a longer duration for recovery from such events.

Boy digs well near home for mother's convenience

Palghar, May 04 (PTI):

Disturbed by the sight of his mother walking a long distance with a pot in her arms to fetch water, a Class 9 student in Maharashtra's Palghar district dug up a well, all by himself, near his home.

The impressive initiative by Pranav Salkar became a talking point in his tribal village Dhavange Pada near Kelve and the news soon trickled beyond its boundaries, eventually earning him the moniker "Shravanbal".

Salkar was felicitated by Zilla Parishad officials on Thursday and was given Rs 11,000 as a token of appreciation for the exemplary work that he had done for his mother.

Officials said Salkar could not see his mother walking a long distance to get water for his family. He decided to take the matter into his own hands and dug up a well for her.

Mumbai dabbawalas send 'Puneri Pagadi', traditional stole

As gifts to King Charles ahead of his coronation

Mumbai, May 04 (PTI):

Mumbai's famous dabbawalas have sent the traditional 'Puneri Pagadi' headgear and 'Uparne', a traditional stole, as special gifts to King Charles III ahead of his coronation ceremony in London on May 6.

'Puneri Pagadi' is a traditional headgear introduced in the 19th century and is considered a symbol of pride and honour in Maharashtra's Pune city. 'Uparne' is a piece of fabric worn over shoulders by men during traditional ceremonies.

The dabbawalas operate a globally renowned lunchbox delivery and return system that supplies hot lunches from homes and restaurants to people at work. Ramdas Karwande, pres-

ident of the Mumbai Dabbawala Sanghatana, told PTI that this time they have not been invited for the coronation ceremony of the 74-year-old British monarch.

He said earlier this week, some of their office-bearers were invited by the British Deputy High Commission here for a function at the Taj Hotel, where they handed over the 'Puneri Pagadi' and 'Uparne' to authorities, who will ensure the gifts are delivered to King Charles.

He recalled that two members of the dabbawala association were invited at the royal wedding of then Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles in London in April 2005. The dabbawalas had then sent a Maharashtrian turban

and a nine-yard sari for them. Karwande said this time, they were specially invited for the function at the Taj Hotel in Mumbai where they were felicitated and given special treatment.

"Nobody gave such an importance to the poor dabbawalas, but they invited and felicitated us. Our members were delighted and overwhelmed by the gesture," he said while conveying good wishes to King Charles for his coronation.

Mumbai's dabbawalas have a long association with the British royal family. During a visit to India in 2003, Prince Charles had met the dabbawalas and lauded their work acumen, accuracy and punctuality after being impressed by their work culture.

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President Droupadi Murmu at the launch of 'Addiction Free Odisha' campaign of Brahma Kumaris Centre at Hatbadra, in Mayurbhanj, Thursday.

CRPF trooper from Bihar wins hearts

Bandipora (JK): A CRPF trooper has won hearts on the internet with his soulful rendition of popular Kashmiri songs. Kashmir Ops Sector, CRPF, shared a video of constable Mrityunjai Kumar Rai, posted in the third battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force in Bandipora district in north Kashmir, singing the songs on Twitter on Wednesday. It showed Rai joyfully singing three popular Kashmiri songs while on duty in a mountainous terrain. Rai starts with 'Nigaaro' a romantic song praising the beloved. He follows it with a heart-touching Islamic devotional song 'Sahibo sath chum cheni'.

PAWAR TO CADRES

'Decision to quit as NCP chief for party's future'

Will take final call in couple of days

Mumbai, May 04 (PTI):

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) president Sharad Pawar on Thursday said his decision to step down from the post was taken for the future of the party and to create a new leadership.

Speaking outside the Y B Chavan Centre in the city, where his supporters have been camping to demand his continuation as the party chief, Pawar said he would take a final decision in the next couple of



NCP leader Sharad Pawar arrives to interact with party workers and supporters during their 'dharna' urging Pawar to withdraw his resignation from the post of party president, at YB Chavan Centre in Mumbai, Thursday.

days and the sentiments of party workers will not be ignored. "I respect your sentiments. I should have discussed my plans with all of you and taken you into confidence. But I

know you wouldn't have allowed me to take the decision (of stepping down as party chief)," the former Union minister told his supporters. He said some party colleagues from out-

side Maharashtra will meet him on Friday to discuss the issue. "I will take a final decision in one or two days," he said.

As emotions ran high among his supporters, Pawar tried to pacify them outside the YB Chavan Centre.

The party cadres gathered at the place urged Pawar to appoint a working president of the party, while he himself should continue in the post.

Some of them said Pawar should helm the party at least till 2024 as the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections are due, while others said if he did not reconsider his decision, they would resort to hunger strike.

President Murmu rejects mercy petition of man

Convicted for raping, killing 4-year-old girl

New Delhi, May 04 (PTI):

President Droupadi Murmu has rejected the mercy petition of a man convicted for raping and stoning to death a four-year-old girl in Maharashtra in 2008, according to the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The Supreme Court had on May 3, 2017, dismissed the review petition of Vasanta Sampat Dupare (then 55 years old) and sent him to the gallows.

The President's secretariat had on March 28 this year received a recommendation from Union Home Ministry in the matter.

"The mercy petition was rejected by the President (on April 10)," said a statement on the status of the mercy petition, updated as on April 28, 2023, by the President's secretariat.

The apex court had in 2017 held that "the aggravating circumstances

and the barbaric manner in which the four-year-old was killed, clearly outweigh the mitigating circumstances".

It had on November 26, 2014, upheld the trial court's as well as the Bombay High Court's decision of awarding death sentence to Maharashtra resident Dupare in the 2008 rape and murder case.

The top court had on July 14, 2016, agreed to examine the plea of Dupare, who had claimed he was not accorded a fair chance to put forth his arguments in the trial court which sentenced him to death.

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