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## BRIEF



Kumar Vishwas after casting vote at a polling station for civic polls, in Ghaziabad, Thursday.

## ED summons

**Mumbai:** The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader and former Maharashtra minister Jayant Patil in connection with the IL&FS money laundering case, an official said on Thursday. Patil, who is the Maharashtra NCP chief, has been asked to appear before the agency on Friday, the official said.

## NIA searches

**New Delhi:** The NIA on Thursday searched 10 locations in and around Delhi's Shaheen Bagh, the site of a massive anti-CAA protest in 2019, in connection with the last month Kozhikode train arson that claimed the lives of three passengers and injured nine, an official said.

## 100 fell ill

**Goalpara:** More than 100 people fell ill after participating in a ritual feast in Assam's Goalpara district, a senior health department official said on Thursday. A prayer meeting was organised in the house of a member of the Garo community in Mariampur village bordering Meghalaya on Wednesday followed by a feast, Joint Director (Health) Pares Kalita told reporters.

## IED blast

**Chaitasa:** A CRPF jawan was seriously injured in an IED explosion in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district on Thursday, police said. The incident took place when security forces were undertaking an anti-Maoist operation in a forest near Ichahati village in Goilkota Police Station area, a police officer said.

## Reject

**New Delhi:** The EC rejected the Congress's claim on Thursday that the electronic voting machines used in the May 10 Karnataka Assembly polls were previously deployed in South Africa and asked the party to "publicly expose" the sources that spread such false information. In a letter addressed to Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala, the EC said it had used new EVMs manufactured by Electronics Corporation of India Limited for the polls in the southern state.

## New CJ

**Kolkata:** Acting Chief Justice TS Sivagnanam was on Thursday sworn in as the chief justice of Calcutta High Court by Governor CV Ananda Bose. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was present at the function held at court number one, the chief justice's court room, in the oldest high court in the country.

## Weather

High 40 Low 25

## MARKET

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GOLD 61,088

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## APEX COURT VERDICT

## Eknath Shinde keeps his job

## ■ Moral victory for Uddhav

## ■ SC pulls up Maha guv, speaker

New Delhi, May 11 (PTI):

The Supreme Court Thursday held the Maharashtra governor was not justified in calling upon then chief minister Uddhav Thackeray to prove majority in the Assembly on June 30 last year but refused to order status quo ante, saying he did not face the floor test and resigned.

It, however, said since Thackeray had resigned without facing the floor test, the governor was justified in inviting Shinde to form government at the behest of the BJP which was the largest political party in the House.

In a unanimous verdict on a batch of pleas related to the political crisis that led to the fall of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government led by Thackeray following a revolt by the Eknath Shinde faction, a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud

held that House speaker's decision to appoint Bharat Gogawale of the Shinde faction as the whip of Shiv Sena was "illegal".

The governor was not justified in calling upon Thackeray to prove his majority on the floor of the House because he did not have reasons based on objective material before him to reach the conclusion that Thackeray had lost the confidence of the House," said the bench which also comprised Justices M R Shah, Krishna Murari, Hima Kohli and P S Narasimha.

"However, the status quo ante can't be restored because Thackeray did not face the floor test and tendered his resignation.

The governor was, therefore, justified in inviting Shinde to form the government at the behest of the BJP which was the largest political party in the house," it said.

The top court also referred the 2016 Nabam Rebia verdict by a five-judge constitution bench, which relates to the power of speaker on disqualification of MLAs, to a larger bench of seven judges.

## ■ 'Guv not empowered to enter political arena'

The governor of a state is not empowered to enter the political arena and play a role in inter-party or intra-party disputes, the Supreme Court said on Thursday, holding that the discretion exercised by then Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari asking Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to face a floor test was "not in accordance with law".

However, the five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud held that the governor's June 30, 2022 decision inviting

Eknath Shinde to form a new government was justified since Thackeray had resigned without a trial of strength.

## ■ What Speaker said....

Reacting to the ruling, Narwekar asserted the SC has upheld his stand on the disqualification of MLAs in its verdict on the political crisis.

Narwekar, currently in London, told a regional news channel, "The Supreme Court in its order stated that it would be the Speaker's prerogative to take a call on the disqualification plea submitted against the 16 MLAs, including Chief Minister Shinde.

## ■ 'Shinde, Fadnavis must quit post'

Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray sought the resignation of Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy Devendra Fadnavis on moral grounds following the Supreme Court ruling on the 2022 political crisis in the state on Thursday, a demand swiftly rejected by top ruling coalition leaders, as rival camps claimed vindication of their positions after the much-awaited verdict. The judgment reinstates trust in democracy, said Thackeray, who was the chief minister of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government.



Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray during a press conference.

## ■ 'My government is legal'

After the SC verdict, a relieved Shinde asserted his 11-month-old government was legal and formed within constitutional framework. Speaking jointly to reporters after the top court judgment, the CM and his deputy Fadnavis welcomed the ruling. Shinde said, "The government we formed was within the legal and constitutional framework. The Supreme Court has now put its stamp on it. Earlier, people used to derive pseudo-pleasure by calling our government an unconstitutional alliance." Now, all those critics and their criticism have become irrelevant, Shinde said.



Maha CM Eknath Shinde interacts with the media.

## FIR against BharatPe co-founder Ashneer Grover, his wife, family

New Delhi, May 11 (PTI):

## ■ Charges against Ashneer Grover.....

The Economic Offences Wing of the Delhi Police has filed an FIR against BharatPe co-founder Ashneer Grover, his wife Madhuri Jain Grover and family members Deepak Gupta, Suresh Jain and Shwetank Jain for an alleged Rs 81 crore fraud after a complaint by the fintech unicorn.

The FIR, a copy of which has been seen by PTI, was filed on Wednesday under eight sections of the Indian Penal Code.

The case has been registered under sections 406 (punishment for criminal

breach of trust), 408 (criminal breach of trust by clerk or servant), 409 (criminal breach of trust by a public servant, or by banker, merchant or agent), 420 (cheating and dishonesty inducing delivery of property), 467 (forgery of valuable security, will, etc.), 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating), 471 (using as genuine a forged) and 120B (punishment of criminal conspiracy).

According to the FIR, the company undertook an internal reconciliation of transactions and was assisted by independent professionals in this regard.

## Pak SC orders Imran's immediate release

Islamabad, May 11 (PTI):

## ■ Terms arrest illegal



Former PM Imran Khan at Supreme Court, in Islamabad.

In a major relief for Imran Khan, Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday declared the former prime minister's arrest "illegal" and ordered his immediate release after he was produced before a bench on its orders.

The order to produce 70-year-old Khan was issued by a three-member bench, comprising Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandal, Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar and Justice Athar Minallah.

The bench, which heard

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman's plea against his

arrest in the Al-Qadir Trust case, expressed anger at the way Khan was taken into custody from the premises of the Islamabad High Court.

The bench had directed the National Accountability

subsequently, the bench resumed the hearing of the case. "It is good to see you," Chief Justice Bandal told Khan. "We believe that Imran Khan's arrest was illegal," the top judge said.

He said that the Islamabad High Court should hear the case on Friday. "You will have to accept whatever the high court decides," the judge added.

Bandal also said that it is every politician's responsibility to ensure law and order. Earlier in the day, Bandal asked how an individual could be arrested from the court premises. Justice Minallah observed that Khan had indeed entered court premises. "How can anyone be denied the right to justice?" he asked.

## I-T dept impounds Mukhtar's 'benami' land parcel

Ghazipur (UP), May 11 (PTI):

The income tax department on Thursday issued a proclamation for impounding a Rs 12-crore land piece, alleged to be a benami asset of gangster-politician Mukhtar Ansari, in this district, of fiscal sources said.

A team of officials from the department's Lucknow investigation unit accompanied by district authorities and local police erected an iron-made notice board at 'Mauja Kapurpur NZA' under Sadar Tehsil in the district, the sources

told PTI. The I-T department is impounding this property temporarily under the benami assets law and any sale/purchase or transfer of this asset is prohibited, the board emblazoned with the department's logo and message said. A senior official also read out the proclamation to the public present around.

As per the process, once the Adjudicating Authority of the Benami assets law approves the I-T department order, the property can be confiscated permanently.

## WOMAN EMPOWERMENT



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## 'India uses technology to empower, not to show dominance'



PM Narendra Modi interacts with a student as he visits an exhibition on the National Technology Day 2023, at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, Thursday.

New Delhi, May 11 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday hailed the 1998 nuclear tests in Pokhran as one of the most glorious days in India's history, and asserted that technology for the country is not about showing its dominance but a tool to speed up its development.

Addressing an event on the National Technology Day, which marks the 25th anniversary of the Pokhran tests, Modi said his government has used technology as a source of em-

## ■ Exemption from physical test, age criteria relaxed

New Delhi, May 11 (PTI):

The country's largest employer, Indian Railways, has decided to offer 10-per cent horizontal reservation in level 1 and a 5-per cent quota in level 2 and above non-gazetted posts to Agniveers against the direct recruitment quota,

## ■ NIA carries out raids at multiple locations

## ■ In Kashmir

Srinagar, May 11 (PTI):

The National Investigation Agency on Thursday carried out raids at 11 locations in Budgam and Baramulla districts of Jammu and Kashmir in a terror funding case linked to the proscribed group Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI). "A total of 11 locations came under NIA's scanner in Thursday's searches in the case in which the JeI is accused of engaging in separatist and secessionist activities even after being declared an unlawful association under the UAPA Act since its proscription on 28th February 2019," the agency said in a statement.

sources said on Thursday. This will be in the nature of horizontal reservation as in the case of PwBD, ex-servicemen and CCAAs. The Agniveers will also be given an exemption from the physical efficiency test, the sources said.

They will be given age relaxations - five years for the first batch of Agniveers and three years for the subsequent batches -- over and above the existing age limit prescribed for different

communities for level-1, level-2 and above non-gazetted posts.

The sources said the Railway Board has issued letters to all general managers, asking them to provide these relaxations and facilities in recruitment by railway recruiting agencies (railway recruitment boards and railway recruitment cells) for such posts to those Agniveers who have successfully completed four years in the armed forces.

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# ED unnecessarily harassing my mother; family property partitioned to show more wealth; Devendra Yadav

- Mother had purchased the house on loan in 2011
- Half portion of that house and MLA salary account attached

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, May 11:** The Enforcement Directorate is unnecessarily harassing my old mother, said Bhilai MLA Devendra Yadav on Thursday. Speaking about the summons to his mother, Devendra said that the mother is the base of a

family, but the ED is troubling a 70-year-old mother who is taking care of the family. At the behest of the opposition party, ED is harassing my family. Initially the notices were served to my mother and now the ancestral property has been attached.

Raising questions on the attachment of property by ED, MLA Yadav said that every parent in the world makes a shelter for their children. "I am the youngest member of the family. When I was 21-years-old, my mother bought a house for Rs 13 lakhs from the Housing Board in the year 2011 after

taking a loan from the bank.

She had made the down payment of Rs 2.5 lakh to purchase this house and the remaining amount was paid through installment in Punjab National Bank. The loan was cleared in the year 2020. But the ED is troubling my old mother by issuing summons", Devendra said.

He further said that the entire Bhilai city is my home and the people of Bhilai are my family. "BJP is feeling troubled due to the love and support of the people towards me. That's why they have given the task to ED for harassing

me", Devendra said. MLA Yadav further said that the ED has divided the ancestral house of the family with the intention of defaming me by showing more assets in my name. "ED has seized a total of 19 lakh 81 thousand 210 rupees in my name which in-

cludes the salary I get from the Chhattisgarh Assembly (Rs 8 lakh in bank account) and the remaining Rs 10 lakh is the cost of the house.

The house is registered in the name of my mother and elder brother. By adding half of that house in my name, ED has attached a total of Rs 19 lakh property of mine", he said.

The central government does not want the government of Chhattisgarh to continue doing good work. The Supreme Court should take cognizance over the unfair action of ED in Chhattisgarh. The Supreme Court should see

how central agencies are being misused in non-BJP ruled states for the last 9 years, Devendra said.

He further alleged that when the Congress state government conducted the development work in a better way, the Opposition started misusing the central agencies. He has alleged that the ED is now working to paralyze the entire system in the state.

The agency is sending summons to businessmen, officers and public representatives. When they conduct raids, there are only rumours about recovery of documents and cash, but the agency never gives any formal information in this regard.

Devendra raised another question: who gives all the information to the BJP even before the media?

How BJP's IT Cell comes to know much ahead of the media about what action

ED is going to take. ED officials remain unaware about how much property of which person is to be seized but the same information goes viral through BJP IT Cell, that too in advance. How is it possible that the tweet of ED action comes on BJP's social media account much before the official tweet, Devendra questioned.

## District topper meets father in Central Jail

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, May 11:** It was an emotional moment when a meritorious student met her father in the Central Jail after securing position among top ten in the CG Board Class 10th exam. SP Dr Abhishek Pallava had made arrangements for this meeting.

It needs to be mentioned here that after the declaration of results, SP Dr Abhishek Pallava visited the residence of Sania Markam, who secured position among top ten in the state in the class 10th exam.

On meeting Sania, he came to know that her father and brother are facing murder charges and are in jail. Sania informed SP Dr Pallava that she has not been able to meet his father for a long time.

It needs to be mentioned



here that Sania scored 97.33 percent marks and secured seventh position in the state merit list. She set an example for others by her excellent performance even in adverse situations.

About three years ago, her father and brother had a fight with some person who died after being beaten by the duo. Since then, her father and brother are in jail. When Sania

expressed desire to meet her father, SP Dr Abhishek Pallava made arrangements for her.

Sania met her father in the presence of SP and other police officers. SP Dr Abhishek Pallava said that Sania has made the entire state proud with her meritorious performance. He assured all possible support from the administration for her further studies.

## Golden Book felicitates KK Nashine & Bhagwat Nishad

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, May 11:** The Book-release ceremony of the book titled, 'Chhattisgarh Sampoorna Darshan Granth' was organised in Raipur under the joint collaboration of Bilasa Sahitya Sangeet Dhara and Chhattisgarh Swabhiman Sansthan.

SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant employees, namely Kishore Kumar Nashine, Chief Master Technician (RMP-3) and Bhagwat Nishad, Master Operator (Foundry & Pattern Shop), were awarded the Golden Book of World Records for their special participation in the shared rhyming compilation, 'Chhattisgarh Sampoorna Darshan Granth-vishaal chhandamayi Saajha Sankalan'.

Senior officers of the de-

partment, Ratan Mukherjee, CGM (RMP-3), Rampal, CGM, Sushant Pal, CGM, DK Verma, DGM, Sanjay Nayak DGM, and other officers and employees of the department congratulated Nashine and Nishad, for this award.

Poets and Authors, Kishore Kumar Nashine and Bhagwat Nishad were felicitated by Chhattisgarh Swabhiman Sansthan on April 27, 2023 for contributing in the compiled book on

"Chhattisgarh Sampoorna Darshan Granth" which has found place in the 'Golden Book of World Record'. During the book release ceremony on May 08, 2023, the Chhattisgarh Culture Department also felicitated Nashine and Nishad for their contribution in the field of state's architecture and sculpture. Dr Nand Kumar Sai, former MP and former Chairman of Scheduled Tribes Board and Sanskriti Board, was Chief Guest on the occasion. The programme was presided over by Raje Ramsundar Das, former MLA and pontiff of Dudhadhari Math and President of Gau Seva Aayog.

Vinay Kumar Pathak, former Chairman (Rajbhasha Aayog), Dr Anil Bhatpahri, Secretary (Rajbhasha Aayog), Dr Sonal Rajesh Sharma, Spokesperson (Golden Book of World Record), Mahesh Kumar Sharma, State Co-General

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It is a huge book containing 1007 pages and covers 72 subjects related to Chhattisgarh. These subjects have been rhymed in 117 types of verses. Writers from Chhattisgarh and other states have contributed to this book. Students will benefit from this book.

# Nurses Day

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## International Nurses Day 2023

**E**very year, May 12 is observed as International Nurses Day to mark the contributions and services that nurses provide to patients around the world. This day is the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, an English nurse

who treated a significant number of wounded soldiers at Constantinople during the Crimean War 1853-56. The day is organised by the International Council of Nurses (INC) which commemorates the importance of this day each

year with the production and distribution of International Nurses' Day (IND) resources and evidence.

Each year the organisation celebrates the day with a theme to focus on the contribution of nurses in the healthcare system. Last year,



the theme of the International Nurses Day was 'Make a Difference.'

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# Vehicle owners will now receive information on WhatsApp

- As soon as their license-RC is ready
- New arrangement in RTO
- So far, more than 19 lakh smart card based registration certificates and DLs have been prepared and home-delivered

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 11: RTO has introduced a new system to enhance the transparency in services. Now the information about RC and license issuance will be sent directly to the vehicle owners on their WhatsApp. Under the new system, vehicle owners will receive the RC-license number, tracking number with the name of the applicant along with the date of RC-license issuance and dispatch through WhatsApp message.

This new facility has been added to the 'Tunhar'



Sarkar Tunhar Dwar' scheme of Transport Department as per the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and under guidance of Transport Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar. From June 2021 to present, 19 lakh 28 thousand 916 smart card based registration certificates and driving licenses have been delivered to the applicants. These include 13 lakh 14 thousand 768 smart card based registration certifi-

cates and 6 lakh 14 thousand 148 driving licences.

Transport Minister Mohammad Akbar is regularly monitoring the implementation of 'Tunhar Sarkar Tunhar Dwar' scheme. This scheme of Transport Department is an important scheme, introduced for the convenience of the people. Under this scheme, 22 transport related services are being provided to the people at their doorstep, saving their time and money.

## If not delivered on time, one can file complaint on the helpline

If the RC is not received through speed post within a week of printing, the applicant can file complaint by calling the helpline number 7580808030 as issued by the Transport Department. All the information related to the arrival of RC-License can be obtained by calling on the toll free number from 10 am to 5:30 pm, except on the holidays. Problems and complaints will also be resolved through this toll-free number.

## Version

To improve the efficiency, transparency and accessibility of the transport service accessible, information about RC-license etc will now be sent to the vehicle owners through SMS as well as WhatsApp. And any query and complaint will be resolved through toll free number S Prakash, Secretary Transport

## Flight service from Raipur to Singapore, Bangkok soon

- Via Bhubaneswar to start next month

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 11: Air passengers of the state can get the gift of flight service from Raipur to Singapore and Bangkok from next month June. Although this flight will not be direct, the connectivity of this flight will be from Bhubaneswar.

It is notable that the Bhubaneswar and Lucknow flights currently operated by Indigo Airlines from Raipur have been cancelled till May 14.



It is being informed that the flight to Bhubaneswar and Lucknow has been canceled by the airline since April 24 last month. The airline is likely to resume this flight from Raipur soon.

If the Bhubaneswar

flight starts from Raipur, then the air passengers of the state will get flights to Singapore and Bangkok from Bhubaneswar itself. Indigo Airlines is starting international flights from Bhubaneswar to Singapore and Bangkok

from June 3 next month. It is being informed that the flight from Bhubaneswar to Singapore and Singapore to Bhubaneswar will operate twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday.

Similarly, Bhubaneswar to Bangkok and Bangkok to Bhubaneswar will operate on Wednesday and Sunday. As per information from sources a new flight from Raipur to Mumbai is likely to start by the end of this month. Vistara Airlines is preparing to start this flight. Along with this, flights can be started from Raipur to some other cities soon.

## Anisha Hariharno of SVP tops in School

- With 93.8% marks in Class 12th Board
- Excellent performance by Shivomites in 10th, 12th Board exam

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marks above 85% thereby bringing laurels to the capital of Chhattisgarh "Raipur" and state. 100% students from SVP Raipura have cleared the Board's Examination 2023.

The students termed hard work, Competitive en-



Dr Ajay Sahay receives the award from the hands of former President Ram Nath Kovind

broadcast prominently by various channels of D o o r d a r s h a n. "Parivartan" based on Swachhata Abhiyan aired by DD Kisan National Network was directed by Dr Sahai. Short films produced, written and directed by him have received awards.

The short films "Kaise Bataaoon" and "Noni" produced, written and directed by him have received first prize by the then Chief Justices of the High Court in the National Film Festivals organized in 2018 and 2019 for legal awareness.

He has prepared interesting short films, promos, documentaries and many inspirational infotainment programs to create awareness about the evils prevalent in the society and general health problems, which have been

success and also suggested them to do their future studies with dedication.

Chairman of Shivom Vidyaapeeth, Awdhesh Sharma gave the credit of success to students for their hard work and dedication, parents for their constant efforts & support and teachers for the guidance. Sir encouraged the pupils to move forward and contribute for the development of the country in future and ensure the name and fame of India in the World Map.

Assistant Director Ashraf Ali and Principal Preetu Singh along with team of SVP Raipura expressed happiness and wished a bright future to all the successful students.

## CRPF 228th Vahini wins trust of the villagers

### For the IV time conducting Civic Action Programme

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provided to all the villagers. The event was organized under the guidance of Commandant-228 V Battalion CRPF Asit Kumar Chaudhary, in which 228 Battalion Deputy Commandant Ajit Kumar, Assistant Commandant Anil Kumar Nayak (Company Commander), Assistant Commandant

Ashutosh Awasthi, Village Sarpanch, Panchayat Secretary, Ward members were present. The purpose of this programme is to inform the villagers about health and the benefits of the schemes run by the Government of India and to coordinate and cooperate with similar needs in the future.

## Ban imposed on Pamela cattle market

- In view of Lumpy virus

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, May 11: In view of the continuous outbreak of lumpy virus in Bastar district, Tokapal Janpad Panchayat CEO has issued an order completely ban sale and purchase of cattle in the weekly cattle market to be held at Pamela near Dimrapal. Sanatan Kshetriya Manch (Saksham) had demanded action from the administration regarding the lumpy virus.

Capable Ayakash Avinash Singh Gautam and General Secretary Chalisgaonkar told that earlier a sit-in protest was also held in front of the Joint Director Veterinary Office. After which action was started to prevent the spread of the virus by

forming various teams. On this, Saksham had warned of agitation demanding the closure of Pamela's weekly cattle market. After the news was published in this regard, Tokapal Janpad Panchayat CEO has issued orders.

It is noteworthy that Vishwa Hindu Parishad District Publicity Chief Rohan Kumar and Bajrang

Dal Gau Raksha Chief Munna Bajranghi had accused the cattle market of remaining open despite the administration's order to close the cattle market. He had told the administration to be limited to the order to close the cattle market. On which after the publication of the news, the exercise to close the animal market has started.

Under the Food Safety and Standards Act, loose mixed milk of M/s Bastar Dairy Farm, Borpadar and Ajay Sahu, a Bastipara vendor of Patan tehsil of Durg district, was found substandard. Due to which the court imposed a fine of Rs 2.50 lakh on both of them

## Fine of Rs 18 lakh imposed on substandard food items

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Jagdalpur, May 11: Court Additional Collector got the quality of the food items of the institutes checked, Bastar Dairy Farm's loose mixed milk, Jain Sweets, Rasgulla and Pankaj Ted's best Gold Refined Rice brand oil were tested. Additional Collector Hareesh Mandavi has imposed a fine of Rs 18 lakh after the food items of the said institute were found to be sub-standard in the investigation.

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by the Additional Collector. Similarly, a fine of Rs 5 lakh was imposed on the firm for finding sub-standard food item Loose Chena Sweets (Rasgulla) of M/s Jain Sweets Jagdalpur and Rs 5 lakh on the firm and seller Pankaj Gupta for being found sub-standard in the best gold refined rice bran oil of M/s Pankaj Traders Karavand. A fine of Rs 3 lakh was imposed on the above.



Hareesh Mandavi

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At the end of the course, the participants will work on an Integrated Business Simulation Project that will help them apply managerial concepts in real-world scenarios. The curriculum offers a blend of various general management theories, soft skills, and analytical methods with real-world business scenario cases.

IIM Raipur follows a continuous evaluation

novative pedagogy, IIM Raipur's blended MBA program has emerged as a preferred choice for working professionals seeking to upgrade their skills and advance their careers.

The participants will have complete access to the virtual library of IIM Raipur, classes will also be broadcasted directly to an online device, learning made easy and accessible for the candidates especially in times like these, when the world is running virtually. The 24-month intensive learning program is designed in such a way that it minimizes disruption of work

and personal pursuits.

This two-year program allows participants to grow out of their comfort zone and transition into higher management roles. The curriculum is inclusive of a mix of case-based methods of teaching, simulations, problem-solving exercises, assignments, role play, and in-class discussions among the participants.

Participants will gain valuable insights as faculty members share cutting-edge management concepts, global industry trends, business practices, and their own practical knowledge in the classroom.

## IIM Raipur announces 4th batch of MBA in blended mode

- In association with Nulearn for working professionals

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Raipur, May 11: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur is pleased to announce the 4th batch of the Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (ePGP) in Blended Learning Mode with Nulearn as their marketing and technology partner.

Awarded as MBA, the program is designed specifically for working professionals coming

from diverse backgrounds. The course is expected to commence in December 2023. The institute holds 2nd position in the Times B school survey (2023) among leading business schools and has a NIRF (2022) ranking of 14th position among Management institutes.

The first batch of EPGP was convoked in the 12th Convocation ceremony in April 2023. Sessions for 2nd & 3rd batches are being conducted as per the scheduled timeline. One of the key highlights of the program at IIM Raipur is the unique blend of online and of-

fline components. Participants will have the opportunity to attend campus visits at IIM Raipur, where they can interact with faculty and peers, engage in group discussions, and participate in experiential learning activities. These campus visits provide a valuable networking opportunity and allow participants to immerse themselves in the rich academic and cultural environment of IIM Raipur.

The selection process includes interviews with subject experts in the management domain with a focus on managerial skills, leadership qualifi-

ties, building a strong professional network, etc.

The program includes interactive online lectures, case discussions, industry interactions, and peer-to-peer learning, providing participants with a holistic understanding of various aspects of business management.

The extensive curriculum will help working professionals upskill & become industry-ready & grow under the mentorship of IIM Raipur's eminent faculty with rich in-class industry connect experience.

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# 15 injured, one serious, as bus turns turtle

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Taking water in the bucket, they drenched their thirst.

As per information in this regard, Khub Singh

Balod, May 11: A bus turned turtle near Kachandur Nullah under Gunderdehi block. HQ's and in this 15 persons got injured. In this Nishad family from Dhamtari had been to 'Chouthiya' programme of their daughter and while returning the incident took place at 1:00 in the night between Gunderdehi and Kachandur. One person who got seriously injured, has been referred to Dhamtari.

One of the traders residing near the site of incident informed that there was thunderous sound after the incident and when they came out, they found that a bus has

Kosaria informed that around 1:00 am in the night, Adarsh Bus Durg turned turtle and people were unable to come out of the bus and were shouting for help.

On reaching there they found that bus has turned turtle and people were unable to come out of the bus and were shouting for help.

After this Kosaria went near the bus and broke the window pane and took out the passengers. By this time the 108 vehicle and police reached the site from Gunderdehi CHC and offered first-aid to those injured by morning 14 were relieved.

As per information in this regard from CHC 14 persons have got injured and were offered treatment. The seriously injured has been referred to Dhamtari. The driver of Adarsh Bus after the accident is absconding.

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## BJPMM burn effigies of CM, Excise Minister



### In protest against liquor scam

Central Chronicle News

Bijapur, May 11: Chhattisgarh's Bhupesh government's new liquor scam, ED has issued a press note revealing the scam by this government by stealing commission of about 2000 cr in the sale of liquor. Bharatiya Janata Party Mahila Morcha

by trapping them in the background. He charged that Baghel is playing the entire game, engaged in looting thousands of crores in the name of prohibition, for which the public will answer.

In today's effigy burning program, District General Secretary Satendra Thakur, ST Morcha District President District Ram Rana, Kisan Morcha District President Ghasiram Nag, District Minister Jagar Laxmiya, District Vice President Urmila Tokal, Fulchand Baghel, Neeta Shah, Ranjana Udde, Nandani Yadav, Sangeeta Dasar, Pooja Podi, a large number of women and other workers were present.

Former minister Mahesh Gagda, who was present during this charged that CM Bhupesh Baghel and his corrupt accomplices have conspired to defame the innocent tribal minister Lakhma

and her name is Durga Mahandiya W/o Laxminarayan (35), R/o Khursitkul and she was bringing back her sister-in-law Puja Devdas, who had come from Nagpur to Rajnandgaon in her scooter bearing No. CG 08 AP 3754. It was near Dhanlaxmi Paper Mill, they were hit by a speeding Van and in this Sarpanch did not receive any injuries, but her sister-in-law sitting at the back received serious head injuries. She was immediately rushed to Dongargarh CHC and from there was referred to Rajnandgaon.

## Speed-up works under PPES, Aadhar Seeding, GNY: Collector

entries of employees through PPES software, Aadhar Seeding of farmers and about Rajiv Gandhi Bhoomiheen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana and Godhan Nyay Yojana and RIPA scheme. Instructions were given to speed-up the government's flagship schemes. For the applications received under CM's Janchaupal, concerned were asked to sort it out well on time.

SDM Abhishek Kumar asked all the departments to establish co-ordination with other departments and ensure lifting of products being made in Gauthans and RIPA centres, so that Women Self-Help Groups (WSHGs) get

sufficient profit. In view of summer season, he ashed PHE officers to ensure functioning of hand-pumps in the rural areas and ensure quality in the works of JJM.

After the time-limit meeting, Jandarshan programme was also organised and officers were instructed to sort out the total 13 applications received. Meeting was attended by Dy. Collector Praveen Bhagat, Dy. Collector Pritesh Rajput, and other district-level officers.



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## BRIEF



Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray during a press conference after a meeting at Matoshree, in Mumbai, Thursday.

## Knot

**Latur:** Twenty five couples, including the son of BJP MLA Abhimanyu Pawar, have tied the nuptial knot at a mass wedding ceremony in Maharashtra's Latur district.

## Robbed

**New Delhi:** Two employees of a scrap dealer were robbed of more than Rs 55 lakh at gunpoint here on Wednesday, police said. The incident took place around 4 pm in the busy Sadar Bazar area of the national capital, they said.

## Suicide

**Mumbai:** A 55-year-old woman battling depression allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the 11th floor of a commercial complex in suburban Borivali in Mumbai on Wednesday, police said. The deceased woman is survived by her husband and son.

## Protest

**Mumbai:** Hundreds of nurses appointed by Zilla Parishads who serve in various hospitals in Maharashtra on Wednesday staged a protest outside Mantralaya in south Mumbai demanding a hike in their monthly salary from the current Rs 3,000 to Rs 21,000.

## Power cut

**Mumbai:** Many pockets in the western suburbs of Mumbai suffered a power outage on Wednesday evening due to a technical fault in cabling, officials said. Parts of Santacruz and Khar, both upscale localities, suffered the power outage for more than half an hour, a spokesperson for Adani Electricity Mumbai, a private energy distribution company, said.

## Fire

**Bareilly:** A major fire broke out in a foam factory in Faridpur police station area here on Wednesday, leaving two people injured, police said. Two people are also missing and efforts are on to trace them, they said.

# Assam launches cashless healthcare scheme

To benefit 26 lakh families

Guwahati, May 11 (PTI):

The Assam government launched a healthcare scheme, offering cashless medical treatment up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year. The scheme is aimed at promoting accessible and affordable healthcare, and will initially cover around 26 lakh families, an official statement said.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the 'Ayushman Asom - Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana' on Wednesday, coinciding with the completion of two years of his government. Beneficiaries of the 'Ayushman Asom' scheme will be those who are listed under the National Food Security Act (NFS), the statement said. The

scheme will cover 1,578 healthcare procedures in more than 300 empanelled hospitals within the state and all Ayushman Bharat-listed health facilities across the country.

The cashless medical treatment scheme will "initially cover approximately 26 lakh families and the number will be increased to 32 lakhs in a phased manner", the statement said. Addressing a programme on the occasion, Sarma said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's relentless pursuit of 'Antyodaya' to ensure the rise and development of the last person in society was the motivating factor behind the 'Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana'. Owing to certain limitations, many families

# TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS



Congress workers with locals during a candlelight march in memory of victims of the Khargone bus accident, in Bhopal, Thursday.

## Plant Saplings keep smiles on our faces forever: Kapil Sharma

Participates in Green India Challenge

**Hyderabad, May 11:** "We all will be healthy and happy with the availability of adequate natural Oxygen. It helps us to think positively and keep our Brain active", says famous standup comedian and comedian Kapil Sharma". Kapil Sharma participated in Green India Challenge and planted a sapling along with Green India Challenge founder and BRS MP J Santosh Kumar at Dadasaheb Palke Chitrangari Film City in Goregaon, Mumbai. He said that the Green India Challenge is an impressive programme.

Kapil Sharma said he is moved by the Green India Challenge programme, launched by Santosh Kumar. "It makes me feel that we are not for ourselves, but also for others". "Green India Challenge is a wonderful



Programme aimed at making our future generations lead a better life on this earth. We all need to take the plantation programme forward since it is our responsibility.

My appeal to all the people of the country to participate in Green India Challenge", Kapil Sharma said. "My request to all who watch my show should plant a sapling. I am requesting all my fans to join Jiginipalli Santosh Kumar's endeavour towards making a Green India", the noted comedian said.

Kapil Sharma expressed heartfelt thanks Santosh Kumar for taking up such a wonderful plantation programme continuously. He hoped that everyone will plant a sapling and make the Green India Challenge programme a big success in the ensuing monsoon season.

## Petroleum Ministry denies CREA report

On import-export of Russian crude oil

New Delhi, May 11:

long history as a major refined products exporter".

The Helsinki-based CREA in a report on May 1 said that India is among the top five countries, including China, that is purchasing cheap Russian crude oil and converting it into refined petroleum products, which are then being exported to some European and G7 countries.

Responding to this, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas said via Twitter, 'report is misleading and is a deceptive effort to tarnish India's image, the 4th largest oil refining country globally. It shows a lack of understanding of global supply demand dynamics and India's

## Low-intensity blast at midnight in Amritsar

**Amritsar, May 11 (PTD):** A low-intensity blast took place near the Golden Temple here late in the night, the third such incident in this holy city in a week, police said on Thursday.

Punjab Police chief said that five people have been arrested in connection with the explosions that took place this week.

The latest blast occurred on Wednesday midnight behind the Guru Ramdas Niwas building, police said.

Amritsar Police Commissioner Naunihal Singh had earlier said that police were informed around midnight that "a loud sound" had been heard. "It is suspected that another explosion has taken place," Singh told reporters, adding that a forensic team has reached the spot and the whole area has been sealed.

## PROTEST RALLY



Mahila Congress activists participate in a candlelight march in support of wrestlers protesting against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharai Singh, in Shimla, Thursday.

## Woman names late father-in-law in domestic violence case

Husband seeks damages from her

Indore, May 11 (PTI):

A 28-year-old woman has named her late father-in-law as one of the respondents in a case of alleged domestic violence filed in a district court in Madhya Pradesh's Indore, a lawyer said.

"The woman and her husband had a love marriage in 2013, while her father-in-law died in 2002," she said.

The JMFC, while hearing the lawsuit filed by the woman, issued summons to her late father-in-law along with two other respondents on February 13 this year.

The court then fixed April 10 as the date for his "appearance" along with the other respondents.

Defence lawyer Preeti Mehra told reporters on Wednesday that the woman has filed a case before the First Class

Judicial Magistrate (JMFC) against her husband, mother-in-law as well as the late father-in-law under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

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Mehra said she filed an application in the court on May 9 on behalf of her

client in which the death certificate of the woman's father-in-law was also attached.

The application states the woman has misused the judicial process by keeping the court in the dark (about her father-in-law's death, so her case alleging domestic violence should be dismissed and strict action be taken against her as per the law).

The defence lawyer said the application also requested the court to order payment of appropriate compensation to her client for the alleged mental agony caused by the "false" suit filed by the woman.

The court has fixed July 5 for the woman's response to the defence's application, he said.

# India in need of 4.3mn more nurses by 2024 to meet WHO norms

Ever the underdog, nurses play a key role in all of our medical institutions, being responsible for the welfare, safety and recovery of patients. Nurses have an enormous amount of knowledge and many diverse skills they spend years perfecting and developing, all the time working in decidedly tough environments where extreme stress is just a part of the job. Nurses help bring new life into the world, care tirelessly for the sick and injured, and sometimes watch the patients they did everything to save pass away despite their best efforts. On many occasions, it was a vigilant nurse who noticed a mistake in a doctor's prescription in time

to save someone's life. Acknowledge the hard work, long hours, and emotional duress that are part of the life of every nurse on International Nurses Day. Nursing is a field full of opportunity, with impressive projected job growth combined with a need for skilled professionals to address an ongoing staffing shortage. From registered nurses (RNs) to licensed practical or vocational nurses (LPNs/LVNs), and from nurse practitioners (NPs) to nurse anaesthetists, nurses are the backbone of the healthcare industry.

Approximately 27 million men and women make up the global nursing and midwifery work-

force. This accounts for nearly 50% of the global health workforce. There is a global shortage of health workers, in particular nurses and midwives, who represent more than 50% of the current shortage in health workers. The largest needs-based shortages of nurses and midwives are in South East Asia and Africa. For all countries to reach Sustainable Development Goal 3 on health and well-being, WHO estimates that the world will need an additional 9 million nurses and midwives by the year 2030. Nurses play a critical role in health promotion, disease prevention and delivering primary and community care. They provide

care in emergency settings and will be key to the achievement of universal health coverage. Achieving health for all will depend on there being sufficient numbers of well-trained and educated, regulated and well-supported nurses and midwives, who receive pay and recognition commensurate with the services and quality of care that they provide.

Investing in nurses and midwives is good value for money. The report of the UN High Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth concluded that investments in education and job creation in the health and social

sectors result in a triple return of improved health outcomes, global health security, and inclusive economic growth.

Globally, 70% of the health and social workforce are women compared to 41% in all employment sectors. Nursing and midwifery occupations represent a significant share of the female workforce. According to Nursing and Midwifery Professional Organisations, India is in need of 4.3 million more nurses by 2024 to meet WHO norms.

Nurses and midwives are central to Primary Health Care and are often the first and sometimes the only health professional that people see and the

quality of their initial assessment, care and treatment is vital. They are also part of their local community – sharing its culture, strengths and vulnerabilities – and can shape and deliver effective interventions to meet the needs of patients, families and communities.

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International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world every May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. Unfortunately, many people seem to think that the most important people in the healthcare system are the doctors, but this is simply not true.



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## China's Naval Provocation

### India's Military Engagement with Allies in South China Sea Riles Beijing

China's aggressive naval tactics have raised concerns over regional security and stability. The country's objection to India's deepening military engagement with its allies was evident during the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-23) in the South China Sea. Chinese maritime militia boats deliberately approached the area where Indian and ASEAN navies were conducting drills, seemingly attempting to disrupt the exercise or intimidate the participants. This act of naval mischief underscores China's discomfort with India's growing alliances. AIME-23, aimed at promoting maritime cooperation and trust among the participating navies, involved India, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Brunei. China's reaction to such military exercises is not new. Last year, Beijing strongly objected to the India-US military exercise near the Line of Actual Control (LAC), claiming it violated the spirit of border agreements. However, China's own track record of adhering to these pacts has been abysmal. Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently emphasized to his Chinese counterpart that China's violation of existing border agreements has undermined the bilateral relationship. China's latest provocation coincided with the visit of Pakistan's naval chief, Amjad Khan Niazi, to Beijing. Pakistan is receiving extensive support from China for its naval modernization plan, including the acquisition of eight Chinese submarines and four naval frigates. During Niazi's meeting with Chinese Defense Minister Gen Li Shangfu, they emphasized the need for joint efforts to safeguard their security interests. These developments present India with a multifaceted threat from its hostile neighbors, highlighting the urgency for New Delhi to enhance its military capabilities and remain prepared for any misadventure. The ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise, co-hosted by India and Singapore, witnessed the participation of nine ships, six aircraft, and over 1,800 personnel from ASEAN nations. During the sea phase, when naval ships and aircraft from India, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Brunei were involved, Chinese militia boats approached the area. Fortunately, there was no face-off or disruption, and the Chinese boats, which reportedly operate in coordination with Chinese authorities, did not belong to the country's navy. The Indian warships, INS Delhi and INS Satpura, safely continued their mission in the region. The incident raises concerns over national security in the Asia-Pacific region, as countries strive to bolster their defenses amid strained relations between China and the United States. Tensions between India and China have also escalated since the border clash in 2020. The sudden maneuver of Chinese vessels into the path of the ASEAN-India maritime exercise may seem coincidental, but its implications remain uncertain. The ASEAN-India security exercises aimed to simulate encounters with vessels of interest and enhance preparedness for unplanned situations to prevent accidents or miscalculations. The United States has recently called upon China to cease its provocative and unsafe conduct in the South China Sea, emphasizing the need to closely monitor such interactions. China's expansive territorial claims in the South China Sea, encompassing over 80% of the region, pose a significant threat to international maritime trade. The area serves as a crucial shipping route for global crude oil trade, with nearly one-third of the world's maritime oil trade passing through it. Notably, a 2016 arbitral tribunal ruling in The Hague invalidated China's claims in the region. China's naval mischief and its attempts to disrupt exercises conducted by India and its allies in the South China Sea are clear indications of its growing assertiveness in the region. It is imperative for nations concerned about regional stability to remain vigilant and strengthen their defense capabilities.

## India's Freedom of Press Ranking Falls Further

Yash Pal Ralhan

India, the world's largest democracy, has been ranked 161 out of 180 countries in the 2023 World Press Freedom Index. This ranking is a significant drop from India's previous ranking and is a matter of deep concern for the Press Club of India and others concerned with the freedom of the press in the country. Two instances which held recently and will clear why the ranking of country is so much low. The first case involves a CPM Rajya Sabha member, who is also a prominent parliamentarian. He wrote an article titled "Perils of Propaganda" in a newspaper, which led to a complaint from a BJP leader from Kerala. The complaint was made under Section 153A, and the Rajya Sabha chairman had a discussion with the member. This case raises the question of whether this constitutes free speech. The second case involves a Delhi-based journalist who visited an AAP party clinic for reporting. The journalist was subsequently booked by the Punjab police under various criminal sections and had to approach the high court for bail. It is reported in the media that the journalist had previously highlighted the Kesriwal's renovation episode and was harassed as a result. This case raises questions about the limits of free expression and the ability of journalists to report without fear of reprisal. These cases are just two examples of the challenges faced by the Indian media in recent years. The World Press Freedom Index ranking reflects the growing concern about the freedom of the press in India. It is a matter of great concern for those who believe in the importance of a free and independent press in a democracy. The Press Club of India has expressed deep concern about the country's continuous downward spiral in the index. For developing democracies in the global South where deep pockets of inequities exist, the media's role cannot be overemphasized. Constraints on press freedom due to hostile working conditions and threats to the physical and mental safety of personnel severely impact the ability of journalists to gather, select, produce and disseminate news in the public interest independent of political, economic, legal, and social interference. The Indian government has an important role to play in ensuring press freedom and strengthening democracy. The government must take necessary steps to improve the ranking and protect the sanctity of democracy. It is worth remembering that India has seen the black days of emergency when there was suppression of free expression. The lessons of that period must not be forgotten. The global media watchdog, Reporters Without Borders (RWB), headquartered in Paris, releases an annual report to compare and quantify the level of press freedom enjoyed by journalists and media in 180 countries. The objective of this report is to raise awareness about the importance of press freedom and to identify countries where journalists and media are at risk. India's current ranking is a cause for concern, particularly given its status as the world's largest democracy. The Indian government must take steps to improve the situation and protect the freedom of the press. This extreme right-wing authoritarian regime has ensured that whatever vestiges of the free press remain in India are gagged or made totally beholden to the ruling dispensation. This is a dubious distinction and adds another rotten feather to India's already over-feathered cap. Freedom of the press is a vital component of any democratic society. India's ranking in the World Press Freedom Index is a matter of great concern, and the government must take necessary steps to improve the situation.

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## CAUGHT IN RAINS



A family caught in a sudden spell rains at Charminar in the old city of Hyderabad, Thursday.

## Nursing officer binds society with the bond of care and affection



DR. PRIYANKA 'SAURABH'



Governments must invest in nursing education, jobs, and leadership. Some of these measures include remunerating nurses according to prevailing local, national, and international labor market conditions. Patients and the public deserve the highest performance from healthcare professionals and this can only be achieved in a workplace that enables and maintains a motivated and well-prepared workforce. Nurses can be empowered, and encouraged by meeting their needs and meeting their challenges.

International Nurses Day is observed annually on 12 May. May 12 was chosen to celebrate the day because it is the birth anniversary of philosopher Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. Nursing binds human society with the bond of care and affection. Nursing is the calling of care, which provides a pool of poignant stories and challenges. The scope of nursing has now expanded beyond just the hospital. Nurses deal with the most precious thing in this wide world- 'human life'. The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated 2022 as the Year to Lead - Invest in Nursing and Respect the Right to Secure Global Health.

Nurses make up more than half of all health workers in the world. It will encourage the entire nursing community and the public to celebrate the day as well as provide the necessary in-

formation and resources to raise the profile of the nursing profession. Nurses are at the forefront of fighting epidemics and pandemics providing high quality and respectful treatment and care. The Covid-19 pandemic is a reminder of the vital role nurses play. Without nurses and other health workers, it is not possible to win the fight against outbreaks and achieve Sustainable Development Goals or universal health coverage (UHC).

Globally, there are approximately 36.9 nurses per 10,000 people, with further variations within different regions. There are almost 10 times more nurses in the Americas than in the African region. While the former has 83.4 nurses per 10,000 population, the latter has 8.7 nurses per 10,000 population. By 2030, there will be a shortage of over 5.7 million nurses worldwide. The biggest shortfall in

absolute numbers is in the South-East Asian region, while in the US and Europe, the problem is different as they face an aging nursing workforce. Furthermore, many high-income countries in Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean, and the American regions rely "exclusively" on migrant nurses.

There is a need for recognition of their work; The report highlights that the work of nurses is critical in meeting national and global goals related to universal health care, mental health, non-communicable diseases, emergency preparedness, and response. Nurses play an important role in the field of healthcare. Their role, especially during the current health crisis, is paramount. Overall, nurses are vital in ensuring the quality of care delivered to a patient, preventing and controlling infection, and combating antimicrobial resistance.

As of 2018, there were over 1.56 million nurses and 772,575 nursing aides in India. Of this, professional nurses account for 67 percent, with 322,827 graduates each year and a minimum training period of four years.

Within the health workforce, nurses comprise 47 percent of medical workers, followed by doctors (23.3 percent), dentists (5.5 percent), and pharmacists (24.1 percent). In addition, the overwhelming majority of nurses in India, 88 percent, are women. This is in line with the composition of nursing seen globally, where 90 percent are women.

Providing occupational safety and health of nurses and all healthcare workers, including access to personal protective equipment so they can safely provide care and reduce infection in healthcare settings.

Nurses and all healthcare work-

ers should have access to mental health support, timely pay, sick leave, and insurance. They must be provided with access to the knowledge and guidance needed to respond to all health needs, including outbreaks. Nurses should be given financial support and other resources to respond to future outbreaks.

In almost all healthcare services, nurses perform roles that are not their specialty, so they have minimal time left to perform their actual roles and responsibilities. They are spending more time than necessary performing non-nursing-related tasks, for example, billing, record keeping, inventory, laundry, diet, physiotherapy, patient abstinance, etc., thereby reducing time spent on patient care. Happening. If in any case, there is a lapse in these roles, the nurses have to bear the brunt in the form of cancellation of leave, pay cut, etc. There has been little effort in the health sector to plug it.

Governments must invest in nursing education, jobs, and leadership. Some of these measures include remunerating nurses according to prevailing local, national, and international labor market conditions. Patients and the public deserve the highest performance from healthcare professionals and this can only be achieved in a workplace that enables and maintains a motivated and well-prepared workforce.

Nurses can be empowered, and encouraged by meeting their needs and meeting their challenges.

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## Tagore's plea for universal love and reason

Kajal Chatterjee

With the celebration of the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore start and end with garlanding his statues, rendition of Rabindrasangeet and lip service to that much repeated "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high". Would society pay heed to his inner soul, mindset and values which get reflected through his vast ocean of work and gems embedded in it.

Apart from writing songs and poems on nature, love or spirituality; Tagore's pen used to launch tirades against religious orthodoxy and hatred. He had awarded the highest pedestal to humanity by rising above all petty barriers of religion, caste, colour or nationality. No wonder why he warned us -- "Who is obsessed by religion, He is Blind/He only kills and gets killed". He continues -- "He who kills as infidels/ The followers of other

faiths/ Dishonours own faith". Even after 80 years of his passing away, Tagore's warning still remains extremely relevant because the situation on the ground has not improved a bit. Despite zealous rhetoric of "modernity"; we are still witnessing how "majority" torture the "minorities" in the name of religion in various countries of the globe. If somewhere bloody pogrom gets launched compelling millions of minority citizens to cross international borders seeking refuge, in another place the minorities are subjected to open threats and denial of their human rights to have food or wear attire according to their independent choice. Fatal assaults invoking "hurt sentiments" revolving around any "holy" animal or even marriage are also enjoying a "free run". Stringent blasphemy laws are strictly followed in many places whereby anybody found writing/pronouncing anything "objectionable" in eyes/ears of the

"pious" would be taken to task. Not necessarily the "infidels" only, even the co-religionists are also "taught lessons" by the "religious-obsessed" through bullets or machetes for their "sin" of upholding secularism or protesting against communalism.

This type of intolerant attitude obviously gives rise to communal arsons specially where the minorities are not too minuscule in numbers resulting in Tagore's words --- "He only kills and gets killed". Yes, no society can prosper if religious fanaticism gets the upper hand. Tagore continues --- "He hoists a blood-stained flag in his temple/ In the name of God/ He worships the Devil". Indeed what a dishonour to his own faith by dishonoring that of the "infidel".

"Even the Atheist is Blessed/ Because he doesn't have the vanity of any faith/ Humbly he lights up his reason/ Defies the authority of scriptures/ And seeks only the

good of men" --- how excellently has Tagore exposed the moral bankruptcy of the "religious-obsessed" and urged all to uphold sense of reason and rationality by transcending scriptures-based religious barriers so as to appreciate the ultimate truth of humanity. Will we draw inspiration from Tagore's call --- "Your altar they have flooded with blood/ Please completely break it/ Hurl your thunder at the prison walls of faiths/ And bring to this cursed land/ The light of reason".

Also conquering of lands to build up "empire" has also reared its ugly head. Ukraine is being systematically butchered with millions affected, families disintegrated and precious lives lost forever. Kudos to those countries who are offering physical and moral support to battered Ukraine. But also there exist a set of countries who have no qualms in hobnobbing with the aggressor Russia. However, to act as

"neutral" or "messenger of peace", those countries are offering unsolicited sermons of "NO WAR" as if both countries are equally responsible for the "war". But the fact remains that Ukraine is merely defending its territory with Russia being the aggressor. What a crude way to dilute the ugly mindset of the invader Russia. Tagore asked -- "Those who are poisoning your air, those who are turning out your lights, Have you forgiven them Lord? Have you loved them"? The "neutral" brigade must respond to this question posed by Tagore awakening their conscience.

Tagore emphasised --- "He who commits wrong or condones the same/ May your contempt singe like a reed in flame". Would we raise our voice of truth to strike falsehood down to ground as expected by Tagore whenever people torture people in the name of religion, nationality and all other demographic credentials?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Harmful effects of Social Media on Children

Social media is a growing problem in our country, especially amongst children. Social media has become a predator, luring our children and young adults into its web, ultimately harming their futures. Apps such as Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube attract children with their features like reels, live streaming and push notifications. Moreover, children are becoming addicted to games like Dream 11 and Free Fire which are meant for adults above 18 years. While social media can be a source of knowledge and entertainment, it is time-consuming and distracting. It's sad to see children and youth wasting valuable time on these apps instead of focusing on their studies and making a brighter future. It is high time that we all acknowledge the harmful effects of social media and take action to mitigate its negative impact.

Abhideep Gupta, KVS Mahasamund, Class VIII

### COVID-19: New Chapter

I am writing to express my joy and relief upon hearing the news that the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the end of the COVID-19 pandemic as a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC). After more than three years of battling this pandemic, this is truly a momentous occasion for all of us. The WHO Emergency Committee, in its fifteenth meeting on May 4th, 2023, advised that it is now time to transition to long-term management of the COVID-19 pandemic, given the decreasing trend in COVID-19 deaths, hospitalizations and ICU admissions, and the high levels of population immunity to SARS-CoV-2. While there are still uncertainties regarding the potential evolution of SARS-CoV-2, the committee advised that it is now time to shift our focus towards managing the pandemic in the long term. I am glad that the WHO Director-General has accepted the committee's advice and has issued Temporary Recommendations for the long-term management of the pandemic.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

### Another MiG-21 Crashes

A routine training sortie of a MiG-21 fighter jet resulted in a tragic incident in Bahadnagar district, India, on May 8. The pilot ejected safely, but debris from the crashed aircraft fell on a house, killing three women. An inquiry has been initiated to investigate the cause of the crash. The family of the deceased demanded a written record of the compensation they will receive. The incident highlights the urgent need for phasing out the old MiG-21 fleet, which has been in service since the 1960s and earned the nickname "Flying Coffins" due to their poor safety record. India plans to retire its remaining three MiG-21 aircraft by 2025. It is high time the government replaces the entire ageing fleet to ensure the safety of air force personnel and citizens alike.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

## BRIEF

## Biz opportunities



**New Delhi:** There are a lot of business opportunities for startups in the domestic mining sector where production worth around USD 7 billion happens annually, Mines Secretary Vivek Bharadwaj said on Thursday. The sector faces several technological challenges, and the startups can explore these issues as a business opportunity for them, the official said while addressing the reporters in the national capital. In the Indian mining sector, production worth USD 7 billion happens every year.

## Appointment



**New Delhi:** National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), a quasi-sovereign wealth fund, on Thursday said its board has appointed Rajiv Dhar as interim managing director and CEO. The appointment is effective May 11, NIIF said in a statement. The planned succession follows Sujoy Bose's request to relieve him from his current responsibilities as MD and CEO, it said. Dhar, executive director and chief operating officer, has been part of NIIF since 2017.

## Need resources



**New Delhi:** Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu has emphasised that India's resources have to be efficiently utilised for the country to become a fully developed nation. Speaking at a conclave on the Management Issues in Railway Public Enterprises on Tuesday, he said that India is already the fastest-growing major economy in the world. "It has one of the largest railway networks, which is crucial to the country's overall transport and logistic planning."

## Spam calls



**New Delhi:** The IT Ministry will send a notice to WhatsApp on the issue of spam calls from unknown international numbers, Minister of State for IT Jitendra Singh on Thursday said, asserting that the onus of ensuring user safety lies with the digital platforms.

# Sitharaman invites Japanese investments

Tokyo/New Delhi, May 11:



India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday invited Japanese investors and business leaders to explore investment opportunities in the country, saying that New Delhi is easing a lot of restrictions and ensuring overall ease of doing business in its walk towards Amrit Kaal.

Indian government describes 'Amrit Kaal' as the 25-year period culminating in the centenary of the country's independence. Sitharaman is on a two-day official visit to Niigata, Japan, to attend a G7 meeting. India is an invitee to G 7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting. Interacting with a group of investors and business leaders on the theme of 'Rising Investment

ment's focus is on four 'Is'. The four Is refer to infrastructure - both physical and digital; investments - domestic and foreign; innovation to enhance use of technology in lives of people; and inclusivity to ensure every citizen benefits from growth.

Sitharaman apprised the investors and business leaders from Japan, that to facilitate businesses, India has been easing a lot of restrictions and ensuring overall ease of doing business in its walk towards Amrit Kaal, the finance minister said in a series of tweets. In her address, she also highlighted the government's priority to incentivise and facilitate investments by businesses through the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, which was initially intro-

duced for 14 sectors and is now being expanded in areas of semi-conductors and solar components. Referring to India's commitment to the greening of the economy and the goals under Nationally Determined Contributions, especially in renewable energy, she said that the country has already achieved, with its own funds, 175 GW of solar energy, and now aims to achieve 300 GW by 2030. She also said in the area of renewable energy, India has launched a National Hydrogen Mission. As per the tweets, the minister also informed business leaders about the government's focus on skilling people in the fast-developing area of artificial intelligence so that the young population can use it towards innovative solutions for all.

Rupee falls 15 paise to close at 82.09 against US dollar



Mumbai, May 11:

The rupee depreciated by 15 paise to close at 82.09 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, tracking a strong American currency and rising crude oil prices in overseas markets. Besides, negative sentiments in the equity markets also dragged down the local unit. Forex traders said investors traded cautiously awaiting inflation data on the domestic front, which is slated to be announced on Friday.

Govt working to bring in ecommerce policy, rules under consumer protection act on same page

New Delhi, May 11:

The government is working on a proposal to bring out the policy for online retailers and e-commerce rules under the consumer protection act on the same page to protect consumers, a top official said on Thursday. Secretary of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Rajesh Kumar Singh said that once the e-commerce policy will be finalised, it will be put up in the public domain for views.

"We are holding discussions to harmonise e-commerce policy and e-commerce rules under the consumer protection act... While doing so, we will try to ensure that whether a regulator or some other way... rules that will ensure that the customer is the king," Singh said. ONDC CEO T Koshy said that an online system is there for grievance redressal.

an advanced stage. "So the e-commerce policy and e-commerce rules under the consumer protection act both will be brought on the same page... Kind of congruent with each other. That is the idea and we are working on that," he said. Talking about the government-promoted Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), the secretary said that it would help democratise the e-commerce sector in the country.

He said that "no funding and no tailor-made policies" would be there specifically to promote the network. He said this while replying to a question whether there is any plan to extend incentives like UPI to ONDC. "We want all e-commerce players to be part of this network," Singh said. ONDC CEO T Koshy said that an online system is there for grievance redressal.

## Banks, financial institutions disburse 34 lakh home loans in 2022: Study

New Delhi, May 11:

December 2022, it said. Headquartered in Atlanta, Equifax is a global data, analytics and technology company. Founded in 1991, Andromeda is one of the country's largest loan distributors. The study further said the personal loan segment registered a growth of 57 per cent during 2022. The market size of the retail industry reached Rs 100 lakh crore by December 2022, it said, adding that as of December 31, 2022, the retail industry reported 54 crore active loans.

There were 6.5 crore active consumer durable loans at December-end 2022, registering an annual growth of 48 per cent over the last year.

## 3 out of 4 people in India have NoMoPhobia: Counterpoint Study

Mumbai, May 11:

OPPO, a global smart-device brand, collaborated with analyst firm, Counterpoint, to release a consumer study on NoMoPhobia that stems from Low Battery Anxiety. This report highlighted that three out of four people in India have Nomophobia, the fear of being detached from their smartphone. The report-titled NoMoPhobia: Low Battery Anxiety Consumer Study-delved into the consumer mindset to understand how dying batteries have become a major trigger for this phobia. Commenting on the report, Damyant Singh Khanoria, CMO, OPPO India, said, "OPPO prides itself on its

## L&T names S N Subrahmanyam as CMD; A M Naik to be Chairman Emeritus

New Delhi, May 11:



S. N. Subrahmanyam, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of infrastructure company Larsen & Toubro (L&T).

Technology Innovation, and we constantly rely on studies to understand consumer needs. Our mission is to create products and experiences that bring lasting value and kindness to the world. This study offers valuable insights into the nuances of NOMOPHOBIA, which will help OPPO deliver solutions that address these articulated needs and concerns."

Commenting on low-battery anxiety, Research Director Tarun Pathak said, "Our smartphones have become our personal universes that enable us to stay connected, personally and professionally, and also for entertainment. Consequently, many of us have developed a phobia of being without our phones.

Larsen & Toubro on Wednesday said its Non-Executive Chairman A M Naik has decided to step down from the post and will become the Chairman Emeritus. S N Subrahmanyam, who is the Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, has been re-designated as the Chairman and Managing Director of the company with effect from October 1, 2023, according to a regulatory filing.

Naik has decided to step down as Non-Executive Chairman of the company with effect from September 30, 2023. He has been conferred the status of Chairman Emeritus by the board, it said. He has been associated with the company for more than 58 years and his stewardship has led to an upsurge in shareholder value creation. As a robust upholder of the company's value system, Naik has played a critical role in ensuring the company retains its unique ethos across decades, L&T said.

"L&T has been my life. I am immensely proud that I

could play a significant part in its growth. The growth trajectory that the company has charted in the last two to three decades is exemplary. The emphasis we laid on IT and Technology Services has had a significant positive impact on the profitability of the organisation," Naik said. Going forward also, he said he was sure that Subrahmanyam will continue to foster the high growth and entrepreneurial culture at the company. "In him, L&T has a highly capable, passionate and empathetic leader." Subrahmanyam joined the construction business of L&T in 1984 as a project planning engineer after completing a degree in civil engineering and post-graduation in business management.

Hyundai Motor India to invest Rs 20,000 cr in Tamil Nadu

New Delhi, May 11:

Hyundai Motor India on Thursday said it will invest Rs 20,000 crore in a phased manner in Tamil Nadu over the next ten years to make further inroads into electric vehicles and modernisation of vehicle platforms.

The automaker will invest in phases starting in 2023 till 2032. "Hyundai has been one of the largest manufacturers and consistent investors in Tamil Nadu. This strategic partnership is a testimony to Hyundai's commitment to boost the socio-economic development in the state and make the country self-reliant," Hyundai Motor India MD and CEO Unsoo Kim said in a statement. As part of our long-term vision, the company has finalised plans to develop and establish Tamil Nadu as a base for Hyundai's EV manufacturing in India, he added.

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Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty early gains to close marginally lower in highly volatile trade on Thursday due to losses in Larsen & Toubro and cautious trading ahead of the release of domestic inflation data.

The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 35.68 points or 0.06 per cent to settle at 61,904.52 after hitting the crucial 62,000 mark in opening deals. During the day, it hit a low of 61,823.07 and a high of 62,168.22. The NSE Nifty dipped 18.10 points or 0.10 per cent to end at 18,297. Among the Sensex firms, Larsen & Toubro tumbled over 5 per cent after the firm said its Non-

Executive Chairman A M Naik has decided to step down from the post.

ITC, Bharti Airtel, Reliance Industries, Infosys, Tata Steel, Tech Mahindra and Tata Consultancy Services were the other laggards.

However, Asian Paints rose the most by 3.22 per cent after it posted a 43.97 per cent growth in consolidated net profit to Rs

## India needs to provide eco opportunities to young population to reap demographic dividend: RBI Deputy Gov

Mumbai, May 11:



India will have to provide economic opportunities to the young population if the country is to take advantage of the demographic dividend, RBI Deputy Governor M D Patra said on Wednesday. Addressing the Reserve Bank of India-promoted Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research's maiden alumni meet here, Patra said only half of the working population is part of the labour force at present and added that India has to prioritise to get the skilling strategy right. Pointing out that the median age of India is 28 years at present and over a sixth

of the increase of the world's working age population between now and 2050 will be provided by India, Patra said India can emerge as the "economic powerhouse of the future" and is poised to be the second biggest economy in the world by 2048.

However, a slew of chal-

lenges will have to be overcome to ensure that the opportunity gets translated into action, he said. "Our population presents an exciting opportunity which can be realised only if we are successful in providing it with economic opportunity," Patra, who is in charge of the critical monetary policy department, said. He also listed out the formidable challenges that await the country.

"... only half of the existing working age population is part of the labour force India's female labour force participation is among the lowest in the world, even lower than that of low income countries," he rued.

On the occasion of National Technology Day, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest aluminium producer, reaffirms its commitment to catering to the emerging demand for aluminium through its high-quality, indigenously developed products for the engineering and technology sectors. The company is constantly expanding its value-added product portfolio to maximize the hi-tech applications of the metal and providing sector-specific customised products, thus strengthening the domestic value chain.

Vedanta Aluminium has emerged as a critical raw material for both, established and emerging sectors, in developing advanced technolo-

gies owing to its exceptional properties. These include a high strength-to-weight ratio, ductility, malleability, conductivity, corrosion-resistance, and the ability to be recycled repeatedly without losing its properties. The very nature and versatility of the metal provides durability to electronic goods and strength to gravity-defying spacecrafts.

On the occasion of National Technology Day, Mr Rahul Sharma, CEO, Vedanta Limited – Aluminium Business, reiterated the role of aluminium in emerging technologies. "The world seeks to transition to a low-carbon future, one that is undoubtedly going to be metal intensive.

(with employers) to the subscribers for opting for a higher pension till May 3, 2023. Later the deadline was extended until June 26, 2023. There was a lack of clarity about how this additional higher contribution for exercising the option would be worked out and paid.

The members were also not aware whether they would be given the option to withdraw from the higher pension scheme in case the additional payout is exorbitant. The EPFO provided an online facility to submit the joint option form

to the subscribers along with the interest will be intimated to the subscribers who opt for higher pension. It stated that "Pensioners/members may be given up to 3 months to deposit and to give consent for diversion of these dues (in prescribed format)." The field officers will intimate to pensioners or members about the additional dues needed to be paid for opting for a higher pension. Earlier this month, the labour ministry also clarified that additional contribution of 1.16 per cent of basic wages for subscribers opting for higher pension will be managed from employers' contributions to social security schemes run by EPFO.

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## Vedanta Aluminium commits to strengthening technology sectors

New Delhi, May 11:

On National Technology Day, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest aluminium producer, reaffirms its commitment to catering to the emerging demand for aluminium through its high-quality, indigenously developed products for the engineering and technology sectors. The company is constantly expanding its value-added product portfolio to maximize the hi-tech applications of the metal and providing sector-specific customised products, thus strengthening the domestic value chain.

Globally, there are about 3,000 technological applications of aluminium across various industries, whereas India has explored only about 300 so far. Yet, India remains among the largest

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**Daisy Shah on 'KKK 13': Trying to test my strength, patience and limits**

Bollywood actress Daisy Shah, whose been away from the silver screen since 2018, is all set to make a comeback with the stunt-based reality show 'Khatron Ke Khiladi' Season 13 and she is looking forward to perform stunts under filmmaker-host Rohit Shetty's guidance. Why did she want to do the show? "(I am) Trying to test my strength, patience and limits," Daisy said. "Nervous to perform stunts like obviously. Because, if I am not then I am over confident so that's not going to happen," said Daisy, who was last seen in the Salman Khan-starrer 'Race 3' in 2018. Talking about the excitement to share screen space with Rohit Shetty, she said: "Yes, I am super excited I have known Rohit (Shetty) sir for the longest time." She added: "I can't wait to meet and connect with him because there are a lot of things we might talk about bhoole bhisrey memories we shared, we might talk about that. Also, looking forward to perform stunts under his guidance. Rohit has been very motivating since I have known him and stunts he pushes more." What has kept Daisy, who has worked as an assistant to choreographer Ganesh Acharya, away from the big screen? "The first reason being Covid and second reason is that I have finished shooting for two projects. They are under post-productions and should be ready to release by the end of this year."

## Chrissy Teigen: I miss the danger and destruction of Twitter

Model Chrissy Teigen has likened Twitter to "a full nicotine vape". Chrissy wrote on Twitter: "twitter is a full nicotine vape and blue sky is the water vape you use to wean off. I miss the danger and destruction of twitter but I know it's better for me".

"It's just missing a little unhingedness, like when I lifted an entire fridge at Jimmy Fallon to find my Juul (NEVER start) (clean now) (sic)"

The model has more than 12 million followers on Twitter. But in 2020, Chrissy revealed that she was taking a break from social media after discussing the issue with her therapist, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

She told Marie Claire magazine at the time: "I'm barely online anymore, and that was at the request of my therapist. I didn't start therapy until quarantine. I used to avoid it and make fun of the idea of it, and then I found the right person and it changed my world."

Chrissy has found social media to be a tough environment.

The model also suggested that she's benefited from taking a break.

Chrissy shared: "People think I'm tough, but I'm such an empath, and I take on other people's pain and sadness as my own. And when I let people down, I'm hyper-aware of it. Sometimes I feel like people aren't going to be as hard on me as I am on myself. So it's good for me to take a break".



## Geeta Kapur gets nostalgic after witnessing Shivanshu and Samarpan's captivating performance

This Saturday, the entertainment quotient will be doubled as Sony Entertainment Television's homegrown dance reality show, India's Best Dancer Season 3 will see the contestants strive to emerge victorious in the 'Best Ka Double Test'. Giving some awe-inspiring performances, the 'Best 13' will team up in groups of two or three contestants along with their choreographers and perform together to win the hearts (and marks) of the E.E.T. specialists - judges Sonali Bendre, Geeta Kapur & Terence Lewis. And viewers are in for a treat as contestants - Shivanshu and Samarpan, along with their choreographers Paramdeep Singh and Swetha Warrier, groove to the popular song 'Afreen Afreen'. Shivanshu and Samarpan's captivating performance would take judge Geeta Kapur down memory lane; she would reminisce how she choreographed the original song 'Afreen Afreen' in Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's voice from the 1996 album



'Sangam'. She will express her sentiments by saying, "This song is an all-time favourite for many people. I was fortunate enough to be present in the studio when this song was being made. Every instrument that was being played, whether it was the matka, the flute, or anything else, was being played to enhance the song during the process. If you listen to the original live performance, it was amazing, and the way the song has been remixed now is also amazing. At the time when the song was being made, I didn't think that it would have such a great impact, until now."

She further adds, "We went to Jaisalmer to shoot the video, and I choreographed the song. I never imagined, nor will I ever imagine, a better or more beautiful face in that song than the ones who were portrayed in it."

## Janhvi Kapoor, Gulshan Devaiah & Roshan Mathew to headline thriller film 'Ulajh'

The cast of the upcoming film 'Ulajh' has been locked. The film, which is a stylised thriller, is set in the intriguing world of Indian Foreign Services (IFS).

The film will be headlined by Janhvi Kapoor, Gulshan Devaiah and Roshan Mathew. It will be directed by National award-winner Sudhanshu Saria.

It follows the journey of a young IFS officer, belonging to a prominent family of patriots, who gets embroiled in a dangerous personal conspiracy while far from her home turf, at a career-defining post. It has been written by Parvez Shaikh and Sudhanshu Saria, with dialogues by Atika Chohan.

Excited to be a part of 'Ulajh', Janhvi said, "When I was approached



with the script of 'Ulajh', it instantly attracted me because as an actor, I am constantly looking for scripts that make me break out of my comfort zone and portraying a character based in the celebrated world of the Indian Foreign Services

was just that. Just as the name of the film suggests, my character and the story has so many layers, emotions, and parameters, which is challenging and exciting at the same time." She further mentioned, "I am thrilled for the audience to see me in

this new role envisioned by Sudhanshu, who has such a fresh approach towards dealing with this genre. I am also looking forward to working with such talented co-actors and a development studio like Junglee Pictures for the first time." The film

also stars Rajesh Tailang, Meiyang Chang, Sachin Khedekar, Rajendra Gupta and Jitendra Joshi. The patriotic thriller is to go on floors by the end of this month.

Director Sudhanshu Saria shared, "In Janhvi Kapoor, the film has found its beating heart and it's going to be a treat for audiences to watch her spar with thespians like Rajesh Tailang and Sachin Khedekar, maverick actors like Gulshan Devaiah, Roshan Mathew and Meiyang Chang. We have a roller-coaster of a ride planned for our audience and I can't wait to start rolling cameras on 'Ulajh'."

The film is being produced by Junglee Pictures which also has projects like 'Woh Ladki Hai Kahaani', 'Dosa King' and 'Click Shankar' in the pipeline.

## Gurdeep Punj returns to TV as 'Bhoomi'

Prepare to be immersed in a world of opulence and power as Sony SAB's highly anticipated show, Vanshaj, is set to transport the viewers on a journey through the heart of a legacy business house. The show presents an ideal concoction of family drama, political intrigue, and the personal dynamics of a business family. As we follow the

lives of this empire's wealthy and influential members, Vanshaj promises to lay bare the struggles and challenges of a family that, despite their success, is marred by their patriarchal beliefs. Gurdeep Punj is set to essay the part of Bhoomi, a strong-willed and determined woman who believes in living her life with discipline and structure, and raises her children to be independent and goal-oriented. Her steadfast beliefs often make her at odds with her daughter and confidant, Yuvika, who has a more carefree approach to life. With Gurdeep Punj's masterful performance, Bhoomi's character is set to shine, showcasing a mother who is fiercely committed to shaping her children's future.

## Sony SAB ropes in veteran actor Aliraza Namdar



Get ready to be absorbed into a realm of luxury and power with Sony SAB's highly anticipated series, Vanshaj, which is all set to take the audience on a ride through Mahajan's legacy business establishment. The show offers a perfect blend of familial conflicts, political conspiracies, and interpersonal dynamics within a wealthy business family. By tracing the lives of powerful and affluent members of this empire, Vanshaj assures to expose the trials and obstacles faced by a family that, despite their achievements, is plagued by their traditional views on patriarchy.

## Ekta Kapoor, Rhea Kapoor reunite for new film



Filmmakers Ekta Kapoor and Rhea Kapoor have joined hands once again for a yet-untitled film, which is scheduled to release on September 22, 2023. The details of the project are under wraps.

The yet-untitled next is produced by Balaji Telefilms Limited and Anil Kapoor Film Communication Network.

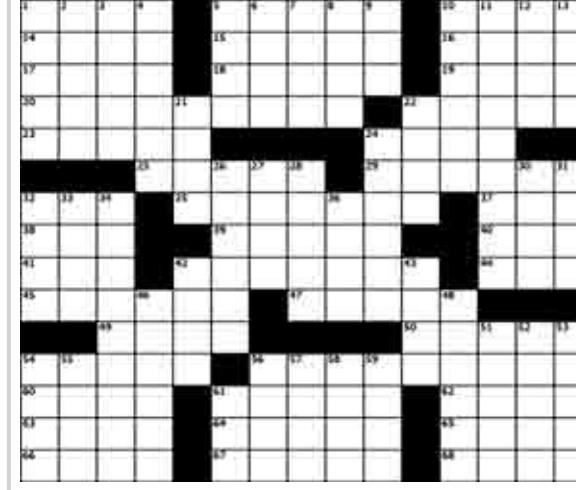
The two have already joined hands for the 2018 film 'Veer Di Wedding' starring Kareena Kapoor Khan, Swara Bhasker, Shikha Talsania and Sonam Kapoor. Their second col-

aboration is for the upcoming movie 'The Crew', which stars Tabu, Kareena, Diljit Dosanjh and Kriti Sanon. The story follows three women who work and hustle to move on with life. But as they try to make their way forward, their destinies lead them to some unexpected and unwarranted situations, leading them to get caught in a web of lies.

The film, directed by Rajesh Krishnan and co-produced by Balaji Motion Pictures Limited and Anil Kapoor Productions, is set to go on floors by the end of March 2023.



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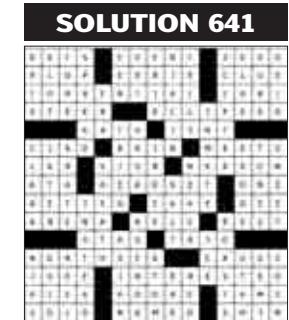


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- 22. Cow!
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# India's Divya and Sarabjot win mixed team pistol gold at Baku WC

Baku (Azerbaijan), May 11 (PTI):

India's Divya TS and Sarabjot Singh emerged third-time lucky as a pair, winning gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team event of the ISSF World Cup here on Thursday.

Shooting on competition day two, the Indian pair who had finished fifth in two earlier World Cup stages in Cairo and Bhopal respectively, broke through with a fine 581 to top the 55-team qualification, assuring them of a medal and a spot in the gold medal match.

Up against Serbian legends Damir Mikec and Zorana Arunovic in the most important match, the Indians held their own to pull off a nerve-wracking 16-14 win and finish top of the podium. It was a second



ISSF World Cup gold for Sarabjot in back-to-back tournaments, having won the individual air pistol in Bhopal in March, while for Divya it was a first senior medal at this level. Ismail Keles and Simal Yilmaz of Turkey won bronze. In qualification, Divya and Sarabjot were detailed in the second relay after

India's second pair Esha Singh and Varun Tomar had shot a combined 578 in the first, placing them third provisionally.

After Divya and Sarabjot's relay however, they finished fifth overall, missing out on a shot at bronze by a point. Three pairs in fact finished on the same score of 581, but

Divya and Sarabjot were classified top with 24 inner-10s on their card. Damir and Zorana were second with 19 inner-10s while the Turkish player were third with 16 inner-10s to their name. The Indians began the final with two identical 10.5s in the first series of single shots to take a 2-0 lead. However, 13 series later, in which there were two tied series as well where both men and both women shot identical shots, the two teams stood tied at 14-14.

With the 15th winner takes all series on the line, Sarabjot came up with the goods to fire a 10.6 while Divya backed him up with a 9.9. However, even though Damir shot a 10.3, Zorana faltered with an 8.6 as the Indians pulled off a famous victory.

# ICC Rankings: India slips to 3rd spot, Australia remain world No 1 in ODIs

Dubai, May 11 (PTI)

India dropped to third position behind Pakistan and three points adrift of world number one Australia in the latest ICC ODI men's Team rankings announced on Thursday.

Five-time world champions Australia improved their rating from 113 to 118 following the annual update, maintaining a slender lead over Pakistan (116 points) and India (115 points).

According to the ICC release, "Prior to the annual rankings update, Australia were at the top with 113 points with India behind them on decimal count.

"Pakistan were ranked

third, with 112 points and briefly went to the top of the charts after their victory in the fourth ODI against New Zealand this



month." Pakistan could have stayed at the top position had they managed to complete a 5-0 clean sweep against New Zealand.

With only three rating points now separating the top three teams, an interesting battle at the top of the rankings is imminent.

"This means that

Pakistan have now pipped India in the second spot, with their 4-0 away series defeat in England no longer being counted. Their 3-0 series loss in England in 2021 also has a reduced weightage, helping them leapfrog India in the charts," the ICC said.

India have been heavily impacted by their 2-1 series loss at home against Australia this year.

Among other teams, New Zealand are placed fourth with 104 points followed by England, who have witnessed a massive 10-point drop in their rating are at fifth with 101 points.

While Afghanistan made a big jump to move to the eighth spot and get ahead of Sri Lanka (ninth) and the West Indies (tenth), South Africa were ranked sixth and Bangladesh seventh.

## Sanju Samson is like young MS Dhoni : Graeme Swann



New Delhi, May 11 (PTI)

Olympian and World

Championship silver medallist

archer Atanu Das has been

reinforced in the Target

Olympic Podium Scheme

(TOPS) following his impres-

sive performances at the

domestic circuit and the

Archery World Cup in Antalya

this year. Atanu, who had

scored 673 points to claim the

fourth spot in the men's

recruit individual rankings,

was making a return to inter-

national outdoor competition

after nearly one-and-a-half

years. Other big names to be

included in TOPS is rifle shoot-

er Mehuli Ghosh, who won the

10m air rifle event at the

National Shooting Trials this

year and 15-year-old Tirottama

Sen. Sen had earlier won

bronze in 10m air rifle event at

Cairo World Cup this year, that

too in her debut outing in the

senior circuit. She also has

Junior World Championships

bronze and team gold under

her belt which she won in 2022.

talent beckoned and destined him to be," said Swann, who is part of JioCinema's Expert panel, in a release. "Let's face it: four or five years ago, everyone knew how good he was, but he would easily go six to seven games doing nothing and then have a brilliant knock. I think now he's almost Mr. Dependable for Rajasthan. And he's very calm; he's very assured; he is like a young MS Dhoni; I think with his captaincy, he doesn't lose his calm, he doesn't lose his cool, and he knows what is going on and reads the game well," he added.

## Third national ranking pickleball tournament to be held in Margao

Margao, May 11 (PTI):

The third national ranking pickleball tournament will be organised at the Fartoda Stadium here from May 19 to 21 under the aegis of the All India Pickleball Association (AIPA).

One of the fastest growing sports in the US, pickleball combines elements of tennis, table tennis, and badminton.

It's a racket/paddle sport involving two players in singles and four players in doubles, who hit a perforated hollow plastic ball over a 36-inch-high net using solid-faced paddles.

Opponents on either side of the net hit the ball back and forth until one side commits a rule infraction (violation of any of the rules by a player), in which case the pickleball becomes dead and the rally ends. The previous two editions of the tournament were held at Pune in

2019 and at Dombivli, near Mumbai in 2021. All India Pickleball Association (AIPA) will conduct the tournament in association with Goa Pickleball Association and Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Goa. "The three-day tournament will witness over 250 participants from 16 states. The players can choose to compete from 16 different categories like Under-14 and Under-19 men's, women's open, 35 plus men, 35 plus women, 50 plus men, and 50 plus women apart from mixed doubles," a release said. The tournament will feature players such as Tejas Mahajan, Mayur Patil, Kuldeep Mahajan, Ishita Lakhani, Snehal Patil, Vrushali Thakare, and Under-19 champion siblings Arjun and Aditya, Himanshi Mehta, Avinash Kumar from Bihar as well as Sonu Kumar Vishwakarma from Dhanbad.

India draw Australia, Syria in tough Group B in Asian Cup

Doha, May 11 (PTI):

The Indian men's football team on Thursday drew a tough group as it was clubbed with heavyweights Australia, Syria and Uzbekistan in the 2024 AFC Asian Cup, to be held in Doha in January.

India, who have had a successful qualifying campaign for the continental showpiece, were in pot 4 in the draw that was conducted in Doha. India will be in Group B in the tournament proper. Twenty-four teams were divided into four pots, and drawn into six groups of four teams each for the tournament that was originally scheduled to take place in China this summer.

City, who drew their first leg 1-1.

"I know my team, I know my players, I know we can do better. I know Inter is a very strong team, but we're not any less," Milan coach Stefano Pioli said. "It will be a difficult night mentally for both teams, the last chance to get into the final."

"We have the chance to put them in difficulty, to score goals, to try to get this back on track. We have to give everything we have talent and heart to turn around a situation that has become difficult but not impossible."

Milan was missing key forward Rafael Le o, who hadn't fully recovered from a thigh injury sustained over the weekend.

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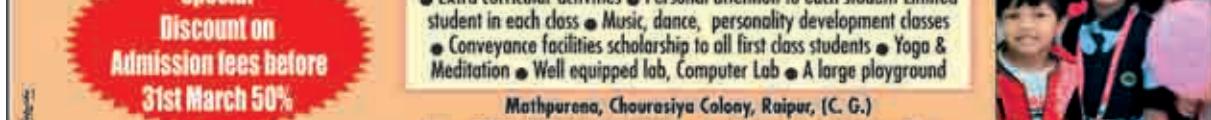
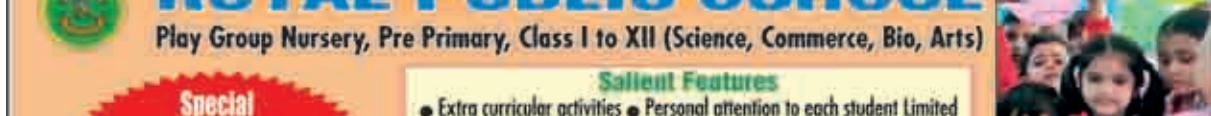
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## Veterans shine at Italian Open as Fognini beats Murray

Rome, May 11 (AP): Fabio Fognini edged fellow 35-year-old Andy Murray in a nearly three-hour battle in the opening round of the Italian Open. Given a wild card entry after a month out with an injured foot, Fognini hit more than twice as many winners as Murray (49-24) in a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 win on Campo Centrale. Murray was coming off his first title in three years after he won an ATP Challenger event in southern France over the weekend for his first tournament victory since 2019 and first on clay since 2016. But Fognini's crafty shot-making proved the

difference as the Italian produced a series of drop-shot winners that were so effective Murray didn't even attempt to run them down. Murray was also left fuming after protest-

ing a linesman's call late in the first set, which gave Fognini a 5-3 advantage. Murray pointed to the mark on the red clay and told the chair umpire that it was clearly out.

Andy Murray suffered a first-round exit at the Italian Open.

## Inter beats Milan 2-0 in Champions League semifinal

Milan, May 11 (AP): Inter Milan overpowered AC Milan early and held on to win the first leg of their Champions League semifinal derby 2-0, leaving the Nerazzurri on the brink of a return to European soccer's showpiece event for the first time since 2010. Edin Dzeko and Henrikh Mkhitaryan scored two goals in three minutes to put Inter firmly in command and the visitors could have added more in a dominant first-half performance.

"We had an extraordinary first half, the scoreline was tighter than it should have been, with what we created," Inter coach Simone Inzaghi said. "The guys were really great in managing such an emotional match.

"We have to continue like this. We know that we're just one step away from a dream that we believed in

from August until today."

The second leg is on Tuesday, in what will surely be another special European night at San Siro. The winner will face either Real Madrid or Manchester

# 'Delhi govt controls services, except police'

New Delhi, May 11 (PTI):

The Delhi government has legislative and executive powers over administration of services except for public order, police and land, the Supreme Court ruled on Thursday in a huge victory for the ruling AAP dispensation in its festering feud with the Centre.

A five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, in a unanimous verdict, put an end to the eight-year-old dispute between the Centre and the Delhi government triggered by a 2015 home ministry notification asserting its control over services, holding the National Capital Territory administration is unlike other Union



Delhi Cabinet Ministers greet CM Arvind Kejriwal as he arrives at the Delhi Secretariat after the Supreme Court ruling on the regulation of services matter, in New Delhi, Thursday.

Territories and has been "accorded a sui generis' (unique) status by the Constitution. Against the backdrop of frequent run-ins between the AAP government and the Centre's point man, the lieu-

tenant governor, the apex court asserted an elected government needs to have control over bureaucrats, failing which the principle of collective responsibility will be adversely affected.

"The Legislative Assembly of NCTD has competence over entries in List II and List III (state and concurrent list) except for the expressly excluded entries of List II (Public order, police and land)...", the Supreme Court ruled in a 105-page judgement.

The top court said in the spirit of cooperative federalism, the Centre must exercise its powers within the boundaries created by the Constitution.

"The NCTD, having a sui generis federal model, must be allowed to function in the domain charted for it by the Constitution. The Union and NCTD share a unique federal relationship.

## NAT'L TECHNOLOGY DAY



Students demonstrate their creations during an exhibition on the National Technology Day, at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, Thursday.

## 800 farmers, entrepreneurs authorised to use GI tag

### For 13 NE products

Guwahati, May 11 (PTI):

A central government agency has authorised 800 farmers and entrepreneurs to use the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for 13 agricultural products of the northeast region, an official said.

The 13 produces are Arunachal Orange, Tezpur Litchi and Karbi Anglong Ginger of Assam, Kachai Lemon and Chak-Hao' Black Rice of Manipur, Khasi Mandarin orange and Memang Narang orange of Meghalaya, Mizo Chilli of Mizoram, Naga Tree Tomato and Naga Sweet Cucumber of Nagaland, respectively.

## SHOWCASING TALENTS



Students participate in a painting competition during the 'Youth 20 Consultation' at the Kashmir University at Hazratbal, in Srinagar, Thursday.

## K'TAKA EXIT POLL

# Cong, BJP jittery; JD-S hopeful

Bengaluru, May 11 (PTI):

With most exit polls predicting a tight contest between the Congress and BJP in the Assembly polls in Karnataka, leaders of the two parties seem "jittery" over the outcome, while the Janata Dal (Secular) appears to be expecting a hung verdict, which would enable it to play a role in government formation.

Most pollsters, however, have also given an edge to the Congress over the ruling BJP, while indicating the possibility of a hung Assembly in the state.

Counting of votes is on May 13.

Political leaders were finally able to relax on Thursday after weeks of high-voltage campaigning and polling on Wednesday.

Though they are exuding confidence about their party winning comfort-

ably in the polls to the 224-member Assembly, the exit polls have certainly made them anxious to an extent, sources in both national parties said.

No one wants a 2018-like scenario to unfold this time too, they said.

The JD(S) will be the key factor in case of a hung verdict, and may emerge as a 'king' or 'king-maker', as in 2018.

Party leader H D Kumaraswamy, the man who holds the key to the formation of a coalition government, in case of a fractured mandate, has left for Singapore for a health checkup, and would be back on counting day, sources said.

The JD(S) leader was hospitalised during the campaigning for exhaustion and weakness.

There is certainly a scenario of a hung verdict, and the strong possibility

## Doc's killing outcome of 'systemic failure': Kerala HC

### Directs police to come out with new security protocols

Kochi, May 11 (PTI):

The Kerala High Court on Thursday said the killing of a 23-year-old doctor at a taluk hospital in Kollam district of the state a day ago by a man she was treating was the outcome of a "systemic failure" and "cannot be brushed aside as an isolated incident".

A special bench of Justices Devan Ramachandran and Kauser Edappagath directed the state police chief to "ensure that security is provided to all hospitals in the manner as is legally possible so as to prevent any further incidents of attack". The court said as far as the incident in question was concerned, "there

was little doubt that the killing of a doctor by a person who was in custody or police -- be that as an accused or in any other capacity -- points strongly at systemic failure".

"This is a gruesome incident which should never have happened," it added.

The bench further said that as matters stand now, lack of protocols or their insufficiency cannot be used as a reason to justify another attack.

The court observed that the manner in which the accused -- G Sandeep, a school teacher by profession -- was produced in the taluk hospital for treatment "was a recipe for disaster" and it was a "miracle" the nurses attending to him were not attacked.

"We therefore, direct that every protocol that is applicable for production of an accused or persons in custody before magistrates shall apply to presentation of such persons before doctors, healthcare professionals or hospitals concerned," it said.

The bench also noted that it was informed that even the protocols regarding producing accused before magistrates are "extremely wanting" and it was only due to "providential grace" that any judicial officers have not been attacked.

It said that protocols need to be thought of regarding the manner in which doctors, healthcare workers, students, interns and house surgeons can be

protected "because otherwise their faith in the system will erode surely".

"We, therefore, direct the state police chief to formulate sufficient protocols with regard to the manner in which persons in custody -- be that an accused or others -- are to be presented in hospitals or before doctors, healthcare professionals as part of the criminal justice system or otherwise," the court said.

"The police will have to certainly pull up their socks on a war-footing," the bench said during the hearing.

The court also said that if another doctor or healthcare professional is attacked, the State DGP would be held responsible.

## 'Blood delivery by drones across India may soon be reality'

### ICMR conducts successful trial run

New Delhi, May 11 (PTI):

Blood delivery through drones can soon be expanded to the whole country, a senior official said after the Indian Council of Medical Research successfully conducted a trial run of blood bag delivery by drones under its iDRONE initiative on Thursday.

The initiative was in continuation with the national mission of expanding the drone ecosystem in India. The i-DRONE was first used by ICMR during the COVID-19 pandemic for distributing vaccines to hard-to-reach areas.

"Today, we are transporting blood and blood-related products which are supposed to be kept at a low temperature. After the experiment, we found that not only can we maintain the temperature but there was also no damage to the products transported.

"We sent another sample through an ambulance and if there are no differences in the samples sent using the two modes then drones will be used all over India," said Dr Rajiv Bahl, the director general of ICMR.

He also said that "clarity on challenge mapping and identifying the possible solutions can be achieved by developing indigenous capacities in research and introduction of innovations and technologies in the mainstream".

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