



BRIEF



A woman covering her face to protect herself from heat rides her scooter on a hot summer day, in Prayagraj, Wednesday.

14 years RI

Mumbai: A special court here has sentenced a man to 14 years of rigorous imprisonment for raping his minor niece multiple times in 2016 when the girl was under his guardianship following the death of her mother. Special court judge S J Ansari, hearing cases related to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, passed the judgment last week and the detailed order was made available on Wednesday.

Fire

New Delhi: A minor fire broke out Wednesday afternoon on the fourth floor of Karkardooma court in east Delhi, officials said. No one was injured in the incident. According to the Delhi Fire Service, they were informed about the blaze at 2.53 pm, following which seven to eight fire tenders were rushed to the spot.

Convict

New Delhi: A court here has convicted a man of murdering his father, saying the prosecution has successfully proved the charges against the accused and the chain of circumstances was complete in all respects. Kailash was accused of killing his father over a monetary dispute on June 4, 2016.

Sentenced

New Delhi: A court here on Wednesday sentenced AAP MLA Akhilesh Pati Tripathi to till rising of the court for causing hurt to a student in 2020, saying he was "not a threat to the society". Rising of the court is a nominal sentence awarded to a guilty person who is not allowed to leave the court till it concludes.

Seize

Jaipur: A huge cache of 5 kg heroin having an estimated worth of over Rs 25 crore was seized at the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan's Sriganganagar district on Wednesday, a BSF official said. Acting on a tip-off that a cache of narcotics was about to be smuggled into India from Pakistan through drone, Border Security Force jawans increased the surveillance at Nemichand Border Post falling under Rawla police station of Gharsana in Sri Ganganagar.

Shot in arm

New Delhi: A preventive health screening drive using "Health ATMs", fitted with cutting-edge diagnostic equipment, has been launched in northern India as part of a joint initiative of the HEAL Foundation and India Health Link (IHL).

Weather
High 41 Low 29

MARKET
NIFTY 18,286.50
SENSEX 61,932.47

BULLION
GOLD 60,650
SILVER 72,725

Cabinet clears Rs 17,000 cr-IT Hardware 'PLI Scheme 2.0'

New Delhi, May 17 (PTI):

The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved the Production Linked Incentive Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware with a budgetary outlay of Rs 17,000 crore.

Electronics manufacturing in India has witnessed consistent growth with a 17 per cent compound annual growth rate (CAGR) in the last 8 years to cross a major benchmark in production - USD 105 billion (about Rs 9 lakh crore) - this year. "For IT PLI, the budgetary outlay is Rs 17,000 crore. The tenure of the programme is 6 years," Union Minister for IT and Telecom Ashwini Vaishnaw told reporters after the cabinet meeting.

PLI Scheme 2.0 for IT



Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw briefs the media on cabinet decisions, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

hardware covers laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs, servers and ultra-small form factor devices. The minister said the scheme is expected to lead to incremental production of Rs 3.35 lakh crore, incremental investment of Rs 2,430 crore and create incremental direct employment for 75,000 people during the scheme period.

What is 'PLI Scheme 2.0'...

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Govt to spend Rs 1.08 lakh cr on fertiliser subsidy

The government will spend Rs 1.08 lakh crore towards fertiliser subsidy for 2023-24 Kharif season to ensure availability of the soil nutrients to farmers at existing prices, Fertiliser Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said after the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday. The Union Cabinet approved Rs 38,000 crore subsidy for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilisers taking the total fertiliser subsidy for the Kharif season (April-September) to Rs 1.08 lakh crore. This includes Rs 70,000 crore of urea subsidy earmarked in the Budget for the Kharif season 2023-24. "A total of Rs 1.08 lakh crore will be spent on fertiliser subsidy for the Kharif season (April-September)," he said, and added that there will be no change in the MRP (Maximum Retail Price) of fertilisers.

PM to lay stone, inaugurate railway projects

Bhubaneswar, May 17 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate several railway projects valued at more than Rs 8,000 crores in Odisha on Thursday via video conferencing, officials said. He will flag off the Puri-Howrah Vande Bharat Express on Thursday from the pilgrimage town of Odisha, a South Eastern Railway official said in Kolkata. The train will cover the 500 km distance between Howrah and Puri, the abode of Lord Jagannath, in around six and a half hours. Apart from that, Modi will lay the foundation stone for redeveloping Puri and Cuttack railway stations so that passengers can get all modern amenities in future. The prime minister will also dedicate 100 per cent electrification of the rail network in Odisha. This will reduce the operating and maintenance cost and reduce reliance on imported crude oil, an official of the East Coast Railways said in Bhubaneswar.

'CUET-UG exam days extended by 4 days'

New Delhi, May 17 (PTI):

The CUET-UG examination days will be extended by at least four days to accommodate the higher number of candidates in certain cities, according to the National Testing Agency (NTA). The second edition of Common University Entrance Test (CUET)-UG is scheduled

from May 21-31. "In some cities, the count of registered candidates is very large. To accommodate these candidates, the CUET examination days will be extended to June 1-2 as well as June 5-6. Moreover, buffer days of June 7 and 8 are also being kept as reserve days. In the coming days, NTA will issue the City Intimation Slip for these additional days," said Sadhana Parashar, Senior Director (Exams), NTA.

CBI arrests scribe, Navy ex-commander

New Delhi, May 17 (PTI):

The CBI has arrested freelance journalist Vivek Raghuvanshi and former Navy commander Ashish Pathak for allegedly collecting sensitive information on defence matters and passing them on to foreign intelligence agencies, officials said on Wednesday.

Raghuvanshi and Pathak were produced before a special CBI court which sent them to six days custody of the agency, they said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had taken over the probe from the Delhi Police Special Cell, which was on the trail of Raghuvanshi since September last year, after getting information that

some Indian journalists were collecting and passing on such information to foreign intelligence agencies having potential to disturb relations with friendly countries. The information received by the Special Cell suggested that a journalist was illegally collecting "sensitive details" about "future procurement of armed forces which reveal the strategic preparedness of our country's classified communications/information related to national security, and details of strategic and diplomatic talks of India with our friendly countries, which can spoil the bilateral relations of India with them..." the FIR said.

According to the Special Cell's FIR, Raghuvanshi allegedly procured and supplied such information to intelligence agencies of

foreign countries. On directions of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the CBI took over the case on December 9 last year registering the FIR against Raghuvanshi, they said.

After a detailed background work and maintaining surveillance, the CBI on Tuesday carried out a raid at 12 places in Delhi-NCR and Jaipur where Raghuvanshi apparently resides, they said.

Raghuvanshi, who is listed as India correspondent of a US-based portal on defence and strategic affairs on its website, was then taken into custody with Pathak.

The agency has booked Raghuvanshi and Pathak under Section 3 (spying) of the Official Secrets Act and with Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code.

Suspense over K'taka CM continues

Cabinet within 48-72 hours

New Delhi, May 17 (PTI):

A decision on the Karnataka chief minister is likely by Wednesday or Thursday and a new cabinet will be in place in the next 48-72 hours, the Congress has said amid intense speculation over who would bag the top job between Siddaramaiah and D K Shivakumar.

AICC in-charge of state Randeep Surjewala also asserted that Karnataka will have a five-year-long stable government and urged people not to believe in speculation and "fake news" which it alleged was being peddled by the BJP. Siddaramaiah is considered the front-runner among the two while



Preparations for the oath-taking ceremony of Karnataka Chief Minister being stopped and arrangements being removed at Sree Kanteerava Stadium, in Bengaluru, Wednesday.

Shivakumar is seen taking a strong position, claiming that the assembly polls were won under him as state party chief and that he has worked hard for ensuring this victory. Addressing the media outside Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's 10

Rajaji Marg residence where hectic parleys are on to decide on the party's chief ministerial pick Surjewala said the party chief has been authorised to appoint the leader of the legislature party and that is why deliberations are underway.

Siddaramaiah set to be next K'taka CM

Three days after party's thumping victory in Karnataka, the grand-old party is learnt to finalise the name of Siddaramaiah to head the government in the southern state. Siddaramaiah on Wednesday met Rahul Gandhi amid hectic parleys in the party to name its chief minister face. The meeting comes a day after Siddaramaiah met Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge at his house and discussed with him government formation. Sources said ending the ongoing suspense, the Congress high command has finalised senior leader Siddaramaiah as the next Chief Minister of Karnataka.

'ED acting like traffic cop, randomly issuing notices in Chh'garh'

Raipur, May 17:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday slammed the Enforcement Directorate for its action in two money laundering cases in the state and said the federal agency is acting like traffic police and randomly issuing notices to people at its whim.

Talking to reporters at Helipad Police Lines, Baghel said the opposition BJP is left with no issues and its only agenda is to defame the state government. A day earlier, the Supreme Court told the ED to not create an "atmosphere of fear" after the

Chhattisgarh government alleged that the probe agency is "running amok" and is trying to implicate

CM Baghel in a money laundering case linked to the alleged Rs 2,000 crore liquor scam in the state.

"(Lawyer) Kapil Sibal said in the court that ED is doing these things in view of upcoming elections," Baghel said.

He claimed every section of society feels connected with the Congress government. "They know we are working for their welfare. Knowing this, the BJP has started defaming the government as part of its agenda".



INT'L MUSEUM DAY TODAY



A worker cleans sculptures at the Central Museum Nagpur on the eve of International Museum Day, in Nagpur, Wednesday.

Centre plans to tone up communication

Ahead of 2024 LS polls

New Delhi, May 17 (PTI):

Ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the government on Wednesday held a day-long brainstorming session on improving its public outreach, particularly to those who do not have access to television and newspapers.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur, addressing over 100 communication officers of the government, stressed on the importance of reaching out to all sections of the society, particularly the underprivileged. He said a large part of India lives in a

media shadow, bereft of facilities of television and newspapers, and it was the responsibility of the Indian Information Service (IIS) officers to reach out to that section of society.

He said the IIS is a vital part of the government and the Chintan Shivir provided the officials a unique opportunity to collaborate, self-introspect and timely course correct the work in the ministry.

Thakur also noted that the media landscape and the way people consume information was changing fast, and there was a need to adapt methods of information dissemination to meet the needs of the 21st century.

Man beaten to death by friend

Korba, May 17:

A 28-year-old man was allegedly beaten to death with a stick by his friend in front of the victim's mother over some issue in Korba district of Chhattisgarh, police said on Wednesday.

Basant Kanwar suffered serious injuries on his chest and head after he was brutally thrashed by his childhood friend Raj Singh Kanwar (27) in Bhulsidih village under Balco police station area on Sunday (May 14), they said.

He later succumbed to injuries at a hospital in Bilaspur on Tuesday, they said. Basant's mother Jamuna Bai told the police that Raj, who lives in her neighbourhood, lost his

About the incident

Raj and Basant were best friends since childhood and Basant's mother treated Raj like her son. On Sunday evening, Raj, who was heavily drunk, asked Basant to come out of the house and started allegedly thrashing him with a stick. Basant's mother pleaded Raj to spare his son but he continued to attack him. On hearing his screams, other family members and locals ran towards the duo, but the accused escaped from the spot. Basant succumbed during treatment on Tuesday.

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Basant was immediately shifted to the Korba district hospital, from where he was referred to Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS) in neighbouring Bilaspur district where he succumbed during treatment on Tuesday evening, he said.

BSP MP, SP MLAs acquitted

Poll code violation case

Ballia (UP), May 17 (PTI):

A local court here on Wednesday acquitted former BSP MP Babban Rajbhar and former SP MLAs Sanatan Pandey and Ram Ikkal Singh in an eleven-year-old case stemming from the violation of the election code of conduct and delivering of provocative speeches.

According to the prosecution, the three politicians were booked on December 2, 2012, for violation of the code of conduct and giving inflammatory speeches. The cases were filed against them at Rasda Police Station on the complaint of Sharad Kumar Singh, the Executive Magistrate of the Election flying squad.

Sherpa sets world record, scales Everest for 27th time

Kathmandu, May 17 (PTI):

World-renowned Nepalese mountaineer Kami Rita Sherpa scaled Mt Everest for a record 27th time on Wednesday, beating his own record with the highest number of ascends on the world's highest peak.

The 53-year-old record-holding mountain guide stood atop the 8,848.86 metres-high peak at 8:30 am on Wednesday, the Department of Tourism of Nepal said. He regained his title for the most climbs of Mount Everest, just three days after a fellow Sherpa guide equalled his previous record. Pasang Dawa



Sherpa, 46, a fellow Sherpa guide, scaled the summit of Mount Everest on Sunday for the 26th time, equalling Kami Rita's previous record for the most ascents of the world's highest peak. A resident of Solukhumbu district in eastern Nepal, Kami Rita first reached Everest on

May 13, 1994. Kami Rita, who works as a senior mountain guide at the Seven Summit Treks, reached the summit under an expedition organised by the Kathmandu-based commercial adventure operator. He summited Mt Everest for the 26th time in 2022 and has climbed many mountains over 8,000 metres in Nepal and abroad. Kami Rita has also conquered several famous mountain peaks, including Mt K2, Mt Cho Oyu, Mt Lhotse and Mt Manaslu. Meanwhile, an Indian national on Wednesday scaled the world's seventh-highest mountain Mt. Dhaulagiri in Nepal.

Peddlers nabbed with brown sugar worth Rs 4 lakhs

INTUC demands to allot quarters up to 650 sqft under license scheme

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 17: Police arrested two drug peddlers and recovered brown sugar worth Rs 4 lakhs from their possession. The accused were looking for customers in the Vijay Nagar area of Durg. Durg Civil Team and Mohan Nagar Police Station carried out a joint operation to nab the peddlers.

It needs to be mentioned here that on the instructions of Superintendent of Police Dr Abhishek Pallava, a special campaign against drug smugglers, dealers and peddlers is being conducted in the district.

City Superintendent of Police (Durg) Banker Vaibhav Ramanlal (IPS) informed that a joint team of Mohan Nagar Police Station and Durg Civil Team led by Inspector



Vipin Rangari (SHO, Mohan Nagar) was formed and deployed for action against the people involved in illegal trade of drugs and narcotics.

The team maintained vigil on the suspects and drug peddlers. The network of informers was also activated. Police monitored the ruffians who were earlier arrested for drug peddling.

In this sequel, the civil team received a tip off

about two suspects who were possessing large amount of brown sugar and were peddling it near Vijay Nagar railway track. Acting on this tip off, Durg Civil Team laid a trap and rounded up the suspects Pranjal Yadav and Ravi Nirmalkar.

On searching, a total of 216 sachets of brown sugar worth Rs 400000 and Rs 1050 cash were recovered from them. On-the-spot action

against the accused under the NDPS Act was taken by Mohan Nagar Police Station.

The accused are identified as Pranjal Yadav (23) son of Vijay Yadav a resident of Shankar Nagar Durg and Ravi Nirmalkar (25) son of Ishwar Nirmalkar a resident of Shankar Nagar, Durg. They were booked under the provisions mentioned in sections 21 (a), 27 (a) of NDPS Act.

Inspector Vipin Rangari, ASI Bhikkham Sahu, ASI Raghavendra Singh, Head Constable Javed Khan, Kishore Soni, Nasir Baksh, Gaur Singh, Thomson Peter, Kamlesh Yadav, Prashant Patankar, Bharthari Nishad, Ajay Yadu and Ajay Vishwakarma played a vital role in arresting the accused.

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Bhilai, May 17: Steel Employees Union (INTUC) has demanded from the Director Incharge of Bhilai Steel Plant to provide quarters up to 650 square feet in Bhilai township under the license scheme. A delegation of INTUC handed over a memorandum in this regard to JN Thakur, General Manager of Industrial Relations Department.

INTUC stated in the memorandum that a large number of BSP employees are vacating the quarters after retirement. These quarters are being occupied by anti-social elements. If the management wants to keep these quarters safe, then it is very important to introduce a license scheme.

INTUC has demanded to



license the quarters up to 650 square feet in Bhilai Township. The union referred to the circular issued two days ago by the Durgapur Steel Plant to license quarters up to 618 square feet.

INTUC said in the memorandum that 400 square feet is already being given on license. This scheme is running successfully. It needs to be

mentioned here that INTUC had raised this issue before the SAIL Chairman during her visit to Bhilai. At that time, Director Incharge Anirban Dasgupta had assured to take positive initiative.

IR Senior Manager Rohit Harit, INTUC Union General Secretary Vansh Bahadur Singh, Working President Puran Verma,

Senior Vice President Santosh Kitchlu, PV Rao, S Ravi, Deputy General Secretary Ramashankar Singh, Shiv Shankar Singh, Vipin Bihari Mishra, Senior Secretary Resham Rathore, Gyanendra Pandey, Rajkumar, Secretary Tamradhwaj Sinha, M Sundarmurthy and other office bearers of the union were present.

CM Nursing Institute celebrates International Nurses Day

Hemchand Yadav University notifies semester examinations from June 12



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 17: Various programs were organized by the CM Nursing Institute, Nehru Nagar Bhilai to celebrate International Nurses day.

On this occasion, the work and contribution of each and every health worker associated with the nursing sector was appreciated. On this occasion, various programs were organized with the theme set for

this year (Our Nurses Our Future). The students and nursing staff actively participated in the events. They pledged to work with dedication to make the nursing sector better and take it to new heights.

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Bhilai, May 17: Hemchand Yadav University, Durg has issued a notification regarding the timetable for semester examinations starting from June 12. In this notification, the dates of all the examinations proposed earlier have been kept unchanged.

Giving this information, Deputy Registrar of Examinations of the University, Dr Rajmani Patel and Dean Student Welfare, Dr Prashant Srivastava jointly stated that on the basis of this, the examinations of DCA, PGDCA, second semester will be held from June 12 to June 19.

The examination for PG

Diploma in Yoga and Philosophy will be held from June 12 to 14. Second Semester of LLB Part 01 and Part 03 will be held from June 12th to 24th. LLB Part 02 Second Semester will be held from June 13th to 26th. LLB Part 01 First Semester will be conducted from June 27 to July 07. LLB Part 02 First Semester from June 28 to July 08 and LLB Part 03 First Semester from June 27 to July 05.

M Lib second semester exam will be held from June 14 to 23, MSW second semester exam from June 13 to 23 and MSW fourth semester exam from June 12 to 22. B P Ed II semester exam will be held from June 13 to 23

and B P Ed IV semester exam will be held from June 12 to 22. MSC IV Semester Exams from June 12th to 22nd and M Com second semester exam will be held from June 13 to 26 and M Com fourth semester exam will be held from June 12 to 21.

Msc second semester exams will be held from June 13 to 26. BBA's II, IV and VI examinations will be held from June 12 to 26. The examination for M Ed II semester will be conducted from June 13 to 21 and the examination for M Ed IV semester will be conducted from June 12 to 14.

All the examinations of MA IV semester will be conducted from June 12 to 24 and the examinations of MA II semester will be

conducted from June 13 to 26. Dr Rajmani Patel said that the B Ed second semester exam will be held from June 13 to 23 and the fourth semester exam will be held from June 12 to 20. LLM first semester ATKT exam will be held from June 13 to 23 and LLM second semester exam will be held from June 12 to 22.

Meanwhile, the results of 06 examinations of the annual examination 2023 conducted by the university have been declared, in which the result of PG Diploma in Guidance and Counseling was 100 percent. Out of 106 candidates appeared in B Sc B Ed Part IV, 103 candidates passed, their result was 97 percent.

In M Phil Psychiatric

Social Work Part 01, 80 percent candidates passed while in M Phil Psychiatric Social Work Part 02, 100 percent candidates were declared passed. Out of 42 candidates appeared in BA B Ed Part 04, 33 candidates passed. The result of this examination was 79 percent.

B Lib exam result was 36 percent. The main reason for this was leaving the rest of the answer book blank by the examinees using only 2-3 pages of the 24 page answer book without solving the questions. The detailed time table of semester examinations will be available on the official website of the university from May 16.

Formal inauguration of BSP's Summer Sports Coaching Camp on May 20

Free health camp organised at Village Janjiri



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Bhilai, May 17: Like every year, this year also, SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's department of Sports, Cultural & Civic Amenities (SCCA) has organized a month-long Summer Sports Coaching Camp for school-going children from May 10, 2023 to June 09, 2023. Started on May 10, 2023, the camp will be formally inaugurated on May 20, 2023 at Pant Stadium Cricket Ground, Sector-1 at 6:00 hrs.

The camp is providing training at the Summer Camp 2023 for 24 sports and games in various sports complexes, school halls

and playgrounds. These 24 sports and games include Athletics, Badminton, Ball Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Chess, Cricket, Football, Handball, Hockey, Karate, Judo, Tennis, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Yoga, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Powerlifting, Cycle Polo, Gymnastics, Fencing, Netting and Wrestling.

Registration of players for the training camp started on May 10, 2023 at all the concerned grounds/stadiums, and as many as 2000 children have registered till date. 120 coaches and officials have also been engaged for conducting the camp successfully.

Sports Training being provided

in 24 sports categories at various sports complexes and playgrounds of Bhilai, include Athletics training at Jayanti Stadium and ITI-Khursipar, Badminton training at Indoor Stadium, Sector-10, Ball Badminton training at Ball Badminton Ground, Sector-4, Basketball training camp at Pant Stadium, and boxing training camp is going on at Sector-2 Ispat Club, Sector-8 Ispat Club, Indoor Stadium, Sector-1 Ispat Club, Maroda Ispat Club and Divyang Ground- in front of Bhilai Niwas. Similarly, Chess Training Camp has been organized at Higher Secondary School, Sector-7,

Cricket Training at Sector-1 Ispat Club and BSP Cricket Ground, Indra Place, Football Training Camp at Pant Stadium and Hospital Sector, Handball Training at EMMS, Sector-10 and Handball Stadium, Sector-4, Hockey Training Camp at Jayanti Stadium, Karate Training in Sector-5 Ispat Club, Ispat Club-Maroda, Sector-1 Ispat Club, Ispat Club Risali, Ispat Club- Hospital Sector and Judo training camp is going on at Sector-4 Judo Hall.

Tennis training camp is being conducted at Pant Stadium and BSP Tennis Complex, Civic Center, Table Tennis training at Indoor Stadium and Ispat Club,

Khursipar, Volleyball training at Pant Stadium, Ispat Club-Khursipar, HUDCO, and Sector-5, Yoga training Camp is going on at SSS Sector-10. Kho-Kho training camp has been organized at Sector-4 Sports Complex and Khursipar, Kabaddi training at Pant Stadium and Khursipar, Powerlifting training at Sector-6 Power Gym, Cycle polo training camp at SSS, Sector-7, Gymnastics training camp has been organized at Sports Complex, Sector-4, Fencing training at SSS, Sector-4, Netball training camp at EMMS, Sector-6 and wrestling training camp is going on at BSP Akhara, Sector-3.



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Bhilai, May 17: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, regularly extends medical services to the community in and around its areas of operations, by conducting free Health Camps, as a part of its organizational social responsibility. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Department of the plant organized a one-day free Health Camp on May 16, 2023 at village Janjiri.

The expert medical team from CSR Department, comprising health experts, Dr Isha Kujur, Pharmacist, Rao, Rekha Dev for Blood-sugar and BP examination and Shambhu for registration, volunteered

their services for the camp. Sita Sinha, CSR Assistant, from the department was also present during the Health Camp.

A total of 25 villagers from Janjiri, including 4 men, 19 women and 2 infants availed health services at the day long Health Camp and free medicines were distributed to them.

OA-BSP discusses pending issues with Union MoS for Steel

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Jagjeet Kaur Anand



Bhilai: Jagjeet Kaur Anand, wife of Sardar Harbhajan Singh Anand, left for heavenly abode at the age of 79 years. Funeral procession will be taken out from her residence situated at 23/7, Street 8, Nehru Nagar (West) on May 18 around 11:30 hrs and last rites of the mortal remains will be performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. She was the mother of Inderbeer Singh Anand and mother-in-law of Loveleen Kaur Anand.

Demands reinstatement of special allowance DASA for officers posted in mines

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Bhilai, May 17: The office bearers of BSP Officers Association under the leadership of SEFI Chairman and OA President Narendra Kumar Banchoor discussed the pending issues of steel sector officers with Union Minister of State for Steel Faggan Singh Kulaste at Bhilai Niwas. They discussed starting the payment of "DASA" (Difficult Area Service Allowance) in the third pay revision to the officers posted in mines of SAIL and NMDC.

They spoke about increasing the retirement age of doctors; providing

incremental PRP for the financial year 2018-19 and implementing uniform HRA policy in SAIL. They handed over a memorandum in this regard to the Union MoS.

It needs to be mentioned here that on June 11, 2014, 10 percent of the basic salary was being given as special allowance to the employees working in SAIL Mines by declaring SAIL mines as inaccessible areas. This allowance is currently locked in SAIL. It may be noted that in the report of the Third Pay Revision Committee has recommended continuing the same provision for service in remote areas.

The special allowance has been continued with reference to the previous orders issued by the Ministry of Steel. In a recently issued order on 29 September, 2022, SAIL has been directed to stop the special allowance received for service in remote areas. In this context, SEFI Chairman Narendra Kumar

Banchoor made arguments in support of implementation of "DASA" before the Union Minister of State for Steel said that SAIL and NMDC mines are mostly located at remote places and lack basic facilities like medical, education and township and are affected by Naxalism.

The officers working in the mines are demoralized due to non-reinstatement of special allowances, which may have an impact on the performance of the company. Therefore, "DASA" is very necessary to increase the morale of the officers of the mines to maintain the company's performance better. OA appealed to reinstate this allowance.

During interaction with Minister Kulaste, Banchoor demanded that the retirement age of doctors working in steel sector PSUs should be increased from 60 years to 65 years. Drawing the attention of the Union Minister of State on this problem,



Banchoor said that at present there is a huge shortage of specialist doctors in the steel sector hospitals. Consequently, the steel fraternity has to depend on the referral system to provide better medical facilities. As the steel industry is a risky industry, there is always a possibility of accidents.

In the event of any accident, the availability of specialist doctors becomes very important. It may be

noted that specialist doctors join the medical service at the age of about 30 years. Therefore, their services are available to the company only for 30 years.

If the services of these experienced doctors are increased by 5 years, it will help the steel fraternity to get better medical treatment, excellent treatment in case of an accident, and there will also be a reduction in the cost of referrals. Banchoor

further said that at present the retirement age of doctors engaged in the medical service of the state government from AIIMS and other medical colleges is 65 years. Therefore, it would be appropriate to increase the retirement age of doctors to 65 years.

They further demanded adjustment of incremental benefit in calculation of PRP as per DPE guidelines. It may be noted that in the financial year 2017-18, SAIL declared a total loss before tax of Rs 759 crore and in the year 2018-19 declared a total profit before tax of Rs 3338 crore, due to which the demand was raised for calculation of PRP based on incremental profit of Rs 4097 crores, which is the profit turnover in SAIL. All the officers can be encouraged through incremental PRP, he said.

SEFI Chairman demanded from the Union Minister of State for Steel to give necessary guidelines for im-

plementation of Uniform HRA Policy in SAIL. It may be noted that in the year 2013, by a disputed order by the then SAIL management, new applications for HRA were stopped with immediate effect, as a result of which discrepancy has arisen in the HRA eligibility of the employees. The employees who have shifted to their private houses after 2013 are not being given HRA.

BSP houses are more than 50 years old which are not appropriate for living. Under these circumstances, those workers who have shifted to their own houses, are feeling cheated. Due to non-receipt of HRA, these personnel are facing huge inconvenience in repaying the loan taken for constructing their own houses. SEFI Chairman Narendra Kumar Banchoor, General Secretary Parvinder Singh and Secretary Akhilesh Mishra were present during the meeting.

Present evidence for irregularities in PSC, inquiry will be done: Baghel

Alleges that BJP is only trying to spread rumours for political gains

Raipur, May 17: On the issue of alleged irregularities in recruitments made in State PSC, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that if at all any irregularity has been done, then its factual evidence should be presented and it would be probed into. CM charged that BJP is only trying to create politics of spreading doubts in the mind of general public. About the meeting held by PCC state in-charge in CM's house, Baghel said that it was concerned the elections and about party



workers' sammelan. Speaking to section of media persons, CM Baghel said that raising doubts on capabilities and efficiency of the PSC candidates belonging to political families is something very unfortunate. Giving tickets to BJP leaders is known to be their capability and now this is being held as politics. If there is some irregularity in the recruitment,

then the evidence should be put forth, agencies will take necessary action, CM added.

About the meeting with PCC state in-charge Kumari Selja, CM Baghel said that discussions were mainly held in context of party workers sammelan in the coming days. In the 'Bharosa sammelan' there are plans to invite the party's national leaders

and for this also discussions were held with Kumari Selja.

Commenting upon the central government being termed as 'Double Engine', CM Baghel said that there was government of PM Manmohan Singh also, but there was no 'double engine' used at that time. But here at the Centre, there is only the government of Modi and Shah and they only work with threatening. If there is no double engine government, then there will not be favouritism from Modi's side, CM added. The very thing that they are being termed as 'double-engine' government is absolutely wrong and all this is being seen by general public, CM added.

PET and PPHT entrance examination to be held on June 25

Online applications will be accepted from 17th May to June 8

Raipur, May 17: Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board has declared the schedule for entrance exams of PET and PPHT. The examinations for admission in the aforementioned professional courses will be held on June 25 and applications for the same will be accepted online from May 17 to June 8. The date of error correction has been fixed from June 9 to June 11. Admit cards will be issued on June 19.

As per the announcement of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, no examination fee will be levied from the local residents of Chhattisgarh state for both these examinations.

HEAT & DUST



With mercury soaring high each day and dust emitting from road is making people feel uncomfortable and are forced to use masks covering nose and head area to remain safe.

Liquor scam is conspiracy to defame state govt: Shukla



Officers being targeted to make admn system defunct during election year

Raipur, May 17: Addressing a press conference, President of Medial Cell PCC Susheel Anand Shukla came down heavily against the BJP, central government, ED and IT. He said that very charges of Rs 2000 cr liquor scam by the state government as disclosed by ED is conspiracy to defame the government terming it as corrupt. Shukla informed that the entire background of this liquor scam started about 3 yrs

back and the central government conspired this just 6 months before VS polls through ED. The IT raids failed and since ED could not produce evidence and therefore this concocted story has come to fore, he added.

SA Shukla addressing a press conference in Rajiv Bhavan said that when ED could not produce sufficient evidence in its raids and findings, they are now trying to create terror in the mind of the IAS officers and businessmen nabbed through various means and even on the gun-point and pressurizing them to disclose the name of those sitting in power in the state.

In context of the alleged atrocities by the ED against the persons put behind bar in this Rs 2000 cr liquor scam, the senior advocate of SC Kapil Sibbal represented the state government in SC and informed the honourable SC that Anwar Dhebar, Pappu Dhillon, and all other officers (witnesses) are being charged efforts are being made to target State's CM and forcefully asking them to disclose CM's name, so as to arrest him. SA Shukla quoting iKapil Sibbal informed the media persons that the main objective of cornering the administrative services officers is to make the state's administrative system incapable of performing in the election year. Such incident has never been seen in any part of the country or anywhere else so far. On hearing Sibbal's charges, the SC bench has asked the ED to submit its reply soon, Shukla added.



Eco Club students set World Record with 'Largest Painting Made with Cow Dung Paint'

Raipur, May 17: Students from the Eco Club participated in a competition organized by the Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Committee on the occasion of World Earth Day, which is observed on April 22 each year. They created a painting on the theme 'Invest in our Planet' using cow dung paint, which measured 3,600 square feet, within one hour. This remarkable achievement has earned them recognition in the Limca Book of World Records as the creators of the 'Largest Painting Made with Cow Dung Paint.'

It is worth mentioning that more than 100 children contributed to this painting at a mall in Raipur. Additionally, the Chhattisgarh Tourism Board organized a two-day awareness campaign on environmental protection and pollution control.

BJP to paste posters of Rs 2000 cr liquor scam in 800 liquor shops: Sao

Raipur, May 17: BJP State President Arun Sao has once again come down heavily against the state government over the Rs 2000 cr liquor scam and said that at one place Congress has spoken about ban on liquor before VS polls and on the other it is indulging in liquor scam worth crore. Sao said that BJP along with BJYM and BJP Mahila Morcha would take up the issue among general public. In all the 800 liquor shops, the party would paste the poster of this liquor scam and BJP Mahila Morcha would hold demonstration at district level.

After the release of poster for the liquor scam in BJP's state office in Kushabhau Thakre, BJP State President Arun Sao speaking to media persons said that the Congress came to power with promise of hundred percent ban on liquor: But in last four years, instead of imple-



menting it, they are keeping silent. Then the party tried to do mere formality by forming a committee to conduct study on this issue in the state which have banned liquor. On top of all this, CM Baghel has outrightly refused to impose ban on sale of liquor.

Sao informed that the people of the state know that there are two separate cash counters in 800 liquor shops in the state and it is from one of these counters that the cash directly goes to Congress party's coffers. Sao said that the way through fake holograms the fake liquor is being sold directly from the dis-

tilleries through liquor shops, is clear-cut loot of hard-earned money of poor people of Chhattisgarh. Sao charged that by doing liquor scam, the Baghel government has made Congress as ATM of Chhattisgarh in order to fill its coffers. Sao said that the state government by selling fake liquor is playing with health and life of people of the state. Just a day before, four persons died of consuming hoonch in Janjgir-Champa district and there are many other such incidents which are not even being reported and for all this Congress govt is responsi-

ble. Sao said that this Rs 2000 cr liquor scam has come as a big blow to the state and when this was disclosed by ED, that it has created an atmosphere that people of Chhattisgarh have become irritated and perturbed from the scams of Congress government.

On this occasion BJP state cum in-charge Nitin Nabin, and ex-BJP President Vishnu Deo Sai, Vikram Usendi, ex-Minister and MLA Brijmohan Agrawal, ex-Leader of Opan Dharamlal Kaushik, BJP Sate V-P Bhupendra Savanni, general secy duo Kedar Kashyap, OP Choudhary, state spokesman duo Anurag Singhdeo, Kedar Gupta and Raipur div in-charge Saurabh Singh, Bilaspur div in-charge Kiran Devo Singh and Surguja div in-charge Sanjay Shrivastava were present.

World Hypertension day observed in the department of medicine

Of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Memorial Hospital Raipur

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Raipur, May 17: On the occasion of World Hypertension Day, marked every year on May 17th, PG students of the Department of Medicine at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Raipur conducted an awareness program in the presence of Head of the Department Dr. D.P. Lakra, Dr. M. Patil, Dr. Himeshwari, Dr. Ankit and Dr. Nemesh.



Patients were explained in detail about Hypertension, symptoms pertaining to the disease, how to diagnose, how to prevent, lifestyle modifications and dietary advice. The importance of regular monitoring of blood

pressure and compliance to medications was highlighted. Patients were also enlightened about the complications of Hypertension and their prevention with the help of healthy lifestyle practices and regular medications.

At the end of the session, queries of patients related to hypertension were addressed and suggestions given with respect to their personal experiences with the disease.

Guest Lecture by Dr. Smit Shrivastava, HOD Cardiology and Dr. C. K. Das was conducted in the Department of Medicine in the presence of consultants of Medicine Department and also Dr. Jaya Lalwani and Dr. Jyoti Jaiswal, on how to measure blood pressure correctly and recent guidelines regarding management of Hypertension.

10th-12th Board supplementary exam this time in July

Raipur, May 17: This time the Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education is going to organize the supplementary examination 2023 in the last week of July so that the examination can be conducted till August. At the same time, there is a preparation to get the results in the last week of August so that in September, 12th students get a chance to take admissions in college and class 10th students can get a chance to take admissions class 11th. Last year this exam was conducted till September due to which the results also came late. Candidates who have failed in the 10th-12th board examination or have got supplementary eligibility in one or the other subject are going to get another chance to pass. Chhattisgarh Board of



Secondary Education will conduct supplementary and credit scheme exams in July-August. Instructions for this will be issued in June.

Under the credit scheme, a candidate will be able to appear for the rest of the subjects by taking credit for those marks in which he has passed. Failed and supplementary students will be able to improve their results

by appearing in these exams. Apart from this, such candidates who are not satisfied with their marks, they will be able to get revaluation-recalculation done in the board examination. There will be a chance till May 25 for this.

17,923 candidates are eligible for supplementary in the 10th examination. Results of a total of 626 candidates have been withheld

due to various reasons, in which the results of 16 candidates have been withheld due to cheating case and examination applications of 281 candidates have been canceled due to lack of eligibility. The examination results of 324 candidates have been withheld under scrutiny. Apart from this, the results of five candidates will be declared later. In 12th, 22751 candidates are eligible for supplementary. A total of 359 candidates' results have been withheld due to various reasons, in which 30 candidates' results have been withheld due to copying, 279 candidates' applications have been canceled due to lack of eligibility and 43 candidates' results have been withheld under scrutiny. Apart from this, the results of seven candidates will be declared later.

Two nabbed with around 15 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 1.70 lakh



From City

Raipur, May 17: Two youths were nabbed while trying to sell 'Ganja' in their possession in city here on Wednesday. As per information in this regard, one Sumit Verma was taken into arrest from near Pachpedhi Naka Chowk and total 8 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 1.0 lakh

was recovered from his possession and a case under section 20 B of Narcotics Act was filed in Tikrapara thana against him.

In another incident, one Shailendra Tiwari with 6.600 kg 'Ganja' was nabbed from near Shastri Market, near Mezban Hotel, under Golebazar Thana and the cost of this 'Ganja' is around Rs 70000. He has also being booked under 20 B of Narcotics Act. The accused Shailendra Tiwari is S/o Late Ramsiyya Tiwari (40), R/o Bekach, Thana Bevhari District Shahdol (MP).

Meeting related to the election of urban bodies and panchayats concludes

Raipur, May 17: The Commissioner of Chhattisgarh State Election Commission Mr. Thakur Ram Singh convened a meeting in the commission office, keeping in view the elections in the urban bodies and panchayats discussed amendments in the rules for the election of mayor and speaker, delimitation and reservation of seats in the newly formed municipalities and panchayats. On this occasion, Secretary Administration Department Mr. DD Singh, Secretary State Election Commission Mr. Mohammad Qaiser Abdul Haque, Director Panchayat Mr. Kartikeya Goyal, Deputy Secretary of State Election Commission Mr. Deepak Agarwal, Mrs. Ankita Garg and other officers were present.

Public awareness rally organised by Suyash Hospital on World Hypertension Day



Raipur, Jan 17: On the occasion of World Hypertension Day, a public awareness rally was organised by Suyash Hospital, Raipur, which was led by Dr. Gaurav Tripathi, Cardiologist of the hospital and all the staff participated enthusiastically. The public awareness started from Suyash Hospital and after passing from Jagannath Chowk reached Mahoba

Bazar and ended back at Suyash Hospital. On this occasion, Dr. Gaurav Tripathi said that everyone should take proper care of their blood pressure, should check blood pressure on time, negligence increases the risk of many other heart related diseases. Suyash Hospital administration keeps running this type of public awareness campaign from time to time, he added.

CM inaugurates district's first WiFi Zone

Dhamtari, May 17: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday launched the first WiFi zone of the district at Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park in village Achhota, during his visit to Dhamtari Assembly Constituency as a part of his 'Bhent-Mulakat Abhiyan'. This significant step aims to offer free internet access to the people working in the Rural Industrial Park and to visitors of Gadhd Kalewa. Furthermore, school children will also reap the benefits of this facility as they can utilize the internet services for studying and educational purposes.

Chief Minister made an announcement regarding the provision of Wi-Fi fa-



cilities in RIPA during the inspection of the Rural Industrial Park activities on May 5. With the commencement of the Wi-Fi facility today, this unit has achieved the distinction of being the first Rural Industrial Park in the district to offer this facility. MLA Sihawa Dr.

Dhruv Chhattisgarh State Mineral Development Corporation Chairman Girish Dewangan, Civil Supplies Corporation Chairman Ramgopal Agrawal, and Zila Panchayat member Meena Banjare were also present on the occasion.

Farmers to get loan on zero percent interest: Dr.Singh

'Illegal construction continues, admn action nil'

- Even after moratorium on Church property
- Chances of a big controversy erupting

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Jagdalpur, May 17: The case of illegal encroachment on the property of Methodist Church in India and issuance of patta fraudulently is going on in Bilaspur High Court against the so-called Episcopal Church Steering Committee President Joyal Bechak. Adjournment order has been passed by High Court Bilaspur on July 5, 2022 on this matter of property of Methodist Church in India.

Despite this, the Episcopal Church Steering Committee President Joyal Bechak, Nikhil Raj Das who himself is a government employee and taking advantage of the same he has been repeatedly disobeying the order of the High Court by misleading the police and the administration. On which the court took cog-



nizance of Tehsildar Nazul Jagdalpur to comply with the stay order of High Court Bilaspur. Court Tehsildar issued a stay order on May 10, 2023 and banned the ongoing illegal construction by demolishing the building of Harold Chapel. Despite this, the Episcopal Church Steering Committee was getting the re-construction work done considering itself above law and administration. M.E. Mission Methodist Church in India Superintendent Victor Daniel said that after the stay on illegal construction on the property of the church, a copy of the order has been pasted on the spot. On which illegal construction work was stopped by taking cognizance of the stay order by Bodhghat police station in-charge. Illegal construction work was again issued as soon as the station in-charge left. After this, the court Tehsildar Nazul Jagdalpur was informed about this, on which order has been issued on May 15, 2023 to take action to the Bodhghat police station in-charge. Despite its illegal construction continues till today, due to which the situation of tension is being created. If legal action is not taken, the possibility of a big dispute here cannot be ruled out.

- Even on cultivation of horticulture crops

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Raipur, May 17: Agriculture Production Commissioner Dr. Kamalpreet Singh said that in the cultivation of horticulture and commercial crops, the income generated is many times more than the traditional farming. The state government is also providing loans at zero percent interest to co-operative banks from this year along with attractive grants for their cultivation.

Therefore, farmers should be encouraged for their cultivation by giving information about the schemes. Dr. Singh was addressing the review meeting of Kharif crop assessment for the year 2023 and Rabi crop program for the year 2022-23 by taking a meeting of the officers of



Bilaspur and Surguja division in the meeting hall of the district office here on Tuesday.

Dr. Singh has expressed happiness over the success of the millet mission of the state government in the districts of Bilaspur and Surguja divisions. For the first time its crop is being harvested in about 50 thousand hectares of both the divisions.

In the meeting held in two sessions, Divisional Commissioner Dr. Sanjay Alang, Special Secretary Mr. Fakir Ayaz Tamboli,

Agriculture Director Ranu Sahu, Horticulture Director Mateshwaran V along with District Collector, District Panchayat CEO, Deputy Director Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department officers were present.

APC Dr. Singh said that there is sufficient availability of fertilizers this year. Unlike last year, all types of fertilizers are available in abundance in Patra. So far 50 per cent of the total demand has been stored.



Farmers should be encouraged for advance lifting. Re-supply will be done when the space in the godowns becomes vacant.

There are many benefits to the farmers from this. There is no expiry of fertilizer and there is no additional economic loss due to getting loan at zero percent interest. He said that fertilizer should be sold through posh machines only. Considering this as the basis, the central government allocates fertilizers.

Farmers should be encouraged to bring organic

fertilizers like hemp and dhenna into practice. You have bought cow dung daily in Gouthans. The compost made from this will be made available to the farmers. An action plan should be made for each district that how many farmers will be provided. He said that the conversion rate of making vermicompost from cow dung should not be less than 33 percent. If there is less conversion in Marwahi and Mungeli districts, instructions were given to remove it.

Despite being cloudy weather, temperature crosses 40 deg.Celsius



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Jagdalpur, May 17: In Bastar division, despite no rains and overcast conditions for the last two-three days, the temperature in most of the areas has crossed 40 degrees Celsius. The maximum temperature was recorded at 41 degrees Celsius in Bastar district headquarters. On the other hand, the maximum temperature of 43.0 degree Celsius was recorded in Konta and Bhepalpatnam areas of South Bastar. With the rise in temperature and blowing of hot

wind, heat wave-like conditions are also being created. To avoid the scorching heat in the city on Tuesday, people preferred to stay indoors. By evening, few people were seen on the main roads of the city. Meteorological Scientist HP Chandra of Meteorological Center Raipur said that at present no system is active in Bastar and its surroundings. In such a situation, the weather will remain like this for the next few days. Although it will be partly cloudy, but there is little chance of rain, there will be no respite from the heat.

Yugantar Public School student Tanvi Bindal tops Ch'garh State

- Achieves 7th rank with 98.2% score of CBSE 12th Board

Central Chronicle News

Rajnandgaon, May 17: In a remarkable academic achievement, Tanvi Bindal, a student of Yugantar Public School, Rajnandgaon has emerged as the top performer in the state of Chhattisgarh and secured the 7th rank in the nationwide examinations. Tanvi's exceptional dedication and hard work have led her to achieve an outstanding score of 98.2%.

Tanvi, a diligent student known for her exemplary academic record, has made her school and parents proud with this remarkable feat. She showcased her exceptional knowledge and skills by excelling in all sub-

jects, demonstrating a high level of proficiency across various disciplines. She scored 100 in Business Studies, 100 in Accountancy, 99 in English, 97 in Economics & 95 in Physical Education.

The results were announced by the Central Board of Secondary Education, which conducted the examinations across the world. Tanvi's exceptional performance has garnered widespread praise and admiration from teachers, fellow students, and educational authorities.

When asked about her success, Tanvi humbly credited her parents, teachers, and the supportive environment at Yugantar Public School for shaping her academic journey. She acknowledged the guidance and encouragement she received, which played a pivotal role



in her stellar performance. Her mother Mrs. Deepti Bindal has taught her Accountancy and always helped and motivated her.

Proud father Mr. Amit Bindal and family members were very happy after being greeted by Mrs. Hema Deshmukh (Mayor, Rajnandgaon), Shri Khoobchand Parakh, Mr. Santosh Pandey (Member of Parliament, Rajnandgaon)

Principal of Yugantar Public School, Rajnandgaon Abhishek Khandelwal expressed his joy and congrat-

ulated Tanvi on her extraordinary accomplishment. She emphasized the school's commitment to providing a conducive learning environment that fosters holistic development, enabling students like Tanvi to reach new heights.

Tanvi's achievement serves as an inspiration to her peers and younger students, encouraging them to strive for excellence and pursue their goals with unwavering determination. It also highlights the dedication and hard work exhibit-

ed by both the students and the faculty at Yugantar Public School. The management, Principal and staff are committed to nurturing and supporting talented students like Tanvi, providing them with the necessary resources and guidance to excel in their academic pursuits.

Tanvi's success story not only brings glory to Yugantar Public School but also shines a positive light on the educational landscape of Chhattisgarh. It serves as a reminder of the immense potential and talent possessed by the students in the state. Her teachers Deepti Bindal (Accountancy), Bhava Rani Ramesh (B.St.), Kanchan Sohal (English), Tarun Mahapatra (Economics), Vandana Singh (Physical Education) and Principal Abhishek Khandelwal have

greeted her for the stupendous and remarkable achievement. Board of Directors Vinod Sadani, Vinay Daddha, Sushil Kothari, Ajay Singhi, Narendra Kotadia, Mishrilal Golchha went to child's home to greet her and showered blessings and best wishes for future endeavor. Tanvi wants to pursue CA and wants to appear for UPSC Exams IAS.

As Tanvi embarks on the next chapter of her academic journey, she remains an inspiration to countless others, symbolizing the power of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Her remarkable accomplishment will undoubtedly motivate future generations to strive for excellence and push their limits to achieve their dreams. Congratulations to Tanvi Bindal on her outstanding achievements.

Collector conducts surprise rise inspection

- Of District Maharani Hospital
- Collector gets his eyes examined by registering himself in the OPD

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Jagdalpur, May 17: Collector Vijay Dayaram K. inspected the District Hospital (Maharani) on Wednesday morning and reviewed the health facilities and services being provided by the hospital. Collector instructed to maintain the feedback and satisfaction register of the health facilities being provided by the government from patients and relatives in the hospital.

During the inspection, he reached for health check-up and also took information about the health services



being provided by the hospital administration from the patients and their relatives admitted in the hospital.

The patients and their relatives expressed their satisfaction towards the services being provided at Maharani Hospital. He asked the patients to get complete treatment while taking advantage of the health facilities available in the hospital.

In this inspection, Collector Vijay got himself registered in the OPD by standing in line and also got his eyes checked in the eye examination room of the

hospital. Instructions were also given to remove the problem being faced for communication with the registrar at the registration counter.

The Collector also reviewed the work of making Ayushman cards for the patients coming to the infant ward and the hospital. He also inquired about the major diseases occurring in the children of the district, the average weight of sick children, the condition of delivery in the hospital and the services being provided after delivery in the infant

ward. During this, the Collector inspected emergency ward, ICU ward, operation room, registration counter, OPD ward, OPD rate, mother-child ward, Hamar lab, high blood pressure camp, burn and trauma center, eye examination room. Collector discussed about the necessary resources and arrangements of the hospital.

He instructed the Public Works Department officer to make arrangements for ventilation in the waiting room of the ICU and to complete the construction work of the eye care ward at the earliest. On this occasion, Civil Surgeon Dr. Sanjay Prasad, Officer of Hospital Management, EE of Public Works Department AK Singh, Sub-Divisional Officer RN Sinha and the staff of the hospital were present.

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Bilaspur, May 17: St. Xavier's High School Vyapar Vihar honoured CBSE 10th and 12th passed students and motivated them for upcoming other challenges in their life. Encouraged by MLA Shailesh Pandey, the chief guest at the student honor ceremony.

The Guest Mr. Swarnim Shukla, who is an alumnus of St. Xavier's Vyapar Vihar batch 2014-15, (Newly appointed Assistant Director Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department) The school Managing Director Dr. GS. Patnaik, Principal of the school Mrs. Supriya AP and the teachers of the school were present.

The program was inau-



gured with lighting of lamp by the dignitaries followed by Saraswati Vandana. Chief guest and special guest were warmly welcomed by the principal of the school by presenting a sapling. Students were happy as they were honoured by the special guest and principal mam in the presence of their parents.

Parents of the students were happy as their children were honoured and they appreciated the warm welcome of the school. Today St. Xavier's High School is feeling proud as their bright star student Swarnim Shukla has achieved great achievements in his life. Swarnim Shukla has given all the credit of his

achievements to St. Xavier's High School and motivated the students by sharing his experiences.

MLA Shailesh Pandey has inspired the students with his kind words about hard work and struggles of life. The school Managing Director Dr. G.S. Patnaik has given light on the path of success by teaching the students 'How can we also become a shining star by accepting failure?' Principal Supriya A.P. congratulated children for their achievements and also encouraged them to choose the correct path to achieve success in their golden journey. On this occasion, she honoured the students by presenting a sapling to each student and inspired to provide greenery to Bilaspur by planting it.

District level public dialogue and solution camp organized

- In Sadar of Bangalore Panchayat
- A large population of 41 villages of 5 panchayats situated at the end of Bijapur got the gift of basic facilities
- Gift of new bus for easy movement of villagers in Bijapur and Bhairamgarh headquarters

Bijapur, May 17: Remote areas of Bijapur district, located at a distance of about 150 kilometers from the district headquarters, 5 remote

panchayats of Bhairamgarh block, Gram Panchayat Kosalnar-1, Kosalnar-2, Manganar, Tusaval and about 41 villages of Bangalore, provide basic facilities to the villagers. To give the gift, the entire team of the district administration including Regional MLA and Vice President of Bastar Development Authority Vikram Shah Mandavi, District Panchayat President Shankar Kudiyaam and Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara were present and faced with the problems of the villagers to provide all the basic facilities within the stipulated time. Said about

It may be known that to reach in five panchayats, it is reached through Gidam, Barsoor of Dantewada district. Due to the long distance, it becomes a hindrance in the contact between the district ad-

ministration and the villagers. Due to which the villagers find it difficult to reach the district and block headquarters to inform them about their demands and problems. Due to all these reasons, the district administration became aware of the problems of the villagers by organizing camps in those panchayats.

On the other hand, to ensure easy access of the villagers to the headquarters, the district administration gifted a new bus to the villagers. The bus was flagged off by MLA Vikram Mandavi. This bus will go from Bangalore via Satadhara to Bhairamgarh and Bijapur via Muchnar, the MLA said that it was not possible to reach Bijapur in a day if one did not have the means. The villagers will now be able to easily travel to their homes during the day for their problems, de-



mands and personal reasons, while an ambulance will also be started very soon for better health facilities. Presently the ambulance comes from Barsoor. Under the infrastructure facility, a 7.8 kilometer asphalted road will be constructed from Satadhara to Bangalore. Apart from this, in Gram Panchayat Kosalnar-1, 2 km Murrakaran road, 3 meter span culvert, RCC slab 3

nos, in Kosalnar-2 culvert construction 2 meter, span culvert, RCC slab 4 nos, Kosalnar approach road construction work 1.5 km additional room construction, Access road construction work in Gram Panchayat Manganar 1600 meter part-2, 400 meter additional room construction, 3 meter RCC slab culvert, 2 km, Murroom road 200 meter, CC road and 3 nos 2 meter

span culvert in Gram Panchayat Bangalore, RCC slab, CC road construction work 3 nos. 400 meters, 380 meters and 200 meters, besides this other development works were gifted. On the other hand, the MLA and the collector agreed to provide all kinds of facilities by approving the development works soon after testing other basic facilities on the basis of priority being aware of the demands and problems of the villagers.

Collector Rajendra Kumar Katara, taking information from the villagers about school, anganwadi, health center, ashram, hostel and other departmental works, gave instructions to provide better facilities to the field staff of all departments. In view of the demand of forest rights letter, hand pump irrigator, electricity mostly in the ap-

plication of the villagers, the collector directed to provide forest rights letter to the eligible farmers and set up camp to test the application so that no eligible beneficiary is deprived of the scheme.

During this, a stall was set up by the department of district level officers to benefit from the departmental schemes. On the other hand, publicity material related to the information about the schemes of the Government of Chhattisgarh, Janman, booklet, calendar pamphlet, brochure and the Chhattisgarh model book of justice based on the development of the district were distributed free of cost by the Public Relations Department. Along with this, under the departmental schemes, diesel pumps, spare pumps, crutches were distributed to disabled beneficiaries

by social welfare, river nets, private nets, ice boxes and sarees were distributed to Mitaniys by fisheries.

Addressing the program, District Panchayat President Shankar Kudiyaam talked about providing all possible basic facilities to the villagers. During this, District Panchayat Member Parvati Kashyap, District Panchayat President Dashrath Kunjam, Vice President Sahdev Negi, CEO District Panchayat Ravi Kumar Sahu, District Education Officer Baliram Baghel, Assistant Commissioner Tribal Development KS Mashram and District Level Officers of all departments including Women Child Development, Electricity Department, Agriculture, Fisheries, Social Welfare, Tehsildar, CEO Janpad Panchayat Bhairamgarh were present.

OBC people are getting benefit of govt's schemes, says Sahu

Commissioner appreciates sanitation standards of District Hospital

- Convenes meeting with officials to know about condition of OBC
- Appeals all to work for betterment of OBC people



meeting directed the officers to the best they can for the development of people from OBC. Meeting was attended by MLA Yashoda Nilabar Verma, Collector Gopal Verma and other members.

In the meeting review of Schemes, programmes and problems of OBC category were reviewed. During this information was taken

about the schemes in favour of OBC category and its implementation by the district-level officers and all other departments of the state government. Apart from this discussions with Revenue officers were held on making of caste certificates for OBC and on other issues.

In the review of agriculture department, discus-

sions were held on 'Aatma Yojana' and on 'Ragi Crop' and millet cuisine and instructions were given to run it through 'Gadhkalewa'. During review of Animal Husbandry deptt, instructions were given to solve the loan problems for dairy. Similarly the review of Social Welfare deptt; Panchayat and Women &

Child Development Department, CREDA and Horticulture department was also held.

Make caste certificates taking Gram Sabha or Nagar Palikas approval

Chairman CSOBC, its V-P and members in one voice asked the Revenue and Education department to issue caste certificates to eligible persons without any documents by taking recommendation from Gram Sabha or Nagar Palika. V-P RN Verma said that in the caste certificate matter, the simplified guidelines of GAD issued should be adhered and certificates be made. He also said that the tehsildar be trained to make income certificate and caste certificates as well.

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Sukma, May 17: Commissioner Shyam Dhawde conducted a surprise inspection of Sukma District Hospital here and appreciated the sanitation standards of the hospital. He also congratulated the district hospital for getting the award for cleanliness and health services at the national level recently and directed to give information about making Ayushman and smart cards in the hospital to the people, as well as emphasized on wide publicity in the rural areas to prevent snakebite.

The Commissioner reviewed the daily OPD of the hospital, status of tests in Hamar Lab on the basis of OPD, progress of Ayushman card making,



availability of medical officer staff, presence of children in nutritional rehabilitation center; availability of medicines, emergency service, and operation rate status. On this occasion District Collector Haris S, District Panchayat CEO DN Kashyap, Deputy Commissioner Madhurya Som, SDM Preeti Durgam, other officers of the district administration and

other officers of the health department and hospital management were present. Civil surgeon Dr. Abhay Tomar told that now the referral cases have reduced in the hospital and due to the health services and facilities available here, patients from neighboring districts and neighboring states have also started coming for treatment.

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, May 17: The Chairman Chhattisgarh State OBC Commission Thaneshwar Sahu held talks with the heads of the Samaj and convened a meeting with the officers in the Collectorate here on Tuesday. During this discussions were held in context of welfare of OBC, their grievances and its solution and about their development.

Sahu during the review

BTI teachers share memorable experiences

48 yrs after their training period in BTI

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, May 17: The alumni meet of teachers from Basic Training Institute (BTI) of Durg and Rajnandgaon district, of academic year 1974-75 was held at Community building in Gunderdehi after 48 yrs in the 'Bhent-Mulaquat' programme and in this chief guest was senior teacher Mahesh Thakur and it was chaired by Mahiruramji. Chabilal Verma (Bhilai), BR Belsar was the special guest and it was with their efforts that this sammelan was held.



Litterateur from Rajnandgaon Shartughan Singh Rajput conducted the sammelan and in this variety of programmes were presented and the teachers shared their experiences from their life and during training period.

In this sammelan, the teachers and officers of Basic Training Institute (BTI) Balod met after five

decades and it was very interesting and touchy. It is notable here that in the BTI which was run only for two years, around two hundred teachers undertook the training and out of which majority have

passed away and rest have got retired. In such conditions, this sammelan was memorable and important for all.

During the programme, Chabilal Verma presented his views in a very inter-

esting manner. BR Belsar sang a Chhattisgarhi song in Chhattisgarhi 'Gondi' dialect.

On this occasion, SK Verma, Kanwal Chouhan, Himatlal Yadav, Umesh Singh Thakur, Jonhram Sahu, Ramgopal Thakur, Goukaran Sonboir, Uttam Thakur, Ramkishore Sahu, Mahiruram, Pylaram Gendare, Ramdas Meshram and others shared their experiences and achievements during the training and underlined their importance in nation building and wished for healthy and peaceful life for all their colleagues.

The tehsildar Rajshri Pandey present as representative of special guest of the programme, Rashmi Veram, SDM Gunderdehi, was welcomed with a flower bouquet and memento and all the teachers present were also given mementoes and tributes were paid to the departed colleagues.

Collector felicitates talented students of Board Examinations

Central Chronicle News

Gourella-Pendra-Marwahi, May 17: District Collector Priyanka Rishi Mahobia honored the talented students of the district in the 10th-12th board examinations, who excelled in high school and higher-secondary examination 2023 by presenting them gifts and bouquets here in Arpa meeting hall of Collectorate.



In the Higher Secondary Examination in the district, at the district level, SEJAS Pendra, Shaba Parveen secured first position by scoring 91 percent marks, Vanshita Khatri of the same school and Gauri Nayak of Government Higher Secondary School Andi secured second position by scoring 90 percent marks.

Charu Srivastava of SEJAS Pendra secured the third position by scoring 89.60 per cent marks. Similarly, in the high school examination, Rishabh Mishra of Bharat Mata Public School Adhbar secured the first position by securing 96.33 percent marks, Mahi Gupta of Girls Higher Secondary School Pendra secured the second position by securing 94.16 per-

cent marks, Saumya Soni of Bharat Mata Public School Adhbar and Govt. Sandhya Kaivart of Higher Secondary School Sakola secured third position by scoring 94 percent marks and Pooja Chowdhary of Government Higher Secondary School Navagaon secured fourth position in the district by scoring 93 percent marks.

In her motivational speech, the Collector congratulated the children, their teachers and parents on their success and expected them to bring laurels to the district at the national level. District Education Officer Narendra Kumar Chandra also congratulated the successful students on this occasion and wished them for a bright future. He also announced to felicitate the

principals and teachers who give 100 percent results in the upcoming appropriate forums.

On this occasion, Principal of SEJAS Pendra, V K Verma also gave tips to the children to achieve success. Additional Collector B. C. Ekka, Block Education Officer, Pendra R.N Chandra, District Nodal

Patwari booked for molesting woman, girl

Surajpur, May 17: Two FIRs have been registered against a patwari (revenue official) for allegedly molesting a woman and a minor girl at his office in Surajpur district, police said on Monday. The patwari has been suspended after the incident came to light, a senior district official said.

The accused is on the run. He had allegedly touched the woman and the girl inappropriately at his office in Getara village when they reached there for caste certificates and other documents, a police official said. As both are separate incidents, two cases have been registered based on the complaints, he said.

The minor victim is a class 12 student, the official said.

A case was registered under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

Government Higher Secondary School Mohadi's exam result excellent

Central Chronicle News

Magarlod, May 17: The performance of the students of Government Higher Secondary School Mohadi, who appeared in the High and Higher Secondary Certificate Examination organized by the Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) in the session 2022-23, was good. Out of 74 students, a total of 59 students got success in Class 10th examination, the result was 79.73%. Student Tamanna Nishad's, D/o Duman Lal Nishad secured the first position by scoring 91% marks.

Similarly Khileshwari Sahu's D/o Hemant Sahu secured the



second position with 87.5% and Gajendra Kumar's S/o Shrayan Kumar secured the third position by securing 86.83% marks. In class 12th examination, all 60 students got success and the result was 100%. Student Hemprabha Sinha's D/o Santosh Sinha secured the first position by scoring 90.4% marks, similarly Khileshwari Sahu's D/o Sant Kumar secured second

position with 84.4% and Tameshwari's D/o Shrayan Kumar secured third position by securing 83%. School management has extended greetings to all on this achievement of the school. Chairman of the committee Hari Ram Sahu Principal of the school Kumendra Sahu, all the teachers of the school staff expressed happiness and wished all the successful students a bright future.

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Bhilai Branch, Plot No. 6 Indira Place, Civic Centre, Bhilai, Tel 0788-2264778/2264517, 0788-2264778/2264517, Email: Bhilai.Raipur@bankofindia.co.

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

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

Name of the Borrower / Guarantor & Address	Details of Properties / Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Date of Notice (As on the date of 2023)	Amount outstanding (₹ on the date of 2023)
Borrower:- M/s. Aditi Brothers Gharana Food Private Limited, Village Potia-Kh.No-619/2 and 620/2, Teh. Ahiwara, Dist. - Durg, Chhattisgarh.	(a) EOM of freehold diverted Industrial Land & Building Situated at Village Potia P.H.No.-30, RNM Ahiwara, Tehsil - Dhamtari, Dist. Durg vide Kh.No. 619/2 and 620/2 admeasuring 0.04 Hectares standing in the name of M/s. Aditi Brothers Gharana Foods Private Limited.	16.05.2023	1,44,03,304.83
M/s. Aditi Brothers Gharana Foods Private Limited, Bungalow No.-30, Royal Green, Jurwari Road, Smti Nagar, Bhilai, Durg - 490020.	(b) EOM of freehold diverted Residential Land & Shed Situated at Kh.No. 144/18 Plot No.-A-2, Vidhya Vihar, Ward No.-58, P.H.No.-15, RNM- Durg-1, Bhilai, Dist- Durg. C.G. admeasuring 2400 Sq.ft. standing in the name of Harendra Dubey	30.04.2023	+ Int. + Other Charges since 30.04.2023
Borrower:- Mrs. Abha Dubey W/o. Harendra Dubey Director Aabha Sadan, Plot No.-A/29, Vidhya Vihar, Nehru Nagar West, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh-491331.			
Miss. Aditi Bhardwaj D/o. Harendra Dubey Director Aabha Sadan, Plot No.-A/29, Vidhya Vihar, Nehru Nagar West, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh-491331.			
M. Akhil Bhardwaj S/o. Harendra Dubey Aabha Sadan, Plot No. A/29, Vidhya Vihar, Nehru Nagar West, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh-491331.			
Borrower:- Mr. Harendra Dubey S/o. Kedar Nath Dubey, B-1-B2, Vidhya Vihar, Nehru Nagar West, Bhilai, Chhattisgarh-491331.			

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

Date : 18.05.2023, Place: Bhilai. Authorised Officer, Bank of India

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DEMAND NOTICE U/s 13(2)

You the below mentioned borrower has availed loan by mortgaging the achedule mentioned property and you the below mention has stood as borrower/co-borrower / guarantor for the loan agreement. Consequently the defaulters committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset under the provisions of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (in short SARFAESI Act). We Aditya Birla Finance Limited, have issued Demand Notice u/s 13(2) read with section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act to the address furnished by you. The contents of the said notices are that you had committed default in payment of the various loans guaranteed to you. Therefore, the present publication carried out to serve the notice as the provision of Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act and in terms of provision to the rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Loan Account no./Name and Address of the Account, Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s)	Details of the security to be enforced	Date of Demand Notice	Amount due as per Demand Notice
Loan Account No. 80003611, HCFDELTER00001001406, HCFDELTER00001001539 and 12009200447 1.Mis RAHUL TRADING COMPANY (Borrower) Proprietorship Concern represented by its Proprietor Mr. Navneet Gupta Ward No. 3, Near Durga Mandir, Birgaon, Bhanpuri, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-493221 Also at: 57-58, KM Stone, Bhorakain In, Delhi Jaipur Highway, Binola Industrial Area, Gunguram, Hariyana-122413. Also at: Plot No. 4 & 5, Amaldas Gram Amia, Near ITI College, Huzur, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462044 Also at: 300/1, Ghata Bilok, Parkside, Sejaya, Dindori, Madhya Pradesh-454773 Also at: Flat No. 304, Grand GT Exotica, Opposite TV Tower, Shankar Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492007 Also at: Kharsa No. 63/23, Village-Tikari Kalan, New Delhi-110015. Also at: Flat No. 802, 8th Floor, G.T LIFESPACE, Mayfair, Sector-30, Khapri-2, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492101. Also at: 802, 8th Floor, Coral Tower, Group Housing Complex, Ourania, Village-Wazirabad, Sector-53, District- Gunguram, Hariyana-122001. Also at: Kurnari hokk, G E Road, Raipur-492001. Email: Navneet.gupta@rahultradingco.in / Navneet.deli@gmail.com Ph: 9302924222 2. NAVNEET GUPTA (Proprietor/ Mortgagee / Guarantor) & 3. LEENA GUPTA (Guarantor/ Mortgagee) 1614-A, The Magnolias, DLF Golf Course, DLFs Sector-42, Galleria, Gunguram, Hariyana- 122002. Also at: B-31, Block-B, Phase No. 1, Near Shri Ram Mandir, Vivek Vihar, Jhansi H.O., East Delhi, Delhi-110095. Also at: Flat No. 406, Grand Tower, Exotica Apartment, Shankar Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492007 Also at: Flat No. 802, 8th Floor, G.T Lifespace, Mayfair, Sector-30, Khapri-2, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492101. Also at: 802, 8th Floor, Coral Tower Group Housing Complex, Ourania, Village-Wazirabad, Sector-53, District- Gunguram, Hariyana-122001. Also at: Kurnari Chowk, G.E Road, Raipur-492001. (Both 4th & 5th residing are same) 6. M/s C.G. TRADING COMPANY (Guarantor) Proprietorship Concern represented by its Proprietor Mr. Chandor Gupta Flat No. 405, 4th Floor, Grand Tower, Exotica Apartment, Shankar Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492007. Also at: B-31, Near Shri Ram Mandir, Vivek Vihar, Phase-1, Jhansi, East Delhi, Delhi-110095. Also at: Flat No. 802, 8th Floor, G.T Lifespace, Mayfair, Sector-30, Khapri-2, Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492101. Also at: 802, 8th Floor, Coral Tower, Group Housing Complex, Ourania, Village-Wazirabad, Sector-53, District- Gunguram, Hariyana-122001. Also at: Kurnari Chowk, G.E Road, Raipur-492001.	Property 1- All that part and parcel of the property being apartment constructed within the land parcel D 7, Sector 30 Naya Raipur situated at Village - Navagaon, P.C No. 18, RIC- Mandir Hasaud, Naya Raipur Tehsil-Aurang, Dist. Raipur C.G bearing Apartments No. 802, 4BHK, Floor 8th of Block "A" Tower-1, Mayfair having area under possession 2510 sq. ft. carpet area 1865 sq. ft. (Owned by Shri. Navneet Gupta), butted and bounded as: On the North: By Open Space, On the South: By Open Space, On the East: By Open Space, On the West: Stair Case Lobby including an undivided proportionate share in all that piece and parcel of land/landshare comprised in Kharsa No. 650/2, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658 and 670 total 255388 Sq. Ft. covered by G.T Life Spaces D-7, Sector-30, Naya Raipur (C.G.) butted and bounded as: - On the North: Plot No. D-8, On the South: Plot No. D-8 and Green Area, On the East: 24 M wide Road, Property 2- Residential Apartment bearing No. CORAL-802 having an approximate super area of 192.8 square meters (i.e. 2074 square feet approximately) located on the 8th floor in multi-storied Tower CORAL of the Group Housing Complex known as 'Ourania' situated in the revenue estate of village Wazirabad, Sector-53, Tehsil & District Gunguram (Hariyana) with one Car Parking space No-A-7 along with undivided proportionate interest in land underneath the said Building in which the said Apartment is located calculated in the ratio in which the super area of the said Apartment bears to total super area of all the apartment units in the said building. Owned by Mrs. Leena Gupta. Property 3- All that piece and parcel of land located at Village- Kumbhari, P.H. No. 46, Revenue Circle, Ani Bara Development Block Dhamdha, Tehsil- Dhamdha, District- Churu (C.G.). Land under the Possession and Ownership Agricultural Land, Nature: Non-irrigated Shalta, Kharsa No. 1450/3 and 1450/6 (remaining part), Area-0.206 hectare i.e., 0.51 acre rent Rs. 0.80 which is situated at a distance at more than 400ft of G.E. Road (Main Road) and which has been shown in the Patwar Map annexed to this Deed (which will be annexed as separate part of this Deed. There is no tree, well, etc. in the land, the land is within the area of Municipal Corporation and butted and bounded as: On the North: Land of the Family of Owner On the South: Land of the Family of Owner On the East: Land of Owner On the West: Land of Owner On the East-Land of Owner On the West-Land of Railway	12-05-2023	Rs. 6,15,62,724.82/- (Rupees Six Crores Fiftteen Lakhs Soty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Four and Paise Eighty Two Only) by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges and interest) due as on 28.04.2023

You are hereby called upon to pay Aditya Birla Finance Limited within the period of 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice the aforesaid amount with interest and cost failing which Aditya Birla Finance Limited will take necessary action under the Provisions of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of secured assets of the borrowers, mortgagees and the guarantors. The power available to the Aditya Birla Finance Limited under the said act include (1) Power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrowers/ co-borrowers/guarantors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment of sale of secured assets (2) Take over management of the secured assets including rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured assets and any transfer as of secured assets by Aditya Birla Finance Limited shall vest in all the rights and relation to the secured assets transferred as if the transfer has been made by you.

In terms of the Provisions of the Section 13(13) of the said act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the normal course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to above and hypothecated/mortgaged to the Aditya Birla Finance Limited without prior consent of the Aditya Birla Finance Limited.

Place: Raipur Date: 12/05/2023

Sd/-
Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Mob- 7596946467
Authorized Officer, Aditya Birla Finance Limited

NAME CHANGE

I, PRITI NEERAJ VAIDYA W/o. NEERAJ VAIDYA, 31 yrs. R/o. Plot No.-23/10, Ward No.-18, Man Sarovar Colony, Bhilai-3, Tah.- Bhilai-3 & Distt.- Durg (C.G.) 490021 have Changed my old name PRITI HATWAR D/o. PURUSHOTTAM HATWAR. So in future I should be recognized by my New Name that is PRITI NEERAJ VAIDYA W/o. NEERAJ VAIDYA in all Government and other documents.

PRITI NEERAJ VAIDYA W/o. NEERAJ VAIDYA Plot No.- 23/10, Ward No.-18, Man Sarovar Colony, Bhilai-3, Tah.- Bhilai-3 & Distt.- Durg (C.G.) 490021.

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CORRIGENDUM

With reference to advertisement Published in this Newspaper on dated 29.04.2023 Regarding "PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY". In account of Uditya Kaser (Borrower) please read Reserve Price Rs. 5,00,000/- instead of Rs.7,25,000/-. All other details shall remain the same. Sd/- Authorized Officer

BRIEF



BJP National President JP Nadda with Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis and others after garlanding a statue of BR Ambedkar, at Ghatkopar in Mumbai, Wednesday.

Collision

Mumbai: At least five persons were killed and three injured when the SUV in which they were traveling collided with a tractor on Wednesday morning in Western Maharashtra's Sangli district, police said. The accident took place near Miraj on Ratnagiri-Pandharpur road around 11 am, a district police official said.

Inaugurate

Kolkata: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Puri-Howrah Vande Bharat Express on Thursday virtually, a South Eastern Railway official said. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw will grace the programme at Puri station, from where the train will commence its inaugural run, he said on Wednesday.

Nabbed

Malappuram: A Keralite woman who tried to smuggle over one crore-worth gold from Saudi Arabia to her home state has been held outside the international airport here, police said on Wednesday. The accused, 32-year-old Shabna, a native of Kunnammangalam in nearby Kozhikode district, was caught red-handed by Kariapur police on Tuesday evening.

Suicide

Srinagar: A CRPF jawan on Wednesday allegedly committed suicide in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said here. Constable Yogesh Ashok Birhade, a resident of Maharashtra, died after he shot himself with his service rifle at JIC Awantipora in Pulwama, they said.

Acquitted

Ghazipur: A court here on Wednesday acquitted gangster-politician Mukhtar Ansari in a 2009 attempt to murder case. Government counsel Neeraj Kumar Srivastav said the case of attempt to murder (IPC section 307) of one Meer Hasan of Mohammadabad police station was heard in the court of Additional Sessions Judge/First MP-MLA Durgesh.

Held

Bengaluru: A first-time flyer from Rajasthan has been arrested at the Kempegowda International Airport here on charges of smoking 'Beedi' on the Bengaluru-bound Akasa Air flight, police said on Wednesday. The 56-year-old from Marwar region had boarded the plane at Ahmedabad on Tuesday. Midair, he went to the lavatory and smoked, police said.

Five Cong 'guarantees' in K'taka may cost state exchequer Rs 50,000 cr

Bengaluru, May 17 (PTI):

The implementation of the five 'guarantees' announced by the Congress may cost the state exchequer an estimated Rs 50,000 crore annually.

Key party leaders who spoke about the cost of the welfare measures insisted that one could not call them "freebies" as they were tools of empowerment.

The 'guarantees' found resonance with voters of the May 10 Assembly elections, particularly with women, and played a key role in the party's resounding victory, political analysts noted. The

Congress bagged 135 seats in the 224-member Assembly, and ousted the BJP from power, with the erstwhile ruling party winning in just 66 constituencies, while the Janata Dal (Secular) managed to get only 19 seats.

Some BJP leaders have alleged that implementation of the 'guarantees' would push the State into financial bankruptcy, and have also claimed that the Congress would not honour its pre-poll promises fully.

During campaigning, Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders had repeatedly said that if

voted to power, the party's government in its maiden Cabinet meeting on the first day of assuming power would pass orders approving the 'guarantees' to facilitate their swift implementation.

The five schemes that the Congress guaranteed it would implement are 'Gruha Jyothi' — to provide 200 units electricity free to every household; 'Gruha Lakshmi' — to grant Rs 2,000 to every woman head of a family; 'Anna Bhagya' — to distribute 10 kg rice to every member of BPL families every month; 'Yuva Nidhi' — to sanction Rs 3,000 dole to unemployed

graduates and Rs 1,500 to unemployed diploma holders for two years (in the 18-25 age-group); and 'Shakti' — to enable free travel for women across Karnataka in state buses.

In an interview with PTI on Wednesday, vice chairman of the Congress manifesto drafting committee Professor K E Radhakrishna said the implementation of the five guarantee schemes will not cost more than Rs 50,000 crore annually. "I can authoritatively say that all these guarantee schemes put together will not be more than Rs 50,000 crore," he said.

India joins hands with Israel to set up 'Center of Water Technology'

At IIT-Madras

Chennai, May 17 (PTI):

Israel has partnered with India to set up a dedicated centre for water technology in association with the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras to provide sustainable management solutions for the domestic water sector.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has signed an agreement with Israel's agency for international development cooperation, MASHAV, to set up the institution that would be located on the IIT-Madras campus here.

"...the key objective of this new centre would be to ensure the implementation

of Israel's best technologies being practised in a tailor-made context for Indian requirements and work on sustainable management solutions for the Indian water sector," a press release from IIT-Madras said.

Following the plan to set up the centre in Chennai, a "letter of intent" was signed last week by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Manoj Joshi with IIT-Madras Director V Kamakoti, Ambassador of Israel to India Naor Gilon in the presence of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Israeli counterpart Eli Cohen. The Governments of India and Israel, through the 'India-Israel Center of Water Technology' at IIT-Madras would also work towards en-

hancing cooperation in specific areas of capacity-building of Indian water sector professionals at all levels, demonstrate the projects with the latest technologies and put up exhibitions of Israeli water companies. "We consider this (initiative) to set up the Center of Water Technology) as one of our most important collaborations working on conservation and proper utilisation of Mother Nature's greatest gift to mankind — water," Kamakoti said.

The two governments also intend to jointly identify specific projects relating to integrated water resources management, urban water supply, and non-revenue water, water and sewage recycling, the release said.

SC stays NCDRC order asking ITC to pay Rs 2 cr as damages

To model for haircut that went wrong

New Delhi, May 17 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Wednesday stayed an order of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) asking ITC to pay Rs 2 crore to a model as compensation for a faulty haircut at a hotel owned by the conglomerate.

A bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Sudhanshu Dhulia issued notice to model Aashna Roy on ITC's appeal challenging the NCDRC award. The top court said quan-

ting contracts presented by Roy. According to the model, she visited the salon at Hotel ITC Maurya, New Delhi on April 12, 2018 for hair styling. Since the hairdresser, who regularly used to do her hair, was not available, another person was assigned the job.

She gave specific instructions to the hair dresser. When the hair styling was complete, to her utter surprise, the model noticed that the hair dresser had chopped off her hair leaving only 4 inches at the top. The hair barely touched her shoulders which was quite contrary to the instructions she had given, the model claimed. According to the

model, as a result of the faulty haircut, she could not continue to lead her normal busy life as she no longer looked pretty. She said she had to face great humiliation and embarrassment. Her modelling career was completely shattered and she went into a state of depression, Roy claimed.

Left with no option, she filed a complaint before the NCDRC alleging deficiency in service, seeking written apology from the management as also a compensation of Rs 3 crore for harassment, humiliation, mental trauma, loss of career, loss of income and loss of future prospects.

UPSC offers alternative centres to candidates from Imphal

For civil services prelims

New Delhi, May 17 (PTI):

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has decided to offer alternative centres to the candidates who were allotted a centre in Manipur's Imphal for the civil services preliminary examination scheduled on May 28. Parts of Manipur witnessed ethnic violence earlier this month which claimed over 70 lives, left several injured and displaced thousands.

The centre change option will be available to such candidates through an Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) facility, an official statement issued by the UPSC said. A message in this re-

gard will be sent to each candidate on his/her mobile number registered with the Commission.

The candidates must use their registered mobile number to avail this facility through IVRS, it said. After carefully reviewing the situation in the state of Manipur in consultation with the state administration, the Commission has decided to offer alternate centres to the candidates of the Imphal (Manipur) centre of the civil services preliminary examination, 2023, the statement said.

The alternative centres are Aizawl (Mizoram), Kohima (Nagaland), Shillong (Meghalaya), Dispur (Assam), Jorhat (Assam), Kolkata (West Bengal) and Delhi, it said.

The civil services examination is conducted annu-

ally by the UPSC in three stages — preliminary, main and interview — to select officers of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) among others. Clashes broke out in Manipur after a "Tribal Solidarity March" was organised in the 10 hill districts on May 3 to protest against the Meitei community's demand for the Scheduled Tribe (ST) status. The violence was preceded by tension over the eviction of Kuki villagers from reserve forest land, which had led to a series of smaller agitations.

At least 73 people were killed, 231 injured and 1,700 houses, including religious places, were burnt in the ethnic violence that rocked the state, officials have said. The

Commission said that a candidate may also reach office of any district administration in the state of Manipur to contact the UPSC on 011-23070641, 23381073, 23384508 & 23387876 from 12 noon of 17th May, 2023 till 5 PM of 19th May, 2023, it said.

"The district administrations will have the data of all these candidates. The district administration will allow a candidate to make call to the UPSC's above helpline telephone numbers for availing centre change facility," the statement said.

Moreover, the option of change of centres for such candidates will also be available on the website of the UPSC (www.upsc.gov.in) from 12 noon of 17th May to 5 PM of 19th May, 2023 on round the clock basis, it said.

'Assam proactive to prevent crime against children'

Guwahati, May 17 (PTI):

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on Wednesday said Assam was proactively working towards eliminating crime against children.

Addressing a press conference here, NCPCR member Divya Gupta said crimes by juveniles in Assam were also "very less" compared to some other states.

"The Assam government is very proactive in preventing crimes against children. It is taking serious actions against criminals of child abuse," she said.

Without sharing data,

Gupta claimed that crimes against children were going down in the state. Talking about minors involved in crimes, she said that Assam is a "good state" with very few juvenile criminals lodged in correctional homes.

"I visited one such home, which houses juveniles from 13 districts. The total number of children staying there is only 50," Gupta said.

Referring to the two children allegedly abused physically and sexually by a doctor couple, the NCPCR member said she met them and they were recovering.

"They are in a safe place and utmost care is

being taken for their recovery. I cannot tell the kind of physical and sexual torture meted out to those two kids. There are injuries and burn marks on their private parts. Even animals do not behave like this," she said. Last month, the doctor couple was arrested in Guwahati for allegedly assaulting the two children whom they claimed to have adopted.

In total, three children — a boy and a girl aged around three and another boy of about 11 years — were rescued from their residence. The girl and the younger boy were allegedly assaulted.

SPL VACCINATION DRIVE



A healthcare worker administers a vaccine to a pilgrim during a special vaccination drive for Hajj-2023 pilgrims, in Srinagar, Wednesday.

'K'taka assembly win no guarantee Cong will perform well in 2024'

Patna, May 17 (PTI):

Political strategist-turned-activist Prashant Kishor Wednesday cautioned the Congress against "mistaking" the victory in Karnataka assembly polls as a precursor to its performance in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. His statement shared by 'Jan Suraj', a political campaign launched by the IPAC founder in his home state of Bihar, pointed out that despite the Congress winning the 2013 Karnataka elections it had gone on to lose to the BJP in 2014 Parliamentary elections as also that the grand old party had lost the 2019 Lok Sabha elections after winning in three major states a year before. "I congratulate the Congress upon its success in Karnataka. But I would also like to caution leaders and workers of the party against mistaking the assembly poll outcome



Prashant Kishor

for a hint of what lies in store in Lok Sabha polls," said Kishor, who stopped his statewide pada-yatra two days ago after a muscle tear in his leg. He has been convalescing at an undisclosed location since then. Kishor, perceived to be ideologically agnostic and hence suspected by political players of all hues to be an "agent" of the rival, reeled out statistics to buttress his point on Congress' prospects in Lok Sabha polls.

"It may be recalled that in 2012 the Samajwadi Party came to power in Uttar Pradesh with a clear majority. Two years later in the Lok Sabha poll BJP-led NDA swept the state, bagging 73 out of the 80 seats", he pointed out.

He also recounted the 2013 Karnataka assembly poll when the Congress won a majority but lost out to BJP miserably in the Lok Sabha polls.

"The Congress would also do well to remember its success in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh in the 2018 assembly polls, which was followed by its miserable performance in these states just a few months later in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls," Kishor said.

The 45-year-old political analyst has handled poll campaigns of leaders as diverse as Narendra Modi, Nitish Kumar, Arvind Kejriwal, M K Stalin and Jaganmohan Reddy.

BRIEF



Jury president Anaïs Demoustier poses for photographers at the photo call for the Camera d'or jury at the 76th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Wednesday.

Assembly dissolved

■ Quito: Ecuadorian President Guillermo Lasso on Tuesday put an end to impeachment proceedings against him by dissolving the opposition-led National Assembly, which had accused him of embezzlement. The right-wing president, who has denied any wrongdoing, can govern for up to six months by decree under the South American country's constitution. The National Electoral Council now has seven days to call presidential and legislative elections, which must be held within 90 days. Those elected will finish the terms of Lasso and the lawmakers he ousted, which had been set to end in May 2025.

Taipei mayor

■ Taipei: Taiwan's opposition Nationalist Party picked the popular mayor of New Taipei City, Hou Yu-ih, on Wednesday as its candidate in next year's presidential election, seen as a referendum on the island's future relations with China. Hou, the former head of the National Police Agency, will face current Vice President William Lai of the governing Democratic Progressive Party in the January polls.

Copyright violation

■ Copenhagen: Denmark's Supreme Court on Wednesday overruled two lower courts, saying a cartoon depicting Copenhagen's The Little Mermaid statue as a zombie and a photo of it with a face mask did not violate the copyright of the famous bronze.

Punjab govt gives Imran 24-hour deadline to handover 'terrorists' hiding at his Lahore residence

Lahore, May 17 (PTI)

The interim government in Pakistan's Punjab province on Wednesday claimed that some '30 to 40' terrorists are hiding at the Lahore residence of former prime minister Imran Khan, giving him an ultimatum of 24 hours to hand them over or face stern action.

The police in March had stormed the Zaman Park residence of Khan to arrest him but strong resistance of his party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, workers thwarted that plan. "We have received an intelligence report that some 30 to 40 terrorists who were involved in attacking the military installations,

especially Lahore Corps Commander House on May 9, are hiding at Zaman Park residence of Imran Khan. We give an ultimatum of 24 hours to hand them over to police or face stern action," Punjab's caretaker information minister Amir Mir said at a press conference.

Mir, who is the brother of known anchor Hamid Mir, asked Khan to take this ultimatum seriously as the law enforcement agencies have reserved the right to arrest the terrorists from his house.

Referring to the May 9 protesters as 'terrorists', Mir said the government was aware of their presence at Khan's Zaman

Park residence as it had credible intelligence reports.

"The intelligence report that has come is very alarming," Mir said, adding that the agencies were able to confirm the presence of the "terrorists" in Zaman Park through geo-fencing.

Geo-fencing is a technology that allows the movements of a person, vehicle, etc. to be recorded or limited using satellite signals.

Recalling the recent violent protests in the country following the arrest of ousted prime minister Khan, Mir alleged that "The PTI leadership had planned the attack before the arrest [of Imran Khan]."

The arrest of 70-year-old Khan on May 9 by the paramilitary Rangers at the Islamabad High Court premises triggered violent protests by his supporters across Pakistan.

For the first time in Pakistan's history, the protesters stormed the army headquarters in Rawalpindi and also torched the Corps Commander's house in Lahore.

Police put the death toll in violent clashes to 10 while Khan's party claims 40 of its workers lost their lives in the firing by security personnel.

Mir alleged that Khan has been targeting the military for over a year under a set plan.

PROTEST RALLY



Police outnumber protesters at a rally against the G-7 being held next to the Atomic Bomb Dome war memorial, ahead of the group's meeting in Hiroshima, western Japan, on Wednesday.

Indonesian police suspect Chinese tourist tortured, killed girlfriend before taking own life

Denpasar (Indonesia), May 17 (AP) Indonesian police investigating the deaths of a Chinese couple whose bodies were found bloodied and naked at a hotel in the resort island of Bali said Wednesday that the boyfriend killed the woman before killing himself. Police also said that the crime scene investigation and surveillance cameras from three hotels in Bali where the two stayed suggested that Cheng Jianan, 22, was tortured and drowned in a bathtub by her 25-year-old boyfriend, Lhi Chiming, following a series of arguments and fights.

Their naked bodies were found at the InterContinental hotel on May 1, with Cheng badly beaten in the bathroom with a neck wound. "No traces of anyone else in the room apart from them, such as fingerprints, blood and DNA," said Bambang Yugo Pamungkas, the police chief for Denpasar, Bali's capital. He said the couple arrived in Bali on April 27 for the second visit after their first trip in March. They changed hotels a day after Cheng reported to police that Lhi had lost his passport, Pamungkas said. A staff at Mansion Hotel told police that she saw Lhi's hand was bleeding and wrapped with a towel, and that he told her that he was in a fight with his girlfriend. Pamungkas said that police were still investigating a motive for the deaths.

Overseas travel ban lifted on Sri Lanka's ex-President Mahinda Rajapaksa

Colombo, May 17 (PTI)

A Sri Lankan court here on Wednesday ordered the lifting of the overseas travel ban on former president and prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

The Fort Magistrate's Court imposed a ban on overseas travel on Rajapaksa, 77, and over a dozen other politicians in May last year in view of investigations against them for their alleged involvement in the deadly attack on peaceful anti-government protesters in Colombo.

At least nine people were killed and over 300 others injured in the violence in May.

The overseas travel ban on former president

Rajapaksa, MP Rohitha Abeygunawardena, Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi, and ex-Provincial Council member Kanchana Jayaratne was completely lifted by the Fort Magistrate's Court on Wednesday, newsfirst.lk website reported.

Colombo Fort Magistrate Thilina Gamage ordered the court registrar to immediately convey the order to the Controller General of Immigration and Emigration. The impounded passports were ordered to be released to the four politicians, the Daily Mirror newspaper reported.

A number of MPs' homes and offices were torched by enraged mobs

in Sri Lanka last year in a wave of spontaneous violence triggered after then Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's supporters attacked anti-government protesters amidst the unprecedented economic crisis in the island nation. The protesters demanded the resignation of Rajapaksa's younger brother the then president Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned a few hours later and a curfew was imposed across the country.

Rajapaksa, known for his brutal military campaign against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) during his presidency from 2005 to 2015, saw his private residence set on fire.

Dozens of schools receive bomb threats following mass shootings

Belgrade, May 17 (AP)

Dozens of Serbian schools on Wednesday received bomb threats, the education ministry said, amid security concerns following two mass shootings early this month, including one in an elementary school.

The education ministry said 78 elementary schools and 37 high schools in Belgrade received warnings by email early on Wednesday that explosive devices had allegedly been planted.

Classes were postponed and students evacuated as police checked the buildings. There have been no reports that bombs were found in any of the schools, and police are yet to issue their report.

Similar multiple threats

have been sent to school addresses in the past, in Serbia and other countries in the region, and have proven false each time. However, the threats could further heighten security fears after the May 3 and May 4 shootings that left 18 people dead and 20 injured.

Authorities already have deployed police in schools and launched a gun crackdown.

The first shooting happened at an elementary school in central Belgrade when a 13-year-old boy took his father's gun and opened fire. A day later, a 20-year-old shot randomly at people with an automatic weapon in two villages south of Belgrade.

The shootings stunned Serbia and sparked calls for action.

Five dead as heavy rains burst riverbanks, flood towns

Rome, May 17 (AP)

Officials in northern Italy warned residents to get to higher ground Wednesday amid fears that rain-swollen rivers would again burst their banks, after flooding killed at least five people, forced the evacuation of some 5,000 and suspended some train services. Days of heavy rain stretched across a broad swath of northern Italy and the Balkans, where "apocalyptic" floods, landslides and evacuations were also reported in Croatia, Bosnia and Slovenia. Italian Civil

Protection Minister Nello Musumeci said five people were confirmed killed by flooding that struck Emilia-Romagna particularly hard, forcing the evacuation of 24 towns. At a briefing, Musumeci said he hoped those still reported missing would turn out to be false alarms.

The mayor of the city of Cesena, Enzo Lattuca, posted a video early on Wednesday on Facebook to warn that continued downpours in the Emilia-Romagna region could flood the Savio river and smaller tributaries for a second day. He urged resi-

dents to move to upper floors of their homes and avoid low-lying areas and riverbanks. He announced the closure to traffic of some bridges and streets after rivers of mud sloshed through town and into basements and storefronts. "The situation could again become critical," he said. "We cannot in any way lower our guard."

Musumeci said some 5,000 people had been evacuated, 50,000 were without electricity, and more than 100,000 without cell phone or landline use. The deputy chief of the Civil Protection agency, Titti

Postiglione, said rescue operations for those needing emergency evacuations were particularly difficult given so many roads and routes were flooded and phone service interrupted.

Speaking on Sky TG24, she noted that the affected flood zone covered a broad swath of four provinces which, until the heavy rains, had been parched by a prolonged drought.

Some regional train routes remained suspended Wednesday around Bologna and Ravenna, with severe delays elsewhere, the Italian state railway said.

India, EU committed to partnership to accelerate growth and deployment of advanced digital technologies

Brussels/London, May 17 (PTI): India and the EU have said they share fundamental values and have a common interest in ensuring security, prosperity and sustainable development in a multi-polar world and are committed to deepening their partnership to accelerate the growth and deployment of advanced digital technologies that will benefit both societies.

In a joint statement after the first meeting of the India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC), the two sides said they also face a challenging and volatile global political, economic and security landscape.

"In that context, both sides emphasised the importance of the rules-based international order and full respect for the

principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, transparency, and peaceful resolution of disputes," the statement said.

The meeting, which concluded in Brussels on Tuesday evening, was co-chaired by Executive Vice-Presidents Margrethe Vestager and Valdis Dombrovskis on the EU side, and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, and Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister for Skill Development and IT on the Indian side.

It ended in a joint statement which called for an annual TTC meeting alternating between the EU and India, with the next meeting planned for early 2024 in India. The two sides said the rapid

changes in the world's geopolitical environment highlight the need for an even deeper strategic partnership between India and the European Union.

"As vibrant democracies, open market economies and pluralistic societies India and the European Union share fundamental values and have a common interest in ensuring security, prosperity and sustainable development in a multi-polar world," it said. "India and the European Union are committed to deepening their partnership and leveraging their respective strengths to accelerate the development and deployment of advanced digital technologies that will benefit both societies and promote global progress in line with our common values," it said.

CONSTITUTION DAY



A view of the parade on Karl Johans gate on the occasion of Norway's Constitution Day, near Oslo, Wednesday.

European nations back system to calculate damage Russia caused in Ukraine

Reykjavik (Iceland), May 17 (AP): More than 40 countries at a summit of European leaders have backed a system to estimate the damage Russia is causing during the war in Ukraine, in the hopes Moscow can be forced to compensate victims and help rebuild the nation once the conflict is over.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine was the dominant topic during the meeting in the Icelandic capital, Reykjavik, where delegations from Council of Europe member states discussed how the continent's preeminent human rights organisation could support Kyiv.

France, Germany and the United Kingdom are

among the countries that have signed on to the most tangible outcome of the meeting: a new office to set up a register of damages which will allow victims of the war to report the harm they have suffered.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz called the register of damages "a significant contribution to international efforts to hold Russia to account for the consequences of its brutal actions."

Ten countries of the 46-member international body have not yet formally committed to the new organisation, which will be based in The Hague where several major international judicial organisations are already based.

UK university team creates Hindi video to combat heart disease risk

London, May 17 (PTI)

A team from a UK-based university has collaborated with experts in India to produce a Hindi video to raise awareness among non-English speaking people of South Asian origin about increased heart disease risks associated with their ethnicity. 'Meri Sehat, Mere Rules'

(my health, my rules) follows Indian-origin scientist Dr Kanta Kumar led research which found that patients of South Asian origin living with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) had limited knowledge about the increased risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD) that they face. The interactive video out this week spells out the risks and at-

tempts to educate RA patients to minimise the impact of CVD on them.

"Patient education has a significant role to play in reducing the risk of CVD for patients living with RA," said Dr Kumar, project leader from the University of Birmingham. There needs to be more interventions that are culturally centred to tar-

get the needs of the diverse population, he said, adding the biggest challenge is how to translate intent into action.

"We believe that our video will help inform the CVD risk and to overcome the cultural barriers that are preventing South Asian patients with RA from learning about the risks posed by CVD en-

couraging them to take steps to protect their health," he said.

His research, funded by US pharmaceutical company Pfizer, warns that South Asians have an increased risk of premature atherosclerosis while living with RA, but there are no culturally sensitive interventions in rheumatology practice.

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Uphold Justice, Not Fear

Need for Transparency in ED's Investigations

In a significant development, the Supreme Court has issued a directive to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to refrain from fostering an atmosphere of fear. The court firmly advised the Enforcement Directorate to create an atmosphere that upholds justice, rather than instilling fear, as such behavior undermines the credibility of genuine causes. This comes as the Chhattisgarh Government raised concerns about state excise department officials being threatened and coerced to implicate Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in a liquor irregularities case. The revelations surrounding the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and its alleged intimidation tactics have ignited concerns about the fairness and impartiality of investigations. The Chhattisgarh Government's plea to be impleaded in ongoing petitions, coupled with the Supreme Court's directive, marks a crucial moment in our pursuit of justice and demand for accountability. The allegations leveled against the ED by the Chhattisgarh Government are deeply troubling. Accusations of creating a climate of fear, threatening state excise department officials, and coercing them to implicate Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in a liquor irregularities case undermine the trust in our investigative agencies. Such tactics erode the very foundations of our legal system, raising serious doubts about the pursuit of justice. The government's application to be impleaded in the ongoing petitions signifies its unwavering commitment to address these concerns and ensure a fair investigation. Represented by Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, the Chhattisgarh Government has decried the ED's conduct, describing it as "running amok" and intimidating excise officers. These allegations demand urgent attention, as they strike at the heart of justice and fairness. In response to these serious accusations, the ED, represented by Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, has vehemently denied any wrongdoing, asserting that its probe is focused solely on the liquor irregularities. While it is crucial to uphold the presumption of innocence, the ED must also address the concerns raised by the Chhattisgarh Government and assure the public of its commitment to an impartial investigation. The liquor scam, unearthed by the ED's investigation, is a glaring example of corruption seeping into the system. The involvement of Arun Pati Tripathi, allegedly under the influence of Anwar Dhebar, has compromised the integrity of the state's liquor system. Through bribery, policy changes, and biased tendering processes, this scandalous abuse of power has resulted in staggering financial losses for the state and illegal proceeds amounting to over Rs 2,000 crore. In light of these revelations, it is imperative to demand accountability from those involved in this egregious corruption. Both Tripathi and Dhebar must face the consequences of their actions, ensuring that justice is served and public trust in governance is restored. Additionally, the ED should conduct an unbiased and meticulous investigation, leaving no room for doubt or suspicion. Transparency and fairness are the cornerstones of a just society. The ED's search operations in Raipur, Bhilai, and Mumbai have yielded significant evidence, including the discovery of properties acquired through illicit means and the seizure of incriminating documents. It is vital for the ED to handle this evidence with utmost care and present it in a manner that upholds the principles of due process and the rule of law. The Supreme Court's directive to the ED is a welcome step in our collective pursuit of justice. It emphasizes the importance of transparency, fairness, and the need to restore public trust in our investigative agencies. The ED must work closely with the Chhattisgarh Government to dispel doubts, rebuild confidence, and ensure a thorough, impartial investigation. Our society deserves nothing less than the highest standards of accountability and integrity. It is through transparency and fairness in our investigations that we can truly uphold justice and maintain the trust of the people. Let us remain vigilant, demanding that our institutions act with the utmost responsibility, so that justice prevails and the truth triumphs.

Urgent Need for an HIV Vaccine

Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

HIV remains one of the most pressing health crises plaguing the world today, with approximately 38.4 million people living with the virus in 2021. The UNAIDS report of the same year revealed that globally, 39 million individuals were affected by HIV/AIDS. Despite 25 million people receiving antiretroviral therapy (ART), at least 1.5 million deaths occur each year, with an equal number of new infections arising to replace them. India is among the countries witnessing a rise in HIV/AIDS cases. While HIV can be managed with treatment, AIDS, the advanced stage of the infection, cannot be cured and significantly reduces lifespan. Therefore, it is crucial to raise awareness about HIV vaccines and recognize the contributions of individuals working towards finding a permanent solution to this epidemic. World AIDS Vaccine Day, also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, is observed globally on May 18th. The day serves to spread awareness about the importance of developing a vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS. It also acknowledges the efforts of volunteers, healthcare professionals, supporters, and scientists who tirelessly work towards developing an effective and safe HIV vaccine. World AIDS Vaccine Day urges the international medical community to invest in new and effective technologies to comprehensively address this life-threatening problem. The quest for an HIV vaccine began 35 years ago, with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) initiating the first clinical trial in 1987. Despite ongoing efforts, a breakthrough has yet to be achieved. However, scientists have shown interest in mRNA platform technology following the successful development of COVID-19 vaccines. In March 2022, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), a part of the NIH, launched a Phase 1 clinical trial to evaluate three experimental HIV vaccines based on mRNA platforms. Researchers have been striving for over four decades to develop an HIV vaccine. However, the virus's mutability has presented significant challenges. Apart from a few notable cases, no one has been cured of an HIV infection. Nevertheless, new trials have commenced, and research is ongoing. While the timeline and specific mechanisms of an HIV vaccine remain uncertain, the dedication of investigators in this field offers hope for progress. World AIDS Vaccine Day provides an opportunity to express gratitude to the volunteers, community members, healthcare professionals, and scientists who collaborate to find a safe and effective preventive HIV vaccine. It also serves as a platform to educate communities about the significance of ongoing research in preventive HIV vaccines. The day reinforces the need for the medical community to embrace new and effective technologies to develop a comprehensive response to this life-threatening disease.

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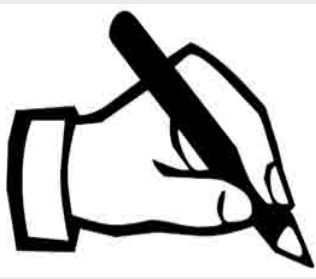


Marine Commandos (MARCOS), the Special Forces unit of the Indian Navy, patrol the Dal Lake, in Srinagar, Wednesday,

How Soon Will there Be An HIV Vaccine?



PROF. SUNIL GOYAL



HIV Vaccine Awareness Day is observed every year on May 18 and that, not only a truly effective, preventive HIV vaccine can limit and eventually eliminate the threat of AIDS, it recognizes the many volunteers, community members, health professionals, and scientists working together to develop a vaccine to prevent HIV. It is also an opportunity to educate communities about the importance of preventive HIV vaccine research. A safe and effective preventive HIV vaccine would play an essential role in ensuring the end of the HIV pandemic.

One prevention tool that has remained elusive is finding a vaccine against HIV. At the end of August 2021, Johnson & Johnson announced that an experimental HIV vaccine, a 15-year effort, offered no protection against HIV acquisition. However, there continues to be ongoing efforts to develop a vaccine against HIV. Moderna, Inc., is currently testing an HIV vaccine using the same messenger RNA vaccine technology that proved safe and effective against the coronavirus. A Phase 1 clinical trial began in November 2021.

Researchers are trying to develop an HIV vaccine, but decades after the search began, the efforts have so far come up short. Despite the slow progress,

scientists are still hopeful of success. Vaccines teach the immune system -- your body's defense against germs -- to recognize and fight off infection. They are made from the same viruses that cause disease, but the viruses are killed or weakened first so that you do not get sick. Your body reacts to a vaccine by making substances called antibodies, which fight a specific germ. They stay in your body and give you "immunity."

That means if you ever come in contact with a virus that causes the disease, your antibodies are there to protect you. Some examples of vaccines widely used to prevent disease include those for polio, chickenpox, measles, mumps, rubella, influenza (flu), hepatitis A and B, and human papillomavirus (HPV). As far as types of HIV vaccines are concerned, there are two types of HIV vaccines that researchers are working on: Therapeutic HIV vaccines. These are meant for people who already have HIV -- the virus that causes the disease AIDS. They're designed to prevent HIV from becoming AIDS. The hope is that they can replace daily HIV medications, keep you healthy, and stop you from passing the disease to others. Preventive HIV vaccines. These would be given to people who do not have HIV, to prevent them from getting infected in the future.

Researchers are still trying to figure out how to set off the right kind of immune response for HIV. Another stumbling block for scientists is that most vaccines use a weak or inactivated version of the germ to start your body's immune response. But that doesn't seem to work well for HIV, and a vaccine with a live virus is too risky to use. Now let us see the progress to-

wards making a vaccine. Despite these roadblocks, researchers believe an HIV vaccine is still possible. There are a number of promising approaches for vaccines that scientists are investigating, including: broadly neutralizing antibodies (bNAbs).

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Why the HIV Vaccine Has Been Hard to Develop?

Researchers have studied HIV vaccines for almost a quarter-century, but they have not yet found one that works. There are several reasons for this. In general, vaccines act in similar ways to a natural infection, which means your body makes antibodies to kill the virus. But HIV doesn't seem to activate this kind of response. There are no cases of a person who is HIV-positive who developed an immune response that successfully fought the infection.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

e-Waste Menace

New Exploration finds that our country's electrical and electronic waste (e-waste) has further than tripled in the last decade. The experts study had estimated the e-waste in the country to understand its lifecycle, from deals of electronics particular to e-waste generation. Their findings reveals that the e-waste generation per person has increased from 10 kg in 2000 to 29 kg in 2020. The estimated growth of e-waste is attributed to consumer habits and India's growing population. As the number of homes increases, so does consumption. Effective recycling and reduction strategies are crucial to manage the evolving electronics sector. Additionally, recycling e-waste can recover valuable resources and create a secondary resource chain, mitigating potential resource shortages. It is imperative that we prioritize responsible e-waste management to address this pressing environmental and economic challenge.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K, Raichur, Karnataka

The Lost Art of Letter Writing

In today's digital age, the art of letter writing seems to have faded away. Postcards are scarce in post offices, and letter writers lack the time, patience, and enthusiasm for this once cherished practice. With the convenience of technology, we prefer short and concise mediums to convey our messages instantly. Waiting for weeks, months, or even years for a response has become a thing of the past. Letter writing has become obsolete, overshadowed by social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Messenger. The internet has revolutionized communication, allowing news to travel across the globe in an instant, eliminating the need to wait for letters or answers. Letter writing has bid farewell, reminiscing about the sweet memories when people had the luxury of time for this forgotten art. Today, messages are constructed with emojis, GIFs, and other digital expressions. The era of black and white letters is gradually becoming a lost edition, where fathers would write letters to their daughters, creating cherished moments and historical records, just as Panditji did.

Rathin Kumar Chanda, Chandannagar, Hooghly

Infiltration: Local Complicity

The tragic incident in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri, where five soldiers lost their lives in a gunfight with militants, is deeply disheartening. This comes shortly after another ambush in Poonch, claiming the lives of five more soldiers. What is alarming is that these attacks are occurring within civilian-populated areas of the union territory, indicating the presence of local support for the militants, in addition to external aid from across the border. Pakistan persists in receiving backing from China, further complicating the situation. It is high time that peace is prioritized and these senseless killings are brought to a halt. Immediate action is required to address the issue of local complicity in terrorist activities.

Koshi Cheriyan, Kollam

Ensuring a Secure and Successful G20 Conference in Kashmir

Yash pal Raihan

The upcoming G20 conference scheduled to take place in Kashmir next week poses a crucial opportunity for India to showcase its global leadership and foster international cooperation. However, it is anticipated that elements from across the border will attempt to create disturbances in order to defame our country. The government must take extra measures to ensure the success of the conference while curbing extremist activities that have plagued the region in recent months.

The Indian Army has already demonstrated its commitment to safeguarding the peace and security of Kashmir. A recent incident saw militants attempting to infiltrate across the Line of Control, but thanks to the swift

response and firefight by Indian troops, the intruders failed to penetrate into the Kashmir valley. Yet, it is expected that such nefarious activities will persist until the conclusion of the G20 conference. Pakistan, eager to send militants into Kashmir ahead of the tourism group meeting, is employing various means to disturb peace in India, particularly in the Kashmir valley.

One of Pakistan's primary tactics is to support and aid militant groups operating in the region. These extremist organizations, backed by the Pakistani army, attempt to infiltrate Indian territory and carry out attacks on civilians and security forces. Moreover, the volatile situation in Pakistan, with allegations of electoral fraud, human rights violations, and a partial role of the judiciary in favor of Prime

Minister Imran Khan, has further contributed to the lack of stability in the political system. Economically, Pakistan is grappling with high levels of debt and inflation, resulting in a sharp decline in the value of the Pakistani rupee. This has forced Pakistan to seek loans from international financial institutions to sustain its economy.

Given these circumstances, it is unfortunate that Pakistan seems to have learned no lessons despite being on the verge of collapse. Instead, it seeks to divert attention and create disturbances using anti-national sources during the G20 conference. However, India remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the event.

Pakistan's motivation to disrupt the conference stems from its unease with India's rising

prominence on the world stage. India's growing presence, particularly as the President of the G-20 and SCO meetings, coupled with the support garnered from other major countries, has rattled Pakistan. In response, Pakistan resorts to desperate measures such as drug and arms smuggling through drones and cowardly attacks on civilians and the army, all in an attempt to revive terrorism.

Nevertheless, the Indian Army maintains a vigilant stance along the Line of Control to prevent any infiltration. Regular patrols are conducted near the fence and in nearby forest areas to ensure that no infiltrated militants enter the hinterland. Security agencies are well-prepared for the G-20 meeting, leaving no room for terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir.

It is worth mentioning the his-

torical precedent of extremists attempting to disrupt important dignitary visits in Kashmir. During Bill Clinton's visit to the Kashmir valley, extremists brutally killed 33 Sikhs in Chatsinghpura. Therefore, it is crucial for the government to exercise caution and take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of all participants during this critical event.

As the G20 conference approaches, India must demonstrate its ability to combat extremism and maintain a secure environment. A successful event will not only enhance India's global reputation but also showcase its commitment to peace, stability, and the fight against terrorism. With a vigilant security apparatus in place, India is poised to host a successful and impactful G20 conference in the beautiful region of Kashmir.



'In our family, we age backwards,' says SRK after getting Gauri's age wrong

Entrepreneur Gauri Khan corrected her superstar husband Shah Rukh Khan after he got her age wrong about when she started working. Shah Rukh and Gauri were speaking at the launch event of her coffee table book 'My Life in Design'. SRK then spoke about about how his wife Gauri started her work on her own. He shared that even though he offered to her help her, she denied taking any. Shah Rukh said: "It doesn't make a difference to all the youngsters, to all the people who miss out on a dream of their life to be creative. You can start at any age. I think Gauri started mid-40s." Shah Rukh then looked at Gauri, who corrected him saying that she started working at the age of 40. Flaunting his iconic smile, Shah Rukh then said: "40? Oh, only 40. She is 37 now. In our family, we age backwards. So yes, at 40 she started doing this at a time when I even told her, 'Listen, should I be helpful? I have some friends we can talk to them?' She said, 'No.'" "She started with a 10 feet by 20 feet shop in Lower Parel. She worked it all out on her own and continued doing what she does."

'I'm so honoured and humbled'

Paatal Lok emerged as one of the most critically acclaimed and loved shows on OTT ever since its release on Amazon Prime Video, turning Jaideep Ahlawat into an overnight sensation. The turning point of the actor's career clocked three years on 15th May, Monday, expressing his gratitude for all the love and appreciation, Jaideep Ahlawat penned a thank you note on his social media.



Not only did Jaideep thank his fans, but also gave a special shout-out to the screenwriter Sudip Sharma, shining the spotlight on "the real boogyman", depicting the humility of the actor. After the ground breaking success of season one, Jaideep Ahlawat's Paatal Lok is now all set for season 2, and has already begun the shoot. Playing a fierce cop determined to eradicate crime in his zone, Hathi Ram Chaudhary won Jaideep his first Filmfare Award for

Paatal Lok, making the show forever special to the actor.

Acclaimed and celebrated as one of the most critically appreciated actors of the Hindi entertainment industry, Jaideep Ahlawat has treated the audience with memorable roles through the journey of his career over the years.

With varied performances across genres, Jaideep Ahlawat has delivered remarkable and memorable characters including Hathi Ram Chaudhary in Paatal Lok, Deepankar Sanyal

in The Broken News, and Bhoora Singh Solanki in An Action Hero.

Being a part of some very popular films like Gangs of Wasseypur, Khatta Meetha, Rockstar, Raees, Raazi, amongst others, Jaideep Ahlawat rose to fame as the lead in Amazon Prime Video's Paatal Lok, followed by The Broken News on Zee5.

Looking forward to the release of Kareena Kapoor co-starrer The Devotion of Suspect X, Jaideep Ahlawat has an interesting slate of projects ahead.

Month before 'Adipurush' release, Prabhas shares stunning new poster



The countdown has started for the theatrical release of 'Adipurush'. The movie will premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival, which will be followed by its theatrical release in India, exactly one month from today.

The makers of the film dropped a stunning new poster, featuring Prabhas

as Raghava. Sharing the poster on social media, Prabhas wrote in the caption: "Mangalmay Har Bhakt Hoga, Jab Adipurush Ka Swagat Hoga. The devotion of everyone abounds as Adipurush's arrival re-sounds, One month to go! Jai Shri Ram #Adipurush in cinemas worldwide on 16th June!"

Sandhya Mridul says Jodha in 'Taj' is a mark of strength

Actress Sandhya Mridul, who is receiving a lot of positive response for the second season of 'Taj: Divided by Blood', has shared that her character in the show is a testimony of compassion and strength.

Talking about how the character progresses in the show, the actress said, "You see Jodha supports Salim as he attempts to return from exile. That is when you see how truly self-less, compassionate, and strong a mother she is when it comes to supporting and backing Salim. She doesn't waver for a bit".

She further mentioned, "She may be soft otherwise but when it comes to Salim and his journey, Jodha is his pillar. Additionally, she is not just his pillar she is someone he can trust totally in this bloody battle".



Sunidhi Chauhan: 'I sing from my heart, I know nothing else'

The singer with the famous velvety voice, Sunidhi Chauhan, said here on Tuesday that "when I am on stage, I am my most real self, my most comfortable self". Chauhan was raising awareness about a charity show being for the Cancer Patients Aid Association on World No Tobacco Day, namely, May 31.

The singer, along with the key members of the association, including its executive director, Anita Peter, addressed a press conference in Mumbai to announce the fundraiser. It is being called 'Sunidhi LIVE'.

When asked about the show and her plans for it, Chauhan said: "I will perform as I always perform at concerta, my primary aim is to raise funds for this association and I hope that happens in a very good way. Plus, people coming to the concert must be able to enjoy themselves. I sing from heart -- because I don't know anything else."



SPNI makes strategic leadership changes



Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI) has made strategic leadership changes to align with its vision for the future. The goal is to enhance focus on priorities and ensure success in the rapidly evolving M&E industry. Under the new structure, Danish Khan will serve as Business Head for Sony LIV and Studio NEXT, exclusively focusing on digital offerings. Meanwhile, Neeraj Vyas will oversee SPNI, Hindi language entertainment as Business Head for SET, SAB, PAL, and Hindi Movies.

Karan Suchak talks about risks and venturing into new roles

Karan Suchak, a renowned television actor recently joined the cast of Star Bharat's "Na Umra Ki Seema Ho" as 'Jai'. With a decade-long career in the television industry and experience playing several mythological characters on-screen, Karan discusses his decision to take on the role of Jai and his aspirations for exploration and challenge as an actor.

Karan explains, "I have been a part of television for many years now and have played some remarkable characters, but mostly in mythological shows. I was frequently getting offered similar roles, which is why I wanted to



take risks and explore different types of roles. 'Na Umra Ki Seema Ho' came

at the right time when I was looking for something distinct and challenging, and so I accepted the offer."

In addition, Karan speaks positively about the set and the cast of "Na Umra Ki Seema Ho," expressing his delight with their welcoming nature. Although he had not previously worked with Iqbal Khan, who gifted him a chocolate on his first day of shooting, he had collaborated with Deepshikha Nagpal on a previous show. Despite this, he is eager to portray the character of Jai to the best of his ability, hoping that the audience will enjoy seeing him in this new role.

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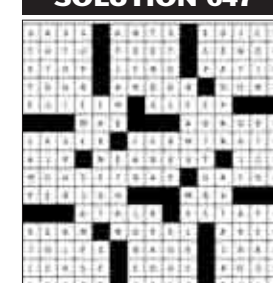
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'CUET-UG not to make board exams redundant'

New Delhi, May 17 (PTI):

The Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admission to undergraduate programmes is not likely to make the board exams irrelevant, according to UGC Chairman M Jagadish Kumar.



M Jagadish Kumar

The pass percentage and number of students scoring above 90 per cent and 95 per cent in CBSE class 12 declined this year, kick-starting a debate about whether the introduction of the CUET has taken the focus off board exams and will end up making them redundant in the longer run.

"The basic eligibility criterion for entrance into universities remains unchanged which is that a candidate must have passed the class 12 examination from any recog-

igibility criteria are a key factor for admission to all universities and other examinations such as JEE (engineering) and NEET (medical) at the national level." "The principles for university entrance exams require a common test. The National Testing Agency (NTA) is working to offer a high-quality Common Aptitude Test, as well as specialised common subject exams in the sciences, humanities, languages, arts and vocational subjects. "These exams will test conceptual understanding and the ability to apply knowledge and shall aim to eliminate the need for taking coaching for these exams," he said. "Students have been able to choose the subjects for taking the test and each university will be able to see each student's

individual subject portfolio and admit students into their programmes based on individual interests and talent," he added. Asked about how CUET will provide an edge to students over the board exam marks for UG admissions, Kumar said, "In the past, students used to be under stress to secure more than 95 per cent marks in class 12 board examination to get admission in the university of their choice. "With the introduction of CUET, the stress on them for securing very high marks in the one and only board examination stands reduced. Marks given by different boards vary widely because of the typology of questions and the scoring pattern. These things will now be standardised under CUET," he said.

PROTEST MARCH



Tibetan Women's Association members stage a protest against Chinese government, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, Wednesday.

'The Kerala Story' makers announce initiative to rehabilitate

Victims of religious conversion

Mumbai, May 17 (PTI):

"The Kerala Story" producer Vipul Shah on Wednesday announced an initiative to help rehabilitate 300 alleged victims of religious conversion at an ashram and pledged Rs 51 lakh towards the effort.

"The Kerala Story", a film on conversion that has polarised the political discourse in the country leading to bans in some states and a tax-free status in others, hit the screens on May 5. It is directed by Sudipto Sen and stars Adah Sharma in the lead. Shah said they made the movie with the goal to support the victims of conversion and their initiative 'Protect The Daughters' is a step in the same direction. On accusations of tar-

"The main reason for us to make The Kerala Story, why Sudipto came forward with the story and made the film, is to help these girls. We're going to start by helping rehabilitate 300 girls in the ashram. We, Sunshine Pictures and the team of 'The Kerala Story', would like to start by donating Rs 51 lakh," the producer told reporters at a press conference here.

The team of "The Kerala Story" was joined on stage by 26 alleged victims of conversion. "All these girls are very brave, face a lot of dangers daily. Despite those dangers, they've come here to speak up. Today, we're beginning an initiative called 'Protect The Daughters', an ashram, which will be a safe space for victims like them," Shah added.

getting a particular community through "The Kerala Story", director Sen said the team did not want to do a "balancing act". "This is not about any religion. Not Hindu, Muslim or Christian. It is about three girls who represent the sufferings of thousands of girls. It was not about showing a few Hindus or Muslims in a good light. Each and every word and visual we have spoken or shown, it is correct. How far it is correct, you can cross question with them (alleged victims on stage)," he added. Shah said it would be a disservice to focus on "iconography" of the film rather than pay attention to the pain the alleged victims have endured over the years. The producer also urged people to turn out to watch the film in huge numbers.

"The Kerala Story" has reportedly crossed Rs 150 crore mark at the box office. "Approximately 1 to 1.15 crore people have watched the movie in the last 11 days. But the population of our country is 140 crore and one crore is a very small number of that population. I feel every citizen should watch this film with their family. "I also believe that 5-6 crore people would have seen the film through pirated versions. I also request them that even if you have seen the pirated version, you should become the voice of these girls and watch this film (in theatres). These girls are not just from Kerala, this is happening across the country. If we don't react now then it'll be too late. Which is why it is our responsibility that we watch this film and be-

come the voice of these girls," Shah said. Sharma praised the women for coming forward with their stories. "These girls deserve a huge round of applause that they've come here despite knowing that they'll be judged," she said. Shruuti, who introduced herself as a lifetime worker at a Kerala-based ashram, claimed that she was "a victim of ideological conversion". "Many people have been brainwashed. We de-brainwash them and bring them back to the right path. We've brought back more than 7,000 people to Sanatana Dharma. Majority were misguided towards Islamic, anti-national and anti-human ideologies. Majority were love trapped in jihad. Our duty is toward the entire world, not just Kerala," she claimed.

'Warm ice age' altered Earth's climate cycles: Study

New Delhi, May 17 (PTI):

Scientists say the simultaneous events of an exceptionally warm and moist period ushered in by a "warm ice age" approximately 7,00,000 years ago and the expansion of polar glaciers played a critical role in permanently altering the climate cycles on Earth. A European research team including Earth scientists from Heidelberg University, Germany, used recently acquired geological data in combination with computer simulations to identify this seemingly paradoxical connection. They have published their results in the journal Nature Communications. The researchers said that it was only in the past

7,00,000 years that phases shifted between distinct glacial and warm periods about every 1,00,000 years. Before then, they said, the Earth's climate was governed by 40,000-year cycles with shorter and weaker glacial periods. Glacial periods, or geological ice ages, are characterised by the development of large ice sheets in the Northern Hemisphere. The change in the climate cycles occurred in the Middle Pleistocene Transition period, which began approximately 1.2 million years ago and ended about 670,000 years ago. "The mechanisms responsible for this critical change in the global climate rhythm remain largely unknown. They

cannot be attributed to variations in the orbital parameters governing the Earth's climate," explained Associate Professor Andre Bahr, Heidelberg University. "But the recently identified 'warm ice age', which caused the accumulation of excess continental ice, did play a critical role," said Bahr. For their investigations, the researchers used new climate records from a drill core off Portugal and loess records from the Chinese Plateau, the data from which was then fed into computer simulations. The models showed a long-term warming and wetting trend in both subtropical regions for the past 800,000 to 670,000 years.

EXPERTS WARN

'Unchecked pilgrimage, construction in Uttarakhand spell disaster'

For fragile Himalayas

New Delhi, May 17 (PTI):

Crumbling mountainsides, sinking towns and untrammelled construction. It is against this backdrop that thousands of pilgrims make their way to the upper reaches of Uttarakhand each day, posing serious risk to the fragile Himalayan region, say experts. That reports of landslides are increasing and people in subsidence-hit Joshimath, the gateway to Badrinath, one of the Char Dham destinations, are being compelled to

move back to the homes they left because of large cracks add to the general sense of foreboding gripping the area. Environmentalists point to the road expansion project as another factor posing a serious risk to the stability of the region, already highly prone to climate-driven disasters, experts say. The Uttarakhand government's decision to lift the daily cap on the number of pilgrims visiting the state for the Char Dham Yatra is a matter of grave concern, according to environmental activist Atul Sati. Earlier, the daily limits were — Yamunotri

(5,500 pilgrims), Gangotri (9,000), Badrinath (15,000) and Kedarnath (18,000). "The increasing influx of thousands of pilgrims per day to Badrinath and other pilgrimage sites, along with a surge in the number of vehicles and heedless construction projects in the vicinity, is posing a significant threat to the ecological and biological diversity of the region," Sati told PTI. "On May 4, a mountain crumbled in Helang on the way to Joshimath while road widening was taking place. After Joshimath, the land is sinking in many other places in Uttarakhand.

MNF claims majority in Chakma council

After BJP, Cong members join party

Aizawl, May 17 (PTI):

The Mizo National Front (MNF) on Wednesday claimed to have secured majority in Chakma Autonomous District Council (ADC) in south Mizoram's Lawngtlai district after a total of five members from the BJP and Congress joined the ruling party of the state. In the 20-member ADC, the magic number to form the board is 11 and the MNF strength has now gone up to 15 following defection of three BJP members and two Congress members. MNF Legislative Party leader Rasik Mohan Chakma said, "The party staked claim to

form the board in ADC before attaining the magic figure as it was the single largest party with 10 members." The May 9 elections to the ADC threw up a hung House as no party was able to secure the magic figure of 11. While the MNF won 10 out of 19 seats where elections were conducted, the BJP won five and the Congress four. Chakma said three of the five elected BJP candidates defected to the MNF last week while two Congress members joined the party on Tuesday. Polling was not held in one constituency, Rengkhashya, on May 9 due to the death of a BJP candidate in a clash on May 4. Election to the constituency was held on Wednesday and the result will be declared on Friday.

Renaming of Rajpath to Kartavya Path 'pure politics': Tharoor

New Delhi, May 17 (PTI):

The renaming of the historic Rajpath to Kartavya Path was "pure politics" as 'Rajpath' itself is a Hindi word, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor said. Interacting on the sidelines of a panel discussion on the book, 'British Takeover of India: Modus Operandi,' held at the India International Centre here Tuesday evening, Tharoor also said that he was in favour of renaming of places named after "obscure Brits" and name them after Indians, even

as he wondered what rechristening of Bombay, Calcutta, and Madras, really accomplished. "It's a complicated issue because some places have acquired a certain resonance in the memories of Indians who have grown up with them," he told PTI when asked about his views on the renaming of streets, cities, and institutions. A large number of roads, parks, schools, hospitals and other institutions, besides prominent cities, have been renamed in the last 75 years in the name of shedding "colo-

nial baggage." Many historians and heritage experts have decried the rechristening of old cities and landmarks over the years, saying it "breaks the continuity of history" and the practice was tantamount to the "erasure of public memories." "I am all in favour of renaming of places carrying names of obscure Brits, and instead honouring Indians. But, at some point, I think you have to... For example, renaming of cities like Bombay, Madras and Calcutta, I am not sure

what it really accomplished," Tharoor said. सर्वप्रथम अत्याधुनिक (अल्ट्रा मॉडर्न) घर्ष युनिट. 10 इंटरसिब आइसोलेशन केयर ग्लान्स केबिन, हेवा फिल्टर/लेमिनर फ्लो 100% जीवाणु रहित ग्लान्स केबिन. 24 Hours Helpline 9926386660 कोटा-गुदियारी रोड़, होटल पिकाडली के पीछे, रायपुर. Corporate Office: 345, Shradha House, Kingsway, Nagpur - 440001. www.raisoni.net admissions@raisoni.net. 8669989061, 9307900681, 9307900682

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