

BSF jawans evacuate injured naxal in Kanker

● **Humanitarian face of Border Security Force**

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Bhilai, May 28: Keeping humanity on the top priority, the brave jawans of Border Security Force evacuated an injured woman naxalite after an encounter in Kanker on Saturday. The injured lady naxal was actively engaged in the gun battle against the security forces and had suffered a bullet injury on the leg due to which she was not able to flee with her accomplices.

Later when the BSF troops found her lying injured, they carried her on a cot to the Company Operated Base of BSF. After administering first aid at the Base Camp, the naxal was shifted to the Government Hospital in an ambulance. Her condition was reported to be out of danger, informed IG Indraj Singh (BSF Headquarters,



Special Operations Chhattisgarh) while addressing media persons here on Sunday.

Sharing details of this encounter, he said that BSF is deployed in the highly sensitive Naxal infested District of Chhattisgarh. They were receiving regular inputs about movement of Naxals in the area.

Accordingly, a special operation was planned for intervening night of 26-27 May 2023 under which 07 different parties of BSF from COB Sangam, COB

Maroda, COB Chhotebetia, COB Badejharkata, COB Mandagaon, COB Mendra and COB Badgaon carried out an aggressive operation against naxals in the area north of AbujMaad. A team from COB Mendra led by Assistant Commandant Tara Dutt was on move when the naxals opened fire.

BSF party immediately retaliated to the fire and contained the area. It was a deep forest area with isolated houses and undulated terrain. BSF Party could re-

alise that some Naxals are hit but could not confirm at that hour due to darkness.

BSF troops remained in position throughout the night. Reinforcement was rushed taking due precautions consisting of BSF troops led by Second in Command Vinod Adhikari. The area was thoroughly searched at first light.

One female naxal was found lying on the ground with bullet injuries on the leg. The injured woman was identified as an active naxal Phagni Podyam. BSF

jawans carried her on a cot to the Base Camp and after administering first aid, she was shifted to the hospital.

IG Indraj Singh said that the Naxals were in a small group of 8 to 10 who laid ambush on the BSF party. Remaining Naxals flee away taking advantage of the dark night. Phagni Podyam could not flee away as she was badly injured. BSF troops under the fearless command of Coy Comdr and the Battalion Offg Commandant Vinod Adhikari did an excellent job.

BSF troops not only evaded the motive of Naxals but also ensured that no innocent civilian is harmed. Chhattisgarh Frontier has also apprehended 03 highly active Naxals one week before from Kanker District only. Such well-planned and meticulously executed operations have resulted in Naxals being on back foot and BSF inching towards exterminating the evil of Naxalism.

Committee of Parliament on Official Language visits BSP



● **Witnesses Steel Making at Modex Units**

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Bhilai, May 28: The Committee of Parliament on Official Language, arrived on a visit to SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant on May 24, 2023. At the outset of the Plant visit, Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP), welcomed the members of the Committee at Safety Excellence Centre inside the Plant, where they were also briefed about safety. The Committee visited various

production units of Bhilai Steel Plant and witnessed Steel Making at the Modex Units and reviewed the performance of the plant.

During his visit to the Plant, members of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language, took keen interest in operations at Modex Units, including Blast Furnace 8, Steel Melting Shop 3 and Universal Rail Mill.

Accompanied by S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects) with Additional Charge of (P&A), Tapas Dasgupta, CGM I/c (Iron) and other senior officers of the Plant, the Committee of Parliament on Official

Language witnessed production of hot metal at Blast Furnace 8, production of crude steel at SMS 3 and production of world's longest rail at Universal Rail Mill. The committee members appreciated the performance of Bhilai Steel Plant.

Following the Plant visit, the committee members visited the Library located at the Human Resource Development Centre. S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects) with Addl Charge of (P&A), Nisha Soni, GM (HRD), and Sandeep Mathur, CGM (Personnel) were also present on this occasion.

Durg tops the list in providing employment to women in MGNREGA



■ Employment was provided to 51362 laborers daily
■ Women's participation in MGNREGA works was highest at 72 percent

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Bhilai, May 28: In the direction of providing employment to laborers in the district under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), the administration is making sustained efforts in the interest of laborers under the guidance of Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena and District Panchayat CEO Avnish Kumar. Consequently, Durg district has topped the list in the state in providing employment to the labourers. 927 construction works approved by the District Panchayat under MGNREGA are going on. Daily employment has been provided to

51362 workers.

Villagers are working under MGNREGA in various works including Amrit Sarovar, new pond construction, pond deepening, Dabri construction, Narva Bandhan, self-help group work shed construction. Local level employment was made available to the laborers in the district. It is worth mentioning that work was provided to 16511 laborers in 319 works of Dhamdha development block, 14079 laborers in 248 works of Durg development block, 20772 laborers in 360 works of Patan development block. In this manner, employment has been provided to 51,362 laborers in the district. Works are approved on the basis of demand in Gram Panchayat. The workers are being paid as per the new wage rate amounting to Rs 221. The participation of women in MGNREGA works has been the highest at 72 percent. On the other hand, the highest number of laborers in the state were employed in Durg district.

Worshipping God must be top priority in daily routine: Prembhushan Ji Maharaj

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Bhilai, May 28: On Sunday, Prembhushan Ji Maharaj urged all the followers of Sanatan Dharma to give first priority to the daily worship of god. Speaking about the divine knowledge written in the Vedic scriptures, he said that a simple principle has been given in the scriptures according to which a man should leave all the works to eat food, leave thousands of works to take a bath and should avoid lakhs of tasks to donate. At last it is written that one should leave all these works to worship God.

He further said people who have taken birth in Sanatan Dharma must know whom they should worship and whose bhajan has to be done. Nowadays, the tradition has started to worship Bhoot, Pret, Pisach and Jogini Jamat, which is very dangerous.

The one who goes to



the worship method of Aghor Panth is sure to get some organ of the body damaged, said Pujya Prembhushan Ji Maharaj while reciting the story from the Vyaspeeth on the second day of the nine-day Shri Ram Katha at Shri Shankaracharya Medical College Ground, Junwani, Bhilai.

To awaken the Sanatan Samaj of India and the whole world through Shri Ramkatha, well-known

storyteller Prembhushan Ji Maharaj said that if you do not know whom we should worship, then directly chant 'Om Namah Shivay'.

By serving Lord Shiva, one will get the correct path or come to know whom he should worship. If you are a Vaishnav then worship Lord Krishna, if you are a Shaivite then worship Lord Shiva and if you are a Shakta then worship Maa Bhagwati. He clari-

fied that the deities are worshiped only for the attainment of worldly desires whereas the worship of God is to ensure the spiritual journey.

He further said that nowadays people say that they have to make a Guru, but in reality a Guru cannot be made but it is the presence of Guru element. Some people even talk of testing Guruji but it is not appropriate to test the Saints, Mantras, Scriptures and



Gurus. One should go to the refuge of the Guru and seek Mantra Deeksha and guidance. Deeksha is such a sacrament by which consciousness comes in human life.

Man should always act in his life according to the religion. When the Karma deteriorates, then even after making a million efforts, the mind goes under the control of Kaal.

Happiness and sorrow both are sure to come in the life of a man, one

comes and the other goes. Sorrow or happiness, both come in the life of a man according to his own deeds.

A large number of distinguished people were present to listen to the stories of Maa Sati, the marriage of Lord Shiva and Maa Parvati. Mukhya Yajmaan IP Mishra and his family offered prayers to the Vyaspeeth. Thousands of devotees were present on the second day.

Doctors of JLN Hospital carry out Complex Surgery

To treat Cancer Patient with Cardiac Complications

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Bhilai, May 28: Periampullary Cancer is a very complicated disease and its surgery (Whipple's procedure) is one of the challenging surgeries of the abdomen.

The morbidity and complications of surgery increases with age and comorbidity like long-standing Diabetes. A patient with such complexities was successfully treated and discharged from Department of Surgery of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's JLN Hospital & Research Centre.

A 71-year-old male, an ex-employee of BSP was admitted with jaundice. On further investigation, he was found to have periampullary cancer. As the first step, CBD stenting was done by Gastroenterologist, Dr Jeevan Lal to control the jaundice. Once jaundice was brought under control, surgery (Whipple's



procedure) was performed successfully. On 5th day after operation, the patient suffered a massive heart attack. With the collective effort of doctors of JLN Hospital & RC, the patient was revived and his condition improved steadily. The patient was discharged 34 days after surgery. The patient is doing well presently.

The surgery was performed under the able leadership & guidance of Dr Sumanta Mishra, ACOG & HOD (Surgery)

by Dr Manish Dewangan, Dr Dhiraj Sharma and team. The Anaesthesia team was led by Dr (Ms) Vineeta Dwivedi (CMO), Dr Tanuja Anand and Dr Shikha Agrawal. Dr Avinash Asthana (In-charge, ICU), Dr Rajeev Priya, Dr Upendra Jain & Dr AD Banerjee played vital role in managing the cardiac complications of the patient in ICU.

The team of physicians led by Dr Pramod Binayake (CMO) constantly monitored the patient's

condition & ensured smooth recovery from his cardiac ailment. CMO I/c Dr M Ravindranath appreciated the efforts of all the doctors involved and congratulated the team at JLN Hospital for successfully treating the patient.

It is worth mentioning that the Department of Surgery, JLN Hospital & RC is treating patients under PMJAY scheme since July 22. So far 42 patients who have taken cashless benefit under the scheme have been treated.

The Dept of Surgery is regularly performing basic and advanced laparoscopic surgery for gall bladder, appendix, all types of hernia, liver abscess, diagnostic lap, etc. The Dept is also performing surgeries for abdominal malignancies with good success rate. With the inclusion of PMJAY Scheme, this hospital is proving to be a boon for patients of this area needing surgical treatment.

Free Medical camp organised at Village Dania

Bhilai, May 28: Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts several public welfare activities as part of its organizational social responsibility towards the community in and around its areas of operations. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the plant organized a one-day free Health Camp, which started on May 24, 2023 at Village Dania. The expert medical team from CSR department, comprising health experts, Dr Isha Kujur, Pharmacist, Khilawan Kumbhkar, Rekha Dev for Blood-sugar and BP examination, 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 34 villagers from Village Dania, including 10 men, 12 women and 12 children availed health services at the day long Health Camp and free medicines were distributed to them.

Women earn over Rs 94 lakhs by cultivating vegetables

■ **Community Baadis prove to be a milestone in the direction of health and employment of villagers**

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Bhilai, May 28: Horticulture crops (vegetables) are being produced by Bhagwati self-help groups in the community Baadi in Arsnara village of Patan. Purnima Pandariya, a member of the self-help group, said that along with technical guidance, the department has provided shade net house, drip, vegetable mini kit, cabbage, brinjal, power weeder, etc as grants to them. She said that an income of more than Rs 94 lakh has been generated from the production of vegetables. Along with this, women are making good income in villages Fekari, Kesra, Borenda, Bathena, Kauhi, Chandkhuri, Ganiyari, Purai, Patharia Doma, Chetwa, Sandi, Kodia and Ghughsidih. Development of individual and community Baadi is proving to be a



milestone in the direction of health and employment of citizens in rural areas.

A unique initiative is being taken by the Department of Horticulture through "Narva, Garwa, Ghuruva, Bari" scheme, under which individual and community baadis are being developed on a large scale to reduce malnutrition level in the district along with ensuring additional income for the villagers. The main objective of this initiative is to provide fresh and chemical free nutritious fruits and vegetables to the people living in the rural environment at their village only. Apart from this, rural families are being empowered physically, mentally and financially by increas-

ing the number of nutritious food items in their food plate. According to statistics, from the year 2020-21 in Durg district, vegetables are being cultivated by women of self-help groups in community Baadis. There were a total of 34 community baadis in the district in the year 2020-21, which has increased to 139 small and big community baadis in the year 2022-23. 16 fruit gardens are being developed in Dhamdha, Patan and Durg development blocks, where guava, banana, papaya etc have been grown. 137 women of self-help groups have produced 4235.34 quintals of greens and vegetables in 278 hectares and earned an income of 94.40 lakhs.

Health Department team discusses with experts of St. John God Hospital, Australia

● **Studies SOP, quality healthcare delivery and medical audit system in tertiary care hospitals**

Raipur, May 28: Health Minister TS Singhdeo and officials visited St. John God Hospital in Geelong city of Australia and held discussions with experts. The health department team has reviewed the quality health services provided at St. John God Hospital on the specified parameters, the medical audit system and the quality training given to the students besides studying protocol and services provided to the patient in the Golden Hour, at St. John God Hospital. The experts from St John God Hospital also briefed the state team about the health facilities provided in the rural areas.

Senior cardiothoracic surgeon Dr Jain suggests need to develop medical audit system
The Health Department



team met Dr Jitendra Kumar Jain, Chief Cardiothoracic Surgeon at St. John God Hospital. According to Dr Jain, who has been serving in Australia for the last 20 years, better healthcare facilities can be provided in the hospitals only on the basis of discipline, quality and teamwork. He stressed on the need to develop medical audit system along with better skills in the hospitals during the discussion with Secretary, Health Department, Prasanna R. Dr Jain said that in case

of death of the patient, there should be multiple and independent audit. According to him apart from medical consent, financial consent should also be taken from the relatives of the patient. It should also be ensured that the follow-up of all the patients is taken by the doctor himself so that the patients and their relatives can be assured of better treatment, he said.

Dr. Jain told that medical experts doing post graduation should have log book analysis during surgery. This log book

should also be evaluated at multiple levels so that the student's confidence towards the work is always maintained, he said. According to him it is very difficult to do surgical work without team work. The Health Department team also discussed with Dr Jitendra Jain the issues like stopping the serving doctors from going out. A doctor needs an independence and sensitized motivation, he said.

Dr. Jain expressed happiness after meeting the health department team from Chhattisgarh and ex-

pressed his gratitude for the meeting. Dr Jitendra Kumar Jain is a 1988 batch alumnus of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Raipur and is today known as Australia's renowned heart-key-hole (cardiothoracic) surgeon. Keart-key-hole surgery is a latest technique of heart operation. Dr Jain has served in India as well as in USA and New Zealand.

Discussion on family physician

The Health Department team also discussed with Dr. Rupali Jain, working as a Family Physician and General Practitioner in Australia. Dr. Rupali Jain asked the patients to approach the medical specialist only after examination by the General Practitioner so that the load of patients in the hospitals could be reduced. She underlined the importance of providing family physician services in rural areas and shared experiences with the state team on the topic of specialist links.

RAMAYAN COMPETITION



Different Ramayan mandlis performed in the state-level Ramayan competition at DD Auditorium here on Sunday and the winners were presented award as well.

DLit degree awarded to Gou Seva Aayog Chairman

● **Sanskrit Board congratulates Rajeshree Mahant Dr. Ramsunder Das**

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Raipur, May 29: Sanskrit Board Secretary Smt. Poornima Pandey and Assistant Director, Laxman Prasad Sahu congratulated Rajeshree



Mahant Dr Ramsunder Das, Chairman of Rajya Gou Seva Aayog, on receiving the degree of D.Litt. Rajeshree Mahant

Dr. Ramsunder Das has also been the first president of Chhattisgarh Sanskrit Vidyamandalam. Rajeshree Mahant Dr. Ramsunder Das was awarded the degree of D. Litt in Sanskrit subject by Governor Mr. Vishwabhushan Harichandan at the 26th convocation of Pt Ravi Shankar Shukla University on 24 May 2023.

Hanumanji to deal with banning on Bajrang Dal: Nischalanand

Raipur, May 28: About the definition of religion in politics, Shankaracharya Nischalanand Saraswati said that politics, 'Rajdharm', 'Dand Nithi', 'Aarth Nithi' and 'Chhatra Dharma', these five are synonymous and all these are curse in the name of politics, politics itself is called 'Rajdharm', he was addressing the scribes here on Friday. Regarding banning Bajrang Dal, Shankaracharya Nischalanand Saraswati said that Hanuman ji will deal with it, he is brave.

Shankaracharya Swami Nischalanand Saraswati has given a big statement regarding conversion in Chhattisgarh.



He blamed the state government and the Governor for increasing conversions in the state. Shankaracharya said that the Governor and the state government are not fulfilling their responsibilities, that's why conversions are increasing. Hindus are being made minority in the name of service. Hindus themselves are responsible for this. He said that they should solve their problem being in unity. He sug-

gested that a committee be constituted for this in which MLA, MP and Corporator should be there. He said that people should review their work every three months. While doing politics in the name of Ram, he said that politics itself is Rajdharm. Charity, service and restraint are the limits of religion. Politics should not be done by crossing the limits of religion. It should not be misused, he added.

Puri Shankaracharya Swami Nischalanand Saraswati said about the construction of Ram temple that now PM Modi and CM Yogi are taking credit. If I had signed during the tenure of Narasimha Rao, the temple and the

mosque would have been built at the same time. In Raipur, preparations are on in full swing to celebrate the 81st 'Prakatya Mahotsav' of Swami Nischalanand Saraswati Maharaj's Rashtrakarsh Divas. Social worker Basant Agarwal said that the 81st Prakatya Mahotsav will be celebrated on Shankaracharya's National Day in Raipur. Rudrabhishek and Kalash Yatra will be taken out on June 16 to wish Maharaj's long and healthy life. 11 thousand people will participate in this. Along with this, a Dharma Sabha will be organised at Shankaracharya Ashram. 21 thousand people will participate in this.

● **New AAS party formed**

Raipur, May 28: We formed this party by taking the investors along and if the party comes out victorious, we will return the money of all those investors to them. We will regularise the women staff who have been fired from the job. Ever since the formation of Chhattisgarh, both the Congress and the BJP have done nothing for the labourers and farmers. That's why we have formed a new party called AAS. A person keeps hope from birth till death, but his hope does not get fulfilled. Don't expect hope but always try to achieve it, this is the main objective of the party.

Aas Party's convenor



Mani Rajwada while addressing the mediapersons said that even after 75 years of independence, today the common man is living in the hope that someone or the other will listen to him. Most of the people living below the poverty line are labourers, while the constitution has given everyone a vote and the right to live with a family.

He said his party has taken five important decisions in which government resources which

have not been used so far have to be put to use. Second, the children of labourers to IAS, IPS officers should also study together in the same school. Such a system has to be brought in. Treatment of body organs is to be provided in the district hospital itself, if a patient is referred, he should not have to wander for treatment. Fourthly, to form a Gram Nyayalaya to get easy justice, fifthly, to implement a calculative plan for the implementation of all the schemes. Farmer's commission has to be constituted and to give equal share in education and property to women and backward classes. Constitution of Labour Commission. Providing ownership rights from a Panch in Gram Panchayat

to the presidents of District Panchayat and returning the money of investors deposited in so-called chit fund companies from the government treasury. It will also be the responsibility of our government to provide regularization to the unemployed youths of Chhattisgarh and those working in the alleged chit fund, and to provide regularization to Mitani people in the Gram Nyayalaya, so that they can take care of their families. To provide jobs to formal teachers to support their old age with reinstated pension. Such an arrangement is the responsibility of our government. Regularization and providing jobs to village Patels and Kotwars is included.

Miscreants enter house, stab watchman in broad daylight

● **Three arrested**

Raipur, May 28: Despite the strict action taken by the Raipur police against miscreants and hooligans, an incident of attack on a watchman of a house has come to the fore in the city. Some miscreants entered a house and beat up the watchman after he refused to give money to them. Miscreants attacked him with a knife and ran away with the money kept in his purse. Police have arrested 3 including a minor youth in connection with the in-

cident. Victim named Tarachand Sahu, resident of Nimora Dharaseva told police in his complaint that three bike-borne miscreants entered the house where he worked as watchmen, on May 25 and started demanding money. When he refused he was beaten up.

When he tried to resist them one of miscreants stabbed him 3 to 4 times with a knife below his waist. When he fell on the ground, the miscreants fled with Rs 3,000 kept in his pants. Victim was

working as a watchman while staying in the building near the water tank.

After registering offence under Section 452, 394, 324, 34 of IPC police investigated the matter and arrested three persons in connection with the incident. Bhanupuri resident Mahesh Ratre, Ravi Kumar Sahu and a minor boy were arrested by the police in connection with the incident. Cash amount of Rs 1 thousand 300, 1 bike and knife were recovered from their possession.

One killed, six injured as bus collides with a dumper

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Raipur, May 28: One person was killed while six others were injured after a bus collided with a dumper on Bilaspur-Raipur National Highway on Sunday. According to information available cleaner died on the spot whereas six others including driver and conductor were injured in accident that took place near Simga-Nandghat close to Raipur.

The people present at

the site rushed the injured to the government hospital located near the village. It is said that the speeding bus lost its control and hit a dumper. The bus of Gupta Travels was coming from Jashpur to Raipur.

Passengers were stuck in the bus on the road for a long time. Some people informed the local police. After this everyone was taken to the hospital one by one. Some people from Raipur too were reportedly injured in the accident.

Two nabbed in cheating case

● **In the name of providing job in Forest deptt**

Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, May 28: Police has disclosed a big case of cheating individuals in the name of providing job in the Forest department and has nabbed two persons involved in it. The accused have cheated many youths for providing government job and looted them of cash worth Rs 20 lakh. The case is that of Kotwali thana.

SDOP Manendragarh Rakesh Kurre disclosing about the cheat informed



that a complaint in this regard was filed by a youth coming to Kotwali thana that he gave Rs 2.35 lakh to two persons viz. Praveen Pradhan R/o Dongaripali-Thana Basna, District Mahasamund and to Ramniwas Sen R/o Jagdakhand with assurance of getting a job in

Forest department. It was based upon the complaint, the police took both into arrest and on interrogation they accepted their crime and informed that other youths too have been cheated from Gourela, Pendra and other districts and the amount is around Rs 20 lakh.

'Khati Mitani Krishna Anuj' will entertain between comedy and tragedy

● **Releasing in theaters on June 2**

Raipur, May 28: Chhattisgarhi film Khati Mitani Krishna Anuj starring Dileesh Sahu, Kajal Sonber and Anirudh Tamarkar, Diya Verma is releasing in theaters on 2 June. Writer and director Anupam Bhargava said, "This time we bring to our viewers a story of two friends which is full of comedy. Both walk with a goal in their life but unable to reach their destinations. In the midst of laughter and jokes, an accident takes place in which friendship



is put to the real test. Together, both become successful in doing something big. Producer Vivek Kandeale said, We have told the importance of friendship in the midst of light comedy. The film will not only entertain but will also give

a good message. This is my first film, will bring similar message-oriented films in future, he said. The film has been shot in Durg Bhilai and Raipur. Apart from Dileesh and Kajal, Amit Goswami, Aman Chandrakar, Anupam Bhargava

(Sharma Singh Baghel) will be seen in the film. Music and BGM is given by Manohar Yadav. The playback singers are Monika Verma, Tushant Kumar and Anurag Sharma. Editing & DI is done by Gaurang Trivedi, VFX by Praveer Das. Distributor is Tarun Soni. Camera is managed by Raj Thakur. Actor Dileesh said, we enjoyed a lot while shooting for the film. It didn't feel like we were shooting for a film. Actress Kajal said, during the shooting time, the director not only boosted the morale but also taught many minute aspects of acting.

● **Carrying posters, banners in their hand, protesting inauguration of new parliament by PM**

Raipur, May 28: Congmen in city protested against not getting the new Parliament in Delhi inaugurated at the hands of the President of India and staged 'jal-satyagrah' in city's Marin Drive (Telibandha pond) and immersing half into the pond water. The Congmen under leadership of Housing Board Director and Congress leader Vinod Tiwari entered the Telibandha pond carrying



banners and posters in their hands and registered stiff protest. Vinod Tiwari after the protest said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has selected the President from SC or ST community just to win the elections and for political gains. At the time of laying of foundation of the new Parliament

also, even the then President of India Ramnath Kovind was also not invited and now even in the inauguration of the new Parliament, the President of India Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was not invited and termed it as highly unfortunate. Tiwari said that Parliament House is the topmost institution in the

Indian Democracy and the President of India is the topmost post as the Constitutional head. Therefore the inauguration of this newly constructed Parliament building should have been done at the hands of President Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. As per the Indian constitution, the President of India holds all executive powers enshrined in the Constitution and is also the head of all the three defense forces in the country and under article 53 it is clear that all the Ministers and government officers come under the President and this includes Prime Minister as well.

‘Sustainable model’ of RIPA opens up new avenues of progress and prosperity for entrepreneurs

- Workplaces with all basic facilities are available in Amlidih's RIPA for Rural Entrepreneurs
- SHG's women earn Rs.10 lakh by selling vermicompost and earthworm
- Shivraj earned Rs 25000 by selling sofa and diwan
- SHG's women are producing Aarug organic insecticide 'Neemastra' and Aarug organic tonic liquid 'Jeevamrut'
- Activities like poultry farming, goat farming, mushroom production, community farming, and animal husbandry conducted in RIPA*

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Raipur, May 28: Amlidih's Rural Industrial Park (RIPA) is pioneering a 'Sustainable Model' in

the state through which rural entrepreneurs are ushering in a new era of progress and prosperity in the rural economy. This innovative initiative is providing workplaces equipped with all the basic facilities, creating a conducive environment for rural entrepreneurs to thrive.

The state government has taken measures to provide markets through C-Mart to entrepreneurs for their products manufactured in the RIPA. This step has fulfilled the expectations of the general public to buy these products, which are available at C-Mart, and it has also opened new avenues of progress for entrepreneurs.

This is an effective measure taken by the state



government to promote rural entrepreneurship and strengthen the rural economy. Mrs. Lakshmi Vaishnav, of RIPA established in Amlidih's Gauthan, shared information about activities conducted by her group, Jai Maa Gayatri SHG.

They are all engaged in producing vermicompost,

Aarug organic insecticide Neemastra, and Aarug organic tonic liquid Jeevamrut. SHG has purchased 4 lakh 94 thousand 36 quintals of cow dung through Gauthan till now and has produced 1 lakh 88 thousand 380 quintals of vermicompost.

They have earned a net profit of Rs. 8 lakh from

the sale of vermicompost and Rs. 2 lakh from the sale of earthworm. They expressed gratitude to the government for providing them an opportunity and platform through Gauthan to earn for their family.

Mrs. Purnima Sahu, of Jai Ganga Maiya SHG, shared an instance of government support through which her group has received a carry bag manufacturing machine in RIPA and has started making carry bags.

They are hoping that making carry bags and selling them in the market will increase their income so they can bear the family's expenses. Shivraj, a craftsman working in RIPA, has managed to earn an impressive sum of Rs. 25 thousand through

his furniture business.

He has earned this amount by selling handcrafted sofas and diwans at the RIPA centre. In RIPA, SHG's women have received training for making Panchgavya soap and cow phenyl. They have cows of different breeds, which include Sahiwal, Rakhhi, and Jersey, in Gauthan and are providing dairy products as well as promoting the dairy industry.

Activities like poultry farming, goat farming, and mushroom production are also conducted in the workshop at RIPA. They are also earning from the sale of cabbage, banana, string bean (Barbati), kandabhaji, brinjal, and okra vegetables grown in the community garden.

Truck driver dies of burns



Due to the collision of two trucks

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Jagdalpur, May 28: Two vehicles caught fire in a head-on collision of two trucks in an accident on Sunday morning on National Highway 30 between Balenga and Bhanpuri under Bastar police station area of the district. In this a truck driver died on the spot after being burnt alive. At present, the identity of the deceased truck driver could not be ascertained till the filing of the news. Police is trying to trace the truck owner from the vehicle number.

According to the information received, one truck was going from Jagdalpur towards Raipur while the other was coming from the opposite direction. Both the

trucks collided head-on between Balenga and Bhanpuri on National Highway 30. The accident was so severe that both the vehicles were engulfed in flames after the collision. The driver of one somehow managed to escape after saving his life. But the driver of the other truck got trapped inside. He died a painful death due to the fire. During the accident, people passing through this route informed the police. The police reached the spot and called the fire brigade team, after extinguishing the fire, a burnt body was recovered from inside the truck and it was sent to the hospital for post-mortem. Presently the name of the truck driver and where he was residing is not available.

‘Message of awareness given against bad practices’

- On occasion of World Menstrual Hygiene Day
- Cleanliness lovers including Mayor, Collector painted their hands the symbol of World Menstrual Hygiene Day

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Jagdalpur, May 28: On the occasion of World Menstrual Hygiene Day, hundreds of people gathered in Dalpat Sagar on Sunday and gave a message of awareness to eliminate the evils related to menstruation. On this occasion, a cleanliness campaign was also conducted in Dalpat Sagar under the leadership of Collector Vijay Dayaram and Mayor Safira Sahu. All the present public representatives and cleanliness lovers, including the Collector and Mayor, got the symbol of World Menstrual Hygiene Day painted on their hands on this occasion.

Mayor Safira Sahu said on the occasion that there are many misconceptions regarding menstruation, which have taken the form of evil practices. This problem is seen not only in rural areas but also in urban areas. There is a need to remove them.

Collector Vijay said on the occasion that menstruation is a regular physical process, but due to this, many such evils have spread in the society, which need to be removed. He said that during menstruation, women are generally banned from touching anything or going anywhere. At the same time, menstruation is also linked to the occasion of marriage of a girl. He said that the minimum age for marriage is prescribed in the law and no girl can be married on the basis of menstruation. He said that today girls have big dreams and they do not want to limit themselves only to basic education. They also want to prove their talent by getting higher education. He said that on the occasion of Dalpat Sagar's cleanliness campaign and World Menstrual Hygiene Day, the participation of women is visible more than that of men, which is a good sign.

- With the installation of VLSI-Nano Fabrication Laboratory

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 28: The International Institute of Information Technology, Naya Raipur (IIIT-NR), has recently upgraded its research infrastructure by setting-up a VLSI-Nano Fabrication Laboratory at its campus. The setting up of the state-of-the-art facility was funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India (Ministry of Science and Technology).

The lab was setup under the supervision of Dr. Manoj Kumar Majumder, Assistant Professor, Electronics and

Communication Engineering, IIIT-NR.

Speaking about the lab Dr. Majumder expressed that the lab will augment the institute's existing research infrastructure with an enhancement in its overall research profile. With the expansion of its research capabilities, IIIT-NR can now conduct cutting-edge research in nanotechnology, positioning itself as a top research institution.

It also provides a platform for undergraduates, graduates, and postgraduate students to explore new avenues of research in Microelectronics, Optoelectronics and Nanotechnology.

During the pandemic period, it was felt that research in the field of designing of efficient masks and designing good air purification systems needs to



be intensified. The lab will be useful for researchers in the field of air purification technology and for designing efficient masks for protection in polluted, harmful and poisonous atmosphere.

Under Dr. Majumder's mentorship, an ongoing collaborative endeavour 'Monolayer Graphene Characterization' is also being conducted by two of his mentees, Mr. Kamal Solanki (Ph.D. scholar)

and Ms. Swati Verma (M.Tech. student).

The instruments/machines available within the Nano-Fabrication Lab will enable the institute to conduct advanced research in Nanotechnology and Fabrication, including Thin Film Deposition and Surface Modification, using LPCVD (Low Pressure Chemical Vapour Deposition) system.

It is equipped with a

high-temperature furnace (upto 1500°) with two heating zones and three gas chambers for depositing materials like Graphene, Carbon Nanotubes (CNT), etc., and a low-pressure CVD reactor for depositing materials like Silicon, Silicon Carbide, Diamond, etc.

It serves as a vital tool for fabricating intricate nanostructures and exploring the unique properties of these materials. To facilitate the accurate characterization of thin films, the lab features the advanced Theta Metrisis system.

This system excels in measuring precise film thickness within the range of 20nm to 80µm. Moreover, it offers exceptional capabilities in assessing the optical properties of different thin film categories, enabling in-

depth analysis and fine-tuning of nanoscale electronic devices. The Theta Metrisis system plays a crucial role in ensuring the quality and functionality of thin films developed within the lab.

Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sinha, Director IIIT-NR, said that the new facility will allow researchers to access equipment, chemicals, and techniques, enabling them to conduct cutting-edge research in various fields.

The laboratory will also positively impact the local community by supporting industry growth and creating new research internship opportunities. With the installation of this laboratory, IIIT-NR has taken a significant step towards becoming a leading research institute in engineering and technology in Central India.

Group earned Rs 3.94 lakh from cow dung paint



- Natural cow dung paint unit has been set up at Turenar Ripa

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, May 28: Establishment of natural cow dung paint unit-construction of natural cow dung paint unit under Turenar Ripa is being conducted by Bastar Mati Putra youth group, Turenar. The group is selected from Bastar Yuva Mitran. This group has been given training for construction of natural

cow dung paint unit in Saradhu Navagaon development block Charama of district Kanker.

Natural cow dung paint unit was inaugurated on January 26, 2023 at the hands of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel under Turinar Ripa. So far, 5010 liters of natural cow dung paint has been manufactured by the group and an income of Rs 3 lakh 94 thousand 680 has been earned by selling 1959 liters of natural cow dung paint.

Method of manufacturing natural paint from cow dung: Fresh cow dung after mixing with water is



refined and bleached and it is known that natural cow dung paint is prepared by mixing the solution obtained after filtering in a dispensing machine.

Demand for natural cow dung paint Natural cow dung paint has been demanded from various construction departments, rural and panchayat devel-

opment department, education department, along with other departments.

It is proposed to manufacture 25 to 30 thousand liters of natural cow dung paint in the coming months. Due to which various parts will be sold, due to which the members of the group will be financially benefited on receipt of income.

- Sargipal's Sukta Baghel earned Rs 1.65 lakh by selling cow dung

Similarly, under the Chhattisgarh State Government's Suraji Gram Yojana, the beneficiaries are getting an opportunity to increase their income from the Godhan Nyaya Yojana. Sukta Baghel, a resident of Gram Panchayat Sargipal of Jagdalpur district, has earned Rs 1.65 lakh by selling 828.81 quintal cow dung in Gothan. Baghel told that he lives with a wife and two daughters in the family. He said that ever since cow dung is being procured in Gauthans under the Godhan Nyaya Yojana, he visits the Gauthan everyday to sell cow dung. Along with this, he is also doing the work of milk dairy. He told that the amount received from the sale of cow dung was used for dairy work and got support for agricultural work. Through this scheme, he has become self-reliant. Sukta Baghel has expressed gratitude for the Godhan Nyaya Yojana run by the government.

- Officials from seventeen states visited the site of Narva Development in Chhattisgarh
- Team also visited Dugli, a processing centre of minor forest produce

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 28: In a bid to address the growing concerns over soil and water conservation, the national seminar on soil-water conservation was organised in Raipur under the aegis of the Forest Department. The inaugural ceremony of the seminar, held until May 25, was conducted by Chief Minister Mr Bhupesh Baghel on May 23. The team of senior officials from 17 states and 2 UT visited various sites developed in Chhattisgarh under the Narva Development Program. They visited the Pampara Canal site, located in the South Singhpur range under the Dhamtari Forest Division, where construction and renovation of Water Resources Conservation and Augmentation is in progress. They also visited Dugli, a processing center for minor forest produce, and interacted with the women of the group.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Chhattisgarh Shri V. Srinivasa Rao highlighted the use of Geographic Information System (GIS) tools for producing detailed project reports (DPRs) for the construction of the structures, aimed at soil and water conservation. The utilization of GIS technology enables accurate mapping, data analysis, and visualization, facilitating informed decision-making and efficient resource allocation, which is providing promising results. They are also helpful in addressing the issue of soil erosion. An increase



in the groundwater level in the forest areas has resulted in an increase in the regeneration capacity of the forests.

The officials from the state government informed that 809 structures have been proposed for Water Resources Conservation and Augmentation in Pampara Canal which consists of 44 Brush Wood Check Dam, 68 Loose Boulder Check Dam, 3 EGP, 3 Gabion Structure, 188 TFM, 24 CSB, 1 Division Drain, 2 MPT, 2 Pond, 1 Percolation Tank, SCT, 409 CCT, 2 Dyke Puddle, 350 WAT, 26 ECB, 1 S.D. The official of Central Government's Forest Department encouraged the officials of other states to use the system adopted by Chhattisgarh. The senior officials of Chhattisgarh's Forest Department gave detailed information to the team about the treatment of canals and the structures built under the 'Narva Development Program.

The team consists of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Executive Officer (CAMP) of 17 different States and 2 Union Territories, which include Mr. Kailash Chandra Meena from Rajasthan, Mr. Basta Rajkumar from Punjab, Mr. P.P. Singh from Uttar Pradesh, Mani Mittal from Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Sourav Ghosh from Forest Survey of India, Mr. Raman Kant Mishra from Punjab, Mr. Jagdish Chandra from Haryana Mr. Vivek Saxena IRO Lucknow, Mr. Shailesh Tembhulkar from Maharashtra,

Mr. Pankaj Garg from Maharashtra, Mr. Arvind Singh from Bihar, Dr. K. Ravichandran from IIFM Bhopal, Mr. B. Anand Babu from MFP Federation, Mr. Lokesh Jaiswal from Telangana, Mr. Mahendra Singh Dhakar from Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Sudhanshu Gupta from Tamil Nadu, Dr. Yogesh K Dubey from Bhopal, Mr. Mahesh Chand Gupta from Rajasthan Mr. Santosh Vijay Sharma from Uttarakhand, Mrs. Samita Rajora from Madhya Pradesh, Mr. S. S. Rasali from Uttarakhand.

Furthermore, the team also includes Mr.Ashok Sinha IRO from Bhopal, Mr.P.C. Rai from Karnataka, Mr. Arta Trana Mishra IRO Bhubaneswar, Mr. Anurag Priyadarshi from Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Praveen Kumar Raghu from Goa, Mr. Amit Gummat from Goa, Mr. Vinod Kumar Katuboina from Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Ramakrishna from Andhra Pradesh, Mr. S. Madhav Rao from Telangana, Mr. Ashwani Kumar Kar from Odisha, Mr. Praveen Yadav A.F.O. Chandigarh, Mr. Harsh Thakkar from Gujarat, Mr. Pradeep Mishra from Odisha, Mr. Chandrasekharan Bala N from Maharashtra, Mr. Arul Rajan from Chandigarh, Mr. Mahalim Yadav from Uttarakhand, Mr. Akshay Rathore from Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Mahendra Singh Uike from Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Vineet Kumar from Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Arvind Yadav from Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Santosh Tiwari IRO Ranchi.

Experts discuss measures to reduce maternal mortality

- And management of newborn in emergency situation
- Two day workshop on ‘Fundamental Critical Care Support Obstetrics’ begins in Medical College

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 28: The two-day workshop on “Fundamental Critical Care Support Obstetrics”, organized by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College and Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital began here on Sunday. Experts gave lectures on topics such as Hypertensive Disorders in

Pregnancy, Sepsis in Pregnancy (Severe Infection), Major Obstetric Hemorrhage, Heart Disease, Kidney Injury, Management to Reduce Maternal Mortality and Rapid Management of the Newborn in Emergency Situations. The program was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of Ayush University, Dr. AK Chandrakar. Dr. Mahesh Sinha was the distinguished guest.

Medical College Dean and Senior Obstetrician and Gynecologist Dr. Tripti Nagaria, while giving a lecture on the topic of Obstetric Hemorrhage, said that obstetric hemorrhage is the most known and mentioned cause of maternal mortality. It can be in the form of antepartum haemorrhage, intrapartum haemorrhage or postpartum haemorrhage, she said adding that any bleeding during pregnancy and labor should

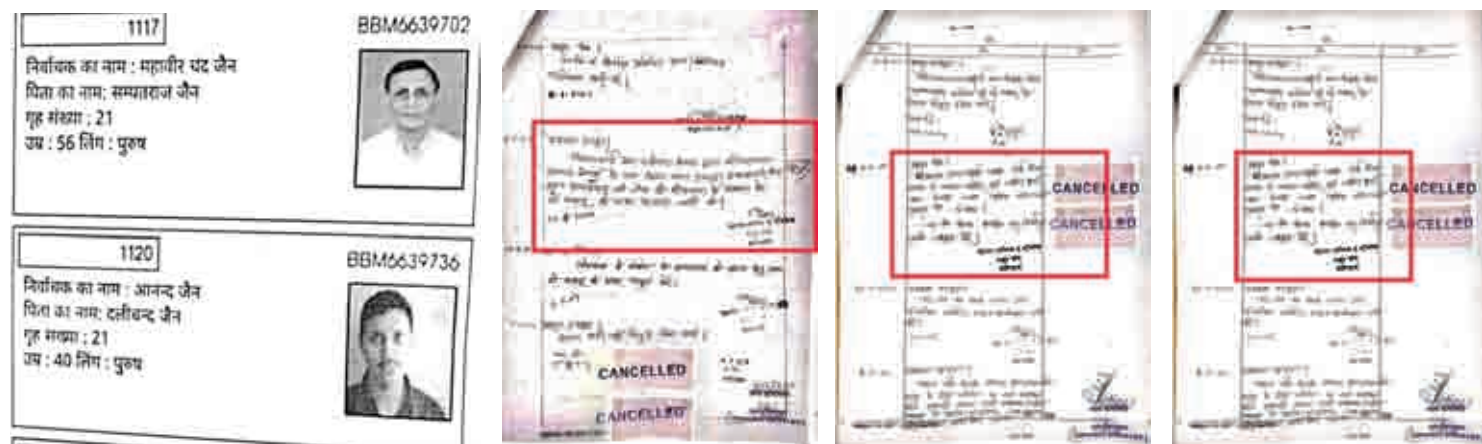


be considered a “danger” or warning sign and promptly managed. Identifying the causes and symptoms of excessive bleeding, necessary management should be done in time for their diagnosis, she added. Dr. Jyoti Jaiswal, Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, while giving information about the workshop, said that for the first time, this type of training workshop was being organized in the medical college to reduce the maternal-infant mortality, which will definitely help in the time

to come. It is possible to contribute to improving maternal health by reducing pre-natal and post-natal complications and risks, she said. Anesthesia and critical care specialist Dr. (Prof.) Jaya Lalwani, while giving a lecture on the topic of high blood pressure in pregnancy (eclampsia and preeclampsia), said that if the blood pressure of a pregnant woman increases, safe delivery should be facilitated through fetal monitoring. When shocks occur in eclampsia, the chances of death due to heart attack

and brain stroke increase due to lack of timely treatment, she said. The workshop was also addressed by Dr. Simant Kumar Jha, Senior Consultant, Critical Care, Delhi. On the other hand, Dr. Asha Jain, Senior Obstetrician and Gynecologist, while discussing physical changes in pregnancy and its medical parameters with the candidates through questions and answers, told about their practical management. The two-day workshop, which will continue till Monday, May 29, is directed by Dr. Tripti Nagaria, Dean, Pt. JNM Medical College, Raipur, while Dr. Simant Kumar Jha, Senior Consultant, Critical Care, Delhi, is the course director. The course coordinators are Dr. Jyoti Jaiswal, HOD, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Dr. Jaya Lalwani, Professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine.

‘Stamp duty forgery by land mafia brothers’



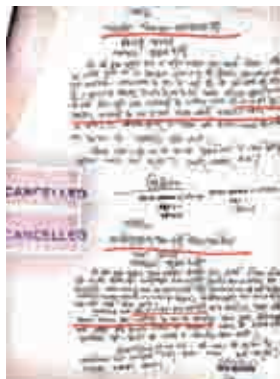
By Chandrashekhar Shama

Kawardha, May 28: Land mafia brothers Pankaj Jain and Mahaveer Jain, apart from hiding the 'Godnama' and blood relationships, are fearlessly playing the game of stealing stamp duty by buying and selling large tracts of land in the district headquarters and surrounding areas.

Along with this, also stamp duty being borne by the seller in the purchases made by the land mafia brothers and their relatives is pointing towards the game of income tax evasion and money laundering.

To expose this game being played since a long time, it is necessary to audit the purchases made by the land mafia and their relatives in the last 20 years. A complaint is also going to be filed in the Income Tax Department (IT) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) regarding the same.

These brothers despite the change of relationship after 'godnama', be-



What is the case

In response to the notice given to the Collector of Stamp Kabirdham, the mafia brothers submit a joint signature on 26/04/23, in which they note that "Applicant No. 1 i.e. father of Pankaj alias Anand is Sampatraj Jain. There is no law/substantial document regarding 'Godnama', nor is it a valid process keeping in view the wish of Bidani Bai, the name of Dalichand Bothra as the father has been filled with PAN card. I was registered." In the above reply, he also wrote that in 1983 Bidami Bai was adopted verbally just to fulfill her wish and father's name was written as Dalichand by being swayed by emotion. Sampatraj Jain (Khater) is the biological father of Pankaj Jain alias Anand and Mahavir Jain, but Pankaj Jain alias Anand became the adopted son of late Dalichand Bothra on the basis of Godnama and Will on November 1, 1983. False statements and answers of Pankaj and Mahavir, who did not accept Dalichand as adoptive father, in the case registered in Kawardha Nazul Court. Adopted son Late Dalichand Bothra had recorded his statement on 07/04/2005 that the plot registered in the name of Dharita Tarabai has been fixed in the name of Pankaj alias Anand Bothra S/o Dalichand Bothra i.e. my name as per the deed and will dated 01/11/1983. It is clear from the statement and capacitor note sheet of land mafia brothers and their relatives Rajendra Kumar that Pankaj alias Anand's written Godnama was done on 01/11/1983, on the basis of which Nazul filed a case in the court. Renaming and determination of the property of Bidmibai wife Dalichand Bothra, renewal of lease was done in the name of Pakanj alias Anand father Dalichand Bothra. Father's name Dalichand Bothra is registered in all government documents of Pankaj (except Aadhaar card), moneylender, mortgage license, PAN card.

came a father, brother, brother, in the registration number 5617 of the land registered in Kawardha, the Collector

of Stamps filed a case and sent a notice on the complaint in the district registrar of theft of stamp duty, which in response,

the land mafia brothers are constantly lying and misleading even the Collector of Stamps by making false statements,

questioning the credibility of the applicant, but the documents in hand are exposing the land mafia brothers.

What officer says

Stamp duty evasion complaint has been received against buyer Pankaj Jain and Mahaveer Jain and seller Jai Manikpuri. By registering a case, response has been sought from both the buyer and seller; action will be taken after investigation. If the complaint is found correct, recovery and legal action will be taken as per rules. Vinoj Koche, District Registrar Kawardha District Kabirdham.

Stubble burning causing eco damage and pollution



Central Chronicle News

Rajim, May 28 Ecological damage and pollution are rising here in the region, due to the stubble burning by the farmers here after harvesting the Rabi crop. The work is going on at a fast pace, and as soon as one passes by in the evening, one can see the flames of fire burning smoke. Because of winds and temperature change, there are also chances of an untoward incident.

On the other hand, by burning stubble, innumerable friendly insects or other living beings are being destroyed, other than also the fertility of the soil getting destroyed. Though the state government has made

many rules to stop this, but due to the inaction of the revenue administration, no action is being taken to curb it and because of this, farmers are fearlessly burning the residues of the fields after paddy harvesting.

Due to non-compliance of the rules, the farmers are easily and fearlessly engaged in the task of burning and around 2 years ago, the then SDM GD Vahile, showing activeness, collected a huge amount as fine by giving notice to the farmers who burnt the residue in the fields, but due to not paying attention to this by the present SDM Pooja Bansal, the farmers are continuously burning the residues in the fields. Block

Agriculture Officer BR Sahu says that farmers should not burn the fields, rather it should be used as manure.

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E-AUCTION
ON 14.06.2023
11 AM TO 5 PM

Appendix-IV-A
[See provision to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
 E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 14.06.2023 between 11:00 am to 5:00 pm for recovery of below mentioned amount plus interest till the date of realization and costs, charges and expenses due to the Union Bank of India Secured Creditor from below mentioned borrowers & Guarantor details are here under:

S. No.	Name of the Borrower / Guarantor & Branch	Total dues (in Rs.)	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amt.	Short description of the properties
1.	1-Mr Khilesh Bhale, Prop Bhale and Sons, 2-Mrs Shubhangi Bhale W/o Khilesh Bhale, Branch-Patan	₹ 8,75,000.00 + interest since 01.04.22 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 15,00,000/- Rs. 1,50,000/- Rs. 15,000/-	Equitable mortgage of plot at KH No 1299, Ph No 30, Ward No 12, mahamaya Para, Patan Dist Durg 491111
2.	1. Bhairav Prasad Dubey 2. Mandakini Dubey, Branch-Patan	₹ 1885000.00 + interest since 01.04.23 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 15,50,000/- Rs. 1,55,000/- Rs. 15,000/-	Property situated at plot no 65, khasra no. 111/8, extent 960 sq feet, PH No 07/08, mouza-Sankara, khushbu vihar colony, Patan, Dist Durg
3.	1. Nandji Ceremic Solution Prop Smt Gayatri Singh, 2. Mr Nandji Singh S/o Ram Chandra Singh, Branch- Supela Bihai	₹ 42,60,000.00 + interest since 01.05.23 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 52,00,000/- Rs. 5,20,000/- Rs. 52,000/-	Residential House Situated at Plot no-4, Block-4 Area 2325 sqft, Pt Deen Dayal Puram Ward no 28, New KhursiPar Bihai Dist Durg
4.	M/s Shri Balaji Traders & Decorators through Proprietor - Mr A Jagdishwar Reddy, Mr Paspulety Sai Krishna Branch-Charoda	₹ 962000.00 + interest since 19.04.23 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 5,60,000/- Rs. 56,000/- Rs. 5,000/- Rs. 5,60,000/- Rs. 5000/-	Prop-1: Open Plot at Kh no 816/11 Mouza Gram Sirsakala, PH no 02 RIC Bhilai Charoda Ward no 37 Sirsa Bhatapara ward Tehsil Patan Dist Durg CG Prop-2: Open Plot at Kh no 816/12 Mouza Gram Sirsakala, PH no 02 RIC Bhilai Charoda Ward no 37 Sirsa Bhatapara ward Tehsil Patan Dist Durg CG
5.	M/s V K Construction, through Proprietor - Mr Vijayanand Singh, Smt Kanchan Singh Branch- Charoda	₹ 503000.00 + interest since 24.12.22 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 6,30,000/- Rs. 63,000/- Rs. 6000/-	Open Plot of about 1575 Sq. Ft. at Khasra No.177/10, Plot No. 26, Mouza Gram Sirsakala, P. H. No. 02, RIC Bhilai Charoda, Ward No.31, G Cabin Sirsakala Ward, Tehsil Patan, District Durg, Chhattisgarh
6.	Late Mr. Satyanar singh Rao Pasi, through legal heirs: Sujatha Rao Pasi w/o Late Mr. Satyanarsingh Rao Pasi, Santoshi Pasi d/o Late Mr. Satyanarsingh Rao Pasi Venkat Pasi s/o Late Mr. Satyanarsingh Rao Pasi And Mrs. Sujatha Rao Pasi, w/o Late Mr. Satyanarsingh Rao Pasi, Branch- Pandri now UMBF Raipur	₹ 4985000.00 + interest since 19.04.23 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 43,00,000/- Rs. 4,30,000/- Rs. 43,000/-	Property at Flat No.204, Dolphin Plaza, part of Khasra No.123/17, 154/2-3-4, PH No. 109, comprising Super built up area 1475 Sq.Ft., Daldal Seoni, Mowa, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001.
7.	Borrower- Smt. Jaya Shahbani w/o Prakash Shahbani, Smt. Varsha Shahbani w/o Ashish Shahbani, Branch: Civic Center, Bihai	₹ 6010000.00 + interest since 19.04.23 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 45,21,000/- Rs. 4,52,100/- Rs. 45000/-	Land & Double Storied Residential Building built on plot No. 24, Kh No. 1361/6 & 1362/13, PH No. 16/24, Mouza - Gurunank Nagar, Amadi Mandir Ward No - 24, Tahsil & Dist. Durg, C.G, Total Area 1500 sq.ft.
8.	Shree Hanuman Pulses through its partners Ramesh Jhawar & Ratan Jhawar, Ramesh Jhawar, Ratan Jhawar, Ritesh Jhawar, Sunita Jhawar, Saraswati Devi Jhawar, Radhe Shyam Gupta, Branch- Santa Colony	₹ 120900000.00 + interest since 01.04.23 + Legal & Other Charges	Rs. 90,80,000/- Rs. 9,08,000/- Rs. 90,000/- Rs. 23,96,000/- Rs. 2,39,600/- Rs. 23000/-	Property No. 1. Plot No.533, Kh No.884/1, PH No.106-B, Ward No.17, Samta Colony, Near Radha Kishan Mandir Raipur admeasuring 1500 sq.ft. in the name of Smt.Sunita Devi Jhawar. Property No. 2 Shop No.12, Part of Plot.3, Kh No.353/1 (part), 354 (part) Ground Floor Radha Mohan Complex Bhaistan Main Road Raipur admeasuring 184.32 sq ft. in the name of Sh.Radhe Shyam Gupta

For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit <https://www.msceccommerce.com/auctionhome/bapi/index.jsp>, www.unionbankofindia.co.in For further detailed any query please contact: For Serial No. 1 & 2 - Shri Tanmay Nanda Mob. 7000861117, For Serial No. 3 : Shri Gyanendra Choubey Mob. 8651751908, For Serial No. 4 & 5 : Shri Sumit Swarnik Mob. 8369071208, For Serial No. 6 : Shri Pradeep Thavait Mob. 9406455999, For Serial No. 7 : Shri Arnab Ghosh Mob. 9769306558, For Serial No. 8 : Shri Sashank Shekhar Shukla Mob.8407004172.
 Date: 29.05.2023
 Authorized Officer, Union Bank of India

Lokpal passes decision in case of economic irregularities

In MNREGA

Central Chronicle News

Korea, May 28: In the district, while investigating in the case of disturbance in the development work of MNREGA, a decision has been passed by Lokpal, Director Guru Ghasidas National Park Baikunthpur and then Park Regional Officer MCB, 50-50 thousand rupees as compensation amount, state employment within 60 days. According to the information received from the Lokpal office, the then District Panchayat member Ravi Shankar Kanwar submitted a written complaint to the Lokpal office on August 04, 2017, through the Guru Ghasidas National Park, the Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Scheme from Village Panchayat Semariya to Semaria and from Chuel to Kormo.

On the basis of the said complaint, Lokpal Malkhan Singh, while recording the statements of Director

Guru Ghasidas National Park and the then Park Circle Officer MCB, had demanded an inquiry into the economic irregularities in the construction work of Mitti Murum road carried out under the MCB. Had observed the documents, along with this, the work site was inspected by the Lokpal, in which the Lokpal found that on the access road from Chuel to Semaria and from Chuel to Kormo, the work was done by using the same stones in the documents by stating that the stones were bought. Economic irregularities have been committed while evaluating. After which Lokpal passed the decision against Director Guru Ghasidas National Park Baikunthpur and the then Park Regional Officer MCB, Director Guru Ghasidas National Park Baikunthpur and the then Park Regional Officer MCB as compensation amount of 50-50 thousand rupees in the state MNREGA fund for 60 days Along with depositing within Rs. 1-1 thousand fine has been punished.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)
 Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Centrum Housing Finance Ltd under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Centrum Housing Finance Ltd for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Loan Account No./Branch	Description of secured assets (Immovable property)	Date of Demand Notice & Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Possession Taken Date
1	Laxmi Sahu (Ravi Kumar Sahu/Uttam Chand Shau/RPRP18001819/ Raipur	LIG Flat no. 616, 6th Floor, Adm Super Built up Area 1005.77 Sq. Ft., Block - I, Kamal vihar Vojana 4, Sector 4, Komal Vihar. Raipur, Raipur, 492001, Chhattisgarh.	12-12-2022/ Rs. 9,01,070/- (Rupees Nine Lakh One Thousand Seventy Only)	24-05-2023
2	Komal Jain (Shobha Jain/Saket Jain/ RPRDU20005197/ Raipur	Khasara no. 84/2, Adm. 1925 Sq. Ft., Ph no. 18/25, Block & RNM- Durg 1, Ward no. 39, Diparapara, kachahari ward, Mauja-Kasandhi, Tehsil & District - Durg, Durg-491001, Chhattisgarh. Boundaries:- East: House of Jogram Singh, West: Land of Dau Bahadur Singh, North: Land of Dau Bahadur Singh, South: Road	27-10-2022/ Rs. 31,89,276/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Six Only)	24-05-2023

Place : Chhattisgarh
 Date : 29.05.2023
 Sd/-
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रिक्त शासकीय भू-खण्ड की नीलामी की सूचना

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एतद् द्वारा सर्व साधारण आम जनता को सूचित किया जाता है कि छ.ग. शासन राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग मंत्रालय महानदी मवन नगर रायपुर के पत्र क्र. एफ 04-07/7-1/2019 दिनांक 11.09.2019 एवं 26.10.2019 तथा समसंख्यक जारी निर्देश पत्र प्र.क्र. एफ 04-07/7-1/2019 नगर रायपुर अटल नगर दिनांक 24 फरवरी 2022 में जारी नवीनतम निर्देशों के अनुक्रम में आवेदक श्री विजय अग्रवाल पिता रामअखतार अग्रवाल, निवासी- ग्राम- कुम्हारी, तहसील- मिर्जाई 03 जिला दुर्ग के द्वारा ग्राम- कुम्हारी, प.ह.नं. 12 में स्थित शासकीय भूमि खसस नंबर 1231 रकबा 0.433 है. भूमि का प्रस्तुत आवेदन के आधार पर दिनांक 24.04.2023 को कलेक्टर महोदय दुर्ग द्वारा अनुमोदित किये जाने के आधार पर राजस्व पुस्तक परिपत्र खण्ड चार क्रमांक 01 की कोडिंग 21 के प्रावधानों के अनुसार सप्त कुम्हारी, प.ह.नं. 12, स.नि.मं- कुम्हारी तहसील मिर्जाई 03, जिला दुर्ग स्थित निम्नांकित शासकीय धारा रिक्त भूमि का खुला नीलामी किया जाना है। भूखण्ड एवं नीलामी का विवरण निम्नानुसार है:-

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भू-खण्ड की सीमायें और अन्य व्यौर

- भूमि का नक्शा और फार्म और परिशिष्ट -2 जिसमें शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / बंटन दिया जाएगा। आवेदक को से बंद लिफाफा में प्रचलित माईक लाईन दर (बाजार मूल्य) अर्थात आकसेट मूल्य से अधिक का आकष प्राप्त किया जाएगा। उपरोक्त नीलामी प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु इच्छुक व्यक्ति / संस्था इस न्यायालय में नीलामी की विस्तृत सूचना का अपलोड कर नीलामी से भाग लेने के लिए आवेदन एवं निर्धारित अमानत राशि का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट को कलेक्टर दुर्ग को देय हो. भू-खण्ड की सरकारी कीमत 2045016.00 रु. होगी। इस रकम से कम की बोली नहीं बोली जायेगी। अखिरी बोली शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमिस्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / बंटन की प्रीमियम मानी जाएगी। अंतिम तिथि- 11.06.2023 समय शाम 5.30 बजे तक कार्यालयीन दिवस एवं समयावधि में जमा कर सकते है। उपरोक्त समयावधि के बाद प्राप्त कोई भी आवेदन, अमानत राशि का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट स्वीकार्य नहीं होगा।
- आवेदन हेतु अमानत राशि जमा करने वाले आवेदक को ही नीलामी प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने की पात्रता होगी। प्रत्येक बहाकरी की ओर से आवेदक राश जमा करना अनिवार्य रहित अधिकतम दो व्यक्ति नीलामी में उपस्थित हो सकते हैं।
- सबसे उंची बोली बोलेने वाला व्यक्ति अपनी बोली में दश प्रतिशत के हिसाब से, जिसका हिसाब निकटतम रूपया तक लगाया जायेगा, ब्याने की रकम नीलाम खल होने के तुरंत बाद जमा करेगा तथा बोली की बकाया रकम और कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा भूमि के सीमांकन और बिजो का विज्ञापन करने में किए गए खर्च की सभी रकमों का भुगतान इस बात की सूचना प्राप्त होने के तीन माह के भीतर कि शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमिस्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / बंटन की पुष्टि उसके पक्ष में की गई है, करेगा। इस रकम का भुगतान निर्धारित अवधि के भीतर न किये जाने पर जमा रकम (इसमें से बिजो और भूखण्ड के सीमांकन का खर्च चुकता करने के बाद) शासन द्वारा जब्त कर दी जायेगी और भूखण्ड फिर से नीलाम किया जायेगा और यदि चुके करने वाले खरीददार की बोली से नये नीलामी से प्राप्त रकम कम हो, तो अंतर की तत्पुर्ण कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा उससे भू-राजस्व की बकाया के रूप में की जा सकेगी। ऑफसेट मूल्य से अधिक राशि का लिफाफा नियत तिथि को खोले जाने पर उपस्थित हितवन्ध व्यक्तियों को सर्वाधिक अधिकर के ऊपर खुली बोली लगाने की प्रक्रिया शासनदेश के अनुसार अपनाई जायेगी, जिसमें उच्चतर मूल्य की बोलीदार को भूमि का आवंटन किये जाने की अनुसंसा सहित प्रकरण जिला स्वरीय आवंटन समिति को भेजा जायेगा।
- नीलामी का अनुमोदन नीलामी समिति के माध्यम से कलेक्टर महोदय दुर्ग द्वारा किया जायेगा।
- आवेदित भूखण्ड का वार्षिक भू-माटक 6,135.00/- रु. होगी। (भू-माटक एवं उस पर देय पर्यावरण तथा आधारचर्चना उपकर नियमानुसार देय एवं परिवर्तनशील होगा)
- खरीददार द्वारा बोली की पूरी रकम और अन्य खर्चों का भुगतान कर दिये जाने के बाद जितनी जल्दी हो सके उसनी जल्दी परिशिष्ट-2 में एक शासकीय भूखण्ड की भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / आवंटन तैयार किया जायेगा और छत्तीसगढ़ के राज्यपाल की ओर से समुचित अधिकारी द्वारा उस पर हस्ताक्षर कर दिये जाने पर उसके निष्पादन के लिए खरीददार को कहा जायेगा। यदि खरीददार सुविस्तृत समय सीमा के भीतर अपनी ओर से शासकीय भू-खण्ड का भूमिस्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / आवंटन निष्पादित न कर पाये और उसे पंजीयित न करा पाये तो शासन न्यायालय में शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमिस्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / आवंटन निष्पादित करा सकेगा या भूमि को फिर से नीलाम कराया सकेगा और यदि फिर से किये गये नीलाम में प्राप्त रकम पूरा करने वाले खरीददार की प्रीमियम बोली से कम हो तो अंतर की वसूली उसके द्वारा किये गये भुगतान में से की जायेगी।
- नीलामी के अंतिम अधिकतम बोलीदार को छिड़कर शेष व्यक्तियों द्वारा जमा की गई राशि / डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट नीलामी तिथि के 15 दिवस के भीतर बिना स्वयं के वापस की जायेगी।
- नीलामी की कार्यवाही किसी भी स्तर पर कलेक्टर महोदय द्वारा संशोधित / निरस्त किया जा सकेगा। आवंटन एवं नीलामी के संबंध में कलेक्टर महोदय दुर्ग का निर्णय अंतिम एवं सर्वमान्य होगा।
- भूमि को कब्जा खरीददार की साधारणतया परिशिष्ट -2 में यथाविधि निष्पादित और पंजीयित कर दिये जाने पर दिया जायेगा। भूमि का बाड़ा शासकीय भूखण्ड का भूमि स्वामी हक में व्यवस्थापन / बंटन से निष्पादित की तारीख के बाद आने वाली महली अप्रैल से या खरीददार द्वारा जमीन का कब्जा किये जाने की तारीख से जो भी पहले की हो चुकाया जायेगा।

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BRIEF



PM Modi being received by BJP National President J.P. Nadda as he arrives for the 'Mukhyamantri Parishad' meeting, at BJP headquarters in New Delhi, Sunday.

Extended

■ **Jammu:** Jammu and Kashmir Administration has extended by three years the upper age limit for the combined competitive examination-2023. According to a notification issued by the General Administration Department by the order of Lt Governor, the upper age limit for open merit candidates was fixed at 35 years from the current 32 years.

Leopard dead

■ **Narmadapuram:** A leopard was found dead on the railway tracks near Itarsi station in Madhya Pradesh on Sunday morning, a forest official said. It was apparently hit by a train in an area under Bagdev forest beat and a team of doctors and a dog squad had visited the site, the Satpura Tiger Reserve official said.

Protests

■ **Ranchi:** The Jharkhand unit of Congress, CPI and some tribal organisations on Sunday staged demonstrations here to protest against the Centre for “not inviting” President Droupadi Murmu to the inauguration of the new Parliament building. State Congress president Rajesh Thakur said that “no invite” to the President for the inauguration was “disrespect to the Constitution”.

Arrested

■ **Jhargram:** Four more people were arrested from West Bengal's Jhargram district for their alleged involvement in the attack on senior TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee's convoy and also on the vehicle of state minister Birbaha Hansda, police said on Sunday.

Mishap

■ **Sultanpur:** An eight-year-old boy was electrocuted after touching an electricity pole here on Sunday, police said. Saurabh Dwivedi, a resident of Chandrakala village, accidentally came in contact with a power pole and died, Sub-Inspector Sanjay Prasad said.

Shot dead

■ **Mumbai:** A 28-year-old man was shot dead in broad daylight in the western suburb of Kandivali here on Sunday, police said. The shooting took place in Ganesh Nagar locality of the suburb around 7.30 am, an official said. The victim sustained a bullet wound to his head and died on the spot, he said.

'Savarkar's sacrifice, courage and resolve inspire us'

New Delhi, May 28 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday hailed Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar, saying his personality exuded strength and his fearless and self-respecting nature could not tolerate the mindset of slavery.

Paying homage to Savarkar on his birth anniversary during the 101st 'Mann ki Baat' broadcast, Modi said his sacrifice, courage and determination continue to inspire us.

Modi also paid homage to Kabir, whose birth anniversary falls on June 4, and said the mystic-poet opposed every evil practice that divided people and tried to awaken the society.

Paying tributes to Savarkar, the prime minister said, “Today the 28th of May is the birth anniversary of the great freedom fighter, Veer Savarkar. The stories related to his sacrifice, courage and resolve inspire us all even today. I cannot forget the day when I went to the cell in Andaman where Veer Savarkar served the sentence of ‘Kala paani’.

“Veer Savarkar's personality exuded strength and magnanimity. His fearless and self-respecting nature could not tolerate the mindset of slavery at all. Not only in the freedom movement, whatever Veer Savarkar did for social equality and social justice is remembered even today,” he said.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, several Union ministers and MPs paid floral tributes to Savarkar in the Central Hall of the old Parliament building. In his



Narendra Modi

‘Mann ki Baat’ address, Modi also paid homage to N T Rama Rao, saying he left an indelible mark through the strength of his amazing talent in politics and the film industry.

“Today, is the 100th birth anniversary of NTR. On the strength of his versatility of talent, he not only became the superstar of Telugu cinema, but also won the hearts of crores of people.

“Do you know that he had acted in more than 300 films? He revived many historical characters on the basis of his acting. People liked NTR's acting in the roles of Bhagwan Krishna, Ram and many others, so much that they still remember him,” he said.

NTR had carved out his own identity in the cinema world as well as in politics, Modi said.

“There too, he got lots of love and blessings from the people. I offer my humble tribute to N T Rama Rao ji, who ruled the hearts of millions of people in the country and the world,” the prime minister said. In his tribute to Kabir, Modi said, “The path shown by Kabirdas ji is equally relevant even today. “Kabirdas ji used to say, “Kabira Kuan Ek hai, Pani

Bhare AnekBartan mein bhed hai, Paani sab mein ek’, which means: There could be myriad kinds of people who come to the well to draw water...But the well does not differentiate anyone...water remains the same in all utensils.”

“Sant Kabir opposed every evil practice that divided the society; tried to awaken the society. Today, when the country is moving forward with the determination to develop, we should increase our efforts to empower the society, taking inspiration from Sant Kabir,” he said.

PM Modi also talked about the ‘Mann ki Baat’ completing 100 episodes last month and said this episode of ‘Mann Ki Baat’ is the beginning of its second century.

Modi also hailed the Education Ministry's youth exchange programme ‘Yuva Sangam’ as a great initiative to promote the country's diversity and people-to-people connect.

During the broadcast, he interacted with some participants of the ‘Yuva Sangam’ and told them to write blogs on their experiences so that others can also know about it.

The youth exchange programme provides an opportunity to students from one part of the country to visit other parts and understand their culture and heritage.

The aim of this initiative is to promote people-to-people connect and diversity and nearly 1,200 students have already visited 22 states in the first phase of this programme, Modi said. Recalling his visit to the

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum during the Japan visit earlier this month, Modi said it was an emotional experience.

“When we cherish the memories of history, it helps the coming generations a lot. Sometimes we get new lessons in museums... sometimes we get to learn a lot.

“A few days ago the International Museum Expo was also organised in India. It depicted the specialities of more than 1,200 museums of the world. We have many different types of museums in India, which display many aspects related to our past,” he said.

Noting that without water life is always in a crisis, Modi said that looking at this future challenge, 75 ‘Amrit Sarovars’ are being constructed in every district of the country.

“Our Amrit Sarovars are special because they are being built in the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal and the essence of the effort of the people has been put in them. You will be pleased to know that till now more than 50,000 Amrit Sarovars have been constructed. This is a giant step towards water conservation,” he said.

Talking about start-ups in the water conservation sector, Modi cited ‘Kumbhikagaz’ which is working on making paper from water hyacinth.

He noted that by the time of the next Mann ki Baat, the heat level would have increased more in some regions. “It would also start raining in some places. You have to take care of your health in every weather condition,” Modi said.

ARTISTS PERFORM



Young artists perform as West Bengal Governor C.V. Ananda Bose looks on during the launch of Y20 Summit, at Indian Museum in Kolkata, Sunday.

Museum documenting traditional sports of Assam

Guwahati, May 28 (PTI):

Nao-khel’, Alang Dalang’, Koni ju’, Moh ju’, and Khomlainai’ are words that may seem unfamiliar to many but these are among 600 games traditionally played in Assam since yore which an ardent sports enthusiast has attempted to document by setting up a museum here.

Assam's rich heritage of traditional sports since the days of the Ahom rulers may have waned over the centuries due to varied reasons but Chiranjib Sarma has taken the onus to revive these games and sporting activities. ‘The first step in this direction is the setting up of the Olympia Traditional Sports Museum here which showcases the various traditional sporting

activities practised by the indigenous people of the state”, Sarma told PTI.

People are now generally apathetic to the once popular traditional sports of the state, primarily due to the advent of modern sports and more due to the emergence of online gaming apps. The traditional games are now played only during certain festivals, the former sports journalist said. ‘The idea for setting up a museum came while I was researching for my book on traditional indigenous sports which has not been given the importance it deserves and I have published six books on the topic”, he said.

During his research, Sarma found that there was not much information about these sporting activi-

ties. ‘I travelled far and wide to collect details on how the games were played, the rules and the equipment used for each game. ‘Many people helped me in the project and we decided not to keep the information confined to books but set up a museum where the details of the games, particularly those played by the tribal communities, will be on display in various forms”, Sarma said. Information relating to over 600 sports and games traditionally played in the state by men, women and children was collected by him. The Museum, a first of its kind in the North East by an individual, showcases through illustrations, photographs and books the way the various games are played along with the equipment used in the games.

Over 3,300 candidates appear for UPSC prelims in Imphal

● In violence-hit Manipur

Imphal, May 28 (PTI):

Overcoming all the challenges arising out of the ethnic violence in Manipur, more than 3,300 candidates on Sunday appeared for the UPSC preliminary examinations at 12 designated centres here, an official said. No untoward incident has been reported in the state capital since this morning, police said.

“Altogether, 4,051 candidates had registered for UPSC preliminary tests at 12 sub-centres in Imphal. However, due to the ongoing violence, 700 had opted to appear for the exam at centres outside the state” an official of the Manipur Public Service Commission said.

In view of the Manipur violence that began on May 3, the Union Public Service Commission had given options to civil service aspirants from the state to appear for the preliminary tests at centres in Aizwal, Kohima, Shillong, Kolkata and Delhi, he said.

Documents such as admit card would serve as curfew pass on exam day, the official said.

Security has been tightened across the state, following the ethnic clashes between the majority Meitei community and the Kukis, a police officer said.

G Leivon, a tribal candidate appearing for the exam from Bishnupur district, said, “I didn't face any problem coming to Imphal to appear for the exam. In the greater Imphal area, the situation is normal.

Hotel occupancy goes up to 90 % as tourists head to Shimla

● To escape heat

Shimla, May 28 (PTI):

Occupancy in hotels has increased to about 90 per cent in Shimla during the weekend as vacationers are making a beeline to the ‘queen of hills’ to escape the scorching heat.

While the hotel occupancy here went up on Saturday, the summer rush during weekdays is yet to pick up, vice president of Shimla Hotel and Restaurant Association Prince Kukreja told PTI.

The peak summer tourist season starts from April 15 onwards till June 15 in Himachal Pradesh. The summer vacations in the schools in the plain areas also start from May end and a

large number of people take to the hills to beat the heat.

The majority of the people are coming on short notice and there is a decline in advance bookings, Kukreja said.

The room occupancy is about 80-90 per cent on weekends but it drops to 30-40 per cent during the weekdays, said M K Seth, president of the Tourism Industry Stakeholders Association.

A total of 1,57,335 vehicles entered and exited Shimla from Shoghi Barrier on Chandigarh-Shimla road since May 22 out of which 30 per cent of vehicles (46,998) moved in and out of Shimla on Friday and Saturday, Shimla Superintendent of Police Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi

said. Of the total to and fro vehicle movement, about 55-60 per cent entered Shimla, he said.

Seth said the hotels have also witnessed a fall of 30-40 per cent in advance bookings as the vacationers prefer on-the-spot check-in.

He said that the accommodations running without permission and under Bed and Breakfast (B&B) schemes have become a bane for the hotel industry in Shimla.

The tariffs of registered hotels are fixed by the Tourism Department but the online operators are booking rooms in private flats, homes, bungalows, and villas and misleading the tourists by offering heavy discounts, hitting the hotel industry hard, Seth said.

Detractors blame ‘deviation’ from Kanshi Ram's policies

● For BSP's downslide

Lucknow, May 28 (PTI):

The BSP's downslide continued from last year's Assembly polls to the recent urban body elections in Uttar Pradesh, with detractors blaming the party's “deviation” from its founder Kanshi Ram's policies for its continued woes.

If the social engineering formula of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) did not work in the 2022 Assembly polls, the Muslim card played by it in the recent urban body elections, especially on the mayoral seats, failed to make any mark.

Talking to PTI, former Uttar Pradesh minister and a founder member of the BSP, R K Chaudhary, blamed party president Mayawati's “deviation” from Kanshi Ram's formula of “jiski jitni sankhya bhari, uski utni hissedari” to “jiski jitne taiyari”, and said upper castes will always be better prepared.

“She gave more representation to those whose ancestors had created the

‘varna vyavastha’ (caste system) and discrimination in the society,” Chaudhary said.

Even if the party manages to increase its number of seats in future Assembly elections, its hold and popularity among its core support base will continue to slide, he said, adding, “The BSP is now reduced to just 30-35 MLAs at the most in the state.”

Mayawati, a four-time former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, formed a majority government in the state with 206 MLAs only 15 years ago, securing a vote share of more than 30 per cent.

The BSP managed a vote share of around 12 per cent in the 2022 Assembly polls, with only one party MLA getting elected, which was even below the tally of the Congress and new parties like the Jansatta Dal (Loktantrik), both of which got two seats.

The party had won 19 seats in the 2017 Assembly polls and secured a vote share of more than 21 per cent. But five years later, its vote share was the low-

est since 1996.

From being the only party that had won two mayoral seats in the previous elections to drawing a blank in the recent polls, the BSP has been witnessing a continued erosion in its vote bank. Seeking to play the Muslim card, Mayawati had given 64 per cent tickets to candidates from the minority community for mayoral posts, but with no success.

“No work was done to keep its Dalit, backward and minority vote bank intact ever since the BSP wrapped up its full-majority government and hence, the young and millennial voters lost touch with the party's ideology or what it stood for,” a leader who recently parted ways with the party said on the condition of anonymity.

“This was also the phase when a churning had been going on in national politics and polarisation of the society had started, and the BJP not only took advantage, but also successfully consolidated its hold on the majority votes,” he said.

The situation today is such that the BSP has been

reduced to a mere “B” team of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), he said, adding that it would have been better for the BSP had it openly joined hands with the saffron party.

Terming the Muslim card played by the BSP in the local body polls a mere “eyewash”, Naseemuddin Siddiqui, who was once considered a close confidant of Mayawati, said, “Her actions are otherwise. All are against the BJP on different issues but she sides with it when it comes to issues such as inauguration of a new Parliament building.”

“The BSP had gained strength only because of the hard work of Kanshi Ram. People came along with a mission to establish a society that cannot be sold off ... people who did not vote by taking money. But exactly the opposite is going on in the party now,” he added.

A retired bureaucrat considered close to Mayawati when she was the chief minister said the BSP has no programme to bring the “bahujan samaj” together.

KHEER BHAWANI FEST



PDP President Mehbooba Mufti performs rituals while offering prayers during the annual Kheer Bhawani Mela, at Tulmula in Ganderbal district, Sunday.

‘NIA seeking death penalty for Yasin Malik deeply disturbing’

Srinagar, May 28 (PTI):

The Hurriyat Conference on Sunday said the National Investigation Agency (NIA) seeking the death penalty for Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JLF) chief Yasin Malik is “deeply disturbing” for the people of J and K.

The NIA has approached the Delhi High Court seek-

ing the capital punishment for the separatist leader who was awarded life term by a trial court in a terror funding case. The plea by the agency has been listed for hearing on May 29. In an e-mailed statement on Sunday, the Hurriyat said, “The central investigative agency seeking death penalty for Yasin Malik is deeply disturbing for the people of the J&K.”

The separatist amalgam alleged it was a “deliberate attempt” to provoke and intimidate people.

“Unfortunately, such directives and decrees are brought in by the authorities — who claim peace and development as their agenda which seems to be a deliberate attempt to provoke and intimidate people and add to their concerns and fears,” it added.



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Building Democracy

Reflections on the Inauguration
of the New Parliament

In his maiden speech within the newly inaugurated Parliament building, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his vision for the future. He proclaimed that India's new seat of power would not only drive the nation's development but also contribute to the progress of the entire world. Emphasizing the significance of the new Parliament building, he stated that it would serve as a witness to India's journey towards becoming a developed nation. Performing a sacred puja, Prime Minister Modi installed the revered 'Sengol' in the Lok Sabha chamber, near the Speaker's chair. He unveiled a commemorative stamp and a Rs 75 coin to mark the occasion, underlining the immortality of May 28th as a significant day in India's developmental journey. Highlighting the global impact of India's progress, Prime Minister Modi reiterated that as India advances, the world progresses alongside it. He stressed that the development of the new Parliament building would contribute to global development by bolstering India's growth. The event was filled with grandeur. Constructed by Tata Projects Ltd, the new Parliament building is a testament to India's democratic heritage, designed to meet the needs of a modern bicameral legislature. However, amidst the symbolism and splendor, there are notable political omissions that cannot be ignored. The ceremony took place amid a boycott by several opposition parties who insisted that President Droupadi Murmu, as the head of state, should have conducted the inauguration. This boycott sheds light on the deep political divide and the lack of consensus on crucial matters of democratic tradition and protocols. By failing to address these concerns, the government further widens the rift between the ruling party and the opposition, posing a risk to the erosion of democratic values. The new Parliament building itself represents an engineering marvel, with materials sourced from various parts of the country. Teakwood from Nagpur, red and white sandstone from Sarmathura, Kesharia green stone from Udaipur, and white marble from Ambaji all contribute to the aesthetic appeal of the structure. This inclusive sourcing of materials symbolizes the unity of the nation, emphasizing the spirit of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat." While the construction of the new Parliament building deserves recognition, it is essential to reflect on the cost and priorities associated with such an endeavor. With an estimated expenditure of Rs 1200 crore, questions arise regarding the allocation of resources and the government's focus on addressing pressing socio-economic challenges. The funds utilized for this construction could have been deployed to improve healthcare infrastructure, education, or other essential sectors in need of attention. The government must ensure a judicious distribution of resources that aligns with the priorities and aspirations of the people. Beyond its architectural marvel, the significance of the new Parliament building lies in its role as a platform for democratic discourse. It is where lawmakers debate policies, pass laws, and represent the voice of the people. The increased seating capacity in the new Lok Sabha chamber, accommodating 888 members, and the Rajya Sabha chamber, accommodating 300 members, reflects the growth of India's democratic landscape. However, it is important to address a long-standing issue of inclusive seating arrangements and amenities beyond the second row in the old building. The new structure should rectify this flaw and provide an environment that fosters effective governance. As the new Parliament building stands as a symbol of India's progress and aspirations, it is crucial to address the concerns and demands of the opposition. The boycott of the inauguration ceremony cannot be dismissed lightly, as it reflects deep-rooted divisions and mistrust. A truly democratic India necessitates the inclusion of all voices and the fostering of consensus and cooperation. The government must take this opportunity to bridge the gaps, promote collaboration, and ensure that the new Parliament building becomes a true representation of a progressive and inclusive nation. By doing so, India can reaffirm its commitment to democratic values and pave the way for a stronger and more united future.

Hidden Battle

Addressing the Rise of Eating Disorders

Eating disorders have become a pressing concern, particularly among the younger generation. While many people remain unaware of these psychological disorders, they pose significant risks to mental health. Eating disorders involve a tumultuous battle between the love of food and the guilt associated with eating. Behaviors such as restrictive eating, fasting, meal skipping, excessive exercise, and purging are common symptoms. Sadly, in India, there is a lack of awareness surrounding this issue, unlike countries like the US, where progress has been made in tackling eating disorders. The prevailing stigma in India contributes to the general ignorance surrounding eating disorders, as they are often dismissed as insignificant or mistaken for malnutrition or obesity. This misconception starkly contrasts with the insights shared by dietitians and nutritionists who understand the gravity of these disorders. Speaking to Zainab Dodiya, a nutritionist and specialist in the field, shed light on the seriousness of eating disorders. There are various types of eating disorders, including anorexia nervosa, where thin individuals restrict their food intake due to a fear of gaining weight. Dodiya recounted a case in which a mother sought help for her twenty-year-old daughter, who refused to eat and would discard food to avoid weight gain. The daughter required constant supervision to ensure her well-being. Another disorder, bulimia nervosa, involves periods of normal eating followed by attempts to rid the body of food through vomiting or excessive exercise. Princess Diana bravely admitted to struggling with bulimia, driven by her desire to maintain a slim figure. Similarly, Bollywood actress Richa Chadha shared her own battle with bulimia, making vomiting a regular post-meal routine. Binge eating disorder, on the other hand, involves consuming large amounts of food without concern for the consequences. Former Disney Channel star Demi Lovato has openly discussed her struggles with this disorder, stating that food becomes a coping mechanism. However, such disorders can lead to various long-term problems, including fatigue, insomnia, diabetes, and even death. These subtle inconveniences often go unnoticed, making it crucial to seek help and open up to others. Thankfully, there are therapeutic methods available to guide individuals with eating disorders toward recovery. Psychological therapy, nutritional therapy, family-based therapy, and cognitive-behavioral therapy have proven effective when provided with early intervention and proper support. Organizations such as the National Eating Disorder Association (NEDA) offer resources and support for those in need. It is essential to understand that food can hold greater significance than mere sustenance. Acknowledging and addressing these issues, rather than dismissing them, can make a world of difference. By raising awareness and providing the necessary support, we can help combat the rise of eating disorders and ensure the well-being of our younger generation.

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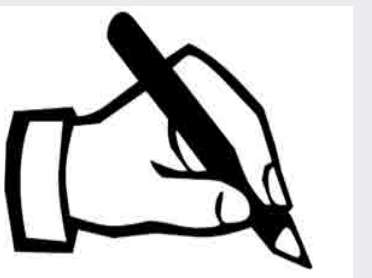
KHEER BHAWANI MELA



A Kashmiri Pandit devotee performs rituals while offering prayers during the annual Kheer Bhawani Mela, at Tulumula in Ganderbal district, Sunday, May 28.

Chaudhary Charan Singh: The Voice of Rural India

ER. PRABHAT KISHORE



Chaudhary Charan Singh, fifth Prime Minister of India is known as the "Kisan Messiah" because he struggled his whole life for the cause of farmers in the country. He was a versatile & multifaceted personality and made significant contribution to social, political, educational, literacy and journalism. Born on 23rd December 1902 at Noorpur (Uttar Pradesh) in a peasant family, Charan Singh struggled his student life in Meerut and Agra. In 1927, he graduated in Law from Meerut College and started his work as an advocate at Ghaziabad. In 1928, he was married to Gayatri Devi (who was later elected as a member of the Lok Sabha). In childhood, he was highly influenced with the vision of Swami Dayanand Saraswati and associated himself with Arya Samaj. As an Arya Samaji, he did not use caste as a rallying point and performed inter-caste marriages of his two daughters. He was highly influenced by Sant Kabir, Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel. Charan Singh's political journey started in 1929, when he became a member of the Congress. He was imprisoned in 1930, 1940 and 1942 during the freedom movement. In 1937 he was elected to the United Province Vidhan Sabha. He was the chief architect of land reforms in UP. He intro-

duced the Agriculture Produce Market Bill to safeguard the interests of farmers against the rapacity of traders. Later on most of the provinces of India adopted this bill. In 1952, he became the Revenue Minister and on 1st July 1952 the Zamindari system was abolished through the Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Act in the UP Vidhan Sabha. In 1953, the Lekhpal system was introduced in place of the Patwari system and in 1954 the Chakbandi Act was implemented in the state. In 1959, he publicly opposed Jawahar Lal's Soviet-leaning economic and collective land policies at the Nagpur Congress Session. Being the son of the soil, his vision was clear that collective farming was not possible in the country and the farmers must have ownership right as against just a tiller. Due to opposition of Nehru's Policy, his political career suffered a lot. His position in the Congress weakened, but the positive thing was that the peasant community started rallying behind him. On 1st April 1967, Chaudhary Sahab parted away from the Congress and formed the Bharatiya Kranti Dal. He joined hands with socialist leaders Raj Narayan, Ram Manohar Lohia and other opposition parties and became the first non-Congress Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. He served the State as CM since 3rd April 1967 to 25th February 1968 and again since 18th February 1970 to 1st October 1970. He implemented various welfare schemes for farmers and depressed communities. Due to his initiatives, salaries and various privileges of ministers in UP was drastically reduced. In 1977, the Janata Party was formed with the merger of several non-Congress political parties, of which Charan Singh's Bharatiya Lok Dal was also a constituent. The Janata Party adopted the Lok Dal's party symbol "Haldhar Kisan" for the election. The Janata Party and its allies got 345 seats in the Lok Sabha election, out of which the erstwhile Bharatiya Jan Sangh faction got 102, Bharatiya Lok Dal faction 64, Socialist groups 35, Congress for Democracy 28 and rest others factions like Congress (O). Charan Singh was a strong contender for the post of Prime Minister as the number of MPs from his faction was next to that of the Jan Sangh and the leaders of Jan Sangh were not in the race. Jagjivan Ram was also trying to be elected as the leader of the party with the help of Jan Sangh and socialist groups and pressed for open election. But Jai Prakash Narayan and Acharya Kripalani, who were authorized to nominate the PM candidate, went in favour of Congress (O) leader Morarji Desai with Charan Singh to hold the heavyweight portfolio of the Home Ministry. Following disagreement with PM Morarji Desai, Charan Singh resigned in June 1978; but was brought back to the Cabinet in February 1979 as Deputy PM along with Finance Ministry. Shortly there was rebellion in the Janata Party and in July 1979 break up in the Janata Party took place when 64 MPs, supporting Charan Singh, formed a separate group in the Lok Sabha. Chaudhary Charan Singh became the

Prime Minister on 28th July 1979 when a coalition of the Janata Party (Charan faction) and the Congress (Socialist)-led by Y. B. Chauhan formed the government with outside support of the Indira Gandhi-led Congress (I). When he was to prove vote of confidence in the Lok Sabha; Indira Gandhi withdrew support and Charan Singh had to resign without facing the House. The Lok Sabha was dissolved and Singh worked as caretaker PM till 14th January 1980. Charan Singh said that he resigned because he was not ready to be blackmailed into withdrawing emergency-related court cases against Indira Gandhi and Sanjay Gandhi. Between 1946 to 1986, Charan Singh wrote several books namely "Abolition of Zamindari : Two Alternatives" (1947), "Joint Farming X-rayed : The Problem and Its Solution" (1959), "India's Poverty and Its Solution" (1964), "India's Economic Policy : The Gandhian Blueprint" (1978), "Economic Nightmare of India : Its Cause and Cure" (1981), and "Land Reforms in UP and the Kulaks" (1986). All his books and most of the articles written during his lifetime focused on villages and agriculture in India's political economy and planning.

Charan Singh was a true champion of farmers and whenever he got opportunity in various governments and organizations, he tried his best for the well-being of the Annadate. He was a thinker, fearless writer and agriculturist who used to inspire people. He took his last breath on 29th May 1987 after a long illness. On enlightening the path of Indian politics for decades through his determination, constructive leadership, nationalist vision, strong willpower, political proficiency and popularity, Chaudhary Charan Singh will always be memorable for the Indian masses. (The author is a technocrat & academician)

LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

Unjustifiable Ordinance

Overnight nullification of a Supreme Court verdict through an ordinance highlights the autocratic nature of the ruling government. Rather than facilitating smooth governance by states, the central government appears intent on repressing their rights and authority. Every state should be entitled to the full range of rights provided by the Constitution within the federal structure. Any attempts to amend the Constitution or issue ordinances to curtail the powers of specific states lack justification. How can an elected government effectively function without control over the bureaucracy? If such control is possible, the same ordinance should be applied uniformly across all Indian states. If this trend persists, it may have disastrous consequences for democracy and the integrity of the federal system. Ramkumar Mishra, Korba

Imran Khan's Struggle

The construction of an anti-India narrative by Pakistan, aimed at portraying India as a threat not only to Pakistan but to the global Muslim population, remains unchallenged. For years, this narrative has prevailed without any significant attempts to alter its course. Cricket matches between India and Pakistan have consistently stirred anticipation and emotional fervor. Imran Khan's leadership and achievements as the captain of the Pakistani cricket team, particularly his victories against India, played a pivotal role in his rise to prominence and garnered widespread popularity. However, both the army and the current government have suppressed Imran and his supporters, leaving him stranded and marginalized. Imran finds himself at the receiving end, grappling with the consequences of his diminished influence within the prevailing power dynamics. As the web of narratives continues to entangle him, Imran Khan's struggle persists, raising questions about his future trajectory. Shivkumar Mishra, Raipur

Inclusive Inauguration

The inauguration of the new Parliament building marks a truly historic occasion. Unlike the demonetization and GST rollout, which were touted as significant milestones in India's economic and governance history by the BJP, this event holds broader symbolic significance. To avoid any contentious debate and establish a precedent of inclusivity, it would be in the Prime Minister's best interest to accede to the Opposition's demand and have the building inaugurated by the President. Such a move would not only silence the Opposition but also counter the perception of arrogance and disregard for democratic principles and the opinions of the Opposition. By embracing this gesture of unity, the Prime Minister has an opportunity to bridge the political divide and showcase a commitment to democratic ethics and fair governance. MK Nair, Raipur

Legislative Agendas For India's New Parliament



Shivanshu K. Srivastava

As India enters a new era with its new parliament, there is a profound opportunity to introduce a fresh wave of legislation that addresses the needs and challenges of our diverse country. With a focus on fostering social progress, economic growth, and environmental sustainability, inter alia, the new parliament should prioritize the development of comprehensive and forward-thinking laws that promote inclusivity, protect human rights, encourage innovation, and ensure sustainable development. One of the primary areas of focus for the new parliament should be strengthening laws that promote social justice and inclusivity. It is crucial to develop and enforce stronger protections for marginalized communities, ensuring that they have equal access to education, employment opportunities, healthcare, and housing. To accelerate economic growth and foster innovation, the new parliament

should prioritize the introduction of laws that create an enabling environment for entrepreneurship and business. Streamlining regulatory frameworks, reducing bureaucratic hurdles, and implementing investor-friendly policies can promote job creation, attract investments, and encourage the growth of startups and small businesses. Additionally, efforts to improve access to capital, mentorship, and skill development programs for aspiring entrepreneurs will further strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem. The urgent need to address environmental concerns and combat climate change cannot be overstated. The new parliament should take decisive action by introducing comprehensive legislation that prioritizes environmental conservation and promotes sustainable development. Strengthening environmental protection laws, enforcing stricter regulations on industrial emissions, encouraging the use of renewable energy sources, and implementing measures to protect and restore ecosystems will be key steps towards achieving sustainability goals. Additionally, the parliament should focus on waste management, promoting recycling and responsible disposal practices to minimize the ecological footprint. In the digital age, the protection of individual privacy and responsible use of technology are of paramount importance. The new parliament should introduce robust data protection laws that safeguard citizens' personal information, establishing clear guidelines for data collection, storage, and usage by both government and private entities. Regulations that ensure transparency

and accountability in the use of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and biotechnology, will be crucial. Simultaneously, efforts to promote digital literacy and bridge the digital divide should be undertaken to ensure that the benefits of technology are accessible to all. A well-functioning justice system is essential for upholding the rule of law and ensuring equitable access to justice for all citizens. The new parliament should prioritize judicial and administrative reforms to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of India's legal system. This can include measures such as increasing the number of judges, improving infrastructure, leveraging technology for case management, and reducing the backlog of pending cases. Additionally, efforts to make legal proceedings more accessible and affordable, particularly for marginalized communities, will be crucial in building a just and equitable society. Investing in education and skill development is crucial for the socio-economic development of any country. The new parliament should focus on enacting laws that ensure equitable access to quality education for all children and promote lifelong learning opportunities. This includes measures to enhance the quality of primary and secondary education, bridge the digital divide in remote areas, and promote vocational training programs that align with industry needs. By prioritizing education, India can equip its citizens with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in the rapidly evolving global landscape. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of a robust

healthcare system and the need for public health preparedness. The new parliament should introduce comprehensive healthcare legislation aimed at providing affordable and accessible healthcare services to all citizens. Measures can include strengthening public healthcare infrastructure, ensuring the availability of essential medicines, promoting health insurance coverage, and investing in preventive healthcare initiatives. Emphasising the importance of mental health and integrating it into mainstream healthcare services should also be a priority. India's agricultural sector plays a vital role in the country's economy and supports a significant portion of the population. The new parliament should introduce policies and laws that promote sustainable agriculture practices, support small and marginal farmers, and ensure fair remuneration for their produce. Strengthening rural infrastructure, providing access to credit and technology, and diversifying income sources for farmers can help reduce the vulnerability of rural communities and create a more resilient agricultural sector. To strengthen democracy and ensure transparency in the electoral process, the new parliament should focus on electoral reforms. Measures can include enhancing campaign finance regulations, promoting political party accountability, and adopting technology-driven solutions for voter registration and election monitoring. Additionally, efforts to improve governance and combat corruption at all levels of government should be pursued, ensuring the effective

implementation of laws and policies for the benefit of all citizens. In an increasingly interconnected world, India's engagement with the international community plays a vital role in shaping its future. The new parliament should prioritize laws and policies that promote inclusive diplomacy, strengthen international partnerships, and address global challenges such as climate change, terrorism, and trade. Encouraging cultural exchange programs, protecting the rights of Indian citizens abroad, and fostering collaboration in areas such as science, technology, and research can contribute to India's global standing and influence. The new parliament in India has a unique opportunity to shape the nation's future through progressive legislation. By focusing on social justice, economic reforms, environmental conservation, technology, judicial reforms, education, healthcare, agriculture, electoral reforms, and international relations, lawmakers can lay the foundation for a more inclusive, prosperous, and sustainable India. It is imperative for the parliamentarians to prioritise public welfare, engage in open dialogue, and work collaboratively to ensure that the new laws reflect the aspirations and aspirations of the Indian people. With a forward-thinking and inclusive approach, India's new parliament can pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for all its citizens. (Writer, poet and advocate, currently pursuing LL.M. from Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

BRIEF

Hi-Tech Pipes

New Delhi: Hi-Tech Pipes Ltd has posted a 42 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit to about Rs 16 crore in March 2023 quarter, backed by higher revenues. It had clocked a consolidated net profit of Rs 11.22 crore in the January-March quarter of 2021-22, the company said in a statement on Sunday. Its revenue from operations increased 18 per cent to Rs 701.85 crore from Rs 594.77 crore in the year-ago quarter. Its Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Ajay Kumar Bansal said, "During this quarter, we have registered the highest ever sales volume, revenue, PAT and EBITDA. Net working capital days of the company have reduced substantially to 48 days".

Barbeque Nation

New Delhi: Quick service restaurant operator Barbeque-Nation Hospitality Ltd has reported a net loss of Rs 11.60 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2023. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 0.48 crore during the January-March period a year ago, Barbeque-Nation Hospitality said in a regulatory filing. Its revenue from operations was up 11.64 per cent to Rs 280.23 crore during the quarter under review as against Rs 251 crore in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

Power Finance Corp

New Delhi: State-owned Power Finance Corporation (PFC) on Saturday posted an over 44 per cent jump in its consolidated net profit to Rs 6,128.63 crore in March quarter, mainly on the back of higher revenues. The consolidated net profit of the company was Rs 4,295.90 crore in the quarter ended on March 31, 2022, according to a BSE filing. Total income in the quarter rose to Rs 20,074.11 crore from Rs 18,873.55 crore in the same period a year ago.

Godfrey Phillips India

New Delhi: Cigarette maker Godfrey Phillips India Ltd on Saturday reported an increase of 6.41 per cent in its consolidated net profit to Rs 110.54 crore for the quarter ended March 2023. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 103.88 crore during the January-March quarter of the previous fiscal. Godfrey Phillips India said in a regulatory filing. Its revenue from operations was up 14.33 per cent to Rs 968.40 crore during the quarter under review as against Rs 846.95 crore in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

Zypp Electric

New Delhi: Startup electric mobility services provider Zypp Electric is targeting to deploy 2 lakh vehicles in its fleet in the next three years and will need up to USD 300 million to fund its expansion, according to company CEO and co-founder Akash Gupta. The company, which is planning to enter new cities like Mumbai, Pune and Hyderabad is targeting a revenue of Rs 500 crore this year, up from Rs 125 crore last year.

UPI to account for 90% of retail digital payments by 2026-27

New Delhi, May 28 (PTI):

Growing at a steady pace, UPI transactions are likely to reach 1 billion per day by 2026-27, accounting for 90 per cent of the retail digital payments in the country, said a PwC India report.

Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which is driving the digital payments revolution, accounted for about 75 per cent of the total transaction volume in the retail segment during 2022-23, said the PwC report titled "The Indian Payments Handbook 2022-27".

UPI is projected to account for 90 per cent of the total transaction volume in retail digital payments over the next five years, the report said.

The Indian digital payments market saw steady growth at a CAGR of 50 per cent (volume-wise) and is expected to reach 411 billion transactions in FY 2026-27 from 103 billion in FY 2022-23, the report said.



"It is estimated that UPI will record 1 billion transactions per day by FY2026-27, going from 83.71 billion transactions in 2022-23 to 379 billion transactions by 2026-27," it added.

It further said the credit card segment continues to grow at a healthy rate, as card (both debit and credit) payment is one of the most used instruments for retail digital payments after UPI. The volume of transactions in credit cards is expected to surpass debit cards by FY 2024-25. While credit card issuance is expected to grow at a healthy CAGR of 21 per cent in the next five years, debit card issuance

is expected to have a stagnant growth with a CAGR of 3 per cent in the same period, the report said.

"The decline in debit card usage is because the major use case of debit card transactions is cash withdrawal, which can now be replaced by an easier way of withdrawing cash using UPI," it added.

Mihir Gandhi, Partner and Payments Transformation Leader, PwC India, said that in the next five years, the payments industry is expected to focus on ecosystem expansion and new use cases for existing payment platforms.

"Areas like embedded and ecosystem finance, digital lending based on payment transactions and offline payments will drive the next phase of growth for the payments industry. In the ever-evolving Indian payments landscape, innovation and inclusion are paving the way for a seamless digital economy," Gandhi said.

ONGC puts a date to start of KG gas, seeks \$12 price

New Delhi, May 28 (PTI):

India's top oil and gas producer ONGC has finally put a date for the much-awaited start of production from its KG basin gas field as it sought USD 12 price for the fuel it plans to deliver from June 15.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) will produce 0.4 million standard cubic metres per day - a fraction of the planned output from the block that sits next to Reliance Industries' prolific KG-D6 area in the Bay of Bengal, from June 15 and will ramp it up to 1.4 mmscmd by February 5, 2024, according to tender document the firm floated, seeking bids for gas sales.

ONGC's director for production Pankaj Kumar had in March told PTI that



the firm will start production of oil from KG-DWN-98/2 or KG-D5 block in the Krishna Godavari basin by May or June this year. A small amount of gas will also flow with the oil that comes out of the reservoir lying several hundred metres below the seabed. The company has now sought bids from users like city gas operators that sell CNG to auto-

mobiles and piped cooking gas to households, companies using gas to produce fertiliser or make electricity, LPG producers and traders, for the gas that will flow from June 15. ONGC asked companies to quote a premium 'P' that they are willing to pay over and above the rate arrived at by calculating 14 per cent prevailing Brent oil price plus USD 1

per million British thermal unit, the document showed. At the current Brent crude oil price of nearly USD 77 per barrel, the base price comes to USD 11.8 per mmbtu (USD 10.78 per mmbtu at 14 per cent of Brent oil price plus a markup of USD 1).

The floor price will be the lower of the price arrived at using this formula or the rate that the oil ministry's arm PPAC notifies twice a year for deepsea fields. The ceiling price for difficult-to-produce fields like deepsea for six months starting April 1 is USD 12.12 per mmbtu.

ONGC was originally to start gas production from Cluster-II fields in the KG-D5 in June 2019, and the first oil was to flow in March 2020.

Mcap of 7 of top-10 most valued firms jumps Rs 1.51 lakh crore

New Delhi, May 28 (PTI): The combined market valuation of seven of the top-ten most valued firms jumped Rs 1,51,140.39 crore last week, with Reliance Industries and Tata Consultancy Services emerging as the biggest gainers.

While Reliance Industries, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Hindustan Unilever, ITC, Infosys, State Bank of India and Bharti Airtel made gains in their market valuation, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and HDFC faced erosion.

Last week, the BSE benchmark jumped 772.01 points or 1.25 per cent.

Reliance Industries added Rs 43,131.02 crore to take its valuation to Rs 16,95,833.65 crore.

CRYPTOCURRENCY EXCHANGE



Customers in a cryptocurrency exchange office in Hong Kong. Retail investors in Hong Kong may soon be able to buy popular cryptocurrencies like bitcoin at government-licensed exchanges, thanks to new rules meant to bolster the city's standing as a digital asset hub.

Axis Bank launches 'Sarathi'

Mumabi, May 28:

Axis Bank, has launched 'Sarathi', a first of its kind digital onboarding journey to enable Electronic Data Capture (EDC) or Point of Sale (POS) for merchants. Unlike the cumbersome traditional onboarding process that can take several days, Sarathi provides a seamless and hassle-free experience for merchants.

The solution enables merchants to complete the onboarding process in just four simple steps. With an innovative onboarding solution, Sarathi is built to provide merchants with a smooth and effective experience. The paperless onboarding process eliminates the need for mer-

Enables RuPay Credit Card support on UPI

Axis Bank announced that it has successfully enabled RuPay Credit Card support on UPI. The Bank customers can use their RuPay Credit Card as a mode of payment while scanning UPI QR Codes or, at merchant's UPI checkout page. This will allow customers to enjoy the benefits of credit card rewards while experiencing the convenience of UPI's instant payment. The Bank is rolling out the functionality in phases.

chants to fill out cumbersome forms or wait for extended periods to have their POS terminals installed.

Merchants stand to benefit significantly from Sarathi's innovative features, which include immediate status updates, eliminating the need for follow-up visits, and the ability to transact on the

same day their application is processed. The paperless onboarding process ensures that all necessary documents are collected at one go, avoiding the need for merchants to make multiple visits or submit forms repeatedly. The solution provides quick installations within 45 minutes of processing the application.

CBIC issues SoPs for scrutiny of GST returns for FY'20 onwards

New Delhi, May 28 (PTI):

The CBIC has come out with a standard operating procedure (SOP) for scrutiny of GST returns for fiscal 2019-20 onwards under which the analytics unit will identify returns for scrutiny depending on various risk parameters.

As per the SOP, the selection of returns for scrutiny will be done by the Directorate General of Analytics and Risk Management (DGARM) based on various risk parameters identified by them. DGARM will select the GSTINs registered with the Central Tax authorities, and the details of the GSTINs selected will be made available on the scrutiny dashboard of the concerned Central Tax officer on the ACES-GST application. "The details of the risk parameters, in respect of

which risk has been identified for a particular GSTIN, and the amount of tax/ discrepancy involved in respect of the concerned risk parameters (i.e. likely revenue implication), will also be shown on the scrutiny dashboard of the proper officer for their convenience," the SOP said. Earlier this month, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) had rolled out a module for automated scrutiny of GST returns.

The module enables tax officers to carry out scrutiny of GST returns of Centre administered taxpayers selected on the basis of data analytics and risks identified by the System.

The SOP further said that as the data made available on the dashboard has been generated at a particular point in time for the calculation of risk parameters, this data may undergo a

change at the time of scrutiny of returns, due to subsequent compliances carried out by the taxpayer or by the suppliers of the taxpayer. The concerned tax officer shall, therefore, rely upon the latest available data, it added. The concerned Central Tax officer would have to conduct scrutiny of returns pertaining to a minimum of 4 GSTINs every month, which would include scrutiny of all returns pertaining to a financial year for which the said GSTIN has been selected for scrutiny. "As far as possible, scrutiny of return should have a minimal interface between the proper officer and the registered person and, there should normally not be any need for seeking documents/ records from the registered persons before issuance of Form GST ASMT-10," it added.

384 infra projects showed cost overruns of Rs 4.66 lakh crore in March quarter

New Delhi, May 28 (PTI):

As many as 384 infrastructure projects, each entailing an investment of Rs 150 crore or more, have been hit by cost overruns of more than Rs 4.66 lakh crore in January-March quarter, as per an official report. According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, which monitors infrastructure projects worth Rs 150 crore and above, out of 1,566 projects, 384 reported cost overruns and as many as 931 projects were delayed.

"Out of 1,566 projects, 384 projects were having the cost overruns of Rs 4,66,874.46 crore which is 21.59 per cent of their

sanctioned cost," a quarterly report for January-March 2023 prepared by the ministry.

However, it stated that with regard to the latest approved cost, 285 projects had reported cost overruns of Rs 1,97,069.19 crore. Further, it is noted that 259 projects are having both time and cost overruns.

The anticipated completion cost of these 1,566 projects is reported to be Rs 26,29,193.77 crore.

The total expenditure as on 31st March 2023 was Rs 14,71,873.93 crore which works out to 55.98 per cent of the total anticipated completion cost and 68.06 per cent of the original cost.

New Delhi, May 28 (PTI):

Bajaj Electricals is increasing its play in the premium range in appliances and other segments, and expects the revenue contribution from upscale products to rise as it has lined up several new launches, MD & CEO Anuj Poddar said.

The company has recently launched a new brand 'Nex', which will target upscale urban consumers with its premium range of appliances.

Despite a slowdown in some segments, Bajaj Electricals will have new product launches in the premium space and in Morphy Richards in the



latter half of this year.

Overall, as a company, it expects a lot more contribution coming from the premium segment, he said.

"We are focusing on two things — brand upliftment and product premiumisation — by launching new products," Poddar told

PTI.

Both of these are helping the company grow market share and the Bajaj group firm will continue to focus on this strategy, he added.

Over the current market scenario, Poddar further said there is a "demand slowdown" in the market

New Delhi, May 28 (PTI):

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have pumped Rs 37,316 crore in Indian equities in May so far, primarily due to strong macroeconomic fundamentals and reasonable valuation of stocks.

This is the highest investment by FPIs in the last six months. Before this, they made a net investment of Rs 36,239 crore in equities in November 2022, data available with the depositories showed.

Going forward, a resolution on the US debt ceiling and good domestic macro-economic data could prove to be positive for the markets and may lead to fresh flows of assets from foreign investors,

Himanshu Srivastava, Associate Director - Manager Research, Morningstar India,

said. The outlook for FPI flows has significantly improved, primarily due to the completion of the quantitative tightening cycle in the US and India's recent outperformance in comparison to global equities, Shrey Jain, founder and CEO of SAS Online, said.

According to data from the depositories, FPIs invested a net sum of Rs 37,317 crore in Indian equities during May 2-26.

This came following a net infusion of Rs 11,630 crore in equities in April and Rs 7,936 crore in March. The March investment was mainly driven by bulk investment in the Adani Group companies by the US-based GQG Partners.

However, if one adjusts for the investments of GQG in Adani Group, the net flow was negative.

Moreover, in the first two months this year, FPIs had pulled out over Rs 34,000 crore.

Srivastava said that the latest net inflows are largely driven by the strong domestic macro-outlook, reasonable valuation of Indian equities, and a good earning season, signifying better growth prospects.

"Encouraging trajectory of inflation, pause stance of RBI (Reserve Bank of India), healthy growth prospects of India in an otherwise recessionary global scenario, reasonable valuations of the equity market and resilient and strong performance of most industries in the current result season, have led to an optimistic outlook for FPI in Indian equity markets," Nityasha Shankar, Head PRS Equity Research at YES Securities, said.

Global trends, macroeconomic data to drive equity markets this week: Analysts

New Delhi, May 28 (PTI): Stock markets would be largely driven by macroeconomic data, auto sales numbers, FII inflows and global trends this week, analysts said. The US debt ceiling negotiations and institutional flows will also be watched by investors. "This week, market participants will closely monitor institutional flows, as there is a historical observation that when both FIIs and DIIs become net buyers simultaneously, there is a likelihood of some profit-booking in the market," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investment Ltd. On the global front, the US debt ceiling issue holds significant importance, alongside US macroeconomic indicators, movement of the US bond yields, the dollar index and crude oil prices, Meena added.

IIFA Awards 2023

'Drishyam 2' wins best picture, Alia Bhatt & Hrithik Roshan bag acting honours



Dia Mirza



Abhishek Bachchan, middle



Vicky Kaushal and Sara Ali Khan



Jacqueline Fernandez

Ajay Devgn-starrer "Drishyam 2" won the top prize of best picture at the star-studded IIFA Awards ceremony here that saw Alia Bhatt and Hrithik Roshan bagging the female and male acting trophies, respectively. The two-day extravaganza, held at a foreign location every year to celebrate the best of Hindi films, concluded Saturday night at the Etihad Arena, part of Yas Bay Waterfront on Yas Island.

Producers Bhushan Kumar and Kumar Mangat accepted the best picture award for "Drishyam 2", a remake of popular Malayalam movie of the same title. The film also won the award for best adapted story. Bhatt, who gave the ceremony a miss, was awarded best performance in a leading role - female for Sanjay Leela Bhansali's "Gangubai Kathiawadi".

Roshan lifted the IIFA trophy for best performance in a leading role - male for his work in the action-thriller film "Vikram Vedha". "I have lived with Vedha for many years now. It all began right here in Abu Dhabi. I gave my first shot as Vedha here. It feels like life has come full circle to me," he said, thanking the director duo Pushkar and Gayatri for the role.

"Vedha has unleashed a certain madness in me that I didn't know was within me and I held on to that madness," said the actor, who later shook a leg with co-host Vicky Kaushal on 'Ek Pal Ka Jeena' from his debut movie "Kaho Na Pyaar Hai". Ranbir Kapoor and Bhatt-starrer "Brahmastra: Part One Shiva" registered the most wins for a film, including -- best playback singer (female) for Shreya Ghoshal, best playback singer (male)

for Arijit Singh (Male), best lyricist award for Amitabh Bhattacharya and best supporting actor (female) for Mouni Roy. Veteran actor Anil Kapoor won the award for best performance in a supporting role - male for "Jugjugg Jeeyo".

Actor R Madhavan was honoured with the best direction award for his maiden filmmaking effort "Rocketry: The Nambi Effect". Pervaz Sheikh and Jasmeet Reen bagged the trophy for best original story for "Darlings". Late Bollywood actor Irrfan Khan's son, Babil Khan, won the best debut (Male) award for the film "Qala". He shared the award with Shantanu Maheshwari of "Gangubai Kathiawadi" fame. Actor Khushali Kumar was adjudged the winner of best debut (female) for "Dhoka Around the Corner". Music maestro A R Rahman felicitated cinema icon Kamal Haasan with the Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema honour at the IIFA Awards. "I am a child of cinema, I was born in movies. I have been here for three-and-half decades. I always feel I haven't done enough. I will have to go back and work harder," Haasan said after receiving the award. The awards night saw some electrifying performances from Varun Dhawan, Jacqueline Fernandez, Nora Fatehi and Rakul Preet Singh. Dhawan paid a tribute to Bollywood directors Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Rohit Shetty, and Karan Johar by dancing on popular songs from their films. Fatehi performed on old Bollywood cabaret numbers such as "Laila O Laila" and "Monica Oh My Darling", whereas Singh paid an ode to the black-and-white era with an act on classic tracks such as "Ajeeb Dastan Hai Yeh" and "Pyaar Hua Ikrar Hua". The IIFA Awards and Weekend were held in collaboration with the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi), and Miral, Abu Dhabi's leading curator of immersive destinations and experiences.



Urvashi Rautela



Nushrat Bharucha



Nora Fatehi

Sameer Vidwans calls Kartik Aaryan a 'director's delight'



Sameer Vidwans, the director of the upcoming Kartik Aaryan and Kiara Advani-starrer 'Satyaprem Ki Katha', has shared his experience working with Kartik and thanked him for being there by his side to achieve what he envisioned. The director took to his social media to express his delight working with the actor, writing: "Kartik you are a Director's delight! Your charm, energy, dedication, and hardworking nature made this journey not only beautiful but powerful!!" He further mentioned: "I enjoyed every bit of it! Thank you for being there by my side to achieve what we all envisioned!! @kartikaaryan." 'Satyaprem Ki Katha' marks the reunion of Kartik and Kiara after their last successful outing 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2'. The film is all set to release in theatres on June 29, 2023. Apart from 'Satyaprem Ki Katha', Kartik has interesting films in the pipeline like 'Aashiqui 3', and Kabir Khan's untitled next film.

Kamal Haasan at IIFA: I saw OTT revolution coming long before anyone else

Celebrated actor and filmmaker Kamal Haasan says that he saw the OTT revolution happening long before anyone else, but people did not agree with him. He was speaking on Saturday on the sidelines of a press conference for IIFA 2023 Awards.

When asked about his take on OTT, which is currently ruling the mind space of the audience, Kamal Haasan said: "I saw OTT coming much before everyone else. I told everyone that we have to get into it, but the industry disagreed with

me. But now, everyone understands what I was trying to say, now that the Indian audience has got a taste of international cinema."

Kamal Haasan has been ruling the hearts of fans for decades and he broke the North-South language barrier much before the rest.

When asked about staying relevant, Kamal said, "I am a film buff. I'd make the kind of movies that I'd like to see myself. Sometimes I get involved with them, and don't act in them, I produce them,

and I am doing it even now. There are a couple of films that I am producing, where I have nothing to do with them, except spend money on them."

The landscape of cinema is changing because of new technologies and a different style of storytelling, so we asked Kamal if it is the responsibility of producers to nurture talent and tell riveting stories. He said: "Let's just say you have an MA degree in literature, but that doesn't make you a good screenwriter, it just makes you a degree holder."

He added: "This is a different art. If Shakespeare came today, he would take a few workshops in screenwriting. And he was one of the greatest artists who ever lived. See, it's not just the producers, the industry itself has done very little for industrial training." Commenting on the state of training for aspiring filmmakers, Kamal said: "It is only by being street smart you have been able to survive so far. Education happens in a very slow manner, almost like nature. A journalist goes to

another journalist to train, actors should also be like that, and directors should also be like that. "We are the largest film-producing country in the world and yet we do not have enough training centres. There are plenty of places to learn cricket, but I don't think I can say the same about cinema. I am not pointing fingers here; this includes me as well."

On the work front, Kamal Haasan is busy with 'Indian 2', helmed by Shankar, and also starring Rakul Preet Singh and Kajal Aggarwal.



Parineeti, Raghav Chaddha may tie the knot in Rajasthan

Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Raghav Chaddha may tie the knot in Rajasthan, if the sources are to be believed. Parineeti reached Udaipur at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday and was staying at the Leela Palace in Udaipur. Also, her family members stayed at Udayvilas Hotel. Parineeti had lunch with her relatives at Udayvilas on Saturday morning. After that, she left for Hotel Leela Palace.

Parineeti's sister Priyanka Chopra had a 'royal wedding' in Jodhpur. Hence, speculations are doing rounds that Parineeti may get married in either Udaipur or Jaipur in Rajasthan itself.

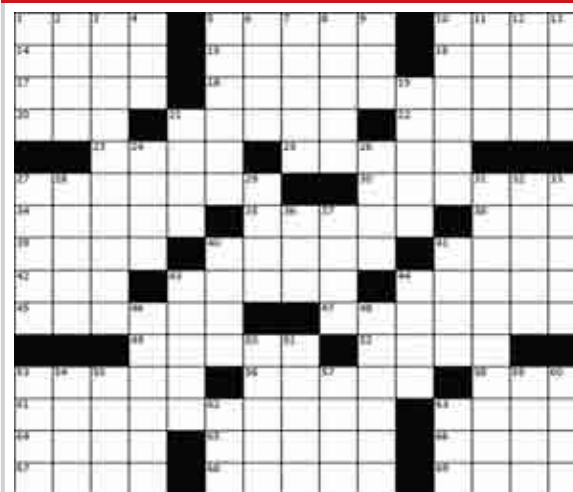
Parineeti also met Shikha Saxena, Deputy Director of Tourism Department, and inquired about the tourist places and hotels of Udaipur. According to the information, AAP MP Raghav Chaddha earlier



had plans to reach Udaipur, but he will now come to Jaipur, and will take a look at the wedding venue here, while Parineeti will stay in Udaipur till Sunday. After that, she will also go to Jaipur. On May 13, Parineeti and Raghav Chaddha got engaged in Delhi.

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22. Bumbling

23. Mormon State
25. Add to the family
27. Books of maps
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34. Tilts
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42. Homer's bartender
43. Rabbits' kin
44. Play part

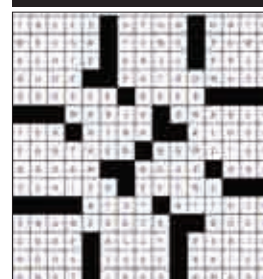
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Prannoy wins Malaysia Masters title, breaks jinx

Kuala Lumpur, May 28 (PTI):

Star Indian shuttler HS Prannoy ended a six-year-long title drought with a three-game win over China's Weng Hong Yang in a pulsating men's singles finals at the Malaysia Masters Super 500 tournament here on Sunday.

The 30-year-old Indian showed great composure and resolve during a 94-minute battle to notch a 21-19 13-21 21-18 victory against China's world number 34 Weng Hong Yang, a 2022 Asian Championships bronze medallist.

The win helped him to claim his maiden BWF World Tour title and also the first singles crown of the year for India.

Prannoy was instrumental in India's epic Thomas Cup victory last year but an individual title has eluded him since the 2017 US Open Grand Prix Gold. The Kerala shuttler had come close to breaking his title drought when he reached the finals at Swiss Open last year and signed off at the semifinal stage in Malaysia and the



Indonesia Super 1000.

Prannoy has battled a series of injuries and health issues before turning his career around in the back end of 2021.

In the last two years, he has been the most consistent Indian player in the circuit and yet he was not able to weave it all together in a week to win a big title in the BWF World Tour events.

On Sunday, all his hard work paid off as the world number nine Prannoy finally broke the jinx, dishing out a superlative performance against the 23-year-old from China in a battle of attrition.

This week, Prannoy gave ample display of his physical and mental fortitude as he outfoxed his opponents — world number five Chou Tien Chen, All England champion Li Shi Feng and Japan's Kenta Nishimoto — in three games.

Prannoy's plan was simple: keep up a consistent attack, retrieve everything and wait for the opponents mistake.

The Indian used his angled returns to create chances and his economical court mobility helped him to keep pace with his quick left-handed opponent.

Lionel Messi helps PSG secure record 11th French league title

Paris, May 28 (AP):

Lionel Messi helped Paris Saint-Germain clinch a record 11th French league title, and broke another scoring record in the process. Messi scored the opening goal as PSG drew 1-1 at Strasbourg to move four points clear of second-place Lens with one game left.

Messi put PSG ahead from Kylian Mbappe's pass in the 59th minute. Former PSG striker Kevin Gameiro equalized for Strasbourg in the 79th.

It was Messi's 496th career league goal in Europe, breaking Cristiano Ronaldo's scoring record for Europe's top five leagues. It could also be his last, as the Argentina star is widely expected to leave PSG at the end of the season and has been linked with a possible move to Saudi Arabia or MLS.

Lens secured second place and automatic entry into next season's Champions League by beating relegated Ajaccio 3-0 at home, with Belgium



Paris Saint-Germain's Argentine forward Lionel Messi (C) celebrates with teammates after scoring his team's first goal.

forward Lo s Openda reaching 20 league goals in his first season at the club.

Defending champion PSG overtook former French powerhouse Saint-tienne, which won its 10th title in 1981 but was relegated to the second division last season. PSG has won nine of its 11 titles

since Qatari backers QSI took charge 12 years ago, with the first of those in 2013. PSG's other titles were in 1986 and '94.

"This is of course an historic moment for Paris Saint-Germain. This 11th French league title is the reward for all the hard work we have put in over the last 12 years," said

PSG president Nasser al-Khelaifi, who has been in control since 2011. "To make Ligue 1 history and overtake Saint-Etienne is a real source of pride."

The title will be celebrated next Saturday at Parc des Princes when PSG hosts Clermont in what could be Messi's last game for PSG. He has not

taken up the option for an extra year on the contract he signed two years ago.

Messi has felt the ire of PSG fans at times this season after his form dipped following his return from Argentina's victory at the World Cup, and he was suspended by the club this month after an unauthorized trip to Saudi Arabia. But in the end it was his goal that allowed the fans to celebrate and gave Messi a 43rd career major trophy for club and country.

It was a second league title for PSG coach Christophe Galtier, after he guided Lille to an against-the-odds success in 2021, when his side finished ahead of PSG.

Marseille lost 2-1 at home to Brest but finished in third place and enters the Champions League qualifying rounds.

Marseille is the only French club to win Europe's top competition and fans lit fireworks in the southern port city on Friday night to celebrate the 30th anniversary of its victory against AC Milan.

Hard to see past Kohli: Hussey on India's key players for WTC final



New Delhi, May 28 (PTI):

Michael Hussey feels it is "hard to see past Virat Kohli" if India are to win the World Test Championship final against Australia at the Oval in London from June 7. Besides Kohli, skipper Rohit Sharma will be key to India's chances in the WTC final, the former Australia batter said.

"It's hard to see past Virat Kohli. He (Kohli) is obviously coming back into some great form again in all forms of the game really, so both he and Rohit Sharma with the bat are going to be important for India," Hussey told the ICC website.

Kohli is back to his best and recently scored back-to-back hundreds in the

IPL for Royal Challengers Bangalore. Kohli has reached the UK along with Mohammad Siraj, and the team is training at Kent Cricket Ground ahead of the final.

India recently won the home series against Australia but the WTC final will be a different ball game, reckons Hussey.

"It is going to be played in England, so English conditions will be different to the recent series in India, so I think the fast bowlers are going to be important."

"Pat Cummins (is a key for Australia) and Josh Hazlewood might be fit again which would be nice for Australia. "But India have got so many great bowlers as well.

Rodrygo scores 2 to lead Real Madrid to win at Sevilla

Barcelona, May 28:

Rodrygo scored twice to give Real Madrid a 2-1 win at Sevilla in a Spanish league match that was missing fellow Brazilian Vinicius Jr following the international uproar against the racial abuse he has endured. Vinicius did not travel with the team due to what coach Carlo Ancelotti said was a knee injury that also kept him from playing midweek against Rayo Vallecano.

His absence from the field comes amid a huge uproar that has reached his native Brazil after he was racially abused by fans during last weekend's game at Valencia.

After the match, Ancelotti said that what he considered the "good" atmosphere inside Sanchez Pizjuan Stadium meant that things may be changing for the better, even if Vinicius was not there.

"I did not hear any insults, and this is the right way. We must congratulate the spectators," Ancelotti said. "They supported their side and did so correctly. They jeered our players, but that is normal. I hope we can have this type of atmosphere because it is good for soccer. ... Last week is over, the atmosphere has changed, and today was a good sign. People are starting to under-



Real Madrid's Brazilian forward Rodrygo (R) celebrates with Real Madrid's Spanish forward Lucas Vazquez after scoring a goal.

stand what one can and cannot be done in a stadium." Ancelotti added that the status of Vinicius' knee will determine whether he can participate in Madrid's last game of the sea-

son next weekend: a home game against Athletic Bilbao. Karim Benzema and forward Marco Asensio also missed the match with an injury. The 22-year-old Rodrygo did just fine

all on his own as the sole forward in Madrid's starting lineup along with five midfielders.

Rodrygo, who missed a clear opportunity to score early in the game, said he was a bit upset with Ancelotti for replacing him with defender Nacho Fernandez with 20 minutes to play to help protect the lead.

"I wanted a hat trick, but the coach said that was enough," Rodrygo said. Ancelotti, when asked about his player's desire to keep playing, said: "He wanted to score, I wanted the win. We had different interests. But the team is always most important thing."

Sevilla coach Jos Mendilibar, who has turned the team around since his arrival two months ago, rested some of his top players like striker Youssef En-Nesyri ahead of Wednesday's Europa League final against AS Roma in Budapest. Sevilla will be aiming to win a record-extending seventh Europa League title.

Rafa Mir finished off an initial shot by Bryan Gil that had hit a Madrid defender and fell to the striker in the area to give the hosts a third-minute lead.

Rodrygo equalized in the 29th with a free kick that he sent around the side of the defensive barrier and caught goalkeeper Yassine Bounou off guard.

Politicians and sportspersons condemn police action and detention of protesting wrestlers



Security personnel detain wrestler Sangeeta Phogat during wrestlers' protest march towards new Parliament building, in New Delhi.

New Delhi, May 28 (PTI): The dramatic detention of protesting wrestlers by Delhi Police on Sunday was condemned by several politicians and former sportspersons who termed the act as "shame on the government". Top wrestlers, including the likes of Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, were detained for violation of law and order after they breached the security cordon while trying to move towards the new Parliament building for a planned women's 'Mahapanchayat'. "Strongly condemn the way Delhi Police manhandled Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat and other wrestlers. It's shameful our champions are treated in this manner," West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee

tweeted. "Democracy lies in tolerance but autocratic forces thrive on intolerance and quelling of dissent. I demand they be immediately released by police. I stand by our wrestlers." Communist Party of India (Marxist) termed the police action as "shame on this Govt." "Delhi Police have detailed women wrestlers! Medal winning wrestlers bundled into buses and detained for fighting sexual harassment while man accused was sitting in new parliament building. Shame!" Chaotic scenes were witnessed at the protest site at Jantar Mantar as wrestlers and police officers shoved and pushed each other when Vinesh Phogat, her cousin sister Sangeeta Phogat and Sakshi Malik tried to breach the barricades.

Chelsea wins Women's Super League for 4th straight year

Reading (England), May 28 (AP): Chelsea secured its fourth straight Women's Super League by beating Reading 3-0 on Saturday to wrap up the double in style.

Having beaten Manchester United in the FA Cup final this month, Chelsea eased past Reading with goals from Guro Reiten and a Sam Kerr double.

The Blues' recent dominance shone through as their hosts failed to deal with the attacking talent of Emma Hayes' side, which finished the season on a seven-game league winning run.

The breakthrough came in the 18th minute through Kerr, who picked up a pocket of space inside the box before heading Reiten's cross past goalkeeper Grace Moloney to make it 1-0.

Reiten added the second after 42 minutes when she pounced on a loose ball in the Reading backline to go one-on-one with Moloney before producing a composed fin-



Chelsea's Welsh midfielder Sophie Ingle holds the trophy as Chelsea's players celebrate winning the title after the English Women's Super League football match between Reading and Chelsea at the Select Car Leasing Stadium in Reading, west of London.

ish. Chelsea enjoyed long periods of possession after the break and Kerr's efforts paid off in the 88th minute. The Australia captain was slipped through on goal and her first effort came back off the post but she was first to react to claim a simple tap-in and round off the victory.

Manchester United was once again grateful for substitute Lucia Garcia but its bid for the WSL title narrowly fell

short. Garcia came off the bench to score a late winner against Manchester City last weekend and ensure the title race went to the last day of the season, where United needed to beat Liverpool and hope Chelsea slipped up.

The first part was accomplished as Garcia's 72nd-minute strike secured a 1-0 win for United at Prenton Park, it wasn't enough.

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