

BMC fraternity celebrates Bore - Basi Mahotsava

Durg Police celebrates Bore - Basi Mahotsava



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Bhilai, May 01: Responding to the CM's appeal, the Bore Basi Mahotsava was celebrated by the Bhilai Municipal Corporation fraternity on International Workers' Day in honour of the workers and labourers. Events were organised at different places and the main event in Bhilai was organised at Andhra Bhavan, Sector 5.

Bhilai MLA Devendra Yadav, Mayor Neeraj Pal, Speaker Girwar Bunt Sahu, MIC members, Zone Presidents and President Bhilai District Congress Mukesh Chandrakar and Councilors along with Swachhata Didis and workers of BMC together consumed Bore - Basi along with curd, pickles, mango chutni, athan, vegetables, etc. Everyone felt proud of their culture by eating the traditional

Chhattisgarhiya food. Mayor Neeraj Pal thanked the CM for explaining the importance of Bore - Basi during the summer days and said that it shows the respect towards the workers. Eating Bore - Basi gives great relief from heat. Speaker Girwar Bunt Sahu said that along with love for the culture, tradition and food of Chhattisgarh, Bore - Basi Day is a real honor of labour.

Commissioner Rohit Vyas while eating Bore - Basi in honour of the workers said that it keeps good health of the workers as well as increases their working efficiency. On this occasion, Bhilai District Congress President Mukesh Chandrakar said that on the occasion of Labour Day, feeding Bore - Basi is a great effort to connect the young generation with Chhattisgarhiya food and

culture. It is the honour of lakhs of workers and laborers. The Mayor and the Commissioner have appealed to the people to consume Bore - Basi during summer. This food can protect the people from heat waves and keep the body hydrated.

Congress District President Mukesh Chandrakar, Zone President Ramanand Maurya, Jalandhar Singh, Bhubendra Yadav, Rajesh Chowdhary, MIC Member Siju Anthony, Sandeep Nirankari, Ekansh Banchor, Lal Chand Verma, Aditya Singh, Rita Gera, Neha Sahu, Mannan Ghaffar Khan, Malti Thakur, Corporators, Zonal Commissioner of the corporation, executive engineer, head of the department and all officers/employees were present.

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Bhilai, May 01: Feeling proud of the culture and heritage of Chhattisgarh, Durg Police celebrated Bore - Basi Utsav on the occasion of International Labour Day. In honour of the workers and labourers, officers of Durg Police under the leadership of Superintendent of Police

Dr Abhishek Pallav organised a function at the Police Control Room during which "Bore Basi" was served in the meal. GAZETTED OFFICERS AND STATION HOUSE OFFICERS participated in this event and felt excited and proud after having the traditional food Bore - Basi. A D D I T I O N A L Superintendent of Police

(City) Sanjay Dhruv, A D D I T I O N A L Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Sahu, DSP (Crime) Rajeev Sharma, CSP Prabhakar Kumar, CSP Ashish Banchor, SDOP(Patan) Devansh Rathore, DSP (IUCAW) Shilpa Sahu and SHOs of various police stations attended the function and enjoyed eating Bore - Basi.

Resume Writing workshop held at Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Group of Institutions

Bore - Basi Mahotsava; people consume Chhattisgarhi delicacy

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Bhilai, May 01: A workshop on Resume Writing was organised by the Training and Placement Department at Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Group of Institutions, Kumhari.



The workshop stressed on the importance of six things that should be kept in mind while preparing the resume, so that one can get the job easily. According to the job that one has aimed to join in the future, preparing resume plays a very important role in getting selected for the interview. If the employer's eyes are first on the resume, then the resume

has to be made impressive on the same basis. There is a huge difference between the trendy CV format of today and the CV format of the 90s. At that time, the resume contained almost all the information related to the candidate. At the same time, in the resume format, the candidate has to keep

his information related to the job on priority in a crisp manner. 1. Contact Details, 2. Work Experience, 3. Projects, 4. Education, 5. Skills and 6. Objective. Shri Rawatpura Lok Kalyan Trust Trust, Vice President, Dr JK Upadhyay extended best wishes for the successful workshop.

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Bhilai, May 01: On the occasion of May Day, people responded enthusiastically to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's call to consume the traditional Chhattisgarhi delicacy Bore - Basi as a mark of respect towards the working class of the society.

A number of top politicians, bureaucrats, government officials, local elected representatives and common people shared their pics and videos of consuming Bore Basi on social media platforms and extended May Day greetings to all.

There is a tradition in Chhattisgarh to go to work after eating Bore Basi. This



traditional delicacy is a rich source of essential nutrients and keeps the body cool during the summer season. In villages, the farmers eat Bore - Basi in the morning which helps them to work in the fields even during the scorching summer.

On the special occasion of Labour Day, everyone followed the traditional eating

habit in a special way. In Durg, the main event was organised at Vivekananda Auditorium. Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, MLA Arun Vora, Mayor Dheeraj Bakliwal, Divisional Commissioner Mahadev Kavre, Collector Pushpendra Meena, SP Dr Abhishek Pallava and other senior officers consumed



Bore - Basi with the workers. At the project spots of MGNREGA and several other places, all the workers started the day by eating Bore - Basi. People stated that Bore - Basi is an integral food of Chhattisgarh and it is full of nutritious properties and it keeps the body fresh during the summer days.

The citizens of Durg city stated that our identity is not only a geographical identity but it includes cultural identity and also the food traditions. Chhattisgarh is known as the bowl of rice and many delicacies made of rice are very famous. Among these, people are fond of Bore and Basi.

Merchant Mill sets New Records as it fulfills orders for Angle 75 Grades

TUs must come together and struggle for labour rights: INTUC

Free medical camp organised at village Katro



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Bhilai, May 01: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Merchant Mill that rolls out light structurals including TMT Bars, Angles and Channels for various applications has created new day records in production of Angle 75 for two days in a row. The Plant has orders for 15,000 Tonnes of this Angle 75 profile, including orders for about 11,000 Tonnes for direct despatch to customers. On April 27, 2023, Merchant Mill set a new day record by producing 1958 Tonnes

of Angle 75 against the previous best of 1948 Tonnes on June 26, 2022 in the same profile. On April 28, 2023, Merchant Mill broke its previous day's record by producing 2160 Tonnes of Angle 75. Besides Indian Railways and State Electricity Boards, customers for this Angle 75 profile in different grades include L & T, Jindal Steel, Bangalore, Somanli Steel, Gayatri Steel and SM Steel, Mumbai. The Angle 75 profile is produced in Grades E350, BR, E 250 BR and copper-bearing special steel Grade E250 A.

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Bhilai, May 01: International Labour Day was celebrated at Sector-3 office of Steel Employees Union (INTUC) on Monday. Ashish Yadav, National Secretary of INTUC and General Secretary of INTUC Chhattisgarh State was present as the chief guest.

He said that now it is necessary that instead of contesting elections, all the unions together form a federation so that they can forcefully pressurize the management to meet the demands of the workers.

Addressing a large number of union office bearers and employees, he said that after a long struggle, the working class has got rights,



but the present government is determined to abolish these rights as well.

He said that now the time has come when the trade union, instead of contesting elections among themselves, should form a federation and together put pressure on the management regarding the demands of the employees.

Special guest was Chhattisgarh State INTUC

Singh proposed the vote of thanks. Senior Vice President S Ravi, Vice President Sachchidanand Pandey, Rajaram Pandey, Ajay Martin, Additional General Secretary Shekhar Kumar Sharma, Vipin Bihari Mishra, Dhanesh Prasad, Jayant Barate, Ramashankar Singh, CP Verma, Shiv Shankar Singh, Animesh Pasine, Gyanendra Pandey, Gurudev Sahu, Raman Murthy, Rakesh Tiwari, SP Singh, Sunil Kharwar, Arif Manjar, Jasveer, Jitendra Aggarwal, Narendra Bavaria, Venkateshwar Rao, Venugopal, D Shankar, Rajkumar Bal Singh, Kaushalendra Singh and a large number of union office bearers and executive members were present.

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Bhilai, May 01: The Corporate Social Responsibility Department (CSR) of SAIL- Bhilai Steel Plant contributes actively towards discharging its organizational social responsibility by conducting free Health Camps at various villages, from time to time. Under the CSR initiative, free health camp was organized at village Katro, on April, 26, 2023. The Medical Camps are organized by BSP with the aim of extending medical facilities to all residents of the village.

The CSR Medical team comprising of Dr Nishi Minj, Pharmacist, Khilavan, along with Smt Joseph, for blood-sugar and BP examination and Shambhu for registration and Budhelal

from the CSR department conducted the camp. Village Sarpanch of Katro was also pres-



ent at the Camp. A total of 62 villagers were examined at the Medical Camp including 12 men, 32 women and 19 children, and free medicines were distributed to them.

Shri Ekanteshwar Mahadev Katha concludes

Employees of BSP accorded warm farewell

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Bhilai, May 01: Shri Shiv Mahapuram is the story of devotion and liberation. On the concluding day of the story of Ekanteshwar Mahadev Shiv Mahapuram Katha, renowned Kathawachak Pandit Pradeep Mishra asked the devotees to imbibe the Shiva element in life. He said that one day has to leave the body and world, so do something to leave your memories. There is no greater happiness and salvation in this world than devotion to Bholenath.



Mishra said that our traditional culture states Atithi Devo Bhava, which means every visitor at house should be given respect and hospitality. Describing the meaning of Narayan in man, he

said that we should never hurt anyone by our behaviour, deeds and speech. Pandit Mishra said that the biggest duty of household life is to sit together and perform religious rituals. Taking out some time from the activities of our daily life, we should do bhajan of God regularly. Pandit Mishra said the higher a man goes in his life, the



more humble he should be. Humility and manners reflect your education. After going to high positions, if you do not understand how to bow down to elders, respect them, talk politely, then your education is useless and meaningless. Try to give something to the world through your education and culture. Pandit further said that people wear good

clothes while going to the temple, but they forget to keep their conduct good. The story of Shrivahapuram says that the attainment of salvation is not achieved by good clothes but by good conduct. If you are causing pain and suffering to someone by your speech, by your conduct, by your actions, then devotion towards the god will not give fruitful results.

Pandit Mishra said that only a single person is enough to bring laurels or defame the whole village. In the same way, devotion of only one person makes the whole village devotional. Further explaining the reason for the sorrows in the life of a human being, Pt Mishra said that expectation from others is the prime cause of sorrows. If we remain in control, then human life will also be away from sorrow. Every man comes alone in the world and goes alone and those who expect something from others have to suffer sorrows. Mother-in-law lives in the hope of a good daughter-in-law, if the daughter-in-law does not meet her expectations, then she feels sad. That's why one should not keep hope from anyone in life. On the last day of the

seven-day Shiv Mahapuram Katha, former Assembly Speaker Prem Prakash Pandey expressed gratitude towards everyone for successfully organizing the Katha. He thanked all the devotees, local administration, police administration, health administration, social organizations, corporation employees and all Bhilai residents.

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Bhilai, May 01: 120 Employees posted in various departments and mining towns of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant have retired after their long service on April 30, 2023. The retirement ceremony for Executives was organized at Ispat Bhawan. On April 29, 2023, in a function organized at Ispat Bhawan, Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (BSP) bid farewell to SV Nandanwar, CGM (Town Services-Special Projects). He wished him a healthy and happy life. A total of 120 employees and officers retired from BSP in the month of April. Out of 120 retiring employees, 14 are Executives and 106 are Non-Executives. The executives retiring in

the month of April include SV Nandanwar, CGM (TSD-Special Projects), K Sensharma, GM(MARS), Dr Jai Prakash Pandey, GM (Mechanical Services), P Muthaiah, GM (COCCD), R Behera, GM (Mines), NT Antony, DGM (ACWE), Rajnish Ghore, AGM (RSM), Sumit Sarkar, AGM (TEED), RK Sharma, AGM (Mines), Netram Gilhare, Senior Manager (Plate Mill), RK Mitra, Senior Manager (COCCD), Nohar Singh, Senior Manager (Blast Furnace), JK Josyula Mgr (RSM) and Avinash Shirpurwar Mgr (Plate Mill). Underlining their contribution, the departing steel fraternity was wished a healthy and happy life by the plant management.

State on path of progress due to hard work of labourers: CM

CM makes various announcements on World Labour Day

● **Financial aid to labourers hiked to Rs 5 lakh in case of death at the work place; amount of compensation for any disability hiked to Rs 2.50 cr**

Raipur, May 01:

In the Labour convention organised on occasion of International Labour Day, CM Bhupesh Baghel made many declarations in favour of the labourers. In the programme, CM Baghel hike the financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh to registered construction labourers who dies at the work place and in case of suffering from any physical deformity, the amount payable was hiked from Rs 50000 to Rs 2.50 lakh. Apart from this the registered labourer will also be provided compensation of Rs 1 lakh for death at the work place. On this occasion School Education Minister Premjai Singh Tekam, Minister for Women and Child Development Anila Bhedha, Parliamentary Secretary Vikas Upadhyay,



MLA Sanjari-Balod Sangeeta Singh, Chairperson State Women's Commission Dr Kiranmayi Nayak, ex-MP Nand Kumar Sai, Chhaya Verma and other public representatives were present.

In this programme, CM Baghel also made declaration of making Monthly Season Ticket Card Scheme for the labourers. Under this the registered labourer who travels from his home to work place will be issued Monthly Ticket MST and it will be valid for travelling upto 50 kms. This entire expenditure will be borne by Chhattisgarh Bhavan & Anya Sannirman

Karmakar Mandal (CBASKM). Along with this CM also makes declaration of 'Shramik Sahayata Yojana' (SSY). Under this the construction labourer will be provided a grant of Rs 50000 either for house construction or purchase of a house. CM also made declaration of Mukhyamantri Nirman Shramik Dirghayu Sahayata Yojana (MNSDSY). Under this the labourers will be provided an additional grant of Rs 20000 apart from the benefits under the state government's health scheme for heart surgery, liver transplant, kidney transplant, neuro surgery, backbone surgery, surgery of knee,

cancer, paralysis and other serious ailments. In his address on the occasion, CM said that an amount of Rs 56 cr has been transferred to the labourers through DBT. The amount is being transferred directly into the account of the labourer, so that he or she can purchase necessary items. CM said that it is because of the labourers that Chhattisgarh is on the path of progress. When the entire country was struggling for life during lockdown, the labourers of state were working hard. It is because of the labourers that the state's economic system was healthier. He said that 'Bore Basi' is the

food close to the heart of labourers and it is our tradition. When the labourers take a break after day's hard work in the farm, it is the intake of 'Bore Basi' which keeps them cool and full of water content.

The Minister for Urban Administration and Labour Dr Shiv Kumar Daharia said that in the last four years, the labour department has launched 13 new schemes and through which a help of Rs 172 cr has been made to the labourers. Today the department is providing a helpline number for help to the labourers. MLA Kondagaon Mohan Markam said that the state government has done massive works in last four years for welfare of the labourers and due to which Chhattisgarh is on path of prosperity. In this programme Chairman Chhattisgarh Labour Welfare Board Shafi Ahmed, CBASKM Chairman Sushil S Agrawal, Chairman CMDC Girish Dewangan also addressed the gathering. Secretary Amrut Khalko gave information in detailed about various schemes of the state government for the labourers.

ART & CRAFT



Children learning different art forms in the summer camp organised by one of the institution here on Monday.

SC's decision is BJP's moral victory: Chandel

On lifting of stay on 32% reservation on STs

Raipur, May 01:

The Leader of Opposition in VS Narayan Chandel said that the stay on the 32% reservation for ST by Congress has been removed by the Supreme Court and it is moral victory for BJP, as it was introduced in state during BJP's rule in the state. Now CM should understand that he is not above the Constitution, he added.

Leader of Opposition in VS Narayan Chandel said that during BJP's rule in state, STs were given 32% reservation and which remained intact till BJP's rule. But when the Congress government came to power in the state,

the Congress approached High Court to snatch the rights of ST and obtained stay from the HC. The Congress government never wanted to provide just rights to STs in the state and therefore sent their persons to HC and no seriousness was shown on part of Congress to safeguard 32% reservation for STs. The only intention here was to snatch away their 32% rights. After this Congress government did not showed any interest to restore 32% reservation for STs and wasted time in taking another date. Despite this the SC has put a stay on HC's decision and restored the reservation policy of BJP government. This is ideological

victory of BJP and the victory that of struggle of STs.

Narayan Chandel termed the issue of reservation by CM as mere political stunts and questioned him that if at all he wanted to give reservation to all sections of the society, then why the report of Quantifiable Data Commission has not being disclosed. This report neither has been produced in the Vidhan Sabha nor sent to Rajbhavan, despite the fact that the reservation bill of Congress is purely on the basis of this Data report. CM Baghel and Congress are purely spreading rumour in the name of reservation he alleged.

Problems of common citizens heard in Jan Chaupal

More than 35 applications came in Jan Chaupal



Raipur, May 01:

Under the guidance of Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure, Additional Collector BB Panchbhai listened to the problems of common citizens through 'Jan Chaupal' in the collectorate meeting hall. Panchbhai listened to the problems and complaints of citizens, villagers and women from various de-

velopment blocks of the district through Jan Chaupal and gave instructions for the concerned officials for quick redressal of those applications as per the rules. Dhanwai Nishad, a resident of Baron Bazar complained of illegal occupation of his house. Jagmohan Baghel of village Bhansoj demanded to rectify the settlement error. Naveen Tandi, a res-

ident of Kota, demanded benefits of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana. Ramesh Kumar Patel of Tehsil Arang complained of encroachment. Dharmendra Jain applied for removal of encroachment from school land in village Nimora whereas Paragaon resident Anup Nishad applied for compensation amount.

Similarly, social worker Suresh Dewan demanded action to stop dumping of garbage in canals. Ramayan Sahu, a resident of village Bhumia demanded to remove illegal constructions. Vishram Sahu, a resident of village Bemta demanded to enroll his agricultural land in his account. Rajaram Tandon, a resident of Padabhat submitted application pertaining to closure of disabled pension. Similarly, other people also gave applications related to their complaints and problems.

Four IFS officers issued fresh posting

Raipur, May 01: The State Government has fresh posting to four IFS officers. This includes Sudhir Agrawal who has been posted as Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) (Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation) and Chief Wildlife Warden from PCCF (Operational Planning). Similarly Tapes Kumar Jha has been posted as Managing Director (MD) of Chhattisgarh State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (CSFDCL) from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Development). Sanjay Kumar Ojha has been posted as PCCF (Operational Planning) from PCCF (CSFRTI). Anil Kumar Rai has been posted as Managing Director (MD), Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce (Trade and Development) from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Co-operative Federation. The order in this regard has been issued today on 1 May from the Forest and Climate Change Department located at the State Secretariat, Atal Nagar, Naya Raipur.

State level workshop on Cochlear Implant organized



Raipur, May 01:

A state-level workshop on Cochlear Implant was organized by the Department of Nose Ear Throat Disease (ENT) of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Raipur, affiliated to Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College on Saturday in the Physiotherapy Hall of the hospital. Padma Shri Dr JM Hans from Delhi was invited for live demonstration of surgery. Dr Hans explained in detail the cochlear implant method by Veria technique and

demonstrated live surgery. Dr Hans also explained the nuances of this surgery. The chief guest of the program Health Minister TS Singhdeo asked all the doctors participating in the workshop to continuously strive to improve their surgical skills.

Director Medical Education Dr Vishnu Dutt and Head of Department of Psychiatry Dr MK Sahu also attended the workshop. Head of the Department of Nose Ear Throat Dr Hans Banjara was the organizing president of the programme

whereas Dr Varsha Muguntwar was the organizing secretary. Dr Manya Thakur and Dr Ankur Chandrakar were Joint Secretaries while Dr Durgesh Gajendra was the treasurer.

A large number of doctors from the Department of Ear, Nose and Throat participated in this workshop. The programme was conducted by the head of the department of pathology, Dr Arvind Neralit. The workshop was organized with the joint participation of Medical College and AOI Chhattisgarh Chapter.

Vishnudeo asks whether Sai was under undue pressure

Raipur, May 01: BJP's senior leader and former state president Vishnudeo Sai asked whether Congress put any undue pressure on Nandkumar Sai. World knows that Congress is a sinking boat and it pushed the country into the pit of corruption, Vishnudeo said in a press conference held here today.

It is unfortunate that he joined the same party which conspired to harass him personally and physically assaulted him, he said, adding that during the Ajit Jogi government, his leg was broken in protest. Vishnudeo also said that recently Nandkumar Sai also staged a sit-in protest against Congress for depriving tribal of benefit of reservation.

Asking about the situation that led Nandkumar Sai to take this step, Vishnudeo said it raised doubts. It has to be seen whether Sai was under any undue pressure, he said. Vishnudeo also asked what justice the Congress will do to Sai when it cheated the entire country and Chhattisgarh. How will he be comfortable in the Congress which always insulted the tribals? he asked.

People, well-wishers greet Brijmohan on his B'day



Raipur, May 01:

The greetings and well-wishes to senior BJP Leader and MLA Brijmohan Agrawal on his 64th Birthday started from night of Sunday itself. After prayers on Monday morning at 11:00 am, Brijmohan started receiving greetings from his fan-followers and well-wishers. Both Brijmohan Agrawal and Ram Shri Agrawal cut the cakes brought by large number of persons as well. Apart from this hundreds of

Brijmohan's fan-followers wished him good health and happiness on his 64th birthday on his WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, CM MP Shivraj Singh Chouhan, ex-CM Maharashtra Devendra Fadnis, BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya, and many other national level leaders of BJP organisation greeted him on telephone and mobile phone. People from different societies,

their office bearers also sent greetings to Brijmohan directly or indirectly and wished him good health and longevity.

On this occasion prayers were performed at ancient Budheshwar Mandir by BJP leader Sanju Narayan Singh Thakur at Budheshwar Chowk and sought blessings for his good health and happiness. During this Vikas Agrawal, Ravish Gupta, Mahendra Tilwar, Vijay Vyas and other public representatives were present. Agrawal also took part in a Yagna and 'anushtan' and it was organised by Acharyas of Pathanjali Yoga Peeth at Shankar Nagar. On this occasion citizens also performed prayers at Radha-Krishna Mandir in Sanjay Nagar and distributed sweets. Sisters from Prajapita Brahmakumari also visited Agrawal's residence and greeted him on his birthday. On this occasion School dress and educational materials were distributed to students of Tikrapara by Rashtriya Disha Manch.

CVP office bearers enjoy 'Bore Basi' at Gadhkaleva



Raipur, May 01: The office bearers of Congress Vayapar Prakosth (CVP) celebrated International Labour Day relishing 'Bore Basi' at Gadhkaleva here on Monday. CM Bhupesh Baghel has made declaration to celebrate World Labour Day as 'Bore Basi Diwas' and appealed all the people to celebrate the

same with pride and enthusiasm. Under this the State president CVP Rajendra Jaggi, general secy. Vijay Verma, Yogendra Narang, Sachin Agrawal, Raipur district President Subhsh Bajaj, V-P Sumit Gupta, AMar Parchani, State Secy. Anniket Singh, Shankar Ashyab, and others were present.

Governor inaugurated PIB exhb

Raipur, May 01: During the special screening of the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' at Raj Bhavan, Central Bureau of Information and Broadcasting Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Raipur presented a special photo exhibition based on Mann Ki Baat, a program focused on public welfare schemes of central government, good governance, service and welfare of poor. Governor Vishwabhusan Harichandan after visiting the exhibition, appreciated the efforts of Central Bureau of Communications, Raipur for Mann Ki Baat. He wrote his important note in the visitor's book. He was presented with a copy of New India News published by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and broadcast free of cost in public interest. He was welcomed by the office head of CBC Raipur, Shailesh Faye.

Contribution of workers is important in development of state and country: Chandrakar

● **People's representative in Mahasamund, officers and employees with labourers celebrated Bore-Basi festival**



Raipur, May 01:

Bore-Basi Tihar was celebrated in Mahasamund district on International Labour Day. In this festival, people's representatives, officers-employees took part together with the workers and expressed their respect towards the workers.

Parliamentary Secretary and MLA Vinod Chandrakar said that today is the day of respect for the labourers. The contribution of workers is important in the innovation of the state and the country. He tasted Bore-Basi at his residence. It may be noted

that on the initiative of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, Bore-Basi festival is being organised in the state to express respect for labourers on Labour Day. People's representatives, officers-employees, labouers, journalists and common citizens expressed their respect for the labourers by eating Bore-Basi in the Bore-Basi festival organised in Mahasamund district. District Panchayat President Mrs. Usha Patel, President of Sirpur, Special Area Authority Mr. Satish Jaggi also ate Bore-Basi. Collector Mr. Nileshkumar Kshirsagar and District Panchayat

CEO Mr. S. Alok felicitated the workers by eating Bore-Basi along with the office bearers of Forest Management Committee village Kuhri, Tendupatta workers and labourers working here.

Collector Mahasamund said in the program organized on this occasion that progress and prosperity comes in the country due to the hard work of the workers. Workers are an integral part of the society. They have an invaluable contribution in the development of the society and the country. Superintendent of Police Mr. Dharmendra Singh also collectively participated in Bore-Basi Tihar.

Results of Lok Adalats are better and commendable: CJ

Kodiya-Potia road in dilapidated condition



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Nandini Ahiwara, May 01: The road from Nandini to Kodiya (Potia) under Dhamdha development block of Durg district has become very dilapidated, due to which there is a possibility of accident every day. The local people's representatives and residents

are continuously being demanding the construction of this road, but till date no proposal has been received from the government to construct this road. Every day hundreds of vehicles ply on this road, and the road is completely cut off from place to place, and recently a young man died in a road accident on this road. In this connection former Parliamentary Secretary Chhattisgarh Government Labchand Bafna told that Durg Collector Pushpendra Meena has been informed of the condition through phone, and immediate construction of Potia-Kodiya road from Nandini has been demanded.

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Bilaspur/Mungeli, May 01: Chhattisgarh High Court Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha termed the result of National Lok Adalats as commendable. He said that a great success can be achieved with the joint efforts of all the people, and the example of which is obtained by observing the earlier figures of Lok Adalats held in Chhattisgarh. He said that the result of Lok Adalats in Chhattisgarh has been much better and commendable than the result of Lok Adalats in Uttar Pradesh, from which it appears that the purpose of organizing the Lok Adalat has been fulfilled. The Chief Justice was addressing video conferencing through NIC of

Chhattisgarh High Court Bilaspur regarding National Lok Adalat to be held on May 13. He further said that there is a need to pay special attention to redressal of motor accident claim cases, traffic challan, commercial court, check bounce, matrimonial dispute cases in Lok Adalats and when minor disputes are resolved through Lok Adalats, the burden of such minor cases on the court is reduced and it becomes easier for the court to consider speedy disposal of serious cases. He expected the Collectors and Superintendents of Police of the districts present in the virtual meeting to try to settle maximum cases in their respective areas and contact Member Secretary of the District



Justice-Sinha

the National Lok Adalat well in advance, ensure necessary arrangements in this regard so that the parties can remain present in the courts regarding their cases. He said that the pace at which efforts are being made to make the people's courts successful should not slow down. Chhattisgarh High Court Justice and Chairman of Legal Services Committee Bilaspur Sanjay S. Agarwal said that the aim should not be to identify more and more cases in Lok Adalats, but efforts should be made to study the identified cases thoroughly, so that the parties are well explained about the case. In the virtual meeting, all District Judges, Family Court Judges, District

Judicial Officers, Collectors, Superintendents of Police, officers of Bank Insurance, President of Advocates Association, Commissioner Municipal Corporation etc. were connected during virtual video conferencing.

Upcoming NLA on May 13

It may be known that as per the instructions of National Lok Adalat NALSA, New Delhi, Lok Adalats are to be organized in the entire country in the calendar year 2023 at all levels i.e. from Tehsil Court to Supreme Court level. In this sequence, the upcoming National Lok Adalat is to be organized on May 13.

Bhoomi Poojan of new extended court building concludes

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, May 01: Bhoomi Poojan of new extended court building was done here by Honorable Justice Sanjay S. Aggarwal, Judge Chhattisgarh High Court and Portfolio Judge, District Bilaspur. On this occasion, Justice Sanjay S. Aggarwal expressed that on completion of the construction of the new extended court building in the District Court Complex, Bilaspur, there will be convenience for the parties and advocates in future. Addressing the program, Justice Sanjay S. Aggarwal emphasized on the importance of contin-



uous study of legal subjects to junior advocates and to respect senior advocates and take guidance from them. On this occasion, the welcome address was given by Ashok Kumar Sahu, District and Sessions Judge, Bilaspur and the vote of thanks was given by Sangharatna Bhatpahari, Special Judge (Atrocity), Bilaspur. On this occasion Justice Sachin Singh Rajput, Judge Chhattisgarh High Court Bilaspur, Honorable Justice Rakesh Mohan

Pandey, Judge Chhattisgarh High Court Bilaspur, Ramashankar Prasad, Chief Justice Family Court Bilaspur, Saurabh Kumar, Collector Bilaspur, Santosh Kumar Singh, Superintendent of Police Bilaspur, Chandrashekar Bajpai, President District Advocates Association Bilaspur, Govind Ram Miri, Senior Advocate Bilaspur, All judicial officers and employees posted in District Court Bilaspur, Virendra Prakash Gaurha, Public Prosecutor Bilaspur, SL Patel, Dy. A large number of advocates including Director Public Prosecution Bilaspur were present.

CM transfer's funds to the beneficiaries of UAC



Central Chronicle News

Korea, May 01: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel here distributed the amount under the unemployment allowance scheme (UAC) through video conferencing from the residence office. Under this scheme, more

than 1.27 lakh applications were received in the state, in which the amount of unemployment allowance scheme was transferred to the accounts of about 67 thousand eligible beneficiaries. The Chief Minister discussed the eligible beneficiaries from the districts and

wished that all the beneficiaries get employment soon and so far 1187 unemployed youths have registered in the district, out of which registration of 557 eligible beneficiaries has been approved and 2500 rupees will be transferred to the beneficiaries of unemployment allowance scheme. Pratima Baghel, the beneficiary of the money transfer, said that she will use the amount received to improve her future. During the video conferencing, District Panchayat Vice President Vedanti Tiwari and Collector Vinay Kumar Langoth were present.

Ayushman card made for 4.79 lakh people

Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, May 01: District Collector Rahul Dev did a virtual review here through video conferencing of the progress of Ayushman cards being made by organizing camps in urban bod-



ies and gram panchayats of the district. He took information regarding the Ayushman card made so far and gave instructions to make Ayushman card according to the target. He said that increase the number of VLEs and

this scheme. It was told in the meeting that so far Ayushman cards have been made for 04 lakh 79 thousand 538 people in the district, which includes 04 lakh 35 thousand 969 Ayushman cards in rural areas and 43 thousand 569 Ayushman cards in urban areas. The Ayushman card camp is being constantly reviewed by the Collector and action is being taken to close the ID of VLEs for negligence in the work. On this occasion, Additional Collector Teerthraj Agarwal, Mungeli SDM, District Program Manager of National Health Mission Girish Kurre and officers of the concerned department were present.

Shivratan Sharma should tell the truth of paddy scam: Maheshwari



Central Chronicle News

Singra, May 01: State Congress representative Sunil Maheshwari strongly criticized the statement of ICC MLA Shivratan Sharma that the state government is making the state indebted by imposing debt and said that Dr. Raman Singh government has made the state a debtor in 15 years. MLA Sharma never raises the issue of paddy scam and non-scam that took place during that tenure, he said. He further said that in the BJP

government at the center, the per capita debt has been reduced to Rs 1 lakh 30 thousand, which is more than three times the debt of Rs 40 thousand per person in Chhattisgarh. The forced acceptance of GST by the Raman government has played an important role in making the state indebted, due to this, the state is suffering a loss of six thousand crores every year. Maheshwari further said that Mr. Sharma should also tell that till 2014 there was a debt of 55 lakh crore rupees, but after 2014 how has the debt become 155 lakh crore till now, and how did this triple debt increase in the country? The BJP government at the center is engaged in making Adani and Ambani rich by taking loans, that is why people are becoming indebted and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's friends Adani and Ambani are becoming rich. he

further added. Maheshwari also said that even after selling important institutions of the country, railways and airport, the central government is taking loans, while the GST amount due to Chhattisgarh is not being given, due to which the development work is being affected. Even after this, the Bhupesh Baghel government of the state is running important schemes for the people without burdening them.

'Political resolution taken to oust Cong govt in state'

Central Chronicle News

Kanker, May 01: On the second day of the BJP Mahila Morcha state working committee meeting, two political resolutions were passed. In the political resolution, a pledge was taken to oust the mal-governance of Congress government in the state. Chief Guest of the programme was BJP State President Arun Sao and BJP Mahila Morcha (BJPMM) state in-charge Sarla Kosaria. It was chaired by BJPMM State

President Shalini Rajput. BJP State President Arun Sao addressing the working committee members said that Kanker has always been the centre of political awareness. Many a political movements have started from Kanker. In today's meeting, the voice of women will be raised to oust the Congress government. He said that the political circumstances in Chhattisgarh have become such that it has become difficult for women and girls to live safely and peacefully. He charged that CM Baghel is not fulfilling the promises made so far and is just speaking pure lies to people of the state. The very promise of liquor ban



within 100 days of formation of state government, has still not been fulfilled by CM and now they are taking another reason that unless the people will stop drinking, how come liquor can be banned. This news is a big cheat on face of women, who had voted them to power. He charged that the Baghel's government has removed the shelter from top of 18 lakh women and set aside this there has been massive increase in cases of atrocities and crime against women in last four years of Congress rule in the state. BJP state President Sao said that at one place where PM Modi is launching schemes for empowerment of women, on the other, the Baghel's government is working to take away their jobs. First they took away jobs of WSHGs

and now is cheating the groups into making of Vermicompost. Right since the Congress government to power, more than 7000 women's modesty has been outraged. Youths in state are moving towards intoxication and due to which crimes have increased manifold and what all development is visible in Chhattisgarh is that of BJP's 15 yrs rule. Addressing the media persons, Arun Sao said that it is highly unfortunate that two jawans martyred in the naxal ambush could not even get final rites performed in their home town. At one place CM claims that naxalism is near closure, on the other such incidents take place

and which shows that Congress government is helpless before Naxalites. BJP Mahila Morcha state inn-charge Sarla Kosaria charged that regular efforts are being made to make women financially weaker and backward in the state by the Congress government. Incidents of crimes against women have increased manifold all over the state and failing to impose ban on liquor is big blow to promises made by the party before the elections. She appealed the working committee members to de-throw the Congress government in the state in the forthcoming VS polls and from the country in 2024 LS polls.

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BRIEF



A roadside vendor uses an umbrella to shield himself from rain, in New Delhi, Monday.

Register

Bhopal: More than 1.25 crore women have registered themselves for benefits under the Madhya Pradesh government's flagship 'Ladli Behna' scheme, an official said on Monday. The scheme, which was launched by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in March, aims to empower women socially and financially.

Expel

Jammu: Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) on Monday expelled former Jammu and Kashmir legislator Haji Abdul Rashid from the primary membership of the party for alleged anti-party activities. Rashid, who had won assembly election in 2014 from Sopore constituency of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Congress ticket, was among the founding members of the DPAP which was formed by former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad in September last year after ending his five-decade-long association with the grand old party.

Rescue

Thane: The police have rescued a six-month-old infant who had been kidnapped from Maharashtra's Thane district and sold to a woman in Jharkhand, an official said on Monday. Three persons have been arrested in connection with the kidnapping that took place in Bhiwandi town last month, deputy commissioner of police Zone II Bhiwandi Navnath Dhavle said.

Arrested

Thane: Seven persons have been booked for allegedly slaughtering a cow in Maharashtra's Thane district, one of whom has been arrested, a police official said on Monday. The Bazarpath police station official said 250 kilograms of meat worth Rs 50,000 and two cows worth Rs 40,000 were seized from the spot along with a car and autorickshaw.

Move on

New Delhi: NCW chief Rekha Sharma on Monday welcomed the Supreme Court decision to do away with the six months waiting period for divorce through mutual consent under some conditions, saying it will give a chance to women to move on and plan their future. The apex court on Monday held that it can dissolve marriages on the ground of "irretrievable breakdown of marriage" invoking powers under Article 142 of the Constitution.

'Efforts being made to eradicate terrorism'

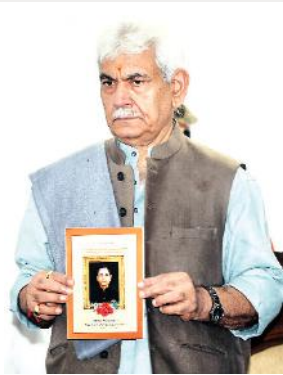
In J-K

Jammu, May 01 (PTI):

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday said the government is making efforts to eradicate terrorism and working with the firm intention to establish peace in the Union Territory.

Addressing a function here to pay homage to poet and freedom fighter Sarwanand Koul Premi on his death anniversary, he also said that "we have got success to an extent in destroying the terror ecosystem" that has inflicted a deep wound not only on Jammu and Kashmir but the entire country.

"I can say one thing with confidence that we have no intention to buy peace. But we are working with the intention to establish peace (in Jammu and



J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha during a ceremony to pay tribute to Kashmiri poet Sarwanand Koul Premi on his death anniversary, in Jammu, Monday.

Kashmir). We have got success to an extent in destroying the terror ecosystem," Sinha said.

Terrorism has inflicted a deep wound not only on Jammu and Kashmir but the entire country, the lie-

utenant governor (LG) said.

"It is not the wound inflicted on Jammu and Kashmir but on entire India. Efforts are being made to eradicate terrorism and the terror ecosystem (from Jammu and Kashmir). To what extent we have been successful, I cannot say," Sinha said.

There are people who have "infiltrated the ecosystem (of governance) from here to Delhi during the past 75 years", he said.

"They don't allow people to stay (to work in the system). But the situation has changed. Those people who watch Jammu and Kashmir, also agrees on for this," the LG said.

Sinha said Jammu and Kashmir will gain back its glory. "It is not only important for Jammu and Kashmir but for the whole of India," he said.

Traffic snarls, waterlogging in part of Delhi after heavy rain

New Delhi, May 01 (PTI):

Traffic snarls and waterlogging were reported in several parts of the national capital on Monday as rain lashed the city making it difficult for the commuters to reach their destination on time.

The Delhi Traffic Police said they received 31 calls at their control room regarding the traffic issue, along with three calls related to waterlogging.

Commuters experienced traffic snarls in areas including Jhandewalan Mandir, Paschim Vihar, Rohini and south Delhi, they said.

"Traffic is heavy on Aurobindo Marg in the carriageway from IIT towards Adhchini due to waterlogging near Adhchini. Kindly avoid the stretch," the Delhi Traffic Police said in a



Vehicles ply on a road as clouds hover in the sky during rain, in New Delhi, Monday.

tweet. The commuters also faced hardship while booking cabs and ride fares also fluctuated.

Soumya Singh, who was travelling from Lajpat Nagar to Mandi House, said six cab drivers cancelled her bookings.

"I was trying to book a cab from Lajpat Nagar to Mandi House, but it took me seven attempts to final-

ly book a cab. In between, the prices were also fluctuating rapidly. During the rainy season, it becomes very difficult to get a cab or an auto-rickshaw through online cab aggregators," Singh said.

Several other commuters also shared updates on the traffic situation on Twitter. "Traffic choked under flyover to-



Locals shift their belongings as illegal constructions are being demolished during an anti-encroachment drive near the Tughlaqabad Fort, in New Delhi, Monday.

ANTI-ENCROACHMENT DRIVE

Punjab police form SIT to probe Ludhiana gas leak

Ludhiana, May 01 (PTI):

A five-member Punjab Police Special Investigation Team (SIT) will probe the Gaspura locality gas leak incident here in which 11 people died after allegedly inhaling toxic gas, officials said on Monday.

The tragedy struck the densely populated area in Punjab's industrial hub on Sunday. District authorities said the locality underwent a night-long decontamination process, involving putting caustic soda in drains and sewerage lines to counter the hydrogen sulphide build-up.

Teams of the Punjab Pollution Control Board are looking into the possible reasons behind the

build-up of the poisonous gas in the sewer that might have led to the incident, the officials said.

Traces of the gas are no longer present in the area, they added. Hydrogen sulphide, also called sewer gas, is poisonous and smells like rotten eggs. It can lead to unconsciousness and death.

Speaking to the media here, Ludhiana Police Commissioner Mandeep Singh Sidhu said the SIT will be led by Deputy Commissioner of Police (Investigation) Harmeet Singh Hundal.

He said the team would investigate if any industrial unit dumped waste in the sewerage line. Sidhu said police would seek co-operation of the Punjab

Pollution Control Board on this, and if its officials do not cooperate, action would be taken against them too.

The officials earlier said the poisonous gas might have been released after some chemical was disposed of in the sewerage in the area. The authorities are scouring through CCTV footage to confirm this. A magisterial inquiry has already been ordered, and police have registered an FIR under IPC section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) against unidentified persons. The incident came to light on Sunday morning when some people, who had come to a grocery store in the Gaspura locality, fainted.

MAY DAY RALLY



CITU activists participate in a march on the occasion of International Workers' Day, in Hyderabad, Monday.

Locals remember 'doctor sahib' and his family

Ludhiana (Punjab), May 01 (PTI): Kavilash, who died along with his family in the gas leak incident in the city's Gaspura area, was fondly called "doctor sahib" and had come to Punjab from Bihar over 25 years ago for a better future.

Kavilash, 40, his wife Varsha (35) and their children Kalpana (16), Abhay (13) and Aryan (10) died after inhaling toxic gas in the thickly populated Gaspura locality on Sunday.

A total of 11 people, including three children, have been killed in the incident, police had said, adding that four more people, who were taken ill, are undergoing treatment at a hospital.

Kavilash was fondly called "doctor sahib" and his family was always ready to extend help to all," he said.

Two members of another family — Navneet Kumar (39) and his wife Neetu Devi (37) — also died in the same incident.

According to locals, Kumar was working as an accountant in a steel firm located near Vishkarma Chowk. His brother Nitin (40), who was injured in the incident, is undergoing treatment at the civil hospital, said officials.

The brothers, who also hailed from Patna in Bihar, had been living in Ludhiana for the past 20 years. Thirty-five-year-old Sourav Goyal, his wife

Preety (31) and mother Kamlesh Goyal (60) also died in the incident. Sourav was running a kirana store in the locality where people who came to buy milk started fainting on the fateful day.

Sourav's brother Gaurav (50) is also undergoing treatment at the civil hospital.

Sourav hailed from Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh and had been living in Punjab for the past 20-22 years.

One of the deceased in the incident is yet to be identified, officials said.

Gaspura is a thickly populated area with a migrant population. Several industrial and residential buildings are located there. All the victims belonged to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and had been staying in Ludhiana.

Mizoram Cong accepts resignation of senior MLA

As treasurer ahead of assembly election

Aizawl, May 01 (PTI):

The Mizoram Congress on Monday said it has accepted the resignation of senior MLA Zodinluanga Ralte as the treasurer of the party's state unit.

Ralte, who is also the Congress Legislature Party leader, resigned as the state treasurer on April 21, saying he was dissatisfied with the functioning of state party president Lalsawta.

His resignation came ahead of the state assembly polls which are due later this year.

Lalsawta told reporters here that Ralte's resignation has been accepted by the state party authorities after he discussed the matter personally with him on



Mizoram Congress President (Centre) Lalsawta addresses a press conference in Aizawl, Monday, May 1, 2023. Congress leader Zodinluanga Ralte (R), who resigned as the treasurer of the party's state unit, is also seen.

Sunday. "As per the advice of senior party leaders, Ralte and I discussed the matter face-to-face in a friendly atmosphere on Sunday evening. We decided that Ralte's resignation will be accepted as per his wish to strengthen the Congress," Lalsawta said.

He said that the party leadership would appoint a suitable person to replace Ralte as the party treasurer.

Lalsawta said that the resignation of Ralte ahead of the state assembly polls has shocked the party workers. Ralte, who was

also present at the press conference, said that he resigned as the treasurer because he thought it was necessary for the betterment of the party.

The 60-year-old leader asserted that he would continue to remain in the Congress. In his resignation letter, Ralte alleged that Lalsawta had failed in collective leadership and took unilateral decisions on several major issues against the party's constitution and principles.

He had claimed that he was not consulted before taking several decisions though he was the treasurer. Ralte also accused the president of undermining several committees, which are the foundation of the Congress.

Make Sri Lanka a developed country by 2048: Wickremesinghe

Colombo, May 01 (PTD):

President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday invited all Sri Lankan workers to participate in making the cash-strapped island nation a developed country by 2048 when it will celebrate the centenary of independence from Britain.

In a message to mark International Workers' Day, he said it is important to recognise the significant role that the working people play in the economic progress of a country.

Wickremesinghe, also the country's finance minister, acknowledged that workers were a driving force behind Sri Lanka's overcoming of challenges and leading the nation forward throughout history.

"Last year, the country endured a severe economic collapse. The workers played a crucial role in patiently and courageously supporting the country as



we waited to take the difficult initial steps in stabilising the economy. As we celebrate this year's May Day, we should take the opportunity to show the world the pride of the workers of Sri Lanka," he said. "We invite all the working people of Sri Lanka to join hands as we undertake a new reformist path of building a prosperous Sri Lanka by 2048. We congratulate them on this meaningful International Labour Day where their rights are secured."

The president also said the working people were a

social force that could exert a stronger influence on the entire economic process of the country, and the nation must continue to value and support their contributions.

"The government has always worked to secure the rights of the working public. By ensuring their rights and privileges, we hope to create a brighter future where the value of labour is recognised," the president said.

In April 2022, Sri Lanka declared its first-ever debt default in its history as the worst economic crisis

since independence from Britain in 1948 triggered by forex shortages sparked public protests.

Months-long street protests led to the ouster of the then-president Gotabaya Rajapaksa in mid-July. Rajapaksa had started the IMF negotiations after refusing to tap the global lender for support. In March this year, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a USD 3 billion bailout programme to help Sri Lanka overcome its economic crisis and catalyse financial support from other development partners, a move welcomed by Colombo as a "historic milestone" in the critical period. Wickremesinghe, in a recent address to Parliament, said that having obtained the USD 3 billion facility from the IMF, Sri Lanka is currently negotiating debt restructuring with bilateral and multilateral creditors.

UN envoy says Sudan's warring sides agree to negotiate

Cairo, May 01 (AP):

Sudan's warring generals have agreed to send representatives for negotiations, potentially in Saudi Arabia, the United Nations' top official in the country told The Associated Press on Monday, even as the two sides clashed in the capital despite another three-day extension of a fragile cease-fire.

The talks would initially focus on establishing a "stable and reliable" cease-fire monitored by "national and international" observers, Volker Perthes said. A string of temporary truces over the past week has de-escalated fighting only in some areas, while in others, fierce battles have contin-



American nationals arrive to be evacuated by U.S. Navy in Port Sudan. Sudan's army and its rival paramilitary say they will extend a humanitarian cease-fire another 72 hours as of midnight. The decision follows international pressure to allow the safe passage of civilians and aid but also comes after days of continued fighting despite the earlier truce.

ued to drive civilians from their homes and push the country into a humanitarian crisis.

Perthes cautioned that logistics for talks were still

being worked out. So far, only the military has announced it is prepared to join negotiations, with no public word from its opponent, the paramilitary

Rapid Support Forces. Any talks would be the first major sign of progress since fighting erupted on April 15 between the army, led by

Imran Khan's PTI will be 'ultimate loser' if talks on polls fail: Pak govt

Islamabad, May 01 (PTD):

Dismissing Imran Khan's demand that the National Assembly be dissolved by May 14 for a successful outcome of talks as "impracticable", Pakistan's ruling coalition has warned the former premier that his party will be the "ultimate loser" if the parleys failed as the polls can be delayed for a year. Ahead of the third round of talks between the Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) (PML-N)-led federal coalition and the PTI scheduled for Tuesday, the government told Khan that he cannot hold talks at gunpoint. "We want to tell Imran Khan that he cannot hold talks at gunpoint. The first condition of talks is, there are no pre-conditions. Khan is so desperate

that he wants his way or the highway," PML-N Secretary General and Federal Minister for Development Ahsan Iqbal was quoted as saying by the Dawn newspaper.

The federal coalition termed Khan's ultimatum "impracticable" and asked him to be more flexible for the success of this dialogue between the government and the opposition, the report said on Monday.

"If the talks fail, the ultimate loser will be the PTI as there is a provision for delaying elections for a year under the Constitution. Imran Khan has warned of creating a law and order situation in the country (if polls are not held this July) and in such a scenario, the elections will be delayed for another year," Iqbal said on Sunday

Russia missile attack on Ukraine injures 25, damages homes

Kyiv, May 01 (AP):



Mourners place flowers on the coffins of Sofia Shulha, 12, and Pysarev Kiriusha, 18, during a funeral in Uman, central Ukraine. Shulha and Kiriusha were killed during a Russian attack on a residential building early Friday morning.

Russia launched its second large salvo of missiles at Ukraine in recent days early Monday, damaging buildings and wounding at least 34 people in the eastern city of Pavlohrad but failing to hit Kyiv, officials said.

Air raid sirens began blaring across the capital at about 3:45 a.m., followed by the sounds of explosions as missiles were intercepted by Ukrainian defence systems.

Eighteen cruise missiles were fired in total from the Murmansk region and the Caspian region, and 15 of them were intercepted, said Ukrainian Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Valerii Zaluzhnyi.

The head of Kyiv's city administration, Serhii

Popko, said all missiles fired at the city were shot down, as well as some drones. He didn't provide further details, but said more information would be available later.

The attack follows Friday's launch of more than 20 cruise missiles

INDO-UK JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE



Indian Army personnel during the 7th edition of Indo-UK joint military exercise 'Ajeya Warrior-23', at Salisbury Plains, UK.

Pakistan police find Rs 25 lakh from rubble of deadly Swat Valley blast

Peshawar, May 01 (PTD):

Pakistan police found PKR 25 lakh from a packet buried under the rubble of the twin blasts which ripped through a counterterrorism facility in the country's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province last week, a media report said on Monday.

The blast occurred on April 24 at the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of the Kabal police station in Swat Valley in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, killing at least 18 people and injuring 70 others.

According to Station House Officer CTD Police Station Kabal,

Ikramullah, the packet filled with money was found when debris was cleared from the blast scene.

"When I picked it up, it had money in it. In 2022, there was money as evidence from a case, which was the property of the police department," The Express Tribune newspaper quoted the SHO as saying.

Ikramullah handed over the money to the authorities and was lauded by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Inspector General Police (IGP) Akhtar Hayat Gandapur, who said that the SHO's honesty made the province's police proud and announced an award for him.

A report submitted by a two-member fact-finding committee found no evidence of terrorism and militancy in the blasts, the Dawn newspaper reported on Monday.

The twin blasts' investigation was assigned to a committee comprising Secretary Interior Abid Majid and the Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Special Branch, tasked with analysing the evidence collected from the incident site and presenting its report.

The committee was given clear directives to complete the investigation promptly and submit the report after analysing all the evidence.

India urges G20 countries to collaborate, focus on evidence-based research

Washington, May 01 (PTI):

Ahead of the annual India-US BioPharma and Healthcare Summit to be attended by scientists, academicians, corporate leaders, and officials from both the countries, a top Indian official has urged the G20 countries to collaborate and focus on evidence-based research.

"I urge G20 member countries, businesses, academics, and scientists to collaborate and focus on evidence-based research and analytics to ensure preparedness in health systems and build adaptable global supply chains that can deliver instantaneously during a crisis," Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa said in a statement issued by the USA-India Chamber of Commerce (USAIC) on Sunday.

The USAIC also announced to hold its 17th annual BioPharma and Healthcare Summit on May 3 virtually.

Kant said G20 member countries share equal responsibility for ensuring robust and resilient health systems to provide health security to citizens.

The Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG),

Science20, Startup20 under G20 aim to achieve socio-economic equity through research, innovation, partnership and collaboration, he said.

"Global collaboration and partnership in drug and vaccine development, clinical research, streamlining workflows, inventory management will mitigate risks and allow seamless delivery of health care services," said Kant, who would be addressing the conference along with other Indian government officials and industry leaders, including Dr. Vinod Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Dr. Naresh Trehan, Dr. Shiv Sarin, and Dr. Krishna Ella.

US FDA commissioner Dr. Robert Califf is participating in the summit.

Other important participants include Johnson & Johnson's Chairman and CEO Joaquin Duato; Pfizer's Chairman and CEO Albert Bourla; Biogen's CEO Christopher Viehbacher; Merck's former Chairman and CEO Kenneth Frazier along with top venture capitalists, academic leaders from Harvard, MIT, MD Anderson.

On May Day, workers rally for better labour conditions

Seoul, May 01 (AP):

A large number of workers and activists globally marked May Day on Monday with rallies calling for higher salaries, reduced working hours and other better working conditions.

May Day, which falls on May 1, is observed in many countries as a day to celebrate workers' rights with rallies, marches and other events. This year's events had bigger turnouts than in previous years as COVID-19 restrictions were drastically loosened and opposition centred on how governments' economic plans will affect workers.

In France, unions plan massive demonstrations to protest President



Members of the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions shout slogans during a rally on May Day in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, May 1. A large number of workers and activists in Asian countries are set to mark May Day on Monday with protests calling for higher salaries and better working conditions, among other demands.

Emmanuel Macron's recent move to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64. Organisers see the pension reform as a threat to hard-fought worker rights

and France's social safety net. The pension bill unleashed France's biggest protests in years, and the May 1 rallies are expected

to be among the largest yet. In South Korea, tens of thousands of people attended various rallies in its biggest May Day gather-

ings since the pandemic began in early 2020. The two main rallies in the capital, Seoul, were expected to draw about 30,000 people each, according to organizers.

"The price of everything has increased except for our wages. Increase our minimum wages!" an activist at a Seoul rally shouted at the podium. "Reduce our working hours!"

A crowd of people packing Seoul's downtown Gwanghwamun neighbourhood held anti-government placards, sang songs and listened to speeches by union members. They later marched through the streets. Seoul police mobilised thousands of officers to maintain order.

2 killed, 4 wounded in Mississippi shooting; man arrested

Bay St. Louis (Mississippi), May 01 (AP):

Police have charged a 19-year-old man with killing two teenagers and wounding four others in an early Sunday shooting at a house party on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Cameron Everest Brand of Pass Christian is charged with murder and aggravated assault, jail records show. Bay St. Louis Police Chief Toby Schwartz said in a news release that police identified Brand as the sole shooter through witness and victim statements. An 18-year-old and a 16-year-old died in a New Orleans hospital, Schwartz said. The Orleans Parish coroner did not return a phone call seeking to confirm their identities. Brand was arrested at his home in neighbouring Pass Christian and taken to jail, Schwartz said.

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Empowering Citizens

The Impact of 'Mann Ki Baat' on Indian Citizens

'Mann Ki Baat' is more than just a radio programme, it has become a festival of positivity that celebrates the people of India. With thousands of letters sent after every episode, it has become a reflection of the feelings and thoughts of millions of Indians. Through this programme, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has created a personal rapport with the citizens, making it a unique festival of goodness and positivity. The outreach of the programme can be seen through its global audience, as confirmed by a special message from UNESCO DG Audrey Azoulay. The programme has not only been successful in promoting national unity and patriotism but has also become an essential medium for learning from others. With its mega outreach of four lakh venue points for the 100th episode, the impact of 'Mann Ki Baat' is undeniable. It is broadcast on over 30 channels of All India Radio in various languages and also airs on several digital platforms, including YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter. The impact of the programme has been significant in promoting citizen engagement and participation in nation-building activities. It has helped increase awareness about various issues and initiatives taken by the government among the citizens of India. Through this platform, citizens are informed about government policies, schemes, and initiatives and encouraged to participate in them. The Prime Minister often shares inspiring stories of individuals who have made a positive impact in their communities, motivating others to do the same. The success of various government schemes and initiatives can be attributed to the Prime Minister's promotion of them through 'Mann Ki Baat'. For instance, the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, which owes its success to the Prime Minister, has become a nationwide movement. The Prime Minister spoke extensively about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene in India and encouraged citizens to participate in Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan by taking up cleanliness drives in their local communities. Similarly, the Beti Bachao and Beti Padhao schemes have been promoted by the Prime Minister through 'Mann Ki Baat' and are instrumental in improving the welfare of girls in India. The Prime Minister has also promoted the Skill India programme through 'Mann Ki Baat'. Moreover, the interactive elements of the programme have played a role in promoting a culture of openness and dialogue where citizens feel empowered to express their views and opinions on issues that matter to them. The Prime Minister addresses feedback, suggestions, and questions related to the programme and its topics during the programme, making it a bit more interactive. Additionally, some episodes of 'Mann Ki Baat' have featured interviews with citizens who have shared their experiences and perspectives on various issues, adding a more personal touch to the programme. 'Mann Ki Baat' has become an important medium for citizen engagement, promoting collective responsibility and ownership among citizens. It has had a significant impact on public minds and has helped foster a sense of national pride and unity. The success of various government schemes and initiatives can be attributed to the Prime Minister's promotion of them through 'Mann Ki Baat'.

Nanotechnology in healthcare

Krishna Kumar Vepakomma

Nanotechnology is a rapidly evolving field that involves the use of nanoparticles for various medical applications, including therapeutics, diagnosis, and drug delivery. In India, the government has been investing heavily in nanotechnology projects, startups, and corporations, with the nanotechnology market expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 19.1% in the next decade. Nanomedicine has the potential to transform healthcare outcomes and reduce costs by improving drug delivery systems, reducing the need for invasive procedures, and enabling tissue regeneration through long-lasting biodegradable implants. Nanomedicine has emerged as a crucial tool for addressing various healthcare challenges, promoting economic and technological advancements, and making medications and treatments more affordable and accessible to all. In India, significant progress has been made in the application of nanotechnology in healthcare, particularly in the development of nanomedicines and drug delivery systems. Nanoparticles and nanocarriers are proving instrumental in enhancing drug efficacy and precision targeting, leading to improved patient outcomes with fewer side effects. According to a report by Fortune Business Insights™ titled "Injectable Nanomedicine Market, 2023-2030", the global market for injectable nanomedicine is expected to witness significant growth with a steady CAGR. The driving factors behind this growth are the cost-effectiveness, convenience, and accessibility of these medicines. Moreover, the presence of government policies and technological advancements is expected to further boost the global market. The report also notes that the rising number of aging populations across the world is another key factor contributing to the growth of the market. The Indian government has established various initiatives to promote the growth of nanotechnology and nanomedicine, such as the Nano Mission program and the National Programme on Nanotechnology. Nanomedicine has the potential to address some of the biggest healthcare challenges faced by India, such as the high incidence of infectious diseases and the rising burden of non-communicable diseases like cancer and diabetes. The Indian Society of Nanomedicine, comprised of doctors, engineers, and nanotechnology researchers from premier institutions, is focused on reducing costs, providing customized treatment, and improving diagnostic tests all over the country. One of their primary goals is finding methods to destroy cancerous cells without harming normal ones at a much lower cost. The application of nanotechnology in the field of medical science is expected to bring a revolution, making healthcare accessible and reducing its costs, supported by suitable modes of finance like a business loan for doctors. Several Indian academic institutions, including IIT, IISc, and JNCASR, are conducting cutting-edge research in the field of nanomedicine, which has the potential to address some of the biggest healthcare challenges faced by India. Nanotechnology is also being used in agriculture and food production in India, with applications such as nanosensors for detecting food contaminants and nanocapsules for enhancing the shelf-life of perishable foods. However, there are concerns about the safety and ethical implications of nanotechnology and nanomedicine, particularly with regard to the potential toxicity of nanoparticles and the need for appropriate regulation and oversight. To address these concerns, it is important for the government, industry, and academia to work together to establish best practices for the development and deployment of nanomedicine, with a focus on ensuring safety, efficacy, and equitable access for all. Indian companies and research institutions, such as Biocon and Sun Pharma, are actively engaged in the development and commercialization of nanomedicine products with significant support from the government. The growth of nanomedicine in India is expected to continue, with the potential for the development of new technologies and applications that can improve healthcare outcomes and reduce costs. The emergence of new techniques in the field of nanomedicine is expected to revolutionize the administration of drugs and disease management, which in turn is expected to drive the adoption of nanomedicines in the market. Nanomedicine has become a fundamental element in making medications and treatments affordable and accessible to all, and it has the potential to revolutionize the healthcare sector.

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TERRITORIAL ARMY PATROLLING



Territorial Army personnel on a boat in the Yamuna river after finishing their duty, in New Delhi. The Army personnel have been tasked to ensure that waste is not thrown into the Yamuna river.

Who is responsible for the plight of daily wage workers?



DR. PRIYANKA SAURABH



There is a need to accelerate the social security fund so that it can provide a sense of financial security to the poorest and most vulnerable sections of the country. A laborer plays a valuable role in nation-building. The importance of the workers cannot be underestimated by anyone, without their labor the standing of the industrial structure cannot be imagined.

In the changing times, due to various calamities, the biggest crisis has happened for the daily wage workers. There was very little discussion within the country and the government of the country did not think of anything for their financial help. There is no doubt that the working class of the country is the most exploited. The crisis of sustenance has arisen for the daily wage laborers. The laborers coming to the cities in search of livelihood are dying of hunger. Who is responsible for the daily wage workers? Crores of people across the country are daily wage workers. A laborer plays a valuable role in nation-building.

The importance of workers working in any society, country, organization, or industry cannot be underestimated by anyone. The standing of the industrial structure cannot be imagined without their labor. The activities of daily wage laborers or

the collection of data are not stored under any legal provision, which means the government does not keep their accounts. These daily wage workers / informal/unorganized sectors have a prominent place in the Indian economy in terms of contribution to GDP and employment. Out of the total workforce in the country, about 72 percent are engaged in the casual/informal sector in urban areas.

The importance of the casual/informal sector is immense in urban development. According to the Economic Survey of India, about 90% of India's total workforce of about 500 million workers is engaged in the informal sector. Not only this, the migrant daily wage laborer is the builder of not only modern India but also modern Singapore, modern Dubai, and every modern country that fashions itself into the glamor quotient of

modernity. The urban economy in India is analogous to that of developing economies, brought about by informal workers, casual laborers, and the unorganized sector. Indeed, it is the back-end India that provides the front-end India with the support it needs daily to keep the wheels of the modern economy moving.

Factories, industrial units, hotels, restaurants, and many other establishments, irrespective of big names and their well-known operators, depend on such workers or daily wage earners. They come for different purposes. There are Uber and Ola drivers, masons, carpenters, food delivery boys, painters, plumbers, and many more. Labor migration within India is important for economic development and contributes to improving the socio-economic status of the people. Migration can help improve incomes, develop skills, and provide greater access to services such as healthcare and education.

Despite this, these daily wage earners are surrounded by many problems. There is no reliable data on how many informal sector workers/ daily wage earners enter and leave our states and cities. According to the Economic Survey of India 2019, around 90% of India's total workforce is engaged in the informal sector. Major challenges include lack of job security, limited or no access to banking and insurance channels, and a generally underdeveloped public health system, in the absence of records of the workforce.

It also lacks basic facilities. Workers in the informal sector are more dependent on public facilities such as handpumps and public taps or standpipes that are connected to a municipal or public connection. And these sources are generally unreliable - hand pumps and municipal pipes don't always supply potable quality water. Given the im-

portance of hand washing in combating infection, a lack of water sanitation and hygiene puts migrant laborers at risk of working in an unsafe work environment.

To make urban areas more inclusive for the informal sector worker, the central and state governments to address the social and economic disparities in the Indian economy, the rural-urban divide, and uneven development within states and between regions in the country you need to keep up your efforts. The informal sector worker needs to be supported with relevant information and counseling for job search and employment opportunities based on their skills and experience through their local administration and panchayat structures. The recently proposed Unorganized Workers Index Number Card by the Ministry of Labor will also help formalize the workforce. The basic requirements for these can be met by focusing on public health infrastructure.

Smart city projects and public health emergency infrastructure also need to be strengthened. This social and financial inclusion will make the Smart Cities Mission truly holistic. Helping them financially like other regular employees will strengthen their social security. There is a need to speed up the Social Security Fund so that it can provide a sense of financial security to the poorest and most vulnerable sections of the country. A laborer plays a valuable role in nation-building. The importance of workers working in any society, country, organization, or industry cannot be underestimated by anyone. Without their labor, the standing of the industrial structure cannot be imagined.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Balancing Free Speech and Hate Speech

The debate over free speech versus hate speech has been a topic of discussion in India for several years now. It is essential to protect free speech, which is the foundation of any working democracy. However, hate speech should not be tolerated, as it leads to hostility and harm to targeted groups or individuals. It is concerning to note that since May 2014, there has been a 490 percent increase in hate speeches by prominent personalities, with 45 politicians being involved in 124 reported instances. This type of fanaticism has contaminated India's public debates and created a new vocabulary shared by the majority and minorities. The recent Supreme Court ruling on hate speech provides clarity on the matter. While it is crucial to protect free speech, when the speech creates hostility among different groups, it could attract penal consequences. It is high time that all political parties take responsibility and avoid using derogatory language and hate speech.

Yash pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

Climate change the menace

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), India is expected to pay the most for the consequences of the climate crisis. Aside from extreme weather events like flash floods and widespread wildfires, the country frequently experiences long heatwaves and droughts that deplete the country's water supplies and jeopardise crops. The North West and South West regions have been dealing with a prolonged wave of scorching and record-breaking heat since 2020, which was the hottest and driest month recorded in 130 years. Residents were subjected to temperatures exceeding 40 degrees Celsius for several days in a row, with surface land temperatures reaching up to 60 degrees Celsius in some areas. Experts are unanimous in their belief that this unprecedented heatwave is a direct result of climate change.

Vijay Kumar H K, Raichur, Karnataka

Amit Shah's provocative statements

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's recent statement that the entire state of Karnataka will be afflicted with communal riots if the Indian National Congress wins the upcoming elections is highly condemnable. It seems that Shah is frustrated with the prospect of BJP's defeat in the state and is resorting to such provocative tactics to influence the election results. It raises questions about whether Shah is threatening voters that if they do not vote for BJP, they will engineer riots. Moreover, Shah's callousness towards the Pulwama tragedy where 40 CRPF jawans lost their lives due to his ministry's negligence is highly concerning. It's time for him to answer for his actions instead of making inflammatory statements in Karnataka. Although Congress has filed an FIR against Amit Shah and the organizers for making provocative statements, people cannot rely on the Election Commission to take action against him. The people's vote is the best way to hold him accountable. It's high time Shah is punished for his heinous comments and divisive tactics.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee

MAKE THE MAY DAY RELEVANT

Kajal Chatterjee

Often do we come up with reports like women garment shop assistants being forced to skip toilets during their longer than 10-hour shifts. Moreover they are forced to keep standing throughout the shift which can result in cardiac arrest or serious permanent health damages. This is not merely a case of violation of 'Right to Health and Right to Dignity', it is a blatant violation of Human Rights also. However this mode of barbaric medieval torture, no less than slavery resembling the dark phillistine age, is not witnessed in garment sector alone. In this "great" "economically-liberalized" India of "Good Days" basking in the "elitism" of attaining the Mars orbit, this type of inhuman torture gets witnessed throughout the country and in every sector special- ly the private ones.

A son of my colleague had to face the same inhuman ordeal in an over-hyped luxurious shopping mall-multiplex. Apart from an absolute ban on sitting a bit throughout his shift which may touch even 12 hours in peak season and highly restricted access to toilets; he and his fellow

exploited colleagues had to deposit even their mobile phones before joining the work. That means even in the case of an emergency in the family of the employee; his own ones cannot contact him. Yes, cheap vulgar brute money of a businessman, trader, entrepreneur or industrialist is infinite times more important than minimum human rights and matters of life and death of poor members of this "enlightened" "progressive" society. So much light, glitter, glamour and "modernity" in the exterior; but internally it still resides in the dark days of slavery resembling pre-Lincoln America! It seems that business/industrialization and humanity are absolutely mutually exclusive to each other.

When it forms the duty of the civil society, the State and the common people to protest against such horrific inhumanity and gross violation of human rights; our "enlightened" friends in a section of the media and society are shamelessly demanding "reforms" in labour laws and project trade unions and NGOs as "obstacles" on the path of "forward movement" of the country. Trade unions are indeed extremely

"laggard" in mindset because they create "obstacles" on the path of industrialists and business groups who are real harbingers of "progress" and "growth". How can the country move forward in the path of growth unless the industrialists and traders make huge profit, even at the expense of all essence of humanity. So it remains the duty of all to remain absolutely blind when in many modern industrial establishments, workers are not allowed more than five minutes during the entire working day to visit the toilet. Thus the hapless workers find no other option but to drastically cut their intake of fluids, so that they do not violate their quota of five minutes of toilet visit per working day. In the process, they are suffering from many ailments also.

What a barbaric assault on human rights and health of the workers. Moreover in many industrial units, workers are paid only eight hours' wages for a piece of work that actually takes them no less than ten hours. They do not get a penny for the two hours of extra work they do to fulfil their work norm. How can the said industrial units exploit the workers in such

barbaric and medieval fashion if trade unions get recognized. So to ensure that none can prevent the workers from being exploited, the monsters in the guise of those industrialists have virtually exterminated the "nuisance" named trade unions. And to gain more dominance on the workers so that they can be exploited to the maximum so as to maximize the profit; the industry mandarins, in a mission of taking India "forward", are replacing the regular workers with contractual ones. If the menace named trade unions get recognized, how can the dream of "forward movement" of the country be achieved.

Thus to pamper the industrialists, trade unions should definitely be banned from the industrial sector. When the brutally exploited workers express their genuine grievance or demand their entitled dues; it amounts to "muscle-flexing" of the trade unions, the "victims" being the "hapless" industrialists, factory owners or businessmen! But when basic human rights and dignity of the poor workers get ruthlessly exploited, the "progressive" lot preferred to look the other way. What an inhuman barbaric class-conscious soci-

ety India has got "promoted" to. All norms of human rights should be the exclusive privilege of the rich "educated" and "elite" only. And let the poor go to the dogs. This moral bankruptcy is the very reason why India has to beat its own trumpet of "greatness" in every domestic and international forum!

Pope Francis had commented "We don't want this globalised economic system which does us so much harm. Men and women have to be at the centre (of an economic system) as God wants, not money". India will have to choose one of the two paths --- "growth" at the cost of humanity or humanitarian growth benefitting all sections of the society. However, in this class-conscious society, it is highly unlikely that the noble policy of 'Live and Let Live' will triumph over the jungle rule of 'Might is Right'. Dignity and rights for all citizens of the country or economic interest of the rich and privileged class --- let India indulge in a bit of introspection on the occasion of May Day.

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Liza Malik designs her Delhi home with a personal touch

Actress and singer Liza Malik recently shared her interest in interior designing and how she decorated her home in Delhi with her personal touch. According to Liza, designing her own house allowed her to incorporate a bit of herself in everything. Liza enjoys decorating her house and filling it up with style and memories. She likes the freedom of being able to design everything according to her choices without any interference. Liza made her Bollywood debut with 'Torbaaz' and has also appeared in popular TV shows like 'Comedy Classes', 'Comedy Circus', 'Bhaag Bakool Bhaag', among others.

For Liza, decorating her house has an emotional touch that is not possible with professional interior designers. She believes that doing it on her own gives a personal touch to the decor far better than unnecessary expensive items.

Liza found designing her home to be a great experience and is happy with her work. Her house is a reflection of her personal style and reflects her creativity and love for decorating.

Heartfelt tale of two sisters in 'Suhaagan'

During challenging times, we often turn to our families for protection and support. But what happens when our own family turns against us? COLORS' upcoming show 'Suhaagan' explores this dilemma through the story of Bindiya, a young orphan girl burdened with household chores by her extended family, who also seek to take over her inherited property. Despite her circumstances and existential crisis, Bindiya is innocent, thoughtful, and optimistic as an elder sister who takes care of her mischievous younger sister Payal bearing the brunt for her pranks. Popular child actor Aakriti Sharma will portray the character of young Bindiya and Kurangi Nagraj will be seen essaying the role of young Payal. Produced by Rashmi Sharma and conceptualized by Vivek Bahl, the show will premiere on 2nd May and thereafter every Monday to Sunday at 6:30pm only on COLORS.

Set in Uttar Pradesh, 'Suhaagan' chronicles the story of Bindiya (Aakriti Sharma) - a source of unwavering courage amidst challenges and her younger sister Payal (Kurangi Nagraj) - who likes to push boundaries and test her limits. The two sisters live with their ailing grandmother and are unaware of the true intentions of her relatives, who want to seize her farm. Bindiya's upbringing has shaped her as a respectful and re-



sponsible girl. However, these are the attributes that her maama-maami and bua-phupha exploit. How long will she remain oblivious to the evil plans of her family members? Will she rise above the hardships and make a better life for herself? Excited to be essaying the role

of Bindiya, Aakriti Sharma says, "I feel that I'm quite like the character I'm playing in Suhaagan. I essay the role of Bindiya, who is a very determined and positive girl despite her circumstances. I'm looking forward to what viewers think of my portrayal of this innocent girl."



Gujarati actors express their love & pride for the state

In 1960, two states were born Maharashtra and Gujarat. Every year on May 1st, Gujarat - the fifth state in India - commemorates its State Foundation Day to remember the efforts of its people who fought for an independent state. As the nation celebrates the 62nd Gujarat Foundation Day, &TV's artists from Gujarat have come together to share their pride in their roots and extend their warmest wishes. These include Aayudh Bhanushali (Krishna from Doosri Maa), Aryan Prajapati (Hritik from Hattu Ki Ultan Patlan) and Soma Rathod (Ammi Ji from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Aayudh Bhanushali, aka Krishna from Doosri Maa, shares, "When my mother and I take a vacation, we often visit my family in Gujarat. It's a state with so much character - you can find kites dotting the sky and a

cuisine that caters to any culture. The culture of Gujarat is like no other; from its art to sculptures, it leaves an impression. The beaches, temple and capital are all famed attractions, but there's so much more to experience. On our last trip, I saw the stunning Statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel - twice as tall as the Statue of Liberty! The surrounding area is teeming with activities, too - with sound and laser show, a butterfly garden, a cactus garden, an Ayurvedic wellness centre and many more. Cycling, boating and zip-lining were just some of our highlights! Then there's also the valley of flowers, native forest, children's park with a train and mirror maze, safari park, and zoo that couldn't be missed. All this culminates in a delightful time for us all - we wish everyone Happy Gujarat State Foundation Day!"

Megna Mukherjee's memorable day on set with Sourav Ganguly

Actress and model Megna Mukherjee shared her shooting experience for an advertisement with former Indian cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly. Megna said: "Loving cricket is a true Indian's identity. I have been a cricket fan since forever and getting a chance to shoot with Sourav Ganguly was a golden opportunity and a dream come true! He is the humblest person and I became an instant fan after working closely with him."

During the shoot, Megna played the character of Mona Darling while Ganguly played the famous Bollywood villain Robert. Despite his cricketer background, Ganguly was comfortable in front of the camera and impressed Megna with his humility. The two also found common ground in their shared love for London as a holiday destination. Megna said that working with Ganguly was an experience of a lifetime and a high point of her career.

I've been terrible at partner work: Hrithik Roshan



Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan recently opened up about his dancing skills, revealing that he wishes to learn partner work as it is something he has always struggled with. "I've been terrible in partner work. I feel relaxed when it's just me, but when it's partner work, there is a certain synchronizing and coordinating, there's beauty in that. I have never been able to achieve that," he said. Hrithik went on to express his fascination with Ballet, stating: "Just the long lines, the expanse and flight of it." He added that he had the opportunity to train in the dance form during the making of Guzaarish, and that it was an "incredible experience."



'Music School' trailer launched in Mumbai

After Vijay Deverakonda unveiled the trailer digitally, the makers of Ilaiyaraaja's multi-lingual musical 'Music School' have dropped the trailer in the presence of the cast and crew in Mumbai. Attended by director and producer Paparao Biyyala, Shriya Saran, Sharman Joshi, Gracy Goswami, Ozu Barua amongst others, the trailer launch event received a warm response from the audience. Starring Shriya Saran and Sharman Joshi as music and dance teachers respectively, the trailer showcases the duo attempting to put together a musical play 'The Sound of Music' with the young



Music School is a musical narration of the sensitive and prevailing concern of academic pressure subjected to young students by the society, parents and teachers. With eleven songs in the film, three of them have been recreated from The Sound of Music, situationally woven beautifully in the film to suit the sensibilities of the Indian audience. The makers of the film have earlier released three songs from the film-Padhte Jao Baccha, Teri Nigahon Ne, and Hichkaule. Directed and produced by IAS officer turned filmmaker Paparao Biyyala, the musical film employs an ace team of technicians.

artists including Gracy Goswami and Ozu Barua, amongst others. Depicting the struggles of a music and drama teacher to promote performing arts for children amidst the immense academic pressure subjected by the parents, teachers and society, the trailer takes the audience on a musical journey. Filled with drama, humour, emotions and music, the trailer showcases glimpses of the picturesque locations of Goa.

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24. Greek god
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29. Not spicy
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31. Restored the honor of
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7. Aquatic animal
8. Rock growth
9. Egg layer
10. With ice cream (3 wds.)
11. Opponent
12. Horse's chamber
13. Howdy!
21. Printing measures
24. Staff officer
25. Implored
26. Advantage
27. Diving bird
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29. Came together
31. 18-wheeler
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34. Designer Christian
36. Tehran's country
37. Cotton machines
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41. TV series installment
42. Made a menu selection
44. Uncommon
45. Plaid
46. Swiss mountain
47. Bucks
48. Gypsy's card
49. Follow
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UCC, freebies in BJP's K'taka manifesto

Bengaluru, May 01 (PTD):

In its manifesto for the May 10 Assembly polls, the ruling BJP on Monday promised implementation of Uniform Civil Code (UCC), the National Register of Citizens (NRC), free cooking gas cylinders thrice a year for BPL families and 'Atal' food centres to provide affordable and healthy food.

"We will implement the UCC in Karnataka based on the recommendations given by a high-level committee which is to be constituted for the purpose," according to the manifesto. "We will introduce the National Register of Citizens in Karnataka and ensure speedy deportation of all illegal immigrants in the state".

"The Constitution of India allows us to move in the direction of Uniform Civil Code. 'Justice to all; appeasement to none' is



BJP National President JP Nadda with Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai releases the party's manifesto for the upcoming Karnataka Assembly elections, in Bengaluru, Monday.

our policy", BJP National President J P Nadda, who was among those present at the release programme, said. The party also promised to create a special wing in the state called Karnataka State Wing against Religious Fundamentalism and Terror (K-SWIFT). The BJP said it would provide

three free cooking gas cylinders to all BPL families — one each during the months of 'Yugadi', 'Ganesh Chaturthi' and 'Deepavali'.

"We will set up an 'Atal Aahara Kendra' in every ward of every municipal corporation in the State to provide affordable, quality and healthy food across

the State", the party said in its manifesto.

It also promised to launch the 'Poshane' scheme through which every BPL household will be provided with half litre 'Nandini' milk every day and five kg 'Shri Anna-siri dhanya' through monthly ration kits.

The party also promised Sarvarigu Suru Yojane' under which the Revenue Department will identify and distribute 10 lakh housing sites across the state to the homeless beneficiaries.

According to Nadda, the BJP's Praja Pranalike' meaning citizens' manifesto is centred around six 'A'. "These Six-A are Anna (food security), Akshara (quality education), Arogya (affordable health), Aadaya (assured income), Abhaya (social justice for all) and A b h i v r u d d h i (Development)," he noted.

TRIBUTE TO MARTYRS



Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde lays a wreath at Hutatma Chowk to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for the 'Samyukta Maharashtra Movement' on the occasion of 63rd Maharashtra Foundation Day, in Mumbai, Monday.

Guv Ramesh Bais unfurls National Tricolour

Mumbai, May 01: Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais unfurled the National Flag on the occasion of the Sixty Third Anniversary of Maharashtra State at the State function held at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Park in Mumbai on Monday (1 May).

The Governor inspected the Ceremonial Parade and addressed the people of the State on the occasion. The Speech given by the Governor is enclosed.

State Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Guardian Minister of Mumbai Suburban District Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Member of State Legislature Sada Sarwankar, Chief Secretary Manoj Saunik, Administrator of



Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation I S Chahal, DGP Rajnish Seth, Police Commissioner Vivek Phansalkar, Consuls and Honorary Consul of various countries and senior officers of the Armed Forces, Civil and Police Services and citizens were present.

Columns of State

Reserve Police Force, Greater Mumbai Armed Police Force, Mumbai City Riot Control Squad, Greater Mumbai Women Police Force, Mumbai Railway Police Force, Colour Parties of Maharashtra Police, Brihan Mumbai Police, State Reserve Police Force and Maharashtra Fire

Service Flag, Greater Mumbai Traffic Police Force, Mumbai Fire Brigade, Brihan Mumbai Municipal Security Force, Security Guards Board Brihan Mumbai and Thane District and Brass Bands of Mumbai Police, Mumbai Railway Police & State Reserve Police Force (Combined) and Pipe Band

of Principal SRPT Training Centre Nanveej, Daund participated in the Ceremonial Parade.

Mobile Columns of 4 Women Nirbhaya Squad, 1 Articulated Water Tower Vehicle and 1-64 Meter Turn Table ladder of Mumbai Fire Brigade also participated.

Appointment Orders given to candidates selected for Govt Jobs

For the first time, Governor Ramesh Bais and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde handed over letters of appointment / recommendations to 10 candidates selected for various posts in government service on the occasion. The candidates have been selected for the department of Land Records, State Excise and GST.

NEW STUDY

'Air pollution exposure linked with higher risk of irregular heartbeat'

New Delhi, May 01 (PTD):

Long-term exposure to air pollution is associated with an increased risk of arrhythmia or irregular heartbeat, according to a large study of 322 Chinese cities.

The common arrhythmia conditions atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter, which can progress to more serious heart disease, affect an estimated 59.7 million people globally, the researchers said.

Air pollution is a modifiable risk factor for heart disease, but the evidence linking it with arrhythmia has been inconsistent, they said. The researchers evaluated hourly exposure

to air pollution and the sudden onset of symptoms of arrhythmia using data from 2025 hospitals in 322 Chinese cities.

"We found that acute exposure to ambient air pollution was associated with increased risk of symptomatic arrhythmia," said Renjie Chen, from Fudan University, Shanghai, China. "The risks occurred during the first several hours after exposure and could persist for 24 hours. The exposure response relationships between six pollutants and four subtypes of arrhythmias were approximately linear without discernable thresholds of concentrations," Chen said.

The study included 1,90,115 (over 1.9 lakh) patients with acute onset of symptomatic arrhythmia, including atrial fibrillation, atrial flutter, premature beats and supraventricular tachycardia.

Exposure to ambient air pollution was most strongly associated with atrial flutter and supraventricular tachycardia, followed by atrial fibrillation and premature beats, the researchers said.

Among six pollutants, nitrogen dioxide (NO2) had the strongest association with all four types of arrhythmias, and the greater the exposure, the stronger the association, they said.

ENJOYING RAINS



Youngsters visit Kartavya Path amidst rain, in New Delhi, Monday.

Kashmir scaling new heights in tourist count

Srinagar, May 01 (PTD):

With an increasing footfall of domestic and foreign visitors, tourism in Jammu and Kashmir is scaling new heights, making the Union Territory one of top destinations in the country.

"Year on year and month on month, we have received more tourists this year compared to previous year. We are ensuring that all domestic and international tourists have a memorable stay in Jammu and Kashmir," tourism department secretary Abid Rashid Shah told PTI.

"It is the responsibility of all stakeholders of the tourism industry in Jammu and Kashmir to make it a warm and hospitable destination for all visitors," he said.

Jammu and Kashmir received 1.88 crore tourists in 2022, a high enough number for any region, but the administration is expecting still that the arrivals will breach the two crore-mark this year.

Tourism Director Fazlul Haseeb said the number of arrivals was high even before the onset of the regular tourism season in the valley.

"Every single month the tourist numbers are increasing. It's almost six lakh in the first four months it's breaching records," Haseeb said.

Popular mostly with honeymooners once, Kashmir is now attracting even long-married couples, who are coming to celebrate their anniversaries here.

"Today is our 24th anniversary, the reason why

we booked this trip. I am feeling good," Kavita Katay from Pune said.

Kavita's husband Govind said it was his idea to celebrate the anniversary in Kashmir.

"It was my plan to celebrate our 24th marriage anniversary in Kashmir. The climate is good here. My friends had been here and they suggested I visit Kashmir. The situation is fine here, not like before," he said.

Vidyardhar from Karnataka found Kashmir safe for tourists and was certain the valley now had peace.

"We have been here for the last four days. The situation is absolutely normal here. I also feel Kashmir is a safe place for travellers and there are a lot of tourists here. The people, and their hospitality, are amazing," she said.

Vishwanath, another tourist from Karnataka, was just happy to escape the scorching heat of the plains and be with the mist shrouded mountains of Kashmir.

RTI REPLY

Rlys earns Rs 2,242 cr more from senior citizens

By suspending ticket concession

New Delhi, May 01 (PTD):

The Railways has earned an additional revenue of around Rs 2,242 crore from senior citizen travellers in 2022-23 by revoking concession offered to them, an RTI response has found.

The national transporter had generated Rs 1,500 crore in excess between March 20, 2020 — when the assistance was suspended after the onset of the Covid pandemic — and March 31, 2022.

In its reply to a Right to Information (RTI) query filed by Madhya Pradesh-based Chandra Shekhar Gaur, the Railways said that between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023, it did not offer concessions to almost eight crore senior citizens which included about 4.6 crore men, 3.3 crore women and 18,000 transgenders.

The total revenue from senior citizen travellers during the period is Rs 5,062 crore which includes an additional Rs 2,242 crore, earned due to the suspension of the concession, according to the RTI reply.

For the Railways, the earnings from senior citizen fares has increased at a steady pace. Between March 20, 2020 and March 31, 2022, the Railways did not offer concessions to 7.31 crore senior citizen travellers. These included 4.46 crore

male passengers aged 60 years and above, 2.84 crore female travellers over 58 and 8,310 transgender people.

The total revenue from senior citizen travellers during 2020-22 was Rs 3,464 crore which was Rs 1,500 crore more than what it would have earned if they had offered the concessions to them.

During the financial year 2022-23, the Railways earned Rs 2,891 crore from male senior citizen passengers, Rs 2,169 crore from female travellers, and Rs 1.03 crore from transgenders.

Women senior citizen travellers are eligible for a 50 per cent concession, while male and transgenders can avail 40 per cent in all classes. The minimum age limit for a woman to avail the concession is 58 years, while it is 60 for a man.

The concessions, which were put on hold since March 2020 after the coronavirus pandemic hit the country, have remained suspended till date. While train services remained suspended through most of 2020 and parts of 2021, the demand for concessions began surfacing as services normalised.

Over the last two decades, the Railways concessions have been a much-discussed topic with multiple committees recommending their withdrawal.

'Hang me but wrestling activity should not stop'

Gonda (UP), May 01 (PTD):

Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh said on Monday that all activity in the sport had come to a standstill in the last four months due to protests by the country's top wrestlers.

The WFI chief added that he is ready to be "hanged" but wrestling activity, including national championships and camps, should not stop as it would be detrimental to the cadet and junior wrestlers.

"All wrestling activity has come to a standstill in the last four months. I say hang me, but don't stop wrestling activity; don't play with the future of children. Allow the cadet nationals to take place, whosoever organises it... be



Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh

it Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, but don't stop the (wrestling) activity," said Brij Bhushan in an interaction with the media. Top Indian wrestlers, including Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat,

among others are protesting at the Jantar Mantar in the national capital demanding action against Brij Bhushan, who they have accused of sexually harassing women grapplers. Two FIRs have also been filed against the BJP