

BRIEF

SC STAYS CHHATTISGARH HC ORDER 8 % caste quota restored

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Thiruvananthapuram, Monday Nagpur: Protests seeking a separate Vidarbha state were held in the coal mine area of Umred as well as Sadar in Nagpur on Monday to coincide with Maharashtra's

Foundation Day, leading to some activists being detained for a while, police said. Activists at Sadar sought to meet Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, who later invited five of them for talks, police officials said.

CITU activists participate in a

march on the occasion of

International Workers' Day, in

Protest

Arrested

Umaria: A man has been arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a minor girl in Umaria district in Madhya Pradesh, a police official said on Monday. As per the FIR filed on April 10, the victim was in touch with Rahul Sitlani over phone for the past one year and the latter had allegedly captured an objectionable image of her during a video call which he was using to blackmail her. Nauroiabad police station assistant sub inspector Triveni Kushram said.

Stopped

Pune: Police stopped a concert of Oscar-winning musician A R Rahman in Maharashtra's Pune city as it went on after the 10 pm deadline, an official said on Monday. After the concert was held here on Sunday, a video went viral on social media platforms

New Delhi, May 01:

rants and those seeking admission to various courses, the Supreme Court on Monday gave an interim stay on the September 2022 order of Chhattisgarh High Court (HC) that struck down the 58 per cent caste quota ernment, calling it uncon-

Chhattisgarh's Advocate General Satish Chandra Verma confirmed that the SC staved the HC order of September 19, 2022, allowing the 58 per cent quota to continue in the state subject to the final outcome of the special leave petition (SLP) filed by the state government. "Thus, recruitments and admissions

BJP claims moral win

Opposition BJP meanwhile claimed the SC stay on HC order as a moral win for the party. Ex-chief minister Raman Singh, while quoting CM Baghel's tweet said. "The BJP government had implemented the 58 pc reservation after giving very serious thought to the matter and today the Supreme Court put a stamp of approval on it and opened the way for recruitment for young friends. The reality of the Congress government, which became an obstacle in this 58 pc reservation, is now clear to the youth now." Leader of Opposition Narayan Chandel said that it was Congress that was responsible for getting the 58 pc quota quashed by HC.

the HC decision can now resume," the AG said. The interim order of the SC came following a hearing in the court of Justice B.R. Gavai on Monday. The quota used for recruitments and admissions done now will be subject to change/or not as per the final order of the SC in the case

Minister Chief Bhupesh Baghel while that were held up due to welcoming the decision of Chhattisgarh's youth will continue. Justice will be served only when the governor signs the new bills. We will fight and win," Baghel tweeted. After the Chhattisgarh

HC struck down the state government's 2012 legislation increasing the quota to 58 per cent, all recruitments and admissions were put on hold due to confusion on the quota distribution to be used. It was unclear whether the quota distribution before 2012 (which had provision for 20 pc reservation for scheduled tribe (ST), 16 pc for scheduled castes (SC) and 14 pc for OBCs) will come into force or there will be no quota at all. The 2012 legislation had provision for 32 pc quota for STs, 12 pc for SCs and 14 pc for OBCs.

New Delhi, May 01 (PTI):

under Article 142 (1) of the

Constitution and can grant

divorce by mutual consent

while dispensing with the 6-

month waiting period man-

dated under the Hindu

Article 142 of the

Constitution deals with en-

forcement of decrees and

orders of the apex court to

do "complete justice" in any

Marriage Act, 1955.

Rozgar Mela on May 16

New Delhi, May 01 (PTI)

The central government is in "mission mode" to fill up job vacancies across its various ministries and the next edition of the Rozgar Mela will be held on May 16 across 22 states, officials said here. The employment drive will see Prime Minister Narendra Modi distribute over 70,000 appointment letters to new recruits via video-conferencing, they added.



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Afzal Ansari disqualified as LS member

New Delhi, May 01 (PTI)

BSP's Afzal Ansari was disqualified as a member of the Lok Sabha on Monday after he was convicted and sentenced to four-year imprisonment in a kidnapping-and-murder case by a court in Uttar Pradesh.

Ansari, the Lok Sabha member from Ghazipur, was sentenced to four years in jail by an MP/MLA court on Saturday. His brother, criminal-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari, was also convicted in the same case and was sentenced to 10 years in jail. The brothers were booked under the UP Gangsters Act in con-

LANDMARK JUDGEMENT

'Can invoke special powers to dissolve marriage'

nection with the murder of the then MLA from

Ghazipur, Krishnanad Rai, on November 29, 2005 along with the kidnapping and murder of Varanasi-based trader Nand Kishore Rungta in 1997. "Consequent upon his conviction...Afzal Ansari, Member of Lok Sabha representing the Ghazipur Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh, stands disgualified from the membership of Lok Sabha from the date of his conviction i.e. 29 April, 2023

in terms of the provisions of Article 102(1)(e) of the Constitution of India read with Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951," according to a Lok Sabha secretariat notification.

SURPRISING MOVE Nand Kumar Sai joins Cong

Raipur, May 01:

in Chhattisgarh.

A day after resigning from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), veteran tribal leader Nand Kumar Sai on Monday joined the ruling Congress

Addressing mediapersons after joining the Congress, Sai said it was a tough decision for him to quit the BJP and claimed it was no longer the party which it used to be "during the time of Atal ji and Advani ji". Sai submitted his resignation to state BJP president Arun Sao on Sunday and claimed his colleagues were hatching conspiracies and levelling



false allegations to tarnish his image, which had left him deeply hurt. The 77year-old leader, a former three-term Lok Sabha member and three-time MLA, served as the BJP's state president in both Chhattisgarh and undivided Madhya Pradesh in the past and has considerable influence in tribal-dominated parts of Surguja di-

'Tough decision to

the apex court, mentioned

that the struggle of the

state government (to en-

sure 76 per cent quota as

proposed in two bills ap-

proved by the state

Assembly in December

2022) will continue. "We

all welcome the decision

of the Supreme Court to

stay the decision of the

High Court on 58 per cent

reservation. But our

struggle against BJP's

conspiracy

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vision (northern Chhattisgarh). He joined the Congress on Monday in the presence of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, party's state chief Mohan Markam and ministers at Rajiv Bhawan, the party

passed or an order made by the apex court is executable throughout the territory of India.

Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act deals with divorce by mutual consent and sub-section (2) to this provision provides, after the first motion has been passed, the parties would

the second motion, if the petition is not withdrawn in the meanwhile, after six months and not later than 18 months of the first motion. A five-judge constitution bench headed by Justice S K Kaul said grant of divorce by the apex court on the ground of irretrievable breakdown of marriage is not a matter of right, but a discretion which is to be exercised with great care and caution, keeping in mind several factors ensuring that complete justice' is done to both parties.

have to move the court with

trievable breakdown of marriage in spite of the other spouse opposing the prayer. "This question is also answered in the affirmative, inter alia, holding that this court, in exercise of power under Article $142(\bar{1})$ of the Constitution of India, has the discretion to dissolve the marriage on the ground of its irretrievable breakdown," said the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna, A S Oka, Vikram Nath and J K Maheshwari

whether the top court can

grant divorce in exercise of

power under Article 142(1)

of the Constitution when

there is complete and irre-

TOURISTS FLOCK TAJ New Delhi, May 01 (PTI) cupied

'To retrieve PoJK on government's agenda'

The bench was dealing

with questions, including

To retrieve Pakistan-oc-Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) and make it a part of India is very much on the government's agenda, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on

Singh, who is on an offi-

given them equal rights vis-

a-vis their counterparts in

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prived of their constitutional rights of citizenship and owning property", the minister of state for personnel said referring to the government's 2019 decision.

He said as a result of the corrective measures adopted by Prime Minister Modi, India's stature has risen globally, and there is no ambiguity left as far as India's position about Jammu and Kashmir is concerned which is, it is an integral part of the Indian Union.

matter pending before it. As state headquarters here per Article 142(1), a decree

quit BJP' The Supreme Court held on Monday it has the discretion to dissolve a marriage on the ground of "irretrievable breakdown" in exercise of its plenary power

against

in which a police officer was seen walking on the stage and asking Rahman, other artists and organisers to stop the music show as it was already past 10 o'clock.

Seized

Erode: The Anthiyur police here on Monday arrested four persons and seized 1.500 kilograms of gutka from them. According to police, they received information that the banned substance, gutka, was being hoarded in Sembulichampalavam village located on the Bhavani-Anthiyur main road, and conducted raids in the area.

Suicide

Mumbai: A 25-vear-old man allegedly committed suicide in Vakola in Santa Cruz as the woman he was in love with was set to marry someone else in her native Uttar Pradesh, a Mumbai police official said on Monday.

Mishap

Hisar: An advocate was charred to death in a fire that broke out at his tyre shop in the Adampur area here, police said on Monday. The incident happened in Raj Market Colony on Sunday night, they said. Bhim Sain Sigar (39), received a call that a fire broke out at his tyre shop.





Tourists visit the Taj Mahal on a cloudy day, in Agra, Monday.

Asaram gets bail in forged documents case since 2018, following his

conviction in a case of sex-

ual exploitation of a

minor student of his "gu-

rukul". The court also took

into account that co-ac-

quently handed it to

Asaram's lawyer in the

apex court.

To remain in jail for sexual exploitation of minor

Jodhpur, May 01 (PTI):

cused Ravirai Marwah has The Rajasthan High already been granted bail Court on Monday granted and the trial is likely to go bail to self-styled godman on for long. The case was Asaram in a case pertainlodged against Asaram ing to furnishing a forged after Marwah, one of his RTI reply in the Supreme Court in support of his bail plea.

him are triable by a magis-

trate. Asaram is already

serving a life sentence

sympathisers, submitted the forged RTI reply pertaining to the self-styled bail to Granting godman's health condition Asaram, Justice Kuldeep in the Supreme Court for Mathur of the high court's the purpose of his bail in 2016. The document was Jodhpur bench observed that no direct role was atallegedly obtained from a tributed to the petitioner Jodhpur jail through an in the creation of the application filed under the forged RTI reply submitthe Right to Information ted before the apex court (RTI) Act by one Ganesh and the offences alleged to Kumar and was provided have been committed by to Marwah, who subse-

No casualties reported

Sukma, May 01:

Maoists on Monday torched two tipper trucks engaged in construction work in the Ittapara area of Sukma district, said Sukma superintendent of police, Sunil Sharma.

The incident took place in the jurisdiction of the Phulbagdi police station.

Upon receiving the information, the District Reserve Guard team reached the spot.

According Sharma, three labourers were rescued safely and brought to Phulbagdi police station. Further details are awaited. Earlier, on Friday, four naxals surrendered under the Puna Nakom Abhiyan of the Chhattisgarh government.

Maoists torch two trucks

Dalam commander among 3 Maoists killed

Three Maoists, including a dalam commander, were killed in an encounter with the police in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra on Sunday, an official said. The exchange of fire took place around 7 pm in Kedmara forest of the district, he said. Talking to PTI, Gadchiroli superintendent of police Neelotpal said. "The police had received information that members of Perimili and Aheri dalams of Naxalites were camping in a forest area between Mane Rajaram and Perimili armed outpost. Following the tip-off, two units of the C-60 Force of the police were sent from Pranhita to conduct a search operation in the jungle area." During the search operation, the Maoists opened fire on the police, following which the latter retaliated, he said.

The development comes dered before the CRPF and days after 10 personnel of civil police in Sukma. "The DRG were killed in an amsurrendered cadres have been identified bush attack triggered by Maoists in as C h h a t t i s g a r h ' s Dantewada. In a statement, the Central Reserve Police Force attributed the surrender to its efforts to bring the Leftist ultras back into the mainstream. Further, in its statement, the paramilitary force informed that the four hard-

core Naxalites surren-

Gaddon Ramesh (DAKMS member). Kursam Bhima (militia member), Madkam Saara (president Janathan Sarkar Sakler RPC), Madvi Ganga (militia member),' the statement read. All surrendered cadres are residents of Kistaram, Sukma and were active for the last 4-5 years.

Maoists



Jitendra Singh

the rest of the country.

In 2019, the central government had abrogated the article, which gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcated it into Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Prime Minister Modi will be remembered for having brought "justice to refugees from Pakistan settled in Jammu and Kashmir and to the daughters of Jammu and Kashmir who were de-

"If only the then prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru had allowed the then home minister Sardar Patel to handle Jammu and Kashmir in the same manner he was handling other princely states of India, today the part of Jammu and Kashmir that is illegally occupied by Pakistan would have been a part of India," the minister said.

GOVT TO SC

'Re-examining' colonial-era sedition law

New Delhi, May 01, (PTI)

The Supreme Court on Monday deferred hearing on a batch of pleas challenging the sedition law after the Centre said it is at an advanced stage of consultation on reexamining the colonialera penal provision.

A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice J B Pardiwala noted the submission of Attorney General R Venkataramani that the government has initiated the process to reexamine section 124A of the Indian Penal Code. The bench posted the hearing on the matter in the second week of August. The batch of pleas challenged the constitutional validity of the penal provision. Venkataramani said the consultation process has been at the advance stage and before it goes to the Parliament, it will be shown to him. "Kindly post the matter for further hearing after the Monsoon session of Parliament," he urged the bench. At the outset, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan urged the bench to constitute a bench of seven judges for ad-

judicating the issues. The bench said that even if the matter has to go to seven judges, it will have to be first placed before a fivejudge bench. On May 11 last year, in a path-breaking order, the top court had put on hold the colonial-era penal law on sedition till an 'appropriate" government forum re-examines it and directed the Centre and states to not register any fresh FIR invoking the offence.

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BMC fraternity celebrates Bore - Basi Mahotsava



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01: Bhilai. Mav 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 Girvar Bunty 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.

Neeraj Pal Mavor 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 Bunty 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 Congress District 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

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 hvdrated.

District Congress Mukesh President Chandrakar, Zone Ramanand President Maurya, Jalandhar Singh, Bhupendra 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.

Durg Police celebrates Bore - Basi Mahotsava



Central Chronicle News

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

Bore - Basi Mahotsava; people

consume Chhattisgarhi delicacy

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. Additional Superintendent of Police

Sanjay (City) Additional Superintendent of Police (Rural) Anant Sahu, DSP (Crime) Rajeev Sharma, CSP Prabhat 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.

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Resume Writing workshop held at Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Group of Institutions

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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 his information related to 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



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 politi-

cians, 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 senior officers consumed

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

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.

Free medical camp organised at village Katro



Merchant Mill sets New Records as

it fulfills orders for Angle 75 Grades

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Singh proposed the vote of thanks. Senior Vice President S Ravi, Vice

Central Chronicle News from the CSR department conducted the camp. Village Bhilai, May 01: The Corporate Sarpanch of Katro was also pres-

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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, Somani 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.

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 nec-

essary 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.

guest was Special Chhattisgarh State INTUC

General Secretary Abhay Singh. He said that we are ready to struggle for the demands of the employees. **INTUC General Secretary** Vansh Bahadur Singh, **Executive President Puran** Verma and Contract Workers Union President Sanjay Sahu also addressed. The program was conducted by Senior Secretary Rajkumar and Senior Vice

President Chandrashekhar

President Sachchidanand Pandey, Rajaram Pandey, Ajay Martin, Additional General Secretary Shekhar Kumar Sharma, Vipin Bihari Mishra, Dhanesh Prasad. Javant Barate. Ramashankar Singh, CP Verma, Shiv Shankar Singh, Animesh Pasine, Pandey, Gyanendra 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.

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

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.

kanteshwar Mahadev Katha con

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 01: Shri Shiv Mahapuran is the story of devotion and liberation. On the concluding day of the story of Ekanteshwar Mahadev Shiv Mahapuran 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 more humble he should be. hurt anyone by our behav-Humility and manners reiour, deeds and speech. flect your education. After Pandit Mishra said that the going to high positions, if biggest duty of household you do not understand how life is to sit together and perto bow down to elders, reform religious rituals. spect them, talk politely. Taking out some time from then your education is usethe activities of our daily less and meaningless. Try to life, we should do bhajan of give something to the world God regularly. Pandit through your education and Mishra said the higher a culture. Pandit further said man goes in his life, the that people wear good



clothes while going to the temple, but they forget to keep their conduct good. The story of Shivmahapuran 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-inlaw 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 Mahapuran 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.

The Shiv Mahapuran Katha was organised under the joint aegis of Shri Ram Janmotsav Samiti and Jeevan Anand Foundation at Civic centre. Leader of Opposition Narayan Chandel, Lok Sabha MP from Rajnandgaon Santosh Pandey, former MP Madhusudan Yadav and senior journalist Dr Himanshu Dwivedi also attended the programme.

Employees of BSP accorded warm farewell



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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 on at Ispat Bhawan. On April 29, 2023, in a function organized at Ispat Bhavan, 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.



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ART & CRAFT

Children learning different art forms in the summer camp organised by one of the

On lifting of stay on 32% reservation on STs

the Congress approached

High Court to snatch the

rights of ST and obtained

03

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

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 Minister Education Premsai Singh Tekam, Minister for Women and Child Development Anila Bhedia, Parliamentary Secretary Vikas Upadhyay,



Karmakar

Sanjari-Balod MLA 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 Nirman Scheme for the labourers. Under this the registered labour 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 & Sannirman Anva

Mandal cancer, paralysis and other (CBASKM). Along with serious ailments.

this CM also makes decla-In his address on the ocration of 'Shramik casion, CM sid that an Sahayata Yojaan' (SSY). amount of Rs 56 cr has Under this the construcbeen transferred to the tion labourer will be prolabourers through DBT. vided a grant of Rs 50000 The amount is being transeither for house construcferred directly into the action or purchase of a count of the labourer, so house. CM also made decthat he or she can purlaration of Mukhyamantri chase necessary items. CM said that it is because of Shramik Dirghayu Sahayata Yojana labourers the (MNSDSY). Under this the Chhattisgarh is on the labourers will be provided path of progress. When an additional grant of Rs the entire country was 20000 apart from the benestruggling for life during fits under the state governlockdown, the labourers of state were working hard. It ment's health scheme for heart surgery, liver transis because of the labourers plant, kidney transplant, that the state's economic system was healthier. He neuro surgery, backbone surgery, surgery of knee. said that 'Bore Basi' is the

Four IFS officers issued fresh posting

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Government has fresh posting to four IFS officers. This includes Sudhir Agrawal who has been posted as Principal (Wildlife and Principal Chief Forests



Raipur, May 01:

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A state-level workshop on Cochlear Implant was by the organized Department of Nose Ear Throat Disease (ENT) of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Hospital, Memorial 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 par-

whereas Dr Varsha

treasurer.

Chapter.

Contribution of workers is important in

development of state and country: Chandrakar

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

Problems of common citizens heard in Jan Chaupal Raipur, May 01: The State

More than 35 applications came in Jan Chaupal



Raipur, May 01:

velopment blocks of the district through Jan

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

Chief Conservator of Forests Biodiversity Conservation) and Chief Wildlife Warden from PCCF (Operational Planning). SimilarlyTapesh Kumar Jha has been posted as Managing Director (MD) of Chhattisgarh State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (CSFDCL) from Conservator of Similarly, social worker Suresh Dewan demanded (Development), Sanjay Kumar action to stop dumping of Ojha has been posted as PCCF (Operational Planning) from garbage in canals. PCCF (CSFRTI). Anil Kumar Rai Ramayan Sahu, a resident has been nosted 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.

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 keep 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 vears for welfare of the labourers and due to which Chhattisgarh is on path of prosperity. In this programme Chairman Chhattisgarh Labour Board Shafi Welfare 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 gov-

SC's decision is BJP's moral victory: Chandel 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 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 ernment for the labourers. came to power in the state,

institution here on Monday.

stay from the HC. The Constitution, he

Narayan Congress government termed the issue of resernever wanted to provide vation by CM as mere pojust rights to STs in the litical stunts and quesstate and therefore sent tioned him that if at all he their persons to HC and no wanted to give reservation seriousness was shown on to all sections of the sociepart of Congress to safety, then why the report of guard 32% reservation for Quantifiable STs. The only intention Commission has not being here was to snatch away disclosed. This report nei their 32% rights. After this ther has been produced in Congress government did the Vidhan Sabha nor sent to Rajbhavan, despite the not showed any interest to fact that the reservation restore 32% reservation for STs and wasted time in bill of Congress is purely on the basis of this Data report. CM Baghel and taking another date. Despite this the SC has put Congress are purely a stay on HC's decision and restored the reservaspreading rumour in the tion policy of BJP governname of reservation he alment. This is ideological leged.

Vishnudeo asks whether Sai was under

victory of BJP and the vic-

tory that of struggle of

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STs.

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, Vushnudeo said in a press conference held here today.

It is unfortunate that he ioined 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 also staged a sit-in protest against Congress for depriving tribal of Asking about the situation A large number of doctors from the Department that led Nandkumar Sai to take of Ear, Nose and Throat this step, Vishnudeo said it participated in this workraised doubts. It has to be seen shop. The programme was whether Sai was under any conducted by the head of undue pressure, he said. the department of pathol-Vishnudeo also asked what justice the Congress will do to Sai ogy, Dr Arvind Neralt. The workshop was organized when it cheated the entire with the joint participacountry and Chhattisgarh. How tion of Medical College will he be comfortable in the Congress which always insultand AOI Chhattisgarh ed the tribals? he asked.

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

Chaupal and gave instructions to 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-

of village Bnumia 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.

pensation amount.

ticipating 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 Hansa Banjara was the organizing president of the programme

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



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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 wellwishers. 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 Fadnavis, BJP general sec-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 greetings sent 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 Thakur Singh 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 'anushthan' 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 (CVP) celebrated Prakosth 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 governnance, service and welfare of poor. Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan after visiting the exhibiappreciated the efforts of Central Bureau of tion. 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.

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 in this festival, people's representatives, officersemployees took part together with the workers and expressed their respect towards the workers.

Parliamentary Secretary and MLÅ 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.



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CM Baghel enjoys 'Bore Basi' along with labourers

On occasion of World Labour Day

Labourers say that this day has become memorable for them

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 01: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel honoured the labourers by sharing the dais and having 'bore basi' on occasion of International Labour Day here on Monday. The labourers having 'Borebasi' along with CM said that this day has become memorable for them.

The Chief Minister of State by honouring the labour work and labourers have made this memorable. One of the labourer's Tulsiram Sinha who had come to take part in



the 'Bore Basi Tihar' with CM said that it is inseparable part of their daily life and life of labourer simply cannot be imagined without having Bore-basi.

He said that the pro-In labourer Chief Minister has made this day special and provided identity to it world-wide. Bore-basi is no

longer the food of labourers, but people from all sections of the society eat with good taste, as it is full of vitams and other natural ingrediants.

the same way Santoshi Pal also enjoyed 'bore-basi' along with CM. She informed that Bore-Basi is very economical

and very healthy for the labour community. It is just by drenching rice in the night, it is ready for meal in the morning.

The labourers as such had to leave for work early in the morning and in such conditions eating a day old drenched rice in water is good alternative

and full of nutrients and it is ready with just little efforts. Set aside this it is not at all costly for labourers to afford and it can be relished with 'aachar', 'bari', 'papad' and 'chutney'.

Another labourer Parmeshwar Sinha who had come to be part of this Bore-Basi Tihar with CM said that the state's culture has earned massive popularity under CM Bhupesh Baghel's leadership. Celebrating bore-basi tihar on occasion of World Labour Day is symbol of State's rich culture.

He said that we all the labourers are very happy for the importance given to them and their food as well. This keep the body cool and removes shortage of water during peak summer season and leaves good health effect on body.

back. It was successful

through door-to-door domes-

tic waste collection. It took a

lot of efforts and time to

make this arrangement. Rao

charged that the present

Minister Bhediya honored manual workers by partaking Bore-Basi

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 01: Minister for Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Anila Bhediya started her day by partaking Bore-Basi to honor manual workers today on the occasion of International Labour Day. She enjoyed Bore Basi with traditional Chhattisgarhi food, including Chech Bhaji, Kheda ki Sabzi, Mango pickle, and onion.

Bhediya, while extending her best wishes of International Labour Day to the state's residents and manual laborers, said that at the request of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, we are celebrating Labour Day



as Bore Basi Day. We are all expressing our respect to labour by partaking Bore Basi. She said that Bore Basi has a special significance in Chhattisgarh. People of all classes consume it with great fervor. Its nutritional value provides great strength. That is why people prefer to eat Bore-Basi before going to work.

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Role of Edible oil fortification in combating malnutrition

Workshop organized by Food and Drug Administration Department

Department

fight malnutrition.

Similarly the experts

(MCC), the District

Level MLA Cup 2023

Flood-light Tennis Ball

Cricket, which has

been going on for the

last three weeks at

Indira Privadarshani

Mini Stadium, District

Headquarters Bijapur,

has a grand finale on

Friday 28th April.

Bijapur's MLA Vikram

Mandavi was the chief

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 01: The widespread acceptance of fortification can be attributed to the fact it can be implemented without changing the dietary patterns of a person, a workshop was organized by the Food and Drug Administration Department Chhattisgarh regarding the fortification of edible oils. Oil businesspeople of the state were given information about the process

and technical aspects of

The Food and Drug Administration "Suposhan Abhiyan" ad-Chhattisgarh in collaboditionally, ration with Karnataka Health Promotion East-Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition orgramme, while ganized this workshop in Raipur. The experts gave and detailed information about technical aspects, Department, K.D. Kunjam gave informausage of edible oil and how edible oil can help

Because the campaign to done by the Food and make the city garbage-free Drug Department. was started about 10 years

As door-to-door garbage collection has failed since 3 months

Central Chronicle News

Municipal Corporation is Jagdalpur, May 01: BJP ruled by Congress and due to corporator Narsingh Rao in their short-sightedness and a statement issued here informed that the work of door-to-door garbage collec-Jagdalpur tion in Municipal Corporation (JMC) has collapsed since last 3 months. People are restless and upset, they are not able to understand where to throw the garbage and to whom to give it.

without planning, auto vehicles are taking 5 to 7 days to reach every house and due to which every house has developed heap of garbage. Rao informed that the people are forced to keep the garbage in the house for 5 to

7 days and wait for the vehicle, because of which the foul odor has started emitting from the waste and all sorts of insects and worms generating in it. Initially dry



and wet waste has been sought by the corporation. Now when people get used to it, then Tughlaqi decree is issued by the corporation that five to seven types of waste should be segregated. For which the public has neither time nor arrangements to separate them.

The garbage is segregated in front of every house in the ward by the Swachhata didis. Because of which a house

ation, no effective arrange ment has been made by the Corporation for the disposal of that waste. Pressure has been exerted on the Swachhata didis to make arrangements for their exe cution.

If the system was to be implemented, the corporation should have entered the fray with adequate vehicles and additional employees. At least three vehicles should have been arranged in each ward. First of all, this system was to be implemented experimentally in one ward so that its shortcomings could be removed further. If the plan is successful, it should have been implemented in the entire city, he added.

Epic Blaster win first prize of Rs 1,11,111

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first, second and third

place teams in the com-

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was Rs. 111111 and 2nd

prize that of Rs 51,111

and cup and prize for

third place was Rs

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The final match of



Morning Cricket Club



guest and he wished all place between

Blasters won the MLA Cup by registering a resounding victory. Apart from Man of the Match for the final match, Man of the Best Series and Batsman, Aman Tokal, who also scored a century in the entire tournament, was named

19 railway staff achieves superannuation

takes a lot of time and a lot of

dirt spreads in front of that

house. Because of which a

situation of dispute is creat-

ed every day. The vehicle also

reaches a house in 5 to 7 days

due to the time taken by each

house. Narasimha Rao said

that the drv waste is taken to

the SLRM center and money

is obtained by selling it. On

the other hand, the wet waste

is being refused due to rot

and foul smell. In such a situ-



also gave their opinion fortification of edible oil.

about how fortification of food in Chhattisgarh would help in the Subhash Moghe, Ruchi Sharin, and Sriraj Manampadi also addressed the pro-Controller of the Food Drug Administration tion about the work being

In the finals of floodlight Tennis Ball cricket competition

MLA Vikram Mandavi awarded the first. second and third place teams

Central Chronicle News

Bijapur, May 01: Under the aegis of

Collector celebrate Labour Day with MGNREGA workers



And villagers in Bakhra

Central Chronicle News

Kondagaon, May 01: On occasion of International Labour Day, Collector Deepak Soni honoured the hardworking labor heroes by eating 'bore basi' along with MNREGA workers and villagers in Gram Panchayat Bakhra under Kondagaon development block of



बेचना है नीलगीरी का खडा पेड/ताजा बल्लियां विभिन्न साईज में, ग्राम मजगाव (रणवीरपुर) तहसील सहसपुर लोहारा जिला कबीरधाम में उपलब्ध है। सम्पर्क करे -मोबाइल नंबर 8770584110



the district. At the same time, he also encouraged the workers and

villagers by donating labour in the construction work. On this occasion, the Collector gave good wishes on Labour Day and appealed to peo ple that on Labour Day they should eat Bore Basi which is a traditiona food of Chhattisgarh. The Chief Minister of our state Bhupesh Baghel is also taking meaningful ini-

tiatives to promote traditional cui-

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Naxalites nabbed

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5 of the martyred soldiers were working in **DRG after surrender**

Central Chronicle News

Jagdalpur, May 01: Bastar IG Sundarraj P giving information regarding the Naxal incident after inspection of Aranpur incident site in Dantewada district said that prima facie it appears that the IED was planted by Naxalites about one and a half to two months ago by digging a tunnel from the side of the road. The wire of the IED was buried about 2-3 inches under the ground under the cover of dense forest on Appealing to the side of the road and brought to a distance of about 150 meters. Seeing the opportunity, the blast incident was carried out on 26 April 2023. In the said route, de-mining is done from time-to-time. It appears that the said IED was tunneled and planted far below the road due to which it could not be detected during de-mining. Additional informa-

the Man of the Series. A total of 64 teams teams of Bijapur's Epic

Blaster and Bijapur's from the all blocks of Chikatraj. Epic Blaster Bijapur district Usur, won the toss and decid-Bhopalpatnam, ed to bat first and Bijapur and Bhairamgarh from the scored 130 runs in 12 hinterland participatovers. Chasing the tared in the MLA Cup get of 131 runs, the team of Chikatraj 2023 and these matches were played under Bijapur could score only 90 runs after losfloodlights at the ing 9 wickets in 12 over. Indira Priyadarshini Mini Stadium. Epic

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 01: As per the tradition, employees achieving superannuation are retired on the last day month. of everv Continuing this practice, 19 railway staff working in the different departments of SECR Raipur achieved superannuation after completing glorious years of

service. In this programme, APO-I(Sushil Kumar Lakda), Divisional Assistant

Finance Manager(Niranjan Guniram Badge), retired employee and their family members along with Welfare Inspectors and other staff were present. Of the retired employees, 03 Operating are from Department. 08 from

Engineering, Mechanical, 02from Commercial, 01 from S&T, 01 from Electrical and 01 from Security. The programme organ-

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ized at the Community Hall witnessed distribution of Rs 4,33,32,091among the retired staff apart from other retirement formalities like pension payment order. service medals etc.

IED planted at the site about 1-2 months back: IG Sunderraj

Says it was done prima tion will be provided after investigation is facie by digging tunnel complete.

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About the martyred DRG jawans, IG Sundarraj informed that 5 jawans of DRG viz. head constable 74 Joga Sodhi, head constable 965 Munna Ram Kadti, new constable

888 Hariram Madavi, new constable 580 Joga Kawasi, secret soldier Raju

Ram Kartam were working in DRG after surrendering under the rehabilitation policy of the government.

The joint force of DRG Dantewada and CAF Camp Nahari left for the Naxal operation on the night of April 25, 2023, on the information about the presence of Maoists in Aranpur area. Police-Naxal encounter took place at around 6.30 in the morning of 26 April 2023. 2 suspected Naxalites on searching the incident site 1 militia member Lakhma Kawasi S/o Ganga Kawasi (30 vrs) R/o Porokkadi police station Jagargunda district Sukma. 2 militia member Sanna alias Kosa Madvi S/o Hunga Madvi (25 yrs) R/o Porokkadi police station Jagargunda district Sukma was arrested. Naxalite literature, daily useful material etc. were also recovered from the incident site. On this a case vas registered under Crime No.

4/2023 Section 47,148,149,307 IPC IG Sundarraj P. 25,27 Arms Act 13

(1), 38(2), 39 (2) UAPA Act at Police Station Aranpur. This case has been registered against Naxal cadres Jagdish. Lakhe, Linge, Somdu, Mahesh. Hidma, Umesh, Deve, Nand Kumar, Lakhma, Kosa, Mukesh and others of Darbha Division Committee. Naxalite Kosa alias Sanna, who

was injured in the encounter, had bullet injuries in his thigh and elbow. Which needed immediate treatment and he was brought by a DRG team to the district headquarters for treatment. The DRG team had left from Aranpur police station in 3 vehicles. A vehicle of DRG team was ambushed from the East by Naxalites and IED blasted at Pedka Chowk, 2 km east of Aranpur thana and firing was done. On which crime number 5/2023 section

147,148,149,307,302 IPC. 4,5 VP Act 25,27 Arms Act 13(1), 38(2), 39(2) UAPA Act was filed against Maoist cadres of Darbha Division Chaitu. Deva, Mangatu, Ransai, Jailal, Baman. An offense has been registered against Some, Rakesh, Bhima and others.

In the incident of landmine explosion. 10 DRG jawans respectively 1 head constable 74 Joga Sodhi. 02 head constable 965 Munna Ram Kadti, 03 head constable 901 Santosh Tamo, 4 constable 542 Dulgo Mandavi, 5 new constable 289 Lakhmu Markam, 6 new constable 580 Joga Kawasi, 7 new constable 888 Hariram Mandavi, 8 constable Raju Ram Karatam, 9 constable Jairam Podiyam, 10 constable Jagdish Kawasi and driver Dhaniram Yadav were martyred. Compassionate appointment, financial assistance and all facilities will be made available immediately in the coming days to all the martyred DRG jawans and vehicle drivers under departmental provisions and Naxal victims rehabilitation rules of the government. After the incident, the search operation by the police and CRPF force is going on continuously in the surrounding areas.

Collector inspects health and wellness centre



Central Chronicle News

Kondagaon, May 01: To improve the health facilities of Kondagaon, District Collector Deepak Soni on Monday inspected the health and wellness center at Bakhra under Kondagaon block and took information about the availability of health facilities, necessary facilities for institutional delivery, accessibility of essential medicines etc.

Encouraging the health workers for the smooth running of the wellness center, he asked them to fa-

the villagers. During this time, he asked the villagers about the Telemedicine facility at the health and wellness center. On this occasion Community Health Officer Shivani Srivastava

cilitate better services to

and other employees told that villagers are being treated through telemedicine in consultation with district hospital doctors. About 3000 population of Bakhra and Kukadgarkapal gram panchayat is benefiting in this health and wellness center.



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Results of Lok Adalats are better and commendable: CJ

Central Chronicle News

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 held Adalats 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 regarding Bilaspur 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 re-

duced 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

Services and Legal Authority (Salsa) Gautam Bhaduri, Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court and Executive Chairman of State Legal Services Authority for any issue disposal.

He also instructed the Superintendents of Police of the district to serve notice to the parties of the cases to be identified in

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 Justice Court and Chairman of Legal Committee Services 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.

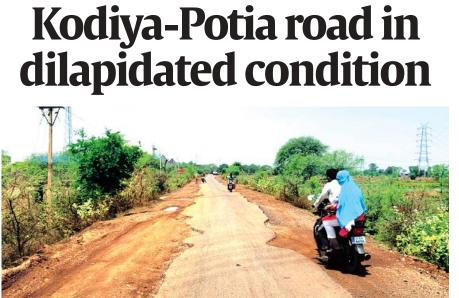
In the virtual meeting, all District Judges, Family Court Judges, District

Pandey.

Officers. Judicial 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.



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Central Chronicle News

Nandini Ahiwara, May 01: The road from Nandini to Kodia (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

this road. manding the construction

In this connection for-Parliamentary mer Secretary Chhattisgarh Government Labhchand Bafna told that Durg Collector Pushpendra Meena has been informed of the condition through phone, and immediate construction of Potia-Kodia road from Nandini has been demanded.

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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. Judge Aggarwal. 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-



and the vote of thanks given was bv Sangharatna Bhatpahari, Special Judge (Atrocity), Bilaspur.

On this occasion Justice Sachin Singh Rajput, Judge Chhattisgarh High Court Bilaspur, Honorable Justice Rakesh Mohan

Judge Chhattisgarh High Court Bilaspur, Ramashankar Prasad, Chief Justice Family Court Bilaspur, Saurabh Kumar, Collector Bilaspur, Santosh Kumar Singh, Superintendent of Police Bilaspur, Chandrashekhar 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 Bilaspur Prosecution were present



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 Langeh were present.

Ayushman card made for 4.79 lakh people



this scheme. It was told in the meet-

government at the center, the further added. per capita debt has been reduced to Rs 1 lakh 30 thousand,

Shivratan Sharma should tell the

truth of paddy scam: Maheshwari

Maheshwari also said that even after selling important in-

Chhattisgarh is not being given due to which the development work is being affected. Even after this, the Bhupesh Baghe government of the state is running important schemes for the people without burdening them.

CM transfer's funds to the beneficiaries of UAC

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given by Ashok Kumar

Sahu, District and

Sessions Judge, Bilaspur

On this occasion, the

from them.

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 bodies 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

train them, so that the process of making Ayushman cards can be

expedited. He said that Avushman cards should be made for 100 percent eligible people of the district and every eligible beneficiary said that increase the number of VLEs and should get the benefit of

ing that so iar 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.

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Central Chronicle News

Simga, 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

wnich 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 stitutions of the country, railways and airport, the central government is taking loans, while the GST amount due to

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'Political resolution taken to oust Cong govt in state'

In BJP Mahila Morcha working committee meeting in Kanker

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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 B.IP Mahila Morcha (BJPMM) state in-charge Sarla Kosaria. It was chaired by BJPMM State

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President Shalini Rajput.

BJP State President Arun Sao addressing the working committee members said that Kanker has always being 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 formaset aside this there has tion of state government, been massive increase in has still not being fulfilled cases of atrocities and by CM and now they are crime against women in taking another reason that last four years of Congress unless the people will stop rule in the state. BJP state President Sao drinking, how come liquor can be banned. This news said that at one place is a big cheat on face of where PM Modi is launchwomen, who had voted ing schemes for empower-

them to power. He charged that the Baghel's government has removed the shelter from top of 18 lakh women and groups into making of Vermi-compost.

government to power, more than 7000 women's modesty has been outraged. Youths in state are moving towards intoxication and due to which crimes has increased manifold and what all development is visible in Chhattisgarh is that of BJP's 15 vrs 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

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.

and now is cheating the and which shows that Congress government is helpless before Naxalites. Right since the Congress

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

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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 fi-

Expel

nancially.

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 antiparty 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 sixmonth-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 con-

'Efforts being made to eradicate terrorism'

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.

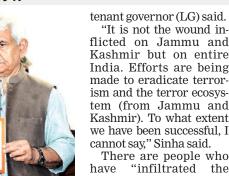
"I can say one thing with confidence that we have no intention to buy peace. But we are working with the intention to establish peace (in Jammu and



J&K Lt Governor Manoi Sinha during a ceremony to pay tribute to Kashmiri poet Sarvanand 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 lieu-



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.

ly book a cab. In between,

the prices were also fluc-

tuating rapidly. During

the rainy season, it be-

comes very difficult to get

a cab or an auto-rickshaw

through online cab aggre-

muters also shared up-

dates on the traffic situa-

tion on Twitter. "Traffic

choked under flyover to-

Several other com-

gators," Singh said.

ANTI-ENCROACHMENT DRIVE



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

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-

August Kranti wards Marg from Panchsheel Park, Heavy traffic on Rohtak Road between Peeragarhi and Nangloi," a Twitter user said.

"The traffic is jammed at Rohini Sector-8 crossing near Rohini East Metro Station," another commuter tweeted.

Amitesh Kumar, who was travelling from Ramprastha to Green Park said, "Traffic at Anand Vihar is a nightmare for the commuter who passes through the stretch daily as half of the road is being encroached by the auto-rickshaws and buses.

The rain on Monday made it more difficult for us to sneak through the road." Another commuter said that the Barapullah flyover is clogged and waterlogging in several places.

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 Giaspura 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 hy-

drogen 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 cooperation of the Punjab

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 Giaspura lo-

cality, fainted.

Pollution Control Board

on this, and if its officials

do not cooperate, action

would be taken against

them too.

SHIMLA CIVIC POLLS BJP looks to retain control, Congress seeks to consolidate hold

Shimla, May 01 (PTI):

ber of voters at 4,161 while homes. On the other hand, Malyana has the lowest at the BJP has promised 1,166. 40,000 litres of free water During the campaign-ing for the elections, the to every household a month and a 'One Nigam, contesting parties have One Tax' policy that made lofty promises to the would club taxes for houselectorate. From highes, garbage and sewerage ways to skywalks and into one for the convenparks to parking spots, the ience of citizens. It has parties made a plethora of also promised a 50 per promises during roadcent rebate on garbage shows, street corner meetbills. ings and door-to-door cam-According to the voters, the major election issues paigns. The Congress has promare 24x7 water supply, new ised to introduce policies parking facilities, widening of roads and controlfor the regularisation of multi-storey buildings ling the drugs menace. All the major parties have and a uniform tax regime promised to make Shimla for both old and merged areas, a ropeway system green and drugs free and and allowing non-agriculsolve the traffic congesturists settled in Shimla tion issue by constructing before 1971 to build parking lots.



nection 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 Bazarpeth 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.



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

A little over 90,000 voters will determine the fate of 102 candidates from 34 wards contesting the Shimla Municipal Corporations elections, scheduled to be held on

Tuesday. The results of the elections, which are being held on party symbols, will be declared on Thursday.

According to State Commission Election data, 93,920 voters are registered to exercise their franchises in the elections. These include 49,759 male and 44,161 female voters at 153 polling booths. Vikas Nagar ward has the maximum num-

Locals remember 'doctor sahib' and his family Mizoram Cong accepts resignation of senior MLA

Ludhiana (Punjab), May 01 (PTI): Kavilash, who died along with his family in the gas leak incident in the city's Giaspura 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 Giaspura 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, who hailed from Gaya in Bihar, was a registered medical practi-

tioner and had been running his clinic in Giaspura since the last 25 years, his neighbour said.

"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 vears.

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

Giaspura 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.

Aizawl, May 01 (PTI):

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

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

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

here that Ralte's resignation has been accepted by the state party authorities after he discussed the mat-

As treasurer ahead of assembly election



Ralte, who is also the

Legislature

His resignation came

Lalsawta told reporters ter personally with him on



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

He said that the party

leadership would appoint

a suitable person to re-

place Ralte as the party

Lalsawta said that the

resignation of Ralte ahead

of the state assembly polls

has shocked the party

workers. Ralte, who was

treasurer.

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.

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.



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Make Sri Lanka a developed country by 2048:Wickremesinghe

Colombo, May 01 (PTI):

President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Monday invited all Sri Lankan workers to participate in making the cashstrapped 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 diffisocial force that could cult initial steps in stabilexert a stronger influence ising the economy. As we on the entire economic celebrate this year's May process of the country and Day, we should take the opthe nation must continue portunity to show the to value and support their world the pride of the contributions. workers of Sri Lanka," he "The government has alsaid. "We invite all the

ways 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 then-president the 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 restructur ing with bilateral and multilateral creditors.



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

UN envoy says Sudan's warring sides agree to negotiate

Cairo, May O1 (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" ceasefire 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 being worked out. So far, their homes and push the country into a humanitarian crisis.

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public word from its opponent, the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces.

Any talks would be the first major sign of erupted on April 15 between the army, led by

Abdel Fattah Gen. Burhan, and the RSF, led Gen. Mohammed hv Hamdan Dagalo. Around 530 people, in-

cluding civilians and combatants, have been killed since, with another 4,500 wounded, the Sudanese Health Ministry said.

The United States, meanwhile, conducted its first evacuation of American civilians from Sudan. Watched over by US military drones, a group of Americans made the perilous journey by road from the capital, Khartoum, to the Red Sea city of Port Sudan.

On Monday, a US Navy fast transport ship took 308 evacuees from Port Sudan to the Saudi port of Jeddah, according to Saudi officials.

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

Peshawar, May 01 (PTI):

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.

İkramullah 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' investi gation 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.

Russia missile attack on Ukraine injures 25, damages homes Imran Khan's PTI will be 'ultimate loser' if talks on polls fail: Pak govt Kyiv, May O1 (AP):

Russia launched its second large salvo of missiles at Ukraine in recent days early Monday, dam-

ing three children. the

In Monday's attack, missiles hit Pavlohrad, in eastern Dnipropetrovsk region, wounding 34 people, including five children, according to Serhii Lysak the region's top official. Seven missiles shot at the city and "some were intercepted" but others hit an industrial facility. sparking a fire, and a residential neighbourhood where 19 apartment buildings, 25 homes, six schools and five shops were damaged, he said.

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

Washington, May 01 (PTI): Science20, Startup20 Ahead of the annual India- under G20 aim to achieve BioPharma and

socio-economic equity

through research, innova-

tion, partnership and col-

and vaccine development,

clinical research, stream-

lining workflows, invento

ry management will miti-

gate risks and allow seam-

less delivery of health care

"Global collaboration and partnership in drug

laboration, he said.

only the military has announced it is prepared to progress since fighting join negotiations, with no

Perthes cautioned that

logistics for talks were still

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the highway," PML-N

Secretary General and

Federal Minister for

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

slamabad, May 01 (PTD:

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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

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 vear 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.

aging 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



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.

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

and two explosive drones at Ukraine, which was the first to target Kyiv in nearly two months.

In that attack, Russian missiles hit an apartment building in Uman, a city about 215 kilometres (135 miles) south of Kyiv, killing 21 people includ-

Missiles also hit three other areas in the region, damaging residential buildings and a school, he said

Moscow has frequently launched long-range missile attacks during the 14month war, often indiscriminately hitting civilian areas.

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 evidencebased research.

US

"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.

Initiative Innovation Gathering (RIIG),

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;

The Research and

Biogen's CEO Christopher Viehbacher, Merck's for mer 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 President protest



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 reand France's social safety cent move to raise the renet. tirement age from 62 to 64. The pension bill un-

leashed France's biggest Organisers see the pension reform as a threat to protests in years, and the May 1 rallies are expected hard-fought worker rights

to be among the largest yet.

In South Korea, tens of thousand 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.



EDITORIAL

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Empowering Citizens The Impact of 'Mann Ki Baat' on Indian Citizens

ann 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 rannort 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

anotechnology 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



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?



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. 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 of 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.

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 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 recordbreaking 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.

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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

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Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee

MAKE THE MAY DAY RELEVANT

Kajal Chatterjee

ften do we come up with re-() ports like women garment shop assistants being forced to skip toilets during their longer than 10hour 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 philistine 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 specially the private ones.

A son of my colleague had to face the same inhuman ordeal in an overhyped 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 slaverv 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

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 a

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 quise 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 prefer to look the other way. What an inhuman barbaric class-conscious society 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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BUSINESS

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tional capital. Domestic

LPG rates were last

changed on March 1, when

they were hiked by Rs 50

per cylinder. State-owned

Indian Oil Corporation

(IOC), Bharat Petroleum

Corporation Ltd (BPCL)

and Hindustan Petroleum

Corporation Ltd (HPCL)

revised cooking gas prices

on the 1st of every month

based on average interna-

tional prices in the previ-

ous month. Separately,

ATF price was cut by 2.45

per cent in line with inter-

Accordingly, jet fuel

rates were reduced by Rs

2,414.25 per kilolitre to Rs

95,935.34 per kl in Delhi.

This is the third straight

monthly reduction in

rates. Prices were cut by 4

per cent (Rs 4,606.50 per kl)

on March 1 and by 8.7 per

cent (Rs 9,400.68 per kl) on

April 1. ATF price is re-

India's fuel sales rose in

April as diesel demand

grew on the back of a pick

up in harvesting of Rabi

crops and expansion of

economic activity, prelimi-

nary industry data showed

on Monday. Demand for

diesel, the most consumed

fuel in the country ac-

counting for about two-

fifths of the demand,

soared 6.7 per cent to 7.15

million tonnes in April

compared to a year ago pe-

Month-on-month sales

rose 4.8 per cent when

compared with 6.83 mil-

lion tonnes of diesel con-

sumed in March which

witnessed a seasonal slow-

down. Petrol sales rose

about 2.5 per cent to 2.64

million tonnes during

April when compared

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as agri demand picks up

national trends.



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Appointment



New Delhi: State power giant NTPC on Monday announced the appointment of Shivam Srivastava as Director (Fuel). Srivastava assumed charge of the post on Sunday, the company said. "Ministry of Power ... approval of the Competent Authority for appointment of Shivam Srivastava, Chief General Manager (CGM). NTPC to the post of Director (Fuel), NTPC Ltd from the date of his assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier," according to a regulatory filing. Srivastava, a Mechanical Engineering graduate from Kamala Nehru Institute of Technology, Sultanpur (Avadh University) and Post Graduate in Business Management from

MDI Gurgaon, had joined NTPC as 13th batch executive trainee in 1988.

More flights

New Delhi: SpiceJet on Monday said it plans to operate more flights from Saudi Arabia to different Indian cities to bring back people evacuated from Sudan under 'Operation Kaveri'. The no-frills airline operated a flight from Jeddah to Kochi on April 30 and brought back 184 Indians under Operation Kaveri. In a release. the carrier said it is in regular touch with the Ministry of

External Affairs and the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia to coordinate further evacuation efforts.

Commercial LPG price cut India's exports to UAE likely to grow by Rs 171.5, ATF by 2.45 pc by 60 pc to USD 50 bn by 2026-27 New Delhi, May 01: changed at Rs 1,103 per 14.2-kg cylinder in the na-

New Delhi, May 01:

India's exports to the UAE are expected to rise by about 60 per cent to reach USD 50 billion by 2026-27 from USD 31.3 billion at present on the back of the free trade agreement between the countries, a top government official said on Monday. Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said that trade between India and the UAE has grown significantly after the implementation of the trade agree ment on May 1 last year. 'We are hoping that we will be able to reach USD 50 billion in exports by 2026-27. In the five years of trade after CEPA, I feel that we should be able to reach USD 50 billion in exports. I am very sure that the kind of response that we are hearing, we will definitely

reach that," Barthwal told reporters here. He said that a lot of trade is happening through the preferential route of the trade pact.

"We would like traders of the two countries to take advantage of the CEPA,' the secretary added. The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) which was signed between the two nations on 18 February 2022, officially came into force on May 1 last year.

India's exports to the UAE in 2022-23 rose by 11.8 per cent to USD 31.3 billion, while imports grew by 18.8 per cent to USD 53.2 billion in the last fiscal due to high inbound shipments of oil. Under the free trade agreement domestic exporters in various sectors like textiles, agriculture,

Large corporates will

never be allowed to open

a bank in India: N Vaghul

dry fruits, gems and jewellery are getting duty-free access to the UAE market. Issuance of the number of preferential certificates of origin (CoO) has increased to 8,440 in March as against 415 in May 2022. A trader has to submit a 'certificate of origin' at the landing port of the importing country to claim duty concessions under free-

trade agreements. This

certificate is essential to prove where their goods come from. During May 22 March 23, a total of 54,142 CoOs have been issued. The main export sectors which recorded healthy growth during 2022-23 included mineral fuels, electrical machinery and equipment, gems and jewellery, automobiles, essential oils, coffee, tea, spices, and chemicals.

Exports of automobiles rose by 42 per cent to USD 715.58 million during 2022-23, electrical machinery shipments increased by 32 per cent to USD 3.65 billion. Gems and Jewellery exports rose by 17 per cent to USD 5.8 billion in the last fiscal. However, exports of iron and steel, and apparel recorded negative growth in exports. On the imports front, oil imports rose by 36 per cent to USD 27.7 billion in 2022-23. Similarly, imports of aircraft, spacecraft, and their parts jumped multi-fold to USD 1.9 billion in 2022-23 from USD about 39 million 2021-22.Further in Barthwal said that there is a joint trade committee which looks after the implementation of this trade pact and if any issue would come both sides would jointly resolve that.

Price of commercial LPG, one which is used by business establishments like hotels and restaurants, on Monday was cut by a steep Rs 171.5 per cylinder and rates of jet fuel (ATF) were reduced by by 2.45 per cent on softening international oil prices

A 19-kg commercial LPG now costs Rs 1,856.5 in the national capital, down from Rs 2,028, according to price notification from state-owned fuel retailers. This is the second straight monthly reduction in commercial LPG prices. Rates were cut by Rs 91.5 per 19-kg cylinder on April 1. The two reductions, however, haven't neutralised the Rs 350.5 per cylinder hike in prices effected from March 1.

Domestic cooking gas LPG prices remained unvised on the 1st of ever month based on the average rate of international benchmark and foreign exchange rates.

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International oil prices have erased all gains made since OPEC+ pro ducers announced a surprise production cut earlier last month, as recession concerns continued to weigh on the fuel demand outlook. Brent, the benchmark for two thirds of the world's oil, was trading at USD 79.62 a barrel on Monday, down from USD 88 it had hit after OPEC+ producers announced voluntary crude output cuts of 1.16 million barrels per day on April 2. Petrol and diesel prices. however, continued to remain on freeze for a record 13th month in a row. Petrol costs Rs 96.72 per litre in the national capital and diesel comes for Rs 89.62.

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the last year. Sales, howev-

er, fell marginally by 0.5

per cent month-on-month,

the data showed. Petrol

and diesel sales have been

on the rise from the sec-

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back of a pick up in indus-

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March, petrol sales had

fallen 1.4 per cent and

diesel by 10.2 per cent year-

on-year. Consumption of

petrol in April was 23.5 per

cent more than COVID

marred April 2021 and

more than double in the

same period of 2020. Diesel

consumption was up 21

With the continued

opening of the aviation

sector, India's overall pas-

senger traffic at airports

inched closer to pre-

COVID levels

per cent over April 2021.

FinMin wants PSU banks to India's fuel sales rise in April enhance recovery rate from New Delhi, May 01: written-off accounts to about 40 pc off banks get complacent

Mumbai, May 01:

Large corporates will never be allowed to open a bank in India, veteran banker N Vaghul has said. Vaghul said India has learnt from its pre-bank nationalisation experience and will never repeat the same mistakes by allowing large corporations into banking.

In the last round of licensing before it was made on-tap, a slew of corporates had unsuccessfully applied for a banking license. Two years ago, a RBI discussion paper made a case for allowing the large corporations because of their ability to get capital which will in turn fund economic growth. That discussion



led to a raft of criticism by many, including former RBI top brass, and did not move ahead. Speaking to reporters, Vaghul suggested that the capital needed for economic growth will come from the public, which is keen to invest in a lender which is run professionally. Industrial houses "cannot be banking", Vaghul said, recalling the past experiences with them and how state ownership of banks became pop-

Rs 1.87 lakh cr in April

New Delhi, May 01:

Worried over the low recovery rate from writtenoff accounts, the Finance Ministry has asked stateowned lenders to increase it to about 40 per cent, sources said. Currently, the recovery rate from writtenoff accounts is less than 15 per cent. Public sector banks (PSBs) could recover only 14 per cent of the written-off loans worth Rs 7.34 lakh crore in the last five years ended March 2022.

Of Rs 7.34 lakh crore written-off loans, stateowned lenders recovered Rs 1.03 lakh crore. So after recovery, the net written-off stood at Rs 6.31 lakh crore at the end of March 2022. It seems that after the write

(in₹Crores)

about recovery from those non-performing assets (NPAs), the sources said, adding, this level of recovery is not acceptable. Besides, they said, higher recovery from written-off accounts directly adds to their bottomline and improves their capital. To review the situation on the issue, the sources said, the Department of Financial Services would soon hold a meeting with senior officials of PSBs. The proposed meeting would take

with regard to such accounts in various courts, including Debt Recovery and Debt Appellate

Amazon Fresh launches super saver offers

Mumbai, May 01:

The cricket season is always an exciting time for sports fans, and what better way to enjoy it than with your favorite snacks? Amazon Fresh's Super Value Days from May 1st to 7th to make it easy to stock up on all your favorite treats. Binge on your favorite savory snacks like chips and popcorn, or sweet treats like chocolates and cookiesand stay refreshed with a wide range of fresh juices, ice creams, and yogurt among other essentialswhile watching your team score. With super saver offers during the super value days, stock- up on household products and season's fresh fruits and vegetables. including mouth-watering melons and juicy mangoes. Avail up to 45% off on popular brands including B Natural, Kwality Walls, Fortune, and Daawat, among others at home with convenient delivery options.

Banks have been directed to be more proactive with regard to big writtenoff accounts. Banks have written off Rs 11.17 lakh crore as bad loans from their books in the last six years till the financial year 2021-22.

As per RBI data, public sector banks (PSBs) and private sector banks wrote off an aggregate amount of Rs 8.16.421 crore and Rs 3,01,462 crore, respectively, during the last six finan cial years. Non-performing assets (NPAs), including those in respect of which full provisioning has been made on completion of four years, are removed from the balance sheet of the bank concerned by way of the write-off.

India's manufacturing PMI hits 4-month high in Apr on new orders, favourable market conditions

Manufacturing activities in India accelerated

proving supply-chain con-

ditions, a monthly survey

Global

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Index (PMI) increased

from 56.4 in March to 57.2

in April, indicating the

fastest improvement in the

health of the sector so far

this year. The March PMI

data pointed to an im-

provement in overall oper-

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The seasonally adjusted

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said on Monday.

S&P

New Delhi, May 01:



Pollvanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at S&P Global Market Intelligence, said. Factory orders and production rose at the strongest rates in 2023 so far, more jobs were created and companies stepped up input purchasing, owing to stock-replenishment efforts. "It seems like Indian manufacturers have abundant opportunities to keep powering ahead. Besides seeing the strongest inflow of new work in 2023 so far, capacities were expanded through job creation, input buying was lifted and preproduction inventories rose at a record rate," Lima said. New orders placed

stock of pending cases Tribunal Recovery Tribunal. GST collection rises 12 pc to



Business head

New Delhi: Medical devices maker Healthium Medtech on Monday said it has appointed Prashant Krishnan as global business head for advanced wound care and surgery portfolio. The appointment of Krishnan, who was earlier with Medtronic, comes at a time when the company is strengthening its portfolio in advanced surgery, wound care, orthopaedics and postsurgical care through organic and inorganic routes, Healthium Medtech said in a statement.

Power consumption

New Delhi: India's power consumption dipped for the second month in a row by 1.1 per cent to 130.57 billion units in April this year, as widespread rains in the country prompted people to use fewer cooling appliances compared to the previous year. In the year-ago period, power consumption stood at 132.02 billion units (BU), higher than 117.08 BU in April 2021, according to government data.

New Delhi. May 01:

Highest ever

collection

GST collection grew by 12 per cent in April to Rs 1.87 lakh crore, the highest monthly mop-up since the rollout of the indirect tax regime. The gross GST revenue collected in the month of April 2023 is Rs

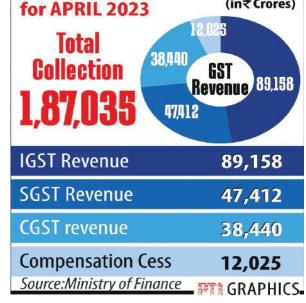
1,87,035 crore of which CGST is Rs 38,440 crore, SGST is Rs 47,412 crore, IGST is Rs 89,158 crore (including Rs 34,972 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 12,025 crore, the finance ministry said in a statement. The previous high collection of Rs 1.68 lakh crore was in April last year.

Himalaya Wellness Company launches its New Campaign

Mumbai, May 01:

to chaotic stress. With three In the wake of rising effective digital advertisestress levels, Himalaya ments, the campaign focus-Wellness Company, one of es on the lifestyle of three India's leading wellness individuals from diverse brands, launched the cambackgrounds who struggle paign "Ab Stress Nahi, Deto cope with stress. The adstress Kijiye" to raise vertisements highlight the awareness about the impact after-effects of stress, where of unaddressed stress, the protagonists experience while focusing on natural sleeplessness, anger, and ways to handle multiple tiredness, respectively, stressors in life. Modern when exposed to certain lifestyle has its own stress stressors regularly. The triggers that often go unnocommunication is reinticed or seem common. But forced by the doctor talking this leads to stress that afabout the benefits of fects one's body, thoughts, feelings, and behavior. Himalaya Ashvagandha in helping managestress better. Ashvagandha is an Building on this insight, thecampaign brings these adaptogenic herb that has triggers into the spotlight been used for centuries to and emphasizes the role of help the body cope with Himalaya Ashvagandhain stress and promote relaxminimizing stress in daily ation.

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GST Revenue Collection

BUSINESS EVENT

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with delegates during the India-Latin America Business event, in Panama City.

22nd straight month. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 indicates contraction.

"Reflecting a robust and quicker expansion in new orders, production growth took another step forward in April. Companies also benefitted from relatively mild price pressures, better international sales, and improving supplychain conditions,'

Maruti, Hyundai, Tata Motors report brisk wholesales in April

New Delhi, May 01:

Leading automakers Maruti Suzuki India, Hyundai and Tata Motors reported a double-digit increase in dispatches to dealers in April as the demand remained robust especially for the sports utility vehicles. The country's largest car maker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) said its domestic passenger vehicle wholesales rose 13 per cent to 1,37,320 units last month as against 1,21,995 units in April 2022. Sales of mini cars, comprising Alto and S-Presso, fell 18 per cent to 14,110 units as compared with 17,137 units a year ago. However, sales in the compact segment, including models such as Swift, Celerio, Ignis, Baleno and Dzire, rose 27 per cent to 74,935 units as against 59.184 cars in April 2022. The auto major said its utility vehicle sales, comprising



with goods producers rose

at the quickest pace since

last December.

Brezza, Grand Vitara and Ertiga also rose 8 per cent year-onyear to 36,754 units. In a virtual press conference, MSI Senior Executive Officer (Marketing & Sales) Shashank Srivastava said the company witnessed some production loss last month owing to chip shortage. "We were constrained in many ways by the semiconductor issue and we lost some volume, especially in Brezza, Grand Vitara, and the Ertiga," he added. He, however, noted that the company's market share in the sports utility segment (SUV) rose to 21 per cent in April from around 12.6 per cent a year ago.

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Liza Malik designs her Delhi home with

a personal touch

ctress and singer Liza Malik recently shared her interest in interior designing and how she deco-rated 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 emo-tional 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 unnec-

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



uring 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 maamamaami 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

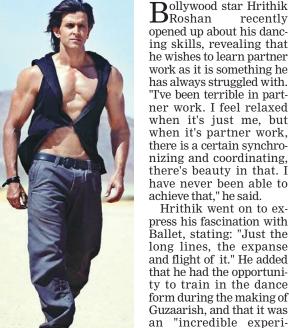
Megna Mukherjee's memorable day on set with Sourav Ganguly

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."

Megna said that working with Ganguly was an experience of a lifetime and a high point of her career.

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I've been terrible at partner work: Hrithik Roshan



Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan recently recently opened up about his dancing skills, revealing that he wishes to learn partner work as it is something he

Gujarati actors express their love & pride for the state

n 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 Bhanushali Aayudh (Krishna from Doosri Maa), Aryan Prajapati (Hritik from Happu Ki Ultan Patlan) and Soma Rathod (Amma Ji from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Aavudh 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!'





ner 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 ex-

press 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.

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'Music School' trailer launched in Mumbai

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

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

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.

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It's perform or perish for Delhi against Gujarat

Ahmedabad, May 01 (PTI):

Delhi Capitals will need their under-performing Indian batters to deliver when they take on the mighty and versatile Gujarat Titans in the IPL here on Tuesday.

The abject failure of Prithvi Shaw and Sarfaraz Khan has contributed significantly to Delhi Capitals' travails this season as they find themselves in a do-or-die situation with six losses from eight games.

They will probably need to win all of their remaining six games to make the IPL play-offs but considering the resources at their disposal, it looks highly unlikely Shaw's dismal run has

given an opportunity to Phil Salt to open alongside David Warner. He was at his destructive best in the last game and team would need him to be consistent alongside Warner and number three Mitchell Marsh, who finally played to his potential against Sunrisers Hyderabad with an all-round performance.

Delhi have been guilty of losing too many wickets in the middle overs and they must address it going forward. Keeping the in-form

() ATHER Gujarat Titans players Rashid Khan and Mohammed Shami in

a practice session.

Axar Patel for the death overs is understandable but considering his dream run with the bat over the past 12 months in international cricket, Warner could push him to number five if not higher.

Coming into the season as a replacement player,



Priyam Garg has got a much needed opportunity and he only has himself to blame if he cannot make it count. Veteran Manish Pandey can also do better at number four.

The Indian bowlers in the side are not faring as badly as the batters but Mukesh Kumar can definitely improve his economy rate, having conceded close to 11 runs per over in seven games.

Old horse Ishan Sharma has done his job in the three games he has been part of while Anrich Nortje will be looking for wickets in the coming games. Delhi are in deep trouble and they are up against an opponent in Gujarat Titans who have built a reputation of winning a game from any situation. Chasing 180 against KKR on Saturday, they were in a spot of bother but eventually got home with 13 balls to spare.

Batting alongside David Miller, Vijay Shankar played one of his best IPL innings to take the team to its sixth win in eight games. The defending champions remain the team to beat this season.

Irish left arm pacer Joshua Little is coming into his own after learning some harsh lessons in his debut season.

In the spin department, they could always bank on Rashid Khan but now they have another Afghanistan gem in Noor Ahmad, who has bagged eight wickets in four games with an impressive economy rate of 7.33.





Yashasvi Jaiswal

Mumbai, May 01 (PTI):

Mumbai Indians skipper Rohit Sharma said it was heartening to see his team chase down a big total set by Rajasthan Royals and also praised rival batter Yashasvi Jaiswal, saying he was surprised with the power the youngster packed in his strokes.

Jaiswal's blazing 124-run knock helped the Royals score 212 for seven. The 21-year-old had 16 boundaries and eight sixes from the 62 deliveries he faced. Despite the young opener's knock, the Rovals lost the match by six wickets with three deliveries to spare. Rohit indicated he saw in Jaiswal the potential to make it to the India side

Lorient stuns 10-man PSG 3-1 in French league

Paris, May 01 (AP):

Paris Saint-Germain will have to work harder much harder for a record 11th French league title after Lorient stunned the defending champions 3-1. Second-place Marseille rallied past Auxerre 2-1 to cut PSG's lead to five points with five games remaining.

'The title is in our hands, we mustn't let it go like this, especially with such games at home. We must show more than that at home," PSG defender Marquinhos told Canal Plus television. "We were not good in the duels, we were always late. In the rough moments, we mustn't concede goals.

PSG supporters were unhappy with the players' lack of effort and booed them off the field at halftime and again after the final whistle.

The hosts were down to 10 men after Achraf Hakimi received a second yellow card for a stamp on Darlin Yongwa in the 20th minute. The Morocco right back also got booked for a late tackle on Romain Faivre in the fifth minute.

Lorient capitalized on a spell of possession to take the lead in the 15th with a sliding effort from Enzo Le Fee into the roof of the net.



Lorient's players celebrate with their supporters after winning the French L1 football match between Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and FC Lorient at The Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris.

Kylian Mbappe equalized with a poacher's goal in the 29th when Yvon Myogo had a lapse in concentration. The Lorient goalkeeper put the ball on the ground, thinking he had a free kick, but the referee had only waved to play on. Mbappe happily took a touch before tucking into an empty net to consolidate his spot as the top scorer in the league with 23 goals.

Faivre exposed the weakness of PSG in the 39th by strolling past Marco Verratti and Juan Bernat to cut the ball back for Yongwa, who slotted home for a 2-1 lead. Substitute Bamba Dieng sealed the win by converting a rebound after a counterattack in the 88th. PSG also produced unconvincing team performances in the past couple of games but was saved by the brilliance of Lionel Messi and Mbappe.

"We have too many players in this second half of the season who perform below par," PSG coach Christophe Galtier said.

Lorient snapped a fivegame winless streak to remain in the middle of the table. Meanwhile Marseille striker Alexis Sanchez scored the winner by beating the offside trap to fire through the legs of goalkeeper Ionut Radu in the 77th.

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Atletico tops Valladolid, continues pursuit of Real Madrid

Madrid, May 01 (AP):

Atletico Madrid won't slow down in its pursuit of Real Madrid for second place in the Spanish league. Atletico continued its strong push on Sunday by picking up its eighth win in nine matches with a 5-2 victory at Valladolid.

Atletico Third-place scored three times in the first half and added two late goals in a result that kept Diego Simeone's team two points behind city rival Madrid with six rounds remaining. Madrid beat Almeria 4-2 on Saturday at



Atletico Madrid's Argentinian forward Angel Correa (Front) runs with the ball during the Spanish league football match between Real Valladolid FC and Club Atletico de Madrid at the Jose Zorilla stadium in Valladolid.

Second place is especially important because it guarantees a spot in the lucrative Spanish Super Cup in Saudi Arabia. Atletico's only recent setback was a 1-0 loss at leader Barcelona at Camp Nou two rounds ago. Barcelona beat Real Betis 4-0 at home on Saturday and has a comfortable 11-point lead over Madrid entering the final stretch.

We have good momentum, we've been competing verv well." Atletico defender Jos Maria Giminez said. "There is still a lot of league left and we have to stay on this path." Atletico scored through Nahuel Molina in

the 20th minute, Giminez in the 24th, lvaro Morata in the 38th, an own-goal by Joaquin Fernandez in the 86th and Memphis Depay in stoppage time

Valladolid sitting in 15th place, four points from the relegation zone scored with a penalty kick converted by Cyle Larin in the 42nd and with a goal from Sergio Escudero in the 74th. It was the second loss in a row for the team owned by former Brazil striker Ronaldo.

"We were doing well with a 3-0 lead but they suddenly got back into the game and made it difficult for us, Simeone said.

Sreeshankar wins gold at MVA High Performance athletics meet

New Delhi, May 01 (PTI):

Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar claimed the gold medal with a leap of 8.29m at the MVA High Performance athletics meet 1 held in Chula Vista, USA.

Competing in only his second event of the season, the 24-year-old, who had won a silver at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, produced a creditable effort which was just 0.07m off his personal best of 8.36m made last year. China's Ma Weidong secured the silver medal



with an effort of 7.61m.

World

Championships

The qualifying standard

which is scheduled in

Budapest this August, is

8.25m and Sreeshankar's

Athletics

2023.

Sreeshankar's effort came with wind speed of 3.1m/s. Sreeshankar had a 7.94m jump at the Indian Grand with a 7.99m leap, while his Prix in Bengaluru earlier compatriot Huafeng Huang claimed the bronze

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this month. Sreeshankar held the men's long jump national record in India with his 8.36 jump but it was surpassed by Jeswin Aldrin with an effort of 8.42m at the second Indian Open Jumps Championships in March.



31st March 50%



New Delhi. May 01 (PTI):

Two-time Common-wealth Games champion Saina Nehwal will not be participating at the national badminton selections trials for the upcoming Asian Games due to fitness issues. The Badminton Association of India (BAI) will be conducting the trial from May 4 to 7 at Jwala Gutta Academy of Excellence in Telangana to pick the team for the prestigious tournament, which be held in Hangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8. "Saina Nehwal will not be participating as she has some fitness issues. Also the men's pair of Kushal Raj and Prakash Raj has also withdrawn from the trials." BAI secretary Sanjay Mishra told PTI. "However, rest of the players who were invited for the trials will be competing this week for

the spots." Saina last played at the Orleans Masters. Battling injuries for quite some time, the former world number one had skipped the trials for Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships in January. She had also missed the trials for the Commonwealth Games last

year. BAI had directly selected double Olympic medallist PV

Sindhu (World No. 11). HS Prannoy (world no. 9), men's pairing of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (World No. 6) and women's combination of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand (world no. 19) for the Asian Games "based on their placing in the BWF Top 20 ranking list as on April 18". The national federation had come out with a list of players for the Asian Games selection trials on April 22, setting April 28 as the deadline for confirmation. World championships silver and bronze medallists Kidambi Srikanth (World No. 23) and

Commonwealth Games champion Lakshya Sen (World No. 24), Orleans Masters Super 300 winner Priyanshu Rajawat, national champion Mithun Manjunath and Tokyo Olympian B Sai Praneeth are

among the nine men's singles players, who will have to fight it out in the trials. In women's singles, Aakarshi Kashyap, Malvika Bansod, Ashmita Chaliha, Unnati Hooda will be among the women's singles shuttlers present in the trials.

of 16 with a comfortable 6-3, 6-2 win over Bernarda Pera. The world No. 1 conceded only one break point

Swiatek will next play either 22nd-seeded Zheng Qinwen or 16th-seeded Ekaterina Alexandrova.

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UCC, freebies in BJP's K'taka manifesto

Bengaluru, May 01 (PTI):

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 Present 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 Religious against Fundamentalism and Terror (K-SWIFT). The BJP said it would provide



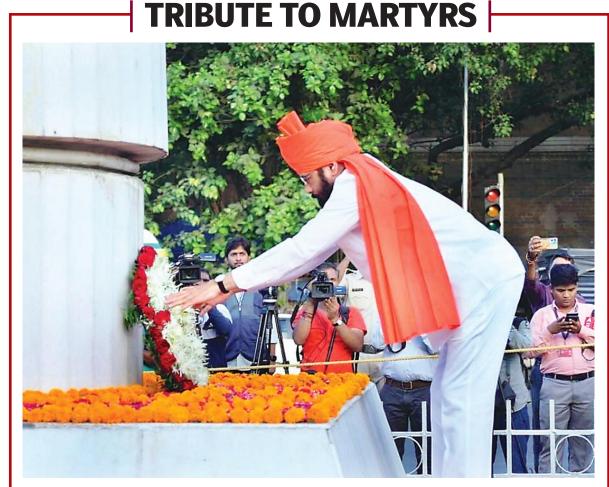
"We will set up an 'Atal Aahara Kendra' in every ward of every municipal corporation in the State to provide affordable, quality and healthy food across

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.



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 Mumbai in 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.

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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 Riot Control Phansalkar, Consuls and Honorary Consul of various countries and senior officers of the Armed Colour Forces, Civil and Police Maharashtra Services and citizens were Columns of State

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

Service Flag, Greater Mumbai Traffic Police 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

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

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have been selected for the department of Land Records, State Excise and

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

New Delhi, May 01 (PTI):

Long-term exposure to air pollution is associated with an increased risk of arrythmia 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 arrythmia has been inconsistent, they said. The researchers evaluated hourly exposure to air pollution and the sudden onset of symptoms of arrythmia 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 oc-Shanghai, curred 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 concentra-

Srinagar, May 01 (PTI):

tions," Chen said.

The study included 1,90,115 (over 1.9 lakh) patients with acute onset of symptomatic arrythmia, 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 arrythmias, and the greater the exposure, the stronger the association, they said.

Kashmir scaling new heights in tourist count

With an increasing foot-

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.

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Appointment Orders 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

New Delhi, May 01 (PTI):

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 2022-23, the year 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 serv-

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



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

'Hang me but wrestling activity should not stop'

Gonda (UP), May 01 (PTI):

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 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 Тор Indian wrestlers, including Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat,

media.

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

MP, the first pertaining to allegations levelled by a minor, which has been regunder istered the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act along with relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code concerning outraging modesty. The second FIR has been registered for carrying out comprehensive investigations into the complaints by adult complainants under relevant IPC sections pertaining to outraging of modesty.

The Sports Ministry has stalled the scheduled May 7 elections of the WFI and asked the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to constitute an ad-hoc committee to conduct the polls within 45 days of its formation and also manage the sports body.

tall 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

"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.

Vidyadhar 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.

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