



BRIEF



A Red Panda climbs a tree in Tawang.

US national

■ **New Delhi:** A US national allegedly carrying six live bullet rounds in his baggage was apprehended by the CISF at the Delhi international airport recently, official sources said on Wednesday. The passenger, who was bound for Helsinki onboard a Finnair flight on May 22 from the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, was handed over to the Delhi Police, which booked him under sections of the Arms Act. The passenger has now been released on bail, they said, adding the bullets were of the Hornady 357 Mag caliber.

Vande Bharat

■ **New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the inaugural run of the Vande Bharat Express from Dehradun to Delhi on Thursday via video conferencing, his office said. This will be the first Vande Bharat to be introduced in Uttarakhand, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said on Wednesday. With world-class amenities, it will herald a new era of comfortable travel experience, especially for tourists travelling to the state, the PMO said. Prime Minister Modi will flag off the inaugural run of the Vande Bharat Express from Dehradun to Delhi on May 25 at 11 am, it said.

Cryptocurrency fraud

■ **New Delhi:** Three men were arrested for allegedly duping people of lakhs of rupees on the pretext of investing in cryptocurrency, police said on Wednesday. The accused were identified as Pushkar Jat (22), Vishal Tank (21) and Nitesh Mali (20), they said. According to police, the matter came to light in April after a complaint was filed by a resident of Mayur Vihar who alleged that she was cheated on the pretext of investing money in cryptocurrency. She was, instead, duped of Rs 7.80 lakh by a group of cheaters active on the Telegram application.

Car crash

■ **Mathura (UP):** Four people were killed and one was seriously injured on Wednesday when a car rammed into a tree in this district, police said. The accident took place near Pilkhuni village under Raya police station limits, they said. The car was travelling to Mathura from Baldeo town of the district, police said. Five people were injured and rushed to district hospital, where doctors declared four of them brought dead, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shailesh Kumar Pandey said.

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PARLIAMENT BUILDING INAUGURATION

19 opposition parties to boycott ceremony

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

As many as 19 parties, including the Congress, Left, TMC, SP and AAP, on Wednesday announced their decision to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 28, saying they find no value in a new building when the "soul of democracy has been sucked out".

Noting that the inauguration of the Parliament building is a momentous occasion, the opposition parties in a joint statement said, "despite our belief that the government is threatening democracy, and our disapproval of the autocratic manner in which the new Parliament was built, we were open to sinking our differences and marking this occasion".

However, Prime Minister

'Sengol' in new building will serve as reminder of responsibility to uphold righteous governance

New Delhi: Installation of the sceptre 'Sengol' in the new Parliament building will be a historic moment for India as it will serve as a reminder of the responsibility to uphold righteous governance for the nation, Union ministers and BJP leaders said on Wednesday. Union Home Minister Amit Shah earlier in the day announced that the historical sceptre from Tamil Nadu will find a place in the new Parliament building to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 28. The sceptre was received by first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru to represent transfer of power from the British and was kept till now in a museum in Allahabad.



Modi's decision to inaugurate the new Parliament building by himself, "completely sidelining President Droupadi Murmu, is not only a grave insult but a direct assault on our democracy which demands a commensurate response".

Modi will inaugurate the new Parliament building on May 28 following an invitation by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. "When the soul of democracy has been sucked out from Parliament, we find no value in a new building. We announce our collective decision to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building," the parties said.

"We will continue to fight - in letter, in spirit, and in substance - against this 'authoritarian' prime minister and his government, and take our message directly to the people of India," the opposition parties said.

Shraddha Walkar murder case

'Why interested in telecasting narco test of Aaftab on TV'

■ **HC asks news channel**

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

The Delhi High Court Wednesday sought to know from news channel Aaj Tak why it wanted to telecast the recording of narco analysis conducted on Aaftab Amin Poonawala, the man accused of strangling his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar and dismembering her body. Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar's poser came while hearing an application by the news channel seeking vacation of its April 19 order by which all media channels were re-

strained from displaying or telecasting any material connected with the case.

The high court issued notice and sought the response of the Delhi Police on the application and listed the application for further hearing on August 3, the date already fixed in the main petition.

The application was filed in a pending petition of the Delhi Police in which they have sought restraining media houses from publishing, printing and disseminating confidential information contained in the charge sheet and other such material collected during the course of investigation.

Special Public Prosecutor Amit Prasad, representing the Delhi Police, opposed the channel's application and said he will file a reply.

During the hearing, the high court said there are more heinous cases than this and 20 murders take place all over India daily. "What is so special about this case?" asked the bench.

"Was the Nirbhaya case played on TV channels? Why are you choosing this particular case?" it asked and wondered whether the channel would similarly display the developments in the Atiq Ahmed murder case investigation.

Man impersonates Army officer to cheat people, held

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

A 26-year-old man was arrested for allegedly posing as an Army officer and duping people on the pretext of purchasing goods for army school, police said on Wednesday.

The accused, Harish, hails from Hidayatpur village in Palwal district of Haryana. He used to run 'White Global ATM' in Bamni village in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan, they said.

As of now, a total of five complaints registered in various states have been identified that are linked to the accused and money trail of more than Rs 70

lakh is found in these fraudulent accounts, police said. According to police, the matter came to light after a Delhi resident told them that he received a call from an unknown caller on June 30, 2022. The person called him on the pretext of purchasing pipes for army school and introduced himself as an Army officer. The accused duped him of Rs 10,47,605. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Shahdara) Rohit Meena said that the probe team collected all the relevant information including Call Detail Record and WhatsApp chat. All bank details and phone numbers of the accused were analysed.

Ram temple to open in January next year

■ **Infra works expedited in Ayodhya**

Lucknow, May 24 (PTI)

The Uttar Pradesh government has expedited infrastructure works in Ayodhya, including expansion of its airport and railway station, as the city prepares for the opening of the Ram temple in January next year, according to a statement.

Work is also in progress on the Ram Path, a 13-km road from Sahadatganj to Naya Ghat, it said. The

outline for the construction of the Ramjanaki Path and the Bhakti Path is also ready, the statement issued here said. The airport and the railway station are also being expanded, it added. These road corridors are important as these will facilitate the movement of devotees to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi and the Hanuman Garhi temple, the statement said.

The width of the Ram Janmabhoomi Path will be 30 metres and the width of the Bhakti Path will be 14 metres, it said. Chief

Minister Yogi Adityanath has invited people to come for the Ram temple's opening, it said and added that he is reviewing the progress of different works regularly. Supporting the government's initiative to develop Ayodhya, shopkeepers, without any resistance, have given the land of their shops for the construction of the "grand" temple and its other facilities, the statement said.

There has been no complaint of any irregularity in disbursement of compensation under this project, it said.

Delhi court dismisses default bail pleas of two accused

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

A Delhi court on Wednesday dismissed the bail applications of two accused persons in a money laundering case lodged against AAP leader Satyendar Kumar Jain in a disproportionate assets case. Special Judge Vikas Dhull dismissed the default bail application filed by Vaibhav Jain and Ankush Jain, who are accused of abetting Satyendar Kumar Jain in acquisition of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Both had moved the application, claiming they deserved to be granted statutory bail as the charge sheet filed against them was incomplete.

Houses of eight Pak-based terrorists raided

Jammu, May 24 (PTI)

The Jammu and Kashmir Police Special Investigation Unit (SIU) on Wednesday conducted raids on houses of eight Pakistan-based terrorists at multiple locations in Kishtwar and Ramban districts, senior officials said. The raids were carried out in Padder, Keshwan and Thakrai in Kishtwar and Khari and Banihal in Ramban to scuttle attempts by these terrorists to revive militancy in the Chenab valley region, they said. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmad Poswal said the searches at the houses of Azad Hussain, Gazi-ud-Din, Bashir Ahmed Mughal and Sattar Din, alias Rajab, were conducted after search warrants were obtained from a special NIA court in Jammu in a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. "The searches are aimed at eliminating the militant ecosystem in the district by identifying various over-ground workers and supporters of militancy," the officer said.

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Two killed as bus overturns in Raigarh

Raigarh, May 24 (PTI)

Two passengers were killed and 26 others, including women and children, injured when a private bus overturned in Chhattisgarh's Raigarh district on Wednesday morning, police said. Eleven of those injured are serious, they said. The accident took place when the bus was going to Raigarh from Lailunga town in the district.

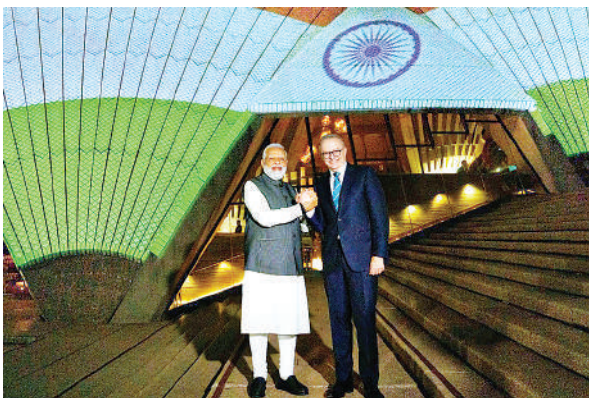
The bus driver lost control of the vehicle which overturned at Charbhanta turn under Gharghoda police station limits, said Dipak Mishra, sub-

divisional officer of police, Dharamjaigarh area.

Two passengers died on the spot, while 26 others, including 10 women and two children, sustained injuries, he said. After being alerted about the accident, police reached the spot and launched a rescue operation, he said. Of the injured, 11 were referred to a medical college in Raigarh as they are in serious condition, while 12 were admitted to the Primary Health Centre, Gharghoda. The remaining three are being treated at a hospital in Raigarh, Mishra said.

'India-Australia ties in 'T-20 mode' now'

Sydney, May 24 (PTI)



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at Sydney Opera House, illuminated in Indian tricolours, in Sydney, Wednesday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday used cricket analogy to describe the rapid upswing in India-Australia ties as he said that the bilateral relations have entered the "T-20 mode".

Modi made the comments after holding wide-ranging talks with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese that focused on further expansion of the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries.

The prime minister also invited Albanese and Australian cricket fans to India for the Cricket World Cup tournament which is taking place in the coun-

try later this year. "I am visiting Australia within two months of my friend Prime Minister Albanese's visit to India. This is our sixth meeting in the past

one year. This reflects the depth in our comprehensive relations, the convergence in our views and the maturity of our ties," Modi said in his media

statement. "If I may say in the language of cricket, our ties have entered the T-20 mode," he said in the presence of Albanese.

"I invite Prime Minister Albanese and all Australian cricket fans to come to India for the Cricket World Cup to be held in India this year. At that time, along with cricket, you will also get to see the grand celebration of Diwali," he said.

Modi also highlighted the importance of India-Australia relations for the region.

"The scope of India-Australia relations is not limited to merely our two countries. It is also linked to regional stability, peace and global welfare," he said.

Rahul Gandhi's fresh passport plea

Court asks Swamy to file reply by Friday

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

A metropolitan court on Wednesday asked former BJP MP Subramanian Swamy to file his written submissions by Friday in response to a plea by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for a no-objection certificate to facilitate issuance of an "ordinary passport" to him after he surrendered his diplomatic passport upon his disqualification as an MP. Gandhi, who was disqualified as a Lok Sabha member after his conviction in a defamation case, is accused in the National Herald case in which Swamy is the complainant.

Entire process of Rs 2000 notes withdrawal will be non-disruptive: RBI Guv

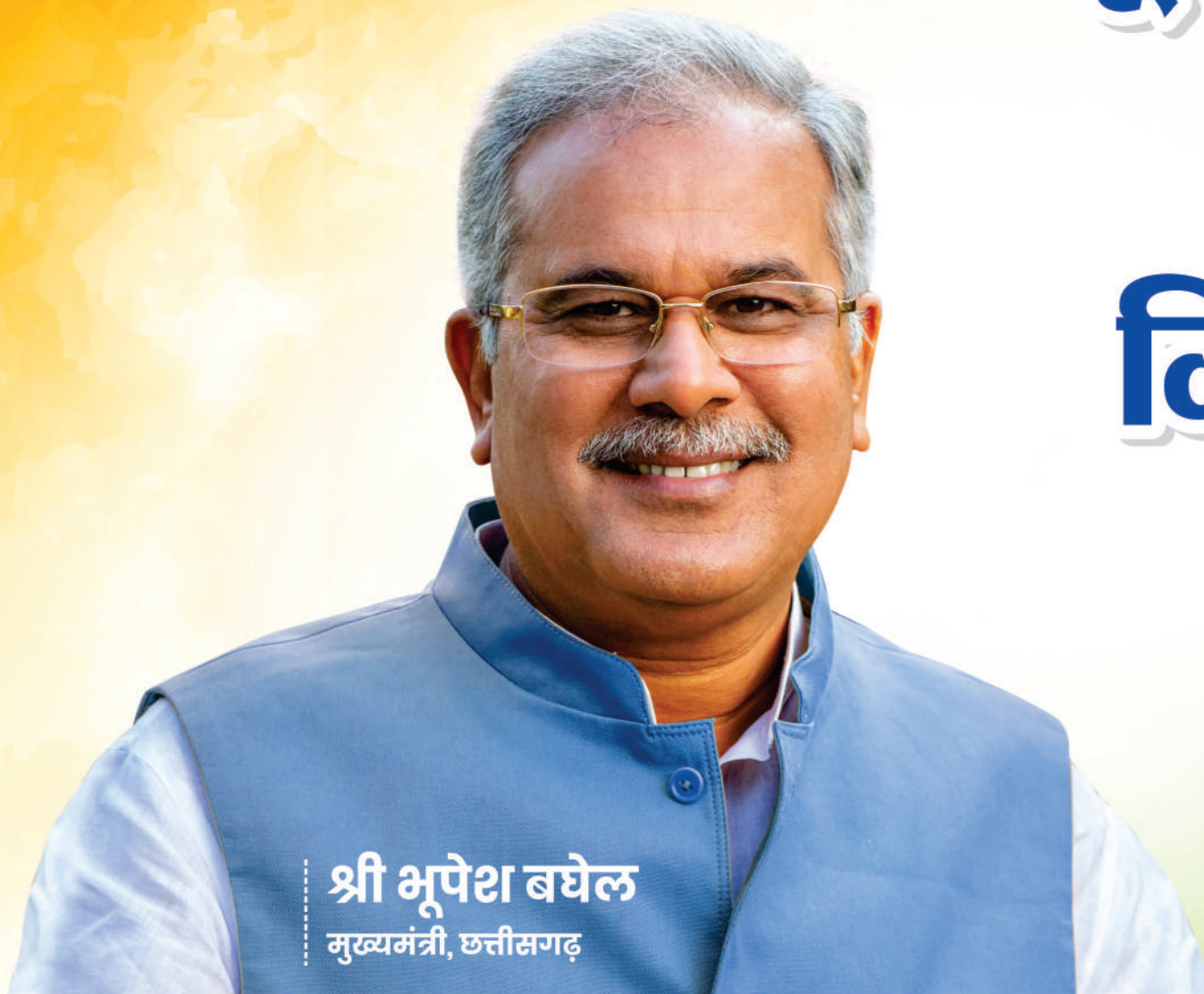
New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said that RBI is monitoring the situation regularly with regard to the withdrawal of Rs 2,000 currency notes and expressed confidence that the entire exercise will be completed in a non-disruptive manner.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday announced the withdrawal of Rs 2000 denomination banknotes as part of its currency management and permitted the exchange of Rs 2000 currency notes up to Rs 20,000 in one go from Tuesday onwards. The exchange or deposit

window is available until September 30, 2023. He said that RBI has given four-month time for exchanging as well as depositing the Rs 2,000 currency notes to ensure that there is no hardship faced by anyone. "Yesterday there was no crowd anywhere. And we are monitoring the situation regularly. I don't think there is any concern or any major issue which is coming out...business activities going on," he said. Justifying the deadline, he said unless there is a timeline in any process, it's not effective. "So you need to give a timeline and we have given sufficient time," he added. Replying to ques-

tions at an event organised by industry body CII, Governor Das said the entire process of withdrawal of the high-denomination currency will be non-disruptive. "The entire process will be non-disruptive. We have made our analysis about that," the Governor said. The Rs 2000 notes constitute around 10.8 per cent of total currency in circulation or Rs 3.6 lakh crore. Das said these notes had completed the lifecycle and the purpose has been fulfilled. "It's not being used in transactions...any high denomination currency just remaining here and there, it has other collateral issues," he said.



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Students should be ready to serve the nation: Governor

CM Baghel congratulates successful candidates of UPSC Civil Services Exam 2022

● **Lauds Ch'garh's youth for good performance in UPSC Civil Services Exam 2022**

Raipur, May 24:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel extended his congratulations to the successful candidates of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination 2022 and wished them a bright future. Baghel emphasized that the youth of

Chhattisgarh have brought laurels to the state through their achievements in this prestigious national examination. He highlighted that the youth of Chhattisgarh have undoubtedly demonstrated their talent and exceptional abilities. Through sheer hard work and unwavering dedication, success is bound to be attained. When reviewing the results of previous years, it becomes evident that the youth of Chhattisgarh have consistently excelled in this ex-

amination. Shri Baghel expressed his hope that these successful candidates will serve as an inspiration for the aspiring youth who are diligently preparing for this examination.

It is worth mentioning that several candidates from Chhattisgarh secured commendable ranks in this examination including Abhishek Chaturvedi from Bilaspur, Akash Shrishimal, Divya Pant, and Shubhali Parihar from Kawardha and Anamika Kashyap from Bilaspur.

'Geeta Yadav earns 'Khelo India Annual Scholarship'

From Residential Hockey Academy Bilaspur

CM, Sports Minister extends best wishes to her

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 24: Geeta Yadav, a hockey player from the Residential Sports Academy in B.R. Yadav State Sports Training Center Bahtarai, Bilaspur, has been awarded the "Khelo India Annual Scholarship" provided by the Sports Authority of India. The academy is being operated by the Sports and Youth Welfare Department. As part of this scholarship, Geeta Yadav will be given annual financial assistance of Rs 6.20 lakh.

Chief Minister

Bhupesh Baghel congratulated Geeta Yadav on her outstanding achievement and extended his best wishes, stating that her accomplishment will serve as an inspiration to other players. Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Umesh Patel also congratulated Geeta and highlighted the state government's efforts in establishing various sports academies to provide athletes with enhanced facilities adhering to international standards. These academies aim to train players who will bring laurels to the state and country.

The assessment camp was organized by Khelo India, New Delhi from May 16 to May 20 this year. Geeta Yadav, a member of the Chhattisgarh national team, showcased a brilliant performance in the West Zone Junior Hockey Competition held

in Rajnandgaon. Based on her performance, hockey trainee player Geeta Yadav has been selected for the Khelo India Scholarship. Residential academies for hockey, archery, and athletics are operational in Bahtarai Bilaspur. These academies have been recognized as Centers of Excellence by the Sports Authority of India due to the availability of modern training facilities and better infrastructure. The academy trains a total of 95 players, including 57 in hockey, 12 in archery, and 26 in athletics.

Sports Secretary Neelam Namdev Ekka, Sports Director Shweta Sinha, Bilaspur Academy Head Coach Vikas Paul, Head Performance Manager, and all the officers have congratulated and extended their best wishes to Geeta Yadav.

Education is the only means of development: CM

Governor and CM attended the 26th convocation ceremony of Pandit RSU

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 24: The 26th convocation ceremony of Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University (RSU) was held at Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Auditorium

under the chairmanship of Governor and Chancellor Bishwabhusan Harichandan. He wished, all the medal and degree awarded students a bright future and said that the students should consider the option of working on the major technical, social, economic and environmental challenges of our nation, and students should be ready to serve the nation.

The Governor said that students play an important role in taking the

country forward. The way the freedom fighters made the country independent by sacrificing themselves, in the same way called upon the students to participate in the progress and development of the country by thinking of patriotism. Praising the Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, the Governor said that this university is growing like a Banyan tree in the educational scenario of the state and the region and it is the origin of many universities of Chhattisgarh. He appreci-

ated the research being done in the university and the continuous efforts being made to provide quality education.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel while addressing the convocation said that 76 percent girl students are present in the convocation today. It is a symbol of women empowerment. Women are now becoming strong instead of weak. He said that education is the only medium through which we can develop and make our dreams come true.

Renowned Space Scientist Professor Y.S. Rajan, addressing the ceremony, said that there is a need to keep learning continuously from life. Students master their academic subject and learn from other subjects as well. All subjects are related to each other. Prof. Sachchidanand Shukla,

Vice Chancellor of Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University highlighted the activities and achievements of the university in his welcome address. Members of the Executive Council and Academic Council, professors, research scholars, university officials, students and their parents were present in the function.

At the 26th convocation ceremony of Pandit Ravi Shankar University, Governor Bishwabhusan Harichandan awarded the degree of D. Litt in Sanskrit subject to Mahant Ramsunder Das, Chairman of State Gauseva Ayog. In the convocation, 272 gold medals were awarded to 127 students, Ph.D. to 294 students, bachelor's degree to 1 lakh 17 thousand 31 students and post graduate degree to 44,704 students.

Two nabbed with 220 kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 55 lakh



Mahasamund, May 24: Mahasamund Police has seized a massive 220 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 55 lakh and nabbed three accused involved in transporting it. These accused were nabbed a year back in the same case of 'Ganja' smuggling.

SP Mahasamund Dhamrendra Singh disclos-



ing about the case informed that during checking of vehicle at Paraskol Padampur Check-post under Basna Thana on Wednesday, a Swift car bearing No. CG 19 BJ 2391 was stopped and in this 1 quintal 'Ganja' was seized from Hari Singh

Agaria S/o Bintu Agaria. In another Maruti Ritz car bearing No. CG 06 M 1000 was stopped by Komakhan Police near Temari Naka. In this on searching, 120 Kg 'Ganja' was seized and total amount of 'Ganja' seized from both is around Rs 55 lakh.

The Basna Police and Komakhan police has filed a case under Narcotics Act and taken the matter under investigation.

CM pays tribute to the martyrs of Jhiram Valley

● **'Jhiram Tribute Day' to be observed in the state today**

Raipur, May 24: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has paid his humble tributes to the leaders and jawans who were martyred in the Naxal attack in Jhiram Valley on May 25, 2013. Senior leaders of Chhattisgarh Vidyacharan Shukla, Nandkumar Patel, Mahendra Karma and many leaders and security forces personnel were

martyred in the Naxal attack in Jhiram Valley.

In his message issued on the eve of Jhiram Valley Martyrdom Day, Baghel has said that 'Jhiram Tribute Day' will be observed every year from 2020 on 25 May in memory of the martyrs and all those who were victims of Naxal violence in the past years. On May 25, two-minute silence will be observed in all the government and semi-government offices of the state and an oath will be taken to make the state an island of peace again.

पावन स्मरण

25 मई, 2013

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BJP Dist Prez inspects Gauthans; condemns govt for mismanagement



Bhilai, May 24:

BJP workers led by Bhilai District President Brijesh Bichpuriya inspected various Gauthans and condemned the state government over several issues. Bichpuriya alleged that it is a Gauthan scam of Rs 1300 crores. He said that about 150 cattle were seen in a sorry condition at Gauthan located in front of D Mart in Bypass Road. They also inspected the Gauthan located near Kurud overbridge, where not even a board was installed. They saw a bull in

a dying condition at this Gauthan and there were neither doctors nor any other arrangement. When the bull died in front of the BJP workers, Bichpuriya immediately contacted Durg District Collector and apprised him about the situation and narrated the chaos prevailing in Gauthan. After this, the administration made arrangements of fodder at this Gauthan. Bichpuriya said that an amount of Rs19 lakh has been approved for this Gauthan, but works worth not even Rs 19000 are visible. There

is no arrangement of drinking water, fodder, shed, etc. The cattle were in a sorry condition under the scorching sun. BJP Dist President tried to contact the BMC Commissioner as well as the Zone Commissioner, but they did not respond to the mobile call. Bichpuriya said that they are conducting 'Chalbo Gauthan Kholbo Poll' campaign to expose the irregularities in the Gauthans, which have become the center of scams. He said that they have found huge irregularities

in the Gauthans. He alleged that the entire scheme has been made for the purpose of corruption, in which money from central schemes has been misused. A scam of Rs 1300 crore is clearly visible, he asserted. He further alleged that Congress leaders and the top officials are filling their pockets through this scheme.

District General Secretary Yogendra Singh, District Vice President Shivsagar Mishra, Amar Sonkar, Mithila Khicharia, District Treasurer Sandeep Agarwal, District Minister Jai Prakash Yadav, Vijendra Singh, Vijay Jaiswal, Mandal President Supela Roopram Sahu, Govardhan Sahu, Tugendra Singh, Manoj Tiwari, Rajendra Singh, Yuva Morcha District President Amit Mishra, Mahila Morcha District President Sweetie Kaushik, Vaishali Nagar Mandal General Secretary Dinesh Mishra, General Secretary Arjun Sahu, and others were present.

Three commercial areas being developed in Bhilai-Charoda

Bhilai, May 24:

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena reviewed the development works in the urban areas of the district at a meeting held on Tuesday. Planned phase for the development and construction in the urban areas was discussed. Collector sought information from the concerned officers regarding the development of the four urban bodies. In the meeting, the road map being made for development in the urban body was presented by Ajay Tripathi, Commissioner of Municipal Corporation Bhilai Charoda. He gave information regarding the ongoing development in Market Niharika (near Sirsa Chowk), Bhilai 03 Market (ward no 16 near Old Bhilai Bazar Chowk) and beside Charoda Marketline GE Road identified for ideal commercial premises. The commissioner said that there is a heavy load of traffic in all these areas. Therefore, places have been marked for parking at the nearest



site of these areas. Along with this, due to being a marketplace, special attention has been given to basic things like CCTV, drinking water, toilets, storm water drains, street lights, plantations etc. The works related to the proposed vending zone are also being done on a war footing. By setting up the market in a planned manner, the disorganized kiosks on the road can be arranged and the shopkeepers working in the kiosks can be given a permanent option.

Niharika Complex (Near Sirsa Chowk) - Due to high traffic load in Niharika Complex area, three places have been marked for parking in the vacant lot nearest to the campus, along with vending zone, plantation,

drinking water, toilet, CCTV, the work of storm water drain, street light etc is being done with continuous monitoring. The parking site on the side of GE Road and Service Lane is complete. Apart from this, work is being done on other work plans with continuous monitoring.

Bhilai 3 Market - Information was also given by the Commissioner regarding Bhilai 3, the oldest and densely populated market. He said that 3 parking spots have been marked here as well. The parking lot located near BSP Co-operative has been completed. Apart from this, the parking space near the old vegetable market near Panchvati temple is likely to be completed by June 30 and the parking lot near

Panchvati temple by July 15.

Charoda Market Line - Information was also given regarding the parking lot, toilet, CCTV camera, storm water drain and street light to be built in Charoda Market Line. The space left between GE Road and Service Road is being levelled with paver blocks, which will be used as parking. The work is likely to be completed by June 30.

Apart from this, the Commissioner also informed about the proposed vending zone in Niharika Market, Tehsil Road near Atal Awas and Colony Padum Nagar. He informed that some loan cases are at their final stage and all these vending zones will be completed by May 30.

BSP to observe Pt Jawaharlal Nehru's Death Anniversary at Bhilai Niwas

Bhilai, May 24: Like every year, this year also, SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant is going to organize a Shradddhanjali Sabha to commemorate the Death Anniversary of independent India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, on May 27, 2023. On this occasion a Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha will be organized in the Multipurpose Hall of Bhilai Niwas at 08.00 hrs.

Verses from Shrimad Bhagavad Gita will be recited by Acharya Maheshchandra Sharma, Bhai Hafiz Anwar will recite verses from the Quran Sharif, verses from Shri Guru Granth Sahib will be recited by Bhai Mahanga Singh and verses of the Bible will be recited by Father Arpan Tarun. Singers Paranjay Bhatia and Kumari Medha will also present Bhajans on this occasion.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, is the man behind establishing the Bhilai Steel Plant - country's best Integrated Steel Plant and India's largest steel

producer, also famed as the industrial pilgrimage of India. Pandit Nehru who laid the foundation stone of the public undertaking, may not be among us today, but his endeavors that provided industrial and economic growth to India can never be forgotten.

Pandit Nehru was a visionary who clearly realized the need to establish Integrated Steel Plants in the Public Sector after independence. It was under this initiative; the Bhilai Steel Plant was established with Soviet collaboration under the country's second five-year plan, as a result of an agreement between India and the Soviet Union in 1955.

Pt Jawaharlal Nehru said "Bhilai is the future of India and it feels good to see this dream come true". He visited Bhilai thrice to see his dream come true in the form of the Bhilai Steel Plant. It is Pt Nehru's gift not only to Chhattisgarh but also to the whole Country.

OA-BSP nominates 10 women officers in the executive committee

Bhilai, May 24:

For the first time in its history, Officers Association of Bhilai Steel Plant has nominated 10 women officers working in different departments of BSP in its working committee. Highlighting the objective of this initiative, the President of the Officers' Association, Narendra Kumar Banchhor said that they had promised to nominate 10 women officers as Zonal Representatives to give a new direction to the welfare activities for women officers. Fulfilling this promise, the present executive has approved the names of 10 women officers. Banchhor added that they had also promised that the post of Joint Secretary will be created in Medical and Health Services and for Women's Welfare. Accordingly, the



Executive Committee of OA has nominated Dr Parag Gupta as Joint Secretary (M&HS) and Dr Lata Dewangan as Joint Secretary (Women Welfare). Banchhor said that for the first time in the history of the OA, this year, a grand Women's Day function was organised with special focus on the executive women's development. Women participated enthusiastically and displayed their talents in this programme. Keeping women's welfare in mind, OA has nominated 10

women officers who will especially take forward the works of women's welfare. General Secretary Parvinder Singh, while giving information about the 10 nominated women officers, said that in this list, representation has been given to all women from plant to projects area; from medical to education department and from personnel department to finance department.

The nominated women officers are ACOM Dr Lata Dewangan from M&HS Dept, DGM Deepti Raj

from BRM Dept, DGM Ranjita Sonpipre from C&IT Dept, AGM from Project Dept Shabnam Shweta, AGM from RCL Dept Vineeta Verma, AGM from CCW Dept Komal Mehra, Senior Manager from Education Department Savita Tiwari, Consultant Dr Akanksha Sharma from M&HS Department, Assistant Manager Sushmita Patla from Personnel Department and Assistant Manager B Ushavalli from Finance and Accounts Department.

OA President Narendra Kumar Banchore, General Secretary Parvinder Singh, Vice Presidents Nikhil Pethe and GP Soni, Vice President Mines Venugopal Dewangan, Secretaries Remi Thomas and Akhilesh Mishra congratulated the newly nominated women officers.

DMC: 1000 tree-guards to be installed for protection of plants



Bhilai, May 24: Under the guidance of Mayor of Durg Municipal Corporation, Dhiraj Bakiwal, the proposal regarding celebration of Environment Day on June 05 was discussed with the members of the departmental committee in an important meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Satyavati Verma, in-charge of Environment and Horticulture. Like previous years, the members of the committee gave their consent to celebrate Environment Day by planting trees in large quantities on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 05, this year as well. During the discussion, a decision was taken regarding

making tree-guards. Apart from this, other proposals were discussed.

Approval was given to make 1000 tree-guards for the protection of plants in the city. Along with this, in-charge Satyavati Verma said that approval was also given to install tap connections for the arrangement of adequate water for the protection of plants located in Lok-Kala Marg. In the meeting with the members of the departmental committee, Kavita Tandi, Nirmala Sahu, Premalata Sahu, Usha Thakur, Alderman Ratna Naramdev, garden in-charge Anil Singh, Pushottam Sahu etc were present.

STPI organising Digital India NGIS Chunauti 5.0 to Enable Social Empowerment

Bhilai, May 24: Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India has launched Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS) "CHUNAUTI 5.0 - Advancing Digital Applications with Special Focus on Social Empowerment on May 01, 2023. CHUNAUTI 5.0 is focused on identifying and supporting promising startup working towards digital transformation & accessible products/solutions enabling equitable & inclusive growth. The last date for applying is set for May 31, 2023. NGIS is focused on 12 tier-II locations in the country that include Agartala, Bhilai, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Dehradun, Guwahati, Jaipur, Lucknow, Prayagraj, Mohali, Patna and Vijayawada. It aims to support 300 start-ups/entrepreneurs/SMEs in the field of Software Development for 3



years. Start-ups in any stage of product development can apply and become NGIS beneficiary. Each startup under this scheme becomes eligible for financial incentives which may include monthly stipend & upto rupees 25 lakh seed funding against equity participation along with world class mentor-

ing, networking & market connect. Each NGIS location has a dedicated chief mentor along with a 'mentor pool' and knowledge IPR/ Patenting support partners. More details are available at https://innovate.stpinext.in/apply-now/chunauti_5.0_call_for_application.

Visit industries to check child labour: Collector

Bhilai, May 24:

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena chaired a time limit meeting and took information on the subject related to child labour from the concerned officer of the Labour Department. In this regard, he directed the officers to conduct physical verification of various industrial institutions in the district. He made it clear that authorities should take legal action if any industrial establishment is making children work in violation of the Child Labour Prohibition Act. Apart from this, he took information on the implementation and progress of the instructions given in the last meeting. He directed the officers to provide information about approved works, progressing works and non-commencement works while continuously monitoring and re-



viewing the progress of the works as per the target.

He asked the officers that by working with coordination, all the officers should ensure that the citizens get benefits from the public welfare schemes of the government at a fixed time. All the district level officers should keep this in mind that the main objective of the district administration is to fulfill the basic needs of the citizens. Along with this, in view of the scorching heat, he directed the concerned officials to arrange an adequate quantity of fodder and water and shed

for the livestock. Keeping in mind the upcoming Kharif crop, he directed the concerned officials to make arrangements for seeds and food in sufficient quantity. Apart from this, department-wise detailed discussion was held on the pending applications in PGN, Jan Choupal and Public Grievances in the meeting.

Additional Collector Arvind Ekka, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai Rohit Vyas, Trainee IAS Laxman Tiwari, Joint Collector Yogita Dewangan, Joint Collector Vinay Soni, SDM Durg Mukesh Rawate, SDM Dhamdha Brijesh Singh Kshatriya, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai Ashish Dewangan, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai Charoda Ajay Tripathi and other officers were present.

Chamber of Commerce submits memorandum to BMC Commissioner



Bhilai, May 24: State General Secretary of Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries Ajay Bhasin met Bhilai Corporation Commissioner and discussed important issues with him on Wednesday. He submitted a memorandum to the commissioner requesting that according to the current situation in the market, the circulation of 2000 notes is coming in large quantities and the trader cannot refuse to accept these notes under the law as it still holds value of legal tender. The circulation of these notes will continue to come in the market within the time limit, while the Municipal Corporation, in this present situation, comes under the jurisdiction of the government to accept these notes. Bhasin told that the Municipal Corporation cooperates on every work of the Bhilai Chamber because every work of the Chamber is done in the interest of the nation, in the interest of the state and in the interest of businessmen. Bhasin discussed in detail about regularization and also suggested that the process of regularization should

be completed as soon as possible. All the traders want to regularize, but due to the delay in the paper process of the government, the process is going on at a slow pace. On this, the commissioner said that no notice will be issued to the traders whose applications will come under the deadline. Bhilai Chamber is going to start its best program Chamber Aapke Dwar campaign for one month to keep traders more and more aware. Bhilai Chamber President Gargi Shankar Mishra told that campaign at your door is the most popular one that Chamber conducts. The Chamber has been doing this campaign every year, by joining this campaign, the businessman gets involved in all kinds of dialogues. This time, mainly in this campaign, the upgradation of lifetime membership certificate, which includes including or changing mobile number, correcting address, adding a new member after the death of a member, make a member etc. Shivraj Sharma, Manohar Krishnani, Sunil Mishra were mainly present during the meeting.

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Avtar Singh Wadhwa



Bhilai: Camp-2, Power House resident Avtar Singh Wadhwa left for heavenly abode at the age of 63 years on Tuesday. Last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He was the father of Gurpreet Wadhwa and Manpreet Wadhwa.

Ramkali Gehlot



Raipur: Ramkali Gehlot, R/o Ramkund, near Vivekanand Ashra, breathed her last here on Wednesday. She was 67. The final rites will be held on May 25 at Mahadev Ghat crematorium and final journey will leave from her residence at 9:00 am. She was wife of Kamal Singh Gehlot and mother of Durgesh and Shivraj Singh and younger sister of Sufi singer Madan Singh Chouhan.

Ishwarlal Badaya



Raipur: Ishwarlal Badaya (Khandelwal), R/o Badhaipara, Raipur, breathed his last here on Wednesday. The final journey will leave from his residence in Badhaipara on May 25 at 9:00 am to Marwari crematorium. He was brother of Ghanashaym, Gowardhan and Ashok Badaya and father of Ankit Badaya.

Cong launches 'Gauthan mor Abhiyan' in villages

Felicitates women of WSHGs and Gauthan office bearers

Khairagarh, May 24:

As per instructions by YC State in-charge Dr Palak Verma and State President Aakash Sharma, YC workers launched 'Gauthan Mor Abhiyan' at Gram Baghmarra and Dhangaon of KCG district here on Tuesday. In the Gauthan, District YC President Gulshan Tiwari launched the programme. This programme will be held from May 23 to June 10 in all the Gauthans.

Under this campaign, YC will organise felicitation of Gauthan Samiti members and the Women SHGs (WSHGs) members with shawl and srfal for making vermi-compost from the cow-dung purchase and those taking up vegetables in 'Badi' under 'Narwa, Ghurwa, Gharva, Badi' scheme of the state government through 'Gauthans' in the villages. In this campaign,



YC workers went to Gram Baghmarra and Dhangaon of KCG district on Tuesday and felicitated the women from WSHGs in 'Gauthan' for doing remarkable works for strengthening rural economy and they also felicitated Gauthan Samiti President and its office bearers as well.

Addressing the programme, District President Gulshan Tiwari said that the state

government has got the Gauthans constructed in all the village Panchayats of the district, so as to save the crops from damage and harm during agriculture period and provide source of livelihood to WSHGs and other villagers. This scheme was launched so as to bring increase in revenue earning to WSHGs in the villages and the use of vermi-compost would revolutionalise the agricul-

ture field and crops.

Today Tiwari claimed that through 'Gauthans', the farmers are also happy, as they are selling cow-dung worth lakhs and getting vermi-compost made in their own 'Gauthan'. He charged that the BJP leaders are unable to digest vast popularity of Congress CM Bhupesh Baghel and his promotion of rural economy and are unnecessarily trying to provoke the villagers in the name of anti-farmer policies by visiting the Gauthans and trying to defame Baghel government.

It is Congress which will give befitting reply to all such political stunts of BJP. In this programme from Mahila Congress Tarun Kamlesh Sahu, Chandan Verma, Gulshan Verma, Hemkar Verma, Rajendra Verma, Reva Verma, Gaukaran Verma and female villagers were present in large number.

Congressmen pay tribute to ex-PM Rajiv Gandhi



Pithora, May 24:

Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee President Mohan Markam, District Congress Committee President Dr. Directed by Rashmi Chandrakar, under the efficient guidance of Chhattisgarh Forest Development Corporation President and Basna MLA Raja Devendra Bahadur, Parliamentary Secretary Government of Chhattisgarh and MLA Khallari Dwarkadish Yadav, the 32nd death anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi was observed as

Anti-Terrorism Day.

Congressmen paid tribute by garlanding the portrait of Late Rajiv Gandhi. District Panchayat President and Block Congress President Karan Singh Dewan remembered Rajiv Gandhi and said that he was the pioneer of the golden chapter of three-tier Panchayati Raj in India, the father of communication revolution. Late Rajiv Gandhi, during his leadership, gave every section of the society participation in local power and development by decentralization of rights through Panchayati Raj,

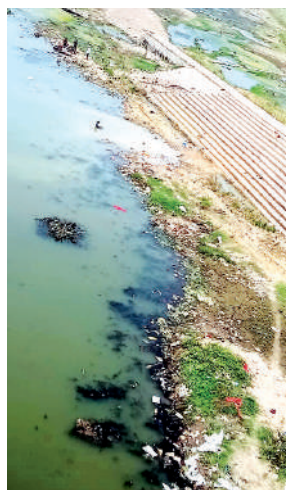
he said. Anant Singh Verma, former block president, said that Rajiv Gandhi's tenure will always be remembered for being a multi-faceted personality and a visionary politician, a great thinker of the poor, for connecting the country with the computer revolution.

During this, Reena Sahu Block President Mahila Congress Pithora, Laxmikant Bablu Soni Vice President District Congress, Pawan Ratre National Convener, Firoz Khan Block Vice President, Tarun Prasad Pandey Councilor, Raju Sinha Councilor, Devraj

Shah Thakur Sarpanch Arand, Kaushal Rohilla Youth Congress Pithora, Bhushan Sahu Vice President Basna Assembly Youth Congress, Shankar Lal Sinha, Hemlal Dhruv, Anju Kumar, Kalista Bagh, Rani Sahu, Khirsagar Nishad, Teku Sahu Lomesh Yadav were present. Operation was done by Shailendra Dadsena District President Employee Cell and thanksgiving was done by Poonam Manikpuri Mandi President and Deputy Sarpanch Bundeli.

Sontirth Ghat drenched in dirt

Rajim, May 24: Sontirth Ghat here in the region is immersed in dirt and people have demanded from the administration to make the Ghat clean. The importance of Sontirtha in Triveni Sangam of Prayag Nagri Rajim is said to be mentioned in the Puranas and it is believed that taking a bath in this ghat gives results equivalent to donating gold and that's why a large number of devotees come to bathe in this ghat. The Ghat has been made pucca by the state government by spending lakhs of rupees, but as per information the stairs have been cut. Also as there is no water in the river, all records of filth are seen to be broken at Son Teerth Ghat as the water here is muddy and full of moss. Piles of clothes, papers, wrappers



are scattered around and devotees coming from far and wide for pindadan and bone immersion are facing problems in performing rituals. It has to be told that the major confluence of the river here is mainly Atal Ghat, Sangam

Ghat, Nehru Ghat has been built and most of the work of Pindadan and bone immersion is done in Son Teerth Ghat and Nehru Ghat and both these ghats are full of filth. The demand for cleaning the Sontirth Ghat has been continuously being made by the devotees including the local people, but no suitable initiative has been taken in this direction so far. If this situation continues, the faith of the religious city of Rajim will definitely be hurt. Here in Triveni Sangam, Asthi Visarjan of many top personalities including Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has taken place here, that's why the ghat here has also been named as Atal Ghat and Nehru Ghat.

Collector holds meeting of agriculture department



Mungeli, May 24:

The review meetings of the schemes run in the Agriculture Department was done under the chairmanship of the District Collector here in the district. In the ongoing schemes, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, availability of seeds and chemical mineral fertilizers and quality control Kisan Credit Card were reviewed

under the district in the upcoming Kharif 2023.

The officers of the Agriculture Department were directed to complete 100% work of e-KYC, Aadhaar seeding and land seeding under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana without any delay. They were directed to promote other alternative crops in place of paddy, to meet the target allotted to the districts, to identify the farmers who have been benefited under the schemes and get them

registered under the scheme. Agriculture, Cooperative and District Marketing Officer was directed to include more and more loanee farmers in the insurance cover in the coming Kharif season, to ensure the availability of adequate seeds and fertilizers in the service cooperative societies of the district and to control the quality. In the meeting, Additional Collector Teerthraj Aggarwal, Deputy Director Agriculture DK Beauhar,

Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies H Shrivastava and Senior Agriculture Development Officer of development blocks Mungeli, Patharia and Lormi, Seed Manager

Corporation TR Sonkar, Assistant Director Agriculture Mr. Paikra and Rural Agriculture Extension Officers of all three development blocks were present.

NOTICE FOR ENGAGEMENT OF MARKETING CONSULTANTS/
1. In pursuance to order dated 16.12.2022 of Hon'ble NCLT, Kolkata, M/s. Sav Wires Pvt. Ltd. (in CIRP) has been admitted under the 'Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process' (CIRP) and accordingly the undersigned has been appointed in terms of the provision of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016.
2. The undersigned RP in consultation with the Committee of Creditors (CoC) is intending to engage 'Marketing Consultants' to enhance the participation of the Resolution Applicants.
3. The detailed terms and conditions of the engagement may be obtained by the interested parties by sending an email request at savwires.irp@gmail.com on or before 08.06.2023.
4. The undersigned RP vis-a-vis the CoC reserves the right to decide on the course of engagement without assigning any reasons thereof.
Sd/- CA Santanu Brahma
IBBI Regn. No.: IBBI/PA-001/PP-P-01462/2018-2019/12251
Resolution Professional (RP) for M/s. Sav Wires Pvt. Ltd. (in CIRP)
AH-276, Salt Lake, Sector II, Kolkata - 700091, WB
Kolkata, the 25.05.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public that we have lost Cattle tag No's "131551 to 131558, 131560 to 131561, 131563 to 131565, 131567, 131571 to 131574, 131576, 131579 to 131580, 131583 to 131585, 131587 to 131588, 131590 to 131591, 131596 to 131598, 131602, 131604 to 131607, 131609, 131611, 131614 to 131615, 131618, 131621, 131627, 131629, 131632 to 131636, 131639 to 131641, 131644 to 131646, 131648, 131651 to 131652, 131654, 131656, 131658 to 131663, 131665 to 131673, 131675 to 131700, 131703 to 131706, 131712 to 131714, 131717, 131719 to 131722, 131731 to 131734, 131737, 131745, 131749 to 131750, 131752 to 131755, 131758 to 131763, 131765 to 131767, 131769 to 131772, 131775 to 131780, 131782 to 131794, 131798 to 131799, 131803 to 131806, 131808 to 131814, 131817 to 131822, 131824 to 131828, 131832 to 131836, 131839 to 131850" belonging to SBI General Insurance Company Ltd. having registered office at 9th Floor, A & B Wing, Fulcrum Building, Sahar Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400099. A FIR No. 7/2023 dated 28/02/2023 has been logged under relevant sections in police station Pakhanjur District Chhattisgarh, India.

This is for information of general public that in case of any misuse of said tags SBI General Insurance Company Ltd will not be responsible in any manner, Public is required to take note of it"

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank Branch: Smriti Nagar, Bhillai (C.G.)

APPENDIX-IV-A* [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Smriti Nagar Branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 27/06/2023, for recovery of Rs. Rs. 2115429/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine Only) (as on 06.12.2022) due to the Indian Bank, Smriti Nagar Branch, Secured Creditor, From Borrowers- 1) Mr. Atul Sen S/o Ganesh Sen, 2) Mr. Govind Sen S/o Ganesh Sen, Both of their Add:-130, Ward No. 36, Ganj Para, Durg
The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:
Detailed Description of the Properties:-
All the part & parcel of the properties consisting of constructed house, Equitable Mortgage of ground floor and first floor constructed house present at Kharsa No. 580/12, including (581/15, 582/18), P H No. 1777, Ward No. 58, Om Nagar, Mauza - Una District - Durg (C.G.) Pin - 491001, With total extent of area of land 735 Square Feet, Bounded By: North: Land of Dewangan, South: House of Komal Dewangan, East: 20 Feet Road, West: Plot of Dauli
Encumbrances on property Not Known
Reserve Price Rs. 22,00,000/-
EMD Amount Rs. 2,20,000/-
Bid incremental amount Rs 10,000.00
Date and Time of E-auction 27/06/2023, Time- 11.00 AM to 04:00 PM
Property ID No. IDIB50485513531
Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstcecommerce.com) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com.
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Date: 25.05.2023, Place : Bhillai Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

Dr EV Revati appointed Principal in-Charge



Dongargarh, May 24:

Senior Assistant Prof. of Government Nehru PG College Dr EV Revati has been given additional charge of Principal of the College and rights for withdrawal and distribution along with her existing charges as per orders from the Commissioner Higher Education Department, Indravati Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur.

In compliance to the above order, Dr (Mrs.) EV Revati has assumed office as Principal in-charge. The president College Janbhagidari Samiti Navaz Khan and other office bearers and members of Samiti have extended greetings to EV Revati on this new responsibility.

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, Nadia Khan w/o Abdul Faem Khan resident of Qr No 10/4, Railway Colony, Bhillai Nagar, Dist - Durg, Pin 490006 (CG) have changed my old name Nadia Khan w/o Abdul Faem Khan. So in future, I should be recognised by my new name that is Nadia Jabin w/o Abdul Faem Khan in all government and other documents.

Nadia Jabin
Qr No 10/4,
Railway Colony, Bhillai Nagar,
Dist - Durg, Pin 490006 (CG)

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I Paras B Lakhani S/o Bipin Chand Lakhani Resident of Empress 33, Krishna Grand City, Arya Nagar, Kohaka, Bhillai, Chhattisgarh, Pin 490026 Have changed my old name Paras B Lakhani S/o Bipin Chand Lakhani to New name Paras Lakhani S/o Bipin Chand Lakhani. So in future i should be recognised by my New Name that is Paras Lakhani S/o Bipin Chand Lakhani in all the government, semi government or any other documents.

Paras Lakhani
Address : Empress 33, Krishna
Grand City, Arya Nagar, Kohaka,
Bhillai, Chhattisgarh, Pin 490026

NAME CHANGE

I, NEERAJ VAIDYA S/o. RATHI RAM VAIDYA, R/o. Plot No.- 23/10, Ward No.-18, Man Sarovar Colony, Bhillai -3, Tah.- Bhillai -3 & Distt.- Durg (C.G.) have Changed the old name of my wife PREETI VAIDYA which is entried in my Passport No.K1373836. So in future my wife should be recognized by her New Name that is PRITI NEERAJ VAIDYA W/o. NEERAJ VAIDYA in All Government and other documents.

NEERAJ VAIDYA
S/o. RATHI RAM VAIDYA
Plot No.- 23/10, Ward No.-18,
Man Sarovar Colony, Bhillai-3,
Tah.- Bhillai -3 & Distt.- Durg (C.G.)

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I Jalpa P Lakhani W/o Paras Lakhani Resident of Empress 33, Krishna Grand City, Arya Nagar, Kohaka, Bhillai, Chhattisgarh, Pin 490026 Have changed my old name Jalpa P Lakhani W/o Paras Lakhani to New name Jalpa Lakhani W/o Paras Lakhani. So in future i should be recognised by my New Name document that is Jalpa Lakhani W/o Paras Lakhani in all the government, semi government or any other documents.

Jalpa Lakhani
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Circle Office, SASTRA, RAIPUR
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DEMAND NOTICE
A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, now they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower /Guarantor & Address	Details of Properties/ Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Outstanding as on Date of NPA Interest (w.e.f.) 30.11.2022
Mrs. Rajkumari nara W/o. Amar Lal Nara, C-2, Matri Chhaya Vihar, Near Ravigram Purna, Amliidin, Vrindavanagar, Raipur (C.G.) 492001.	Residential Property Situated at Land having area 1680 Sqft. P.H.No. 109/39, Kh. No. 167/6 and 168/6 (Part), Dr. Bheem Rao Ambedkar Ward No. 27 (2) Anant Vihar Colony, Mowa, Raipur (C.G.) in the name of Rajkumari Nara.	Total Outstanding as on 30.11.2022 76,85,405.24/- NPAD: 30.11.2022 1,86,114.00/- (w.e.f. 31.12.2022) 78,71,519.24/- as on 31.12.2022

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Authorised Officer Punjab National Bank
Date: 25.05.2023, Place: Raipur

State govt is committed to protect and serve forest dwellers: CM

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 24: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, while inaugurating a three-day National Consultative Workshop on soil and water conservation in Raipur on Tuesday evening, stated that the whole world is concerned about Climate Change, but the welfare of forest dwellers is equally important.

Chief Minister Baghel further mentioned that the state government has constructed 1 crore 19 lakh structures in Vanachals (forest areas) for water conservation under the Narva scheme, aiming to maintain a proper balance of groundwater levels in Chhattisgarh. He added that the implementation and outcomes of the Narva scheme have received positive responses from forest dwellers and farmers throughout the state. Tribals have also appreciated the Narva scheme which has replenished groundwater levels of numerous regions. The Chief Minister also highlighted the positive change in the relationship between tribals and forest guards,



which was made possible through consistent efforts of the state government to introduce schemes that benefit tribals. Tribals now eagerly anticipate the arrival of forest officials, as they expect the introduction of new schemes for their benefit. The Chief Minister emphasized the importance of planting fruit-bearing trees in forests, which would benefit the forest dwellers. Additionally, he stressed the need for a proper system to facilitate the sale of their produce. The Forest Department is not only the guardian of the forests but also the guardian of the forest dwellers. By promoting the plantation of fruit trees, the green cover of forests will be enhanced, leading to their preserva-

tion, and the income of forest dwellers will also increase. He mentioned that the 'oxygen emergency' drew attention to the 'importance of oxygen' during Corona. Chhattisgarh supplied oxygen to every corner of the country. Furthermore, the C h h a t t i s g a r h Government is procuring 67 types of minor forest produce at MSP (Minimum Support Price), which has enabled forest dwellers to earn a good income.

Chandra Prakash Goyal, Special Secretary and Director General of the Forest and Environment Department of the Government of India, appreciated the steps taken by the Chhattisgarh government for soil and

water conservation. Forestry experts from across the country participated in the workshop, where discussions were held on conserving and enhancing natural resources in Chhattisgarh.

Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar, Parliamentary Secretary Shishupal Singh Sori, Advisor to the Chief Minister Pradeep Sharma, Special Secretary and Director General of the Forest and Environment Department Chandra Prakash Goyal, CEO of National CAMPA Subhash Singh, Principal Secretary of the Forest Department Manoj Pingua, PCCF V Srinivasa Rao, and forestry experts were also present at the event.

Flagship schemes of state govt should be better implemented: Kawasi

● **Bastar Development Authority meeting in Sukma**

Raipur, May 24: State Industries Minister Mr. Kawasi Lakhma said in the meeting of Bastar Development Authority that the flagship schemes of the state government should be better implemented. He said that with the better implementation of government schemes at the grassroots level, more and more people will get the benefit of the schemes. Lakhma was addressing the review meeting of Bastar Development Authority at District Headquarters Sukma on Tuesday. In the meeting held in the assembly hall



of District Panchayat Sukma, Industries Minister Mr. Lakhma said that due to better monitoring of Sukma district administration, the result of class X and class XII examination has been better in the district. Similarly, in the field of health, the district hospital has received the national award. Vidhan Sabha Deputy Speaker Mr. Santram Netam also addressed the meeting and emphasized

on speeding up the development works and better implementation of the schemes.

It is notable that for the first time a meeting of the Bastar Development Authority was convened at the district headquarters Sukma. Bastar Development Authority Chairman Mr. Lakeshwar Baghel, Vice President Mr. Vikram Mandavi, Parliamentary Secretary Mr. Rekchhand Jain, sev-

eral public representatives and commissioners of Bastar division and other senior officers including collectors from districts were present in the meeting. In the meeting, Chairman of Bastar Area Development Authority Mr. Lakheshwar Baghel said that a very good work has been done in all the districts of the division in the announcements of the Chief Minister, in giving forest rights recognition letters to Devgudis. He said that our public representatives also need to constantly monitor the implementation of the schemes. Along with this, encourage people to join the economic activities conducted in Gouthans.

Congress adopted double standard on OBC: BJP

Raipur, May 24: Bharatiya Janata Party state president Arun Sao has strongly objected to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's statement that BJP adopted anti-OBC approach. Congress has always been adopting double standard over OBC class, he said adding that Congress has done the most damage to this class.

Sao said that the Congress government in Chhattisgarh deprived OBC of their rights regarding reservation. Sao

said that there were many opportunities in front of the country when the BJP nurtured the interests of the OBCs. But the Congress has shown its petty mentality by opposing it. During the BJP coalition government at the Centre, the Congress tried to stop the passage of the bill to give constitutional status to the OBC Commission by opposing it in the Rajya Sabha, he said and added that bill was dropped.

Similarly, for the first time, the BJP-backed VP Singh's central government proposed OBC reservation, which was also opposed by the Congress while in opposition. In fact Congress had always been anti-OBC, he alleged. Sao said that the BJP government at the Center led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave reservation to the OBC class for Kendriya Vidyalaya, Navodaya Vidyalaya, other higher education institutions,

medical education. BJP has not only worked to protect their interests, but has also ensured their greater participation in the central government, he said, adding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself belongs to the OBC class whose leadership is being acknowledged by the whole world today. Chief Minister Baghel tells lies but the public understood him and his agenda of anti-OBC, Sao added.

Attempt made to defame MLA Benjam with false allegations: Cong

Jagdalpur, May 24: District General Secretary of Block Congress Committee Sundar Sodhi issued a press release saying that Bharatiya Janata Party and Aam Aadmi Party have defamed the clean and honest image of Chitrakoot MLA Rajman Benjam by making false allegations regarding the purchase of gym equipment for the past few days. Describing all the allegations leveled by BJP and AAP on MLA Chitrakot as baseless and false, he told that MLA Rajman Benjam does public service while staying in his office. Keeping in view the security, they also spend the night in the office building. There is not enough space in the office to set up a gym. All the allegations levelled by the Bharatiya Janata Party and the



Aam Aadmi Party against MLA Rajman Benjam are false. The people of Chitrakoot will never forgive these so called leaders for their baseless and false allegations.

In a release issued, Block Congress President Chandrashekhar Thakur said that there is no equipment for the hostel gym at the residence of MLA Rajman Benjam. All the

materials allocated for the gym have been installed in the gym room of the hostel in the year 2020 itself. Serious allegations against MLA Rajman Benjam like theft of gym equipment and keeping gym equipment at his residence are completely false. The purchase of gym materials has been done by the Chief Executive Officer and all the gym materials have been hand-

ed over to the hostel superintendent. The allegation by the BJP and the Aam Aadmi Party of keeping gym material at the MLA's house is false. MLA Benjam's residence is made up of 02 rooms of 4&6 size, a kitchen and a hall in which he lives with his family. Where there is no question of keeping gym material.

Block Vice President Jagbandhu Thakur says Chitrakot MLA Rajman Benjam is an MLA with clean image, honest and sociable personality. All the allegations made by Bharatiya Janata Party and Aam Aadmi Party are false. Block Congress Committee Bastanar, District Congress Committee Bastar, and all the workers of Congress party are with MLA Rajman Benjam.

Teachers should imbibe the Panchkoshi concept in life: V-C

● **Three-day workshop on Character Building and Personality Development concludes in CU**

Bilaspur, May 24: The closing ceremony of the three-day workshop on the subject of character building and overall development of personality was held in the Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University) at 4.00 p.m. on May 21, 2023. The Chief guest of the workshop organized from May 19 to 21, 2023 under the joint auspices of Guru Ghasidas University and Shiksha Sanskriti Uththan Nyas, New Delhi were Dr. Atul Kothari, National Secretary of Shiksha Sanskriti Uththan Nyas, New Delhi and Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Atul Kothari congratulated the members of the organizing committee for the successful organization of the three-day workshop and appreciated the participation of the participants. Dr. Kothari said that in the National Education Policy 2020 is to provide value based ed-



has been laid on character building and all-round development of the students. Dr. Kothari said, "The workshop on character building and overall development of personality started from Guru Ghasidas University is a beginning, not an end". Under the upcoming scheme, while including a course on character building and personality development in graduate, post graduate and Ph.D. course work, emphasis was laid on including it in other courses as well.

While presiding over the concluding program, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal stressed upon the teachers participating in the workshop to imbibe the Panchkoshiya concept in life. He said that the main objective of the National Education Policy 2020 is to provide value based ed-

ucation to the youth for character building and personality development. Teachers are being prepared as resource persons and master trainers by imparting them training through Panchkoshi concept.

Panchkoshi concept leads to overall development of personality which appears conspicuously in the form of character building. I have full faith that the teachers who have been trained in this workshop will inspire young students for personality development and encourage experiments related to the idea of Panchkoshiya concept in the classrooms.

Earlier, the program started with lighting the lamp and garlanding the idols of Maa Saraswati and Baba Ghasidas. The guests on the stage were welcomed by presenting them saplings. The work-

shop Co-coordinator, Prof. Praveen Kumar Mishra welcomed the guests. The Coordinator Prof. P.K. Bajpai presented the report of the three-day workshop. Other dignitaries, Prof. Nilambari Dave, Former Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University, Rajkot, Gujarat and Mr. Ashok Kadel, Director, Madhya Pradesh Hindi Granth Academy, Bhopal also expressed their views.

At the end of the workshop, vote of thanks was delivered by the Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava and Dr. Garima Tiwari, Assistant Professor Forestry, Department of Wildlife and Environmental Science conducted the program. Deans, heads of departments, officers, teaching staff and research scholars of various schools were present in the programme.

It is possible to solve business problems through workshop: CAIT Team

Raipur, May 24: National Senior Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Amar Parwani, Chairman Mangal Malu, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, Working President Vikram Singhdeo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu Makhija, General Secretary Surinder Singh, Working General Secretary Bharat Jain and Treasurer Ajay Agarwal informed that CAIT office bearers met the CAIT Rajnandgaon unit and business organizations and came face to face with the problems being faced by the businessmen.



Traders should take initiative to solve the problems coming in the business through public awareness workshop. CAIT CG Chapter's state in-charge president Mr. Parmanand Jain and state general secretary Mr. Surinder Singh said that on Sunday, a delegation of CAIT team had a courtesy meeting

with CAIT Rajnandgaon unit and business organizations. The office bearers of Rajnandgaon unit and business organizations have informed the CAIT team about the problems being faced in doing business. Such as GST, income tax, bank related and other problems were discussed. Mr. Jain and Mr. Singh said that

the problems faced by the business can be solved by meeting the officials of the concerned department and organizing workshops from time to time. They also discussed on How can problems be solved? How the problems can be simplified so that traders do not face unnecessary trouble. In addition to this other topics were also discussed. Team CAIT discussed organising Rajnandgaon unit for MSME Entrepreneurship workshop, Workshop on cybercrime and workshop on fire safety and prevention so that traders can get benefit of this workshop.

Bastar girls shine at 6th National Mixed Martial Arts competition

Bags five gold medals and one bronze medal
Receives rousing welcome by city residents upon their return

Jagdalpur, May 24: The girls representing Bastar district and the Bastar Martial Arts Academy achieved remarkable success, securing five gold medals and one bronze medal at the 6th National Mixed Martial Arts Competition held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from May 17 to May 21 this year. Once again, international player Palak Nag emerged victorious, winning the gold medal in the Senior Welterweight category. Other outstanding performances included Mahi Dongre clinching the gold medal in the Youth C 57kg category, Yejin Shreya Suna winning gold in the Youth C 44kg category, Tanupriya Datta claim-



ing the gold in the Youth B 44kg category, Shriya Sharma winning gold in the semi-contact Bottom Weight category, and Mahi Meshram winning a bronze medal in the Youth A 52kg category.

The city wholeheartedly welcomed these talented players upon their return, celebrating their achievements

with great enthusiasm. All of these girls hone their skills at the Bastar Martial Arts Academy. It is worth mentioning that this is the second consecutive year in which the girls from Bastar have displayed their remarkable talent in the Mixed Martial Arts competition.

The players who have won

the gold medals will represent the country in the upcoming international competition. MMA India President Sharif Bapu, MMA India Joint Secretary and Chhattisgarh Mix Martial Art Association Secretary Nitin Singh, and MMA India's National Medical Commission Chairperson and Chhattisgarh Mix Martial Arts Association Treasurer Dr. Divya Khare along with Certified Coach and Referee Mamta Pandey, congratulated the winners on their remarkable achievement.

Furthermore, Rojvin Das, Bastar Martial Arts Academy President Vijaypal Singh, Secretary Bhagat Soni, Patron Gautam Kundu, Certified Coach and Referee Markandeya Singh, Parmendra Mala, M. Prashant Naidu, Gurpreet Kaur Saini, Jyoti Kumar, and their respective family members, also extended their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the victorious players.

● **In support of their 4-point demand**

Jagdalpur, May 24: The office bearers of the Chhattisgarh Karamchhari Adhikar Federation (CKAF) took out a bike rally and handed over a memorandum to all the people's representatives in the name of the Chief Minister. Meanwhile, a bike rally was taken out this afternoon from the water tank located at City Ground under the leadership of Federation's divisional in-charge Kailash Chauhan, divisional president Gajendra Srivastava, district convener RD Tiwari. After this, they handed over a memorandum to MLA Rekchhand Jain, CREDA President Mithilesh Swarnakar, Bastar MLA Lakheshwar Baghel, Indravati Development Authority's Vice President Rajeev Sharma and Mayor Safira



Sahu and requested them to convey their 4-point demands to the CM.

On the other hand, under the leadership of Federation's Tokapal Unit Convenor Jogendra Singh Kashyap, a memorandum in the name of the Chief Minister was handed over to MLA Rajman Benjam. Benjam met the Chief Minister and assured to take positive initiative on the demands.

CKAF office bearers said that only 4 months are left for the assembly elections and till now the

government has not fulfilled the promises made to the employees. Among the demands, 9 percent outstanding dearness allowance and house rent allowance as per the seventh pay scale, submission of the report of the Pingua Committee constituted for salary discrepancy of clerks-teachers and other cadres, giving the four-level promoted pay scale mentioned in the public manifesto and declare old bus stand located in Pandri, Raipur as the new dharna venue

Along with this, he said that if the government does not consider the demands of the employees soon, a phased agitation will be started in June. During this Tarzan Gupta, Dinesh Raikwar, Ajay Srivastava, Devdas Kashyap, Raji Varghese, Nalin Shukla, Sanjay Vaishnav, Motilal Verma, Moh. Salim, Santosh Kachhi, Umesh Chauhan, Manoj Kumar, Vijay Chandel, Vinod Varghese, JN Joshi, MK Sahu, Federation Tokapal convener Jogendra Singh Kashyap including Sunil Bhatnagar, Rakesh Dubey, Vice President Trisia Jhari, Secretary Balihar Kashyap, Laxminath Kashyap, Dinesh Savarkar, KD Suryavanshi, Ramlal Kashyap, Khirmani Tiwari, Kumar Baghel, Bastanar Block Convenor Jagdal Sahu, DL Poyam, Birendra Baghel was present.

India, Australia aim to conclude comprehensive trade deal by end of 2023

Sydney, May 24 (PTD):

India and Australia on Wednesday inked a migration and mobility partnership pact to open up opportunities for students, academic researchers and business people and resolved to conclude a comprehensive trade deal by the end of year to significantly expand economic ties.

The pact was signed after wide-ranging talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese.

In his media statement, Albanese said the aim is to conclude the comprehensive economic cooperation agreement (CECA) by the end of the year.

"We reiterated our shared ambition for an early conclusion of the Australia-India comprehensive economic cooperation agreement later this year," he said in the presence of Modi.

Last year, India and Australia finalised the Economic Cooperation Trade Agreement (ECTA) and it came into force in



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, NSA Ajit Doval and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia Penny Wong during a group photograph at a roundtable with business leaders, in Sydney, Wednesday, May 24.

December last. The two sides are now working on the CECA.

"Today, in my meeting with Prime Minister Albanese, we talked about taking India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership to greater heights in the next decade," Modi said.

"We discussed in detail the possibilities of cooperation in new areas. Last year India-Australia ECTA came into effect. Today we have decided to focus on

CECA — Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement," he said.

Modi said the pact will give further strength and new dimensions to trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.

"We had constructive discussions on strengthening our strategic cooperation in the sectors of mining and critical minerals. We have identified concrete areas for cooperation in renewable energy," Modi said.

"It was decided to set up a task force on Green Hydrogen," he added.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said the next two rounds of talks on the economic partnership pact have been scheduled for June and July.

Modi and Albanese also witnessed the signing of the terms of reference of the Australia-India Green Hydrogen Taskforce which will explore opportunities in the area of renewable hydrogen.

Russia's Wagner boss says more than 20,000 of his troops died in Bakhmut battle

Kyiv, May 24 (AP):

The head of the Russian private army Wagner says his force lost more than 20,000 fighters in the drawn-out battle for Bakhmut, with about 20 per cent of the 50,000 Russian convicts he recruited to fight in the 15-month war dying in the eastern Ukrainian city.

The figure was in stark contrast with claims from Moscow that it lost just over 6,000 troops in the war, and is higher than the official estimate of the Soviet losses in the Afghanistan war of 15,000 troops between 1979-89.

Ukraine hasn't said how many of its soldiers have died since Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022.

Analysts believe the

nine-month fight for Bakhmut alone have cost the lives of tens of thousands of soldiers, among them convicts who reportedly received little training before being sent to the front.

Russia's invasion goal of "demilitarising" Ukraine has backfired because Kyiv's military has become stronger with the supply of weapons and training by its Western allies, Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin said in an interview published late Tuesday with Konstantin Dolgov, a pro-Kremlin political strategist.

Prigozhin also said the Kremlin's forces have killed civilians during the war, something Moscow has repeatedly and vehemently denied.

Prigozhin, a wealthy businessman with long-time links to Russian President Vladimir Putin, is known for his bluster — often spiced with obscenities — and has previously made unverifiable claims, some of which he later backtracked on.

Earlier this month, his spokespeople published a video of him shouting, swearing and pointing at about 30 uniformed bodies lying on the ground, saying they were Wagner fighters who died in a single day. He claimed the Russian Defence Ministry had starved his men of ammunition and threatened to give up the fight for Bakhmut.

He also said in Tuesday's interview it was possible that Kyiv's anticipated counteroffen-

sive in coming weeks, given continued Western support, might push Russian forces out of southern and eastern Ukraine as well as annexed Crimea.

"A pessimistic scenario: the Ukrainians are given missiles, they prepare troops, of course they will continue their offensive, try to counterattack," he said. "They will attack Crimea, they will try to blow up the Crimean bridge (to the Russian mainland), cut off (our) supply lines. Therefore, we need to prepare for a hard war."

The Ukrainian General Staff said Wednesday that "heavy fighting" is continuing inside Bakhmut, days after Russia said that it completely captured the devastated city.

UK PM Sunak gives Suella Braverman clean chit on driving fine row

London, May 24 (PTD):

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Wednesday said that his Home Secretary, Suella Braverman, will not face an investigation into her reported actions related to a driving fine after she was caught speeding last year.

After days of speculation around The Sunday Times' newspaper claims that Braverman appealed to civil servants to try and avert the normal course of action after being caught speeding, Sunak wrote to his minister to say that he did not believe the actions amounted to a breach of the ministerial code of conduct. The Opposition parties had been demanding Sunak refer the Indian-origin minister to his Independent Adviser on ethics, Sir Laurie Magnus, to determine if there had been a breach.

"I have consulted with my Independent Adviser. He has advised that on this occasion further investigation is not necessary and I have accepted



that advice. On the basis of your letter and our discussion, my decision is that these matters do not amount to a breach of the Ministerial Code," Sunak writes in a letter to Braverman.

"As you have recognised, a better course of action could have been taken to avoid giving rise to the perception of im-

propriety. Nevertheless, I am reassured you take these matters seriously. You have provided a thorough account, apologised and expressed regret," he said, with reference to Braverman's letter to her boss apologising for the "distraction" the controversy had caused the government.

Sunak reiterated that

he believes integrity, professionalism and accountability are core values of his leadership and it is right when issues are raised, they are looked at professionally to ensure the appropriate course of action.

In the exchange of letters released by Downing Street, the Home Secretary admitted that "if faced with a similar situation again, I would have chosen a different course of action".

She said she had "at all times been truthful and transparent, and taken decisions guided by what I believed was right and appropriate given my office, not by any personal motivation".

"The Sunday Times' newspaper reported that instead of signing up for an in-person speed awareness course with other motorists or completing one online that would show her name and face to other participants, Braverman allegedly asked civil servants to arrange a private one-to-one course.

FAITHFUL UNITY CELEBRATED



Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with Patriarch Kirill, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, to commemorate the day of Saints Cyril and Methodius, evangelisers of the Slavs, in Moscow on May 24.

Germany cracks down on climate activists

Berlin, May 24 (AP):

German police raided 15 properties linked to the Last Generation climate activist group Wednesday, seizing assets as part of an investigation into its finances in a sign of growing impatience with disruptive protest tactics also seen in other European countries.

Members of the group have repeatedly blocked roads across Germany in an effort to pressure the government to take more drastic action against climate change. In recent weeks, they have brought traffic to a halt on an almost daily basis in Berlin, gluing themselves to busy intersections and highways. Over the past year,

they have also targeted various artworks and exhibits.

The raids, ordered by Munich prosecutors, come days after Chancellor Olaf Scholz said that he thought it was "completely nutty to somehow stick yourself to a painting or on the street." Leading figures with the environmentalist Green party, part of his governing coalition, have also said the group's actions are counterproductive. A spokesperson for Last Generation said that the police searches had hit the group and its supporters hard, but that it wouldn't let up its activities.

"They make us afraid, but we must not be frozen by fear," Aimee van Baalen told reporters in Berlin.

US aircraft carrier arrives in NATO-member Norway



The American aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford on its way into the Oslo Fjord, at Jelya, Moss, Norway, on Wednesday, May 24. The ship is the world's largest warship and will be in port in Oslo for four days.

Copenhagen, May 24 (AP):

A US aircraft carrier arrived on Wednesday in Oslo with the Norwegian armed forces saying it gives them "a unique opportunity to further develop cooperation and work more closely with

our most important ally, the United States."

The nuclear-powered ship USS General Ford entered the Oslo fjord escorted by a rapid dinghy-type boat with armed people on board.

The Norwegian armed forces has said any boats

must stay a half-kilometre (half-mile) away from the aircraft carrier and a no-fly zone was created over the area where the aircraft carrier was.

Described as the largest aircraft carrier in the world, the vessel's first foreign call was broadcast live on Norwegian public television.

Onlooker, some using binoculars, were seen on land watching as the large aircraft carrier glided deeper and deeper into the fjord and eventually reach the city of Oslo.

The vessel will stay in the Norwegian capital until Tuesday.

Japan to provide 100 military vehicles to Ukraine

Tokyo, May 24 (AP):

Japan held a ceremony on Wednesday marking its planned donation of about 100 military vehicles to Ukraine, as Tokyo seeks to provide equipment that can be of broader military use than its earlier shipments of helmets and hazmat suits.

In a ceremony at the Defence Ministry at which two half-ton trucks were on display, Japanese Vice Defence Minister Toshio Ino handed a document to Ukrainian Ambassador Sergiy Korsunsky listing the three types of ve-

hicles included in the donation.

"We hope the invasion ends as soon as possible and peaceful daily lives return," Ino said. "We will provide as much support as we can."

The donation, which also includes 30,000 food rations, comes as Japan's government is seeking to ease its military equipment transfer policy under a new national security policy that allows its military a

greater offensive role, in a major break from its post-World War II self-defense-only principle.

While other countries have provided Ukraine with tanks, missiles and fighter jets, Japan has limited its donations to non-lethal equipment because the transfer policy prohibits the provision of lethal weapons to countries at war.

Japan has provided Ukraine with bullet-proof vests, helmets, gas

masks, hazmat suits, small drones and food rations since Russia's invasion began last year.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida pledged the trucks to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy when they met in Hiroshima on Sunday on the sidelines of the Group of Seven summit. Japan has also offered to treat injured Ukrainian soldiers at a Japanese military hospital.

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Name of Work : Construction of Agar Feeder distributory Canal from R.D. 0 m to R.D. 4590m including construction of 9 Nos DC, 1 No Minor Head, 6 Nos inlet, 1 No Escape, 4 Nos VRB cum canal siphone, 2 Nos VRB, 1 No Protection work (Lengrh=60m) and fixing of 16 Nos colaba of Siddhababa Tank Scheme in block Chhuikhadan of District Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai

Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 538.37 Lakhs

(As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 01.08.2014))

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 29.05.2023, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

NOTE :- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/ Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Executive Engineer
Water Resources Division, Chhuikhadan
for, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godawari Basin
Raipur (C.G.)

G-01552/3

Public Works Department

Sector-19, North Block, Naya Raipur (C.G.)
E-Procurement Tender Notice
E-mail : tenders-pwd.cg@gov.in

NIT No. 082/TC/EinC/ PWD/2023-24 Dated 17.05.2023

The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites percentage rate bids on electronic tendering system under RCPLWE RRP-III in the district of Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki for construction of 02 HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE with estimated cost amounting Rs 357.74 Lacs including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registered with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders may submit bid; however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class under "Unified Registration System (e-Registration)" of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement.

The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh in <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. Bids form will be available on the website from 18.05.2023 and may be submitted up to 17:00 Hrs. on 07.06.2023

For participating in bidding process, bidders are required to register in the above web-site with nominal fee of Rs 500/- to be paid online to service provider. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from authorized certifying authorities.

The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form and (b) original affidavit duly verified and notarized as per clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) and 4.4 B (c) to Chief Engineer, Tender Cell, First Floor, Nirman Bhawan, PWD, North Block, Sector-19, Naya Raipur (C.G.) 492-002 as per provisions of bid document through Speed/ Registered post, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Detailed schedule of important dates may be seen on notice board of offices and also available on website of Public Works Department <http://pwd.cg.nic.in>

Chief Engineer
(Central Tender Cell)
Office of Engineer-In-Chief
P.W.D. Naya Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)

G-01578/2

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No: DyCE-GSU-R-T-15-23-24 Date: 19.05.2023

Name of Work: Provision of 12m wide FOB at Sarona and Bhilai Power House stations with civil work of lift at Bhilai Power House and Sarona and escalator at Bhilai Power House under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Tender Value: Rs. 13,07,90,435/- EMD: Rs.8,04,000/- Submission of Tender: Up-to 11.00 Hrs. on 15.06.23 Opening of Tender: 11.00 Hrs. on 15.06.23

For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Dy CE/Gati Shakti Unit/Raipur or refer/download tender document which is available on our website: www.reps.gov.in

Dy.Chief Engineer Gati Shakti Unit,
PR/R/GSUA/AP/48
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China's Hypocrisy Exposed

Boycott of G20 Meet Reveals Duplicity

In a blatant display of duplicity, China has boycotted the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting in Srinagar, citing its misguided notion of Jammu & Kashmir as a 'disputed territory.' This maneuver serves as yet another attempt by China to appease Pakistan while provoking India. However, the world sees through Beijing's malicious ploy, which aims to claim the moral high ground. Despite New Delhi's steadfast assertion that Jammu & Kashmir is an integral and inalienable part of India, China consistently questions the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the state in 2019. Ironically, a country notorious for annexing its neighbors' land is expressing concern over 'disputed' territories. Last year, the Ministry of External Affairs revealed that China had illegally occupied around 38,000 sq km of Indian territory in Ladakh for six decades. It further highlighted that, under the 1963 China-Pakistan Boundary Agreement, which India has never recognized, Pakistan ceded 5,180 sq km of illegally occupied Indian territory in the Shaksgam Valley to China. Additionally, China's audacious Belt and Road Initiative, a massive multinational infrastructure project, conspicuously passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, showcasing Beijing's complete disregard for India's territorial integrity. While China insists on resolving the Kashmir dispute through UN Charter, Security Council resolutions, and bilateral agreements, its own track record of honoring agreements with India is deplorable. India recently reminded China that its violations have eroded the foundation of bilateral ties. The boycott of the G20 meeting not only exposes China's duplicitous nature but also inadvertently strengthens India's standing as the G20 president. By refusing to engage constructively and resorting to desperate collusions with Pakistan, China has scored an own goal that further bolsters India's credibility on the international stage. China's calculated move to boycott the G20 meeting has broader implications. It highlights its constant interference in regional dynamics, perpetuating a pattern of undermining the sovereignty of nations. Beijing's attempts to manipulate international platforms for its own vested interests are evident. It not only seeks to isolate India diplomatically but also disregards the principles of peaceful coexistence and mutual respect. The international community must take note of China's duplicitous behavior and its disregard for established norms and principles. It is imperative for nations to unite in countering such actions, which threaten global stability and peaceful relations. By standing firm against China's deceptive tactics, countries can send a strong message that double standards will not be tolerated. India's resolute response to China's provocations is commendable. It demonstrates the country's unwavering commitment to protecting its territorial integrity and upholding the principles of sovereignty. As the G20 president, India can leverage this incident to rally global support against China's nefarious actions and to foster a more inclusive and cooperative approach within the international community.

Combating Climate Change and Biodiversity Crisis

Krishna Kumar, Vepakomma

India, known as one of the world's megadiverse countries, boasts vast land spanning 329 million hectares and ranks seventh in terms of size. It is home to over 100,000 animal species and 49,100 plant species, spread across ten bio-geographic regions. However, the growing pressures of population growth, urbanization, and industrialization have led to habitat fragmentation and the unfortunate loss of biodiversity. The loss of biodiversity not only threatens our environment but also poses risks to human health. Biodiversity loss has been linked to the expansion of zoonotic diseases, while intact biodiversity offers valuable tools to combat pandemics like those caused by coronaviruses. Every year on May 22nd, the International Day for Biological Diversity raises global awareness about the need to protect our biological resources and the diverse ecosystems that shape our environment. This day highlights the value of species diversity, genetic diversity, and various ecosystems. It emphasizes the importance of public education as human activities contribute to a significant reduction in species. The United Nations celebrates this day to promote preservation efforts and collective action for safeguarding Earth's biodiversity. The significance of maintaining a healthy biodiversity lies in its utilitarian and intrinsic value. Biodiversity provides essential resources such as food, water, and shelter for humans. It also plays a crucial role in climate regulation, water purification, pollination, and seed dispersal, all of which are vital for agricultural production. Additionally, modern medicine relies on biodiversity, as evidenced by the discovery of fungi on sloths' fur with cancer-fighting properties. Biological diversity is crucial for global food production, contributing to soil fertility and providing genetic resources for crops, livestock, and marine species. This year's International Day for Biological Diversity, themed "From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity," emphasizes the need for concrete on-the-ground actions. It calls for the implementation of plans beyond nature preservation efforts, focusing on the regeneration of what has been lost. The Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework aims to safeguard nature, halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030, and put nature on a path to recovery by 2050. Countries are expected to submit their implementation plans to COP16 in 2024, highlighting the urgency of protecting nature. The recent UN assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services reveals that around 1 million plant and animal species are at risk of extinction, with wildlife populations experiencing an average decline of 70 percent over the past 50 years. These findings emphasize the urgent need to address human-induced factors contributing to biodiversity loss. India urges UN member nations to remain dedicated to conserving and preserving oceans and their biodiversity. It also calls for support in achieving sustainable economic development and the well-being of coastal communities under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). The conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of nature play a crucial role in meeting climate goals and addressing the urgent biodiversity crisis. Recognizing nature's significance beyond carbon sequestration and taking steps to protect ecosystems and fulfill commitments like the Paris Agreement are essential in combating the climate crisis and safeguarding biodiversity for the benefit of future generations.

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WELCOME CEREMONY



President Droupadi Murmu being received by Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister Hemant Soren, at Birsamunda Airport in Ranchi, Wednesday, May 24.

Indian Economy has Potential to Surpass China at a faster pace

K.R SUDHAMAN



United Nations declared in Mid-April this year that India has become the most populous country overtaking China at 1.43 billion. Can it do the same with regard to GDP to become second largest economy in the world? On the face of it, the proposition seems difficult in the next few decades as China is the second largest economy in the world at over \$18.5 trillion as against United States' nearly \$25.5 trillion. There have however been suspicion for quite some time that Chinese figures are exaggerated and the size of its economy is not as big as it is made out to be. If this is true, it is within realms of reality that India overtakes Chinese economy in the foreseeable future.

This is because of new evidences emerging now to show that Chinese economy can at best be around \$5-6 trillion and hence it is around the size of Japan and not at around \$18 trillion. Japan's GDP is put at around \$5.16 trillion and is the third largest economy after US and China. India is the fifth largest economy at around \$3.5 trillion. It recently overtook Britain and is widely expected to overtake Germany and Japan to become third largest economy in the next few years. Germany and Japan are the two other economies ahead of India apart from United States and China. While India is now on a bright spot with foreign investors looking up to India,

experts lately say that China's economy has tuned slippery and its reopening boom is a charade.

According to John Burn Murdoch of Financial Times, China has stopped publishing many date points like electricity consumption on a periodical basis ever since Xi Jinping came to power in 2012 implying Chinese economy is not doing well and that downslide had started in several sectors. But more importantly, according to a US based Chinese analyst, Lei, China's real GDP is less than half of what the Chinese government claims to be. She argues that China's GDP was just \$9 trillion officially in 2012 and wondered how is it that its economy has doubled to over \$18 trillion in the next ten years when the economy has been on the downslide since then. She says China's published GDP in 2022 was \$17.9 trillion against US \$25.5. However, people believe that China's GDP is "overstated and manipulated".

According to the method adopted by Louis Martinez of Chicago University, data are exaggerated by 35 per cent in autocratic countries including China. He had come to this conclusion after analyzing data using satellite images of various countries based on when people turn off their lights on a daily basis since 1984. His study is silent on the data prior to 1984.

Lei used this as a deflator to calculate the real GDP of China since 1992. China's official GDP in 1992 was \$493 billion and in 2022 it was \$17.99 trillion. This meant that China's annual GDP growth was 12.7 per cent annually. If Martinez method was used as deflator, then the GDP growth rate comes down after the adjustment to 8.25 per cent annually. This meant that China's real GDP in 2022 was just \$5.3

trillion, about the size of Japan.

But Japan's population is just one tenth of China, which meant Japan's per capita income is ten times more than that of China. Also Chinese currency is administratively pegged at 6.3 Yuan to a dollar. But in the grey market, which reflects the real value, is around 10 Yuan to a dollar. If this also is factored in an economy where exports accounted for more 40 per cent of the GDP, the China's GDP will be much less than \$5.3 trillion, some analysts argue.

That apart a recent study by experts said nominal and real GDP growth of China was over calculated by two percentage points year after year from 2008 to 2016 and that the miscalculation only got compounded in those years. As a result China's GDP said to be \$ 13.5 trillion in 2018 is actually 18 per cent lower at around \$11 trillion. The study is authored by Chen Wei, Chen Xilu and Michael Song of Chinese University of Hong Kong and Chan-Tai Hsieh from University of Chicago. But even at around \$11 trillion after the necessary correction of the figures, Chinese economy is still quite large and is twice the size of Japan. But the new evidences by Lei indicate that China's GDP would be just half of \$11 trillion arrived at by these professors. The Chinese GDP was merely \$5.3 trillion or around that of Japan.

Many indicators of growth in China are underwhelming. A growth model dependent on stimulus and debt was always going to be unsustainable and now it has run out of steam, Ruchir Sharma, who is Rockefeller international chair, wrote in the Financial times. Confidence that China's economy can rebound from Covid restrictions is untethered to economic realities.

"Something is rotten in the Chinese economy, but don't expect wall street analysts to tell you about it," Sharma said listing several indicators that point to underlying weakness.

For example, Wall street's assumption of 5 per cent GDP growth would suggest that corporate revenue growth of 8 per cent, but it rose by 1.5 per cent in the first quarter, he said adding in fact, corporate revenue is slower than GDP in 20 of the country's 28 sectors, and MSCI China stock index down 15 per cent from a January peak. Imports, a strong indicator of consumer demand dropped 8 per cent while youth unemployment hit 20 per cent and is rising. "These facts point to the source of the rot," he said. China's economic model since 2008 has been driven by government stimulus and rising debt, particularly in real estate and now Chinese debt service already account for a third of disposable income. China's growth potential is only half of 5 per cent target this year due to shrinking population.

Lei goes on further to say there are about 30 provinces in mainland China, of which only six are in a position to manage their finances. The rest are severely debt-ridden at an unsustainable level.

Given these data points and analysis, it is quite possible that Indian economy has the potential to overtake China in near future if its economy continued to fire on all cylinders. The figures do certainly indicate that Chinese economy is on the decline while Indian economy is on the rise India's GDP in real terms may not take much time to reach near the level of real GDP figure of China. The big gap which was thought earlier, is not that big after taking a realistic estimates of Chinese data. (Views are personal).



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Centre's Authoritarian Drive

In the ongoing Delhi power struggle, the Centre is resolute in its quest for control. Seeking to overturn a Supreme Court ruling, a new ordinance has been promulgated, establishing the National Capital Civil Service Authority. This move grants the Centre authority over officers' transfers and postings. If the Central government remains intent on asserting dominance through the Lieutenant Governor, it could further issue an ordinance to dismiss the duly elected Delhi government, effectively nullifying the need for periodic elections. By doing so, taxpayers' money currently allocated to conducting elections could potentially be spared. Delhi's political landscape hangs in the balance as the Centre consolidates its grip.

MK Nair, Raipur

Adani Controversy

In light of the recent developments surrounding the Adani Group, an essential step towards resolving the allegations raised in Hindenburg Research's report is the establishment of a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC). Only a JPC possesses the necessary authority to conduct a comprehensive investigation, addressing concerns and thoroughly examining the matter at hand. By leveraging the expertise and resources available, a JPC would be able to determine whether fraudulent activities occurred, ensuring transparency and restoring investor confidence in the financial market. Through this rigorous investigation, the truth behind the Adani controversy can be uncovered, providing clarity and potential solutions to safeguard the integrity of the system.

Haridasan Rajan, Kozhikode

Demonetisation 2.0 is a welcome move

But, because it is cautious and has a long exchange deadline demonetisation version 2.0 is procedurally correct. It is not accompanied by any major policy objective or goal announcement. For goalless individuals or initiatives, this is a good move. The procedure involved in exchange of 2000 rupee note is not elusive. Because most citizens ostensibly do not have the 2000 rupee note, which remains legal tender, they can easily dispose of it by spending it rather than depositing it in banks. Within a certain limit, one can also easily change a portion of it at different banks. So, like many ordinary citizens, governments, and institutions, the 2,000 note will die with a lot of hope but little achievement, most likely because it worked with the wrong people and for the wrong cause. Most people will gladly let it go a few romantics and collectors will keep some mementos, and in a few months, we will forget about its brief six year existence.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K, Raichur, Karnataka

How Indian Students Can Benefit from Better Opportunities in International Universities

Shivani Choudhary

Indian students who are interested in pursuing higher education in international universities can benefit greatly from the many opportunities that are available to them. With the globalization of education and the increase in access to technology and information, students from India can now take advantage of a variety of resources to help them succeed in their academic and professional pursuits.

The statistics study given out by RedSeer says that by 2024, around 1.8 million students will be spending around 85 million USD on their education abroad. It is estimated that over 30 lakh Indians went abroad for higher studies between 2017

and 2022. 12% of Indian students studying abroad for higher education are from Andhra Pradesh, 12% from Punjab, and 11% from Maharashtra.

Co-Founder of Study Metro - Mr Abhishek Bajaj says One of the main benefits of studying at an international university is the exposure to a diverse range of people and cultures. This can broaden a student's worldview, enhance their communication skills, and provide them with a unique perspective on global issues. Additionally, international universities often offer a wider range of courses and academic programs than those available in India, allowing students to explore new areas of interest and develop specialized skills that

can be applied in a global context. According to gitnux.com, 70% of Indian students studying abroad for higher education cite better quality of education, 68% cite greater career prospects, and 50% cite the graduate route (2-year work visa after study) as their top three reasons. Further he says - Another benefit of studying at an international university is the opportunity to network with professionals from around the world. This can help students to build connections that may be useful in their future careers and can also provide them with access to a range of job opportunities in different countries. Furthermore, many international universities offer scholarships and financial aid to international

students, making it more affordable for Indian students to pursue higher education abroad. In addition, some universities may offer internship and work-study programs that can help students gain valuable work experience while also earning money to help cover their expenses. And these all information one can garner from companies like Study Metro who provides counseling for study overseas programs

To take advantage of these benefits, Indian students should start by researching different international universities and identifying those that offer programs that align with their academic and career goals. They should also consider factors such as location, cost of living, and language require-

ments when selecting a university. In addition, Indian students should take steps to prepare themselves for the transition to studying in a new country. This may include improving their language skills, familiarizing themselves with the culture and customs of the host country, and preparing for any required standardized tests such as the TOEFL or GRE. In conclusion, Indian students can greatly benefit from pursuing higher education in international universities. By taking advantage of the many resources and opportunities available, students can develop new skills, gain valuable experience, and broaden their horizons in ways that can positively impact their academic and professional careers.

BRIEF

Consulate opening



■ **Sydney:** Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Wednesday announced that Australia will open a Consulate-General in Bengaluru this month, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India will establish a similar mission in Brisbane as part of the efforts of the two countries to enhance bilateral ties. In his media statement after holding talks with Prime Minister Modi here, Prime Minister Albanese said the opening of the new diplomatic mission in Bengaluru will help in connecting the country's businesses to India's booming digital and innovation ecosystem.

Appointment

■ **New Delhi:** Dish TV on Tuesday proposed to appoint Manoj Dobhal as the new CEO of the company as incumbent Anil Dua has decided to quit the direct-to-home company. Dobhal is the current Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the company. Dish TV is embroiled in a tussle between its largest shareholder Yes Bank Ltd (YBL) and the promoter family led by its former chairman Jawahar Lal Goel over board representation in the company.

Investment destination



■ **Chennai:** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Wednesday met top officials of various firms in Singapore and invited them to invest in the southern state, while highlighting the conducive environment for starting new ventures. The CM is on a two-nation official tour of Singapore and Japan to attract more investments to Tamil Nadu and invite investors for a business conclave scheduled here next January. "Had discussion and productive engagement with the heads of major financial and industrial institutions from Singapore.

Surety bond

■ **New Delhi:** Road, transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said that changes will be made to the surety bond offering to make it more lucrative as no contractor is buying it because of the strict conditions imposed by insurance regulator Irda. Last year in December, Gadkari launched the country's first-ever surety bond insurance product, with an aim to reduce the dependence on infra developers of bank guarantees.

Next print of inflation likely to be lower than 4.7%: RBI Governor

New Delhi, May 24:

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said inflation has moderated, and the next print is expected to be lower than 4.7 per cent though there is no room for complacency and the war on inflation will continue. Retail inflation fell to an 18-month low of 4.7 per cent in April, mainly due to cooling food prices. "Inflation has moderated (and) the last print is 4.7 per cent. Perhaps the next print could be lower," he said while addressing CII members here. The governor, however, emphasised that although inflation has moderated, there is no room for complacency. He said that inflation was looking benign, but the sudden outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war changed the situation, resulting in a disruption in



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and CII DG Chandrajit Banerjee during the CII Annual Session 2023, in New Delhi, Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

the global supply chain and firming up global commodity prices. He assured that the war against inflation is not over and the RBI will remain alert to evolving situations. Drawing confidence from macroeconomic stability, Das said there is a platform for supporting domestic growth. Talking about macroeconomic stability, he said in-

flation has moderated, there is sustained GDP growth, and Current Account Deficit is manageable. He also said that the fiscal deficit is on a consolidation path.

"So, on the back of macroeconomic stability and a robust financial sector...the percentage of gross non-performing assets of the banking sector

at the systemic level was 4.4 per cent at the end of December 2022," he noted. So, he said, the non-performing asset, which was a huge challenge for the Indian banking sector, has come down, and it is showing very good signs of resilience. Besides, he said, credit offtake in banks also is remaining quite resilient, and it is 15.5 per cent as per the latest figure. "And on top of that, we have the advantage of demography, which again is a huge opportunity for India. And it's something which will eventually add to our potential output or what some people prefer to call it India's growth potential. That's a theme, which will play out in the medium to long term," he said. He expressed confidence India could clock a growth of 6.5 per cent during the current financial year on the back of these tailwinds.

Honda to hike prices of Amaze, City by upto 1 pc from June



New Delhi, May 24:

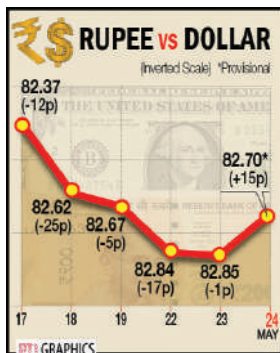
Honda Cars India on Wednesday said it will hike prices of its sedans City and Amaze by up to 1 per cent from June in order to offset the impact of increased cost pressures. "While our endeavour is to partially offset the increase, it has become imperative to pass on some of the impact. We have planned to increase prices for City and Amaze up to 1 per cent from June which shall vary across variants," Honda Cars India Vice President (Sales and Marketing) Kunal Behl said in a statement. The Amaze is currently priced between Rs 6.99 lakh and Rs 9.6 lakh while the City range including strong hybrid trims are tagged between Rs 11.55 lakh and Rs 20.39 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi).

Rupee rises 15 paise to close at 82.70 against US dollar

Mumbai, May 24:

The rupee appreciated by 15 paise to 82.70 against the US dollar on Wednesday, supported by foreign capital inflows.

A strong dollar against major rivals overseas and weak domestic equities weighed on the local unit and capped the appreciating bias, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.83 against the US dollar and settled at 82.70, higher by 15 paise over its previous close. During the day, the domestic unit witnessed an intraday high of 82.64 and a low of 82.84 in the day trade. On Tuesday, the rupee closed at 82.85 against the US currency. The dollar index, which gauges the green-



back's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.18 per cent to 103.67. Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures advanced 1.81 per cent to USD 78.23 per barrel. The rupee gained on the soft dollar and FII inflows, said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhani by BNP Paribas.

Modi invites Australian businesses to invest in infra, semiconductors, space sectors

Sydney, May 24:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday invited Australian businesses to take advantage of investment opportunities in India in sectors like digital infrastructure, telecom, and semiconductors. He suggested the Australian CEOs to forge partnerships with their Indian counterparts. The prime minister, while addressing top Australian CEOs at a business round-table here, also talked about numerous economic reforms undertaken by the government. He "invited them to take advantage of investment opportunities offered by India in domains of infrastructure including digital infrastructure,



IT, fintech, telecom, semiconductors, space, renewable energy including green hydrogen, education, pharma, healthcare including medical devices manufacturing, mining including critical minerals, textile, agriculture and food processing," Official Spokesperson, Ministry of External Affairs, Arindam Bagchi said in a tweet.

The government has taken steps like reducing compliance burden, intro-

duction of production linked incentive scheme and easing of foreign direct investment norms. On May 23, the prime minister met business leaders of top Australian companies and called for enhancing cooperation with the Indian industry in areas such as technology, skilling and clean energy. Modi arrived in Sydney on Monday for the third and final leg of his three-nation tour. He is visiting Australia as a guest of the Australian government. Modi held bilateral meetings with Hancock Prospecting Executive Chairman Gina Rinehart; Fortescue Future Industry Executive Chairman Andrew Forrest and AustraliaSuper CEO Paul Schroder.

Surya Roshni launches high wattage Batters

Mumbai, May 24:

Surya Roshni, one of India's most respected and trusted brands for Lighting, Fans, Home Appliances, Steel Pipes, and PVC pipes, has been using its experience, technology and innovation to make its consumers' life simpler & healthier. Riding on its principle, "Keeping our ears to the ground", the brand recently made an attempt to understand the challenges faced by major strata of the society. The study concluded the need of 'bright and more light' amongst all age groups, be it youngsters doing artisan or any precision work, senior citizens who need more light to read and do their daily chores or anyone doing fine work like cutting onions, knitting, non stop reading, etc., the entire spectrum needs high quality and sufficient functional lighting which, Surya recognizes and attempts to fill in the requirement.

UltraTech Cement to implement Coolbrook's innovative technology

Mumbai, May 24:

UltraTech Cement Limited, India's largest cement and ready-mixconcrete (RMC) company, and Coolbrook, a transformational technology and engineering company, will jointly develop a project to implement Coolbrook's RotoDynamic Heater™ (RDH) technology in one of UltraTech's cement manufacturing units.

UltraTech will be among the first industrial players in using Coolbrook's revolutionary technology for decarbonisation of cement manufacturing process. The RDH technology uses electrification from renewable sources for the heating processes in cement production and removes the need to use fossil fuels,

FDI declines 16 pc in FY'23, first y-o-y contraction in decade

New Delhi, May 24:

Gross foreign direct investment (FDI) flows, for the first time in a decade, declined on an annual basis in 2022-23 to USD 71 billion mainly due to a slowdown in the global economy, according to the RBI data. The annual decline works out to be 16.3 per cent in 2022-23 compared to inflows in 2021-22. The gross FDI inflows in 2021-22 were USD 81.97 billion, up 10 per cent over fiscal 2019-20.

The previous year-on-year contraction in FDI was in 2012-13 when the inflows declined by 26 per cent to USD 34.298 billion. "Gross inward FDI flows stood at USD 71 billion in 2022-23, registering a decline of 16.3 per cent on a y-o-y basis," as per an article published in the RBI's latest monthly bulletin. Net FDI too declined by nearly 27 per cent to USD 28 billion in 2022-23 as compared with USD 38.6 billion a year ago, mainly due to moderation in gross foreign direct investment inflows and an in-

crease in repatriation, it added. Manufacturing, computer services and communication services recorded the highest decline in FDI inflows compared with the preceding year. The major contributors towards the fall in inflows during the same period were the US, Switzerland, and Mauritius. The bulletin quoted 'iDi Intelligence', to say India was the second largest recipient of FDI (USD 26.2 billion) in the semiconductor industry for the year 2022, second only to the US (USD 33.8 billion).

Massive investments in capital-intensive chip FDI projects are underway, in line with the Government of India's efforts to develop the industry, the article said. It further said foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) turned net purchasers in domestic financial markets in April, primarily in the equity segment (USD 1.9 billion), which was supplemented by an inflow in the debt segment (USD 0.2 billion).

Stock markets halt three-day gaining streak on weak global trends

Mumbai, May 24:

Benchmark stock indices closed lower on Wednesday, snapping their three-day gaining streak following profit-taking in financials, metal and oil shares amid a bearish trend in the global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 208.01 points or 0.34 per cent to settle at 61,773.78 in volatile trade. The index opened lower but bounced back in late-morning deals to hit a high of 62,154.14. The barometer later gave up gains to hit a low of 61,708.10 in line with weak European markets. The broader NSE Nifty declined 62.60 points or 0.34 per cent to end at 18,285.40 after losses in Adani Entertainment, Adani Ports and Tata Motors.



Among the Sensex firms, Tata Motors, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC, Bajaj Finserv, Reliance Industries, Hindustan Unilever, Larsen & Toubro, Asian Paints and Tata Steel were the major laggards. Sun Pharma, Titan, ITC, IndusInd Bank, Tech Mahindra and Power Grid were among the winners.

AIC to launch insurance products for livestock, aquaculture and sericulture: CMD

Kolkata, May 24:

Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) will launch products for the livestock, aquaculture and sericulture sectors for which it has already obtained the licence from IRDAI, a top company official said on Wednesday. AIC already has a 50 per cent market share in the crop insurance market under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme which is run by the Centre and state governments. "We have got the license for introducing insurance products for the livestock, aquaculture and sericulture sectors from the regulator IRDAI in last May. We

will launch the products after developing them", CMD of AIC Girija Subramanian told reporters on the sidelines of an ASSOCHAM event here.

Formed in 2000, AIC has a capital base of Rs 200 crore, contributed jointly by GIC Re at 35 per cent, Nabard at 35 per cent and the balance by the four public general insurers, National Insurance, United India Insurance, New India Assurance and Oriental Insurance. To a query, she said there is no immediate need to raise capital for the company.

While AIC needs to qualify through the bidding process to get business under the PMFBY, the in-

surance entity has also obtained the license for providing retail crop insurance. "Under this, the company needs to reach to the last mile farmer located in remote places. Developing this business will take some time", she said. For the kharif season under PMFBY, the farmer needs to pay 2.5 per cent of the premium, while the remaining is to be paid equally by the Centre and the state government which has adopted it. For the rabi season, the farmer needs to pay only 1.5 per cent of the premium. AIC also bids in the tendering process of similar schemes of state governments which do not follow PMFBY, she added.

MG Motor reaffirms its commitment to Electric Mobility

■ **Sells 10,000 ZS EVs in India**

Gurugram, May 24:

MG Motor India announced that its globally successful ZS EV has crossed 10,000 sales-mark in India. Ever since its launch, MG ZS EV-India's first pure-electric Internet SUV, has become a popular Green-plate among the EV enthusiasts in India. The all-new ZS EV is available in 2 variants (Excite & Exclusive), priced INR 23,38,000* and 27,29,800*, respectively. The ZS EV comes with 6 charging options: DC Super-Fast Chargers, AC Fast Chargers, AC Fast Charger



at MG dealerships, Portable charger with ZS EV, 24X7 RSA - for mobile charging support, MG Charge Initiative - a first-of-its-kind initiative by MG India, which aims to install 1000 AC fast chargers within community spaces across India in 1000 days to strengthen the EV charging infrastructure. MG India installs an AC fast charger free of cost at the home or office of ZS EV owners. The all-new ZS EV comes with the largest in-

segment 50.3kWh advanced technology battery that meets the best global safety standards ASIL-D: Enhanced Safety Integrity Level, IP69K: Better Dust & Water Resistance Rating & UL2580: Safety Management System. It is equipped with a powerful motor that delivers the best-in-class power of 176PS and accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in just 8.5 seconds. The flagship electric SUV comes with prismatic cell battery which has high energy density that offers better range and life.

The range figure is based on internal test at ICAT under standard test conditions.

India's forex reserves at comfortable position to meet any requirements: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, May 24:

India has a strong foreign exchange reserve and the country is in a comfortable position to meet all the requirements even in any worst-case scenario in the next five-six years, Commerce and industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Wednesday.

India's forex kitty jumped USD 3.553 billion to USD 599.529 billion for the week ended May 12, according to the Reserve Bank of India.

The minister also said that the government efforts that it has been respected and recognised by the RBI



(as) they have also taken a pause on the interest rates during the last MPC (Monetary Policy Committee) meeting". On forex reserves, he said: "We have strong foreign exchange reserves... In the worst case with whatever difficulty anybody may

have, India is comfortable for the next 5 or 6 years, given our forex reserves today, to be able to meet our forex requirements."

The minister was speaking at the annual session of industry body CII here. He added that no other developing country in the world is in such a "sweet spot" and it was the first time in many years that business persons are seeing interest rates almost at par with developed countries. "I believe this is a compelling case for investments, for growth and for expanding our international outreach, for bringing technology for bringing innovation into the country," he said, suggesting the in-

dustry should focus on quality, innovation and skilled manpower. Further he said that India's trading partners want India to fast track negotiations for free trade agreements (FTAs).

India is at present negotiating such agreements with nations including Canada, EFTA (European Free Trade Association), the UK, and the European Union (EU). "It shows the increased importance of India in the global order. FTAs are two way traffic... I feel very sad when I am being told sometimes that I (industry) want access to the EU market, but please do not allow them to come into our market.

A Majestic Tribute to Maternal Love

Kreative Minds' Artistic Celebration of Mother's Day

Sweta Sinha

In the grand tapestry of life, amidst the ebb and flow of existence, there exists a figure, a presence so profound that it transforms a mere dwelling into a sanctuary of love and warmth. She is the embodiment of unconditional love, the personification of strength and grace. On the hallowed occasion of Mother's Day, we gather to honor and celebrate the essence of motherhood, an ethereal bond that transcends all earthly boundaries.

Mother's Day, a cherished observance held every second Sunday of May, serves as a beacon of gratitude and reverence in homes across the world. As Cardinal Mermillod eloquently articulated, a mother is one who can take the place of all others, yet whose place no one else can fill. This sacred day finds its roots in the early 20th century when Anna Jarvis, propelled by her mother's altruistic spirit and activism, ardently campaigned for its inception. In 1914, the first official Mother's Day was joy-

ously celebrated, marking the beginning of an enduring tradition.

On this auspicious day, each mother is adorned with heartfelt tokens and gifts, bestowed upon her with love and appreciation. She is granted respite from the rigors of her daily routine, transported to places she holds dear, as she revels in the warmth of her family's devotion. It is a momentous occasion, a celebration of the irreplaceable role she plays in shaping lives, in nurturing souls.

On the 14th of May, 2023, Kreative Minds, an artistic haven of boundless creativity, orchestrated a unique celebration, paying homage to mothers in a manner befitting their divine essence. The aspiring learners of Kreative Minds crafted exquisite works of art, harnessing the language of colors, lines, and textures to express their profound love for their mothers.

In each stroke of the brush and every delicate fold of paper, the depths of the mother-child relationship unfurled, revealing a multitude of emotions and



experiences. The artwork spoke a universal language, transcending spoken words, encapsulating the essence of maternal love. Each picture, a testa-

ment to the pivotal role played by mothers in the lives of their children, evoked a sense of awe and admiration.

Reflecting on the signifi-

cance of this occasion, Amrita Tiwary, the visionary founder of Kreative Minds, shared her profound insights, "A mother is the harbinger of life itself, embodying a myriad of virtues - power, innocence, beauty, strength, and profound emotion. To have a mother in one's life is a divine blessing, for she is the architect of our very being. Her nurturing presence shapes the very fabric of our existence, from the moment the seed takes root within her womb. Mother's Day is not merely an annual event but an everlasting celebration, permeating every single day and each passing moment."

Indeed, the celebration of Mother's Day extends far beyond mere material expressions of love. It serves as a reminder of the immeasurable impact of maternal love, an indelible force that molds individuals and shapes societies. The artists at Kreative Minds, guided by their tender hearts and nurtured by their mentors, created masterpieces that serve as testaments to the intricate bonds forged between mothers and their

children. As we delve deeper into the realm of these artistic creations, we are beckoned to reflect on our own relationships with our mothers. The artworks act as mirrors, allowing us to see the traces of our own stories within the vibrant strokes and intricate designs. It is a poignant reminder that the love and devotion of a mother transcend time and space, echoing through generations, and nurturing the very core of our being.

As we bask in the beauty of these artistic expressions, let us carry the spirit of Mother's Day within our hearts every day. May we honor the sacred bonds of motherhood and cherish the extraordinary women who have touched our lives with their unwavering love. Through art, through words, and through heartfelt gestures, let us create a symphony of gratitude that resonates in every corner of the world. For truly, in the realm of a mother's love, miracles are born, dreams take flight, and the very essence of humanity finds its purest expression.

9 years of 'Heropanti': Tiger Shroff is filled with gratitude

Bollywood star Tiger Shroff, who made his debut with the 2014 romantic action film 'Heropanti', is celebrating the 9th anniversary of the film. The actor walked down the memory lane to thank the audience and the team for accepting him and showering immense love.

As the film clocked nine years of its release on Tuesday, Tiger took to his social media and shared the poster of the film in which he can be seen lying on the bike with his hat on and unbeatable swag of 'Bablu', his character name in the film.

He wrote in the caption, "Blessed to have been accepted by all of you 9 years ago. I hope I can continue to entertain you all through his genre for as long as possible. Forever grateful to my mentor #sajidnadiadwala and my amazing director and my most beautiful costar @wardakhan-nadiadwala @sabbir24x7 @kritisanon (sic)."

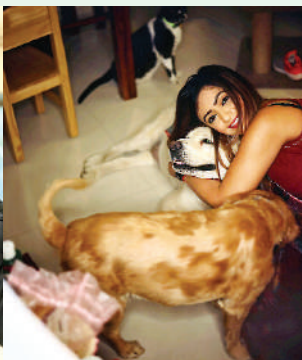
Meanwhile on the work front, Tiger is currently shooting for his upcoming action thriller



'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' along with Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar. He also has films like 'Ganapath' in the pipeline.

Sumeet and Pariva open up about their love for animals

Home is where the heart is and when filming a show, especially for over two years, actors' sets often become their homes. Sony SAB's Waggle Ki Duniya - Nayi Peedhi Naye Kissey is one such set where actors spend all their time not only with each other but also with their adopted little pets. Sumeet Raghavan (who essays the role of Rajesh Waggle) and Pariva Pranati (who plays Vandana Waggle), who have won the audience's hearts with their incredible performance on the show, are big animal lovers and love adopting strays. They not only feed them but have also opened their dressing



rooms to them. Both their vanities are always littered with kibble and cats alike. Having always been vocal about their love for animals, Sumeet and Pariva are both firm believers in - where there's a pet, there's a smile.

Talking about his love

for animals, Sumeet Raghavan said, "Animals have always held a special place in my heart, but having a pet was never something I considered. However, in 2018, everything changed when I began adopting stray animals.

Filmmaker Atlee leaves for his Cannes Film Festival debut with wife Priya Atlee



One of the most buzzing and renowned filmmaker of contemporary Indian Entertainment industry, Atlee adds another feather to his cap. Set for his first appearance at the coveted Cannes Film Festival, the filmmaker alongwith his wife Priya got clicked at the airport leaving for



Cannes. Helmer of blockbuster successes like Theri, Mersal, and Bigil amongst others, Atlee is currently generating waves not just across the nation but also the globe with the anticipation and excitement for his upcoming film Jawaan starring Superstars Shah Rukh Khan and Nayanthara.

Ram Charan talks bout making Hollywood debut, India's strong culture

Star Ram Charan has talked about his Hollywood debut and the kind of films he wants to work in the future. The actor was at the Film Tourism for Economic and Cultural Preservation event at Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC). When asked about making a debut in Hollywood, he said: "I want to explore India more and I don't think I would want to travel anywhere else for my films unless the producer or director is from Hollywood. I want to stick to my culture." He then spoke about the "strong culture" India has. "I want to educate (people) that our Indian sentiments are so strong. Our culture is so strong. There's a lot of dignity in our stories. Nowadays, when you see it, it's not a South Indian or North Indian movie, it's about Indian mitti ka stories. These stories are finally coming out." The actor, who gained global recognition with his power-packed performance in 'RRR', will next be seen in the Tamil-Telugu bilingual 'Game Changer', which also stars Kiara Advani. He also has yet-untitled project with director Buchi Babu Sana.



'I want to contribute to society'

Praneet Bhatt is a well-known actor in the industry, who is still known by people for his role of Mama Shakuni. Apart from this, his various roles in various mythological shows on television have been well received by the audience. Presently Praneet Bhatt is playing a negative character in Star Bharat's show 'Aashao Ka Saver...Dheere Dheere Se', the special thing is that Praneet is a trained theatre artist and has worked in many big dramas. Talking about his character, Praneet expressed his interest in participating in a story depicting social issues. This is the reason why Praneet is a part of 'Aashao Ka Saver...Dheere Dheere Se'. Praneet Bhatt says, I was told by Swastik Productions that my character in the show 'Aashao Ka Saver...Dheere Dheere Se' is a side role, yet I chose this role as it is a story of a widow and I agree That such stories should reach people. Everyone should work with Swastik Productions as there is a lot to learn.



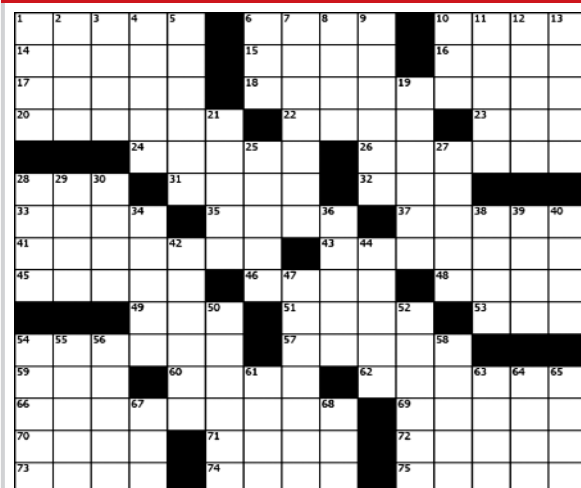
Akshay Kumar seeks blessings at Kedarnath temple, greets fans

Bollywood's 'Khiladi' Akshay Kumar has paid a visit to Kedarnath temple in Uttarakhand. A video of the actor is doing the rounds on social media, where he is seen coming out of the temple after offering prayers and then greeting fans outside with folded hands. The actor too took to Instagram, where he shared a video of the temple and captioned it: "Jai baba Bholenath". In the viral clip, Akshay is accompanied with a lot of security. He is seen wearing an all black outfit for his visit to the temple. On the acting front, Akshay will next be seen in 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'. The film, which also stars Tiger Shroff, has been shot in various locations across Scotland, London, India and UAE. He also has 'OMG: Oh My God 2', Hindi remake of 'Soorai Potru' and in the next installment of the 'Hera Pheri' franchise.



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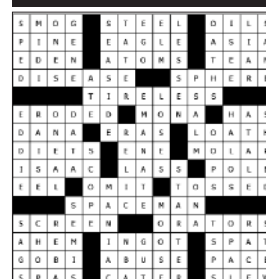
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There is no role for anchor in T20 cricket: Rohit Sharma

Mumbai, May 24 (PTD):

India captain Rohit Sharma believes T20 cricket has changed and there is no role for anchors left in the format, adding that he has been exploring what he can achieve more as a batter even though his change in approach has brought about failures.

The Indian captain across formats, Rohit says as a batter he wants to do things 'differently' now without worrying too much about the outcomes, and that power-hitting could never be his forte.

"As I see it, there is no role for an anchor now. It is just how T20 cricket is played these days, unless you are 20/3 or 4, which is not going to happen every day," Rohit told Jio Cinema.

"Once in a while, you will be in that position and then someone needs to anchor the innings and finish off to a good score. There is no role for an anchor anymore, guys are playing differently." Rohit feels a change in mindset is mandatory.

"If you do not change your mindset, you are



going to get smashed. People on the other side are thinking about the game differently and taking it to the next level.

"All seven batters need to play their role, I believe that if you get a good score, it is good, but even if you get a good 30-40 off just 10-15 or 20 balls, it is (just) as good because you are doing the role for the team. The game has changed," he added.

The Mumbai Indians and India captain said he has played T20 cricket long enough for him to stick to a particular approach to batting. "I just want to play that way and see what I can do. I have played this format for a long time and in a certain manner. But I want to do different things now. While doing that, (if) I get out, (it) does not really bother me," he said.

Rohit added, "If you see, in Chennai (vs Chennai Super Kings) and before that in Mohali (vs Punjab Kings), I got out zero. In the third game, against RCB, I stepped down the first ball. I thought I have failed thrice in as many attempts but it is fine, this is what I am going to do."

Ronaldo scores winner in Saudi Arabia

Riyadh, May 24 (AP):

Cristiano Ronaldo helped Al-Nassr keep its Saudi Arabian title hopes alive by scoring the winning goal in a come-from-behind 3-2 victory over Al-Shabab. If second-place Al-Nassr had lost the Riyadh derby then leader Al-Ittihad, which beat Al-Batin 1-0 earlier, would have been crowned champion with two games of the season remaining. Cristian Gnanca scored twice for Al-Shabab before Anderson Talisca of Brazil pulled a goal back for Al-Nassr just before the break. Six minutes after the restart, the nine-time champions were level as Abdulrahman Ghareeb made it 2-2 from close range. Just before the hour, Ronaldo put Al-Nassr ahead in style, sprinting past two defenders to curl a shot into the top corner from the edge of the area. It was the Portugal star's 14th goal since joining after the World Cup. "To be 2-0 down is very difficult but we believed until the end and scored three goals so congratulations to the team and the supporters who were amazing today," the former Real Madrid star said. Al-Ittihad is three points clear at the top of the standings. Ronaldo said the Saudi league is slowly improving: "Step-by step I think this league will be in the top five leagues in the world but they need time, they need players, they need infrastructure."

Sindhu, Srikanth enter second round of Malaysia Masters



Kuala Lumpur, May 24 (PTD):

Star Indian shuttler PV Sindhu had to dig deep to beat

Denmark's Line Christophersen in the women's singles opening round and enter the pre-quarterfinals of the Malaysia Masters here on Wednesday.

Sindhu, seeded sixth, had to toil for one hour and two minutes to get the better of Christophersen 21-13 17-21 21-18 and maintain her superiority over the world no. 33 Dane, who the Indian had defeated

four times earlier. The two-time Olympic medalist Indian, ranked 13th in the world, will next play Japan's Aya Ohori.

However, it was curtains for qualifier Ashmita Chaliha and Aakarshi Kashyap in the women's singles competition as they suffered straight-game defeats to crash out in the opening round.

While Ashmita lost 17-21 7-21 against fourth seed Yue Han of China, Aakarshi was shown the door by top seed Japanese Akane Yamaguchi 17-21 12-21. Among Indian men,

Kidambi Srikanth defeated Toma Junior Popov 21-12 21-16 to enter the singles second round.

He will be next be up against Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn, seeded eighth.

Later in the day, HS Prannoy will take on sixth seed Tien Chen Chou of Chinese Taipei, while Lakshya Sen will be up against seventh seed Kean Yew Loh of Singapore in the men's singles opening round.

Malvika Bansod will be in action against second seed Zhi Yi Wang of China in women's singles.

Manika out of singles competition

World Table Tennis Championships

Durban, May 24 (PTD):

Star Indian paddler Manika Batra fought hard before going down to Adriana Diaz of Puerto Rico 3-4 in the round of 32 at the World Table Tennis Championships here on Wednesday.

Up against Diaz, ranked 13th in the ITTF chart, world number 39 Manika took the first game before her opponent stepped on the pedal. It was fairly balanced till the sixth game with both the players locked at 3-3.

But Diaz ran away with the decider as Manika lost 3-4 (6-11, 12-10, 11-9, 6-11, 13-11, 9-11, 11-3), to book her place in the last 16.

Even though she lost, Manika managed to ensure the best result for India in singles com-



petition here. Later in the day, Achanta Sharath Kamal and Sathiyam Gnanasekaran will play the English pair of Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford in the men's doubles round of 16. The Indian combination had defeated the same English duo en route to a gold medal in last year's Birmingham Commonwealth Games. Manika will then pair up with Archana Kamath and take on Japan's Hina Hayata and Mima Ito in the round of 16 of women's doubles.

Back-to-back international commitments very good for India: Gurpreet

New Delhi, May 24 (PTD):

Indian football team's first-choice goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu says there is competition with his challenger Amrinder Singh but winning matches is more important than just being on the pitch for both.

Earlier this year, at the Tri-Nation Cup in Imphal, where India beat Myanmar 1-0 and the Kyrgyz Republic 2-0 to lift the trophy, both Gurpreet and Amrinder jointly won the 'Goalkeeper of the Tournament' award.

"The relation between the players is extremely good. There is competition for places in a way, but we are like brothers, and we all know that either of us can slot in and do the job on a given day," Gurpreet said. "It's an honour to play for



the country and whenever given the opportunity, we must do justice to it. Of course, we also help each other be in the right frame for such opportunities whenever they present themselves. "Overall, the desire is to see the team win, than to just be on the

pitch," he added. Playing back-to-back internationals tournaments prior to next year's AFC Asian Cup is "very good" for the Indian team, feels Gurpreet. The team is set to play in a number of matches, with back-to-back international tournaments lined up -- the

Intercontinental Cup in Bhubaneswar, the SAFF Championship in Bengaluru, followed by the Kings Cup in Thailand (September) and the Merdeka Cup in Malaysia (October).

Preparing for the Asian Cup, which is set to be held in January-February in Qatar, the Blue Tigers are hard at work in their training camp in Bhubaneswar ahead of the Intercontinental Cup.

Gurpreet believes that it is a great opportunity for players to polish their skills. "Back-to-back tournaments are very good for us. We've got a good number of games in front of us, and that's something that I personally appreciate. I don't think we have ever done this before," Gurpreet told the-aiff.com.

Warner will really play big part in Ashes and WTC final: Andrew McDonald

Melbourne, May 24 (PTD):

Australia's head coach Andrew McDonald has backed David Warner to "play a really big part" in the upcoming World Test Championship final against India and the Ashes series against traditional rivals England.

Warner endured a difficult tour of India earlier this year and even though the Delhi Capitals skipper showed attacking intent while amassing 516 runs from 14 matches in the IPL, he will have his task cut out in the seaming English conditions.

Regardless of Warner's recent struggles, McDonald is confident of the seasoned Australian delivering at the top of the order in the UK. "We're op-



timistic with what Dave's got left, we've picked him in the squad and we feel he'll play a really big part in the Ashes and the World Test Championship (final)," McDonald told Australian radio station SEN. Warner was included in Australia's squad for the WTC final against India and the first two Ashes Tests but selectors have also picked Marcus Harris and Matt Renshaw as options.

IPL has taken a heavy toll, I have 8-9 months to decide: MS Dhoni

Chennai, May 24 (PTD):

Describing himself as an "annoying skipper," Mahendra Singh Dhoni said months of intense preparation for the IPL has taken a "heavy toll" on him and that he would take a call on his retirement in eight to nine months.

There have been speculations that 2023 could be a swansong season for Dhoni, who has led Chennai Super Kings to their 10th IPL final with a 15-run win over Gujarat Titans in the Qualifier 1 here on Tuesday.

"Frankly, it takes a heavy toll. I have been out of home for literally four months," Dhoni said at the post-match presentation after winning the last game of the season at Chepauk. "I will always come to CSK. I have been out of home from January, been practicing since March, so we will see," he added. "January 31 was when I got out of the house, finished my work, and started practicing from 2nd or 3rd of March. It takes a lot, but I have ample time to decide."

"I don't know... I have 8-9 months to decide. Why take that headache now. I have ample time to decide. The auction is in December," the 41-year-old said.

Personally, Dhoni has had a quiet season with the bat, managing just 104 runs from 15 matches at an average of 34.67, and was also seen struggling with his knee especially while running between the wickets.

The World Cup-winning captain, however, has not missed a match this season. After CSK's final league game, he was also seen wearing a brace.

"I will always be there for CSK, whether that is in the playing form or sitting somewhere outside...I don't really know."

Shastri wants both Ashwin and Jadeja in Indian playing XI for WTC Final



Dubai, May 24 (PTD):

Former head coach Ravi Shastri feels that Indian team should play to its strength and include both Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja in the playing eleven against Australia in the upcoming World Test Championship final at the Oval, next month.

Under Shastri's coaching, Indian team won a Test match at the Oval in 2021 but it was largely due to performance of India's pace attack comprising Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Umesh Yadav and Shardul Thakur apart from a class captain Rohit Sharma. Picking his XI for the marquee WTC Final, Shastri felt the void left by Bumrah will hurt India's chances and they should counter it by

picking another spinner to accommodate for the lack of quicks.

"India did very well in England last time round because you had Bumrah, you had Shami, you had Shardul Thakur, and you had Mohammed Siraj," Shastri said in ICC Review.

"So you had four fast bowlers. One being an all-rounder there, Shardul.

"That combination is a very good combination in England. Especially from India's point of view. It allows someone like Rohit Sharma to control the game far better. At times in England, you need to slow it down as well. And suddenly it can get overcast," he explained. For Shastri, it is important to pick players as per conditions and current form. Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav are a couple of years older and might be a few yards slower compared to 2021.

"You have got horses for courses, you've got all bases covered. But then if the quality is not good in your fast-bowling attack. If you think the guys are older, they are not as quick as they used to be, and the form is a little doubtful, then you play that second spinner because Ashwin is quality, as is Jadeja."

Defence main focus in next two games in Australia: Ekka



Adelaide, May 24 (PTD):

The focus would be on defence and not conceding easy goals as the Indian women's hockey team looks to bounce back and sign off with wins against Australia A in their last two games of the tour here.

The Indians have played three games against Australia, losing 2-4 and 2-3 in the first two games, respectively, and then coming from behind in the third game to ensure a 1-1 result.

In their final two games of the tour, the visitors

will face Australia 'A' here on Thursday and Saturday.

The exposure trip is part of India's preparation for the upcoming Asian Games and vice-captain Deep Grace Ekka believes that a strong defence line will be critical to the team's chances.

"Given that we played against a strong team like Australia, we produced a good show in the first three games, especially attacking-wise, but we conceded quite a few goals, which shouldn't be happening," Ekka said.

"Hence, we are focusing on improving our defend-

ing in the next two games and ending our tour on a high by winning the remaining matches."

The Indian team demonstrated brilliant attacking prowess in all three games, but they struggled to keep Australia from scoring goals.

"Also, if we ensure that we don't concede goals easily, it will help our forward line put pressure on opponents by attacking freely, which will ultimately increase our chances of winning games not only in this tour but also in our upcoming tournaments," the 28-year-old added.

'Banks cannot forcibly take possession of loan-default vehicles by engaging musclemen'

Patna, May 24 (PTI)

The Patna High Court has held that forcibly taking away vehicles from owners by musclemen engaged by financial institutions and banks for defaulting on loans is violation of the fundamental right to life and livelihood.

Justice Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, while disposing of a batch of writ petitions, said the rights of the banks and the finance companies must be exercised within the constitutional limitations and in accordance with the law.

The single bench observed that banks and finance companies "cannot act in conflict with the fundamental principles and policy of India which means that no person may be deprived of his livelihood and the right to live with dignity without following the established procedure of law".

A Supreme Court order "completely bans taking such possession by engaging gangsters, goons and musclemen as so-called recovery agents", the bench said in its order.

The high court said that vehicle loans should be re-

covered following provisions of securitisation that empower banks and financial institutions to recover bad debts by acquiring physical possession of the mortgaged properties of defaulting borrowers with the aid of the district administration and getting them auctioned in order to enforce their security interest.

The bench directed all police superintendents in Bihar to ensure that no vehicle is seized forcefully by any recovery agent and fined erring banks and finance companies Rs 50,000 each.

"The right to recovery of these banks and financial institutions if pitted against the constitutional right of life of a person/petitioner to live with dignity and not to be deprived of without following the established procedure of law, the constitutional rights of the person/petitioners shall prevail," it said.

In the garb of the power acquired by the financier under the loan agreement to repossess the vehicle, they cannot be allowed to take the law into their hands, the high court said in its May 19 order.

Ordinance on control of services in Delhi means Modi govt doesn't believe in Supreme Court: Kejriwal

Mumbai, May 24 (PTI)

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday claimed the ordinance issued for control of services in Delhi implies the Narendra Modi government does not believe in the Supreme Court.

After meeting Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray at the latter's residence in Mumbai, Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) national convener Kejriwal said state governments were being toppled by using the CBI and the ED.

Slamming the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Thackeray said they have come together to defeat forces that are against democracy.



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann being welcomed by Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray at his residence, in Mumbai, Wednesday.

Kejriwal met Thackeray to seek support for the AAP's fight against the Centre's ordinance on con-

trol of services in Delhi. He said the Shiv Sena has promised to support the people of Delhi when the

ordinance comes to the Rajya Sabha in the form of a bill.

"This will be like a semi-final in the Rajya Sabha. If the bill is defeated in the Rajya Sabha, then the Modi government will not come back to power in 2024," Kejriwal claimed.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) has three members in the Rajya Sabha.

"The ordinance on control of services in Delhi means the Modi government doesn't believe in the Supreme Court. The ordinance implies that how can the Supreme Court give a judgment against us (the Centre)," Kejriwal said. Backing the AAP leader, Thackeray said the Supreme Court's order was important for democracy.

10 booked in Indore for distributing 'objectionable' pamphlets against RSS and Bajrang Dal

Indore, May 24 (PTI)

Police have registered an FIR against 10 persons in Indore city of Madhya Pradesh for allegedly distributing objectionable pamphlets against the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the Bajrang Dal, a police official said on Wednesday.

The First Information Report (FIR) was registered based on a complaint lodged by a 45-year-old woman, said Raoji Bazar police station in-charge Pritam Singh Thakur.

"The case was registered against nearly 10 unidentified persons under section 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The complaint stated that the pamphlets, which were distributed on the

night of May 20, allegedly used objectionable words against the RSS and the Bajrang Dal," he said.

"The identity of the people who distributed the pamphlets is yet to be established. We are trying to identify the accused with the help of CCTV footage," he said.

Another police official said the pamphlets, published in the backdrop of the issue of religious conversion, were addressed to young women. The pamphlets, titled "Open Letter", have "Your Faithful Brother" printed as the sender at the end, he said.

Two days back, the Indore police arrested a 23-year-old man on the charge of raping a woman, with whom he was in a relationship, and pressuring her to change her religion.

DU to launch centre on tribal studies

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

The Delhi University will start a multi-disciplinary centre on tribal studies to educate students about the contribution of tribal leaders to society during various eras of Indian history, a senior varsity official said on Wednesday.

The proposal in this regard will be presented at a meeting of the Academic Council on Friday, the official added.

An ordinance issued recently said the new centre will have seven major objectives, which include understanding the term "tribe" from an India-centric perspective and studying the "social, cultural, linguistic, religious, economic, and environmental diversity and commonalities" of different tribes.

The students will get to "study and document various Lok traditions of India's tribes including their indigenous/traditional knowledge", according to the ordinance.

The centre also aims to highlight the role of tribal leaders in India's struggle for freedom and "bring out to prominence the unsung heroes among them", the ordinance added.

Another focus area of the new centre is the identification of the problems of Denotified and Nomadic tribes and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) with reference to conservation, development and special health needs.

Students of the centre will also get a chance to study the significance of forest-tribe relationships with a focus on the stability

of forest ecosystems and livelihood issues.

According to the ordinance, a new body will be set up under the Executive Council of the university to monitor the multi-disciplinary centre's governance. All expenditures of the centre such as on seminars, research projects, teaching, publications, administration, equipment and other support activities shall be made adhering to the General Financial Rules, allocation and other rules and regulations as applicable, the ordinance mentioned.

"Additional financial support can be sought from various government agencies or through collaborations with national and international agencies according to the requirements from time to time," it added.

Heavy rains lash Jammu region, landslide blocks highway

Jammu, May 24 (PTI) In a respite from the scorching heat wave conditions, heavy rains on Wednesday lashed various areas of the Jammu region bringing down the temperature.

The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was blocked for a brief period due to landslides triggered by heavy rains in Ramban district.

There were rains in various areas of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Udhampur, Rajouri and Reasi districts on Wednesday, officials said.

Student accused of setting afire court premises acquitted

Mumbai, May 24 (PTI)

A sessions court here has acquitted a 22-year-old student who was arrested for setting afire the premises of another court and causing damage to the property, observing that the prosecution failed to prove the case against him. In his order passed last month, Additional Sessions Judge A A Kulkarni let off Omkar Pawar and said the prosecution had claimed that the alleged incident occurred in broad daylight but it did not

examine any witness who might have seen the accused at the spot. "In such circumstances, I am of the opinion that evidence of prosecution is not sufficient to conclude that prosecution has proved that accused set fire in the premises of Girgaon court and caused damage to the property," the court said. As per the prosecution, the assistant superintendent of Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Girgaon, had on June 19, 2021, received a call about a fire on the premises.

'Ramayana, Mahabharata will be rewritten in every era'



Mythological fiction writer Anand Neelakantan.

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

Age-old stories like those told in Ramayana and Mahabharata will be rewritten and retold in every era, says writer Anand Neelakantan, who is known for his interpretation of Indian epics from the perspective of the antagonist.

The 49-year-old rose to fame with his 2012 mythological fiction, "Asura: Tale of the Vanquished", which depicted the tale of Ramayana from the perspective of Ravana. His another bestseller, "Ajaya", also depicts the epic of Mahabharata from the point of view of Duryodhana.

Calling himself more of a "storyteller" than a novelist, Neelakantan

said "Indian civilisation" does not believe in "one god, one religion, and one book".

"It is not the first time somebody is reinterpreting or rewriting it, every Ramayana is different, every Mahabharata is different. There are more than 1000-1200 Mahabharatas and 300-340 Ramayanas. This is a tradition continuing from the last 2000-3000 years, or more than that in different languages," Neelakantan told PTI in an interview.

The author said retelling an old story in a slightly different manner

was never considered "blasphemy".

"Traditionally, it was never that, which is why we have got so many Ramayanas and Mahabharatas. It's an all accepting culture. And more will be written, it's not going to end.

Mumbai BJP chief Ashish Shelar meets NCP supremo

Mumbai, May 24 (PTI)

Bharatiya Janata Party's Mumbai unit chief and MLA Ashish Shelar on Wednesday called on Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) president Sharad Pawar at the latter's residence in south Mumbai.

What transpired at the meeting, however, could not be known.

The meeting between the two leaders assumes significance as Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is scheduled to meet the NCP chief in the city on Thursday. Kejriwal, who met Shiv Sena (UBT) president on Wednesday, is seeking support of different polit-

ical parties and leaders for the Aam Aadmi Party's fight against the Centre's ordinance on control of services in Delhi.

Although Shelar and Pawar belong to rival parties, they have been on the same page when it comes to controlling the cricket boards of Mumbai or the apex body of the sports. Shelar, a BJP MLA from Bandra West, has been in the world of cricket politics for almost a decade, while Pawar had earlier served as the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the International Cricket Council (ICC), and the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA).

President Murmu inaugurates new Jharkhand High Court building



President Droupadi Murmu with Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud and others during the inauguration of the new building of Jharkhand High Court, in Ranchi, Wednesday.

Ranchi, May 24 (PTI)

President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday inaugurated the new building of the Jharkhand High Court in Ranchi, built at a cost of about Rs 550 crore.

The 165-acre compound of the new high court is one of the largest in the country in terms of area.

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, Jharkhand Governor

Radhakrishnan, Union Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra, Chief Minister Hemant Soren and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. The new High Court building has 25 air-conditioned courtrooms and two halls for lawyers with a sitting capacity of 1,200 people each, along with 540 chambers, an official said.

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US national

■ **New Delhi:** A US national allegedly carrying six live bullet rounds in his baggage was apprehended by the CISF at the Delhi international airport recently, official sources said on Wednesday. The passenger, who was bound for Helsinki onboard a Finnair flight on May 22 from the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, was handed over to the Delhi Police, which booked him under sections of the Arms Act. The passenger has now been released on bail, they said, adding the bullets were of the Hornady 357 Mag caliber.

Vande Bharat

■ **New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the inaugural run of the Vande Bharat Express from Dehradun to Delhi on Thursday via video conferencing, his office said. This will be the first Vande Bharat to be introduced in Uttarakhand, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said on Wednesday. With world-class amenities, it will herald a new era of comfortable travel experience, especially for tourists travelling to the state, the PMO said. Prime Minister Modi will flag off the inaugural run of the Vande Bharat Express from Dehradun to Delhi on May 25 at 11 am, it said.

Cryptocurrency fraud

■ **New Delhi:** Three men were arrested for allegedly duping people of lakhs of rupees on the pretext of investing in cryptocurrency, police said on Wednesday. The accused were identified as Pushkar Jat (22), Vishal Tank (21) and Nitesh Mali (20), they said. According to police, the matter came to light in April after a complaint was filed by a resident of Mayur Vihar who alleged that she was cheated on the pretext of investing money in cryptocurrency. She was, instead, duped of Rs 7.80 lakh by a group of cheaters active on the Telegram application.

Car crash

■ **Mathura (UP):** Four people were killed and one was seriously injured on Wednesday when a car rammed into a tree in this district, police said. The accident took place near Pilkhuni village under Raya police station limits, they said. The car was travelling to Mathura from Baldeo town of the district, police said. Five people were injured and rushed to district hospital, where doctors declared four of them brought dead, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shailesh Kumar Pandey said.

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PARLIAMENT BUILDING INAUGURATION

19 opposition parties to boycott ceremony

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

As many as 19 parties, including the Congress, Left, TMC, SP and AAP, on Wednesday announced their decision to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 28, saying they find no value in a new building when the "soul of democracy has been sucked out".

Noting that the inauguration of the Parliament building is a momentous occasion, the opposition parties in a joint statement said, "despite our belief that the government is threatening democracy, and our disapproval of the autocratic manner in which the new Parliament was built, we were open to sinking our differences and marking this occasion".

However, Prime Minister

'Sengol' in new building will serve as reminder of responsibility to uphold righteous governance

New Delhi: Installation of the sceptre 'Sengol' in the new Parliament building will be a historic moment for India as it will serve as a reminder of the responsibility to uphold righteous governance for the nation, Union ministers and BJP leaders said on Wednesday. Union Home Minister Amit Shah earlier in the day announced that the historical sceptre from Tamil Nadu will find a place in the new Parliament building to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 28. The sceptre was received by first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru to represent transfer of power from the British and was kept till now in a museum in Allahabad.



Modi's decision to inaugurate the new Parliament building by himself, "completely sidelining President Droupadi Murmu, is not only a grave insult but a direct assault on our democracy which demands a commensurate response".

Modi will inaugurate the new Parliament building on May 28 following an invitation by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. "When the soul of democracy has been sucked out from Parliament, we find no value in a new building. We announce our collective decision to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building," the parties said.

"We will continue to fight - in letter, in spirit, and in substance - against this 'authoritarian' prime minister and his government, and take our message directly to the people of India," the opposition parties said.

Houses of eight Pak-based terrorists raided

Jammu, May 24 (PTI)

The Jammu and Kashmir Police Special Investigation Unit (SIU) on Wednesday conducted raids on houses of eight Pakistan-based terrorists at multiple locations in Kishtwar and Ramban districts, senior officials said. The raids were carried out in Padder, Keshwan and Thakrai in Kishtwar and Khari and Banihal in Ramban to scuttle attempts by these terrorists to revive militancy in the Chenab valley region, they said. Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Ahmad Poswal said the searches at the houses of Azad Hussain, Gazi-ud-Din, Bashir Ahmed Mughal and Sattar Din, alias Rajab, were conducted after search warrants were obtained from a special NIA court in Jammu in a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. "The searches are aimed at eliminating the militant ecosystem in the district by identifying various over-ground workers and supporters of militancy," the officer said.

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Two killed as bus overturns in Raigarh

Raigarh, May 24 (PTI)

Two passengers were killed and 26 others, including women and children, injured when a private bus overturned in Chhattisgarh's Raigarh district on Wednesday morning, police said. Eleven of those injured are serious, they said. The accident took place when the bus was going to Raigarh from Lailunga town in the district.

The bus driver lost control of the vehicle which overturned at Charbhanta turn under Gharghoda police station limits, said Dipak Mishra, sub-

divisional officer of police, Dharamjaigarh area. Two passengers died on the spot, while 26 others, including 10 women and two children, sustained injuries, he said. After being alerted about the accident, police reached the spot and launched a rescue operation, he said. Of the injured, 11 were referred to a medical college in Raigarh as they are in serious condition, while 12 were admitted to the Primary Health Centre, Gharghoda. The remaining three are being treated at a hospital in Raigarh, Mishra said.

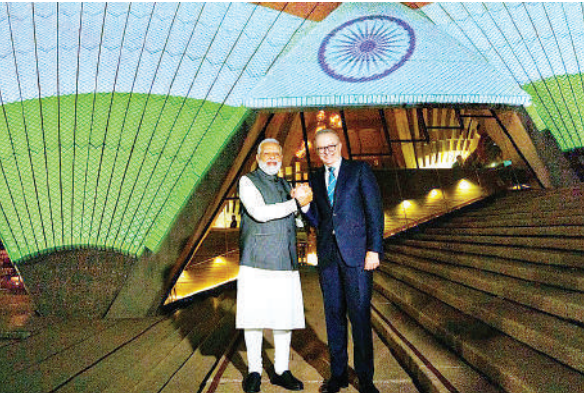
'India-Australia ties in 'T-20 mode' now'

Sydney, May 24 (PTI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday used cricket analogy to describe the rapid upswing in India-Australia ties as he said that the bilateral relations have entered the "T-20 mode".

Modi made the comments after holding wide-ranging talks with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese that focused on further expansion of the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries.

The prime minister also invited Albanese and Australian cricket fans to India for the Cricket World Cup tournament which is taking place in the coun-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese at Sydney Opera House, illuminated in Indian tricolours, in Sydney, Wednesday.

try later this year. "I am visiting Australia within two months of my friend Prime Minister Albanese's visit to India. This is our sixth meeting in the past

one year. This reflects the depth in our comprehensive relations, the convergence in our views and the maturity of our ties," Modi said in his media

statement. "If I may say in the language of cricket, our ties have entered the T-20 mode," he said in the presence of Albanese.

"I invite Prime Minister Albanese and all Australian cricket fans to come to India for the Cricket World Cup to be held in India this year. At that time, along with cricket, you will also get to see the grand celebration of Diwali," he said.

Modi also highlighted the importance of India-Australia relations for the region.

"The scope of India-Australia relations is not limited to merely our two countries. It is also linked to regional stability, peace and global welfare," he said.

Shraddha Walkar murder case
'Why interested in telecasting narco test of Aaftab on TV'■ **HC asks news channel**

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

The Delhi High Court Wednesday sought to know from news channel Aaj Tak why it wanted to telecast the recording of narco analysis conducted on Aaftab Amin Poonawala, the man accused of strangling his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar and dismembering her body. Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar's poser came while hearing an application by the news channel seeking vacation of its April 19 order by which all media channels were re-

strained from displaying or telecasting any material connected with the case.

The high court issued notice and sought the response of the Delhi Police on the application and listed the application for further hearing on August 3, the date already fixed in the main petition.

The application was filed in a pending petition of the Delhi Police in which they have sought restraining media houses from publishing, printing and disseminating confidential information contained in the charge sheet and other such material collected during the course of investigation.

Special Public Prosecutor Amit Prasad, representing the Delhi Police, opposed the channel's application and said he will file a reply.

During the hearing, the high court said there are more heinous cases than this and 20 murders take place all over India daily. "What is so special about this case?" asked the bench.

"Was the Nirbhaya case played on TV channels? Why are you choosing this particular case?" it asked and wondered whether the channel would similarly display the developments in the Atiq Ahmed murder case investigation.

Man impersonates Army officer to cheat people, held

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

A 26-year-old man was arrested for allegedly posing as an Army officer and duping people on the pretext of purchasing goods for army school, police said on Wednesday.

The accused, Harish, hails from Hidayatpur village in Palwal district of Haryana. He used to run 'White Global ATM' in Bamni village in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan, they said.

As of now, a total of five complaints registered in various states have been identified that are linked to the accused and money trail of more than Rs 70

lakh is found in these fraudulent accounts, police said. According to police, the matter came to light after a Delhi resident told them that he received a call from an unknown caller on June 30, 2022. The person called him on the pretext of purchasing pipes for army school and introduced himself as an Army officer. The accused duped him of Rs 10,47,605. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Shahdara) Rohit Meena said that the probe team collected all the relevant information including Call Detail Record and WhatsApp chat. All bank details and phone numbers of the accused were analysed.

Ram temple to open in January next year

■ **Infra works expedited in Ayodhya**

Lucknow, May 24 (PTI)

The Uttar Pradesh government has expedited infrastructure works in Ayodhya, including expansion of its airport and railway station, as the city prepares for the opening of the Ram temple in January next year, according to a statement.

Work is also in progress on the Ram Path, a 13-km road from Sahadatganj to Naya Ghat, it said. The

outline for the construction of the Ramjanaki Path and the Bhakti Path is also ready, the statement issued here said. The airport and the railway station are also being expanded, it added. These road corridors are important as these will facilitate the movement of devotees to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi and the Hanuman Garhi temple, the statement said.

The width of the Ram Janmabhoomi Path will be 30 metres and the width of the Bhakti Path will be 14 metres, it said. Chief

Minister Yogi Adityanath has invited people to come for the Ram temple's opening, it said and added that he is reviewing the progress of different works regularly. Supporting the government's initiative to develop Ayodhya, shopkeepers, without any resistance, have given the land of their shops for the construction of the "grand" temple and its other facilities, the statement said.

There has been no complaint of any irregularity in disbursement of compensation under this project, it said.

Delhi court dismisses default bail pleas of two accused

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

A Delhi court on Wednesday dismissed the bail applications of two accused persons in a money laundering case lodged against AAP leader Satyendar Kumar Jain in a disproportionate assets case. Special Judge Vikas Dhull dismissed the default bail application filed by Vaibhav Jain and Ankush Jain, who are accused of abetting Satyendar Kumar Jain in acquisition of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Both had moved the application, claiming they deserved to be granted statutory bail as the charge sheet filed against them was incomplete.

Entire process of Rs 2000 notes withdrawal will be non-disruptive: RBI Guv

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said that RBI is monitoring the situation regularly with regard to the withdrawal of Rs 2,000 currency notes and expressed confidence that the entire exercise will be completed in a non-disruptive manner.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday announced the withdrawal of Rs 2000 denomination banknotes as part of its currency management and permitted the exchange of Rs 2000 currency notes up to Rs 20,000 in one go from Tuesday onwards. The exchange or deposit

window is available until September 30, 2023. He said that RBI has given four-month time for exchanging as well as depositing the Rs 2,000 currency notes to ensure that there is no hardship faced by anyone. "Yesterday there was no crowd anywhere. And we are monitoring the situation regularly. I don't think there is any concern or any major issue which is coming out...business activities going on," he said. Justifying the deadline, he said unless there is a timeline in any process, it's not effective. "So you need to give a timeline and we have given sufficient time," he added. Replying to ques-

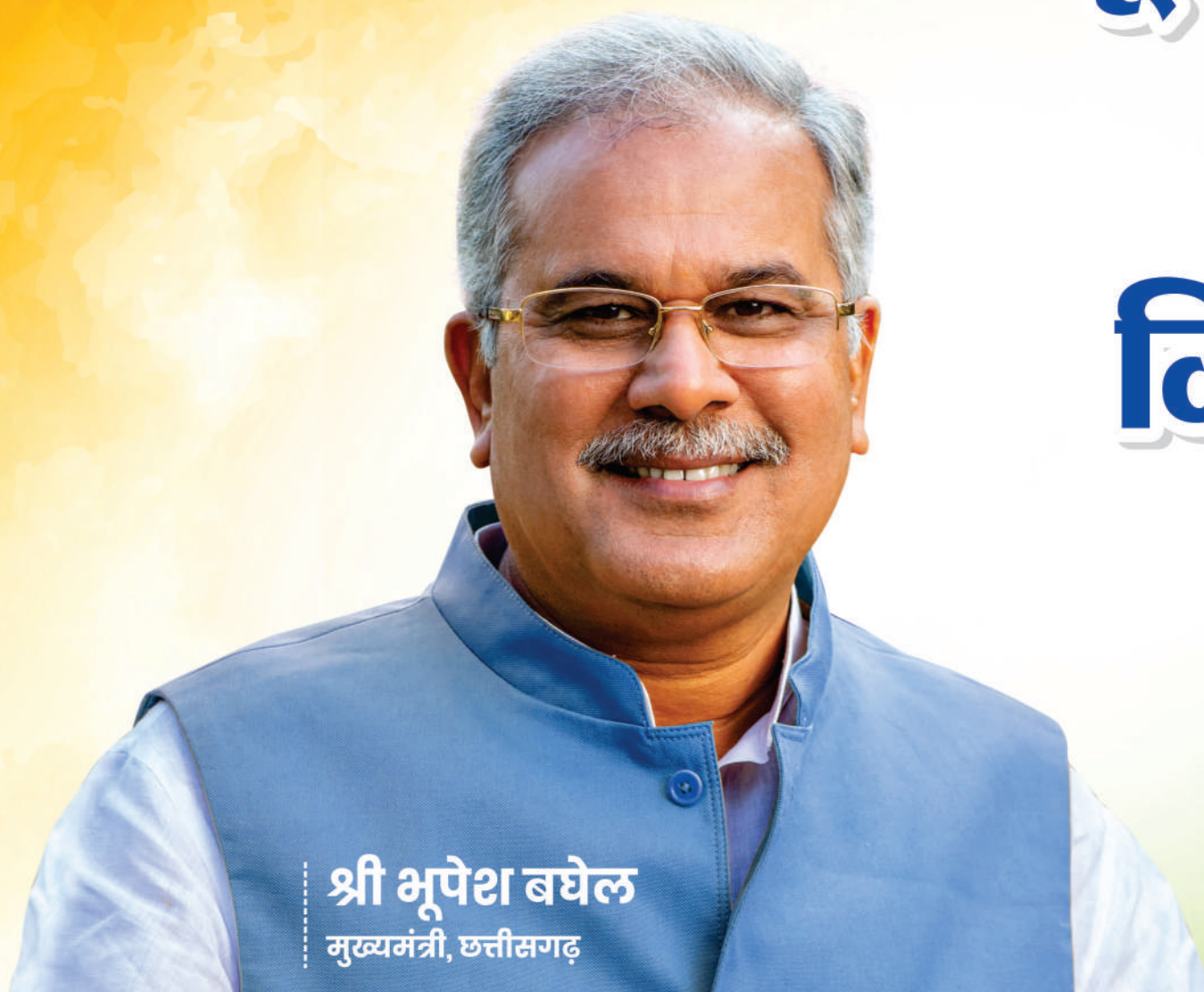
tions at an event organised by industry body CII, Governor Das said the entire process of withdrawal of the high-denomination currency will be non-disruptive. "The entire process will be non-disruptive. We have made our analysis about that," the Governor said. The Rs 2000 notes constitute around 10.8 per cent of total currency in circulation or Rs 3.6 lakh crore. Das said these notes had completed the lifecycle and the purpose has been fulfilled. "It's not being used in transactions...any high denomination currency just remaining here and there, it has other collateral issues," he said.

Rahul Gandhi's fresh passport plea

Court asks Swamy to file reply by Friday

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

A metropolitan court on Wednesday asked former BJP MP Subramanian Swamy to file his written submissions by Friday in response to a plea by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for a no-objection certificate to facilitate issuance of an "ordinary passport" to him after he surrendered his diplomatic passport upon his disqualification as an MP. Gandhi, who was disqualified as a Lok Sabha member after his conviction in a defamation case, is accused in the National Herald case in which Swamy is the complainant.



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Students should be ready to serve the nation: Governor

CM Baghel congratulates successful candidates of UPSC Civil Services Exam 2022

● **Lauds Ch'garh's youth for good performance in UPSC Civil Services Exam 2022**

Raipur, May 24:

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel extended his congratulations to the successful candidates of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination 2022 and wished them a bright future. Baghel emphasized that the youth of

Chhattisgarh have brought laurels to the state through their achievements in this prestigious national examination. He highlighted that the youth of Chhattisgarh have undoubtedly demonstrated their talent and exceptional abilities. Through sheer hard work and unwavering dedication, success is bound to be attained. When reviewing the results of previous years, it becomes evident that the youth of Chhattisgarh have consistently excelled in this ex-

amination. Shri Baghel expressed his hope that these successful candidates will serve as an inspiration for the aspiring youth who are diligently preparing for this examination.

It is worth mentioning that several candidates from Chhattisgarh secured commendable ranks in this examination including Abhishek Chaturvedi from Bilaspur, Akash Shrishimal, Divya Pant, and Shubhali Parihar from Kawardha and Anamika Kashyap from Bilaspur.

'Geeta Yadav earns 'Khelo India Annual Scholarship'

From Residential Hockey Academy Bilaspur

CM, Sports Minister extends best wishes to her

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 24: Geeta Yadav, a hockey player from the Residential Sports Academy in B.R. Yadav State Sports Training Center Bahtarai, Bilaspur, has been awarded the "Khelo India Annual Scholarship" provided by the Sports Authority of India. The academy is being operated by the Sports and Youth Welfare Department. As part of this scholarship, Geeta Yadav will be given annual financial assistance of Rs 6.20 lakh.

Chief Minister

Bhupesh Baghel congratulated Geeta Yadav on her outstanding achievement and extended his best wishes, stating that her accomplishment will serve as an inspiration to other players. Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Umesh Patel also congratulated Geeta and highlighted the state government's efforts in establishing various sports academies to provide athletes with enhanced facilities adhering to international standards. These academies aim to train players who will bring laurels to the state and country.

The assessment camp was organized by Khelo India, New Delhi from May 16 to May 20 this year. Geeta Yadav, a member of the Chhattisgarh national team, showcased a brilliant performance in the West Zone Junior Hockey Competition held

in Rajnandgaon. Based on her performance, hockey trainee player Geeta Yadav has been selected for the Khelo India Scholarship. Residential academies for hockey, archery, and athletics are operational in Bahtarai Bilaspur. These academies have been recognized as Centers of Excellence by the Sports Authority of India due to the availability of modern training facilities and better infrastructure. The academy trains a total of 95 players, including 57 in hockey, 12 in archery, and 26 in athletics.

Sports Secretary Neelam Namdev Ekka, Sports Director Shweta Srivastava Sinha, Bilaspur Academy Head Coach Vikas Paul, Head Performance Manager, and all the officers have congratulated and extended their best wishes to Geeta Yadav.

Education is the only means of development: CM

Governor and CM attended the 26th convocation ceremony of Pandit RSU

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 24: The 26th convocation ceremony of Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University (RSU) was held at Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Auditorium

under the chairmanship of Governor and Chancellor Bishwabhusan Harichandan. He wished, all the medal and degree awarded students a bright future and said that the students should consider the option of working on the major technical, social, economic and environmental challenges of our nation, and students should be ready to serve the nation.

The Governor said that students play an important role in taking the

country forward. The way the freedom fighters made the country independent by sacrificing themselves, in the same way called upon the students to participate in the progress and development of the country by thinking of patriotism. Praising the Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, the Governor said that this university is growing like a Banyan tree in the educational scenario of the state and the region and it is the origin of many universities of Chhattisgarh. He appreci-

ated the research being done in the university and the continuous efforts being made to provide quality education.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel while addressing the convocation said that 76 percent girl students are present in the convocation today. It is a symbol of women empowerment. Women are now becoming strong instead of weak. He said that education is the only medium through which we can develop and make our dreams come true.

Renowned Space Scientist Professor Y.S. Rajan, addressing the ceremony, said that there is a need to keep learning continuously from life. Students master their academic subject and learn from other subjects as well. All subjects are related to each other. Prof. Sachchidanand Shukla,

Vice Chancellor of Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University highlighted the activities and achievements of the university in his welcome address. Members of the Executive Council and Academic Council, professors, research scholars, university officials, students and their parents were present in the function.

At the 26th convocation ceremony of Pandit Ravi Shankar University, Governor Bishwabhusan Harichandan awarded the degree of D. Litt in Sanskrit subject to Mahant Ramsunder Das, Chairman of State Gauseva Ayog. In the convocation, 272 gold medals were awarded to 127 students, Ph.D. to 294 students, bachelor's degree to 1 lakh 17 thousand 31 students and post graduate degree to 44,704 students.

Two nabbed with 220 kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 55 lakh



Mahasamund, May 24: Mahasamund Police has seized a massive 220 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 55 lakh and nabbed three accused involved in transporting it. These accused were nabbed a year back in the same case of 'Ganja' smuggling.

SP Mahasamund Dhamrendra Singh disclos-



ing about the case informed that during checking of vehicle at Paraskol Padampur Check-post under Basna Thana on Wednesday, a Swift car bearing No. CG 19 BJ 2391 was stopped and in this 1 quintal 'Ganja' was seized from Hari Singh

Agaria S/o Bintu Agaria. In another Maruti Ritz car bearing No. CG 06 M 1000 was stopped by Komakhan Police near Temari Naka. In this on searching, 120 Kg

'Ganja' was seized and total amount of 'Ganja' seized from both is around Rs 55 lakh.

The Basna Police and Komakhan police has filed a case under Narcotics Act and taken the matter under investigation.

CM pays tribute to the martyrs of Jhiram Valley

● **'Jhiram Tribute Day' to be observed in the state today**

Raipur, May 24: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has paid his humble tributes to the leaders and jawans who were martyred in the Naxal attack in Jhiram Valley on May 25, 2013. Senior leaders of Chhattisgarh Vidyacharan Shukla, Nandkumar Patel, Mahendra Karma and many leaders and security forces personnel were

martyred in the Naxal attack in Jhiram Valley.

In his message issued on the eve of Jhiram Valley Martyrdom Day, Baghel has said that 'Jhiram Tribute Day' will be observed every year from 2020 on 25 May in memory of the martyrs and all those who were victims of Naxal violence in the past years. On May 25, two-minute silence will be observed in all the government and semi-government offices of the state and an oath will be taken to make the state an island of peace again.

पावन स्मरण

25 मई, 2013

एक दशक पहले आज ही के दिन झीरम घाटी में नक्सलवादी हमले में माननीय विद्याचरण शुक्ल, नंदकुमार पटेल, महेंद्र कर्मा, उदय मुदलियार, योगेंद्र शर्मा सहित वरिष्ठ नेतागण एवं सुरक्षाकर्मी शहीद हुए थे।

हमारे राजनेताओं, गणमान्य नागरिकों और सुरक्षाकर्मियों का बलिदान व्यर्थ नहीं जायेगा। नक्सलवाद के खिलाफ निर्णायक संघर्ष जारी रहेगा। छत्तीसगढ़ में शांति, विश्वास, सुरक्षा और खुशहाली सुनिश्चित करने के लिए हम संकल्पित हैं।

शहीदों के बलिदान को याद रखेगा छत्तीसगढ़

- भूपेश बघेल मुख्यमंत्री, छत्तीसगढ़



BJP Dist Prez inspects Gauthans; condemns govt for mismanagement



Bhilai, May 24:

BJP workers led by Bhilai District President Brijesh Bichpuriya inspected various Gauthans and condemned the state government over several issues. Bichpuriya alleged that it is a Gauthan scam of Rs 1300 crores. He said that about 150 cattle were seen in a sorry condition at Gauthan located in front of D Mart in Bypass Road. They also inspected the Gauthan located near Kurud overbridge, where not even a board was installed. They saw a bull in

a dying condition at this Gauthan and there were neither doctors nor any other arrangement. When the bull died in front of the BJP workers, Bichpuriya immediately contacted Durg District Collector and apprised him about the situation and narrated the chaos prevailing in Gauthan. After this, the administration made arrangements of fodder at this Gauthan. Bichpuriya said that an amount of Rs19 lakh has been approved for this Gauthan, but works worth not even Rs 19000 are visible. There

is no arrangement of drinking water, fodder, shed, etc. The cattle were in a sorry condition under the scorching sun. BJP Dist President tried to contact the BMC Commissioner as well as the Zone Commissioner, but they did not respond to the mobile call. Bichpuriya said that they are conducting 'Chalbo Gauthan Kholbo Poll' campaign to expose the irregularities in the Gauthans, which have become the center of scams. He said that they have found huge irregularities

in the Gauthans. He alleged that the entire scheme has been made for the purpose of corruption, in which money from central schemes has been misused. A scam of Rs 1300 crore is clearly visible, he asserted. He further alleged that Congress leaders and the top officials are filling their pockets through this scheme.

District General Secretary Yogendra Singh, District Vice President Shivsagar Mishra, Amar Sonkar, Mithila Khicharia, District Treasurer Sandeep Agarwal, District Minister Jai Prakash Yadav, Vijendra Singh, Vijay Jaiswal, Mandal President Supela Roopram Sahu, Govardhan Sahu, Tugendra Singh, Manoj Tiwari, Rajendra Singh, Yuva Morcha District President Amit Mishra, Mahila Morcha District President Sweety Kaushik, Vaishali Nagar Mandal General Secretary Dinesh Mishra, General Secretary Arjun Sahu, and others were present.

Three commercial areas being developed in Bhilai-Charoda

Bhilai, May 24:

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena reviewed the development works in the urban areas of the district at a meeting held on Tuesday. Planned phase for the development and construction in the urban areas was discussed. Collector sought information from the concerned officers regarding the development of the four urban bodies. In the meeting, the road map being made for development in the urban body was presented by Ajay Tripathi, Commissioner of Municipal Corporation Bhilai Charoda. He gave information regarding the ongoing development in Market Niharika (near Sirsa Chowk), Bhilai 03 Market (ward no 16 near Old Bhilai Bazar Chowk) and beside Charoda Marketline GE Road identified for ideal commercial premises. The commissioner said that there is a heavy load of traffic in all these areas. Therefore, places have been marked for parking at the nearest



site of these areas. Along with this, due to being a marketplace, special attention has been given to basic things like CCTV, drinking water, toilets, storm water drains, street lights, plantations etc. The works related to the proposed vending zone are also being done on a war footing. By setting up the market in a planned manner, the disorganized kiosks on the road can be arranged and the shopkeepers working in the kiosks can be given a permanent option. Niharika Complex (Near Sirsa Chowk) - Due to high traffic load in Niharika Complex area, three places have been marked for parking in the vacant lot nearest to the campus, along with vending zone, plantation,

drinking water, toilet, CCTV, the work of storm water drain, street light etc is being done with continuous monitoring. The parking site on the side of GE Road and Service Lane is complete. Apart from this, work is being done on other work plans with continuous monitoring. Bhilai 3 Market - Information was also given by the Commissioner regarding Bhilai 3, the oldest and densely populated market. He said that 3 parking spots have been marked here as well. The parking lot located near BSP Co-operative has been completed. Apart from this, the parking space near the old vegetable market near Panchvati temple is likely to be completed by June 30 and the parking lot near

Panchvati temple by July 15. Charoda Market Line - Information was also given regarding the parking lot, toilet, CCTV camera, storm water drain and street light to be built in Charoda Market Line. The space left between GE Road and Service Road is being levelled with paver blocks, which will be used as parking. The work is likely to be completed by June 30. Apart from this, the Commissioner also informed about the proposed vending zone in Niharika Market, Tehsil Road near Atal Awas and Colony Padum Nagar. He informed that some loan cases are at their final stage and all these vending zones will be completed by May 30.

BSP to observe Pt Jawaharlal Nehru's Death Anniversary at Bhilai Niwas

Bhilai, May 24: Like every year, this year also, SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant is going to organize a Shradddhanjali Sabha to commemorate the Death Anniversary of independent India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, on May 27, 2023. On this occasion a Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha will be organized in the Multipurpose Hall of Bhilai Niwas at 08.00 hrs.

Verses from Shrimad Bhagavad Gita will be recited by Acharya Maheshchandra Sharma, Bhai Hafiz Anwar will recite verses from the Quran Sharif, verses from Shri Guru Granth Sahib will be recited by Bhai Mahanga Singh and verses of the Bible will be recited by Father Arpan Tarun. Singers Paranjay Bhatia and Kumari Medha will also present Bhajans on this occasion.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, is the man behind establishing the Bhilai Steel Plant - country's best Integrated Steel Plant and India's largest steel

producer, also famed as the industrial pilgrimage of India. Pandit Nehru who laid the foundation stone of the public undertaking, may not be among us today, but his endeavors that provided industrial and economic growth to India can never be forgotten.

Pandit Nehru was a visionary who clearly realized the need to establish Integrated Steel Plants in the Public Sector after independence. It was under this initiative; the Bhilai Steel Plant was established with Soviet collaboration under the country's second five-year plan, as a result of an agreement between India and the Soviet Union in 1955.

Pt Jawaharlal Nehru said "Bhilai is the future of India and it feels good to see this dream come true". He visited Bhilai thrice to see his dream come true in the form of the Bhilai Steel Plant. It is Pt Nehru's gift not only to Chhattisgarh but also to the whole Country.

OA-BSP nominates 10 women officers in the executive committee

Bhilai, May 24:

For the first time in its history, Officers Association of Bhilai Steel Plant has nominated 10 women officers working in different departments of BSP in its working committee. Highlighting the objective of this initiative, the President of the Officers' Association, Narendra Kumar Banchhor said that they had promised to nominate 10 women officers as Zonal Representatives to give a new direction to the welfare activities for women officers. Fulfilling this promise, the present executive has approved the names of 10 women officers. Banchhor added that they had also promised that the post of Joint Secretary will be created in Medical and Health Services and for Women's Welfare. Accordingly, the



Executive Committee of OA has nominated Dr Parag Gupta as Joint Secretary (M&HS) and Dr Lata Dewangan as Joint Secretary (Women Welfare). Banchhor said that for the first time in the history of the OA, this year, a grand Women's Day function was organised with special focus on the executive women's development. Women participated enthusiastically and displayed their talents in this programme. Keeping women's welfare in mind, OA has nominated 10

women officers who will especially take forward the works of women's welfare. General Secretary Parvinder Singh, while giving information about the 10 nominated women officers, said that in this list, representation has been given to all women from plant to projects area; from medical to education department and from personnel department to finance department. The nominated women officers are ACOM Dr Lata Dewangan from M&HS Dept, DGM Deepti Raj

from BRM Dept, DGM Ranjita Sonpipre from C&IT Dept, AGM from Project Dept Shabnam Shweta, AGM from RCL Dept Vineeta Verma, AGM from CCW Dept Komal Mehra, Senior Manager from Education Department Savita Tiwari, Consultant Dr Akanksha Sharma from M&HS Department, Assistant Manager Sushmita Patla from Personnel Department and Assistant Manager B Ushavalli from Finance and Accounts Department.

OA President Narendra Kumar Banchore, General Secretary Parvinder Singh, Vice Presidents Nikhil Pethe and GP Soni, Vice President Mines Venugopal Dewangan, Secretaries Remi Thomas and Akhilesh Mishra congratulated the newly nominated women officers.

Visit industries to check child labour: Collector

Bhilai, May 24:

Collector Pushpendra Kumar Meena chaired a time limit meeting and took information on the subject related to child labour from the concerned officer of the Labour Department. In this regard, he directed the officers to conduct physical verification of various industrial institutions in the district. He made it clear that authorities should take legal action if any industrial establishment is making children work in violation of the Child Labour Prohibition Act. Apart from this, he took information on the implementation and progress of the instructions given in the last meeting. He directed the officers to provide information about approved works, progressing works and non-commencement works while continuously monitoring and re-



viewing the progress of the works as per the target.

He asked the officers that by working with coordination, all the officers should ensure that the citizens get benefits from the public welfare schemes of the government at a fixed time. All the district level officers should keep this in mind that the main objective of the district administration is to fulfill the basic needs of the citizens. Along with this, in view of the scorching heat, he directed the concerned officials to arrange an adequate quantity of fodder and water and shed

for the livestock. Keeping in mind the upcoming Kharif crop, he directed the concerned officials to make arrangements for seeds and food in sufficient quantity. Apart from this, department-wise detailed discussion was held on the pending applications in PGN, Jan Choupal and Public Grievances in the meeting.

Additional Collector Arvind Ekka, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai Rohit Vyas, Trainee IAS Laxman Tiwari, Joint Collector Yogita Dewangan, Joint Collector Vinay Soni, SDM Durg Mukesh Rawate, SDM Dhamdha Brijesh Singh Kshatriya, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Risali Ashish Dewangan, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai Charoda Ajay Tripathi and other officers were present.

DMC: 1000 tree-guards to be installed for protection of plants



Bhilai, May 24: Under the guidance of Mayor of Durg Municipal Corporation, Dhiraj Bakiwal, the proposal regarding celebration of Environment Day on June 05 was discussed with the members of the departmental committee in an important meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Satyavati Verma, in-charge of Environment and Horticulture. Like previous years, the members of the committee gave their consent to celebrate Environment Day by planting trees in large quantities on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 05, this year as well. During the discussion, a decision was taken regarding

making tree-guards. Apart from this, other proposals were discussed.

Approval was given to make 1000 tree-guards for the protection of plants in the city. Along with this, in-charge Satyavati Verma said that approval was also given to install tap connections for the arrangement of adequate water for the protection of plants located in Lok-Kala Marg. In the meeting with the members of the departmental committee, Kavita Tandi, Nirmala Sahu, Premalata Sahu, Usha Thakur, Alderman Ratna Naramdev, garden in-charge Anil Singh, Pushottam Sahu etc were present.

Chamber of Commerce submits memorandum to BMC Commissioner



Bhilai, May 24: State General Secretary of Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce and Industries Ajay Bhasin met Bhilai Corporation Commissioner and discussed important issues with him on Wednesday. He submitted a memorandum to the commissioner requesting that according to the current situation in the market, the circulation of 2000 notes is coming in large quantities and the trader cannot refuse to accept these notes under the law as it still holds value of legal tender. The circulation of these notes will continue to come in the market within the time limit, while the Municipal Corporation, in this present situation, comes under the jurisdiction of the government to accept these notes. Bhasin told that the Municipal Corporation cooperates on every work of the Bhilai Chamber because every work of the Chamber is done in the interest of the nation, in the interest of the state and in the interest of businessmen. Bhasin discussed in detail about regularization and also suggested that the process of regularization should

be completed as soon as possible. All the traders want to regularize, but due to the delay in the paper process of the government, the process is going on at a slow pace. On this, the commissioner said that no notice will be issued to the traders whose applications will come under the deadline. Bhilai Chamber is going to start its best program Chamber Aapke Dwar campaign for one month to keep traders more and more aware. Bhilai Chamber President Gargi Shankar Mishra told that campaign at your door is the most popular one that Chamber conducts. The Chamber has been doing this campaign every year, by joining this campaign, the businessman gets involved in all kinds of dialogues. This time, mainly in this campaign, the upgradation of lifetime membership certificate, which includes including or changing mobile number, correcting address, adding a new member after the death of a member, make a member etc. Shivraj Sharma, Manohar Krishnani, Sunil Mishra were mainly present during the meeting.

STPI organising Digital India NGIS Chunauti 5.0 to Enable Social Empowerment

Bhilai, May 24: Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India has launched Next Generation Incubation Scheme (NGIS) "CHUNAUTI 5.0 - Advancing Digital Applications with Special Focus on Social Empowerment on May 01, 2023. CHUNAUTI 5.0 is focused on identifying and supporting promising startup working towards digital transformation & accessible products/solutions enabling equitable & inclusive growth. The last date for applying is set for May 31, 2023. NGIS is focused on 12 tier-II locations in the country that include Agartala, Bhilai, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Dehradun, Guwahati, Jaipur, Lucknow, Prayagraj, Mohali, Patna and Vijayawada. It aims to support 300 start-ups/entrepreneurs/SMEs in the field of Software Development for 3



years. Start-ups in any stage of product development can apply and become NGIS beneficiary. Each startup under this scheme becomes eligible for financial incentives which may include monthly stipend & upto rupees 25 lakh seed funding against equity participation along with world class mentor-

ing, networking & market connect. Each NGIS location has a dedicated chief mentor along with a 'mentor pool' and knowledge IPR/ Patenting support partners. More details are available at https://innovate.stpinext.in/apply-now/chunauti_5.0_call_for_application.

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Obituary

Avtar Singh Wadhwa



Bhilai: Camp-2, Power House resident Avtar Singh Wadhwa left for heavenly abode at the age of 63 years on Tuesday. Last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He was the father of Gurpreet Wadhwa and Manpreet Wadhwa.

Ramkali Gehlot



Raipur: Ramkali Gehlot, R/o Ramkund, near Vivekanand Ashra, breathed her last here on Wednesday. She was 67. The final rites will be held on May 25 at Mahadev Ghat crematorium and final journey will leave from her residence at 9:00 am. She was wife of Kamal Singh Gehlot and mother of Durgesh and Shivraj Singh and younger sister of Sufi singer Madan Singh Chouhan.

Ishwarlal Badaya



Raipur: Ishwarlal Badaya (Khandelwal), R/o Badhaipara, Raipur, breathed his last here on Wednesday. The final journey will leave from his residence in Badhaipara on May 25 at 9:00 am to Marwari crematorium. He was brother of Ghanshaym, Gowardhan and Ashok Badaya and father of Ankit Badaya.

Cong launches 'Gauthan mor Abhiyan' in villages

Felicitates women of WSHGs and Gauthan office bearers

Khairagarh, May 24:

As per instructions by YC State in-charge Dr Palak Verma and State President Aakash Sharma, YC workers launched 'Gauthan Mor Abhiyan' at Gram Baghmarra and Dhangaon of KCG district here on Tuesday. In the Gauthan, District YC President Gulshan Tiwari launched the programme. This programme will be held from May 23 to June 10 in all the Gauthans.

Under this campaign, YC will organise felicitation of Gauthan Samiti members and the Women SHGs (WSHGs) members with shawl and srfal for making vermi-compost from the cow-dung purchase and those taking up vegetables in 'Badi' under 'Narwa, Ghurwa, Gharva, Badi' scheme of the state government through 'Gauthans' in the villages. In this campaign,



YC workers went to Gram Baghmarra and Dhangaon of KCG district on Tuesday and felicitated the women from WSHGs in 'Gauthan' for doing remarkable works for strengthening rural economy and they also felicitated Gauthan Samiti President and its office bearers as well.

Addressing the programme, District President Gulshan Tiwari said that the state

government has got the Gauthans constructed in all the village Panchayats of the district, so as to save the crops from damage and harm during agriculture period and provide source of livelihood to WSHGs and other villagers. This scheme was launched so as to bring increase in revenue earning to WSHGs in the villages and the use of vermi-compost would revolutionise the agricul-

ture field and crops.

Today Tiwari claimed that through 'Gauthans', the farmers are also happy, as they are selling cow-dung worth lakhs and getting vermi-compost made in their own 'Gauthan'. He charged that the BJP leaders are unable to digest vast popularity of Congress CM Bhupesh Baghel and his promotion of rural economy and are unnecessarily trying to provoke the villagers in the name of anti-farmer policies by visiting the Gauthans and trying to defame Baghel government.

It is Congress which will give befitting reply to all such political stunts of BJP. In this programme from Mahila Congress Tarun Kamlesh Sahu, Chandan Verma, Gulshan Verma, Hemkaran Verma, Rajendra Verma, Reva Verma, Gaukaran Verma and female villagers were present in large number.

Congressmen pay tribute to ex-PM Rajiv Gandhi



Pithora, May 24:

Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee President Mohan Markam, District Congress Committee President Dr. Directed by Rashmi Chandrakar, under the efficient guidance of Chhattisgarh Forest Development Corporation President and Basna MLA Raja Devendra Bahadur, Parliamentary Secretary of Chhattisgarh and MLA Khallari Dwarkadish Yadav, the 32nd death anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi was observed as

Anti-Terrorism Day.

Congressmen paid tribute by garlanding the portrait of Late Rajiv Gandhi. District Panchayat President and Block Congress President Karan Singh Dewan remembered Rajiv Gandhi and said that he was the pioneer of the golden chapter of three-tier Panchayati Raj in India, the father of communication revolution. Late Rajiv Gandhi, during his leadership, gave every section of the society participation in local power and development by decentralization of rights through Panchayati Raj,

he said. Anant Singh Verma, former block president, said that Rajiv Gandhi's tenure will always be remembered for being a multi-faceted personality and a visionary politician, a great thinker of the poor, for connecting the country with the computer revolution.

During this, Reena Sahu Block President Mahila Congress Pithora, Laxmikant Bablu Soni Vice President District Congress, Pawan Ratre National Convener, Firoz Khan Block Vice President, Tarun Prasad Pandey Councilor, Raju Sinha Councilor, Devraj

Shah Thakur Sarpanch Arand, Kaushal Rohilla Youth Congress Pithora, Bhushan Sahu Vice President Basna Assembly Youth Congress, Shankar Lal Sinha, Hemlal Dhruv, Anju Kumar, Kallista Bagh, Rani Sahu, Khirsagar Nishad, Teku Sahu Lomesh Yadav were present. Operation was done by Shailendra Dadsena District President Employee Cell and thanksgiving was done by Poonam Manikpuri Mandi President and Deputy Sarpanch Bundeli.

Collector holds meeting of agriculture department



Mungeli, May 24:

The review meetings of the schemes run in the Agriculture Department was done under the chairmanship of the District Collector here in the district. In the ongoing schemes, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, availability of seeds and chemical mineral fertilizers and quality control Kisan Credit Card were reviewed under the

district in the upcoming Kharif 2023.

The officers of the Agriculture Department were directed to complete 100% work of e-KYC, Aadhaar seeding and land seeding under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana without any delay. They were directed to promote other alternative crops in place of paddy, to meet the target allotted to the districts, to identify the farmers who have been benefited under the schemes and get them registered under

the scheme. Agriculture, Cooperative and District Marketing Officer was directed to include more and more loanee farmers in the insurance cover in the coming Kharif season, to ensure the availability of adequate seeds and fertilizers in the service cooperative societies of the district and to control the quality. In the meeting, Additional Collector Teerthraj Aggarwal, Deputy Director Agriculture DK Beauhar, Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies H Shrivastava and Senior Agriculture Development Officer of development blocks Mungeli, Patharia and Lormi, Seed Manager Corporation TR Sonkar, Assistant Director Agriculture Mr. Paikra and Rural Agriculture Extension Officers of all three development blocks were present.

Dr EV Revati appointed Principal in-Charge

Of Govt Nehru PG College, Dongargarh



Dongargarh, May 24:

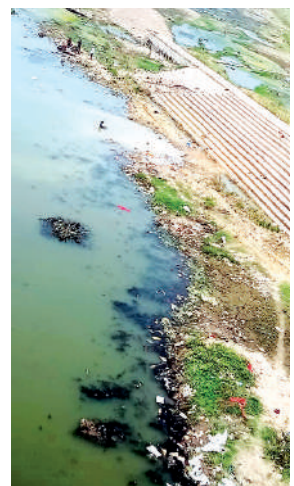
Senior Assistant Prof. of Government Nehru PG College Dr EV Revati has been given additional charge of Principal of the College and rights for withdrawal and distribution along with her existing charges as per orders from the Commissioner Higher Education Department, Indravati

Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur.

In compliance to the above order, Dr (Mrs.) EV Revati has assumed office as Principal in-charge. The president College Janbhagidari Samiti Navaz Khan and other office bearers and members of Samiti have extended greetings to EV Revati on this new responsibility.

Sontirth Ghat drenched in dirt

Rajim, May 24: Sontirth Ghat here in the region is immersed in dirt and people have demanded from the administration to make the Ghat clean. The importance of Sontirtha in Triveni Sangam of Prayag Nagri Rajim is said to be mentioned in the Puranas and it is believed that taking a bath in this ghat gives results equivalent to donating gold and that's why a large number of devotees come to bathe in this ghat. The Ghat has been made pucca by the state government by spending lakhs of rupees, but as per information the stairs have been cut. Also as there is no water in the river, all records of filth are seen to be broken at Son Teerth Ghat as the water here is muddy and full of moss. Piles of clothes, papers, wrappers



are scattered around and devotees coming from far and wide for pindadan and bone immersion are facing problems in performing rituals. It has to be told that the major confluence of the river here is mainly Atal Ghat, Sangam

Ghat, Nehru Ghat has been built and most of the work of Pindadan and bone immersion is done in Son Teerth Ghat and Nehru Ghat and both these ghats are full of filth. The demand for cleaning the Sontirth Ghat has been continuously being made by the devotees including the local people, but no suitable initiative has been taken in this direction so far. If this situation continues, the faith of the religious city of Rajim will definitely be hurt. Here in Triveni Sangam, Asthi Visarjan of many top personalities including Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has taken place here, that's why the ghat here has also been named as Atal Ghat and Nehru Ghat.

'Gauthans' have become den for of anti-social elements: Mishra



Kharora, May 24:

The politics in the region over the BJP's 'Gauthan Chhablo, kholbo pol' campaign is at its peak and under this the BJP leaders and party workers are visiting the 'Gauthans' in the nearby villages and exposing the tall claims made by the state government. BJP said that at one place where the state government claims to have restored the rural economy through these 'Gauthans', on the other, the ground realities are something just the Opposite. In this context, a team of BJP leaders and party workers under leadership of BJP State working committee member Ganesh Shankar Mishra visited the 'Gauthans' in Gram Saragaon, Gidhori, Beldar, Siwni and Badeni of Raipur district on Sunday and took stock of the existing conditions and held talks with the villagers as well. The leaders found that there is not a single cow in any of the 'Gauthans', nor there is any cow-dung purchase being made. Sharing his experience during the tour to these 'Gauthans', GS

Mishra informed that in most of the 'Gauthans' the gate was found locked and the pit to make vermi-compost from the cow-dung was also found to be empty and in this liquor bottles were found. GS Mishra charged that these 'Gauthans' have become den for anti-social elements in the villages and he charged that in the

name of 'Gauthans' the funds actually meant for development of the villages have been misused and it has become part of the Rs 1300 crore irregularity of Congress government in the state.

On this occasion BJP working committee member GS Mishra, Deepak state spokesman and state convener IT cell of BJP, Dr Gulab Tikriya ex-District President and State secretary Bablu Sharma; Arvind Thakur VS in-charge; Narendra Thakur Mandal President; Dulesh Sahu gen. secy; Ghanshyam Chandrakar gen. secy; Bhupendra Sen, Shiv Shankar Verma, Janpad member; Yogesh Chandrakar, kissan leader; Domar Verma, Mandal V-P and others were present.

BJP is not able to digest the prosperity of villages:Virendra

Gaurela, Pendra Marwahi, May 24: BJP is once again proving its feudal character by opposing the Godhan Nyaya Yojana said INC Spokesperson Virendra Singh Baghel. He also said that BJP is not able to digest the prosperity of villages, poor, farmers and cowherds in Chhattisgarh. The BJP is once again proving its feudal character by opposing the Godhan Nyaya Yojana, which has become a source of additional income for the poor and agricultural laborers.

Bhupesh Sarkar has built 10624 gothans in Chhattisgarh in the last three and a half years, out of which 5709 gothans have now become self-supporting. No amount is

paid in cash under the scheme. The amount is transferred to the bank account of the beneficiaries every 15 days, there is complete transparency. During Raman Raj's misrule for 15 years, grants worth crores were continuously given every year to fake Gaushalas run by RSS and BJP leaders, where cows were killed without fodder and water by stealing the grant. There are many examples like Seth Phoolchand Gaushala, Shagun Gaushala, Mayuri Gaushala. During the 15 years of BJP's misrule, the grass land of the village, the land for grazing cattle, were grabbed by the BJP in connivance with the land mafia.



Sometimes the BJP people who occupied the pasture land by showing the dream of setting up medicine farming, sometimes Ratanjot and sometimes industry, do not have the moral right to object to the

protected land for Gothans.

In Chhattisgarh, the BJP had promised in 2003 to give a Jersey cow to every tribal family that gives 10 liters of milk. Stayed in the government for 15 years, tell me if even a single cow has been given by the BJP people? Baghel further said that, under this scheme in Gauthans, the purchase of cow dung at Rs. 2 per kg has provided better opportunities for employment and income in the villages. Due to the profit from selling cow dung, animal husbandry has started getting a boost in the rural areas. A new environment has been created for the conservation and promotion of livestock.

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, Manoj Kumar Gupta S/o Late Narbada Prasad Gupta Resident of Near Manorama Dairy, Jora Talab, Behind Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Jorapara, Sarkanda, Bilaspur (C.G.) have changed my old name Manoj Kumar Gupta so in future I should be recognized by my new name that is Manoj Gupta S/o Late Narbada Prasad Gupta in all Government and other documents.

Manoj Kumar Gupta
Near Manorama Dairy,
Jora Talab, Behind
Saraswati Shishu
Mandir, Jorapara,
Sarkanda,
Bilaspur (C.G.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public that we have lost Cattle tag No's '131551 to 131558, 131560 to 131561, 131563 to 131565, 131567, 131571 to 131574, 131576, 131579 to 131580, 131583 to 131585, 131587 to 131588, 131590 to 131591, 131596 to 131598, 131602, 131604 to 131607, 131609, 131611, 131614 to 131615, 131618, 131621, 131627, 131629, 131632 to 131636, 131639 to 131641, 131644 to 131646, 131648, 131651 to 131652, 131654, 131656, 131658 to 131663, 131665 to 131673, 131675 to 131700, 131703 to 131706, 131712 to 131714, 131717, 131719 to 131722, 131731 to 131734, 131737, 131745, 131749 to 131750, 131752 to 131755, 131758 to 131763, 131765 to 131767, 131769 to 131772, 131775 to 131780, 131782 to 131794, 131798 to 131799, 131803 to 131806, 131808 to 131814, 131817 to 131822, 131824 to 131828, 131832 to 131836, 131839 to 131850' belonging to SBI General Insurance Company Ltd. having registered office at 9th Floor, A & B Wing, Fulcrum Building, Sahar Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400099. A FIR No. 7/2023 dated 28/02/2023 has been logged under relevant sections in police station Pakhanjur District Chhattisgarh, India.

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

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

Name of the Borrower / Guarantor & Address	Details of Properties/ Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced	Date of NPA (As on the date of notice)	Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice)
Mr. Ghasiram Nayak S/o Shri Gambhir Nayak , P.H. No.-22, Khasra No.-164/13, Vikas Khand, Mouja- Juna Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)-495001.	EQM of Immovable Property situated at Mrs. Usha Nayak W/o. Mr. Ghasiram Nayak, P.H. No.-22, Khasra No.-164/13, Vikas Khand, Mouja- Juna Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)-495001.	25.05.2023	₹ 1,75,271.29/- + Intt. + Other Charges since 29.12.2022
Mrs. Usha Nayak W/o. Mr. Ghasiram Nayak , P.H. No.-22, Khasra No.-164/13, Vikas Khand, Mouja- Juna Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)-495001.	EQM of residential Land and Building at Khasra No. 105/2 part, Sheet No. 5, PH No. 26, Plot No. 66 (Part), Mauza Ameri, Tehsil Takhatpur, Distt. Bilaspur admeasuring 1200 sq.ft. standing in the name of Mrs. Kavita Chhari W/o. Anil Chhari.	25.05.2023	₹ 31,13,680.42/- + Intt. + Other Charges since 09.05.2023
Guarantor:- Mr. Manish Krishna Bajpai, S/o. Manmohan Krishna Bajpai , Tikrapara, Mannu Chowk, Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)-495001			
A. Borrower:- M/s. Swaroop Construction Company, A-10, Vaishnavi Vihar, Ameri Phase -II, Mangla, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)-495001.			
B. Partners:- 1. Shri Santosh Chari S/o. Ram Swaroop Chhari, A-10, Vaishnavi Vihar, Ameri, Mangla, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)-495001.			
Phase -II, Mangla, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)-495001. Mob. 89660-00200			
2. Shri Kamal Chhari S/o Mr. Ramswaroop Chhari, A-10, Vaishnavi Vihar, Ameri Phase -II, Mangla, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)-495001 Mob: 83496-04230.			
3. Mrs. Kavita Chhari W/o. Mr. Anil Chhari, A-10, Vaishnavi Vihar, Ameri Phase -II, Mangla, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)-495001.			
4. Mrs. Isha Chhari W/o. Mr. Santosh Chhari, A-10, Vaishnavi Vihar, Ameri Phase -II, Mangla, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)-495001. Mob. 96699-32090.			
Guarantor:- 1. Mr. Anil Chhari S/o. Ram Swaroop Chhari, H.No. A-10, Vaishnavi Vihar, Ameri Phase -II, Mangla, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)-495001.			
The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.			
Date : 25.05.2023, Place: Bilaspur		Authorised Officer, Bank of India	

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Additional Professor	11	9*	4*	2*	3	29
Associate Professor	13	10*	6*	4*	5	38
Assistant Professor	3	10*	2*	3*	2	20
Grand Total	35	38*	18*	12*	13	116

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State govt is committed to protect and serve forest dwellers: CM

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, May 24: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, while inaugurating a three-day National Consultative Workshop on soil and water conservation in Raipur on Tuesday evening, stated that the whole world is concerned about Climate Change, but the welfare of forest dwellers is equally important.

Chief Minister Baghel further mentioned that the state government has constructed 1 crore 19 lakh structures in Vanachals (forest areas) for water conservation under the Narva scheme, aiming to maintain a proper balance of groundwater levels in Chhattisgarh. He added that the implementation and outcomes of the Narva scheme have received positive responses from forest dwellers and farmers throughout the state. Tribals have also appreciated the Narva scheme which has replenished groundwater levels of numerous regions. The Chief Minister also highlighted the positive change in the relationship between tribals and forest guards,



which was made possible through consistent efforts of the state government to introduce schemes that benefit tribals. Tribals now eagerly anticipate the arrival of forest officials, as they expect the introduction of new schemes for their benefit. The Chief Minister emphasized the importance of planting fruit-bearing trees in forests, which would benefit the forest dwellers. Additionally, he stressed the need for a proper system to facilitate the sale of their produce. The Forest Department is not only the guardian of the forests but also the guardian of the forest dwellers. By promoting the plantation of fruit trees, the green cover of forests will be enhanced, leading to their preserva-

tion, and the income of forest dwellers will also increase. He mentioned that the 'oxygen emergency' drew attention to the 'importance of oxygen' during Corona. Chhattisgarh supplied oxygen to every corner of the country. Furthermore, the Government is procuring 67 types of minor forest produce at MSP (Minimum Support Price), which has enabled forest dwellers to earn a good income.

Chandra Prakash Goyal, Special Secretary and Director General of the Forest and Environment Department in the Government of India, appreciated the steps taken by the Chhattisgarh government for soil and

water conservation. Forestry experts from across the country participated in the workshop, where discussions were held on conserving and enhancing natural resources in Chhattisgarh.

Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar, Parliamentary Secretary Shishupal Singh Sori, Advisor to the Chief Minister Pradeep Sharma, Special Secretary and Director General of the Forest and Environment Department Chandra Prakash Goyal, CEO of National CAMPA Subhash Singh, Principal Secretary of the Forest Department Manoj Pingua, PCCF V Srinivasa Rao, and forestry experts were also present at the event.

Flagship schemes of state govt should be better implemented: Kawasi

● **Bastar Development Authority meeting in Sukma**

Raipur, May 24: State Industries Minister Mr. Kawasi Lakhma said in the meeting of Bastar Development Authority that the flagship schemes of the state government should be better implemented. He said that with the better implementation of government schemes at the grassroots level, more and more people will get the benefit of the schemes. Lakhma was addressing the review meeting of Bastar Development Authority at District Headquarters Sukma on Tuesday. In the meeting held in the assembly hall



of District Panchayat Sukma, Industries Minister Mr. Lakhma said that due to better monitoring of Sukma district administration, the result of class X and class XII examination has been better in the district. Similarly, in the field of health, the district hospital has received the national award. Vidhan Sabha Deputy Speaker Mr. Santram Netam also addressed the meeting and emphasized

on speeding up the development works and better implementation of the schemes.

It is notable that for the first time a meeting of the Bastar Development Authority was convened at the district headquarters Sukma. Bastar Development Authority Chairman Mr. Lakheshwar Baghel, Vice President Mr. Vikram Mandavi, Parliamentary Secretary Mr. Rekchhand Jain, sev-

eral public representatives and commissioners of Bastar division and other senior officers including collectors from districts were present in the meeting. In the meeting, Chairman of Bastar Area Development Authority Mr. Lakheshwar Baghel said that a very good work has been done in all the districts of the division in the announcements of the Chief Minister, in giving forest rights recognition letters to Devgudis. He said that our public representatives also need to constantly monitor the implementation of the schemes. Along with this, encourage people to join the economic activities conducted in Gouthans.

Congress adopted double standard on OBC: BJP

Raipur, May 24: Bharatiya Janata Party state president Arun Sao has strongly objected to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel's statement that BJP adopted anti-OBC approach. Congress has always been adopting double standard over OBC class, he said adding that Congress has done the most damage to this class.

Sao said that the Congress government in Chhattisgarh deprived OBC of their rights regarding reservation. Sao

said that there were many opportunities in front of the country when the BJP nurtured the interests of the OBCs. But the Congress has shown its petty mentality by opposing it. During the BJP coalition government at the Centre, the Congress tried to stop the passage of the bill to give constitutional status to the OBC Commission by opposing it in the Rajya Sabha, he said and added that bill was dropped.

Similarly, for the first time, the BJP-backed VP Singh's central government proposed OBC reservation, which was also opposed by the Congress while in opposition. In fact Congress had always been anti-OBC, he alleged. Sao said that the BJP government at the Center led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave reservation to the OBC class for Kendriya Vidyalaya, Navodaya Vidyalaya, other higher education institutions,

medical education. BJP has not only worked to protect their interests, but has also ensured their greater participation in the central government, he said, adding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself belongs to the OBC class whose leadership is being acknowledged by the whole world today. Chief Minister Baghel tells lies but the public understood him and his agenda of anti-OBC, Sao added.

Attempt made to defame MLA Benjam with false allegations: Cong

Jagdalpur, May 24: District General Secretary of Block Congress Committee Sundar Sodhi issued a press release saying that Bharatiya Janata Party and Aam Aadmi Party have defamed the clean and honest image of Chitrakoot MLA Rajman Benjam by making false allegations regarding the purchase of gym equipment for the past few days. Describing all the allegations leveled by BJP and AAP on MLA Chitrakoot as baseless and false, he told that MLA Rajman Benjam does public service while staying in his office. Keeping in view the security, they also spend the night in the office building. There is not enough space in the office to set up a gym. All the allegations levelled by the Bharatiya Janata Party and the



Aam Aadmi Party against MLA Rajman Benjam are false. The people of Chitrakoot will never forgive these so called leaders for their baseless and false allegations.

In a release issued, Block Congress President Chandrashekhar Thakur said that there is no equipment for the hostel gym at the residence of MLA Rajman Benjam. All the

materials allocated for the gym have been installed in the gym room of the hostel in the year 2020 itself. Serious allegations against MLA Rajman Benjam like theft of gym equipment and keeping gym equipment at his residence are completely false. The purchase of gym materials has been done by the Chief Executive Officer and all the gym materials have been hand-

ed over to the hostel superintendent. The allegation by the BJP and the Aam Aadmi Party of keeping gym material at the MLA's house is false. MLA Benjam's residence is made up of 02 rooms of 4&6 size, a kitchen and a hall in which he lives with his family. Where there is no question of keeping gym material.

Block Vice President Jagbandhu Thakur says Chitrakoot MLA Rajman Benjam is an MLA with clean image, honest and sociable personality. All the allegations made by Bharatiya Janata Party and Aam Aadmi Party are false. Block Congress Committee Bastanar, District Congress Committee Bastar, and all the workers of Congress party are with MLA Rajman Benjam.

Teachers should imbibe the Panchkoshi concept in life: V-C

● **Three-day workshop on Character Building and Personality Development concludes in CU**

Bilaspur, May 24: The closing ceremony of the three-day workshop on the subject of character building and overall development of personality was held in the Rajat Jayanti Sabhagar of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University) at 4.00 p.m. on May 21, 2023. The Chief guest of the workshop organized from May 19 to 21, 2023 under the joint auspices of Guru Ghasidas University and Shiksha Sanskriti Uththan Nyas, New Delhi were Dr. Atul Kothari, National Secretary of Shiksha Sanskriti Uththan Nyas, New Delhi and Honorable Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Atul Kothari congratulated the members of the organizing committee for the successful organization of the three-day workshop and appreciated the participation of the participants. Dr. Kothari said that in the National Education Policy 2020 is to provide value based ed-



has been laid on character building and all-round development of the students. Dr. Kothari said, "The workshop on character building and overall development of personality started from Guru Ghasidas University is a beginning, not an end". Under the upcoming scheme, while including a course on character building and personality development in graduate, post graduate and Ph.D. course work, emphasis was laid on including it in other courses as well.

While presiding over the concluding program, Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal stressed upon the teachers participating in the workshop to imbibe the Panchkoshiya concept in life. He said that the main objective of the National Education Policy 2020 is to provide value based ed-

ucation to the youth for character building and personality development. Teachers are being prepared as resource persons and master trainers by imparting them training through Panchkoshi concept.

Panchkoshi concept leads to overall development of personality which appears conspicuously in the form of character building. I have full faith that the teachers who have been trained in this workshop will inspire young students for personality development and encourage experiments related to the idea of Panchkoshiya concept in the classrooms.

Earlier, the program started with lighting the lamp and garlanding the idols of Maa Saraswati and Baba Ghasidas. The guests on the stage were welcomed by presenting them saplings. The work-

shop Co-coordinator, Prof. Praveen Kumar Mishra welcomed the guests. The Coordinator Prof. P.K. Bajpai presented the report of the three-day workshop. Other dignitaries, Prof. Nilambari Dave, Former Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University, Rajkot, Gujarat and Mr. Ashok Kadel, Director, Madhya Pradesh Hindi Granth Academy, Bhopal also expressed their views.

At the end of the workshop, vote of thanks was delivered by the Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava and Dr. Garima Tiwari, Assistant Professor Forestry, Department of Wildlife and Environmental Science conducted the program. Deans, heads of departments, officers, teaching staff and research scholars of various schools were present in the programme.

It is possible to solve business problems through workshop: CAIT Team

Raipur, May 24: National Senior Vice President of Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Amar Parwani, Chairman Mangal Malu, Amar Gidwani, State President Jitendra Doshi, Working President Vikram Singhdeo, Parmanand Jain, Vashu Makhija, General Secretary Surinder Singh, Working General Secretary Bharat Jain and Treasurer Ajay Agarwal informed that CAIT office bearers met the CAIT Rajnandgaon unit and business organizations and came face to face with the problems being faced by the businessmen.



Traders should take initiative to solve the problems coming in the business through public awareness workshop. CAIT CG Chapter's state in-charge president Mr. Parmanand Jain and state general secretary Mr. Surinder Singh said that on Sunday, a delegation of CAIT team had a courtesy meeting

with CAIT Rajnandgaon unit and business organizations. The office bearers of Rajnandgaon unit and business organizations have informed the CAIT team about the problems being faced in doing business. Such as GST, income tax, bank related and other problems were discussed. Mr. Jain and Mr. Singh said that

the problems faced by the business can be solved by meeting the officials of the concerned department and organizing workshops from time to time. They also discussed on How can problems be solved? How the problems can be simplified so that traders do not face unnecessary trouble. In addition to this other topics were also discussed. Team CAIT discussed organising Rajnandgaon unit for MSME Entrepreneurship workshop, Workshop on cybercrime and workshop on fire safety and prevention so that traders can get benefit of this workshop.

Bastar girls shine at 6th National Mixed Martial Arts competition

Bags five gold medals and one bronze medal
Receives rousing welcome by city residents upon their return

Jagdalpur, May 24: The girls representing Bastar district and the Bastar Martial Arts Academy achieved remarkable success, securing five gold medals and one bronze medal at the 6th National Mixed Martial Arts Competition held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from May 17 to May 21 this year. Once again, international player Palak Nag emerged victorious, winning the gold medal in the Senior Welterweight category. Other outstanding performances included Mahi Dongre clinching the gold medal in the Youth C 57kg category, Yejin Shreya Suna winning gold in the Youth C 44kg category, Tanupriya Datta claim-



ing the gold in the Youth B 44kg category, Shriya Sharma winning gold in the semi-contact Bottom Weight category, and Mahi Meshram winning a bronze medal in the Youth A 52kg category.

The city wholeheartedly welcomed these talented players upon their return, celebrating their achievements

with great enthusiasm. All of these girls hone their skills at the Bastar Martial Arts Academy. It is worth mentioning that this is the second consecutive year in which the girls from Bastar have displayed their remarkable talent in the Mixed Martial Arts competition.

The players who have won

the gold medals will represent the country in the upcoming international competition. MMA India President Sharif Bapu, MMA India Joint Secretary and Chhattisgarh Mix Martial Art Association Secretary Nitin Singh, and MMA India's National Medical Commission Chairperson and Chhattisgarh Mix Martial Arts Association Treasurer Dr. Divya Khare along with Certified Coach and Referee Markandeya Singh, Parmendeya Mala, M. Prashant Naidu, Gurpreet Kaur Saini, Jyoti Kumar, and their respective family members, also extended their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the victorious players.

● **In support of their 4-point demand**

Jagdalpur, May 24: The office bearers of the Chhattisgarh Karamchhari Adhikar Federation (CKAF) took out a bike rally and handed over a memorandum to all the people's representatives in the name of the Chief Minister. Meanwhile, a bike rally was taken out this afternoon from the water tank located at City Ground under the leadership of Federation's divisional in-charge Kailash Chauhan, divisional president Gajendra Srivastava, district convener RD Tiwari. After this, they handed over a memorandum to MLA Rekchhand Jain, CREDA President Mithilesh Swarnakar, Bastar MLA Lakheshwar Baghel, Indravati Development Authority's Vice President Rajeev Sharma and Mayor Safira



Sahu and requested them to convey their 4-point demands to the CM.

On the other hand, under the leadership of Federation's Tokapal Unit Convenor Jogendra Singh Kashyap, a memorandum in the name of the Chief Minister was handed over to MLA Rajman Benjam. Benjam met the Chief Minister and assured to take positive initiative on the demands.

CKAF office bearers said that only 4 months are left for the assembly elections and till now the

government has not fulfilled the promises made to the employees. Among the demands, 9 percent outstanding dearness allowance and house rent allowance as per the seventh pay scale, submission of the report of the Pingua Committee constituted for salary discrepancy of clerks-teachers and other cadres, giving the four-level promoted pay scale mentioned in the public manifesto and declare old bus stand located in Pandri, Raipur as the new dharna venue

Along with this, he said that if the government does not consider the demands of the employees soon, a phased agitation will be started in June. During this Tarzan Gupta, Dinesh Raikwar, Ajay Srivastava, Devdas Kashyap, Raji Varghese, Nalin Shukla, Sanjay Vaishnav, Motilal Verma, Moh. Salim, Santosh Kachhi, Umesh Chauhan, Manoj Kumar, Vijay Chandel, Vinod Varghese, JN Joshi, MK Sahu, Federation Tokapal convener Jogendra Singh Kashyap including Sunil Bhatnagar, Rakesh Dubey, Vice President Trisia Jhari, Secretary Balihar Kashyap, Laxminath Kashyap, Dinesh Savarkar, KD Suryavanshi, Ramlal Kashyap, Khirmani Tiwari, Kumar Baghel, Bastanar Block Convenor Jagdal Sahu, DL Poyam, Birendra Baghel was present.

India, Australia aim to conclude comprehensive trade deal by end of 2023

Sydney, May 24 (PTD):

India and Australia on Wednesday inked a migration and mobility partnership pact to open up opportunities for students, academic researchers and business people and resolved to conclude a comprehensive trade deal by the end of year to significantly expand economic ties.

The pact was signed after wide-ranging talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese.

In his media statement, Albanese said the aim is to conclude the comprehensive economic cooperation agreement (CECA) by the end of the year.

"We reiterated our shared ambition for an early conclusion of the Australia-India comprehensive economic cooperation agreement later this year," he said in the presence of Modi.

Last year, India and Australia finalised the Economic Cooperation Trade Agreement (ECTA) and it came into force in



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, NSA Ajit Doval and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia Penny Wong during a group photograph at a roundtable with business leaders, in Sydney, Wednesday, May 24.

December last. The two sides are now working on the CECA.

"Today, in my meeting with Prime Minister Albanese, we talked about taking India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership to greater heights in the next decade," Modi said.

"We discussed in detail the possibilities of cooperation in new areas. Last year India-Australia ECTA came into effect. Today we have decided to focus on

CECA — Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement," he said.

Modi said the pact will give further strength and new dimensions to trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.

"We had constructive discussions on strengthening our strategic cooperation in the sectors of mining and critical minerals. We have identified concrete areas for cooperation in renewable energy," Modi said.

"It was decided to set up a task force on Green Hydrogen," he added.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said the next two rounds of talks on the economic partnership pact have been scheduled for June and July.

Modi and Albanese also witnessed the signing of the terms of reference of the Australia-India Green Hydrogen Taskforce which will explore opportunities in the area of renewable hydrogen.

Russia's Wagner boss says more than 20,000 of his troops died in Bakhmut battle

Kyiv, May 24 (AP):

The head of the Russian private army Wagner says his force lost more than 20,000 fighters in the drawn-out battle for Bakhmut, with about 20 per cent of the 50,000 Russian convicts he recruited to fight in the 15-month war dying in the eastern Ukrainian city.

The figure was in stark contrast with claims from Moscow that it lost just over 6,000 troops in the war, and is higher than the official estimate of the Soviet losses in the Afghanistan war of 15,000 troops between 1979-89.

Ukraine hasn't said how many of its soldiers have died since Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022.

Analysts believe the

nine-month fight for Bakhmut alone have cost the lives of tens of thousands of soldiers, among them convicts who reportedly received little training before being sent to the front.

Russia's invasion goal of "demilitarising" Ukraine has backfired because Kyiv's military has become stronger with the supply of weapons and training by its Western allies, Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin said in an interview published late Tuesday with Konstantin Dolgov, a pro-Kremlin political strategist.

Prigozhin also said the Kremlin's forces have killed civilians during the war, something Moscow has repeatedly and vehemently denied.

Prigozhin, a wealthy businessman with long-time links to Russian President Vladimir Putin, is known for his bluster — often spiced with obscenities — and has previously made unverifiable claims, some of which he later backtracked on.

Earlier this month, his spokespeople published a video of him shouting, swearing and pointing at about 30 uniformed bodies lying on the ground, saying they were Wagner fighters who died in a single day. He claimed the Russian Defence Ministry had starved his men of ammunition and threatened to give up the fight for Bakhmut.

He also said in Tuesday's interview it was possible that Kyiv's anticipated counteroffen-

sive in coming weeks, given continued Western support, might push Russian forces out of southern and eastern Ukraine as well as annexed Crimea.

"A pessimistic scenario: the Ukrainians are given missiles, they prepare troops, of course they will continue their offensive, try to counterattack," he said. "They will attack Crimea, they will try to blow up the Crimean bridge (to the Russian mainland), cut off (our) supply lines. Therefore, we need to prepare for a hard war."

The Ukrainian General Staff said Wednesday that "heavy fighting" is continuing inside Bakhmut, days after Russia said that it completely captured the devastated city.

UK PM Sunak gives Suella Braverman clean chit on driving fine row

London, May 24 (PTD):

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Wednesday said that his Home Secretary, Suella Braverman, will not face an investigation into her reported actions related to a driving fine after she was caught speeding last year.

After days of speculation around The Sunday Times' newspaper claims that Braverman appealed to civil servants to try and avert the normal course of action after being caught speeding, Sunak wrote to his minister to say that he did not believe the actions amounted to a breach of the ministerial code of conduct. The Opposition parties had been demanding Sunak refer the Indian-origin minister to his Independent Adviser on ethics, Sir Laurie Magnus, to determine if there had been a breach.

"I have consulted with my Independent Adviser. He has advised that on this occasion further investigation is not necessary and I have accepted



that advice. On the basis of your letter and our discussion, my decision is that these matters do not amount to a breach of the Ministerial Code," Sunak writes in a letter to Braverman.

"As you have recognised, a better course of action could have been taken to avoid giving rise to the perception of im-

propriety. Nevertheless, I am reassured you take these matters seriously. You have provided a thorough account, apologised and expressed regret," he said, with reference to Braverman's letter to her boss apologising for the "distraction" the controversy had caused the government.

Sunak reiterated that

he believes integrity, professionalism and accountability are core values of his leadership and it is right when issues are raised, they are looked at professionally to ensure the appropriate course of action.

In the exchange of letters released by Downing Street, the Home Secretary admitted that "if faced with a similar situation again, I would have chosen a different course of action".

She said she had "at all times been truthful and transparent, and taken decisions guided by what I believed was right and appropriate given my office, not by any personal motivation".

"The Sunday Times' newspaper reported that instead of signing up for an in-person speed awareness course with other motorists or completing one online that would show her name and face to other participants, Braverman allegedly asked civil servants to arrange a private one-to-one course.

FAITHFUL UNITY CELEBRATED



Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with Patriarch Kirill, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, to commemorate the day of Saints Cyril and Methodius, evangelisers of the Slavs, in Moscow on May 24.

Germany cracks down on climate activists

Berlin, May 24 (AP):

German police raided 15 properties linked to the Last Generation climate activist group Wednesday, seizing assets as part of an investigation into its finances in a sign of growing impatience with disruptive protest tactics also seen in other European countries.

Members of the group have repeatedly blocked roads across Germany in an effort to pressure the government to take more drastic action against climate change. In recent weeks, they have brought traffic to a halt on an almost daily basis in Berlin, gluing themselves to busy intersections and highways. Over the past year,

they have also targeted various artworks and exhibits.

The raids, ordered by Munich prosecutors, come days after Chancellor Olaf Scholz said that he thought it was "completely nutty to somehow stick yourself to a painting or on the street." Leading figures with the environmentalist Green party, part of his governing coalition, have also said the group's actions are counterproductive. A spokesperson for Last Generation said that the police searches had hit the group and its supporters hard, but that it wouldn't let up its activities.

"They make us afraid, but we must not be frozen by fear," Aimee van Baalen told reporters in Berlin.

US aircraft carrier arrives in NATO-member Norway



The American aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford on its way into the Oslo Fjord, at Jelya, Moss, Norway, on Wednesday, May 24. The ship is the world's largest warship and will be in port in Oslo for four days.

Copenhagen, May 24 (AP):

A US aircraft carrier arrived on Wednesday in Oslo with the Norwegian armed forces saying it gives them "a unique opportunity to further develop cooperation and work more closely with

our most important ally, the United States."

The nuclear-powered ship USS General Ford entered the Oslo fjord escorted by a rapid dinghy-type boat with armed people on board.

The Norwegian armed forces has said any boats

must stay a half-kilometre (half-mile) away from the aircraft carrier and a no-fly zone was created over the area where the aircraft carrier was.

Described as the largest aircraft carrier in the world, the vessel's first foreign call was broadcast live on Norwegian public television.

Onlooker, some using binoculars, were seen on land watching as the large aircraft carrier glided deeper and deeper into the fjord and eventually reach the city of Oslo.

The vessel will stay in the Norwegian capital until Tuesday.

Japan to provide 100 military vehicles to Ukraine

Tokyo, May 24 (AP):

Japan held a ceremony on Wednesday marking its planned donation of about 100 military vehicles to Ukraine, as Tokyo seeks to provide equipment that can be of broader military use than its earlier shipments of helmets and hazmat suits.

In a ceremony at the Defence Ministry at which two half-ton trucks were on display, Japanese Vice Defence Minister Toshio Ino handed a document to Ukrainian Ambassador Sergiy Korsunsky listing the three types of ve-

hicles included in the donation.

"We hope the invasion ends as soon as possible and peaceful daily lives return," Ino said. "We will provide as much support as we can."

The donation, which also includes 30,000 food rations, comes as Japan's government is seeking to ease its military equipment transfer policy under a new national security policy that allows its military a

greater offensive role, in a major break from its post-World War II self-defense-only principle.

While other countries have provided Ukraine with tanks, missiles and fighter jets, Japan has limited its donations to non-lethal equipment because the transfer policy prohibits the provision of lethal weapons to countries at war.

Japan has provided Ukraine with bullet-proof vests, helmets, gas

masks, hazmat suits, small drones and food rations since Russia's invasion began last year.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida pledged the trucks to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy when they met in Hiroshima on Sunday on the sidelines of the Group of Seven summit. Japan has also offered to treat injured Ukrainian soldiers at a Japanese military hospital.

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN, RAIPUR (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

(1st CALL)

System Tender No. : 134742/NIT No. : 08/SAC/2023-24, Chhuikhadan, Dated : 22.05.2023

Online Tenders are Invited for the following works up to 12.06.2023 at 17:30 Hour

Name of Work : Construction of Agar Feeder distributory Canal from R.D. 0 m to R.D. 4590m including construction of 9 Nos DC, 1 No Minor Head, 6 Nos inlet, 1 No Escape, 4 Nos VRB cum canal siphone, 2 Nos VRB, 1 No Protection work (Lengrh=60m) and fixing of 16 Nos colaba of Siddhababa Tank Scheme in block Chhuikhadan of District Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai

Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 538.37 Lakhs

(As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010 (As amended dated 01.08.2014))

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 29.05.2023, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

NOTE :- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/ Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Executive Engineer
Water Resources Division, Chhuikhadan
for, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godawari Basin
Raipur (C.G.)

G-01552/3

Public Works Department

Sector-19, North Block, Naya Raipur (C.G.)
E-Procurement Tender Notice
E-mail : tenders-pwd.cg@gov.in

NIT No. 082/TC/EinC/ PWD/2023-24 Dated 17.05.2023

The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites percentage rate bids on electronic tendering system under RCPLWE RRP-III in the district of Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki for construction of 02 HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE with estimated cost amounting Rs 357.74 Lacs including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registered with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders may submit bid; however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class under "Unified Registration System (e-Registration)" of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement.

The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh in <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. Bids form will be available on the website from 18.05.2023 and may be submitted up to 17:00 Hrs. on 07.06.2023

For participating in bidding process, bidders are required to register in the above web-site with nominal fee of Rs 500/- to be paid online to service provider. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from authorized certifying authorities.

The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form and (b) original affidavit duly verified and notarized as per clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) and 4.4 B (c) to Chief Engineer, Tender Cell, First Floor, Nirman Bhawan, PWD, North Block, Sector-19, Naya Raipur (C.G.) 492-002 as per provisions of bid document through Speed/ Registered post, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Detailed schedule of important dates may be seen on notice board of offices and also available on website of Public Works Department <http://pwd.cg.nic.in>

Chief Engineer
(Central Tender Cell)
Office of Engineer-In-Chief
P.W.D. Naya Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)

G-01578/2

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No: DyCE-GSU-R-T-15-23-24 Date:19.05.2023

Name of Work: Provision of 12m wide FOB at Sarona and Bhilai Power House stations with civil work of lift at Bhilai Power House and Sarona and escalator at Bhilai Power House under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Tender Value: Rs. 13,07,90,435/- EMD: Rs.8,04,000/- Submission of Tender: Up-to 11.00 Hrs. on 15.06.23 Opening of Tender: 11.00 Hrs. on 15.06.23

For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Dy CE/Gati Shakti Unit/Raipur or refer/download tender document which is available on our website: www.reps.gov.in

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China's Hypocrisy Exposed

Boycott of G20 Meet Reveals Duplicity

In a blatant display of duplicity, China has boycotted the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting in Srinagar, citing its misguided notion of Jammu & Kashmir as a 'disputed territory.' This maneuver serves as yet another attempt by China to appease Pakistan while provoking India. However, the world sees through Beijing's malicious ploy, which aims to claim the moral high ground. Despite New Delhi's steadfast assertion that Jammu & Kashmir is an integral and inalienable part of India, China consistently questions the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the state in 2019. Ironically, a country notorious for annexing its neighbors' land is expressing concern over 'disputed' territories. Last year, the Ministry of External Affairs revealed that China had illegally occupied around 38,000 sq km of Indian territory in Ladakh for six decades. It further highlighted that, under the 1963 China-Pakistan Boundary Agreement, which India has never recognized, Pakistan ceded 5,180 sq km of illegally occupied Indian territory in the Shaksgam Valley to China. Additionally, China's audacious Belt and Road Initiative, a massive multinational infrastructure project, conspicuously passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, showcasing Beijing's complete disregard for India's territorial integrity. While China insists on resolving the Kashmir dispute through UN Charter, Security Council resolutions, and bilateral agreements, its own track record of honoring agreements with India is deplorable. India recently reminded China that its violations have eroded the foundation of bilateral ties. The boycott of the G20 meeting not only exposes China's duplicitous nature but also inadvertently strengthens India's standing as the G20 president. By refusing to engage constructively and resorting to desperate collusions with Pakistan, China has scored an own goal that further bolsters India's credibility on the international stage. China's calculated move to boycott the G20 meeting has broader implications. It highlights its constant interference in regional dynamics, perpetuating a pattern of undermining the sovereignty of nations. Beijing's attempts to manipulate international platforms for its own vested interests are evident. It not only seeks to isolate India diplomatically but also disregards the principles of peaceful coexistence and mutual respect. The international community must take note of China's duplicitous behavior and its disregard for established norms and principles. It is imperative for nations to unite in countering such actions, which threaten global stability and peaceful relations. By standing firm against China's deceptive tactics, countries can send a strong message that double standards will not be tolerated. India's resolute response to China's provocations is commendable. It demonstrates the country's unwavering commitment to protecting its territorial integrity and upholding the principles of sovereignty. As the G20 president, India can leverage this incident to rally global support against China's nefarious actions and to foster a more inclusive and cooperative approach within the international community.

Combating Climate Change
and Biodiversity Crisis

Krishna Kumar, Vepakomma

India, known as one of the world's megadiverse countries, boasts vast land spanning 329 million hectares and ranks seventh in terms of size. It is home to over 100,000 animal species and 49,100 plant species, spread across ten bio-geographic regions. However, the growing pressures of population growth, urbanization, and industrialization have led to habitat fragmentation and the unfortunate loss of biodiversity. The loss of biodiversity not only threatens our environment but also poses risks to human health. Biodiversity loss has been linked to the expansion of zoonotic diseases, while intact biodiversity offers valuable tools to combat pandemics like those caused by coronaviruses. Every year on May 22nd, the International Day for Biological Diversity raises global awareness about the need to protect our biological resources and the diverse ecosystems that shape our environment. This day highlights the value of species diversity, genetic diversity, and various ecosystems. It emphasizes the importance of public education as human activities contribute to a significant reduction in species. The United Nations celebrates this day to promote preservation efforts and collective action for safeguarding Earth's biodiversity. The significance of maintaining a healthy biodiversity lies in its utilitarian and intrinsic value. Biodiversity provides essential resources such as food, water, and shelter for humans. It also plays a crucial role in climate regulation, water purification, pollination, and seed dispersal, all of which are vital for agricultural production. Additionally, modern medicine relies on biodiversity, as evidenced by the discovery of fungi on sloths' fur with cancer-fighting properties. Biological diversity is crucial for global food production, contributing to soil fertility and providing genetic resources for crops, livestock, and marine species. This year's International Day for Biological Diversity, themed "From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity," emphasizes the need for concrete on-the-ground actions. It calls for the implementation of plans beyond nature preservation efforts, focusing on the regeneration of what has been lost. The Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework aims to safeguard nature, halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030, and put nature on a path to recovery by 2050. Countries are expected to submit their implementation plans to COP16 in 2024, highlighting the urgency of protecting nature. The recent UN assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services reveals that around 1 million plant and animal species are at risk of extinction, with wildlife populations experiencing an average decline of 70 percent over the past 50 years. These findings emphasize the urgent need to address human-induced factors contributing to biodiversity loss. India urges UN member nations to remain dedicated to conserving and preserving oceans and their biodiversity. It also calls for support in achieving sustainable economic development and the well-being of coastal communities under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). The conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of nature play a crucial role in meeting climate goals and addressing the urgent biodiversity crisis. Recognizing nature's significance beyond carbon sequestration and taking steps to protect ecosystems and fulfill commitments like the Paris Agreement are essential in combating the climate crisis and safeguarding biodiversity for the benefit of future generations.

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WELCOME CEREMONY



President Droupadi Murmu being received by Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister Hemant Soren, at Birsamunda Airport in Ranchi, Wednesday, May 24.

Indian Economy has Potential to Surpass China at a faster pace

K.R SUDHAMAN



United Nations declared in Mid-April this year that India has become the most populous country overtaking China at 1.43 billion. Can it do the same with regard to GDP to become second largest economy in the world? On the face of it, the proposition seems difficult in the next few decades as China is the second largest economy in the world at over \$18.5 trillion as against United States' nearly \$25.5 trillion. There have however been suspicion for quite some time that Chinese figures are exaggerated and the size of its economy is not as big as it is made out to be. If this is true, it is within realms of reality that India overtakes Chinese economy in the foreseeable future. This is because of new evidences emerging now to show that Chinese economy can at best be around \$5-6 trillion and hence it is around the size of Japan and not at around \$18 trillion. Japan's GDP is put at around \$5.16 trillion and is the third largest economy after US and China. India is the fifth largest economy at around \$3.5 trillion. It recently overtook Britain and is widely expected to overtake Germany and Japan to become third largest economy in the next few years. Germany and Japan are the two other economies ahead of India apart from United States and China. While India is now on a bright spot with foreign investors looking up to India,

experts lately say that China's economy has tuned slippery and its reopening boom is a charade.

According to John Burn Murdoch of Financial Times, China has stopped publishing many date points like electricity consumption on a periodical basis ever since Xi Jinping came to power in 2012 implying Chinese economy is not doing well and that downslide had started in several sectors. But more importantly, according to a US based Chinese analyst, Lei, China's real GDP is less than half of what the Chinese government claims to be. She argues that China's GDP was just \$9 trillion officially in 2012 and wondered how is it that its economy has doubled to over \$18 trillion in the next ten years when the economy has been on the downslide since then. She says China's published GDP in 2022 was \$17.9 trillion against US \$25.5. However, people believe that China's GDP is "overstated and manipulated".

According to the method adopted by Louis Martinez of Chicago University, data are exaggerated by 35 per cent in autocratic countries including China. He had come to this conclusion after analyzing data using satellite images of various countries based on when people turn off their lights on a daily basis since 1984. His study is silent on the data prior to 1984.

Lei used this as a deflator to calculate the real GDP of China since 1992. China's official GDP in 1992 was \$493 billion and in 2022 it was \$17.99 trillion. This meant that China's annual GDP growth was 12.7 per cent annually. If Martinez method was used as deflator, then the GDP growth rate comes down after the adjustment to 8.25 per cent annually. This meant that China's real GDP in 2022 was just \$5.3

trillion, about the size of Japan.

But Japan's population is just one tenth of China, which meant Japan's per capita income is ten times more than that of China. Also Chinese currency is administratively pegged at 6.3 Yuan to a dollar. But in the grey market, which reflects the real value, is around 10 Yuan to a dollar. If this also is factored in an economy where exports accounted for more 40 per cent of the GDP, the China's GDP will be much less than \$5.3 trillion, some analysts argue.

That apart a recent study by experts said nominal and real GDP growth of China was over calculated by two percentage points year after year from 2008 to 2016 and that the miscalculation only got compounded in those years. As a result China's GDP said to be \$ 13.5 trillion in 2018 is actually 18 per cent lower at around \$11 trillion. The study is authored by Chen Wei, Chen Xilu and Michael Song of Chinese University of Hong Kong and Chan-Tai Hsieh from University of Chicago. But even at around \$11 trillion after the necessary correction of the figures, Chinese economy is still quite large and is twice the size of Japan. But the new evidences by Lei indicate that China's GDP would be just half of \$11 trillion arrived at by these professors. The Chinese GDP was merely \$5.3 trillion or around that of Japan.

Many indicators of growth in China are underwhelming. A growth model dependent on stimulus and debt was always going to be unsustainable and now it has run out of steam, Ruchir Sharma, who is Rockefeller international chair, wrote in the Financial times. Confidence that China's economy can rebound from Covid restrictions is untethered to economic realities.

"Something is rotten in the Chinese economy, but don't expect wall street analysts to tell you about it," Sharma said listing several indicators that point to underlying weakness.

For example, Wall street's assumption of 5 per cent GDP growth would suggest that corporate revenue growth of 8 per cent, but it rose by 1.5 per cent in the first quarter, he said adding in fact, corporate revenue is slower than GDP in 20 of the country's 28 sectors, and MSCI China stock index down 15 per cent from a January peak. Imports, a strong indicator of consumer demand dropped 8 per cent while youth unemployment hit 20 per cent and is rising. "These facts point to the source of the rot," he said. China's economic model since 2008 has been driven by government stimulus and rising debt, particularly in real estate and now Chinese debt service already account for a third of disposable income. China's growth potential is only half of 5 per cent target this year due to shrinking population.

Lei goes on further to say there are about 30 provinces in mainland China, of which only six are in a position to manage their finances. The rest are severely debt-ridden at an unsustainable level.

Given these data points and analysis, it is quite possible that Indian economy has the potential to overtake China in near future if its economy continued to fire on all cylinders. The figures do certainly indicate that Chinese economy is on the decline while Indian economy is on the rise India's GDP in real terms may not take much time to reach near the level of real GDP figure of China. The big gap which was thought earlier, is not that big after taking a realistic estimates of Chinese data. (Views are personal).



LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

Centre's
Authoritarian Drive

In the ongoing Delhi power struggle, the Centre is resolute in its quest for control. Seeking to overturn a Supreme Court ruling, a new ordinance has been promulgated, establishing the National Capital Civil Service Authority. This move grants the Centre authority over officers' transfers and postings. If the Central government remains intent on asserting dominance through the Lieutenant Governor, it could further issue an ordinance to dismiss the duly elected Delhi government, effectively nullifying the need for periodic elections. By doing so, taxpayers' money currently allocated to conducting elections could potentially be spared. Delhi's political landscape hangs in the balance as the Centre consolidates its grip.

MK Nair, Raipur

Adani Controversy

In light of the recent developments surrounding the Adani Group, an essential step towards resolving the allegations raised in Hindenburg Research's report is the establishment of a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC). Only a JPC possesses the necessary authority to conduct a comprehensive investigation, addressing concerns and thoroughly examining the matter at hand. By leveraging the expertise and resources available, a JPC would be able to determine whether fraudulent activities occurred, ensuring transparency and restoring investor confidence in the financial market. Through this rigorous investigation, the truth behind the Adani controversy can be uncovered, providing clarity and potential solutions to safeguard the integrity of the system.

Haridasan Rajan, Kozhikode

Demonetisation 2.0
is a welcome move

But, because it is cautious and has a long exchange deadline demonetisation version 2.0 is procedurally correct. It is not accompanied by any major policy objective or goal announcement. For goalless individuals or initiatives, this is a good move. The procedure involved in exchange of 2000 rupee note is not elusive. Because most citizens ostensibly do not have the 2000 rupee note, which remains legal tender, they can easily dispose of it by spending it rather than depositing it in banks. Within a certain limit, one can also easily change a portion of it at different banks. So, like many ordinary citizens, governments, and institutions, the 2,000 note will die with a lot of hope but little achievement, most likely because it worked with the wrong people and for the wrong cause. Most people will gladly let it go a few romantics and collectors will keep some mementos, and in a few months, we will forget about its brief six year existence.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K, Raichur, Karnataka

How Indian Students Can Benefit from Better Opportunities in International Universities

Shivani Choudhary

Indian students who are interested in pursuing higher education in international universities can benefit greatly from the many opportunities that are available to them. With the globalization of education and the increase in access to technology and information, students from India can now take advantage of a variety of resources to help them succeed in their academic and professional pursuits.

The statistics given out by RedSeer says that by 2024, around 1.8 million students will be spending around 85 million USD on their education abroad. It is estimated that over 30 lakh Indians went abroad for higher studies between 2017

and 2022. 12% of Indian students studying abroad for higher education are from Andhra Pradesh, 12% from Punjab, and 11% from Maharashtra.

Co-Founder of Study Metro - Mr Abhishek Bajaj says One of the main benefits of studying at an international university is the exposure to a diverse range of people and cultures. This can broaden a student's worldview, enhance their communication skills, and provide them with a unique perspective on global issues. Additionally, international universities often offer a wider range of courses and academic programs than those available in India, allowing students to explore new areas of interest and develop specialized skills that

can be applied in a global context. According to gitnux.com, 70% of Indian students studying abroad for higher education cite better quality of education, 68% cite greater career prospects, and 50% cite the graduate route (2-year work visa after study) as their top three reasons. Further he says - Another benefit of studying at an international university is the opportunity to network with professionals from around the world. This can help students to build connections that may be useful in their future careers and can also provide them with access to a range of job opportunities in different countries. Furthermore, many international universities offer scholarships and financial aid to international

students, making it more affordable for Indian students to pursue higher education abroad. In addition, some universities may offer internship and work-study programs that can help students gain valuable work experience while also earning money to help cover their expenses. And these all information one can garner from companies like Study Metro who provides counseling for study overseas programs

To take advantage of these benefits, Indian students should start by researching different international universities and identifying those that offer programs that align with their academic and career goals. They should also consider factors such as location, cost of living, and language require-

ments when selecting a university. In addition, Indian students should take steps to prepare themselves for the transition to studying in a new country. This may include improving their language skills, familiarizing themselves with the culture and customs of the host country, and preparing for any required standardized tests such as the TOEFL or GRE. In conclusion, Indian students can greatly benefit from pursuing higher education in international universities. By taking advantage of the many resources and opportunities available, students can develop new skills, gain valuable experience, and broaden their horizons in ways that can positively impact their academic and professional careers.

BRIEF

Consulate opening



Sydney: Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Wednesday announced that Australia will open a Consulate-General in Bengaluru this month, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India will establish a similar mission in Brisbane as part of the efforts of the two countries to enhance bilateral ties. In his media statement after holding talks with Prime Minister Modi here, Prime Minister Albanese said the opening of the new diplomatic mission in Bengaluru will help in connecting the country's businesses to India's booming digital and innovation ecosystem.

Appointment

New Delhi: Dish TV on Tuesday proposed to appoint Manoj Dobhal as the new CEO of the company as incumbent Anil Dua has decided to quit the direct-to-home company. Dobhal is the current Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the company. Dish TV is embroiled in a tussle between its largest shareholder Yes Bank Ltd (YBL) and the promoter family led by its former chairman Jawahar Lal Goel over board representation in the company.

Investment destination



Chennai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Wednesday met top officials of various firms in Singapore and invited them to invest in the southern state, while highlighting the conducive environment for starting new ventures. The CM is on a two-nation official tour of Singapore and Japan to attract more investments to Tamil Nadu and invite investors for a business conclave scheduled here next January. "Had discussion and productive engagement with the heads of major financial and industrial institutions from Singapore.

Surety bond

New Delhi: Road, transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said that changes will be made to the surety bond offering to make it more lucrative as no contractor is buying it because of the strict conditions imposed by insurance regulator Irdai. Last year in December, Gadkari launched the country's first-ever surety bond insurance product, with an aim to reduce the dependence on infra developers of bank guarantees.

Next print of inflation likely to be lower than 4.7%: RBI Governor

New Delhi, May 24:

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said inflation has moderated, and the next print is expected to be lower than 4.7 per cent though there is no room for complacency and the war on inflation will continue. Retail inflation fell to an 18-month low of 4.7 per cent in April, mainly due to cooling food prices. "Inflation has moderated (and) the last print is 4.7 per cent. Perhaps the next print could be lower," he said while addressing CII members here. The governor, however, emphasised that although inflation has moderated, there is no room for complacency. He said that inflation was looking benign, but the sudden outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine war changed the situation, resulting in a disruption in



RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and CII DG Chandrajit Banerjee during the CII Annual Session 2023, in New Delhi, Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

the global supply chain and firming up global commodity prices. He assured that the war against inflation is not over and the RBI will remain alert to evolving situations. Drawing confidence from macroeconomic stability, Das said there is a platform for supporting domestic growth. Talking about macroeconomic stability, he said in-

flation has moderated, there is sustained GDP growth, and Current Account Deficit is manageable. He also said that the fiscal deficit is on a consolidation path.

"So, on the back of macroeconomic stability and a robust financial sector...the percentage of gross non-performing assets of the banking sector

at the systemic level was 4.4 per cent at the end of December 2022," he noted. So, he said, the non-performing asset, which was a huge challenge for the Indian banking sector, has come down, and it is showing very good signs of resilience. Besides, he said, credit offtake in banks also is remaining quite resilient, and it is 15.5 per cent as per the latest figure. "And on top of that, we have the advantage of demography, which again is a huge opportunity for India. And it's something which will eventually add to our potential output or what some people prefer to call it India's growth potential. That's a theme, which will play out in the medium to long term," he said. He expressed confidence India could clock a growth of 6.5 per cent during the current financial year on the back of these tailwinds.

Honda to hike prices of Amaze, City by upto 1 pc from June



New Delhi, May 24:

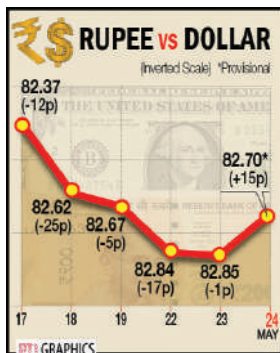
Honda Cars India on Wednesday said it will hike prices of its sedans City and Amaze by up to 1 per cent from June in order to offset the impact of increased cost pressures. "While our endeavour is to partially offset the increase, it has become imperative to pass on some of the impact. We have planned to increase prices for City and Amaze up to 1 per cent from June which shall vary across variants," Honda Cars India Vice President (Sales and Marketing) Kunal Behl said in a statement. The Amaze is currently priced between Rs 6.99 lakh and Rs 9.6 lakh while the City range including strong hybrid trims are tagged between Rs 11.55 lakh and Rs 20.39 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi).

Rupee rises 15 paise to close at 82.70 against US dollar

Mumbai, May 24:

The rupee appreciated by 15 paise to 82.70 against the US dollar on Wednesday, supported by foreign capital inflows.

A strong dollar against major rivals overseas and weak domestic equities weighed on the local unit and capped the appreciating bias, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.83 against the US dollar and settled at 82.70, higher by 15 paise over its previous close. During the day, the domestic unit witnessed an intraday high of 82.64 and a low of 82.84 in the day trade. On Tuesday, the rupee closed at 82.85 against the US currency. The dollar index, which gauges the green-



back's strength against a basket of six currencies, rose 0.18 per cent to 103.67. Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures advanced 1.81 per cent to USD 78.23 per barrel. The rupee gained on the soft dollar and FII inflows, said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhani by BNP Paribas.

Modi invites Australian businesses to invest in infra, semiconductors, space sectors

Sydney, May 24:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday invited Australian businesses to take advantage of investment opportunities in India in sectors like digital infrastructure, telecom, and semiconductors. He suggested the Australian CEOs to forge partnerships with their Indian counterparts. The prime minister, while addressing top Australian CEOs at a business round-table here, also talked about numerous economic reforms undertaken by the government. He "invited them to take advantage of investment opportunities offered by India in domains of infrastructure including digital infrastructure,



IT, fintech, telecom, semiconductors, space, renewable energy including green hydrogen, education, pharma, healthcare including medical devices manufacturing, mining including critical minerals, textile, agriculture and food processing," Official Spokesperson, Ministry of External Affairs, Arindam Bagchi said in a tweet.

The government has taken steps like reducing compliance burden, intro-

duction of production linked incentive scheme and easing of foreign direct investment norms. On May 23, the prime minister met business leaders of top Australian companies and called for enhancing cooperation with the Indian industry in areas such as technology, skilling and clean energy. Modi arrived in Sydney on Monday for the third and final leg of his three-nation tour. He is visiting Australia as a guest of the Australian government. Modi held bilateral meetings with Hancock Prospecting Executive Chairman Gina Rinehart; Fortescue Future Industry Executive Chairman Andrew Forrest and AustraliaSuper CEO Paul Schroder.

Surya Roshni launches high wattage Batters

Mumbai, May 24:

Surya Roshni, one of India's most respected and trusted brands for Lighting, Fans, Home Appliances, Steel Pipes, and PVC pipes, has been using its experience, technology and innovation to make its consumers' life simpler & healthier. Riding on its principle, "Keeping our ears to the ground", the brand recently made an attempt to understand the challenges faced by major strata of the society. The study concluded the need of 'bright and more light' amongst all age groups, be it youngsters doing artisan or any precision work, senior citizens who need more light to read and do their daily chores or anyone doing fine work like cutting onions, knitting, non stop reading, etc., the entire spectrum needs high quality and sufficient functional lighting which, Surya recognizes and attempts to fill in the requirement.

UltraTech Cement to implement Coolbrook's innovative technology

Mumbai, May 24:

UltraTech Cement Limited, India's largest cement and ready-mix concrete (RMC) company, and Coolbrook, a transformational technology and engineering company, will jointly develop a project to implement Coolbrook's RotoDynamic Heater™ (RDH) technology in one of UltraTech's cement manufacturing units.

UltraTech will be among the first industrial players in using Coolbrook's revolutionary technology for decarbonisation of cement manufacturing process. The RDH technology uses electrification from renewable sources for the heating processes in cement production and removes the need to use fossil fuels,

FDI declines 16 pc in FY'23, first y-o-y contraction in decade

New Delhi, May 24:

Gross foreign direct investment (FDI) flows, for the first time in a decade, declined on an annual basis in 2022-23 to USD 71 billion mainly due to a slowdown in the global economy, according to the RBI data. The annual decline works out to be 16.3 per cent in 2022-23 compared to inflows in 2021-22. The gross FDI inflows in 2021-22 were USD 81.97 billion, up 10 per cent over fiscal 2019-20.

The previous year-on-year contraction in FDI was in 2012-13 when the inflows declined by 26 per cent to USD 34.298 billion. "Gross inward FDI flows stood at USD 71 billion in 2022-23, registering a decline of 16.3 per cent on a y-o-y basis," as per an article published in the RBI's latest monthly bulletin. Net FDI too declined by nearly 27 per cent to USD 28 billion in 2022-23 as compared with USD 38.6 billion a year ago, mainly due to moderation in gross foreign direct investment inflows and an in-

crease in repatriation, it added. Manufacturing, computer services and communication services recorded the highest decline in FDI inflows compared with the preceding year. The major contributors towards the fall in inflows during the same period were the US, Switzerland, and Mauritius. The bulletin quoted 'iDi Intelligence', to say India was the second largest recipient of FDI (USD 26.2 billion) in the semiconductor industry for the year 2022, second only to the US (USD 33.8 billion).

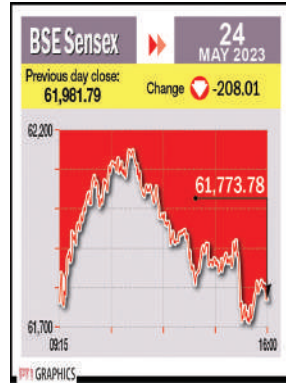
Massive investments in capital-intensive chip FDI projects are underway, in line with the Government of India's efforts to develop the industry, the article said. It further said foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) turned net purchasers in domestic financial markets in April, primarily in the equity segment (USD 1.9 billion), which was supplemented by an inflow in the debt segment (USD 0.2 billion).

Stock markets halt three-day gaining streak on weak global trends

Mumbai, May 24:

Benchmark stock indices closed lower on Wednesday, snapping their three-day gaining streak following profit-taking in financials, metal and oil shares amid a bearish trend in the global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex fell 208.01 points or 0.34 per cent to settle at 61,773.78 in volatile trade. The index opened lower but bounced back in late-morning deals to hit a high of 62,154.14. The barometer later gave up gains to hit a low of 61,708.10 in line with weak European markets. The broader NSE Nifty declined 62.60 points or 0.34 per cent to end at 18,285.40 after losses in Adani Entertainment, Adani Ports and Tata Motors.



Among the Sensex firms, Tata Motors, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC, Bajaj Finserv, Reliance Industries, Hindustan Unilever, Larsen & Toubro, Asian Paints and Tata Steel were the major laggards. Sun Pharma, Titan, ITC, IndusInd Bank, Tech Mahindra and Power Grid were among the winners.

AIC to launch insurance products for livestock, aquaculture and sericulture: CMD

Kolkata, May 24:

Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) will launch products for the livestock, aquaculture and sericulture sectors for which it has already obtained the licence from IRDAI, a top company official said on Wednesday. AIC already has a 50 per cent market share in the crop insurance market under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) scheme which is run by the Centre and state governments. "We have got the license for introducing insurance products for the livestock, aquaculture and sericulture sectors from the regulator IRDAI in last May. We

will launch the products after developing them", CMD of AIC Girija Subramanian told reporters on the sidelines of an ASSOCHAM event here.

Formed in 2000, AIC has a capital base of Rs 200 crore, contributed jointly by GIC Re at 35 per cent, Nabard at 35 per cent and the balance by the four public general insurers, National Insurance, United India Insurance, New India Assurance and Oriental Insurance. To a query, she said there is no immediate need to raise capital for the company.

While AIC needs to qualify through the bidding process to get business under the PMFBY, the in-

surance entity has also obtained the license for providing retail crop insurance. "Under this, the company needs to reach to the last mile farmer located in remote places. Developing this business will take some time", she said. For the kharif season under PMFBY, the farmer needs to pay 2.5 per cent of the premium, while the remaining is to be paid equally by the Centre and the state government which has adopted it. For the rabi season, the farmer needs to pay only 1.5 per cent of the premium. AIC also bids in the tendering process of similar schemes of state governments which do not follow PMFBY, she added.

MG Motor reaffirms its commitment to Electric Mobility

■ Sells 10,000 ZS EVs in India

Gurugram, May 24:

MG Motor India announced that its globally successful ZS EV has crossed 10,000 sales-mark in India. Ever since its launch, MG ZS EV-India's first pure-electric Internet SUV, has become a popular Green-plate among the EV enthusiasts in India. The all-new ZS EV is available in 2 variants (Excite & Exclusive), priced INR 23,38,000* and 27,29,800*, respectively. The ZS EV comes with 6 charging options: DC Super-Fast Chargers, AC Fast Chargers, AC Fast Charger



at MG dealerships, Portable charger with ZS EV, 24X7 RSA - for mobile charging support, MG Charge Initiative - a first-of-its-kind initiative by MG India, which aims to install 1000 AC fast chargers within community spaces across India in 1000 days to strengthen the EV charging infrastructure. MG India installs an AC fast charger free of cost at the home or office of ZS EV owners. The all-new ZS EV comes with the largest in-

segment 50.3kWh advanced technology battery that meets the best global safety standards ASIL-D: Enhanced Safety Integrity Level, IP69K: Better Dust & Water Resistance Rating & UL2580: Safety Management System. It is equipped with a powerful motor that delivers the best-in-class power of 176PS and accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in just 8.5 seconds. The flagship electric SUV comes with prismatic cell battery which has high energy density that offers better range and life.

The range figure is based on internal test at ICAT under standard test conditions.

India's forex reserves at comfortable position to meet any requirements: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, May 24:

India has a strong foreign exchange reserve and the country is in a comfortable position to meet all the requirements even in any worst-case scenario in the next five-six years, Commerce and industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Wednesday.

India's forex kitty jumped USD 3.553 billion to USD 599.529 billion for the week ended May 12, according to the Reserve Bank of India.

The minister also said that the government efforts that have helped in managing inflation and "I am happy that it has been respected and recognised by the RBI



(as) they have also taken a pause on the interest rates during the last MPC (Monetary Policy Committee) meeting". On forex reserves, he said: "We have strong foreign exchange reserves... In the worst case with whatever difficulty anybody may

have, India is comfortable for the next 5 or 6 years, given our forex reserves today, to be able to meet our forex requirements."

The minister was speaking at the annual session of industry body CII here. He added that no other developing country in the world is in such a "sweet spot" and it was the first time in many years that business persons are seeing interest rates almost at par with developed countries. "I believe this is a compelling case for investments, for growth and for expanding our international outreach, for bringing technology for bringing innovation into the country," he said, suggesting the in-

dustry should focus on quality, innovation and skilled manpower. Further he said that India's trading partners want India to fast track negotiations for free trade agreements (FTAs).

India is at present negotiating such agreements with nations including Canada, EFTA (European Free Trade Association), the UK, and the European Union (EU). "It shows the increased importance of India in the global order. FTAs are two way traffic... I feel very sad when I am being told sometimes that I (industry) want access to the EU market, but please do not allow them to come into our market.

A Majestic Tribute to Maternal Love

Kreative Minds' Artistic Celebration of Mother's Day

Sweta Sinha

In the grand tapestry of life, amidst the ebb and flow of existence, there exists a figure, a presence so profound that it transforms a mere dwelling into a sanctuary of love and warmth. She is the embodiment of unconditional love, the personification of strength and grace. On the hallowed occasion of Mother's Day, we gather to honor and celebrate the essence of motherhood, an ethereal bond that transcends all earthly boundaries.

Mother's Day, a cherished observance held every second Sunday of May, serves as a beacon of gratitude and reverence in homes across the world. As Cardinal Mermillod eloquently articulated, a mother is one who can take the place of all others, yet whose place no one else can fill. This sacred day finds its roots in the early 20th century when Anna Jarvis, propelled by her mother's altruistic spirit and activism, ardently campaigned for its inception. In 1914, the first official Mother's Day was joy-

ously celebrated, marking the beginning of an enduring tradition.

On this auspicious day, each mother is adorned with heartfelt tokens and gifts, bestowed upon her with love and appreciation. She is granted respite from the rigors of her daily routine, transported to places she holds dear, as she revels in the warmth of her family's devotion. It is a momentous occasion, a celebration of the irreplaceable role she plays in shaping lives, in nurturing souls.

On the 14th of May, 2023, Kreative Minds, an artistic haven of boundless creativity, orchestrated a unique celebration, paying homage to mothers in a manner befitting their divine essence. The aspiring learners of Kreative Minds crafted exquisite works of art, harnessing the language of colors, lines, and textures to express their profound love for their mothers.

In each stroke of the brush and every delicate fold of paper, the depths of the mother-child relationship unfurled, revealing a multitude of emotions and



experiences. The artwork spoke a universal language, transcending spoken words, encapsulating the essence of maternal love. Each picture, a testa-

ment to the pivotal role played by mothers in the lives of their children, evoked a sense of awe and admiration.

Reflecting on the signifi-

cance of this occasion, Amrita Tiwary, the visionary founder of Kreative Minds, shared her profound insights, "A mother is the harbinger of life itself, embodying a myriad of virtues - power, innocence, beauty, strength, and profound emotion. To have a mother in one's life is a divine blessing, for she is the architect of our very being. Her nurturing presence shapes the very fabric of our existence, from the moment the seed takes root within her womb. Mother's Day is not merely an annual event but an everlasting celebration, permeating every single day and each passing moment."

Indeed, the celebration of Mother's Day extends far beyond mere material expressions of love. It serves as a reminder of the immeasurable impact of maternal love, an indelible force that molds individuals and shapes societies. The artists at Kreative Minds, guided by their tender hearts and nurtured by their mentors, created masterpieces that serve as testaments to the intricate bonds forged between mothers and their

children. As we delve deeper into the realm of these artistic creations, we are beckoned to reflect on our own relationships with our mothers. The artworks act as mirrors, allowing us to see the traces of our own stories within the vibrant strokes and intricate designs. It is a poignant reminder that the love and devotion of a mother transcend time and space, echoing through generations, and nurturing the very core of our being.

As we bask in the beauty of these artistic expressions, let us carry the spirit of Mother's Day within our hearts every day. May we honor the sacred bonds of motherhood and cherish the extraordinary women who have touched our lives with their unwavering love. Through art, through words, and through heartfelt gestures, let us create a symphony of gratitude that resonates in every corner of the world. For truly, in the realm of a mother's love, miracles are born, dreams take flight, and the very essence of humanity finds its purest expression.

9 years of 'Heropanti': Tiger Shroff is filled with gratitude

Bollywood star Tiger Shroff, who made his debut with the 2014 romantic action film 'Heropanti', is celebrating the 9th anniversary of the film. The actor walked down the memory lane to thank the audience and the team for accepting him and showering immense love.

As the film clocked nine years of its release on Tuesday, Tiger took to his social media and shared the poster of the film in which he can be seen lying on the bike with his hat on and unbeatable swag of 'Bablu', his character name in the film.

He wrote in the caption, "Blessed to have been accepted by all of you 9 years ago. I hope I can continue to entertain you all through his genre for as long as possible. Forever grateful to my mentor #sajidnadiadwala and my amazing director and my most beautiful costar @wardakhan-nadiadwala @sabbir24x7 @kritisanon (sic)."

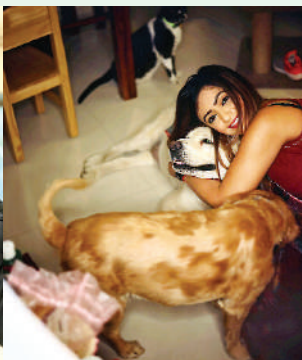
Meanwhile on the work front, Tiger is currently shooting for his upcoming action thriller



'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' along with Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar. He also has films like 'Ganapath' in the pipeline.

Sumeet and Pariva open up about their love for animals

Home is where the heart is and when filming a show, especially for over two years, actors' sets often become their homes. Sony SAB's Waggle Ki Duniya - Nayi Peedhi Naye Kissey is one such set where actors spend all their time not only with each other but also with their adopted little pets. Sumeet Raghavan (who essays the role of Rajesh Waggle) and Pariva Pranati (who plays Vandana Waggle), who have won the audience's hearts with their incredible performance on the show, are big animal lovers and love adopting strays. They not only feed them but have also opened their dressing



rooms to them. Both their vanities are always littered with kibble and cats alike. Having always been vocal about their love for animals, Sumeet and Pariva are both firm believers in - where there's a pet, there's a smile.

Talking about his love

for animals, Sumeet Raghavan said, "Animals have always held a special place in my heart, but having a pet was never something I considered. However, in 2018, everything changed when I began adopting stray animals.

Filmmaker Atlee leaves for his Cannes Film Festival debut with wife Priya Atlee



One of the most buzzing and renowned filmmaker of contemporary Indian Entertainment industry, Atlee adds another feather to his cap. Set for his first appearance at the coveted Cannes Film Festival, the filmmaker alongwith his wife Priya got clicked at the airport leaving for



Cannes. Helmer of blockbuster successes like Theri, Mersal, and Bigil amongst others, Atlee is currently generating waves not just across the nation but also the globe with the anticipation and excitement for his upcoming film Jawaan starring Superstars Shah Rukh Khan and Nayanthara.

Ram Charan talks bout making Hollywood debut, India's strong culture

Star Ram Charan has talked about his Hollywood debut and the kind of films he wants to work in the future. The actor was at the Film Tourism for Economic and Cultural Preservation event at Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC). When asked about making a debut in Hollywood, he said: "I want to explore India more and I don't think I would want to travel anywhere else for my films unless the producer or director is from Hollywood. I want to stick to my culture." He then spoke about the "strong culture" India has. "I want to educate (people) that our Indian sentiments are so strong. Our culture is so strong. There's a lot of dignity in our stories. Nowadays, when you see it, it's not a South Indian or North Indian movie, it's about Indian mitti ka stories. These stories are finally coming out." The actor, who gained global recognition with his power-packed performance in 'RRR', will next be seen in the Tamil-Telugu bilingual 'Game Changer', which also stars Kiara Advani. He also has yet-untitled project with director Buchi Babu Sana.



'I want to contribute to society'

Praneet Bhatt is a well-known actor in the industry, who is still known by people for his role of Mama Shakuni. Apart from this, his various roles in various mythological shows on television have been well received by the audience. Presently Praneet Bhatt is playing a negative character in Star Bharat's show 'Aashao Ka Saver...Dheere Dheere Se', the special thing is that Praneet is a trained theatre artist and has worked in many big dramas. Talking about his character, Praneet expressed his interest in participating in a story depicting social issues. This is the reason why Praneet is a part of 'Aashao Ka Saver...Dheere Dheere Se'. Praneet Bhatt says, I was told by Swastik Productions that my character in the show 'Aashao Ka Saver...Dheere Dheere Se' is a side role, yet I chose this role as it is a story of a widow and I agree That such stories should reach people. Everyone should work with Swastik Productions as there is a lot to learn.



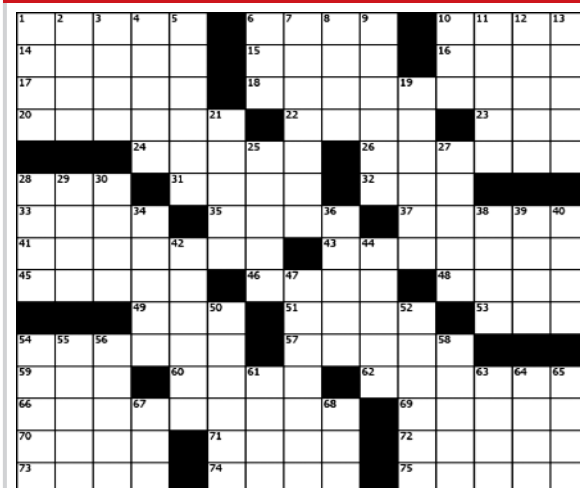
Akshay Kumar seeks blessings at Kedarnath temple, greets fans

Bollywood's 'Khiladi' Akshay Kumar has paid a visit to Kedarnath temple in Uttarakhand. A video of the actor is doing the rounds on social media, where he is seen coming out of the temple after offering prayers and then greeting fans outside with folded hands. The actor too took to Instagram, where he shared a video of the temple and captioned it: "Jai baba Bholenath". In the viral clip, Akshay is accompanied with a lot of security. He is seen wearing an all black outfit for his visit to the temple. On the acting front, Akshay will next be seen in 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'. The film, which also stars Tiger Shroff, has been shot in various locations across Scotland, London, India and UAE. He also has 'OMG: Oh My God 2', Hindi remake of 'Soorai Potru' and in the next installment of the 'Hera Pheri' franchise.



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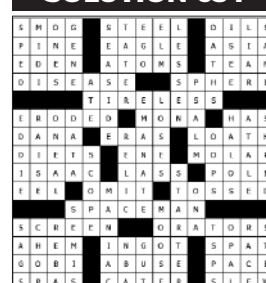
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There is no role for anchor in T20 cricket: Rohit Sharma

Mumbai, May 24 (PTD):

India captain Rohit Sharma believes T20 cricket has changed and there is no role for anchors left in the format, adding that he has been exploring what he can achieve more as a batter even though his change in approach has brought about failures.

The Indian captain across formats, Rohit says as a batter he wants to do things 'differently' now without worrying too much about the outcomes, and that power-hitting could never be his forte.

"As I see it, there is no role for an anchor now. It is just how T20 cricket is played these days, unless you are 20/3 or 4, which is not going to happen every day," Rohit told Jio Cinema.

"Once in a while, you will be in that position and then someone needs to anchor the innings and finish off to a good score. There is no role for an anchor anymore, guys are playing differently." Rohit feels a change in mindset is mandatory.

"If you do not change your mindset, you are



going to get smashed. People on the other side are thinking about the game differently and taking it to the next level.

"All seven batters need to play their role, I believe that if you get a good score, it is good, but even if you get a good 30-40 off just 10-15 or 20 balls, it is (just) as good because you are doing the role for the team. The game has changed," he added.

The Mumbai Indians and India captain said he has played T20 cricket long enough for him to stick to a particular approach to batting. "I just want to play that way and see what I can do. I have played this format for a long time and in a certain manner. But I want to do different things now. While doing that, (if) I get out, (it) does not really bother me," he said.

Rohit added, "If you see, in Chennai (vs Chennai Super Kings) and before that in Mohali (vs Punjab Kings), I got out zero. In the third game, against RCB, I stepped down the first ball. I thought I have failed thrice in as many attempts but it is fine, this is what I am going to do."

Ronaldo scores winner in Saudi Arabia

Riyadh, May 24 (AP):

Cristiano Ronaldo helped Al-Nassr keep its Saudi Arabian title hopes alive by scoring the winning goal in a come-from-behind 3-2 victory over Al-Shabab. If second-place Al-Nassr had lost the Riyadh derby then leader Al-Ittihad, which beat Al-Batin 1-0 earlier, would have been crowned champion with two games of the season remaining. Cristian Guanica scored twice for Al-Shabab before Anderson Talisca of Brazil pulled a goal back for Al-Nassr just before the break. Six minutes after the restart, the nine-time champions were level as Abdulrahman Ghareeb made it 2-2 from close range. Just before the hour, Ronaldo put Al-Nassr ahead in style, sprinting past two defenders to curl a shot into the top corner from the edge of the area. It was the Portugal star's 14th goal since joining after the World Cup. "To be 2-0 down is very difficult but we believed until the end and scored three goals so congratulations to the team and the supporters who were amazing today," the former Real Madrid star said. Al-Ittihad is three points clear at the top of the standings. Ronaldo said the Saudi league is slowly improving: "Step-by step I think this league will be in the top five leagues in the world but they need time, they need players, they need infrastructure."

Sindhu, Srikanth enter second round of Malaysia Masters



Kuala Lumpur, May 24 (PTD):

Star Indian shuttler PV Sindhu had to dig deep to beat

Denmark's Line Christophersen in the women's singles opening round and enter the pre-quarterfinals of the Malaysia Masters here on Wednesday.

Sindhu, seeded sixth, had to toil for one hour and two minutes to get the better of Christophersen 21-13 17-21 21-18 and maintain her superiority over the world no. 33 Dane, who the Indian had defeated

four times earlier. The two-time Olympic medalist Indian, ranked 13th in the world, will next play Japan's Aya Ohori.

However, it was curtains for qualifier Ashmita Chaliha and Aakarshi Kashyap in the women's singles competition as they suffered straight-game defeats to crash out in the opening round.

While Ashmita lost 17-21 7-21 against fourth seed Yue Han of China, Aakarshi was shown the door by top seed Japanese Akane Yamaguchi 17-21 12-21. Among Indian men,

Kidambi Srikanth defeated Toma Junior Popov 21-12 21-16 to enter the singles second round.

He will be next be up against Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn, seeded eighth.

Later in the day, HS Prannoy will take on sixth seed Tien Chen Chou of Chinese Taipei, while Lakshya Sen will be up against seventh seed Kean Yew Loh of Singapore in the men's singles opening round.

Malvika Bansod will be in action against second seed Zhi Yi Wang of China in women's singles.

Manika out of singles competition

World Table Tennis Championships

Durban, May 24 (PTD):

Star Indian paddler Manika Batra fought hard before going down to Adriana Diaz of Puerto Rico 3-4 in the round of 32 at the World Table Tennis Championships here on Wednesday.

Up against Diaz, ranked 13th in the ITTF chart, world number 39 Manika took the first game before her opponent stepped on the pedal. It was fairly balanced till the sixth game with both the players locked at 3-3.

But Diaz ran away with the decider as Manika lost 3-4 (6-11, 12-10, 11-9, 6-11, 13-11, 9-11, 11-3), to book her place in the last 16.

Even though she lost, Manika managed to ensure the best result for India in singles com-



petition here. Later in the day, Achanta Sharath Kamal and Sathiyam Gnanasekaran will play the English pair of Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford in the men's doubles round of 16. The Indian combination had defeated the same English duo en route to a gold medal in last year's Birmingham Commonwealth Games. Manika will then pair up with Archana Kamath and take on Japan's Hina Hayata and Mima Ito in the round of 16 of women's doubles.

Back-to-back international commitments very good for India: Gurpreet

New Delhi, May 24 (PTD):

Indian football team's first-choice goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu says there is competition with his challenger Amrinder Singh but winning matches is more important than just being on the pitch for both.

Earlier this year, at the Tri-Nation Cup in Imphal, where India beat Myanmar 1-0 and the Kyrgyz Republic 2-0 to lift the trophy, both Gurpreet and Amrinder jointly won the 'Goalkeeper of the Tournament' award.

"The relation between the players is extremely good. There is competition for places in a way, but we are like brothers, and we all know that either of us can slot in and do the job on a given day," Gurpreet said. "It's an honour to play for



the country and whenever given the opportunity, we must do justice to it. Of course, we also help each other be in the right frame for such opportunities whenever they present themselves. "Overall, the desire is to see the team win, than to just be on the

pitch," he added. Playing back-to-back internationals tournaments prior to next year's AFC Asian Cup is "very good" for the Indian team, feels Gurpreet. The team is set to play in a number of matches, with back-to-back international tournaments lined up -- the

Intercontinental Cup in Bhubaneswar, the SAFF Championship in Bengaluru, followed by the Kings Cup in Thailand (September) and the Merdeka Cup in Malaysia (October).

Preparing for the Asian Cup, which is set to be held in January-February in Qatar, the Blue Tigers are hard at work in their training camp in Bhubaneswar ahead of the Intercontinental Cup.

Gurpreet believes that it is a great opportunity for players to polish their skills. "Back-to-back tournaments are very good for us. We've got a good number of games in front of us, and that's something that I personally appreciate. I don't think we have ever done this before," Gurpreet told the-aiff.com.

Warner will really play big part in Ashes and WTC final: Andrew McDonald

Melbourne, May 24 (PTD):

Australia's head coach Andrew McDonald has backed David Warner to "play a really big part" in the upcoming World Test Championship final against India and the Ashes series against traditional rivals England.

Warner endured a difficult tour of India earlier this year and even though the Delhi Capitals skipper showed attacking intent while amassing 516 runs from 14 matches in the IPL, he will have his task cut out in the seaming English conditions.

Regardless of Warner's recent struggles, McDonald is confident of the seasoned Australian delivering at the top of the order in the UK. "We're op-



timistic with what Dave's got left, we've picked him in the squad and we feel he'll play a really big part in the Ashes and the World Test Championship (final)," McDonald told Australian radio station SEN. Warner was included in Australia's squad for the WTC final against India and the first two Ashes Tests but selectors have also picked Marcus Harris and Matt Renshaw as options.

IPL has taken a heavy toll, I have 8-9 months to decide: MS Dhoni



Chennai, May 24 (PTD):

Describing himself as an "annoying skipper," Mahendra Singh Dhoni said months of intense preparation for the IPL has taken a "heavy toll" on him and that he would take a call on his retirement in eight to nine months.

There have been speculations that 2023 could be a swansong season for Dhoni, who has led Chennai Super Kings to their 10th IPL final with a 15-run win over Gujarat Titans in the Qualifier 1 here on Tuesday.

"Frankly, it takes a heavy toll. I have been out of home for literally four months," Dhoni said at the post-match presentation after winning the last game of the season at Chepauk. "I will always come to CSK. I have been out of home from January, been practicing since March, so we will see," he added. "January 31 was when I got out of the house, finished my work, and started practicing from 2nd or 3rd of March. It takes a lot, but I have ample time to decide."

"I don't know... I have 8-9 months to decide. Why take that headache now. I have ample time to decide. The auction is in December," the 41-year-old said.

Personally, Dhoni has had a quiet season with the bat, managing just 104 runs from 15 matches at an average of 34.67, and was also seen struggling with his knee especially while running between the wickets.

The World Cup-winning captain, however, has not missed a match this season. After CSK's final league game, he was also seen wearing a brace.

"I will always be there for CSK, whether that is in the playing form or sitting somewhere outside...I don't really know."

Shastri wants both Ashwin and Jadeja in Indian playing XI for WTC Final



Dubai, May 24 (PTD):

Former head coach Ravi Shastri feels that Indian team should play to its strength and include both Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja in the playing eleven against Australia in the upcoming World Test Championship final at the Oval, next month.

Under Shastri's coaching, Indian team won a Test match at the Oval in 2021 but it was largely due to performance of India's pace attack comprising Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Umesh Yadav and Shardul Thakur apart from a class captain Rohit Sharma. Picking his XI for the marquee WTC Final, Shastri felt the void left by Bumrah will hurt India's chances and they should counter it by

picking another spinner to accommodate for the lack of quicks.

"India did very well in England last time round because you had Bumrah, you had Shami, you had Shardul Thakur, and you had Mohammed Siraj," Shastri said in ICC Review.

"So you had four fast bowlers. One being an all-rounder there, Shardul.

"That combination is a very good combination in England. Especially from India's point of view. It allows someone like Rohit Sharma to control the game far better. At times in England, you need to slow it down as well. And suddenly it can get overcast," he explained. For Shastri, it is important to pick players as per conditions and current form. Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav are a couple of years older and might be a few yards slower compared to 2021.

"You have got horses for courses, you've got all bases covered. But then if the quality is not good in your fast-bowling attack. If you think the guys are older, they are not as quick as they used to be, and the form is a little doubtful, then you play that second spinner because Ashwin is quality, as is Jadeja."

Defence main focus in next two games in Australia: Ekka



Adelaide, May 24 (PTD):

The focus would be on defence and not conceding easy goals as the Indian women's hockey team looks to bounce back and sign off with wins against Australia A in their last two games of the tour here.

The Indians have played three games against Australia, losing 2-4 and 2-3 in the first two games, respectively, and then coming from behind in the third game to ensure a 1-1 result.

In their final two games of the tour, the visitors

will face Australia 'A' here on Thursday and Saturday.

The exposure trip is part of India's preparation for the upcoming Asian Games and vice-captain Deep Grace Ekka believes that a strong defence line will be critical to the team's chances.

"Given that we played against a strong team like Australia, we produced a good show in the first three games, especially attacking-wise, but we conceded quite a few goals, which shouldn't be happening," Ekka said.

"Hence, we are focusing on improving our defend-

ing in the next two games and ending our tour on a high by winning the remaining matches."

The Indian team demonstrated brilliant attacking prowess in all three games, but they struggled to keep Australia from scoring goals.

"Also, if we ensure that we don't concede goals easily, it will help our forward line put pressure on opponents by attacking freely, which will ultimately increase our chances of winning games not only in this tour but also in our upcoming tournaments," the 28-year-old added.

'Banks cannot forcibly take possession of loan-default vehicles by engaging musclemen'

Patna, May 24 (PTI)

The Patna High Court has held that forcibly taking away vehicles from owners by musclemen engaged by financial institutions and banks for defaulting on loans is violation of the fundamental right to life and livelihood.

Justice Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, while disposing of a batch of writ petitions, said the rights of the banks and the finance companies must be exercised within the constitutional limitations and in accordance with the law.

The single bench observed that banks and finance companies "cannot act in conflict with the fundamental principles and policy of India which means that no person may be deprived of his livelihood and the right to live with dignity without following the established procedure of law".

A Supreme Court order "completely bans taking such possession by engaging gangsters, goons and musclemen as so-called recovery agents", the bench said in its order.

The high court said that vehicle loans should be re-

covered following provisions of securitisation that empower banks and financial institutions to recover bad debts by acquiring physical possession of the mortgaged properties of defaulting borrowers with the aid of the district administration and getting them auctioned in order to enforce their security interest.

The bench directed all police superintendents in Bihar to ensure that no vehicle is seized forcefully by any recovery agent and fined erring banks and finance companies Rs 50,000 each.

"The right to recovery of these banks and financial institutions if pitted against the constitutional right of life of a person/petitioner to live with dignity and not to be deprived of without following the established procedure of law, the constitutional rights of the person/petitioners shall prevail," it said.

In the garb of the power acquired by the financier under the loan agreement to repossess the vehicle, they cannot be allowed to take the law into their hands, the high court said in its May 19 order.

Ordinance on control of services in Delhi means Modi govt doesn't believe in Supreme Court: Kejriwal

Mumbai, May 24 (PTI)

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday claimed the ordinance issued for control of services in Delhi implies the Narendra Modi government does not believe in the Supreme Court.

After meeting Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray at the latter's residence in Mumbai, Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) national convener Kejriwal said state governments were being toppled by using the CBI and the ED.

Slamming the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Thackeray said they have come together to defeat forces that are against democracy.



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann being welcomed by Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray at his residence, in Mumbai, Wednesday.

Kejriwal met Thackeray to seek support for the AAP's fight against the Centre's ordinance on con-

trol of services in Delhi. He said the Shiv Sena has promised to support the people of Delhi when the

ordinance comes to the Rajya Sabha in the form of a bill.

"This will be like a semi-final in the Rajya Sabha. If the bill is defeated in the Rajya Sabha, then the Modi government will not come back to power in 2024," Kejriwal claimed.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) has three members in the Rajya Sabha.

"The ordinance on control of services in Delhi means the Modi government doesn't believe in the Supreme Court. The ordinance implies that how can the Supreme Court give a judgment against us (the Centre)," Kejriwal said. Backing the AAP leader, Thackeray said the Supreme Court's order was important for democracy.

10 booked in Indore for distributing 'objectionable' pamphlets against RSS and Bajrang Dal

Indore, May 24 (PTI)

Police have registered an FIR against 10 persons in Indore city of Madhya Pradesh for allegedly distributing objectionable pamphlets against the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the Bajrang Dal, a police official said on Wednesday.

The First Information Report (FIR) was registered based on a complaint lodged by a 45-year-old woman, said Raoji Bazar police station in-charge Pritam Singh Thakur.

"The case was registered against nearly 10 unidentified persons under section 153-A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The complaint stated that the pamphlets, which were distributed on the

night of May 20, allegedly used objectionable words against the RSS and the Bajrang Dal," he said.

"The identity of the people who distributed the pamphlets is yet to be established. We are trying to identify the accused with the help of CCTV footage," he said.

Another police official said the pamphlets, published in the backdrop of the issue of religious conversion, were addressed to young women. The pamphlets, titled "Open Letter", have "Your Faithful Brother" printed as the sender at the end, he said.

Two days back, the Indore police arrested a 23-year-old man on the charge of raping a woman, with whom he was in a relationship, and pressuring her to change her religion.

DU to launch centre on tribal studies

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

The Delhi University will start a multi-disciplinary centre on tribal studies to educate students about the contribution of tribal leaders to society during various eras of Indian history, a senior varsity official said on Wednesday.

The proposal in this regard will be presented at a meeting of the Academic Council on Friday, the official added.

An ordinance issued recently said the new centre will have seven major objectives, which include understanding the term "tribe" from an India-centric perspective and studying the "social, cultural, linguistic, religious, economic, and environmental diversity and commonalities" of different tribes.

The students will get to "study and document various Lok traditions of India's tribes including their indigenous/traditional knowledge", according to the ordinance.

The centre also aims to highlight the role of tribal leaders in India's struggle for freedom and "bring out to prominence the unsung heroes among them", the ordinance added.

Another focus area of the new centre is the identification of the problems of Denotified and Nomadic tribes and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) with reference to conservation, development and special health needs.

Students of the centre will also get a chance to study the significance of forest-tribe relationships with a focus on the stabi-

ty of forest ecosystems and livelihood issues.

According to the ordinance, a new body will be set up under the Executive Council of the university to monitor the multi-disciplinary centre's governance. All expenditures of the centre such as on seminars, research projects, teaching, publications, administration, equipment and other support activities shall be made adhering to the General Financial Rules, allocation and other rules and regulations as applicable, the ordinance mentioned.

"Additional financial support can be sought from various government agencies or through collaborations with national and international agencies according to the requirements from time to time," it added.

Heavy rains lash Jammu region, landslide blocks highway

Jammu, May 24 (PTI) In a respite from the scorching heat wave conditions, heavy rains on Wednesday lashed various areas of the Jammu region bringing down the temperature.

The Jammu-Srinagar national highway was blocked for a brief period due to landslides triggered by heavy rains in Ramban district.

There were rains in various areas of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Udhampur, Rajouri and Reasi districts on Wednesday, officials said.

Student accused of setting afire court premises acquitted

Mumbai, May 24 (PTI)

A sessions court here has acquitted a 22-year-old student who was arrested for setting afire the premises of another court and causing damage to the property, observing that the prosecution failed to prove the case against him. In his order passed last month, Additional Sessions Judge A A Kulkarni let off Omkar Pawar and said the prosecution had claimed that the alleged incident occurred in broad daylight but it did not

examine any witness who might have seen the accused at the spot. "In such circumstances, I am of the opinion that evidence of prosecution is not sufficient to conclude that prosecution has proved that accused set fire in the premises of Girgaon court and caused damage to the property," the court said. As per the prosecution, the assistant superintendent of Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Girgaon, had on June 19, 2021, received a call about a fire on the premises.

'Ramayana, Mahabharata will be rewritten in every era'



Mythological fiction writer Anand Neelakantan.

New Delhi, May 24 (PTI)

Age-old stories like those told in Ramayana and Mahabharata will be rewritten and retold in every era, says writer Anand Neelakantan, who is known for his interpretation of Indian epics from the perspective of the antagonist.

The 49-year-old rose to fame with his 2012 mythological fiction, "Asura: Tale of the Vanquished", which depicted the tale of Ramayana from the perspective of Ravana. His another bestseller, "Ajaya", also depicts the epic of Mahabharata from the point of view of Duryodhana.

Calling himself more of a "storyteller" than a novelist, Neelakantan

said "Indian civilisation" does not believe in "one god, one religion, and one book".

"It is not the first time somebody is reinterpreting or rewriting it, every Ramayana is different, every Mahabharata is different. There are more than 1000-1200 Mahabharatas and 300-340 Ramayanas. This is a tradition continuing from the last 2000-3000 years, or more than that in different languages," Neelakantan told PTI in an interview.

The author said retelling an old story in a slightly different manner

was never considered "blasphemy".

"Traditionally, it was never that, which is why we have got so many Ramayanas and Mahabharatas. It's an all accepting culture. And more will be written, it's not going to end.

Mumbai BJP chief Ashish Shelar meets NCP supremo

Mumbai, May 24 (PTI)

Bharatiya Janata Party's Mumbai unit chief and MLA Ashish Shelar on Wednesday called on Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) president Sharad Pawar at the latter's residence in south Mumbai.

What transpired at the meeting, however, could not be known.

The meeting between the two leaders assumes significance as Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is scheduled to meet the NCP chief in the city on Thursday. Kejriwal, who met Shiv Sena (UBT) president on Wednesday, is seeking support of different polit-

ical parties and leaders for the Aam Aadmi Party's fight against the Centre's ordinance on control of services in Delhi.

Although Shelar and Pawar belong to rival parties, they have been on the same page when it comes to controlling the cricket boards of Mumbai or the apex body of the sports. Shelar, a BJP MLA from Bandra West, has been in the world of cricket politics for almost a decade, while Pawar had earlier served as the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the International Cricket Council (ICC), and the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA).

President Murmu inaugurates new Jharkhand High Court building



President Droupadi Murmu with Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud and others during the inauguration of the new building of Jharkhand High Court, in Ranchi, Wednesday.

Ranchi, May 24 (PTI)

President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday inaugurated the new building of the Jharkhand High Court in Ranchi, built at a cost of about Rs 550 crore.

The 165-acre compound of the new high court is one of the largest in the country in terms of area.

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, Jharkhand Governor

Radhakrishnan, Union Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra, Chief Minister Hemant Soren and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. The new High Court building has 25 air-conditioned courtrooms and two halls for lawyers with a sitting capacity of 1,200 people each, along with 540 chambers, an official said.

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