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BRIEF



Bollywood actor Sara Ali Khan at the trailer launch of her upcoming movie 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke', in Mumbai, Monday

Injured

■ Balrampur: Five people were injured after a leopard attacked them while they were working in their fields in the Sohelwa forest area here on Monday, an official said. They were attacked by a female leopard which was along with her cubs, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Sam Maran M said. In the incident. which occurred at Bhujehra village, Shravan Kumar (20), Indra (28), Om Prakash (33), Mar Gathu (30) and Karta Ram (30) were injured, he said. They are being treated at the Shivpura Community Health Centre.

Booked

New Delhi: A 37-year-old woman was found hanging from a ceiling fan at her house in south Delhi's Tigri area on Monday, police said. The deceased has been identified as Laxmi Gupta, they said. The victim's family has accused her husband Jitender Gupta and brother-in-law of harassing her over dowry, they said. According to police, Laxmi s brother-in-law informed nolice about the incident after spotting her body hanging from a ceiling fan.

Food poison

■ Jaipur: Three children died due to suspected food poisoning in Nagaui district of Rajasthan in the past three days, official said on Monday. They lived in the same colony on Merta Road, Chief **Medical and Health** Officer of Nagaur Dr Mahesh Sharma said three-and-a-half-year-old Laxmi felt stomach pain on Monday and died at her residence.

Damage

Aizawi: At least 236 houses and eight refugee camps have been damaged after super cyclone Mocha' struck several parts of Mizoram, officials said on Monday. A total of 5.749 people in more than 50 villages were affected by the powerful winds on Sunday, they said. However, there were no reports of fatalities.

Derail

■ Bengaluru: A coach of the double-decker train from Chennai to Bengaluru derailed at Bisanattam on the Karnataka-Andhra Pradesh border, near Bangarpet in Kolar district on Monday, Railway authorities said. However, none of the passengers were injured. Train services were also not affected.



SILVER

Power play for CM post shifts to Delhi

K'TAKA GOVT FORMATION

All eyes on **Congress top brass**

Bengaluru. May 15 (PTI) :

All eyes are now riveted on the Congress' central leadership that will pick the new Karnataka chief minister, a decision preceded by intensive consultations, one-on-one interaction with MLAs and even a 'secret ballot'.

After the Congress party's stupendous victory in the May 10 assembly polls, intense lobbying for the chief minister's post in Karnataka started for former chief minister Siddaramaiah and KPCC president Shivakumar.

The party faces the uphill task of satisfying the two camps and is working on a 'formula'.

Both the top Karnataka leaders have been called to Delhi by the party high command for further consultations on government formation in the state. While Siddaramaiah has left Bengaluru and will be in the national capital by

AICC observer for Karnataka Sushil Kumar Shinde arrives at the residence of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, in New Delhi, Monday.

evening. Shivakumar is likely to follow him later in the

The three central observers deputed by the Congress returned to the national capital on Monday after speaking individually to the newly elected MLAs.

The observers are putting together the views expressed by all the newly elected MLAs and will hand over the report to president Mallikarjun Kharge by Monday night, sources told PTI.

Senior party leader B K

stomach bug Chief Minister aspirant and Karnataka state Congress

president D K Shivakumar on Monday cancelled his Delhi trip, hours after confirming he would be flying to the national capital, fuelling speculations that all is not well in the ruling camp over the CM contender issue. He cited health reasons for

Shivakumar puts

off Delhi trip citing

the change in his travel plans. The senior Congress leader is locked in an intense power struggle with Siddaramaiah over who will lead the party led government, after Congress stormed to power by winning 135 seats in the May 10 elections to the 224member Karnataka Assembly Siddaramaiah, a former CM. had left for Delhi by Monday afternoon to meet with AICC leaders. "I have some problem in the stomach. Doctor is coming in ten minutes. It's burning. It looks like some infection and I have fever.... please let me be free.... Shivakumar told reporters. Sources close to him confirmed he is not going to Delhi

Manoj Soni to take oath as UPSC chairman today

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

Educationist Manoj Soni will take oath as the chairman of **Union Public Service** Commission (UPSC) on Tuesday, an official said. Soni, who joined the Commission as the member on June 28, 2017, has been performing the duties of the UPSC chairman since April 5, 2022, he said on Monday.



Three die after consuming illicit liquor

Probe launched

Janjgir, May 15:

A newly married serviceman and two of his friends died after allegedly consuming illicit liquor in Janjgir-Champa district on Monday, police said.

The incident took place in Rogda village under Nawagarh police station limits. The deceased have been identified as Nandlal Kashvap, Satish Kashvap and Paras Ram Sahu, an official here said.

As per preliminary information, Nandlal, an army jawan, was on leave and got married last week. His family invited their relatives for a meal at their



home on Monday for which Nandlal was making arrangements since morning, the official said. He and two others consumed liquor procured from a person who allegedly used to sell illicit alcohol in the village, following which the trio fell unconscious, the official said. After being alerted, their family members shifted them to a hospital in Nawagarh where the three were declared dead, he said.

About the incident

The incident took place in Rogda village under Nawagarh police station limits. The deceased have been identified as Nandlal Kashyap, Satish Kashyap and Paras Ram Sahu. As per preliminary information, Nandlal, an army jawan, was on leave and got married last week. His family invited their relatives for a meal at their home on Monday for which Nandlal was making arrangements since morning. He and two others consumed liquor procured from a person who allegedly used to sell illicit alcohol in the village, following which the trio fell unconscious. After being alerted, their family members shifted them to a hospital in Nawagarh where the

HC refuses to halt demolition of Delhi temple

Encroaching on road

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

The Delhi High Court has refused to interfere with the demolition of a 55-year-old Kali temple which was found to be "unauthorised" and obstructing the free flow of traffic at Mayapuri Chowk here.

Justice Prathiba M Singh permitted the removal of the idols and other religious objects from the temple by the priest and placing them in other temples, as directed by the Religious Committee in the matter, and said after May 20, the Public Works Department (PWD) was free to carry out the demolition

Sikar (Raj), May 15 (PTI):

Senior BJP leader and

Union minister Nitin

Gadkari on Monday asserted

that votes are won on the

basis of "politics of service"

rather than on "posters and

banners". He said he has now

decided that he will not put

up any posters or offer tea to

people in his constituency in

the next election as "those

who have to vote will vote

and those who do not will

not". At the same time, he ex-

uded confidence in increas-

ing his winning margin in

the next poll. Gadkari was ad-

dressing a programme on the

death anniversary of former

vice president Bhairon Singh

Shekhawat

activity. The court's order came on a petition by Durga P Mishra, the priest and the caretaker of the temple, who sought to guash a notice dated April 25 issued by the PWD as well as the minutes of the meeting of the Religious Committee which took the decision to demolish the "Kali Mata Mandir". "As per the minutes of the Religious Committee meeting, the committee has come to the conclusion that the temple structure is unauthorised and is situated on the main road. It is also obstructing free flow of traffic and thus had directed the removal of the said unauthorised religious structure," said the court in its order

Nitin Gadkari

Khachariyawas village in

Sikar district of Rajasthan. "I

have fought the election in a

very tough constituency.

Everyone had asked me not

to contest from there, but I

fought with determination.

Now I have decided that in

the next election, I will not

put up posters or banners,

will not give tea or do any-

thing else. Those who have to

vote will vote and those who

MAHA DEVELOPMENT

do not will not," he said.

dated May 11.

POLITICS OF SERVICE

'No posters and banners

from next election'

Six killed in collision between two trucks ■ 21 injured

Hariprasad said the MLAs

were asked for their open

feedback on their choice of

chief minister during

their interaction with the

observers and also a secret

ballot was held for the

CM's name. The observers

have brought the ballot

boxes to Delhi along with

Kharge is likely to take a

decision on who will be

the next chief minister of

Karnataka soon. He is also

likely to hold consulta-

tions with top Congress

Sonia Gandhi and Rahul

Gandhi, before arriving at

including

Balodabazar, May 15:

leadership,

Five women and a child were killed and 21 others injured when a mini goods truck they were travelling in collided head-on with another big truck in Balodabazar district, police said on Monday Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel has announced an assistance of Rs 4 lakh to the kin of each of the de-The accident took place

late Sunday night near Gauda Pulia under Palari police station area, located 70 km from the state capital Raipur.

The victims, natives of Latua village, were returning after attending a fami-



The injured being shifted to the hospital after the accident.

ly function in Parsada village, a senior police official said.

Their pickup truck collided head-on with another truck. Five women and a six-year-old boy died on the spot and 21 others were injured, five of them criti-

JOY OF SUCCESS

cally, the police official said.

The deceased have been identified as Dhaneshwari Fekar (35), Prabha Nayak (18), Agar Bai (60), Shanti Fekar (60), Hema Dhruv (20) and Ghanshyam Fekar (6), he said.

CM expresses grief

The CM expressed grief over the incident and in a tweet said the district administration officials have been directed to provide all possible assistance to kin of the deceased and medical treat ment to the injured. "I announce an assistance of Rs 4 lakh to the family of each of the deceased," he added.

About the mishap

The accident took place late Sunday night near Gauda Pulia under Palari police station area. located 70 km from the state capital Raipur. The victims, natives of Latua village, were returning after attending a family function in Parsada village Their nickun truck collided head-on with another truck.

ALL FOR PUBLICITY SC rejects plea on use

of prefixes for women

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea which raised an issue that no women should be asked to put prefixes like 'Ms', 'Kumari', 'Mrs' before their names, saying it is all for publicity.

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and A Amanullah observed that there cannot be a general order in this behalf as it depends upon the choice of a person to whether to use a prefix or

The counsel appearing for the petitioner told the apex court that he wanted

to file some additional documents in the matter.

not to use it.

BONANZA FOR JOB SEEKERS

PM to distribute about 71,000 appointment letters today

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

Minister Prime Narendra Modi will distribute about 71,000 appointment letters on Tuesday to those joining various government departments and also address them virtually. So far, Modi has distrib-

uted appointment letters to 2.9 lakh persons and their numbers will go to 3.6 lakh after Tuesday's event. Besides these programmes, the prime minister has been part of several 'Rozgar Mela' oganised by many states, mostly those ruled by the BJP and allies. The 'Rozgar Mela' on

tor of Sikkim lotteries and

Tuesday will be held at 45 locations across the country, an official statement said, adding the recruitments are taking place across central government departments, state governments, and UTs supporting this initiative.

The new recruits, selected from across the country, will join various posts like gramin dak sevaks, inspector of posts, commercial-cumticket clerk, junior clerkcum-typist, junior accounts clerk, track maintainer, assistant section officer, lower division clerk, sub-divisional officer and tax assistants among others.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

'Will have to first recognise which Sena faction is the political party'

Mumbai, May 15 (PTI):

Maharashtra Legislative Assembly speaker Rahul Narwekar on Monday said that after the Supreme Court's May 11 verdict, he will have to first recognise in the House which faction of the Shiv Sena is the political party before going ahead with any other decision. He was speaking to reporters here after re-

turning from London. Narwekar said, "I will have to first recognise who represents the politi-



Rahul Narwekar

cal party in the Assembly. Then the decision on the appointment of the chief whip will be taken. The petitions demanding the disqualification of MLAs are pending with the Speaker. Their main contention is about not following the whip's order," he said. In its verdict on the

Shiv Sena-centric tussle that led to the fall of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government in Maharashtra last year, the Supreme Court on May 11 said it can't reinstate the then chief minister Uddhav Thackeray as he chose to resign without facing the floor test.

Of 'lottery king' **Santiago Martin**

Students celebrate their success after declaration of Haryana Board of School

Education (HBSE) class 12th exams results, at a school in Gurugram, Monday.

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

Assets worth about Rs 457 crore have been frozen under the anti-money laundering law as part of an investigation against "lottery king" Santiago Martin in a case linked to alleged loss of over Rs 900 crore to the Sikkim government by fraudulent sale of the state lottery in Kerala, the **Enforcement Directorate** said on Monday. The agency carried out fresh raids



Santiago Martin

against Martin and his family members in Coimbatore and Chennai, and the official premises of a company called 'Future Gaming Solutions India Private Limited' in Coimbatore on May 11 and 12. Future Gaming Solutions India Pvt Ltd is the master distribu-

Enforcement Directorate (ED) is investigating Martin, known as "lottery king" in Tamil Nadu since 2019. The money laundering case stems from a CBI charge sheet filed against Martin and others for alleged offences relating to sale of lotteries of the Sikkim government in Kerala.

"Martin and his associate companies and entities made unlawful gains with a corresponding loss to the government of Sikkim to the extent of Rs 910 crore on account of inflating the prize winning tickets claim for the period from 01.04.2009 to 31.08.2010," the ED alleged in a statement. Several investments of

the group concerns (of Martin) like fixed deposits and mutual funds worth Rs 157.7 crore have been frozen under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and immovable property documents worth Rs 299.16 crore were seized, it said. Thus, the ED said, properties worth about Rs 457 crore were unearthed as a result of search operations and they have been seized/freezed.

Farmers stage protest against GAIL pipeline project

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Stage gherao at **District Collectorate**

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: On Monday, the farmers of about 17 villages staged a protest against the natural gas pipeline project of Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) which is passing through the lands of about 500 farmers in the district.

They alleged that the GAIL is forcefully laying its pipelines without properly informing the farmers. The competent authorities of the concerned areas appear to be least bothered for the farmers.

The affected farmers are continuously agitating against this tyrannical move. In view of the administrative apathy, the resentment among the farmers is rising day by day.



The agitators later submitted a memorandum at the Collector Jandarshan and demanded from the state government to immediately revoke the gazette notification in which powers have been granted to GAIL to acquire land for its Mumbai-Nagpur - Jharsuguda gas

They demanded that the notification should be cancelled with immediate effect and the work of laying pipeline should be stopped immediately. As it was the death anniversary of veterfarmer leader

Mahendra Singh Tikait, the farmers conducted a

gathering at the District Collectorate premises and paid floral tributes to him.

They raised the slogans of 'Chaudhary Mahendra Singh Tikait Amar Rahe'. They also discussed the strategy of struggle over the gas pipeline project issue. Dhalesh Sahu, Youth

Chhattisgarh, in-charge Bhartiya Kisan Union Ahiwara Assembly, Kaldas Daharia of Chhattisgarh Mukti Morcha, Sandeep Patel of Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan and Tamarkar of Sanjay Bharatiya Kisan Union extended support to the farmstruggle pipeline project. Hiraram

Budhelal Sahu, Manoj Verma, Ramadhin Sahu, Mahesh Kumar, Prabha Sinha, Ashok Verma, Malik Ram, Churavan, Peman Sahdev, Mahendra Kumar, Yogeshwar Dewangan, Ashish Tiwari, Khorbahara, Devendra Tamrakar, Kalyan Patel and hundreds of affected farmers from Nankatti, Bodegaon, Bagdumar and other villages were present.

Man gets 20 years RI for unnatural sexual assault on 12-year-old boy

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: A Fast Track Special Court in Durg sentenced a man to 20-years rigorous imprisonment for sexual assault on a 12-vear-old boy. The trial was completed and punishment was awarded to the convict within nine months of charge sheet filing.

Additional Sessions Judge (Fourth), FTSC -Sangeeta Naveen Tiwari convicted 30-year-old Gaffar Ali son of Mukhtar Ali a resident of Bhim Nagar, Supela on Monday. The boy's family had lodged a complaint at Supela Nagar Police Station on June 19, 2022.

Public Special

Kasar informed that the accused resides in the neighbourhood of the victim. Around 21:30 hrs on June 18, the victim reached his house and started to gargle and wash his face with a

When his parents questioned, he informed them that the neighbour Gaffar Khan took him to the dark end of the street and sexually assaulted him in an unnatural way. The child further informed that the accused Gaffar Khan let him go when he tried to call his friends for help.

On coming to know about the incident, the parents of the victim

of the accused and questioned him. The accused entered into an altercation with the victim's parents and lifted a brick to attack them.

After trial, the Special Court found the accused guilty and awarded different jail terms for Section 506-B of IPC and Section 06 of POCSO Act under which the accused was tried.

He was sentenced to one year rigorous imprisonment and Rs 100 fine under section 506-B and 20-years rigorous imprisonment and Rs 5000 fine under section 06 of POCSO Act, informed Special Public Prosecutor Santosh

Bhilai Steel Plant organises free health camp at Village, Chetua

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, remains on forefront in discharging its organizational social responsibility.

The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the plant has been providing free medical and healthcare facilities to its surrounding areas for a long time, through free health camps and other initiatives.

Under the healthcare initiative, a free Health Camp was organised by the CSR Department in collaboration with the Medical and Health Services Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, on May 13, 2023 at Village,



The expert medical team from CSR, comprising health experts, Dr Isha Pharmacist, Khilawan Kumbhakar,

and BP examination, Shambhu for registration and Sita Sinha, CSR Assistant, from the department conducted the

A total of 25 villagers were examined at the Medical Camp including 12 men, 12 women and 1 child, and free medicines

Bike crashes head-on into car; two killed

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: Two youth moving on a bike were killed in an accident which occurred in Anjora area late evening on Sunday. Their bike collided head-on with a car near Shivnath River bridge on the highway.

Police rescue team immediately reached the spot and the injured youths were rushed to the hospital where they succumbed to their in-

According to information, the deceased were Altaf Gani (24) son of Naseeruddin a resident of Talpuri, Bhilai and Sandeep Anandan (35) son of Radhe a resident of Ruabandha.

They were moving from Rajnandgaon towards Durg on their Enfield Bullet bike bear-



ing registration number CG07-AZ-9026. Around 21:30 hrs, they went on the wrong side of the road and collided headon with a Maruti Alto car bearing registration number MP50-CA-0698.

On information, the Emergency Response Vehicle of Durg Police reached the spot and both the youth were shifted to the hospital. Later, they died during treatment in



Students of DAV Ispat Public School, Sector -2 excel in CBSE Exam



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: The students of DAV Ispat Public School Sector 2 registered thriving success in recently declared CBSE Class-10 & Class-12 Examination, where the school marked the chart with 100% results. In Senior secondary Class

-12 & Class-10 students excelled with their potential and registered excellent results and brought laurels for the school and this tinsel town. The Class - 10 result was 100%, whereas 10 students were placed with more than 90% marks and exposed exemplary result.

11 students proudly placed themselves between 80-90%. Sneha Suresh Didhade was the topper with 96.4%, (scored 100 marks in Sanskrit), Priya Singh scored 96.2% Rajshekhar Lachoria and Snehdeep Singh Sandhu scored 94.6 %., Dibyajyoti Swain scored 94%.

In Class -12 Senior Secondary Examination, the students of the school excelled and with marvellous outcomes, in commerce stream Prachi Guirati scored 90.8% was the topper whereas in Science stream Astha Shah topped with

The presence of Prince Kumar-84.6% & Pratibha -84.4% were also to mention. The Headmistress of the School Priyanka Shukla extended her congratulations to the students and also wished them best for their future endeavour.

The Parents expressed their gratitude for the excellent guidance by the teachers of the School and expected their untiring effort

Round Table India constructs three classrooms at Basin Govt School

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: Bhilai Chapter of Round Table three-classroom block at Government Primary and Middle School, Basin, Durg. Procter & Gamble extended support for constructing this block.

While there are several Community Service Projects being implemented concurrently by Round Table India across the Country, Freedom Through Education is the ongoing National Project whose primary aim is to provide physical infrastructure to schools aimed at supporting education of underprivi-



leged children.

Round Table India is involved in building Class Rooms, Toilets and providing other amenities like Drinking water facil-

ity, Library, Science lab, Playgrounds, schools across the country that are catering to children from lesser privileged sections of the so-

Since 1997 Round Table India has built over 7890 Classrooms in 3347 Projects impacting 8.67 million children across

India with a total outlay of Rs 380 Crore and covered Area Built of almost 2.67 million sq ft. Round Table India has

built a new classroom block at Government Primary and Middle School, Basin, Durg through chapter 243 Bhilai Round Table with the help and support of Procter & Gamble. This block was formally inaugurated on May 14, 2023.

The new school block consists of 3 classrooms and under the Freedom Through Education initiative by Round Table India. This 3 classroom block would benefit 90 lesser privileged children every year in the nearby areas of Basin, Durg.

International Conference 'Technologia: ICRAMEN 2023'

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: A two day International Conference on Recent Advances in Mechanical Engineering and Nanomaterials i.e. 'TECHNOLOGIA: ICRA-MEN 2023' in Hybrid Mode was organized by Christian College of Engineering & Technology, Bhilai in Association with Research Association of Masters of Engineering, Pune on 12th& 13th May, 2023.

The purpose of this conference was to provide better opportunities to the researchers, innovators to present and exchange their latest findings of their research work, innovative ideas and applications internationally with the research fraternity from Academia and Industry in the field of Science, Engineering and Technology.

The inaugural function was graced by Dr Sanjay Agrawal. Chancellor, CSVTU, Bhilai, as the Chief Guest. In his address he explained the working of photovoltaic solar cells, its principles and how the efficiency of the solar cell can be enhanced to utilize it in a better way. He also gave the informa-

tion about the various schemes of CSVTU for start-ups, knowledge upgradation, skill development etc. Executive Vice Chairman Rev Fr Dr PS Varghese presided over the function. In his presidential address he emphasized on implementation of the new Dr Dharm Pal, Associate education policy NEP. This Professor, NIT, Raipur, depolicy envisages three pillivered a lecture on lars of education; skills, val-Nanocomposites for food ues and scientific temperament, without these three skills education cannot be

At the start of the pro-Dr Archana Choudhary, Vice Principal, welcomed all the digni-

taries and participants. Dr Radheshyam H Gajghat, Convener, presented the report of the conference and Richa Sahu, Co-convener proposed the vote of thanks. On the first day of the event. Keynote Speaker

packaging applications. He gave very important information regarding the technological development in this field which was very useful for the food industry. On the next day, Dr Manoj A Kumbhalkar, President, Research Association of Masters of Engineering, addressed the online session and gave the important information about the publication process

Keynote Speaker Dr Jaejin Jang, Associate Professor, Dept Industrial

Manufacturing Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA, delivered a lecture on Effect of technology development on social welfare.

industry by using game

theory. Dr Rakesh L Himte,

Edlabadkar Yashwantrao He compared the three different models of the food

Principal, Rungta College of Engg & Tech, Bhilai and Dr DB Jani, Associate Professor, Government Engg College, Dahod, Gujarat were the Session Chairs for these two days technical sessions.

In this conference total 74papers were received from all over India and abroad out of which 52 papers were registered for the presentations. All the accepted papers have been recommended for publication in Scopus, Web of Science and UGC Care indexed/listed journals of Trans Tech Publication

Switzerland. Robin Babu from Christian College of Engg & Tech, Bhilai, Ajinkya Chavan College of Engg, Nagpur, Susmita Solanki from Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Rajat Panchal

from Pandit Deendayal

Energy Ghandhinagar Abhimanyu Patwa from Symbiosis International Deemed University, Pune were selected for the Best Paper Awards.

In the valedictory session, Fr Dr Varghese congratulated the Best paper winners and all other participants for their remarkable presentations of their research findings in the conference. Dr Gajghat summarized all the activities of the event and announced the name of best paper winners.

Dr Dipali Soren Principal, CCET proposed the vote of thanks. Dr Anju Singh and Richa Sahu conducted the technical sessions and Lincy Mendonza moderated the function. His Grace Alexios Eusebius, Chairman, CCET, conveyed his best wishes and blessings to the organizers and all participants.

St Thomas College achieves 100 percent result in PGC course





Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: The result of St Thomas College's Post Diploma Graduate Psychological Guidance and Counselling (PGC course) is 100 percent. All the students who enrolled for the course passed with a first class. Subhadra Kumari got first position in the college by securing 82.4% marks.

Surekha Jawade got second position with 81% marks and Ankita Deshmukh got third po-

sition with 80% marks. College Administrator Rev Father Dr Joshi Varghese, Principal Dr MG Roimon, IQAC Coordinator and Head of Psychology Department Dr Debjani Mukherjee have congratulated all the students who passed with flying colours. Assistant Professor Dr

Sumita Singh's contribution is also recognised for this success. This is the first batch of PGC Diploma who passed out from St Thomas College with excellent results.











Our government is committed to give the right opportunities to the talent and energy of youth to fulfill the

Providing Opportunities to

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For becoming the foundation of

vision of a developed India. - Narendra Modi, Prime Minister 5 5 CEV III

Rozgar Mela

for fulfilment of resolution to provide

10 lakh

Government Jobs to the Youth of the Nation

Distribution of Appointment Letters

To more than 71 thousand new appointees at 45 locations across the country by

Narendra Modi

Prime Minister





Government of India, along with partner State Governments, is creating around one lakh new jobs every month



Continuous monitoring of vacancies and recruitment process through special online system



Women, specially-abled and candidates from aspirational districts will be specially benefitted



Karmayogi Prarambh Module for online training of all the new appointees in various government departments



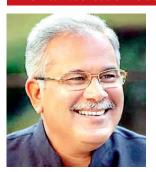
All the recruitments are being done through agencies like UPSC, SSC, **Railway Recruitment Board**



Simple, fair and transparent selection process

ED to intensify its actions after K'taka results: CM

BJP to face loss of RS seats next year in K'taka



The Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the BJP leaders sitting at the top position are unable to emerge out of the Karnataka shock. The ED officers are also in dilemma as to what to do and what not? But in order to come out of this situation, they (ED) team will intensify its actions, as they are perturbed and irritated. When a violent animal gets injured, he become equally more aggressive

and so is the case with ED.

CM added. In Karnataka polls, BJP has put in full force, but in this Congress won with thumping majority. Now BJP will get to see the effect of its defeat in Rajya Sabha (RS) as well. In the last year's RS polls, BJP got 3 out of total four RS seats. In Karnataka there are total of 12 Rajya Sabha (RS) seats and when these seats will be vacated, BJP will have to face the loss based upon the number. CM informed that at present BJP is having total of 92 Rajya Sabha seats in favour, whereas Congress has 31 seats, Trinamul Congress 13, AAP and DMK 10 each. Four Rajya Sabha MPs are going to retire from the House Upper Karnataka Vidhan Sabha and in such conditions. Congress will get back its 3 seats. In three years, the party position will reach from 12 to 7 seats in the

RAINS BRING RESPITE



Some parts of the city witnessed rains in the evening hours and it came as big respite from scorching heat.

Summer sports training camps in districts

mer sports training camps are organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare in all the district headquarters and block headquarters of the state. The work of promoting sports activities, development of infrastructure and facilities and training and encouragement to players is being done in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and the guidance of Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Umesh Patel. The Government of

the last four and a half years to nurture and encourage sports talents, is also organizing statelevel mega-events like the Chhattisgarh Olympics and Youth Festival. NIS coaches, PTIs and Sub-junior and junior players are being taught nuances of various sports like volleyball, athletic, basketball, hockey, football, badminton, judo, karate, kayaking and canoeing and kabaddi etc in sports training camps in dis-

Court grants 4 days remand to all four accused

In Rs 2000 cr liquor scam

May Raipur, **Enforcement Directorate** (ED's) team produced the four persons in the Court of Special Judge Ajay Singh Rajput in context of Rs 2000 cr liquor scam and sought remand for four days to all the four accused. The Special Judge

granted remand of all four for the third time for four days. The four accused produced in the Court included Anwar Dhebar, Special Secretary Excise Department AP Tripathi, Nitesh Purohit alias Aapu and Trilok Singh Dhillon

Congress alleges liquor scam in Raman govt



Congress alleged that during the years 2012-17, Dr Raman Singh led BJP government indulged in corruption of about Rs Chhattisgarh by conniving with liquor contractors. The Raman government had also ammended excise policy much in same way as AAP govern-Congress Communication head Sushil Anand Shukla alleged while addressing a press conference here today. Raman Singh's then BJP government should also be investigated for such policy change, he

Products of liquor manufacturers were included in the category of IMFL (Indian Made Foreign Liquor) in violation of norms under patronage of the then Raman government and more profit was given to the contractors in the sale of liquor, Shukla said, adding that corruption was committed in sale of IMFL category liquor at higher rates in the state. In the sale price fixation of liquor Raman government provided 60 percent profit to the country liquor tenderers/licensees in the year 2012-13 and 2013-14 and 50 percent

from the year 2014-15 to 2016-17, which was two and a half times more than other states, he said and added that CAG had also objected to this.

In order to execute this mega-scam, the then BJP government led by Dr Raman Singh kept his special officer Samund Ram Singh working as in the Excise Department, against the rules and giving him a continuous extension for 9 years after his retirement, said Shukla, adding that the said officer carried out excise scam worth thousands of crores at the behest of the government.

Raipur, May 15:

Arun Sao along with BJP Mandal deelgation and party workers conducted inspection of 'Gauthans' and in this journalists were also present. All saw the condition of the Gauthan and there was not a single cow in it, nor cow-dung was being sold and there were no arrangements in place for upkeep and care of cattle in the 'Gauthan' and it appears that no cow has been kept here for long. Addressing a press conference, Arun Sao charged that right since the Congress government has come to power in the state, they have openly looted the rich resources. With news of scams and corruption coming daily has left state in state of shameful place. He charged that CM Baghel has the image of tainted Chhattisgarh and the biggest scam this government has

The BJP State President

Conducts inspection of 'Gauthans', not a single cow found in it

To launch 'Chalbo Kholbo Pol' campaign from May 20

done is in the name of 'Gaumata' (cattle). They encashed votes in the name of 'Narwa'. 'Ghurwa'. 'Garwa' and 'Bari' and played with the sentiments of Chhattisgarhi people and in terms of the facts which have come forward under this head, they have misutilised funds worth Rs 1300 crore under different heads in the name of 'Gauthans' and conducted huge scam. BJP State President informed that they all have been to a Gauthans and saw how people are being fooled in the name of 'Gauthans' and when the condition of a



'Gauthan' near capital city is such, one can imagine the condition in rural areas.

Rs 1300 cr 'Gauthan' scam in Cong rule: Sao

Speaking further Arun Sao charged that in the alleged 'Gauthans', the Congress government has conspired with rights of Sarpanchs and Panchayats. The funds under different heads to Panchayats have been snatched away from Sarpanchs and it has literally being distributed to such fake 'Gauthans' and other heads.

Sao disclosing about the

that there are about 9790 'Gauthans' functional in the state and in this except for few made as 'Model Gauthan'. in others there is no arrange-

Citing CM he said that in each they (Congress) govt has spent Rs 8.19 lakh on development and Rs 10000 is being paid in the name of maintenance per month and majority of this is becoming part of corruption.

Sao charged that the scams are going on without any

'Gauthan' samiti has taken place and it is without election. those close to power have captured in it. The funds from GoI MGNREGA, Swachch Bharat Mission, 14th and 15th Finance, LWG, RURBAN, DMF and others have been diverted to 'Gauthans' and others and openly misused. Divertingi funds for development to other places, there is no fund left for Panchayat and everywhere the development works have come to a standstill. The construction of roads, drainges in villages have stopped.

and therefore no election of

informed that to expose Congress government about its scams and to bring it before public, they would launch 'Chalbo-Kholbo-Pol' campaign from May 20 and in this all leaders of party at Mandal level will tour and meet villagers and inform them about

State

Now ambulance to come within 10 minutes to save lives

Target to take injured to trauma center within 20 minutes

Raipur, May 15:

Within four months, more than 2100 people nave died in road accidents in the state. It has been decided to seriously follow the target of sending ambulances within 10 minutes and the injured to trauma centers within 20 minutes so that the people injured in road accidents can be saved while reaching the hospi-

The aim is to provide immediate medical facilities to the injured in road accidents at any corner of the state. Under this objective, a target has been set to convert 12 different district hospitals into modern trauma centers and to build stabilization centers at 20 accident-



prone places in districts where more road accidents are taking place. Recently, in the review meeting of traffic and road safety, top officials gave this presentation in front of Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu. Officials said that up to 40 percent of lives can be saved by having a trauma and stabilization center.

It has been proposed to install speed limit devices in all commercial

and public transport vehicles in 10 districts with high road accidents. Without this, vehicles will not be given fitness certificate. It was also proposed in the meeting that every 50 km on the National Highways. Bus, truck lane and driver rest areas should be constructed. Other proposals to prevent road accidents were discussed. The Home Minister said that all efforts should be made

seriously to prevent road accidents. Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, DGP Ashok Juneja, Home Secretary Basay Raju. Traffic of Department Sanjay Sharma and other senior officers were present in the meeting. It was decided in the meeting that after a road accident, the system Good of Samaritan should be implemented for immediate help in the golden hour, in which volunteers living near national highways and sensitive places, Mitanins, health workers, village secretaries and self-help groups should be given training of Good Samaritan, so that they can get first aid till the arrival of ambulance.

Raipur, May 15:

A meeting of tne European Union State Partnership Programme Steering Committee was held today at Mantralaya (Mahanadi under the chairmanship Chief Secretary of Amitabh Discussions were held regarding better utilization of funds available in the accounts operated under ECSPP. Additional Chief Secretary of Public Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Department Renu Pillay was also pres-

Officials informed that an amount of more than Rs 12 crore 35 lakh 31

EU State Partnership Programme Steering Committee meeting held

ent in the meeting.



strengthening of public health programmes and institutions in the state with the available funds and expenditure on Genome Sequencing Laboratory Microbiology Department

of Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Medical Memorial College, Raipur. A dedicatpatients with mental illness was also discussed at the meeting. Discussion was held regarding expenditure on education and minor forest and other facilities including construction of boundary wall in State Mental Hospital, Sendri Bilaspur. The officials were asked to submit a proposal to this direction soon.

The meeting was attended by education department principal secre-

tary Dr Alok Shukla, general administration department secretary DD Singh, public health and family welfare department secretary Prasanna R, special secretary finance Sheetal Shaswat Verma, director health Bhim Singh along with officials of forest, UNICEF, scheduled caste and scheduled tribe department, panchayat and rural development and state planning commis-

Nearly 50 applications received in 'Jan Choupal'

Raipur, May 15: Nearly 50 applications pertaining to public grievances and demands were received 'Jan at held Choupal' at Collectorate here today. Additional Collector BB Panchbhai heard the grievances of the people from urban and



trict under the direction Collector Sarveshwar Bhure.

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CM felicitates nursing staff

Raipur, May 15: The program was organised by Chhattisgarh Officers Nursing Association in the auditorium of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College, Medical Raipur. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, who arrived as the chief guest, said that nurses health

are the backbone of services. Whenever nurses duties are discussed, the challenging phase of Covid-19 comes to mind. Nurses served the patients by staying away from their families and children. On many occasions they also had to face difficulties, but nurses did



Nurses are the backbone of health services: Baghel

not move away from their duty. Our nurse sisters served the patients like serving God. Just like a mother takes care of her children, in the same way nurses also take care of the patients. During this, he congratulated the nursing staff and motivated them for better work. During this, the nurses who did better work were also felicitated. Medical Education Secretary P Dayanand, Medical **Education Director**

Vishnu Dutt, Pandit

Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College Dean Dr. Trupti Nagriya, senior doctor Dr. Rakesh Gupta and others were present on the occasion. Chief Minister Baghel further said that we have done better work in expansion of health facilities. With the opening of new medical colleges, the number of government medical colleges has increased to 10 in the state. We have taken health services to the markets and localities. Lakhs of

people have benefited Mukhyamantri Slum Swasthya Yojana for cities, Dai-Didi Clinic Yojana in major municipal corporations and Haat Bazar Clinic Yojana for rural areas. Junior doctors of the Medical College met the Chief Minister in a program organised on the occasion of Nurses Day.They demanded an increase in the honorarium of interns and doctors. He said that government had earlier promised to increase the honorarium but no action has been taken so far. Dr. Hira Singh Lodhi, Dr. Manu Pratap Singh, Dr. Yogeshwar, Dr. Kadir Baig and Dr. Pritam were present on the occasion.

31 stalls in 27 stations of SECR covered under OSOP Scheme

Raipur, May 15:

The Railway Ministry in order to promote the Indian government's 'Vocal for Local' vision and to provide a market for local and indigenous products and to provide opportunities to deprived section of the society with an additional income, have launched 'One Station One Product' (OSOP) Scheme in all the Railway Stations in the country. Under this scheme in order to display the local or indigenous products in OSOP centres, space is allocated to people. This Scheme was launched on March 25 as pilot scheme and as on 01/05/2023, a total of 728 stations were includedin 21 state and three centrally governed states through 785 OSOPs. Under South East Central Railway (SECR), a total of 31 selling



centres (stalls) of OSOP have been started in 27 stations coming under Bilaspur, Raipur and Nagpur divisions and this include Bilaspur, Raigarh, Sakti, Champa, Janjgir-Naila, Pendra Road, Korba, Anooppur, Shahdol, Raipur, Durg, Bhatapara, Bhilai Power House Marouda, Dalli-Rajhara, Rajnandgaon, Dongararh, and

others. Here the local handi-

crafts, and products by various NGOs, artists, voluntary organizations, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs)will be provided space and in this the deprived section of the society will be provided an opportunity to generate an additional source of income. This facility will be provided in an important platform of the station and it has been imple-

Mangal bhawan and Punni resort turned into ruins

Central Chronicle News

Rajim, May 15: Mangal Bhavan built behind the Dattatreya Temple located on Gariaband Road to add to the development of the city and to meet the needs of the people, is now in

Approval of lakhs of rupees by the state government and it was given that after the construction of Mangal Bhawan, people will not need to pay huge amount for marriage ceremony, sixth anniversary, death anniversary, and gathering, and conference, meetings by taking shelter in private hotel or Dharamshala.

This year people were seen wandering here and there for marriage and people have a feeling of regret

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the General

Public that i Sunil Sharma S/o Late B.D. Sharma

resident of H.no. 318. Pushp

Kunj, Kargil Chowk Sunder

Nagar, Raipur (C.G.) Pin

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Raipur (C.G.) Date: 15/05/2023 for the non-completion of Mangal Public

Bhawan. Same way punni resort remained closed for years while being the tourism minister during the BJP regime, Brijmohan Agarwal Punni Resort was constructed so that the visiting tourists would have

Yamini excels in

CBSE exam

the facilities to stay here, but presently it is locked.

People have pointed out shortcomings of Mangal Bhawan's plastering and non painted windows, doors etc and have demanded to complete it and start it soon to State Urban Administration Dahria and Rajim MLA Amitesh Shukla.

On the other hand, with the opening of Punni resort, the development of the tourism city will take a boost, for which Nagar Panchayat Rajim CMO Chandan Mankar says that

Fillings of newly constructed roads coming out

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, May 15: The development work being done in the area and the city has its own story and due to the arbitrariness of the contractors and the neglect of the departments, the residents of the city are facing many problems.

In this sequence, the newly constructed concrete road by the PWD department on the Dongargaon-Bargaon road in the city has now become a cause of trouble for the passers-by.

There was a time when about half a kilometer from the old hospital was dug up and abandoned, due to which the commuters had to face a lot of problems for many months and many accidents happened on this route.



city had to protest while opening the front. After this, somehow the small patch of this road has been made a road by the contractor of the PWD

department, but the road has been made so high that due to this serious accident are now coming to the fore

In front of the houses

road has been made more than one foot high and due to non-filling of the side, people are fac-ing a lot of difficulty in getting up and down on this road.

Requesting the drivers to drive on this road keeping in mind, PWD engineer Sanjay Uike said that filling work has to be done in the newly constructed road, for which the contractor has already been asked to do the work soon.

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RAIPUR ZONAL OFFICE, G.D. SHESH NILAYAM, TATYAPARI CHOWK, KANKALIPARA ROAD, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH MEGA E-AUCTION INFORMATION E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTIES UNDER SARFAESI ACT'2002

E-Auction Date and Time: 26.06.2023. Time: 11.00AM. to 5.00 P.M

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been stolen and in view of which the investigation was done. A combined team of Thana Pendra and Cyber Cell probed into the case	3.	New Rajendra Nagar Branch :- Borrower :- Miss Puja Sahu D/o Mr. B.L. Sahu	Residential House: All that Part and Parcel of the Property Existing Old Residential (G+1), House No EWS-525, RDA scheme Number-22, Kh. No04, P.H No114, Rajendra Prasad Ward No46, Mauza- Amildih, RIC, Raipur, Deepak Colony, New Rajendra Nagar, Raipur, Teh. & Distt Raipur, Chhattisgarh belongs to Miss Puja Sahu D/o. Mr. B.L. Sahu, Plot area -330 sqft, G.F- 330 sqft., FF-292 sqft. Boundries:North:H.No 526, South:Road, East:H.No. 508, West: Road.	₹ 9.27 ₹ 0.93 ₹ 0.10	A) 12.08.2022 B) 19.10.2022 C)₹2.72
and got tip from an informer about two accused involved. The two accused are Durgesh Kesarwani S/o Late Amritlal Kesarwani R/o Opp. Court, Gourela	4.	Power House Branch :- Borrower:- Mr. Jasbeer Singh S/o. Premjeet Singh and Mrs. Parmeet Kaur W/o. Jasbeer Singh	Plot:- All that Part and Parcel of the Property Consisting of Kh. No. 1403/1648/4, Plot No. 18, P.H.No. 19, Ward No. 16, Mouja Kurud, Sunder Vihar, Purani Basti, Bhilai, Tehsil and Distt. Durg C.G. 2400 Sq.ft in the name of Mrs. Parmeet Kaur W/o. Jasbeer Singh (Borrower). Boundaries: North-Plot No. 26, South -30 feet Road, East - 30 Feet Road, West-Plot No. 19. (Symbolic Possession)	₹ 14.18 ₹ 1.42 ₹ 0.25	A) 30.06.2022 B) 22.09.2022 C) ₹ 16.92
and Kalyan Das Sonwani alias Guddu S/o Late Lalaman Sonwani, (34), R/o Maladah, Thana Marwahi. On interroga- tion both accepted their crime and as per the loca-	5.	Power House Branch: M/s. REGAL REFRESHMENT COMPANY, Prop. Shri Roshan Aazmi Rizvi S/o. Shri Sageer Ahmed Aazmi.	Factory Land and Building: All Property including Land and Building at Plot No. 234/10 (old No. 234/6 (P), P.H. No. 31/44, Vill. & Post: Pauwara Tehsii & Dist Durg in the name of Prop. Shri Roshan Aazmi Rizvi S/o. Shri Sageer Ahmed Aazmi. Total Plot Area 6000 Sqft. Build up area: G/F.: 1260 Sqft. F/F: :450 Sqft. Godown & Pump House: 615 Sqft., Tin Shed 460 Sqft. Boundaries: North: Land of Lokendra, South: Land of Kewat, East: Anda Pauwara Road after 50ft, West: Balance Land of Seller. (Symbolic Possession)	₹ 16.58 ₹ 1.66 ₹ 0.25	A) 04.10.2017 B) 13.08.2018 C)₹52.44
tion, the police seized the materials stolen. gratulates	6.	Champa Branch: Mr. Pokhraj Dewangan and Mr. Dhanraj Dewangan S/o. Kamal Lal Dewangan	Commercial Land, Shed and Building: All that the Piece of Diverted Land and Property, Sheds Structure, P & M erected there on Situated at Kh. No. 975/4Kha, Ward No. 20, Sitaram Gali, Manjhil Talab, Champa, Distt. Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh State-495677. Admeasuring 1308.00 Sq.ft. belonging to Shri Pokhraj Dewangan and Shri Dhanraj Dewangan S/o. Kamal Lal Dewangan with the Following, Boundaries: North: Land of Sellers, South: Land of Joidha and Pyarelal, East: Road, West: Land of Banshilal (Symbolic Possession)	₹ 13.21 ₹ 1.32 ₹ 0.25	A) 31.05.2021 B) 04.08.2021 C)₹10.83
shi Sahu	7.	Champa Branch: M/s. Bansal Vastralay, Partner: Mr. Rajesh Kumar Agrawal, S/o. Mr. Ram Gopal Agrawal and Sunita Agrawal D/o. Late Vasudev Agrawal	Commercial Land and Building: All that Part and Parcel of the Piece of Diverted Land and Property, Sheds Structures, P & M erected thereon Situated at Kh. No. 115/1Kha, Kh.No. 115/2, Village Kotraliya, P.H.No. 37, Gram Panchayat Kotraliyan Raigarh (C.G.), Admeasuring 0.142 Hec. or 15260.00 Ft. Boundaries: North: Road, South: Land of Asha Ram & Others, Easrt: Land of Asha Ram & Others, West: Land of Asha	₹ 10.13 ₹ 1.01 ₹ 0.25	A) 05.07.2021 B) 28.10.2021 C) ₹ 79.06
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Date & Time of E-Auction 26.06.2023 from 11.00 am to 05.00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each. Inspection date & time of the property - from 16.05.2023 to 25.06.2023 Time-11.00 am to 3.00 p.m. (Official working day)

15 / 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT: Kharsia Branch - Mr. Rajesh Bhagat -7000756695, Devendra Nagar Branch-Mr. Manish-7879508729 New Rajendra Nagar Branch: Mr. Chinmay Nayak: 9731325932, Powerhouse Branch-Mr. Sumit Sikdar- 9893424700, Champa Branch-Mr. Ashok Kujur - 9754005083, EMD related Auction Portal Related Information-Mr. Shubham Agrawal, Ph.: 0771-4212412/18

https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp. 2. Bidder may visit https://www.ibapi.in, for Guidelines. 3. The Bid Amount should be higher than the Reserve Price. 4. The highest/ successful bidders shall deposit 25% of bid/ purchase money adjusting the earnest money already paid immediately on the same day or next working day, after acceptance of the bid, failing which deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited and the Authorized officer/bank wil nimum time of 2 days therefore it is requested to the bidder to kindly create his/her user id before the last date. 14. In case of sole

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	Singh S/o. Premjeet Singh	Kurud, Sunder Vihar, Purani Basti, Bhilai, Tehsil and Distt.		₹ 1.42	B) 22.09.2022
	and Mrs. Parmeet Kaur W/o. Jasbeer Singh	Durg C.G. 2400 Sq.ft in the name of Mrs. Parmeet Kaur W/o. Jasbeer Singh (Borrower). Boundaries : North-Plot No. 26, South -30 feet Road, East - 30 Feet Road, West-Plot No. 19. (Symbolic Possession)		₹ 0.25	C)₹16.92
5.	Power House Branch:	Factory Land and Building :- All Property including Land and		₹ 16.58	A) 04.10.2017
	M/s. REGAL	Building at Plot No. 234/10 (old No. 234/6 (P), P.H. No. 31/44, Vill. & Post: Pauwara Tehsil & Dist Durg in the name of Prop. Shri		₹ 1.66	B) 13.08.2018
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6.	Champa Branch :	Commercial Land, Shed and Building: All that the Piece of		₹ 13.21	A) 31.05.2021
	Mr. Pokhraj Dewangan and Mr. Dhanraj Dewangan	Diverted Land and Property, Sheds Structure, P & M erected there		₹ 1.32	B) 04.08.2021
	S/o. Kamal Lai Dewangan	on Situated at Kh. No. 975/4Kha, Ward No. 20, Sitaram Gali, Manjhli Talab, Champa, Distt. Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh State-495677. Admeasuring 1308.00 Sq.ft. belonging to Shri Pokhraj Dewangan and Shri Dhanraj Dewangan S/o. Kamal Lal Dewangan with the Following, Boundaries: North: Land of Sellers, South: Land of Joidha and Pyarelal, East: Road, West: Land of Banshilal (Symbolic Possession)		₹ 0.25	C)₹10.83
7.	Champa Branch:	Commercial Land and Building: All that Part and Parcel of the		₹ 10.13	A) 05.07.2021
	M/s. Bansal Vastralay, Partner :- Mr. Rajesh	Piece of Diverted Land and Property, Sheds Structures, P & M erected thereon Situated at Kh. No. 115/1Kha, Kh.No. 115/2.		₹ 1.01	B) 28.10.2021
	Kumar Agrawal, S/o. Mr. Ram Gopal Agrawal and Sunita Agrawal D/o. Late Vasudev Agrawal	Village Kotraliya, P.H.No. 37, Gram Panchayat Kotraliyan Raigarh (C.G.), Admeasuring 0.142 Hec. or 15260.00 Ft. belonging to Mrs. Sunita Agrawal D/o. Late Vasuden Agrawal, Boundaries: North: Road, South: Land of Asha Ram & Others, Easrt: Land of Asha Ram & Others, Easrt: Land of Asha		₹ 0.25	C)₹79.06

Note:-Any bidder/Interset Party can bid for Plant & Machinery Independently, but for bids regarding Land & Building, bidder has t compulsorily bid for Plant & Machinery and in no circumstances Land & Building can be bided Independently.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION-1. The Auction Sale bidding will be online through the website

the EMD shall be forfeited. 5. The balance 75% of purchase price shall be payable on or before 15 days of confirmation of the sale by the Authorized officer or such period as agreed upon in writing solely at the discretion of the Authorized officer. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited and the Authorized officer/bank will be at liberty to cancel the auction and conduct fresh auction.6. The EMD of the unsuccessful bidder will be returned on the closure of the e-auction sale proceedings. The EMD shall not carry any interest. 7. The Property is sold in "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IT IS BASIS" and "WITHOUT ANY RECOURSE BASIS". The intending bidders should make their own enquiries regarding any sort of liabilities. 8. The undersigned has the absolute rights and discretion to accept or reject any bid or redjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason.9. The purchaser shall bear all subsequent charges. 10. The amount due is exclusive of interest and other charges. 11. Further any corrigendum will not be publish in newspaper. Interested advised to refer above website regularly. 12. The Employee's of Bank of India are barred from participation of exaction. 13. Interested Bidders need to create their user id and assigning any second from participation of exaction. are barred from participation of e-auction. 13. Interested Bidders need to create their user id and password by own and it will take bidder, the bid amount quoted in his bid from must be improved by at least one bid incremental value, lest the sale shall be cancelled **Authorized Officer & Chief Manager**

Place: Raipur - Date: 16.05.2023

BANK OF INDIA

more demand has been and the youth of the Two nabbed with stolen items of temples

From Shiva's temple in two villages



Bilaspur, May 15: Yamini Sahu, Class X student of Central School Bilaspur has cleared Class X board examination with 93.6% marks. Her proud father is Ambikesh Sahu, Senior Publicity Inspector, SECR Bilaspur and mother is Shama Sahu. Yamini gives the credit of her success to the teachers and her parents.

POONAWALLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

imited) of the above Corporate/ Register office under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interes Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred as the "said Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 o

he borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has take

possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on this 10th day of May the year 2023.

he borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will b

subject to the charge of Poonawalla Housing Finance Limited (Formerly known as Magma Housing Finance Limited) the amount and interest thereor

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

II That Piece And Parcel Of Mortgaged Property O

Khasra No. 949/1/4, Area- 0.008 Hectare (Two Decimals), Situate At Village Dohna, P.S. & Tehsil-Shankargarh, District-Balrampur, [C.G.]. The

Boundaries Are: North By Land Belonging To Anil Agrawal. South By Remaining Land Of Vendor. East By Land Belonging To Pachkaudi., West By Road. All That Piece And Parcel Of Mortgage Property Of

Mouia-Gourella Ph No-23 Kh No-379/1 382 (Part) Block Gourella, Nagar Panchayat, Ward No-7, Sub-hash Chandra Ward, The Pendra Road, Distt-Bi-

laspur, Chhattisgarh Bilaspur Pin 49511

the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice below dated calling upon the below Borrowers to repay the amount ment

Central Chronicle News

Pendra, Marwahi, (GPM), May 15: Two accused were arrested on charges of stealing items used in temples from Lord Shiva's temples in Kudari of Pendra and Gram Sewara and the

Loan No. HL/0065/H/14/100011

Rs. 315364.43/- (Rupees Three Lacs Fifteen Thousand Three

Hundred Sixty Four and Forty

Three Paisas Only) payable as on 22/11/2022 along with interest @

Loan No. HL/0024/H/13/100099

Rs. 11983202.31/- (Rupees One Crores Nineteen Lacs Eighty Three

Thousand Two Hundred Two and

Thirty One Paisas Only) payable as on 10/11/2022 along with interest @

Sd/- Authorised Officer

17.05 p.a. till the realization.

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stolen items like temple bells, Shehnag of 'Tamba', 'Gada' of 'pital', utensils, harmonium, amplifier, loudspeaker and the motorcycle used worth Rs 70000. Both the accused were produced in the court and sent to jail.

Complaints in this re-

are Durgesh Kesarwani S/o Late Amritlal Kesarwani R/o Opp. Court, Gourela and Kalyan Das Sonwani alias Guddu S/o Late Lalaman Sonwani, (34), R/o Maladah, Thana Marwahi. On interrogation both accepted their crime and as per the location, the police seized the

MLA congratulates Meenakshi Sahu

Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, May Regional MLA and former minister Punnulal Mohle reached home and congratulated Meenakshi Sahu, who topped the class 10th in state from Government Higher Secondary School in village home Dashrangpur. Meenakshi, a girl from a very poor family, studying in Government Higher Secondary School, Dashrangpur, has made her parents, school and area and district proud by securing a place in the top ten in class 10th board examination with 97.5% due to her hard work.

Meeting the topper student from the village, the MLA felicitated her



and wished her future success. On this occasion, village Sarpanch of Dashrangpur Sulochana Rajendra Tandon, Dhanush, Ghanshyam Rai, Lecturer Ramsahu, Tukaram Sahu, Parmeshwar Sahu, Siddram Sahu Krishna Sahu, Rajendra Tandon were present.

Poonawalla Housing Finance Limited (Formerly known as Magma Housing Finance Limited) **E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE EDELWEISS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED**

Lakh Fifty

Thousand

Sixty Five

Thousand

10.30 A.M

22/11/2022

CIN: U67100MH2007PLC174759

Regd. Office: Edelweiss House, 1st Floor Off CST Road, Kalina, Mumbai 400098

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE SECURED ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) & 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 ("RULES")

That L&T Housing Finance Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred as Original Lender/LTHFL) has assigned the financial assets to Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited on its own /acting in its capacity as trustee of EARC TRUST SC 396 (hereinafter referred as "EARC") pursuant to the Assignment Agreement dated 31-12-2020 under Sec. 5 of SARFAESIAct, 2002. EARC has stepped into the shoes of the LTHFL and all the rights, title and interests of LTHFL with respect to the financial assets along with underlying security nterests, guarantees, pledges have vested in EARC in respect of the financial assistance availed by the Borrower(s) and EARC exercises all its rights as the secured creditor.

Notice of 30 days is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable secured assets mortgaged in favor of the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (AO) will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis, for recovery of the amounts mentioned herein below due to EARC together with further interest and other expenses/costs thereon deducted for any money received by EARC from Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are mentioned below for the property

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oan A/c No/ Selling Institution	Name of Borrower / Co Borrower	Trust Name	Name of Bank & Branch, Account Number & IFSC Code	Total Outstanding Dues INR as on 13-05-2023	Reserve Price (INR)	EMD (INR)	Date & Time of Auction	Type Posses
RAIHL17 000149,	1. Rajesh Vyas (Borrower) 2. M/s. Abhishek	EARCT TRUST-	ICICI Bank Ltd., Nariman Point;	₹ 25,64,055.32	₹ 6,50,000/- (Rupees Six	₹ 65,000.00 (Rupees	20-06-2023	Physi

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SC-396

Property Description: All that part and parcel of property khasra number 567, Plot Number 408 & 409 Area 1500 Sq. Ft Situated Al Village Siltara, P.c. No. 90, R.I.C. Dharsiwa-1, Bilaspur Road, Raipur, Chhatisgarh, Pincode: 492001. The Said Property Is Bounded As Under: On The East: Open Plot; On The West: Road; On The North: Road; On The South: Open Plot.

	Important Information regarding Auction Process:						
1.	1. All Demand Drafts (DD) shall be drawn in favor of Trust name as mentioned above and payable at Mumbai.						
2.	Last Date of Submission of EMD	Received 1 day prior to the date of auction					
3.	Place for Submission of Bids	1st Floor, Edelweiss House, off CST Road, Kalina, Mumbai-400098					
4.	Place of Auction (Web Site for Auction)	E-Auction (https://auction.edelweissarc.in)					
5.	Contact Details	Toll free Number: 1800 266 6540					
6.	Date & Time of Inspection of the Property	As per prior appointment					
ord	etailed terms and conditions of the sale, please	refer to the link provided in EARC's website i.e. https://auction.edelweissarc.in					

Authorised Officer Date: 13-05-2023 For Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Li (Trustee of EARC TRUST SC 396)

Edelweiss

City level seminar organized on **Mother's Day**

Fingeshwar. May 15: The relationship between mother and child is one of the most precious and beautiful relationships, that's why the whole universe is contained in the feet of the mother. Mother is dedication, faith is faith, there are four abodes in the feet of mother, today the whole world is remembering mother, who brought us into this beautiful world and gave us a new identity. The above were quoted by participants of a city level seminar organized here in the presence of litterateurs, teachers and intellectuals associated with the society. Thanu Ram Nishad, teacher, litterateur and psychoanalyst, said that the word mother may seem small to see and read, but the whole universe is contained in this small word. Writer Kumesh Kiranber said that by the prayers of the mother, every trouble is averted before it comes, while Ajay Rajvanshi teacher said that there is no one day of mother, but there is no day without mother, as long as mother is with us, serve with full dedication, those who have mother are very lucky. Many others took part in the program and kept

their words.

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office: Unit No.802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V.Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400069 Bhilai Branch: Hall No-1, 2nd Floor Crescent Plaza, Gurdwara Road, Opp. Utsav Palace Durg-491001,(CG). Authorised Officer: Ashwin Sharma, Mob.:- 7697112220

PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the property ("the Secured Asset") given below The Authorised Officer has

received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows: Name of the Borrower/ Demand Reserve Total Outstanding Description of the

Appl.No.	Co-Borrowers	Notice Date & Amount	Price (RP)	Loan Amount as on date (28-02-2023)		
(App. No. 00207858/ Bhilai Branch)	Narendar Singh Gill (Borrower) Hira Singh (Co-Borrower), Jagdish Singh (Guarantor)	THE SECRETARY WITH THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY	₹ 4,70,000/- (Rs. Four Lakh Seventy Thousand Only)	₹ 9,08,145/-	All that Piece and Parcel of the property bearing, Plot No9(P), P.H.N01,Kh.N-857/4(P), Towards Umda Main Road, Dist-Durg Near Of Siva Publick School, Durg, Chhattisgarh-491001. Boundaries - East: Road, West: Road, North:Land of Ramcharan, South:Land of Lata	
The Authorised officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on 'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'. AHFL is not responsible						

for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance o Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly.

This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar

Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped. If the Borrower(s), Co-borrower(s) has any buyer who is ready to purchase the mortgage property/secured asset at price above the given reserve price of then

Borrower(s), Co-borrower(s) must intimate to AHFL on or before 31-05-2023, AHFL shall give preference to him. If Borrower(s), co-borrower(s) fails to intimate on or

before 31-05-2023 the AHFL will proceed sale of property at above given reserve price. The Date of Auction is fixed for 31-05-2023.

Date : 16-05-2023



Strong possibilities of global leadership in Indian youth: Prof. Chakrawal

Workshop on Youth Leadership in Climate, Energy, Environment and Water Organized at CU

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, May 15: A oneday workshop was organized at Smart Classroom of Department of Biotechnology of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) on the topic 'Youth Leadership in Energy,

Climate. Environment and Water' on May 15, 2023 at 11 am in which the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal was the Chief Guest.

On this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal congratulated UNICEF for organizing the workshop and said "We always live in the minds of people and society through our concepts. We need to make efforts to convert the challenges related to water and environment into opportunities".

Professor Chakrawal further applauded the Indian youth for their immense potential for global leadership and for the fact that they have has set a benchmark in the field of entrepreneurship and skill development.

"Guru He stressed. Ghasidas University is fulfilling its social responsibilities towards sustainable development, energy and water conservation, climate change and environment with awareness and dedicated efforts".

Chancellor Vice Professor Chakrawal pointed out that we are culturally sensitive towards climate, environment, energy, and water conservation and with this spirit we bring positive changes in our daily activities so that the set goals of inclusive development can be achieved. He further added that all the youth should try to plant saplings and preserve them in a systematic way.

In this context, Professor Chakrawal presented an optimistic scenario for renewable energy and remarked, "India is playing a leading role in the field of renewable energy in the world and in the coming years, this energy resource will help in tackling the crisis of climate change".

Earlier, the program started with lighting the lamp and garlanding the statue of Maa Saraswati. The guests on the stage were welcomed with saplings. Dr. Archana Yadav, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work welcomed the guests and shared information about the workshop.

Other dignitaries on the stage, Ms. Shweta Patnaik, WASH Specialist of UNICEF, Mr. Arpit, State Coordinator of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan,

Dwivedi, Chief Technical Officer at IIT Bhilai, Mr. Rohit Wadhwa, Procurement

Contracting Specialist at Jal Jeevan Mission, and Mr. Chandan Kumar of UNICEF also expressed their views.

The dignitaries were honored by presenting mementos and UNICEF badges. In the end, vote of thanks was presented by the Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava. Deans of various Schools, heads of departments, officers, teachers, and a large number of behavioral club members of UNICEF were present in the programme.

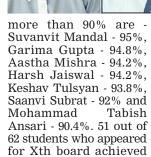
Bal Bharati Public School achieves excellence in **Class Xth Board exams**

Central Chronicle News

Sipat, May 15: The Central Board Secondary Education (CBSE) has announced Class Xth board results and students of Bal Bharati Public School. NTPC Sipat have once again raised the bar and achieved outstanding results.

Plaksha Devshi of Class Xth became the topper of the school with 97.4%. Atulya Aryan with 96.2%. Sakshi Singh with 95.6% and Ipsita Sarkar with 95.4% have secured the second, third and fourth position respec-

Students who secured



This year, much enthusiasm was seen among

first division.

the students to score max imum marks in the exam and this resulted in many students scoring more than 80 marks in different subjects.

Principal Shalabh Nigam congratulated the students, parents and teachers for this achievement and encouraged them to continue being diligent by performing even better in the future.

Anjali Verma tops with 93.4% marks in Science stream

Mridul Mani Goyal top in Commerce with 89.4% marks

Monnet DAV congratulates students for their excellent CBSE result

Central Chronicle News

Mandir Hasaud, May15: Monnet DAV Public School, Mandir Hasaud, Raipur feels immensely proud of its students for giving an excellent result in class X and XII CBSE examinations.

On May,13 CBSE declared the result of the class X and XII . Aniali Verma from Science Stream has topped the school with a percentage of 93.4. Abhishek Satpathy stood sec-



ond with the percentage of 93

and the third place is secured

by Suhani Chandrakar with the

percentage of 92.8. While in

the Commerce stream Mridul

Mani Goyal has topped in the

school with 89.4%.SonalSahu

with 87% of marks and

Dewansh Kumar Deepak with

84.4% of marks placed second

In class X, Abhas Pandey

and third respectively.







has brought laurels by standing first in the school with 94.8 percentage of marks. Second position was bagged by Lopamudra Panda with 94% and the third place by Uditya Kumar Jha with 93.8%. Other students who added feathers to school's caps are Astha Singh (93.4%), Divya Verma (91%), Adarsh Choubey

(90.8%), Nayanshi Dewangan

(90.4%) and Aditya Kumar Modi (90.2%).

B. Mohapatra, Chairman-

LMC of school and Chief **Executive Officer, JSW Ispat** Special Products Ltd. Raipur, B.B. Behera , Nominee Chairman -LMC of School and Vice President, Finance Department, JSW Ispat Special Products Ltd.Raipur, Prashant Kumar, Deputy Regional Officer, DAV Institutions of CG Zone, C.M. Pandey, Manager of school and Principal of DAV Public School, SECL, Gevra,, Raj Kumar Sharma, Principal of the school, other staff members and the parents congratulated and extended their best wishes for future endeavours. informs Principal RK Sharma

Allons Public School achieves 100% result In Class X and XII of CBSE 2022-23

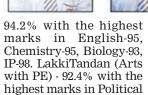
Central Chronicle News

Bemetara, May 15: All of the students of the classes X and XII passed the annual examination, 2023 conducted by CBSE with excellent marks.

Prachi Jain, Shreya Gupta and Lakki Tandan achieved the highest percentage in the streams of Commerce, Science and Arts with the highest marks of different subjects respectively as: Prachi Jain (Commerce

with Mathematics) -94.4% with the highest marks in Maths-95, Accountancy-95, Business Studies-96, Economics-93. Shreya





All the other students of the Science stream passed the examination with the first division.

Science -94, PE-96.

Achievers of the high-



Sandhya Meravi & Vinita Sirmour - 90, Shweta Baghel-100 in Music.

The result of the top 5 students from class-X are as follows:

Tanya Saluja-94% Varsha Patel- 93%, Aditi Sharma-92.4%, Aishwar Naravan Netam-92.4% & Rajeev Tandan-90.2%.

A wave of the happi-

ness spread among the students, teachers and the parents of the school on the declaration of the re-

Satyajit Hota,

Dr.

Principal expressed his happiness about the result. He told to the teachers that we have to achieve more success in the coming future with good performance in the academic and cocurricular activities.

He has given the credit of the success to all the parents, students and teachers and gave the best wishes to all the students for their fruitful lives.

Kamaljeet Chairman, Pushkal Arora, Director, Sunil Sharma, administrator and all the teachers wished for the bright fu-

Time to make India free from BJP'



Raipur, May 15: In a release issued Bhavani Markam. District President of Adivasi commented Congress that country has now taken a decision to make themselves free from BJP

The reflection of this decision has come to fore

after the declaration of Karnataka Assembly Election results where Congress registered a landslide victory and few months back same result came to fore when Himachal voters decided to elect Congress over

He added, in the previous BJP regime there was 40% commission in every work and the people have rejected the BJP government. Bhavani alleged that BJP used money power disturb to Congress governments but now the people have understood that Congress is with poor and in the coming Lok Sabha elections Congress will wrest power with thumping

Central Chronicle News Bemetara, May 15,

> Chhattisgarh Board of Education (CGBSE), Raipur released the results of high school and higher secondary examinations for the year 2022-23. Like every year, this year also the examination result of Gvanodava Public School was excellent. The class 12 exam result was 95 percent.

In class 10th, out of 103 students, 75 students passed with first division. In which 13 students got more than 90 percent marks. In which Trisha Sonwani 96 percent got the first position in the school.

Anshuman Chandrakar 95.67 percent, Ujjwal Singh Verma 95.67 percent, Jagruti Patil 95.5 percent,

Students of Gyanodaya Public School performed excellently well in Class 10th & 12th CGBSE Sriti Singh Chandel 95 per-Vidhi cent, Dewangan 94.5 percent, Neelam Sahu 93.67 percent. Yaksha Parmar 93.5 per-Piyush cent,

Patel 93.17 percent, Vaibhavi Sanu 91.83 per-Veena cent. Sahu 91.83 percent , Shreya Sahu 91.67 percent, Tiwari 90.67 per-

commendable. In class 12th, out of 64 students, 48 students passed with first division. In which 4 students got more than 90 percent marks, in which Archi

Hura from Commerce



Gyanodaya has maintained success for two decades: Mishra

Faculty got 93.4 percent, Kshama Sahu from Arts Faculty got 93 percent, Kanchi Vaishnav from Mathematics Faculty got 92 percent and Vijay Kumar Sahu from Biology Faculty got 91.6 percent and all the students passed

On this occasion, a felicitation ceremony was organized in the school. In which District Education Officer Arvind Mishra Sunil Tiwari, and Director Assistant Education Department

Patel. Director Samadhan Mahavidyalaya attended chief guests. He congratu-

and Awadhesh

lated all the students for their exam results. In E d u c a t i o n Officer Mishra inspired the students and said that achieving and success

maintaining it forever is also a big achievement. Gyanodaya Public School Bemetara has been maintaining good results for the last almost two decades.

Director Assistant Education Department Tiwari sent best wishes to

evervone. Awadhesh Patel Director Samadhan Mahavidvalava keeping in mind the idea of former President of India Bharat Kalam small target big crime. Motivated the children to always try to make big goals, they wished all the best to all the students, parents and school family

Principal Dr. Alka Tiwari congratulated the meritorious children on extraordinary achievement of all the students and praised their hard work. She motivated all to maintain continuity of hard work ahead. School Director Avinash Tiwari congratulated all the students who have excelled in class 10th and 12th and wished them a bright future.

Settlement awards worth approximately Rs 172 crore

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, May 15: The National Lok Adalat, under the guidance and direction of the National Legal Services Authority and the Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice and Patron in chief, and Justice Gautam Bhaduri, Executive Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, organized Lok Adalat across the entire Chhattisgarh state on May 13.

For this purpose, around 400 benches were set up throughout the state. The Lok Adalat took place in all district courts. tehsil courts, revenue courts, labor courts, consumer forums, state commercial courts, including the High Court. Chief Justice, Justice Mr. Ramesh Sinha, directed all collectors, police superintendents, and district judges across the state to ensure the resolution of as many cases as possible in the successful organization of the Lok Adalat. The Lok Adalat was or-

ganized in both physical and virtual modes. In several cases where the parties could not be physically present, their cases were resolved through virtual mode using mobile de-A total of 4,93,000 cases

were scheduled for resolution in the Lok Adalat, and according to the information received so far, over three lakh ninety-three thousand cases have been resolved.

The highest number of cases, comprising one lakh forty-one thousand from Raipur district and fifty-two thousand from Rajnandgaon district, were successfully resolved. Additionally, fortyeight thousand cases were resolved in Durg district.

Lok Adalat serves as an effective platform for the speedy resolution of pending cases and provides an opportunity for litigants to settle their disputes amicably. The settlement awards totaling approximately 172 crore rupees reflect the signifi-

The National

Today on this occasion, the Executive Chairman of the Chhattisgarh Judicial

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success of this ini-

tiative.

Service Commission inspected the National Lok Adalat at the District Court in Durg. On this occasion, he held discussions with the advocates, officials, and judges. He also reviewed the ongoing virtual mode and

He encouraged the advocates to resolve the cases



mentioned that in resolved cases in Lok Adalat, the court fees are refunded. Santosh Thakur, the

Chief Judicial Magistrate, provided guidance to the

ongoing virtual mode case in the court. The case was related to the assault on a 60-year-old mother by the accused. Due to the accused's mother being in Bihar, she was unable to attend physically, so the was conducted through video conferenc-

advocates involved in the

ing. Similarly, a person

Bangalore, whose case was being heard in the Durg Court, could not be present due to not being granted leave from the bank, so the case resolved through virtual mode. There was also

working in a bank

a case of assault between brothers in Durg regarding a family property dispute, which was pending in the court. After being counseled by both par-

ties, they agreed to a compromise and decided to live together. Today itself, the inaugu-

ration of the Civil Court in Dhamdha Tehsil was done Justice Gautam Bhaduri. On this occasion, he stated that now the residents of this area will not have to go to Durg to seek justice in their cases.

They will be able to easi-

ly and affordably obtain justice right here. During Justice's Shailesh Tiwari, District Judge of Durg, and Anand Prakash Wariyal, Secretary, Chhattisgarh State Legal Service Authority, were also present.

National Lok In Adaalat, a total of 79 cases were disposed of in the High Court of Bilaspur, out of which an award of 1.8 million rupees was granted in 44 cases of motor accidents. 5 other civil cases and 29 service cases were also resolved.

In the Commercial Court of Raipur, decrees totaling approximately 40 million rupees were passed in three cases. Lok Adalats were organized in all district consumer forums across the state, where a total of 136 cases were settled.

Throughout the state, a total of 565 motor accident cases were resolved, with approximately 280 million rupees approved for compensation. In the Family Courts, a total of 745 matrimonial cases were disposed of, and many parties who were living separately, but agreed to live together, reconciled and reunited their families. Additionally, 2,151 cases

of Section 138 check bounce and 294,000 cases related to revenue were disposed of. Lok Adalats resolved cases involving father-son disputes, sibling disputes, and disputes between landlords and ten-Settlements were also

reached in cases of physical assault. Property disputes between fathers and sons were also resolved. Mutual agreements were reached among individuals involved in motor accident cases. In a case presented by the IndusInd Bank in Rajnandgaon for the recovery of 1.9 million rupees, a settlement was reached for 2.5 million rupees. The case had been pending in the court for 6 years.



In this photo provided by Myanmar Military True News Team on Monday, soldiers and polices unload relief items for victims at airport after Cyclone Mocha in Sittwe township, Rakhine State, Myanmar. Rescuers on Monday evacuated about 1,000 people trapped by seawater 3.6 meters deep along western Myanmar's coast after the powerful cyclone injured hundreds and cut off communications.

SUV crash

■ **Detroit:** An SUV slammed into a bridge pier along an interstate highway in Detroit, throwing four young men from the vehicle and killing them, state police said. The GMC Yukon was going fast when it hit the pier around 8 pm on Sunday night on westbound Interstate 96 near Grand River Avenue in Detroit, witnesses told state troopers. The four men in the SUV died in the crash, state police said. Killed were the 21year-old driver and $passengers\,ages\,20,22$ and 25, police said

Candidate detained

Monday morning.

Tirana: Preliminary results of Albania's municipal elections on Monday showed that a mayoral candidate from the Greek minority has won the post while he is in detention for alleged vote-buying. Friday's arrest of Dhionisios Alfred Beleri, a candidate for mayor of the Albanian city of Himare a town located in the Albanian Riviera 240 kilometers (150 miles) south of the capital, Tirana, that has a Greek minority presence raised tensions between the

two neighbours.

Girl wounded Belgrade: A girl who was gravely wounded in a mass shooting in a school in Belgrade earlier this month has died, bringing the death toll to 10, authorities said on Monday. The girl died on Monday morning at a children's clinic in Belgrade, Serbia's health ministry said, according to official media. The girl had been in critical condition with head injuries following the May 3 attack, said a statement. The shoot ing happened in the Vladislav Ribnikar elementary school in central Belgrade when a 13-year-old boy took his father's gun and opened fire, initially killing eight children and a school guard, and wounding six students

37 injured

and a teacher.

■ Bratislava: A crash between a bus and truck on a major highway in western Slovakia injured 37 people, police said on Monday. The accident closed the D2 highway that links the Slovak capital, Bratislava. with the neighbouring Czech Republic, they said. Details about the nature of the injuries have not been been released, but rescuers said some people were seriously hurt. Police are investigating the cause of the crash.

Maryam Nawaz, Rehman join ruling EAM Jaishankar attends India coalition's sit-in against judiciary

Pakistan League-Nawaz Maryam Nawaz Sharif and Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Monday joined the ruling coalition's sit-in outside the Supreme Court to protest against some of the recent rulings of the judiciary which they said provided blanket relief to former prime minister Imran Khan in a number of cases.

Demonstrators, belonging to the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) and the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), earlier in the day entered the Red Zone despite Section 144 still in effect in the federal capital



and set up a stage in front of the Supreme Court.

Fazlur Rehman, also the chief of PDM a ruling alliance of 13 political parties, had on Friday announced to stage the sit-in outside the Supreme Court against Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial for facilitating Khan. It was believed that

token protest but the JUI-F, which is one of the largest components of PDM, converted the protest into a "sit-in"

leave the venue after a

demonstrators

"The management committee has finalised arrangements for the protest-sit-in outside the Supreme Court [in] Islamabad. The manage-

begun arrangements for converting the protest into a sit-in," the JUI-F tweet-

The party also said it would set up tents and build washrooms at the

Protesters, demanding the resignation of the chief justice over ordering the release of 70-year-old Khan, chanted slogans against Bandial. Minister Foreign

Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, who was earlier scheduled to join the protest, has been advised against it by senior members of his Pakistan People's Party.

The PPP chairman was advised that it would be better if a party delegation participated in the PDM sit-in instead.

Trilateral Forum in Sweden

Stockholm/London, May 15 (PTI): External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar conducted a series of highlevel discussions including at the India Trilateral Forum on Monday as part of his first visit to Sweden, which currently holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Along with his Swedish counterpart Billstrom, Jaishankar covered a wide range of issues during the inaugural session of the Trilateral Forum which includes India, Europe and the US.

"Jointly participated in the India Trilateral Forum with TobiasBillstrom Stockholm this morning," tweeted Jaishankar. "An energetic conversation on a wide-range of contempo-



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Speaker of the Riksdag of Sweden Andreas Norlén during a meeting, on Monday,

rary issues," he said. Earlier during a meeting with Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, the minister said that he conveyed the personal of greetings Minister Narendra Modi. 'Value his commitment

towards strengthening the

India-Sweden relation-

ship," he said. He also tweeted after a "good dis-cussion" with Henrik Landerholm, the National Security Advisor of Sweden, during which the duo exchanged strategic assessments of Europe and Indo-Pacific. This followed a meetings with Dr Andreas Norl n, Speaker of the Riksdag of Sweden on Monday morning, during which Jaishankar said he welcomed contacts be-"our Parliamentary democracies; also exchanged perspectives on our respective

regions".

China sentences 78-year-old US citizen to life in prison on spying charges

Beijing, May 15 (AP):

China sentenced a 78year-old United States citizen to life in prison Monday on spying charges, in a case that reflects the deterioration in ties between Beijing and Washington over recent years.

Details of the charges against John Shing-Wan Leung, who holds permanent residency in Hong Kong, have not been publicly released.

Leung was detained April 15, 2021, by the local bureau of China's counterintelligence agency in the southeastern city of Suzhou, according to a news release posted by the city's intermediate court on its social media site. His detention came as China had closed its borders and imposed tight domestic travel restrictions and social controls to fight

Such investigations and trials are held behind closed doors and little information is released other than vague accusations of infiltration, gathering secrets and threatening state security. between

Relations

Washington and Beijing are at their lowest in decades amid disputes over trade, technology, human rights and China's increasingly aggressive approach toward its territorial claims involving self-governing Taiwan and the South China Sea. Highlevel government visits have been on hold and U.S. companies are delaying major investments amid mixed-messaging from Beijing. The sentencing comes as U.S. President Joe Biden is traveling to Hiroshima, Japan, for the

dustrial nations summit, followed by a visit to Papua New Guinea, a Pacific island nation in a region where China has sought to increase its economic, military and diplomatic influence. After Beijing's gains in the area, the U.S. and its Asia-Pacific partners stepped up their regional presence, offering investments and financial support rivaling those furnished by China.

Now the world's secondlargest economy, China is expanding its footprint in ports, railways and other infrastructure Europe to Southeast Asia and beyond.

While the Suzhou court offered no indication of a tie to overall China-U.S. relations, spying charges are highly selective and evidence backing them up is

Turkiye presidential election will go to runoff as Erdogan performs better than expected

Ankara, May 15 (AP):

Turkive's electoral chief said that the presidential race will go to a second round on May 28 as incumbent Recep Tayyip Erdogan fell just short of an outright victo-Ahmet Yener, the head

of Supreme Electoral Board, said on Monday that even when the remaining 35,874 uncounted overseas votes were distributed, no one would secure the majority needed to win the elections outright. He said preliminary results showed Erdogan won 49.51 per cent, his main challenger Kemal Kilicdaroglu won 44.88 per cent and the third candidate Sinan Ogan won 5.17 per cent. Even if all uncounted votes went to Erdogan, his votes would move up to 49.54 per cent,



runoff on Monday, with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan pulling ahead of his chief challenger, but falling short of an outright victory that would extend his increasingly authoritarian rule into a third decade. The vote will determine

whether the strategically located NATO country remains under the presi-

headquarters, in Ankara. Turkey, early Monday. dent's firm grip or can embark on a more democratic course promised by his main rival, Kilicdaroglu. Erdogan has governed for 20 years, opinion polls had suggested that run could

be coming to an end and

that a cost-of-living crisis

and criticism over the

government's response to

a devastating February

earthquake might redraw

the electoral map. Instead,

Erdogan's retreat was still

President

Recep Tayyip

Erdogan gives

a speech at

the party

the main Turkish stock exchange BIST-100 more than 6 per cent lower at the open Monday, prompting a temporary halt in trading. But shares recovered some after trading resumed, and the index was 2.5 per cent lower in the afternoon compared to the market close on Western nations and

ed and with his alliance

retaining its hold on the

parliament, he is now in a

good position to win in

The uncertainty drove

the second round.

foreign investors were particularly interested in the outcome because of Erdogan's unorthodox leadership of the economy and often mercurial but successful efforts to put Turkive at the centre of many major diplomatic negotiations

Military freezes bank accounts of rival paramilitary group amid truce attempts

Cairo, May 15 (AP):

Sudan's military chief has ordered the freezing of all bank accounts belonging to a rival paramilitary force. The two sides have battled for weeks across Sudan, pushing the troubled country to the brink of all-out war.

The decree, issued on Sunday by Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan, will target the official accounts of the Rapid Support Forces in Sudanese bank, as well as the accounts of all companies belonging to the group, the state news agency SUNA reported.

It remains unclear what immediate effect the freezing would have on the RSF and how Burhan's orders are to be enforced.

Over the past decade, the paramilitary force has amassed great wealth through the gradual acquisition of Sudanese financial institutions and gold reserves. Burhan on Sunday replaced Sudan's Central Bank governor and on Monday, he removed the country's police chief and sacked two ambassadors at the Foreign Ministry. The military chief did not elaborate on his moves. Since mid-

April, the Sudanese army, led by Burhan, and the RSF, commanded by Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, have been locked in a power struggie that has forced thousands to flee to neighboring countries. Chaos has taken over much of the country since the conflict broke out. The capital, Khartoum, has been reduced to an urban battlefield and the western Darfur region is rocked by deadly tribal clashes. The violence has also killed over 600 people, including civilians, according to the WHO. A two-day outbreak of fighting in Geneina, the capital of West Darfur province, killed scores of people last week, said the Sudan Doctors Syndicate, a group that tracks civil-

ian casualties. It said the fighting began when RSF fighters and militiamen entered the city on Friday and clashed with other armed groups and residents.

resounded in the southern neighbourhood Khartoum on Monday while videos posted online show a hospital in the East Nile area, a neighbourhood just east of Khartoum, being bombed.

welcomed President

Meanwhile, explosions

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Sunak welcomes Ukraine President Zelenskyy on surprise visit to UK



Britain's Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, right, greets Ukraine's President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, after his arrival at Chequers, in Aylesbury, England, Monday.

London. May 15 (PTI):

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Monday Ukrainian Volodymyr Zelenskyy and reaffirmed his support for the wartorn European nation.

This is the fourth European country that Zelenskky has visited in the past few days.

He made an unannounced visit to Paris on Sunday to meet French President Emmanuel

Macron, after trips to Germany and Italy, where he met those countries'

leaders and Pope Francis. Downing Street said Zelenskyy will update Sunak on his meetings with European leaders over the weekend as Ukraine prepares for an intensified period of military activity.

The visit also comes ahead of the Council of Europe Summit in Iceland, which Sunak is due to travel for this week,

ahead of a visit to Tokyo for the G7 Summit in

This is a crucial moment in Ukraine's resistance to a terrible war of aggression they did not choose or provoke. They need the sustained support of the international community to defend against the barrage of unrelenting and indiscriminate attacks that have been their daily reality for over a year," said Sunak.

"We must not let them down. The frontlines of [Russian President1 Putin's war of aggression may be in Ukraine but the fault lines stretch all over the world. It is in all our interest to ensure Ukraine succeeds and Putin's barbarism is not rewarded,' he said.

Sunak said the UK is sustaining its support to Ukraine with tanks, training, ammunition, and armoured vehicles.

Cyclone Mocha floods homes, cuts communications in Myanmar lands of Sittwe township such

Dhaka, May 15 (AP):

Rescuers early Monday evacuated about 1,000 people trapped by seawater 3.6 meters (12 feet) deep along western Myanmar's coast after a powerful cyclone injured hundreds and cut off communications. Damage and six deaths have been reported, but the true impact was not yet clear in one of Asia's least developed countries.

Strong winds injured more than 700 of about 20,000 people who were sheltering in sturdier buildings on the high-

as monasteries, pagodas and schools, according to a leader of the Rakhine Philanthropic Association in Sittwe. He asked not to be named due to fear of reprisals from the authorities in the military-run country.

Seawater raced into more than 10 low-lying wards near the shore as Cyclone Mocha made landfall in Rakhine state Sunday afternoon, he said. Residents moved to roofs and higher floors, while the wind and storm surge prevented immediate rescue.

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2	Advertisement through Hoarding at saraswati Nagar station	24.05.23	15.00	15.40	
3	Advertisement through LED screen at Bhilai Power House station	24.05.23	15.00	15.50	
4	Advertisement through vinyl wrapping in Train no.12823	24.05.23	15.00	16.00	
5	Advertisement at Raipur Railway station for an area of 2715 sq ft	24.05.23	15.00	16.10	

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India's Vision for Middle-East Connectivity

A Strategic Move to Counter China's Influence

n an era defined by fierce geopolitical competition, India has set its sights on countering China's growing influence in the Middle East. With an ambitious connectivity project in the works, New Delhi aims to forge stronger ties with the region, linking it through roads, rails, and seaports. This strategic move, born out of joint efforts with the United States and Middle Eastern allies, signifies India's determination to challenge China's foothold in the region and expand its own sphere of influence. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval convened a meeting with his counterparts from the United States and the United Arab Emirates, which also saw the participation of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. The agenda centered around a proposed joint infrastructure initiative that would connect Middle Eastern countries via rail. The project, conceived during discussions among the I2U2 group (which includes Israel) over the past year, presents an opportunity for India to bolster its ties with the region and foster deeper connectivity. Notably, the 12U2 group was not initially designed as a China-focused entity, given the strong commercial cooperation between the UAE, Israel, and China. However, the connectivity project's emergence demonstrates how India benefits from the Abraham Accords, the historic agreement brokered during the Trump era that normalized relations between Israel and several Arab neighbors. The formation of the I2U2 group and subsequent discussions within it laid the foundation for this ambitious new initiative. The Biden administration recognizes the significance of this connectivity project as a means to balance China's power in the region. While not explicitly stated, it is widely understood that countering China's influence has been a key driver of this initiative from its inception. This project leverages India's expertise as an infrastructure provider, building upon its remarkable track record, including the construction of the world's largest rail system and contributions to cross-border electricitysharing arrangements. By expanding its infrastructure footprint in the Middle East, India aims to counter China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and strengthen its own position. If successful, the connectivity project could open up tremendous trade opportunities for India. In a best-case scenario, India could eventually benefit from both land and sea trade routes stretching from Israel and the UAE to Greece's Piraeus port, ultimately extending into Europe. This would not only bolster India's economic interests but also cement its position as a regional power with a greater presence in the Middle East. Beyond countering China's influence, India's foray into the Middle East holds significant importance due to its trade interests in the region. With millions of Indians working there and contributing to India's economy through remittances, it is imperative for New Delhi to secure their welfare and protect its interests. Furthermore, Israel's recent visit to New Delhi by Foreign Minister Eli Cohen further underscores the importance of India's role in promoting regional stability in the Middle East. Cohen, in a statement released before his visit, emphasized India's potential to contribute to the region's stability, further emphasizing the mutual interests at play. This ambitious connectivity project reflects India's desire to expand its influence beyond the Indo-Pacific region. It is a testament to India's strategic thinking and its readiness to collaborate with like-minded nations to counter China's growing dominance. Notably, India's pursuit of this initiative occurs against the backdrop of holding the G-20 presidency, experiencing rapid economic growth, and surpassing China as the world's most populous country. These favorable circumstances create opportunities for India to enhance its trade, diplomacy, and

Absolute utilisation of fly ash from TPPs is imperative

overall influence on the global stage.

Vijay Kumar H K arge amounts of fly ash released by thermal power plants (TPPs) are affecting the health of residents in villages of Raichur district in Karnataka.The central government issued guidelines for 100% fly ash utilisation but even today, thermal power plants are not fully complying. Fly ash from power plants is illegally dumped on roadsides, ponds, and other bodies of water. Every day, lakhs of tonnes of fly ash is released from thermal power plants in Karnataka, affecting the lives of the locals. Many of the ponds constructed to store this ash are also completely full. For many years, even though fly ash has been used in road construction, brick production, and the disposal of closed mines, the large quantities of ash released every day is affecting the health of the people. The coal found in India contains 40% ash. This ash contains not only particulate matter 2.5, black carbon, arsenic, boron, chromium, and lead, but also silicon dioxide, aluminium oxide, ferric oxide, and calcium oxide from the combustion of coal in thermal power plants. These ash particles travel for many kilometres in the air before settling on water and other surfaces.It is common to see clouds of ash storms spread over many kilometres in and around near by villages in Raichur. During the monsoon, on the other hand, lakhs of tonnes of ash flow with the water, contaminating fields and polluting water sources. The deadline for utilising 100% of the ash produced by thermal power plants is being extended year after year. Starting from Way back in 1999 to till date, the Ministry of Environment and Forests issuing guidelines for the full utilisation of coal ash. But these guidelines have not been implemented till date.People's health has been adversely affecting due to fly ash, as it directly affects the lungs. Therefore stringent actions has to be taken by the concern so that 100% utilisation of ash takes place in thermal power plants.

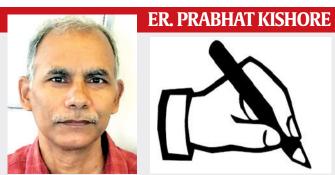
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KEEPING COOL



Children cool themselves under a water during a hot summer afternoon, on the outskirts of Jammu, Monday.

VIP Security Cover: A symbol of supremacy



VIP culture has been prevalent since ancient times in India as well as in other parts of the world. Such people have always dominated the administration. These include the ruler to the lower level personnel. This culture has continued to flourish even after the end of the monarchy and the establishment of a democratic system, and has expanded extensively in recent decades.

A fixed number of security personnel are deployed by the government for the security of declared as well as unannounced VVIPs and high-risk individuals. From the Prime Minister's SPG security cover to Z-plus, Z, Y-plus, Y, X category security, there is a provision of one or two security personnel in the name of VIP security as prescribed by the Central and State Governments. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) have been entrusted with the duty of protection

According to the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), over 60,000 security personnel were deployed in India for the protection of more than 19,000 current and former ministers, MPs, MLAs, judges, bureaucrats and some other VIPs in the year 2019. This number has considerably increased significantly in recent years. Along with this, the facility of more than 30000 vehicles is being made available in this work, on which more than 12000 crore rupees of public's hard earned money are being spent. Thousands of crores of rupees are being spent separately on these security personnel for their accommodation, food, transport, health, etc.

Interestingly, states like West Bengal, Bihar, Punjab, which are witnessing minor incidents of insurgency or disturbance, have the highest number of protected dignitaries; while states like Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Manipur and Chhattisgarh, which are most affected by militancy and terrorism, have lower number of important people getting the facility of security personnel.

In fact, on the basis of the report of Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Research & Analysis Wing (RAW) at the Central level, there is a provision of providing security to a person by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Similarly, on the basis of the report of agencies like the State Intelligence Department, there is a provision of providing security to a person by the State Governments. But it is a general perception that

the related reports are motivated by manipulation and political interference. The inputs generated by the vigilance agencies are neither put in the public domain nor open to scrutiny through any other agency. Accordingly, the criteria other than the actual situation are set by the Central and State Administrations. In most of the states, some politicians, actors and bureaucrats are carrying heavy security personnel just to prove themselves different from common people.

According to the government

provision, around 55 security personnel are deployed in Z-plus, 22 in Z. 11 in Y-plus, 8 in Y and 2 - 3 in X category security cover. The Z-Plus security cover has a provision of 55 security personnel including 10 commandos and five bulletproof vehicles. Z Cover has a provision of 22 security personnel including National Security Guard (NSG) Commandos. Y-plus has 11 security personnel, in which one CRPF commander and 4 constables are stationed at the residence and 6 personal security officers are deployed in three shifts with VIPs concerned. There are 8 security personnel in Y cover, in which a commander and 4 constables are deployed at the residence and 3 PSOs are deployed with the concerned VIPs in three shifts. In X Cover, 3 PSOs are posted in three shifts with the respective

After independence, Home Minister Sardar Patel had suggested to the Prime Minister that apart from a few policemen, there was no need to deploy more than two security personnel in the houses of ministers from the point of view of security. But after his death there was no one to pay attention to these sensitive issues. Now the designation of a person as VIP is on the rise just because of his/her political and official position.

Apart from the financial implications, VIP movement causes physical inconvenience and discomfort to the common motorists and people. Ordinary people faces a lot of problem due to unending VIP movements on the streets, roads and highways and people are virtually stranded without any fault of their own. VIP movement abandons the flow of vehicles on the busy roads, halts the movement of the pedestrians, hinders the movement of serious patients to the hospitals, causes mental depression to those who are already disturbed due to their hectic work and daily routine. The behavior of the escort police is very rude. These VIPs are not above the law and hence, they have no right to make others life miserable just for their own sake.

Last year, a positive initiative has been taken by the Punjab government by withdrawing the security of 429 alleged VIPs and the amount saved from this can be spent in public welfare works. Central and other state governments should also take this initiative. There is no doubt that the present day security cordon given to the so-called VIPs in the name of their security are nothing but a show of supremacy. This highly expensive system is being implemented at the cost of public welfare of the people living below the pover ty line. This monarchical as well as the unproductive system must be scrapped and if a person demands security cover, he should bear the

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Covid Battle Continues

Despite a general decline in Covid-19 cases, the recent announcement by World Organisation (WHO) that Covid-19 is no longer a global public health emergency should not be interpreted as the end of the pandemic. With 6.9 million global deaths due to the virus and almost 5 billion vaccine doses administered, it is crucial that citizens remain vigilant and take appropriate precautions. The WHO's announcement should not lead to complacency. The battle against Covid-19 is still ongoing, and it is up to every individual to remain alert and continue taking measures to protect themselves and oth-

Krishna Das, Kannur Cleaning Himalayas

The inspiring story of an environmental activist's efforts to clean and preserve the pristine beauty of the Himalayas is a commendable feat. Protecting the environment is a crucial element of human existence, and every individual has a responsibility to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings. The initiative taken by this activist is a great service to humanity, and should be praised and emulated. It is essential that tourists visiting hill stations and other destinations also respect the environment and avoid tarnishing its natural beauty. The Himalayas are a treasure to be cherished and preserved for generations to come.

Navneet Nair, Raipur

Press Freedom

The recent annual report on press freedom by Reporters Without Borders has sparked a reaction from both the ruling party and the opposition, similar to the Hindenburg India's External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar, dismissed the report as a "mind game." However, it is difficult to ignore the fact that countries like Taliban-ruled Afghanistan and Pakistan received a higher ranking than India. While the freedom of the press, especially in television news channels, has decreased significantly, the print media continues to hold its ground. The ranking of India in the report raises questions and concerns about the state of press

freedom in the country. Rakesh Gupta, Korba

Why so many MiG-21 crashes in India?



Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

MiG-21 fighter jets were bought from the erstwhile Soviet Union (now Russia) in the 1960s. Russia retired this fighter plane in 1985, but these ships are still being used in the Indian Army. The specialty of this ship has been that it never cheats, provided it is flown with utmost care and understanding. In the 1971 war, the enemy was shaken by the attack of this supersonic ship. It was the MiG-21 that attacked the Governor's House in Dhaka. Apart from this, this

fighter ship proved itself in the 1965 and 1999 wars with Pakistan. Now the incidents of the crash of this ship have become so much that it has been called 'flying coffin' and 'widow maker'. Although its upgradation work is going on, will it be completely retired in the next two-three years?

The MiG-21 Bison is the first supersonic jet in aviation history and is also the bestselling fighter jet in the world. While it is over 60 years old, the MiG-21 is still in service with the Indian Air Force with four active squadrons and has been updated to match Generation 3 fighter jets. The jets are currently being used only as interceptors, with a limited role as fighter jets, and are mostly used for training exercises. The Mikovanâ "Gurevich MiG 21 is a supersonic jet fighter and interceptor aircraft, designed by the Mikoyanâ "Gurevich Design Bureau in the Soviet Union. The MiG is a product of the Soviet Union which entered service in 1959. Nearly 60 countries on four continents

have flown the MiG-21, and it

continues to serve many countries six decades after its first flight.

India inducted the MiG-21 in 1963 and received full technology transfer and rights to license-manufacture the aircraft in the country. Russia ceased production of the aircraft in 1985, while India continued to operate advanced variants. The Soviet Air Force â " which is credited with designing the aircraft â " removed it from service in 1985. By then, countries from the US to Vietnam had inducted the aircraft into their air forces. Bangladesh and Afghanistan removed it from service after 1985. For India, the aircraft were inducted into the Air Force in the 1960s and completed their retirement in the mid-1990s. Despite this, they are being upgraded. In October 2014, the Air Chief said that the delay in decommissioning the old aircraft posed a threat to India's security as some parts of the fleet were old.

Also, being a single-engine aircraft means it is always in danger. The plane is more likely to crash if a bird hits it or the engine fails. It is often called the 'flying coffin' and 'widow maker', as it has suffered several accidents over the years, killing several pilots. Induction of new fighter planes. Due to the delay, the IAF is facing the crunch of maintaining a fixed squadron strength to defend India's skies. Delays in the indigenous Tejas program, political controversies surrounding the Rafale deal, and a slow procurement process meant that the MiGs had to be kept in. Longer service than usual, well beyond his retirement

age - in the mid-1990s. In the last ten years, there have been 108 air accidents and losses involving all wings of the military - Indian Air Force, Navy, Army, and Coast Guard. Of these, 21 crashes involved the MiG-21 Bison and its variants, although the IAF now mostly flies the former. The high rate of accidents earned the aircraft the nickname the 'Flying Coffin'. There is no single common cause of military aircraft crashes. They can range from weather, human error, and technical

error to bird hit. The MiG-21 is a single-engine fighter, and it may have been the cause of some accidents. It is a singleengine fighter and when it loses an engine, it needs to be restarted. More often than not it re-lights but it takes a finite amount of time for any engine to re-light, so if you are below minimum altitude, you will need to abandon the aircraft.

Preventing future aircraft accidents lies in the use of a combination of technology and appropriate and adequate pilot training. The installation of a ground proximity warning system in the aircraft would generate an early signal that could alert the flight crew to take preventive measures against the onset of CFIT. Emphasis should be placed in pilot training on effective training of pilots to develop situational awareness and make correct interventions.

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BRIEF



New Delhi: Vedanta Ltd on Monday announced appointment of Sonal Shrivastava as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) effective June 1, 2023. A bachelor's in chemical engi neering from BIT, Sindri and an MBA from the Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies she comes with over 26 years of financial leadership experience across sectors, the mining major said in a statement. Shrivastava joins Vedanta from Holcim Group where she worked as the CFO for Asia Pacific, Middle

Kalyan Jewellers

East & Africa operations, it said.

■ New Delhi: Kalyan Jewellers India Ltd on Monday posted a 3.11 per cent drop in its consolidated net profit at Rs 697.99 crore during the fourth quarter of the 2022-23 fiscal, large ly due to higher expenses. The company had clocked a net profit of Rs 720.40 crore in the quarter ended March 31, 2022, according to a regulatory filing. The company's total income rose to Rs 3,396.42 crore during the fourth quarter of the 2022-23 fiscal. from Rs 2,868.52 crore in the year-ago period, but expenses remained higher at Rs 3,268.47 crore, as against Rs 2.772.64 crore in the

Investment

said period.



Hyderabad: Electronics major Foxconn Interconnect Technology on Monday laid the foundation for a new electronics man ufacturing facility in Telangana as part of its USD 500 million in vestment in the state. The foundation laying ceremony took place in the presence of Telangana Minister for Industries and Commerce KT Rama Rao, Foxconn Interconnect Technology Chairman and CEO Sidney Lu and other dignitaries, a press release from the state government said

Maternity leave

■ New Delhi: NITI Aayog member V K Paul on Monday said that both the private and public sectors should consider enhancing the the maternity leave for women workers from six months to nine months. The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016 was passed by the Parliament in 2017 entitling paid maternity leave of 26 weeks, up from earlier 12 weeks "Both private and pub lic sector need to sit together to think about increasing the maternity leave of the mothers from present six months to nine months," FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) said in a state-

Exports fall for 3rd consecutive month by 12.7 pc in April

■ Trade deficit at 20-month low

New Delhi. May 15:

India's exports contracted by 12.7 per cent, third month in a row, to USD 34.66 billion in April even as the trade deficit reduced to a 20-month low of USD 15.24 billion, the government data showed on Monday. The decline in exports is mainly on account of poor demand in India's key destinations -- the Europe and the US - and it may take some more months for the situation to improve.

The demand scenario is "not looking very good as far as Europe is concerned. and the US also we have seen a decline in demand.



think the demand scenario does not look very optimistic," DGFT (Director General of Foreign Trade) Santosh Kumar Sarangi reporters here. However, he expressed hope that things would change from September onwards. "There is a possibility that opening up of Chinese economy combined with some boost in demand in the Europe and

August-September wards might give a boost to global exports," he said. Imports too declined by about 14 per cent. fifth month in a row, to USD 49.9 billion as against USD 58.06 billion recorded in the same month last year, the data showed. Trade deficit in April last year stood at USD 18.36 billion. The previous lowest level was recorded in April 2021, when the deficit stood at

USD 15.10 billion. On imports, Sarangi said that the decline is because of cooling down of commodity prices and reduced demand for products which are considered as discretionary like gems and jewellery. He suggested to diversify into products which have higher export demand, such as electronic goods, oil meals, oil seeds, and agricultural goods.

He added that export sectors which may get impacted in the coming months include gems and jewellery, apparel and garments, and some engineering products. In April, export sectors which recorded negative growth included petroleum products, gems and jewellery, engineering goods, chemicals and ready-made garments of

NTPC to start feasibility study for 130-MW floating solar power plant in Tripura

The National Thermal Corporation (NTPC) Ltd will begin a feasibility study for a 130-MW floating solar power plant on Dumbur Lake in Tripura's Gomati district, an official said on Monday. In the past five years, the northeastern state has increased solar power energy from 4.07 MW to 7.21 MW with the government trying hard to increase renewable energy in a big

Renewable Tripura Development Energy Agency (TREDA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the NTPC to carry out the feasibility study for the floating power plant. NTPC operates a 100-MW floating solar power Ramagundam

NTPC will examine the area of the waterbody required to be taken up for the plant, identification of local transfer stations and forest clearance for setting up the state's first renewable energy plant, TREDA Joint Director

pected to complete the feasibility study which will cost Rs 450 crore in a couple of months. "The proposed 130-MW floating power plant is important for the state's aim of producing 200 MW solar energy by 2030. The state's average solar power energy's potentiality stands at 2080 MW. The TREDA, Tripura State Electricity Corporation (TSECL) and Tripura Power Generation Company - all are trying hard to tap the solar power energy poten-

Debabrata Sukladas said.

He said the NTPC is ex-

tiated a process to provide solar power to the interior tribal habitations where conventional power supply is not profitable.

The installation of the solar microgrid has been completed in 17 tribal habitations while work is in progress for 50 more habitations with a cost of Rs 5.70 crore", he said adding that the Centre has approved a Rs 80 crore project in principle which will cover as many as 274 habitations with solar power.

The advantage of a floating solar power plant is the minimum land requirement mostly for asarrangements. Besides, with the presence of floating solar panels, the evaporation rate from water bodies is reduced, thus helping in water

Expect India sales to be higher than industry growth this fiscal: Suzuki Motor

New Delhi, May 15:

Corporation on Monday said it expects its automobile sales in India to be higher than the 5-7 per cent annual growth projected for the domestic market this fiscal. The Japanese automaker, which has a 56.4 per cent stake in the country's leading carmaker Maruti Suzuki India, on Monday reported a consolidated 30.1 per cent year-on-year increase in net sales at 4,641.6 billion yen for FY 2022 (April 2022- March 2023). In a statement, Suzuki stated that it aims to recover its market share in India by introducing sports utility vehicles. It also noted that the automaker will focus on multiple technological pathways like CNG and hybrid cars and not solely depend

contribute to carbon neutrality in the Indian mar-'We want to contribute to carbon neutrality through a 'multi-path' that includes CNG vehicles, HEVs, etc., rather than focusing solely on BEVs," Suzuki Motor Corp said in a statement referring to the Indian market. The Japanese automaker said its operating profit increased by 159.1 billion yen year on year (83.1 per cent) to 350.6 billion in FY 2022. Suzuki stated that consolidated net sales and profits increased in the last year, mainly owing to the impact of the exchange rates and an increase in volume in markets like India, Japan and Africa. On a consolidated basis, the profit attributable to owners of the parent increased by 60.8 billion yen (37.9 per cent) to 221.1 billion yen, the automaker

Rupee falls 15 paise to close at 82.33 against US dollar

Mumbai, May 15:

The rupee fell 15 paise to close at 82.33 (provisional) against the US currency on Monday, weighed down by the strength of the American currency in the overseas market. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.22 against the dollar and settled for the day at 82.33 (provisional), down 15 paise from its previous

During the day, the rupee witnessed a high of 82.18 and a low of 82.37 against the greenback. On Friday, the rupee settled at 82.18 against the dollar. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.11 per cent to 102.56. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 0.24 per cent to USD 74.35 per barrel. "The Indian rupee started the week on



a sour note following strength in the US dollar after Friday's economic data," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

On the domestic macroeconomic front, India's WPI contracted for the first time in almost three vears and CPI eased to the slowest pace since October 2021. According to official data, India's WPI inflation has been on a declining trend for the last 11 months and came in at (-) 0.92 per cent in April. Retail inflation came in at an 18-month low of 4.70 per cent.

"All eyes will be on US President Joe Biden's meeting with House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and other congressional leaders on Tuesday. In the near-term, spot USDINR has resistance at 82.50 and support at 82. The bias is favourable for dollar bulls,' Parmar added. On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex closed 317.81 points or 0.51 per cent higher at 62,345.71. The broader NSE Nifty advanced 84.05 points or 0.46 per cent to 18,398.85. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets on Friday as they purchased shares worth Rs 1.014.06 crore, according to

India ripe target for EV companies but domestic take up slow: Report of the FVs in India are in the

New Delhi, May 15:

India is a ripe target for electric vehicle firms as the third-largest auto market in the world but due to slow domestic takeup, no Indian company is likely to have a meaningful global share of electric vehicles in the foreseeable future, according to a report by S&P Global Ratings.

Asia is set to keep its place as the world's biggest producer of, and market for electric vehicles (EVs), EV batteries, and EV battery materials and the continent will be at the centre of the EV era, it said. "As the world's third-largest auto market. India is a ripe target for EV firms. Sales of EVs more than doubled last year in the country. This was, however, off a low base. EV sales represented less than 2% of the total light-vehicle sales in the last 12 months," the report said. Moreover, it said 90 per cent

ment. "While there is strong growth potential, the development of adequate charging infrastructure will be key to EV adoption. Given the slow take-up of EV domestically, no Indian company is likely to have a meaningful global share of EVs in the foreseeable future," it added. S&P Global Ratings pointed out that in India Tata Motors has taken the lead in the EV segment with a more than 80 per cent share of the market. "We expect the company to maintain its strong position despite rising competition from other players, including SAIC Motor Corp. Ltd. and Hyundai, as well as domestic companies such as Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd," it said. However, Tata Motors's UK

subsidiary, Jaguar Land Rover

Automotive PLC, "trails many

peers in the move to EVs.

tiveness", the report said.

This could hurt its competi-

two- and three-wheeler seg-

Stock markets climb for 2nd day on continuous foreign fund inflows

Mulliyai, May 13:

on battery electric cars to

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty gained around half a per cent to close at nearly five-month high levels on Monday following continuous foreign fund inflows and firm trends in Asian and European markets. Rising for a second straight day, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 317.81 points or 0.51 per cent to settle at 62,345.71, the highest closing level since December 14. During the day, it rallied 534.77 points or 0.86 per cent to 62,562.67. The broader NSE Nifty gained 84.05 points or 0.46 per cent to end at 18,398.85 points, a level not seen since December 20, 2022. Among the Sensex firms, Tata



Motors jumped nearly 3 per cent after announcing its quarterly earnings. Tech Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever, Larsen & Toubro, Infosys, Tata Steel and Mahindra & Mahindra were the other biggest gainers. Fuelled by rising domestic demand, pricing actions and easing supply chain issues, Tata Motors reported a consoli-

dated net profit of Rs 5.408 crore for the March quarter and aims to improve the profit margins this fiscal despite headwinds. Maruti, Tata Consultancy Services, Bajaj Finance, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finserv and Nestle were the laggards. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were buyers on Friday as they bought equities worth Rs 1,014.06 crore, according to exchange data. Foreign investors have shown strong buying interest in Indian equities in May and invested more than Rs 23,152 crore in the first fortnight.

In Asia, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong markets ended trading in the green. European markets were trading mostly

AGREEMENT SIGNING



INOX Air Products Managing Director Siddharth Jain and Vice President TQM and Engineering & Projects of Tata Steel Ltd Avneesh Gupta sign an agreement to set up an oxygen plant in Odisha.

NuRe Bharat Network to launch the Super App 'PIPOnet'

New Delhi, May 15:

NuRe Bharat Network, a joint venture consortium Limited a leading digital transformation and technology solutions provider, FISST and Yellow inc. today announced the launch of the Mobile App

PIPOnet. RailTel Corporation of India Ltd, a Miniratna PSU under the Ministry of Railways, has partnered with the consortium, led by 3i Infotech to monetize its Public WiFi across the Indian Railway network. The Indian Railways is the largest railway network in Asia with a daily count of



users logging every day to the WiFi network provided by RailTel across 6109 railway stations. The PIPOnet App (Powered by Railtel) will help the users with integrated services like eticketing, travel and stay reservations, porter booking, music, infotainment, edutainment, OTT channels and various helpline services. Speaking on the launch, Mr Sax Krishna, Chief Executive Officer, NuRe Bharat Network

the NuRe Bharat Network, we plan to serve a bigger goal for the good of the country. WiFi access will be secured; hence, we can facilitate services like healthcare, education and more to the Indian populace. Especially in the Tier 3&4 towns, we want to empower individuals by giving them access to democratized Internet, thereby opening their doors to greater opportunities. Internet brings with itself a hundred possibilities, and we aim to lead with an example of a secured and thought-through method for all who are currently unable to access a highspeed internet to access it on the go.'

said, "With the launch of

(-) 0.92 pc, lowest in 34-months **New Delhi, May 15:**

Wholesale prices in India fell for the first time in almost three years in April, as softening global commodity prices brought down food, fuel, and other input costs for producers. WPI inflation has been on a declining trend for the last 11 months and came in at (-) 0.92 per cent in April. This is the lowest level of wholesale price index (WPI) since June 2020, when inflation was at (-) 1.81 per cent. A negative WPI inflation, technically termed as deflation, means that overall wholesale prices have been falling year-on-year. The high base at 15.38 per cent in April 2022, also contributed to the decline in wholesale inflation in INFLATION and WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX for the month APRIL 2023 WPI: 150.9 | Base year: 2011-12 | Wholesale Price Index fo 'All Commodities' and

April this year. "Decline in the rate of inflation in April, 2023 is primarily contributed by fall in prices of basic metals, food products, mineral oils, textiles, non-food articles, chemical & chemical products, rubber & plastic products and paper &

WPI inflation in April at

paper products," the commerce and industry ministry said on Monday. WPI inflation was at 1.34 per cent in March. April also saw easing in prices across commodities -- food, non-food, fuel and power, and manufactured items.

ment quoting Paul. 23 million passengers and more than 1.5 million

Vidyut Jammwal explains why patriotic films are loved universally

action star and film producer Vidyut Jammwal, whose latest release 'IB 71' has hit the screens, spoke about why patriotic films give a tough competition to genres such as action, romance and comedy.

Vidyut, who comes from an army background said: "It has emotions. Everyone has dif

ferent tastes but when it comes to the love for the country it's the same for

He added: "I have arguments with my close friends whether they believe they are more patriotic than me, or I am more patriotic than them. So this is an emotion which is universal. That's the only reason it works."

Directed by National-Award winning filmmaker Sankalp Reddy, 'IB 71' tells the

story of the Ganga hijack

of 1971, which helped

India gain a strategic ad-

vantage over Pakistan. 'IB 71' is presented by Gulshan Kumar, T-Series Film and Reliance Entertainment. Action Hero Films production stars Vidyut Jammwal, Anupam Kher

and Vishal Jethwa. The film is produced by

Vidyut Jammwal and Abbas Sayyed, and coproduced by Aditya Aditya Chowksey and Shiv Chanana. The film is directed by national award winner Sankalp Reddy with the story by Aditya Shastri and the screenplay by Storyhouse Films

Kavita Kapoor joins the cast of 'Vanshaj'



drama on Sony SAB, comies elements of family drama, political intrigue, and the personal dynamics of a wealthy business family. The story revolves around a legacy business empire, complete with riches and fame, similar to many prominent business families today. The show aims to depict the challenges and difficulties faced by this flawed yet accomplished family. Viewers are set to witness the drama unfold as the family grapples with the ruthless realm of politics, power struggles, and the intricacies of human relation ships. Veteran actor Kavita Kapoor is all geared up to embody the role of Shobhana, the matriarch of the family and a mother to three - Dhanraj, Premraj, and Shubhadra. Her character assumes a pivotal position in the esteemed Mahajan Empire. She is sophisticated and values tradition and duty above everything else in life. Stay tuned to this space for more info on Sony SAB's Vanshaj, which will hit your tele-

Celebrate 'motherhood' with 'Doosri Maa'

mother and child's A bond are pend.

to be eternal, selfless, strong, and based on unconditional love. While there are no bounds to motherly love and affection, it can be complicated, especially when the child in question is the illegitimate son of your husband. &TV's family drama Doosri Maa presents this bond of motherhood most beautifully. The show captures the journey of a mother, Yashoda (Neha Joshi), living in UP with her husband Ashok (Mohit Dagga), her two daughters, and her in-laws, whose happy, peaceful family life comes to a screeching halt when she unknowingly ends up adopting her husband's illegitimate child Krishna (Aavudh Bhanushali). While there have been several portravals of strong mothers on-screen in both television and films, what sets Yashoda's character apart in Doosri Maa is how she can strike a balance between her maternal instincts and the hurt of being cheated upon, making her a unique character in the theme of motherhood. Her journey of coming to terms with her husband's past and standing up against her own family and society for Krishna



has made the show one of the favourite family dramas on Indian television.

This Mother's Day, the lead cast Yashoda (Neha Joshi) and Krishna (Aayudh Bhanushali) in Jaipur- talk about their character and on and offscreen bond. Neha Joshi. aka Yashoda from Doosri Maa, shares, Doosri Maa is a show that celebrates the incomparable feeling of motherhood. Yashoda, the main character. demonstrates unwavering support for her children through life's challenges. Her love for her children transcends blood relations, and she fights against all odds to protect Krishna, her son.

Celebrate motherhood daily with &TV's Doosri Maa every Monday to Friday at 8:00 pm!

BEYOND THE ROLES

On-screen 'Saas-Bahu jodi'shares mother-daughter kind bond off-screen

ajal Chauhan, the talented actress from the popular TV show on 'Star Bharat' recently shared a heartwarming bond with her co-star from "Meri Saas Bhoot Hai", Sushmita Mukherjee. Despite playing the roles of a Saas-Bahu duo on the show, the offscreen relationship between the two is nothing short of a mother-daughter bond.

Kajal expressed her admiration for Sushmita and talked about the motherly love and care that Sushmita Mukheriee showers upon her and everyone on the sets. Kajal said, "Although we play Saas-Bahu on screen, but Sushmita Ji is like a mother to me. She takes care of me and always guides me whenever it's needed. In fact, she considers each and every one on set as her child and treats them the same way. Her aura and her presence automatically fill up the set with good energy. I really adore and get inspired by her."

Kajal and Sushmita's



beautiful offscreen relationship are a testament to the strong bond that actors can share beyond their roles. We wish the two actresses a very

happy Mother's Day. Stay tuned and watch 'Meri Saas Bhoot Hai' every Monday-Friday at 7:30 PM only on Star

Chiranjeevi impressed by young singer's talent on Telugu Indian Idol 2

year-old Ayyan Pranthi, the contestant of Telugu Indian Idol 2, left megastar Chiranjeevi im-

singer Visakhapatnam got a rare opportunity to perform at Chiranjeevi's house in Hyderabad.

She sang the mesmeris-Annamacharya Keerthana in front of Chiranjeevi and Surekha. The performance left the couple spellbound and in awe of Pranthi's extraordinary talent. Chiranieevi and his wife, deeply impressed by her performance, bestowed their blessings upon her and wished her all the success for the rest of the Telugu Indian Idol season 2.

Pranthi, overjoyed with this incredible experience, stated: "I am humbled and immensely grateful to Megastar Chiranjeevi garu and his wife for providing me with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform in front of them. This has been a dream come true, and I am now more motivated and determined than ever to give my best in the competition. This experience has given me newfound



confidence, and I eagerly look forward to the challenges ahead."aha, the number one OTT platform in Telugu-speaking states, has been instrumental in introducing Telugu Indian Idol season 2, providing a platform for young and talented singers to compete and showcase their skills in front of a global audience.

Among the exceptional pool of talented participants, Ayyan Pranthi has consistently impressed audiences and judges alike since day one of the competitions with her soulful voice and impeccable performances. Her awe-inspiring performances have garnered the praise and recognition of renowned music director G.V. Prakash, who has repeatedly commended her talent.

Sushmita Sen: Just like Aarya, I can go to any extent for my two daughters

Ahead of Mother's Day on Sunday, actress and former beauty queen Sushmita Sen has drawn parallels between her real self and her reel character Aarya. Sushmita represents strong women and especially mothers who could kill or die for their children in any circumstances. Talking about motherhood and

her character of Aarya, Sushmita said: "Aarya is synonymous with motherhood. She is the epitome of grace and strength. I am elated to be associated with her story and her journey of motherhood. I aumine Aarya for being a wa rior and surpassing every hurdle that comes her way.' Sushmita describes Aarya as "hold and has emerged as a fierce lioness who wants to protect her children at any cost." "I have raised my two daughters single-handedly and I know I can go to any extent for them just like Aarya does in the series. I thoroughly resonate with her zeal to move ahead, no matter what and prevail through every hindrance." She added: "Motherhood is the most beautiful thing in the world and I absolutely enjoy playing such a strong mother, on-screen as well. Moreover, I hope audiences are looking forward to Aarya season 3.



Arti Singh on playing a villain: My character Chandra is like a female Chanakya

Actress Arti Singh, who is currently seen in the TV show 'Shravani', is playing the negative lead Chandra. She has given details about her character and called it a "female Chanakya"

Arti Singh and Gaurika Sharma get candid about how their characters will face off each other in the show. On playing Chandra, Arti mentioned: "Chandra wants everything by hook or crook and she will do everything to get what she wants. She is very ambitious. Chandra is like the lady Chanakya." "It is challenging for me to play this role because I've never played villain, an out and out negative character. I normally don't prep for the characters, I go naturally with my instinct to make it look relatable. Also, I'm from Lucknow and this story is also based in UP, so to pick up the dialect and style was not difficult for i me." She added: "I've never played a villain and definitely it's the negative lead and a very important part for the story. The production house is very good. I've been knowing the producers and director, they have done some commendable work previously. These were a few of the reasons I took up the show because I wanted to work with good people.'

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Lyon ahead of WTC final and Ashes

ICC Cricket Committee scraps 'soft Signal' by on-field umpires

Dubai, May 15 (PTI):

The ICC has decided to do away with the contentious 'soft signal' by onfield officials, which had often been criticised by experts as it is believed to have created more confusion for TV umpires after a decision was referred upstairs.

The 'soft signal' was used to determine the validity of catches taken inches off the ground, which couldn't necessarily be confirmed through naked eye.

According to ICC rules, a "soft signal is the visual communication by the bowler's end umpire to the third umpire (accompanied by additional information via two-way radio where necessary) of his/her initial on-field de-



cision prior to initiating an Umpire Review."

Till now the on-field umpire would either signal out or 'not out' based on their gut feeling. And the third umpire was compelled to go by 'soft signal' as most of the footages proved to be inconclusive.

The ICC announced

changes to the 'playing conditions' after the CEC approved the recommendations from the men's cricket committee led by Sourav Ganguly and the women's cricket committee. "The major change involved the soft signal being scrapped, with umpires no longer required

to give a soft signal when

New 'free hit rule'

There was also a minor addition to the free hit rule with any runs scored off a free hit when the ball hits the stumps will be counted as runs scored from now. This would mean that batters can now be bowled off a free hit and attempt a run for the same. The changes will come into effect on June 1, 2023 with the Lord's Test between England and Ireland, a fourday one-off match. The following World Test Championship final between India and Australia, starting June 7, will also follow these new playing conditions.

referring decisions to the TV umpire. The on-field umpires will consult with the TV umpire before any decisions are taken," the

'We panicked in India and saw what happened'

Melbourne, May 15 (PTI)

Premier Australian spinner Nathan Lyon doesn't want his team to panic in the upcoming Ashes like it did during the Border Gavaskar Trophy in India earlier this year.

The Australians lost the series in India 1-2. A classic example of them panicking was their tactics against Indian spinners in the Delhi Test where most batters fell to the sweeping shot on a rank turner.

Before the Ashes beginning June 16, India and Australia will fight for the World Test Championship trophy with the final scheduled at the Oval from

'We shouldn't panic anyway. We panicked in India and we saw what happened. If we can learn from that experience and play our way and our brand it will be okav."

Lyon told AAP. England have redefined Test cricket with their uber aggressive style of play, winning 10 out of their 12 Tests in the past year.

You look at the way they played against New

Zealand, South Africa and Pakistan, they have been able to force the opposition into panicking.

"We just have to worry about us. Control what we can control and worry about what is in our back-

England batters who will be expected to take an attacking approach both against spinners and faster bowlers. "I'm not buying into

about what they're doing. If we make sure we have

really good plans and

stick to them, everything

He said he won't change

his tactics against

will go okay."

any of that. It's just us. We have to worry about us. We will be really well planned. And with Pat Cummins and Smithy leading us, I think we will be in really good shape.

"I have been bowling with Mitch Starc and Pat over the past couple of weeks, our prep is going really well. We're not buying into the fact they have do it against Australian bowlers. We just keep nailing our process and worrying about us," he added.

'Kohli, Rohit should quit T20Is; focus on Tests, ÔDIs'

New Delhi. May 15 (PTI)

Former India head coach Ravi Shastri feels that it is time for stalwarts Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma to concentrate on Tests and ODIs letting young IPL performers like Tilak Verma, Jitesh Sharma and flavour of the season Yashasvi Jaiswal play T20Is.

"Players like Rohit, Virat Kohli, they are proven, you know what they are all about. I would go in that (good performers in the IPL) direction so that they get the opportunities, they get the exposure, whilst you keep the Virats and the Rohits fresh for one-day cricket and Test cricket," Shastri told ESPN Cricinfo.

"Your focus there with that kind of experience should move to Test crick-



et, red-ball cricket for the World Test Championship, and they stay fresh [so that] there is not too much of cricket where there is an overkill, Shastri advised on how to phase out senior players for shortest format in international cricket.

The likes of Jaiswal, Jitesh, Tilak and Rinku

Singh have all done well in the IPL and would be pushing for regular slots under Hardik Pandya's captaincy.

"First T20 series that comes up (West Indies), play these guys (the youngsters), expose these guys. They [the selectors] should start blooding them right now.'

India knocked out of Sudirman Cup, lose to Malaysia

Suzhou, May 15 (PTI)

India were knocked out of the Sudirman Cup badminton tournament after going down meekly to Malaysia in the second Group C match of the mixed team championships here on Monday.

Star shuttlers Kidambi Srikanth and PV Sindhu couldn't produce the goods as it was all over for India in the prestigious tourna-

While Srikanth was too erratic in men's singles contest, Sindhu showed great fightback in the decider after squandering an opening game advantage only to go down in the end to world No. 30 Goh Jin

It was always going to be an uphill task for Kapila and Ashwini Ponnappa to tame the world No. 8 pair

of Goh Soon Huat and Lai Shevon Jemie and the Indian combination tried their heart out before losing 16-21, 17-21 in 35 min-

error-prone Srikanth then couldn't get India's campaign back on track, going down 16-21, 11-21 to world No. 8 Lee Zii Jia in a lop-sided men's singles contest as the team was 0-2 down after the first two matches.

World No. 12 Sindhu then erased a 2-11 deficit in the third game but couldn't go the distance. losing 21-14, 10-21, 20-22 to Goh in the women's singles as India conceded a 0-3 lead to Malaysia in the five-match tie.

The result meant India were third in the group with Chinese Taipei and Malaysia finishing as the top two teams to qualify for the quarterfinals.

India name 24-member squad for Europe leg

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

Ace drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh will lead the Indian men's hockev team in the next leg of the FIH Hockey Pro League in Europe, which will be newly-appointed coach Craig Fulton's first assignment.

In their previous outing in the prestigious League matches at home, India remained unbeaten against reigning World Champions Germany and Australia which helped them top the points table.

In Europe, they will hope to continue their winning momentum as they take on the formidable Belgium and Great Britain in London followed by matches against the Netherlands and



Argentina in Eindhoven, the Netherlands. The 24member team, announced on Monday, features goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak. He returns to the squad after missing the home matches due to his wedding.

He will be joined by PR Sreejesh under bar while defenders list includes five penalty corner specialists in Harmanpreet, Amit Rohidas, Jarmanpreet Sanjay and Mandeep

Lucknow, May 15 (PTI)

Mumbai Indians are on a roll in the business end of the tournament and Lucknow Super Giants will be aiming to halt their momentum on a tricky pitch in the IPL here on

Mumbai Indians are third on the points table with 14 points and with a point less from same the number of games, LSG are holding on to the fourth

Both teams will be looking to get out of the danger zone as eight teams remain in the play-off con-Suryakumar Yadav is back to his breathtaking best and played a huge role in Mumbai's wins in the previous two games. Short of runs in the tournament,



Rohit Sharma too found some rhythm against Gujarat Giants and will be looking to play a substantial knock at the Atal

Bihari Vajpayee Cricket Stadium. In Tilka Varma's absence, Mumbai have found an able replacement in Nehal Wadehra, who seems to be getting better with every opportunity on the big stage. On the bowling front,

veteran spinner Piyush Jnawia continues to make life tough for the batters while rookie Akash Badhwal has given the pace attack a much-needed boost. Death bowling remains a concern with Jofra Archer's replacement Chris Jordan leaking runs in the last two games. It is expected to be another low-scoring game here and the spinners on either side could decide the fate of the game.

Leggie Ravi Bishnoi has been the leading wicket taker for LSG and stand in captain Krunal Pandya too showed what he could do with his left-arm spin against Sunrisers Hvderabad.

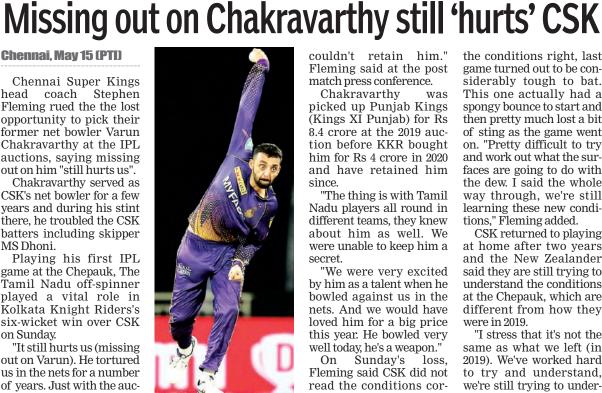
Chennai. May 15 (PTI)

Chennai Super Kings head coach Stephen Fleming rued the the lost opportunity to pick their former net bowler Varun Chakravarthy at the IPL auctions, saying missing out on him "still hurts us".

Chakravarthy served as CSK's net bowler for a few vears and during his stint there, he troubled the CSK batters including skipper MS Dhoni.

Playing his first IPL game at the Chepauk, The Tamil Nadu off-spinner played a vital role in Kolkata Knight Riders's six-wicket win over CSK

"It still hurts us (missing out on Varun). He tortured us in the nets for a number of years. Just with the auctions, the way it is, we



couldn't retain him." Fleming said at the post match press conference.

Chakravarthy was picked up Punjab Kings (Kings XI Punjab) for Rs 8.4 crore at the 2019 auction before KKR bought him for Rs 4 crore in 2020 and have retained him

"The thing is with Tamil Nadu players all round in different teams, they knew about him as well. We were unable to keep him a secret.

"We were very excited by him as a talent when he bowled against us in the nets. And we would have loved him for a big price this year. He bowled very well today, he's a weapon."

On Sunday's loss, Fleming said CSK did not read the conditions correctly. "I don't think we got

game turned out to be considerably tough to bat. This one actually had a spongy bounce to start and then pretty much lost a bli of sting as the game went on, "Pretty difficult to try and work out what the sur faces are going to do with the dew. I said the whole way through, we're still

the conditions right, last

tions," Fleming added. CSK returned to playing at home after two years and the New Zealander said they are still trying to understand the conditions at the Chepauk, which are different from how they were in 2019.

learning these new condi-

"I stress that it's not the same as what we left (in 2019). We've worked hard to try and understand, we're still trying to under-

opening game. Iqbal was

steady at the top of the in-

Afghanistan names uncapped pacer Rahman for **ODI series against Sri Lanka**

Kabul, May 15 (AP)

Afghanistan has named uncapped 21-year-old fast bowler Abdul Rahman in its 15member squad for next month's three-match one-day international series in Sri

Afghanistan has already qualified for the World Cup later this year, while Sri Lanka will go through a qualifier and hope to finish among top two and qualify for the event in India. "It's good to have a couple of young faces for the series," Mirwais Ashraf, chairman of the Afghanistan Cricket Board, said in a statement on Monday. "The buildup for the World Cup has already begun, and we are looking for every possible opportunity to build a good combination of the team

and prepare them well for the event." Shahidullah Kamal, Yamin Ahmadzai, Zia Ur Rahman Akbar and Gulbadin Naib, who were part of the Afghanistan team that toured Sri Lanka last November, were named in the reserves. The strong ODI squad includes sea soned players Rashid Khan, Mohammad Nabi, Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Noor Ahmed, who are now playing in the Indian Premier League. The three matches will be played in Hambantota on June 2, 4 and 7. Afghanistan has also planned a three-match ODI series against Pakistan in a build up to the World Cup. The Asia Cup will also be played in September with Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Nepal are sched-

uled to compete.

Rome, May 15 (AP)

Novak Djokovic's claycourt game is still a work in progress. The 22-time Grand Slam champion had to overcome a midmatch lapse before beating Grigor Dimitrov 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 on Sunday to reach the fourth round of the Italian Struggling with his foot-

work, complaining about the conditions of the clay on Campo Centrale and protesting line calls, Djokovic lost four consecutive games to hand the second set to Dimitrov, who won 12 straight points at one point during that stretch. But Djokovic raised his game when it counted most, broke



the

(entire)

changed," Djokovic said. "I

dropped my level a bit. But

luckily I managed to find it

right away in the first

game, make that crucial

break and kind of shape

the momentum to my side.

match

Djokovic overcomes mid-match lapse

to beat Dimitrov at Italian Open

Dimitrov in the opening game of the third, and improved to 11-1 in his career against the Bulgarian.

'The crowd got into it and kind of got behind him and of course with the energy of the place, a lingering issue with his surgically repaired right elbow, Djokovic is aiming for a seventh title in Rome. He's also preparing for the French Open, which starts In his previous two tournaments on red clay,

So I'm really pleased with

the way I closed out the

match." Returning from

three weeks off because of

Djokovic had consecutive early exits results that mean he will lose the No. 1 ranking after this tournament to Carlos Alcaraz again. He was also tested Tomas Martin Etcheverry in his opener in Rome. Djokovic will next face 13th-seeded Cameron Norrie, who beat Marton

Fucsovics 6-2, 7-6 (4).

Bangladesh edges Ireland by 5 runs to clinch 2-0 win in ODI cricket series

Chelmsford, May 15 (AP)

Skipper Tamim Iqbal topscored with 69 and Mustafizur Rahman took four wickets as Bangladesh edged Ireland by five runs to secure victory in a oneday international cricket

Bangladesh posted 274 from 48.5 overs after being sent in to bat. Ireland was in a good position in the chase, needing 10 runs to win from the last over bowled by Hasan Mahmud before losing two wickets within three deliveries and finishing 269-9. Bangladesh clinched the series 2-0 after winning a high-scoring second ODI by three wickets following a washed-out

nings for Bangladesh, sharing stands of 49 for the second wicket with Najmul Hossain Shanto (35) and 70 for the third wicket with Litton Das (35) before he was caught by Craig Young off George Dockrell's bowling. Mushfiqur Rahim (45) and Mehidy Hasan Miraz (37) took up the scoring through the middle of the innings before Ireland seamer Mark Adair picked up three late wickets to return 4-40. Ireland opener Paul Stirling scored 60 and captain Andy Balbirnie added 53 in a 109-run second-wicket partnership that laid a solid foundation for the reply.

Cotton farmers to take out rally on May 18

To demand subsidy of Rs 5,000 per quintal

he said.

Nagpur, May 15 (PTI):

Cotton farmers will take out a rally in Yavatmal district of Maharashtra on May 18 to demand a subsidy of Rs 5,000 per quintal and financial assistance for the crop growers who suffered losses due to "excessive" rains, a farm activist said on Monday.

In a press release, farm activist Kishore Tiwari said that cotton has been cultivated in record 10.2 million hectares this year as the price of the key textile component had touched Rs 14,000 a quintal last

However, dropped to Rs 7,500 per quintal which has forced many debt-trapped cotton farmers to end their lives, he said. This year, 40 per cent of cotton crops got damaged due to "excessive" rains, he

Tiwari claimed that 3,300 cotton farmers committed suicide in Maharashtra this sea-

"To call the attention of the central and state governments, a protest rally of cotton farmers

is being organised on May Pandharkawada (Yavatmal) which is an epicentre of farmer suicides, where unsold cotton will be put on fire,"

The protesting farmers want the government to announce a subsidy of Rs 5,000 per quintal and an economic package, he said. Farm activist Vijav Jawandhia will lead the protest, said Tiwari.

Demanding government intervention, he said cotton is the main cash crop of Maharashtra and it controls the rural and agriculture economy of the state's backward re-

According to Tiwari, cotton export dropped to 2 million bales from 6 million bales of last year due to the central government's "wrong" policy and "lack of concern for over 2 crore cotton farmers" in India.

Attributing the fall in exports to attempts to "protect the the interest of textile mill owners", he claimed that there has been a "record import of 3 million bales of

JAN SANGHARSH YATRA



Congress leader Sachin Pilot with supporters during his 'Jan Sangharsh Yatra', in Jaipur, Monday.

Railways to get uniform signages at stations

Signages at railway stations across India will be standardised on the basis of colour, font and the use of pictograms for the ease of passengers, Railways Vaishnaw said on Monday as he released a booklet containing details of the

The Indian Railways, which is redeveloping 1,275 stations across India under the 'Amrit Bharat Stations Scheme', will seek to have uniform signages across stations to make it convenient for passengers.

"As you all know, under the leadership of the prime minister, the Indian Railways has been working tirelessly to enhance passenger experience at railway stations. It was felt

lines on signages at stations that will be consis-

"Today, I am delighted to release the booklet on Standard Signages at Stations on Indian Railways. The Indian Railways will adopt modern, standard signages, which are 'divyang (differently-abled)' friendly,' Vaishnaw said.

has the largest number of stations in the world. It is important that every passenger should have easy access to facilities by having standard signage, he

The booklet on Standard Indian Railways prioritises simple language, clear font, easy-to-see colours

tent and adequate.

The Railways network

Signages at Stations on and intuitive pictograms.

NMC creating centralised repository of doctors practising in country

All docs to have UID

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

All medical practitioners will now have to register with the National Medical Commission (NMC) besides state medical councils and get a Unique Identification Number to practice in the country.

According to a recent notification, the data will be updated in the National Medical Register which will be made available to the public and displayed on the NMC's website.

The website will display information regarding a medical practitioner such as registration number,

name, date of registration, place of working (name of hospital/institute), medical qualification, including additional medical qualification, specialty and name of the institute or university where the qualification was obtained.

Any person who obtains a primary medical qualification recognised under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 and qualifies the National Exit Test held under section 15 of the Act, shall be entitled for grant of registration in NMR, it said.

Those who obtain a foreign medical qualification and qualify the National Exit Test held under section 15 of the Act, shall also be entitled for grant of registration in NMR, subject to fulfilment of condi- ing of these Regulation tions specified in the Medical Foreign Graduates Regulation, 2021, it said.

The UID shall be generated centrally by the Ethics and Medical Registration Board (EMRB), National Medical Commission (NMC) and grant the practitioner, registration in NMR and eligibility to practice medicine in India.

"All existing medical practitioner enrolled in Indian Medical Register or the State Medical Register, not having the registration number as per these regulation shall update in the web portal of the Ethics and Medical Registration Board within a period of three months of publishand obtain the registration number as a one time measure and the licence so generated shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of issuance,' the notification said.

No fees shall be charged by the EMRB, NMC for updating licence of a medical

Eligible persons may opt for any state to practice medicine and the application made through the web portal shall be referred to the State or States Medical Council concerned, the notification stated.

The State Medical Council shall consider the application for grant of licence to practice medicine in that state after charging fee within a period of 30

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Amitabh thanks stranger for dropping him to shoot location



Veteran Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan takes a bike ride from a stranger to beat the traffic and reach his shooting location on time, in Mumbai.

On time

Mumbai, May 15 (PTI):

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan has thanked a stranger for helping him beat the traffic and reach his shooting location on

Bachchan, 80, shared a photograph with a biker on his Instagram on Sunday night.

'Thank you for the ride buddy... Don't know you... but you obliged and got me on time to location of work... faster and in avoidance of the unsolvable traffic jams... Thank you capped, shorts and vellowed T-shirt owner (sic)," he captioned the post.

In the photograph, the cinema icon can be seen sitting on the back seat of the bike, wearing a casual bottom paired with a corduroy jacket, white shoes and sunglasses. granddaughter

Navya Naveli Nanda commented on the post with a heart and heart-eye emoji. Rohit Bose Roy wrote: "You are the coolest dude on earth Amit ji! Love "Had always heard Mr

Bachchan has always been the most punctual. Can see today what honouring Time truly means to you. I hope actors can learn a thing or two from this," said actor Sayani Gupta.

While most of his colleagues and fans praised Bachchan's decision to opt for a bike ride to reach on time, some pointed out that the film star and the biker are not wearing hel-

"Where is the helmet sir," a user commented.

SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN



A pedestrian signs on a large peice of paper during a mass signature campaign of All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) in support of wrestlers protesting against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, in Kolkata, Monday.

Guv Bais reviews implementation of NEP in meeting of VCs

Mumbai, May 15:

Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais on Monday advised vice chancellors of state universities to declare the results of various examinations within the stipulated time limit of 45 days.

Noting that the future of students is directly linked to the declaration of results, the Governor cautioned that vice chancellors will be held accountable for the delay in declaration of results and dispensation of marksheets.

The Governor was addressing the meeting of Vice Chancellors of tradiagricultural, health sciences, technological and open universities at Raj Bhavan Mumbai. The meeting was organised to review the progress of the implementation National Education Policy 2020 from the forthcoming academic year 2023-2024

Stating that less than 2 months are left for the beginning of the new academic year, the Governor expressed the hope that Maharashtra would set for the nation the example of the model implementation

National Education

Secretary Principal Higher and Technical Vikas Education Chandra Rastogi presented a review of the implementation National Education Policy in the State and the progress made in respect of the 18 identified Result Areas. Secretary Principal

Agriculture Dawale Commissioner Education Medical Rajeev Nivatkar were also present. Vice Chancellors

Acting Vice Chancellors of University of Mumbai. SNDT Women's Savitribai University, Phule Pune University, Shivaji University, Ahilyadevi Holkar University, Solapur Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dr Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Vidyapith, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University and Dr Homi

Bhabha State University

were present.

robots to locate lost items New Delhi, May 15 (PTI): be a game-changer in such situations. And they succeeded in using AI to cre-

memory.

New AI-based tech can help

Researchers have developed a new artificial intelligence (AI) based technology to programme robots to help people locate essential objects such as phones and other items thev have lost.

The researchers want to initially use the technology to help people with dementia, and in future anyone who needs to search for something they have misplaced.

"The long-term impact of this is really exciting," said Ali Ayub, a post-doctoral fellow at the the University of Waterloo in Canada.

"A user can be involved not just with a companion robot but a personalised companion robot that can give them more independence," Ayub said.

restricts Dementia brain function, causing confusion, memory loss and disability. Many people with the condition repeatedly forget the location of everyday objects, which diminishes their quality of life and places additional burden on caregivers. The researchers believe that a companion robot with an episodic memory of its own could

SC junks plea to include details of missing persons

In census

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI): The Supreme Court on Monday turned down a plea seeking directions to include details of missing persons from every household in the census.

A bench of Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices P Narasimha and J B Pardiwala said the relief sought in the plea relates to a matter of policy.

The researchers then developed a graphical interface to enable users to choose objects they want to be tracked and, after typing the objects' names, search for them on a smartphone app or com-Once that happens, the

robot can indicate when and where it last observed the specific object, the researchers said. Tests have shown the

system is highly accurate. And while some individuals with dementia might find the technology daunting, Ayub said caregivers could readily use it.

The researchers will now conduct user studies with people without disabilities, then people with dementia.





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BRIEF



Bollywood actor Sara Ali Khan at the trailer launch of her upcoming movie 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke', in Mumbai, Monday

Injured

■ Balrampur: Five people were injured after a leopard attacked them while they were working in their fields in the Sohelwa forest area here on Monday, an official said. They were attacked by a female leopard which was along with her cubs, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Sam Maran M said. In the incident. which occurred at Bhujehra village, Shravan Kumar (20), Indra (28), Om Prakash (33), Mar Gathu (30) and Karta Ram (30) were injured, he said. They are being treated at the Shivpura Community Health Centre.

Booked

New Delhi: A 37-year-old woman was found hanging from a ceiling fan at her house in south Delhi's Tigri area on Monday, police said. The deceased has been identified as Laxmi Gupta, they said. The victim's family has accused her husband Jitender Gupta and brother-in-law of harassing her over dowry, they said. According to police, Laxmi s brother-in-law informed police about the incident after spotting her body hanging from a ceiling fan.

Food poison

■ Jaipur: Three children died due to suspected food poisoning in Nagaui district of Rajasthan in the past three days, official said on Monday. They lived in the same colony on Merta Road, Chief **Medical and Health** Officer of Nagaur Dr Mahesh Sharma said three-and-a-half-year-old Laxmi felt stomach pain on Monday and died at her residence.

Damage

Aizawi: At least 236 houses and eight refugee camps have been damaged after super cyclone Mocha' struck several parts of Mizoram, officials said on Monday. A total of 5.749 people in more than 50 villages were affected by the powerful winds on Sunday, they said. However, there were no reports of fatalities.

Derail

■ Bengaluru: A coach of the double-decker train from Chennai to Bengaluru derailed at Bisanattam on the Karnataka-Andhra Pradesh border, near Bangarpet in Kolar district on Monday, Railway authorities said. However, none of the passengers were injured. Train services were also not affected.



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K'TAKA GOVT FORMATION

Power play for CM post shifts to Delhi

All eyes on **Congress top brass**

Bengaluru, May 15 (PTI) :

All eyes are now riveted on the Congress' central leadership that will pick the new Karnataka chief minister, a decision preceded by intensive consultations, one-on-one interaction with MLAs and even a 'secret ballot'. After the Congress

party's stupendous victory in the May 10 assembly polls, intense lobbying for the chief minister's post in Karnataka started for former chief minister Siddaramaiah and KPCC president Shivakumar.

The party faces the uphill task of satisfying the two camps and is working on a 'formula'.

Both the top Karnataka leaders have been called to Delhi by the party high command for further consultations on government formation in the state. While Siddaramaiah has left Bengaluru and will be in the national capital by

AICC observer for Karnataka Sushil Kumar Shinde arrives at the residence of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, in New Delhi, Monday.

Hariprasad said the MLAs

were asked for their open

feedback on their choice of

chief minister during

their interaction with the

observers and also a secret

ballot was held for the

CM's name. The observers

have brought the ballot

boxes to Delhi along with

Kharge is likely to take a

decision on who will be

the next chief minister of

Karnataka soon. He is also

likely to hold consulta-

tions with top Congress

Sonia Gandhi and Rahul

Gandhi, before arriving at

including

evening. Shivakumar is likely to follow him later in the

The three central observers deputed by the Congress returned to the national capital on Monday after speaking individually to the newly elected MLAs.

The observers are putting together the views expressed by all the newly elected MLAs and will hand over the report to president Mallikarjun Kharge by Monday night, sources told PTI.

Senior party leader B K

Shivakumar puts off Delhi trip citing stomach bug

Chief Minister aspirant and Karnataka state Congress president D K Shivakumar on Monday cancelled his Delhi trip, hours after confirming he would be flying to the national capital, fuelling speculations that all is not well in the ruling camp over the CM contender issue. He cited health reasons for

the change in his travel plans. The senior Congress leader is locked in an intense power struggle with Siddaramaiah over who will lead the party led government, after Congress stormed to power by winning 135 seats in the May 10 elections to the 224member Karnataka Assembly Siddaramaiah, a former CM. had left for Delhi by Monday afternoon to meet with AICC leaders. "I have some problem in the stomach. Doctor is coming in ten minutes. It's burning. It looks like some infection and I have fever.... please let me be free.... Shivakumar told reporters. Sources close to him confirmed he is not going to Delhi

Manoj Soni to take oath as UPSC chairman today

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

Educationist Manoj Soni will take oath as the chairman of **Union Public Service** Commission (UPSC) on Tuesday, an official said. Soni, who joined the Commission as the member on June 28, 2017, has been performing the duties of the UPSC chairman since April 5, 2022, he said on Monday.



Three die after consuming illicit liquor

Probe launched

Janjgir, May 15:

A newly married serviceman and two of his friends died after allegedly consuming illicit liquor in Janjgir-Champa district on Monday, police said.

The incident took place in Rogda village under Nawagarh police station limits. The deceased have been identified as Nandlal Kashvap, Satish Kashvap and Paras Ram Sahu, an official here said.

As per preliminary information, Nandlal, an army jawan, was on leave and got married last week. His family invited their relatives for a meal at their



home on Monday for which Nandlal was making arrangements since morning, the official said. He and two others consumed liquor procured from a person who allegedly used to sell illicit alcohol in the village, following which the trio fell unconscious, the official said. After being alerted, their family members shifted them to a hospital in Nawagarh where the three were declared dead, he said.

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About the incident

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HC refuses to halt demolition of Delhi temple

Encroaching on road

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

The Delhi High Court has refused to interfere with the demolition of a 55-year-old Kali temple which was found to be "unauthorised" and obstructing the free flow of traffic at Mayapuri Chowk here. Justice Prathiba M Singh per-

mitted the removal of the idols and other religious objects from the temple by the priest and placing them in other temples, as directed by the Religious Committee in the matter, and said after May 20, the Public Works Department (PWD) was free to carry out the demolition

Sikar (Raj), May 15 (PTI):

Senior BJP leader and

Union minister Nitin

Gadkari on Monday asserted

that votes are won on the

basis of "politics of service"

rather than on "posters and

banners". He said he has now

decided that he will not put

up any posters or offer tea to

people in his constituency in

the next election as "those

who have to vote will vote

and those who do not will

not". At the same time, he ex-

uded confidence in increas-

ing his winning margin in

the next poll. Gadkari was ad-

dressing a programme on the

death anniversary of former

vice president Bhairon Singh

Shekhawat

activity. The court's order came on a petition by Durga P Mishra, the priest and the caretaker of the temple, who sought to guash a notice dated April 25 issued by the PWD as well as the minutes of the meeting of the Religious Committee which took the decision to demolish the "Kali Mata Mandir". "As per the minutes of the Religious Committee meeting, the committee has come to the conclusion that the temple structure is unauthorised and is situated on the main road. It is also obstructing free flow of traffic and thus had directed the removal of the said unauthorised religious structure," said the court in its order

Nitin Gadkari

Khachariyawas village in

Sikar district of Rajasthan. "I

have fought the election in a

very tough constituency.

Everyone had asked me not

to contest from there, but I

fought with determination.

Now I have decided that in

the next election, I will not

put up posters or banners,

will not give tea or do any-

thing else. Those who have to

vote will vote and those who

MAHA DEVELOPMENT

do not will not," he said.

dated May 11.

POLITICS OF SERVICE

'No posters and banners

from next election'

Six killed in collision between two trucks ■ 21 injured

leadership,

Balodabazar, May 15:

Five women and a child were killed and 21 others injured when a mini goods truck they were travelling in collided head-on with another big truck in Balodabazar district, police said on Monday Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel has announced an assistance of Rs 4 lakh to the kin of each of the de-The accident took place

late Sunday night near Gauda Pulia under Palari police station area, located 70 km from the state capital Raipur.

The victims, natives of Latua village, were returning after attending a fami-



The injured being shifted to the hospital after the accident.

ly function in Parsada village, a senior police official said.

Their pickup truck collided head-on with another truck. Five women and a six-year-old boy died on the spot and 21 others were injured, five of them criti-

JOY OF SUCCESS

cally, the police official said.

The deceased have been identified as Dhaneshwari Fekar (35), Prabha Nayak (18), Agar Bai (60), Shanti Fekar (60), Hema Dhruv (20) and Ghanshyam Fekar (6), he said.

CM expresses grief

The CM expressed grief over the incident and in a tweet said the district administration officials have been directed to provide all possible assistance to kin of the deceased and medical treat ment to the injured. "I announce an assistance of Rs 4 lakh to the family of each of the deceased," he added.

About the mishap

The accident took place late Sunday night near Gauda Pulia under Palari police station area. located 70 km from the state capital Raipur. The victims, natives of Latua village, were returning after attending a family function in Parsada village Their nickun truck collided head-on with another truck.

ALL FOR PUBLICITY SC rejects plea on use

of prefixes for women

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a plea which raised an issue that no women should be asked to put prefixes like 'Ms', 'Kumari', 'Mrs' before their names, saying it is all for publicity.

A bench of Justices S K Kaul and A Amanullah observed that there cannot be a general order in this behalf as it depends upon the choice of a person to whether to use a prefix or

The counsel appearing for the petitioner told the apex court that he wanted to file some additional documents in the matter.

BONANZA FOR JOB SEEKERS

not to use it.

PM to distribute about 71,000 appointment letters today

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

Minister Prime Narendra Modi will distribute about 71,000 appointment letters on Tuesday to those joining various government departments and also address them virtually. So far, Modi has distrib-

uted appointment letters to 2.9 lakh persons and their numbers will go to 3.6 lakh after Tuesday's event. Besides these programmes, the prime minister has been part of several 'Rozgar Mela' oganised by many states, mostly those ruled by the BJP and allies. The 'Rozgar Mela' on

tor of Sikkim lotteries and

Tuesday will be held at 45 locations across the country, an official statement said, adding the recruitments are taking place across central government departments, state governments, and UTs supporting this initiative.

The new recruits, selected from across the country, will join various posts like gramin dak sevaks, inspector of posts, commercial-cumticket clerk, junior clerkcum-typist, junior accounts clerk, track maintainer, assistant section officer, lower division clerk, sub-divisional officer and tax assistants among others.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

'Will have to first recognise which Sena faction is the political party'

Mumbai, May 15 (PTI):

Maharashtra Legislative Assembly speaker Rahul Narwekar on Monday said that after the Supreme Court's May 11 verdict, he will have to first recognise in the House which faction of the Shiv Sena is the political party before going ahead with any other decision. He was speaking to reporters here after re-

turning from London. Narwekar said, "I will have to first recognise who represents the politi-



cal party in the Assembly. Then the decision on the appointment of the chief whip will be taken. The petitions demanding the disqualification of MLAs are pending with the Speaker. Their main contention is about not following the whip's order," he said. In its verdict on the

Shiv Sena-centric tussle that led to the fall of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government in Maharashtra last year, the Supreme Court on May 11 said it can't reinstate the then chief minister Uddhav Thackeray as he chose to resign without facing the floor test.

Of 'lottery king' **Santiago Martin**

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

Students celebrate their success after declaration of Haryana Board of School

Education (HBSE) class 12th exams results, at a school in Gurugram, Monday.

Assets worth about Rs 457 crore have been frozen under the anti-money laundering law as part of an investigation against "lottery king" Santiago Martin in a case linked to alleged loss of over Rs 900 crore to the Sikkim government by fraudulent sale of the state lottery in Kerala, the **Enforcement Directorate** said on Monday. The agency carried out fresh raids



against Martin and his family members in Coimbatore and Chennai, and the official premises of a company called 'Future Gaming Solutions India Private Limited' in Coimbatore on May 11 and 12. Future Gaming Solutions India Pvt Ltd is the master distribu-

Enforcement Directorate (ED) is investigating Martin, known as "lottery king" in Tamil Nadu since 2019. The money laundering case stems from a CBI charge sheet filed against Martin and others for alleged offences relating to sale of lotteries of the Sikkim government in Kerala.

"Martin and his associate companies and entities made unlawful gains with a corresponding loss to the government of Sikkim to the extent of Rs 910 crore on account of inflating the for the period from 01.04.2009 to 31.08.2010," the ED alleged in a statement. Several investments of

prize winning tickets claim

the group concerns (of Martin) like fixed deposits and mutual funds worth Rs 157.7 crore have been frozen under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and immovable property documents worth Rs 299.16 crore were seized, it said. Thus, the ED said, properties worth about Rs 457 crore were unearthed as a result of search operations and they have been seized/freezed.

Farmers stage protest against GAIL pipeline project

Stage gherao at **District Collectorate**

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: On Monday, the farmers of about 17 villages staged a protest against the natural gas pipeline project of Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) which is passing through the lands of about 500 farmers in the district.

They alleged that the GAIL is forcefully laying its pipelines without properly informing the farmers. The competent authorities of the concerned areas appear to be least bothered for the farmers.

The affected farmers are continuously agitating against this tyrannical move. In view of the administrative apathy, the resentment among the farmers is rising day by day.



The agitators later submitted a memorandum at the Collector Jandarshan and demanded from the state government to immediately revoke the gazette notification in which powers have been granted to GAIL to acquire land for its Mumbai-Nagpur - Jharsuguda gas

They demanded that the notification should be cancelled with immediate effect and the work of laying pipeline should be stopped immediately. As it was the death anniversary of veterfarmer

leader Mahendra Singh Tikait, the farmers conducted a

gathering at the District Collectorate premises and paid floral tributes to him.

They raised the slogans of 'Chaudhary Mahendra Singh Tikait Amar Rahe'. They also discussed the strategy of struggle over the gas pipeline project issue. Dhalesh Sahu, Youth

Chhattisgarh, in-charge Bhartiya Kisan Union Ahiwara Assembly, Kaldas Daharia of Chhattisgarh Mukti Morcha, Sandeep Patel of Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan and Tamarkar of Sanjay Bharatiya Kisan Union extended support to the farmstruggle pipeline project. Hiraram

Budhelal Sahu, Manoj Verma, Ramadhin Sahu, Mahesh Kumar, Prabha Sinha, Ashok Verma, Malik Ram, Churavan, Peman Sahdev, Mahendra Kumar, Yogeshwar Dewangan, Ashish Tiwari, Khorbahara, Devendra Tamrakar, Kalyan Patel and hundreds of affected farmers from Nankatti, Bodegaon, Bagdumar and other villages were present.

Man gets 20 years RI for unnatural sexual assault on 12-year-old boy

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: A Fast Track Special Court in Durg sentenced a man to 20-years rigorous imprisonment for sexual assault on a 12-year-old boy. The trial was completed and punishment was awarded to the convict within nine months of charge sheet filing.

Additional Sessions Judge (Fourth), FTSC -Sangeeta Naveen Tiwari convicted 30-year-old Gaffar Ali son of Mukhtar Ali a resident of Bhim Nagar, Supela on Monday. The boy's family had lodged a complaint at Supela Nagar Police Station on June 19, 2022.

Public Special

Kasar informed that the accused resides in the neighbourhood of the victim. Around 21:30 hrs on June 18, the victim reached his house and started to gargle and wash his face with a

When his parents questioned, he informed them that the neighbour Gaffar Khan took him to the dark end of the street and sexually assaulted him in an unnatural way. The child further informed that the accused Gaffar Khan let him go when he tried to call his friends for help.

On coming to know about the incident, the parents of the victim

of the accused and questioned him. The accused entered into an altercation with the victim's parents and lifted a brick to attack them.

After trial, the Special Court found the accused guilty and awarded different jail terms for Section 506-B of IPC and Section 06 of POCSO Act under which the accused was tried.

He was sentenced to one year rigorous imprisonment and Rs 100 fine under section 506-B and 20-years rigorous imprisonment and Rs 5000 fine under section 06 of POCSO Act, informed Special Public Prosecutor Santosh

Bhilai Steel Plant organises free health camp at Village, Chetua

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, remains on forefront in discharging its organizational social responsibility.

The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the plant has been providing free medical and healthcare facilities to its surrounding areas for a long time, through free health camps and other initiatives.

Under the healthcare initiative, a free Health Camp was organised by the CSR Department in collaboration with the Medical and Health Services Department of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, on May 13, 2023 at Village,



The expert medical team from CSR, comprising health experts, Dr Isha Pharmacist, Khilawan Kumbhakar,

and BP examination, Shambhu for registration and Sita Sinha, CSR Assistant, from the department conducted the

A total of 25 villagers were examined at the Medical Camp including 12 men, 12 women and 1 child, and free medicines

Bike crashes head-on into car; two killed

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: Two youth moving on a bike were killed in an accident which occurred in Anjora area late evening on Sunday. Their bike collided head-on with a car near Shivnath River bridge on the highway.

Police rescue team immediately reached the spot and the injured youths were rushed to the hospital where they succumbed to their in-

According to information, the deceased were Altaf Gani (24) son of Naseeruddin a resident of Talpuri, Bhilai and Sandeep Anandan (35) son of Radhe a resident of Ruabandha.

They were moving from Rajnandgaon towards Durg on their Enfield Bullet bike bear-



ing registration number CG07-AZ-9026. Around 21:30 hrs, they went on the wrong side of the road and collided headon with a Maruti Alto car bearing registration number MP50-CA-0698.

On information, the Emergency Response Vehicle of Durg Police reached the spot and both the youth were shifted to the hospital. Later, they died during treatment in



Students of DAV Ispat Public School, Sector -2 excel in CBSE Exam



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: The students of DAV Ispat Public School Sector 2 registered thriving success in recently declared CBSE Class-10 & Class-12 Examination, where the school marked the chart with 100% results.

-12 & Class-10 students excelled with their potential and registered excellent results and brought laurels for the school and this tinsel town. The Class - 10 result was 100%, whereas 10 students were placed with

In Senior secondary Class

more than 90% marks and exposed exemplary result.

11 students proudly placed themselves between 80-90%. Sneha Suresh Didhade was the topper with 96.4%, (scored 100 marks in Sanskrit), Priya Singh scored 96.2% Rajshekhar Lachoria and Snehdeep Singh Sandhu scored 94.6 %., Dibyajyoti Swain scored 94%.

In Class -12 Senior Secondary Examination, the students of the school excelled and with marvellous outcomes, in commerce stream Prachi Guirati scored 90.8% was the topper whereas in Science stream Astha Shah topped with

The presence of Prince Kumar-84.6% & Pratibha -84.4% were also to mention. The Headmistress of the School Priyanka Shukla extended her congratulations to the students and also wished them best for their future endeavour.

The Parents expressed their gratitude for the excellent guidance by the teachers of the School and expected their untiring effort

Round Table India constructs three classrooms at Basin Govt School

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: Bhilai Chapter of Round Table three-classroom block at Government Primary and Middle School, Basin, Durg. Procter & Gamble extended support for constructing this block.

While there are several Community Service Projects being implemented concurrently by Round Table India across the Country, Freedom Through Education is the ongoing National Project whose primary aim is to provide physical infrastructure to schools aimed at supporting education of underprivi-



leged children.

Round Table India is involved in building Class Rooms, Toilets and providing other amenities like Drinking water facil-

Principal, Rungta College

of Engg & Tech, Bhilai and

Dr DB Jani, Associate

Professor, Government

Engg College, Dahod,

Gujarat were the Session

Chairs for these two days

In this conference total 74

papers were received from

all over India and abroad

technical sessions.

ity, Library, Science lab, Playgrounds, schools across the country that are catering to children from lesser privileged sections of the so-

Since 1997 Round Table India has built over 7890 Classrooms in 3347 Projects impacting 8.67 million children across

India with a total outlay of Rs 380 Crore and covered Area Built of almost 2.67 million sq ft.

Round Table India has built a new classroom block at Government Primary and Middle School, Basin, Durg through chapter 243 Bhilai Round Table with the help and support of Procter & Gamble. This block was formally inaugurated on May 14, 2023.

The new school block consists of 3 classrooms and under the Freedom Through Education initiative by Round Table India. This 3 classroom block would benefit 90 lesser privileged children every year in the nearby areas of Basin, Durg.

International Conference 'Technologia: ICRAMEN 2023'

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: A two day International Conference on Recent Advances in Mechanical Engineering and Nanomaterials i.e. 'TECHNOLOGIA: ICRA-MEN 2023' in Hybrid Mode was organized by Christian College of Engineering & Technology, Bhilai in Association with Research Association of Masters of Engineering, Pune on 12th& 13th May, 2023.

The purpose of this conference was to provide better opportunities to the researchers, innovators to present and exchange their latest findings of their research work, innovative ideas and applications internationally with the research fraternity from Academia and Industry in the field of Science, Engineering and Technology.

The inaugural function was graced by Dr Sanjay Agrawal. Chancellor, CSVTU, Bhilai, as the Chief Guest. In his address he explained the working of photovoltaic solar cells, its principles and how the efficiency of the solar cell can be enhanced to utilize it in a better way. He also gave the informa-

tion about the various schemes of CSVTU for start-ups, knowledge upgradation, skill development etc. Executive Vice Chairman Rev Fr Dr PS Varghese presided over the function. In his presidential address he emphasized on implementation of the new education policy NEP. This policy envisages three pillars of education; skills, values and scientific temperament, without these three skills education cannot be

At the start of the pro-Dr Archana Choudhary, Vice Principal, welcomed all the digni-



Richa Sahu, Co-convener proposed the vote of thanks. On the first day of the event. Keynote Speaker Dr Dharm Pal, Associate Professor, NIT, Raipur, delivered a lecture on Nanocomposites for food packaging applications.

He gave very important information regarding the technological development in this field which was very useful for the food industry. On the next day, Dr Manoj A Kumbhalkar, President, Research Association of Masters of Engineering, addressed the online session and gave the important information about the publication process

Keynote Speaker Dr Jaejin Jang, Associate Professor, Dept Industrial

Manufacturing Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA, delivered a lecture on Effect of technology development on social welfare.

He compared the three

different models of the food

industry by using game

theory. Dr Rakesh L Himte,

out of which 52 papers were registered for the presentations. All the accepted papers have been recommended for publication in Scopus, Web of Science and UGC Care indexed/listed journals of Trans Tech Publication

Switzerland. Robin Babu from Christian College of Engg Edlabadkar Yashwantrao

& Tech, Bhilai, Ajinkya Chavan College of Engg, Nagpur, Susmita Solanki from Nirma University, Ahmedabad, Rajat Panchal from Pandit Deendayal Energy Ghandhinagar Abhimanyu Patwa from Symbiosis International Deemed University, Pune were selected for the Best

Paper Awards. In the valedictory session, Fr Dr Varghese congratulated the Best paper winners and all other participants for their remarkable presentations of their research findings in the conference. Dr Gajghat summarized all the activities of the event and announced the name of best paper winners.

Dr Dipali Soren Principal, CCET proposed the vote of thanks. Dr Anju Singh and Richa Sahu conducted the technical sessions and Lincy Mendonza moderated the function. His Grace Alexios Eusebius, Chairman, CCET, conveyed his best wishes and blessings to the organizers and all participants.

St Thomas College achieves 100 percent result in PGC course





Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, May 15: The result of St Thomas College's Post Diploma Graduate Psychological Guidance and Counselling (PGC course) is 100 percent. All the students who enrolled for the course passed with a first class. Subhadra Kumari got first position in the college by securing 82.4% marks.

Surekha Jawade got second position with 81% marks and Ankita Deshmukh got third po-

sition with 80% marks. College Administrator Rev Father Dr Joshi Varghese, Principal Dr MG Roimon, IQAC Coordinator and Head of Psychology Department Dr Debjani Mukherjee have congratulated all the students who passed with flying colours. Assistant Professor Dr

Sumita Singh's contribution is also recognised for this success. This is the first batch of PGC Diploma who passed out from St Thomas College with excellent results.











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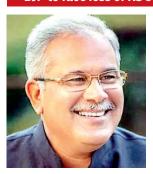
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ED to intensify its actions after K'taka results: CM

BJP to face loss of RS seats next year in K'taka



The Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the BJP leaders sitting at the top position are unable to emerge out of the Karnataka shock. The ED officers are also in dilemma as to what to do and what not? But in order to come out of this situation, they (ED) team will intensify its actions, as they are perturbed and irritated. When a violent animal gets injured, he become equally more aggressive and so is the case with ED.

CM added. In Karnataka polls, BJP has put in full force, but in this Congress won with thumping majority. Now BJP will get to see the effect of its defeat in Rajya Sabha (RS) as well. In the last year's RS polls, BJP got 3 out of total four RS seats. In Karnataka there are total of 12 Rajya Sabha (RS) seats and when these seats will be vacated, BJP will have to face the loss based upon the number. CM informed that at present BJP is having total of 92 Rajya Sabha seats in favour, whereas Congress has 31 seats, Trinamul Congress 13, AAP and DMK 10 each. Four Rajya Sabha MPs are going to retire from the House Upper Karnataka Vidhan Sabha and in such conditions. Congress will get back its 3 seats. In three years, the party position will reach from 12 to 7 seats in the

RAINS BRING RESPITE



Some parts of the city witnessed rains in the evening hours and it came as big respite from scorching heat.

Summer sports training camps in districts

mer sports training camps are organized by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare in all the district headquarters and block headquarters of the state. The work of promoting sports activities, development of infrastructure and facilities and training and encouragement to players is being done in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and the guidance of Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Umesh Patel. The Government of

the last four and a half years to nurture and encourage sports talents, is also organizing statelevel mega-events like the Chhattisgarh Olympics and Youth Festival. NIS coaches, PTIs and Sub-junior and junior players are being taught nuances of various sports like volleyball, athletic, basketball, hockey, football, badminton, judo, karate, kayaking and canoeing and kabaddi etc in sports training camps in dis-

Court grants 4 days remand to all four accused

In Rs 2000 cr liquor scam

May Raipur, **Enforcement Directorate** (ED's) team produced the four persons in the Court of Special Judge Ajay Singh Rajput in context of Rs 2000 cr liquor scam and sought remand for four days to all the four accused. The Special Judge

granted remand of all four for the third time for four days. The four accused produced in the Court included Anwar Dhebar, Special Secretary Excise Department AP Tripathi, Nitesh Purohit alias Aapu and Trilok Singh Dhillon

Congress alleges liquor scam in Raman govt



Congress alleged that during the years 2012-17, Dr Raman Singh led BJP government indulged in corruption of about Rs Chhattisgarh by conniving with liquor contractors. The Raman government had also ammended excise policy much in same way as AAP govern-Congress Communication head Sushil Anand Shukla alleged while addressing a press conference here today. Raman Singh's then BJP government should also be investigated for such policy change, he

Products of liquor manufacturers were included in the category of IMFL (Indian Made Foreign Liquor) in violation of norms under patronage of the then Raman government and more profit was given to the contractors in the sale of liquor, Shukla said, adding that corruption was committed in sale of IMFL category liquor at higher rates in the state. In the sale price fixation of liquor Raman government provided 60 percent profit to the country liquor tenderers/licensees in the year 2012-13 and 2013-14 and 50 percent

from the year 2014-15 to 2016-17, which was two and a half times more than other states, he said and added that CAG had also objected to this.

In order to execute this mega-scam, the then BJP government led by Dr Raman Singh kept his special officer Samund Ram Singh working as in the Excise Department, against the rules and giving him a continuous extension for 9 years after his retirement, said Shukla, adding that the said officer carried out excise scam worth thousands of crores at the behest of the government.

Raipur, May 15:

Arun Sao along with BJP Mandal deelgation and party workers conducted inspection of 'Gauthans' and in this journalists were also present. All saw the condition of the Gauthan and there was not a single cow in it, nor cow-dung was being sold and there were no arrangements in place for upkeep and care of cattle in the 'Gauthan' and it appears that no cow has been kept here for long. Addressing a press conference, Arun Sao charged that right since the Congress government has come to power in the state, they have openly looted the rich resources. With news of scams and corruption coming daily has left state in state of shameful place. He charged that CM Baghel has the image of tainted Chhattisgarh and the biggest scam this government has

The BJP State President

Conducts inspection of 'Gauthans', not a single cow found in it

To launch 'Chalbo Kholbo Pol' campaign from May 20

done is in the name of 'Gaumata' (cattle). They encashed votes in the name of 'Narwa'. 'Ghurwa'. 'Garwa' and 'Bari' and played with the sentiments of Chhattisgarhi people and in terms of the facts which have come forward under this head, they have misutilised funds worth Rs 1300 crore under different heads in the name of 'Gauthans' and conducted huge scam. BJP State President informed that they all have been to a Gauthans and saw how people are being fooled in the name of 'Gauthans' and when the condition of a



'Gauthan' near capital city is such, one can imagine the condition in rural areas.

Rs 1300 cr 'Gauthan' scam in Cong rule: Sao

Speaking further Arun Sao charged that in the alleged 'Gauthans', the Congress government has conspired with rights of Sarpanchs and Panchayats. The funds under different heads to Panchayats have been snatched away from Sarpanchs and it has literally being distributed to such fake 'Gauthans' and other heads.

Sao disclosing about the

that there are about 9790 'Gauthans' functional in the state and in this except for few made as 'Model Gauthan'. in others there is no arrange-

Citing CM he said that in each they (Congress) govt has spent Rs 8.19 lakh on development and Rs 10000 is being paid in the name of maintenance per month and majority of this is becoming part of corruption.

Sao charged that the scams are going on without any

place and it is without election, those close to power have captured in it. The funds from GoI MGNREGA, Swachch Bharat Mission, 14th and 15th Finance, LWG, RURBAN, DMF and others have been diverted to 'Gauthans' and others and openly misused. Divertingi funds for development to other places, there is no fund left for Panchayat and everywhere the development works have come to a standstill. The construction of roads, drainges in villages have stopped.

and therefore no election of

'Gauthan' samiti has taken

informed that to expose Congress government about its scams and to bring it before public, they would launch 'Chalbo-Kholbo-Pol' campaign from May 20 and in this all leaders of party at Mandal level will tour and meet villagers and inform them about

State

Now ambulance to come within 10 minutes to save lives

Target to take injured to trauma center within 20 minutes

Raipur, May 15:

Within four months, more than 2100 people nave died in road accidents in the state. It has been decided to seriously follow the target of sending ambulances within 10 minutes and the injured to trauma centers within 20 minutes so that the people injured in road accidents can be saved while reaching the hospi-

The aim is to provide immediate medical facilities to the injured in road accidents at any corner of the state. Under this objective, a target has been set to convert 12 different district hospitals into modern trauma centers and to build stabilization centers at 20 accident-



prone places in districts where more road accidents are taking place. Recently, in the review meeting of traffic and road safety, top officials gave this presentation in front of Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu. Officials said that up to 40 percent of lives can be saved by having a trauma and stabilization center.

It has been proposed to install speed limit devices in all commercial

and public transport vehicles in 10 districts with high road accidents. Without this, vehicles will not be given fitness certificate. It was also proposed in the meeting that every 50 km on the National Highways. Bus, truck lane and driver rest areas should be constructed. Other proposals to prevent road accidents were discussed. The Home Minister said that all efforts should be made

seriously to prevent road accidents. Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, DGP Ashok Juneja, Home Secretary Basay Raju. Traffic of Department Sanjay Sharma and other senior officers were present in the meeting. It was decided in the meeting that after a road accident, the system Good of Samaritan should be implemented for immediate help in the golden hour, in which volunteers living near national highways and sensitive places, Mitanins, health workers, village secretaries and self-help groups should be given training of Good Samaritan, so that they can get first aid till the arrival of ambulance.

Raipur, May 15:

A meeting of tne European Union State Partnership Programme Steering Committee was held today at Mantralaya (Mahanadi under the chairmanship Chief Secretary of Amitabh Discussions were held regarding better utilization of funds available in the accounts operated under ECSPP. Additional Chief Secretary of Public Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Department Renu Pillay was also pres-

ent in the meeting. Officials informed that an amount of more than Rs 12 crore 35 lakh 31

people have benefited



EU State Partnership Programme

thousand is available in the accounts operated under the European Union State Partnership Programme. Dscussions were held regarding strengthening of public

health programmes and institutions in the state with the available funds and expenditure on Genome Sequencing Laboratory

Microbiology Department of Pt Jawaharlal Nehru Medical Memorial College, Raipur. A dedicated ambulance service for patients with mental illness was also discussed at the meeting. Discussion was held regarding expenditure on education and minor forest and other facilities including construction of boundary wall in State Mental Hospital, Sendri Bilaspur. The officials were asked to submit a proposal to this direction soon.

The meeting was attended by education department principal secre-

tary Dr Alok Shukla, general administration department secretary DD Singh, public health and family welfare department secretary Prasanna R, special secretary finance Sheetal Shaswat Verma, director health Bhim Singh along with officials of forest, UNICEF, scheduled caste and scheduled tribe department, panchayat and rural development and state planning commis-

Nearly 50 applications received in 'Jan Choupal'

Raipur, May 15: Nearly 50 applications pertaining to public grievances and demands were received 'Jan at held Choupal' at Collectorate here today. Additional Collector BB Panchbhai heard the grievances of the people from urban and



rural areas of the district under the direction Collector Sarveshwar Bhure.

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CM felicitates

nursing staff Raipur, May 15: The

program was organised by Chhattisgarh Officers Nursing Association in the auditorium of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College, Medical Raipur. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, who arrived as the chief guest, said that nurses are the backbone of health services.

Whenever nurses duties are discussed, the challenging phase of Covid-19 comes to mind. Nurses served the patients by staying away from their families and children. On many occasions they also had to face difficulties, but nurses did



Nurses are the backbone of health services: Baghel

not move away from their duty. Our nurse sisters served the patients like serving God. Just like a mother takes care of her children, in the same way nurses also take care of the patients. During this, he congratulated the nursing staff and motivated them for better work. During this, the nurses who did better work were also felicitated. Medical Education Secretary P Dayanand, Medical **Education Director** Vishnu Dutt, Pandit

Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College Dean Dr. Trupti Nagriya, senior doctor Dr. Rakesh Gupta and others were present on the occasion. Chief Minister Baghel further said that we have done better work in expansion of health facilities. With the opening of new medical colleges, the number of government medical colleges has increased to 10 in the state. We have taken health services to the markets and localities. Lakhs of

Mukhyamantri Slum Swasthya Yojana for cities, Dai-Didi Clinic Yojana in major municipal corporations and Haat Bazar Clinic Yojana for rural areas. Junior doctors of the Medical College met the Chief Minister in a program organised on the occasion of Nurses Day.They demanded an increase in the honorarium of interns and doctors. He said that government had earlier promised to increase the honorarium but no action has been taken so far. Dr. Hira Singh Lodhi, Dr. Manu Pratap Singh, Dr. Yogeshwar, Dr. Kadir Baig and Dr. Pritam were present on the occasion.

31 stalls in 27 stations of SECR covered under OSOP Scheme

Raipur, May 15:

The Railway Ministry in order to promote the Indian government's 'Vocal for Local' vision and to provide a market for local and indigenous products and to provide opportunities to deprived section of the society with an additional income, have launched 'One Station One Product' (OSOP) Scheme in all the Railway Stations in the country. Under this scheme in order to display the local or indigenous products in OSOP centres, space is allocated to people. This Scheme was launched on March 25 as pilot scheme and as on 01/05/2023, a total of 728 stations were includedin 21 state and three centrally governed states through 785 OSOPs. Under South East Central Railway (SECR), a total of 31 selling



centres (stalls) of OSOP have been started in 27 stations coming under Bilaspur, Raipur and Nagpur divisions and this include Bilaspur, Raigarh, Sakti, Champa, Janjgir-Naila, Pendra Road, Korba, Anooppur, Shahdol, Raipur, Durg, Bhatapara, Bhilai Power House Marouda, Dalli-Rajhara, Rajnandgaon, Dongararh, and

others. Here the local handi-

NGOs, artists, voluntary organizations, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs)will be provided space and in this the deprived section of the society will be provided an opportunity to generate an additional source of income. This facility will be provided in an important platform of the station and it has been imple-

crafts, and products by various

Mangal bhawan and Punni resort turned into ruins

Central Chronicle News

Rajim, May 15: Mangal Bhavan built behind the Dattatreya Temple located on Gariaband Road to add to the development of the city and to meet the needs of the people, is now in

Approval of lakhs of rupees by the state government and it was given that after the construction of Mangal Bhawan, people will not need to pay huge amount for marriage ceremony, sixth anniversary, death anniversary, and gathering, and conference, meetings by taking shelter in private hotel or Dharamshala.

This year people were seen wandering here and



there for marriage and people have a feeling of regret for the non-completion of this Public Mangal Bhawan.

Same way punni resort remained closed for years while being the tourism minister during BJPregime. Brijmohan Agarwal Punni Resort was constructed so

that the visiting tourists would have the facilities to stay here, but presently it is locked.

People have pointed out shortcomings of Mangal Bhawan's plastering and non painted windows, doors etc and have demanded to complete it and start it soon to State Urban Administration

Minister Dahria and Rajim MLA Amitesh Shukla.

On the other hand, with the opening of Punni resort, the development of the tourism city will take a boost, for which Nagar Panchayat Rajim CMO Chandan Mankar says that more demand has been made for the fund.

Fillings of newly constructed roads coming out

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, May 15: The development work being done in the area and the city has its own story and due to the arbitrariness of the contractors and the neglect of the departments, the residents of the city are facing many problems.

In this sequence, the newly constructed concrete road by the PWD department on Dongargaon-Bargaon road in the city has now become a cause of trouble for the passers-by.

There was a time when about half a kilometer from the old hospital was dug up and abandoned, due to which the commuters had to face a lot of problems for many months and many accidents happened on this



After this, a councilor and the youth of the city had to protest while opening the front. After this. somehow the small patch of this road has been made a road by the contractor of the PWD department, but the road has been made so high that

due to this serious accident are now coming to the fore.

In front of the houses of many residents, this road has been made more than one foot high and due to non-filling of the side, people are facing a lot of difficulty in getting up and down on this road.

Requesting the drivers to drive on this road keeping in mind, PWD engineer Sanjay Uike said that filling work has to be done in the newly constructed road, for which the contractor has already been asked to do the work soon.

Two nabbed with stolen items of temples

From Shiva's temple in two villages



Central Chronicle News

Pendra, Marwahi, (GPM), May 15: Two accused were arrested on charges of stealing items used in temples from Lord Shiva's temples in Kudari of Pendra and

Gram Sewara and the stolen items like temple bells, Shehnag of 'Tamba', 'Gada' of 'pital', utensils, harmonium, amplifier, loudspeaker and the motorcycle used worth Rs 70000. Both the accused were produced in the

court and sent to jail.

Complaints in this regard were filed by the temple in-charge in the thana that the above items have been stolen and in view of which the investigation was done. A combined team of Thana Pendra and Cyber Cell probed into the case and got tip from an informer about two accused involved.

The two accused are Durgesh Kesarwani S/o Late Amritlal Kesarwani R/o Opp. Court, Gourela and Kalyan Das Sonwani alias Guddu S/o Late Lalaman Sonwani, (34), R/o Maladah, Thana Marwahi. On interrogation both accepted their crime and as per the location, the police seized the

MLA congratulates Meenakshi Sahu

Central Chronicle News

Mungeli, May 15: Regional MLA and former minister Punnulal Mohle reached home and congratulated Meenakshi Sahu, who topped the class 10th in the state from Government Higher Secondary School in Dashrangpur. Meenakshi, a girl from a very poor family, studying Government Higher Secondary Dashrangpur, has made her parents, school and area and district proud by securing a place in the top ten in class 10th board examination with 97.5% due to her hard work.

Meeting the topper student from the village, the MLA felicitated her and wished her future success. On this occasion.



Sarpanch of village Dashrangpur Sulochana Rajendra Tandon, Dhanush, Ghanshyam Rai, Lecturer Ramsahu, Tukaram Parmeshwar Siddram Sahu Krishna Sahu, Rajendra Tandon

City level seminar organized on Mother's Day

Central Chronicle News

Fingeshwar, May 15: The relationship mother and child is one of the most precious and beautiful relationships, that's why the whole universe is contained in the feet of the mother. Mother is dedication, faith is faith, there are four abodes in the feet of mother, today the whole world is remembering mother, who brought us into this beautiful world and gave us a new identity. The above were quoted by participants of a city level seminar organ-



ized here in the presence of litterateurs, teachers and intellectuals associated with the society. Thanu Ram Nishad, teacher, litterateur and psychoana-

lyst, said that the word mother may seem small to see and read, but the whole universe is contained in this small word. Writer Kumesh Kiranber said that by the prayers of the mother, every trouble is averted before it comes, while Ajay Rajvanshi teacher said that there is no one day of mother, but there is no day without mother, as long as mother is with us, serve with full dedication, those who have mother are very lucky. Many others took part in the program and kept their

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	Mr. Pokhraj Dewangan and Mr. Dhanraj Dewangan	Diverted Land and Property, Sheds Structure, P & M erected there	₹ 1.32	B) 04.08.2021	
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'Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao' free workshop a unique initiative: Sahu



Central Chronicle News

Pithora, May 15: District level Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao multitalent workshop's concluding and felicitation ceremony was organized at local Guru Teg Bahadur Dharamshala, in which Mahasamund Lok Sabha MP Chunnilal Sahu was the chief guest and BJP leader Dr. Sampat Agarwal, founder of Nilanchal Seva Samiti and

Yamini excels in

CBSE exam

former president of Nagar Panchayat Basna, as special guest.

The program was started by Mahasamund MP Chunnilal Sahu, BJP Sampat Aggarwal, BJP leader Dr. NK Aggarwal, social worker Kishore Sinha, Kalar Samai Block President Puneet Sinha. Kalar Samaj Mahila State President Pramila Sinha,

its re-construction

at the earliest



Shikshan Sansthan Mrs. Chandrakar, Seema Gayatri Temple President Tukaram Patel, Vicky Saluja, Journalist Welfare Union District President Balraj Naidu, Block President Gaurav Chandrakar, Journalist Ramesh Srivastava, Mandeep Hora, Kirti Rajababu Pandey, Upadhyay, Kamlesh Dadsena, Lalit Mukherjee, Dev Patel and

others jointly lit the lamp. The chief guest of the program, Mahasamund MP Chunni Lal Sahu praised the work of training daughters in 19 different disciplines organized by Sanskar Shikshan Sansthan and Journalist Association Pithora to make them self-reliant

and said that the role of

daughters in the society is

important. Today daugh-

spect of parents more than sons, he said. BJP leader Dr. Sampat Agarwal said that due to lack of awareness in the society, even today the work of keeping the daughters within their limits is being done and today daughters are making their name famous by occupying the highest positions in all the fields of the country.

Pooja Sinha, Jharna Sahu, Vaibhavi Gupta, Bhumika, Chetna Dewan, Bindu Patel. Dimple Dadsena, Khageshwar Sahu, Yashpal Madhukar, Sanjay Gupta, Rupesh Nayak, Indu Lomesh Sahu Sanjay Kumar Sahu and the residents of the city, women, men and students of the townspeople were present

Road in Ahirwara Nagar in dilapidated condition



yamini

Bilaspur, May 15: Yamini Sahu, Class X student of Central School Bilaspur has cleared Class X board examination with 93.6% marks. Her proud father is Ambikesh Sahu, Senior Publicity Inspector, SECR Bilaspur and mother is Shama Sahu. Yamini gives the credit of her success to the teachers and her parents.

Villagers demand

Central Chronicle News Nandini Ahiwara, May 15: Today the government is claiming to have repaired all the roads in urban and rural areas and still there are many roads are being

being completely repaired. But in Ahiwara Nagar under Dhamdha development block of Durg district the road from Banbard to Gram Panchayat Arsnara of Palika area is in a very dilapidated state and the villagers there are longing

re-constructed even after

for the re-construction of the road. Now the villagers have

started feeling that the claim of the development of the government is no longer for this road. The villagers said that request to the administration has been made many times for it's re-construction, but now the condition is such that the road is now not even suitable for walking.

Due to short distance, pedestrians travel by foot, cycle, bike and other vehicles. Passengers of village Banbard Dongriya, Bodegaon, Arsnara, Basin will get a lot of benefits and save money and time if the road is re-construct-

But today the condition of this road is pathetic. This road was constructed only five years ago, but due to not being constructed properly, the asphalt



has been completely uprooted, and big boulders have come out. Due to which the two wheeler and other vehicle drivers and passers-by keep falling victim to the accident.

The number of accidents increases during rainy days. Today there is not even one percent asphalt left on the road and only on big ballast roads

are there. In between the road survey was also done for construction, but the survey is only on papers. This road has been continuously constructed by the villagers, but government and administration are not paying serious attention towards it.

Working State Committee Member BJYM Dau Anand Tamrakar submitted a memorandum to Ahiwara Tehsildar in the name of Durg Collector and requested him to get the said road constructed immediately, so that the residents of Ahiwara and nearby rural areas can enjoy the traffic. Due to which people's time, fuel and money can be saved, the same situation has happened on

the Potia-Kodiya road.

Ram & Others. (Symbolic Possession) Date & Time of E-Auction 26.06.2023 from 11.00 am to 05.00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each. Inspection date & time of the property - from 16.05.2023 to 25.06.2023 Time-11.00 am to 3.00 p.m. (Official working day) Note:-Any bidder/Interset Party can bid for Plant & Machinery Independently, but for bids regarding Land & Building, bidder has to compulsorily bid for Plant & Machinery and in no circumstances Land & Building can be bided Independently.

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15 / 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS
The above mentioned Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in So
the five along with interest & charges before the date of Auction failing which the property will be auctioned and bal any, will be recovered with interest and cost from you.

Manjhli Talab, Champa, Distt. Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh State-495677. Admeasuring 1308.00 Sq.ft. belonging to Shr

Pokhraj Dewangan and Shri Dhanraj Dewangan S/o. Kamal Lal Dewangan with the Following, **Boundaries**: North: Land of Sellers, South: Land of Joidha and Pyarelal, East: Road, West:

Commercial Land and Building: All that Part and Parcel of the

Piece of Diverted Land and Property, Sheds Structures, P & M erected thereon Situated at Kh. No. 115/1Kha, Kh.No. 115/2

/illage Kotraliya, P.H.No. 37, Gram Panchayat Kotraliya

Raigarh (C.G.), Admeasuring 0.142 Hec. or 15260.00 Ft belonging to Mrs. Sunita Agrawal D/o. Late Vasuden Agrawal

Boundaries: North: Road, South: Land of Asha Ram &

Others, Easrt: Land of Asha Ram & Others, West: Land of Asha

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT: Kharsia Branch - Mr. Rajesh Bhagat -7000756695, Devendra Nagar Branch-Mr. Manish- 7879508729, New Rajendra Nagar Branch: Mr. Chinmay Nayak: 9731325932, Powerhouse Branch- Mr. Sumit Sikdar- 9893424700, Champa Branch-Mr. Ashok Kujur - 9754005083, EMD related/Auction Portal Related Information-Mr. Shubham Agrawal, Ph.: 0771-4212412/18

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION-1. The Auction Sale bidding will be online through the website https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapii/index.jsp. 2. Bidder may visit https://www.ibapi.in, for Guidelines. 3. The Bid Amount should be higher than the Reserve Price. 4. The highest/ successful bidders shall deposit 25% of bid/ purchase money adjusting the earnest money already paid immediately on the same day or next working day, after acceptance of the bid, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited. 5. The balance 75% of purchase price shall be payable on or before 15 days of confirmation of the sale by the Authorized officer or such period as agreed upon in writing solely at the discretion of the Authorized officer. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited and the Authorized officer/bank wi be at liberty to cancel the auction and conduct fresh auction.6. The EMD of the unsuccessful bidder will be returned on the closure of the e-auction sale proceedings. The EMD shall not carry any interest. 7. The Property is sold in "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IT IS BASIS" and "WITHOUT ANY RECOURSE BASIS". The intending bidders should make their own enquiries regarding any sort of liabilities. 8. The undersigned has the absolute rights and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason. 9. The purchaser shall bear all subsequent charges . 10. The amount due is exclusive of interest and other charges . 11. Further any corrigendum will not be publish in newspaper. Interested advised to refer above website regularly. 12. The Employee's of Bank of India are barred from participation of e-auction. 13. Interested Bidders need to create their user id and password by own and it will take minimum time of 2 days therefore it is requested to the bidder to kindly create his/her user id before the last date. 14. In case of sole bidder, the bid amount quoted in his bid from must be improved by at least one bid incremental value, lest the sale shall be cancelled.

Authorized Officer & Chief Manager Place: Raipur - Date: 16.05.2023 **BANK OF INDIA**

Champa Branch:
M/s. Bansal Vastralay,
Partner:- Mr. Rajesh
Kumar Agrawal, S/o. Mr.
Ram Gopal Agrawal and
Sunita Agrawal D/o. Late
Vasudev Agrawal

Strong possibilities of global leadership in Indian youth: Prof. Chakrawal

Workshop on Youth Leadership in Climate, Energy, Environment and Water Organized at CU

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, May 15: A oneday workshop was organized at Smart Classroom of Department of Biotechnology of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University) on the topic 'Youth Leadership in Climate. Energy,

Environment and Water' on May 15, 2023 at 11 am in which the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal was the Chief Guest.

On this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal congratulated UNICEF for organizing the workshop and said "We always live in the minds of people and society through our concepts. We need to make efforts to convert the challenges related to water and environment into opportunities".

Professor Chakrawal further applauded the Indian youth for their immense potential for global leadership and for the fact that they have has set a benchmark in the field of entrepreneurship and skill development.

"Guru He stressed. Ghasidas University is fulfilling its social responsibilities towards sustainable development, energy and water conservation, climate change and environment with awareness and dedicated efforts".

Chancellor Vice Professor Chakrawal pointed out that we are culturally sensitive towards climate, environment, energy, and water conservation and with this spirit we bring positive changes in our daily activities so that the set goals of inclusive development can be achieved. He further added that all the youth should try to plant saplings and preserve them in a systematic way.

In this context, Professor Chakrawal presented an optimistic scenario for renewable energy and remarked, "India is playing a leading role in the field of renewable energy in the world and in the coming years, this energy resource will help in tackling the crisis of climate change".

Earlier, the program started with lighting the lamp and garlanding the statue of Maa Saraswati. The guests on the stage were welcomed with saplings. Dr. Archana Yadav, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work welcomed the guests and shared information about the workshop.

Other dignitaries on the stage, Ms. Shweta Patnaik, WASH Specialist of UNICEF, Mr. Arpit, State Coordinator of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan,

Dwivedi, Chief Technical Officer at IIT Bhilai, Mr. Rohit Wadhwa, Procurement

Contracting Specialist at Jal Jeevan Mission, and Mr. Chandan Kumar of UNICEF also expressed their views.

The dignitaries were honored by presenting mementos and UNICEF badges. In the end, vote of thanks was presented by the Registrar, Prof. Manish Srivastava. Deans of various Schools, heads of departments, officers, teachers, and a large number of behavioral club members of UNICEF were present in the programme.

Bal Bharati Public School achieves excellence in **Class Xth Board exams**

Central Chronicle News

Sipat, May 15: The Central Board Secondary Education (CBSE) has announced Class Xth board results and students of Bal Bharati Public School. NTPC Sipat have once again raised the bar and achieved outstanding results.

Plaksha Devshi of Class Xth became the topper of the school with 97.4%. Atulya Aryan with 96.2%. Sakshi Singh with 95.6% and Ipsita Sarkar with 95.4% have secured the second, third and fourth position respec-

Students who secured



This year, much enthusiasm was seen among the students to score max imum marks in the exam and this resulted in many students scoring more than 80 marks in different subjects.

Principal Shalabh Nigam congratulated the students, parents and teachers for this achievement and encouraged them to continue being diligent by performing even better in the future.

Anjali Verma tops with 93.4% marks in Science stream

Mridul Mani Goyal top in Commerce with 89.4% marks

Monnet DAV congratulates students for their excellent CBSE result

Central Chronicle News

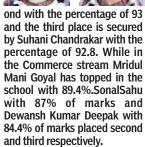
Mandir Hasaud, May15: Monnet DAV Public School, Mandir Hasaud, Raipur feels immensely proud of its students for giving an excellent result in class X and XII CBSE examinations.

On May,13 CBSE declared the result of the class X and XII . Aniali Verma from Science Stream has topped the school with a percentage of 93.4. Abhishek Satpathy stood sec-









In class X, Abhas Pandey





has brought laurels by standing first in the school with 94.8 percentage of marks. Second position was bagged by Lopamudra Panda with 94% and the third place by Uditya Kumar Jha with 93.8%. Other students who added feathers to school's caps are Astha Singh (93.4%), Divya Verma (91%), Adarsh Choubey (90.8%), Nayanshi Dewangan

(90.4%) and Aditya Kumar Modi (90.2%).

B. Mohapatra, Chairman-

LMC of school and Chief **Executive Officer, JSW Ispat** Special Products Ltd. Raipur, B.B. Behera , Nominee Chairman -LMC of School and Vice President, Finance Department, JSW Ispat Special Products Ltd.Raipur, Prashant Kumar, Deputy Regional Officer, DAV Institutions of CG Zone, C.M. Pandey, Manager of school and Principal of DAV Public School, SECL, Gevra,, Raj Kumar Sharma, Principal of the school, other staff members and the parents congratulated and extended their best wishes for future endeavours. informs Principal RK Sharma

Allons Public School achieves 100% result In Class X and XII of CBSE 2022-23

Central Chronicle News

Bemetara, May 15: All of the students of the classes X and XII passed the annual examination, 2023 conducted by CBSE with excellent marks.

Prachi Jain, Shreya Gupta and Lakki Tandan achieved the highest percentage in the streams of Commerce, Science and Arts with the highest marks of different subjects respectively as:

Prachi Jain (Commerce with Mathematics) -94.4% with the highest marks in Maths-95, Accountancy-95, Business Studies-96, Economics-93. Shreya





94.2% with the highest marks in English-95, Chemistry-95, Biology-93, IP-98. LakkiTandan (Arts with PE) - 92.4% with the highest marks in Political Science -94, PE-96.

All the other students of the Science stream passed the examination with the first division.

Achievers of the high-



Sandhya Meravi & Vinita Sirmour - 90, Shweta Baghel-100 in Music.

The result of the top 5 students from class-X are as follows:

Tanya Saluja-94% Varsha Patel- 93%, Aditi Sharma-92.4%, Aishwar Naravan Netam-92.4% & Rajeev Tandan-90.2%.

A wave of the happi-

ness spread among the students, teachers and the parents of the school on the declaration of the re-

Dr. Satyajit Hota, Principal expressed his happiness about the result. He told to the teachers that we have to achieve more success in the coming future with good performance in the academic and cocurricular activities.

He has given the credit of the success to all the parents, students and teachers and gave the best wishes to all the students for their fruitful lives.

Kamaljeet Chairman, Pushkal Arora, Director, Sunil Sharma, administrator and all the teachers wished for the bright fu-

Time to make India free from BJP'



Raipur, May 15: In a release issued Bhavani Markam. District President of Adivasi commented Congress that country has now taken a decision to make themselves free from BJP

The reflection of this decision has come to fore

after the declaration of Karnataka Assembly Election results where Congress registered a landslide victory and few months back same result came to fore when Himachal voters decided to elect Congress over

He added, in the previous BJP regime there was 40% commission in every work and the people have rejected the BJP government. Bhavani alleged that BJP used money power disturb to Congress governments but now the people have understood that Congress is with poor and in the coming Lok Sabha elections Congress will wrest power with thumping

Students of Gyanodaya Public School performed excellently well in Class 10th & 12th CGBSE **Central Chronicle News** Bemetara, May 15,

Chhattisgarh Board of Education (CGBSE), Raipur released the results of high school and higher secondary examinations for the year 2022-23. Like every year, this year also the examination result of Gvanodava Public School was excellent. The class 12 exam result was 95 percent.

In class 10th, out of 103 students, 75 students passed with first division. In which 13 students got more than 90 percent marks. In which Trisha Sonwani 96 percent got the first position in the school.

Anshuman Chandrakar 95.67 percent, Ujjwal Singh Verma 95.67 percent, Jagruti Patil 95.5 percent,

Sriti Singh Chandel 95 per-Vidhi cent, Dewangan 94.5 percent, Neelam Sahu 93.67 percent. Yaksha Parmar 93.5 per-Piyush cent, Patel 93.17 percent, Vaibhavi

Sanu 91.83 per-Veena cent. Sahu 91.83 percent , Shreya Sahu 91.67 percent, Tiwari 90.67 percent, the performance was

commendable.

In class 12th, out of 64 students, 48 students passed with first division. In which 4 students got more than 90 percent marks, in which Archi

Hura from Commerce



Gyanodaya has maintained success for two decades: Mishra

Faculty got 93.4 percent, Kshama Sahu from Arts Faculty got 93 percent, Kanchi Vaishnav from Mathematics Faculty got 92 percent and Vijay Kumar Sahu from Biology Faculty got 91.6 percent and all the students passed

the school, made proud.

On this occasion, a felicitation ceremony was organized in the school. In which District Education Officer Arvind Mishra Sunil Tiwari, and Director Assistant Education Department

Patel. Director Samadhan Mahavidyalaya attended chief guests.

and Awadhesh

He congratulated all the students for their exam results. In E d u c a t i o n Officer Mishra inspired the students and said that achieving and success

maintaining it forever is also a big achievement. Gyanodaya Public School Bemetara has been maintaining good results for the last almost two decades.

Director Assistant Education Department Tiwari sent best wishes to

evervone. Awadhesh Patel Director Samadhan Mahavidvalava keeping in mind the idea of former President of India Bharat Kalam small target big crime. Motivated the children to always try to make big goals, they wished all the best to all the students, parents and school family

Principal Dr. Alka Tiwari congratulated the meritorious children on extraordinary achievement of all the students and praised their hard work. She motivated all to maintain continuity of hard work ahead. School Director Avinash Tiwari congratulated all the students who have excelled in class 10th and 12th and wished them a bright future.

Settlement awards worth approximately Rs 172 crore

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, May 15: The National Lok Adalat, under the guidance and direction of the National Legal Services Authority and the Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice and Patron in chief, and Justice Gautam Bhaduri, Executive Chairman of Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority, organized Lok Adalat across the entire Chhattisgarh state on May 13.

For this purpose, around 400 benches were set up throughout the state. The Lok Adalat took place in all district courts. tehsil courts, revenue courts, labor courts, consumer forums, state commercial courts, including the High Court. Chief Justice, Justice Mr. Ramesh Sinha, directed all collectors, police superintendents, and district judges across the state to ensure the resolution of as many cases as possible in the successful organization of the Lok Adalat. The Lok Adalat was or-

ganized in both physical and virtual modes. In several cases where the parties could not be physically present, their cases were resolved through virtual mode using mobile de-A total of 4,93,000 cases

were scheduled for resolution in the Lok Adalat, and according to the information received so far, over three lakh ninety-three thousand cases have been resolved.

The highest number of cases, comprising one lakh forty-one thousand from Raipur district and fifty-two thousand from Rajnandgaon district, were successfully resolved. Additionally, fortyeight thousand cases were resolved in Durg district.

Lok Adalat serves as an effective platform for the speedy resolution of pending cases and provides an opportunity for litigants to settle their disputes amicably. The settlement awards totaling approximately 172 crore rupees reflect the signifi-

cant impact and

success of this ini-

The National

tiative. Today on this occasion, the Executive Chairman of the Chhattisgarh Judicial

Service Commission inspected the National Lok Adalat at the District Court in Durg. On this occasion, he held discussions with the advocates, officials, and judges. He also reviewed the ongoing virtual mode and

He encouraged the advocates to resolve the cases



no losing party. He also mentioned that in resolved cases in Lok Adalat, the court fees are refunded. Santosh Thakur, the Chief Judicial Magistrate, provided guidance to the

advocates involved in the ongoing virtual mode case in the court. The case was related to the assault on a 60-year-old mother by the accused. Due to the accused's mother being in Bihar, she was unable to attend physically, so the was conducted through video conferenc-

ing. Similarly, a person

working in a bank Bangalore, whose case was being heard in the Durg Court, could not be present due to not being granted leave from the bank, so the case resolved through virtual mode.

There was also a case of assault between brothers in Durg regarding a family property dispute, which was pending in the court. After being counseled by both par-

ties, they agreed to a compromise and decided to live together. Today itself, the inaugu-

ration of the Civil Court in Dhamdha Tehsil was done Justice Gautam Bhaduri. On this occasion, he stated that now the residents of this area will not have to go to Durg to seek justice in their cases.

They will be able to easi-

ly and affordably obtain justice right here. During Justice's Shailesh Tiwari, District Judge of Durg, and Anand Prakash Wariyal, Secretary, Chhattisgarh State Legal Service Authority, were also present.

National Lok In Adaalat, a total of 79 cases were disposed of in the High Court of Bilaspur, out of which an award of 1.8 million rupees was granted in 44 cases of motor accidents. 5 other civil cases and 29 service cases were also resolved.

In the Commercial Court of Raipur, decrees totaling approximately 40 million rupees were passed in three cases. Lok Adalats were organized in all district consumer forums across the state, where a total of 136 cases were settled.

Throughout the state, a total of 565 motor accident cases were resolved, with approximately 280 million rupees approved for compensation. In the Family Courts, a total of 745 matrimonial cases were disposed of, and many parties who were living separately, but agreed to live together, reconciled and reunited their families. Additionally, 2,151 cases

of Section 138 check bounce and 294,000 cases related to revenue were disposed of. Lok Adalats resolved cases involving father-son disputes, sibling disputes, and disputes between landlords and ten-Settlements were also reached in cases of physi-

cal assault. Property disputes between fathers and sons were also resolved. Mutual agreements were reached among individuals involved in motor accident cases. In a case presented by the IndusInd Bank in Rajnandgaon for the recovery of 1.9 million rupees, a settlement was reached for 2.5 million rupees. The case had been pending in the court for 6 years.



In this photo provided by Myanmar Military True News Team on Monday, soldiers and polices unload relief items for victims at airport after Cyclone Mocha in Sittwe township, Rakhine State, Myanmar. Rescuers on Monday evacuated about 1,000 people trapped by seawater 3.6 meters deep along western Myanmar's coast after the powerful cyclone injured hundreds and cut off communications.

SUV crash

■ **Detroit:** An SUV slammed into a bridge pier along an interstate highway in Detroit, throwing four young men from the vehicle and killing them, state police said. The GMC Yukon was going fast when it hit the pier around 8 pm on Sunday night on westbound Interstate 96 near Grand River Avenue in Detroit, witnesses told state troopers. The four men in the SUV died in the crash, state police said. Killed were the 21year-old driver and $passengers\,ages\,20,22$ and 25, police said Monday morning.

Candidate detained

■ **Tirana:** Preliminary results of Albania's municipal elections on Monday showed that a mayoral candidate from the Greek minority has won the post while he is in detention for alleged vote-buying. Friday's arrest of Dhionisios Alfred Beleri, a candidate for mayor of the Albanian city of Himare a town located in the Albanian Riviera 240 kilometers (150 miles) south of the capital, Tirana, that has a Greek minority presence raised tensions between the

two neighbours.

Girl wounded Belgrade: A girl who was gravely wounded in a mass shooting in a school in Belgrade earlier this month has died, bringing the death toll to 10, authorities said on Monday. The girl died on Monday morning at a children's clinic in Belgrade, Serbia's health ministry said, according to official media. The girl had been in critical condition with head injuries following the May 3 attack, said a statement. The shoot ing happened in the Vladislav Ribnikar elementary school in central Belgrade when a 13-year-old boy took his father's gun and opened fire, initially killing eight children and a school guard, and wounding six students and a teacher.

37 injured

■ Bratislava: A crash between a bus and truck on a major highway in western Slovakia injured 37 people, police said on Monday. The accident closed the D2 highway that links the Slovak capital, Bratislava. with the neighbouring Czech Republic, they said. Details about the nature of the injuries have not been been released, but rescuers said some people were seriously hurt. Police are investigating the

cause of the crash.

Maryam Nawaz, Rehman join ruling EAM Jaishankar attends India coalition's sit-in against judiciary

Pakistan League-Nawaz Maryam Nawaz Sharif and Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Monday joined the ruling coalition's sit-in outside the Supreme Court to protest against some of the recent rulings of the judiciary which they said provided blanket relief to former prime minister Imran Khan in a number of cases.

Demonstrators, belonging to the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) and the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), earlier in the day entered the Red Zone despite Section 144 still in effect in the federal capital



and set up a stage in front of the Supreme Court.

Fazlur Rehman, also the chief of PDM a ruling alliance of 13 political parties, had on Friday announced to stage the sit-in outside the Supreme Court against Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial for facilitating Khan.

It was believed that

demonstrators leave the venue after a token protest but the JUI-F, which is one of the largest components of PDM, converted the protest into a

"The management committee has finalised arrangements for the protest-sit-in outside the Supreme Court [in] Islamabad. The manage-

"sit-in"

begun arrangements for converting the protest into a sit-in," the JUI-F tweet-

The party also said it would set up tents and build washrooms at the

Protesters, demanding the resignation of the chief justice over ordering the release of 70-year-old Khan, chanted slogans against Bandial.

Minister Foreign Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, who was earlier scheduled to join the protest, has been advised against it by senior members of his Pakistan People's Party.

The PPP chairman was advised that it would be better if a party delegation participated in the PDM sit-in instead.

Trilateral Forum in Sweden

Stockholm/London, May 15 (PTI): External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar conducted a series of highlevel discussions including at the India Trilateral Forum on Monday as part of his first visit to Sweden, which currently holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Along with his Swedish counterpart Billstrom, Jaishankar covered a wide range of issues during the inaugural session of the Trilateral Forum which includes India, Europe and the US.

"Jointly participated in the India Trilateral Forum with TobiasBillstrom Stockholm this morning," tweeted Jaishankar. "An energetic conversation on

a wide-range of contempo-



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with Speaker of the Riksdag of Sweden Andreas Norlén during a meeting, on Monday,

rary issues," he said. Earlier during a meeting with Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, the minister said that he conveyed the personal of greetings Minister Narendra Modi. 'Value his commitment

towards strengthening the

India-Sweden relationship," he said. He also tweeted after a "good dis-cussion" with Henrik Landerholm, the National Security Advisor of Sweden, during which the duo exchanged strategic assessments of Europe and Indo-Pacific. This followed a meetings with Dr Andreas Norl n, Speaker of the Riksdag of Sweden on Monday morning, during which Jaishankar said he welcomed contacts be-"our Parliamentary democracies; also exchanged perspectives on our respective

China sentences 78-year-old US citizen to life in prison on spying charges

Beijing, May 15 (AP):

China sentenced a 78year-old United States citizen to life in prison Monday on spying charges, in a case that reflects the deterioration in ties between Beijing and Washington over recent years.

Details of the charges against John Shing-Wan Leung, who holds permanent residency in Hong Kong, have not been publicly released.

Leung was detained April 15, 2021, by the local bureau of China's counterintelligence agency in the southeastern city of Suzhou, according to a news release posted by the city's intermediate court on its social media site. His detention came as China had closed its borders and imposed tight domestic travel restrictions and social controls to fight

Such investigations and trials are held behind closed doors and little information is released other than vague accusations of infiltration, gathering secrets and threatening state security. between Relations

Washington and Beijing are at their lowest in decades amid disputes over trade, technology, human rights and China's increasingly aggressive approach toward its territorial claims involving self-governing Taiwan and the South China Sea. Highlevel government visits have been on hold and U.S. companies are delaying major investments amid mixed-messaging from Beijing. The sentencing comes as U.S. President Joe Biden is traveling to Hiroshima, Japan, for the

dustrial nations summit, followed by a visit to Papua New Guinea, a Pacific island nation in a region where China has sought to increase its economic, military and diplomatic influence. After Beijing's gains in the area, the U.S. and its Asia-Pacific partners stepped up their regional presence, offering investments and financial support rivaling those furnished by China.

Now the world's secondlargest economy, China is expanding its footprint in ports, railways and other infrastructure Europe to Southeast Asia and beyond.

While the Suzhou court offered no indication of a tie to overall China-U.S. relations, spying charges are highly selective and evidence backing them up is

Turkiye presidential election will go to runoff as Erdogan performs better than expected

Ankara, May 15 (AP):

Turkive's electoral chief said that the presidential race will go to a second round on May 28 as incumbent Recep Tayyip Erdogan fell just short of an outright victo-Ahmet Yener, the head

of Supreme Electoral Board, said on Monday that even when the remaining 35,874 uncounted overseas votes were distributed, no one would secure the majority needed to win the elections outright. He said preliminary results showed Erdogan won 49.51 per cent, his main challenger Kemal Kilicdaroglu won 44.88 per cent and the third candidate Sinan Ogan won 5.17 per cent. Even if all uncounted votes went to Erdogan, his votes would move up to 49.54 per cent,

Sunak welcomes Ukraine President

Zelenskyy on surprise visit to UK



presidential elections appeared headed for a runoff on Monday, with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan pulling ahead of his chief challenger, but falling short of an outright victory that would extend his increasingly authoritarian rule into a third decade. The vote will determine

whether the strategically located NATO country remains under the presi-

Recep Tayyip Erdogan gives a speech at the party headquarters, in Ankara. Turkey, early Monday.

dent's firm grip or can embark on a more democratic course promised by his main rival, Kemal Kilicdaroglu. Erdogan has governed for 20 years, opinion polls had suggested that run could be coming to an end and that a cost-of-living crisis and criticism over the government's response to a devastating February

ed and with his alliance retaining its hold on the parliament, he is now in a good position to win in the second round.

regions".

The uncertainty drove the main Turkish stock exchange BIST-100 more than 6 per cent lower at the open Monday, prompting a temporary halt in trading. But shares recovered some after trading resumed, and the index was 2.5 per cent lower in the afternoon compared to the market close on Western nations and

foreign investors were particularly interested in the outcome because of Erdogan's unorthodox leadership of the economy and often mercurial but successful efforts to put Turkive at the centre of many major diplomatic negotiations

Military freezes bank accounts of rival paramilitary group amid truce attempts

Cairo, May 15 (AP):

Sudan's military chief has ordered the freezing of all bank accounts belonging to a rival paramilitary force. The two sides have battled for weeks across Sudan, pushing the troubled country to the brink of all-out war.

The decree, issued on Sunday by Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan, will target the official accounts of the Rapid Support Forces in Sudanese bank, as well as the accounts of all companies belonging to the group, the state news agency SUNA reported.

It remains unclear what immediate effect the freezing would have on the RSF and how Burhan's orders are to be enforced.

Over the past decade, the paramilitary force has amassed great wealth through the gradual acquisition of Sudanese financial institutions and gold reserves. Burhan on Sunday replaced Sudan's Central Bank governor and on Monday, he removed the country's police chief and sacked two ambassadors at the Foreign Ministry. The military chief did not elaborate on his moves. Since mid-

April, the Sudanese army, led by Burhan, and the RSF, commanded by Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, have been locked in a power struggie that has forced thousands to flee to neighboring countries. Chaos has taken over much of the country since the conflict broke out. The capital, Khartoum, has been reduced to an urban battlefield and the western Darfur region is rocked by deadly tribal clashes. The violence has also killed over 600 people, including civilians, according to the WHO. A two-day outbreak of fighting in Geneina, the capital of West Darfur province, killed scores of people last week, said the Sudan Doctors Syndicate, a group that tracks civilian casualties.

began when RSF fighters and militiamen entered the city on Friday and clashed with other armed groups and residents.

neighbourhood Nile area, a neighbourhood just east Khartoum, being bombed.

Britain's Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, right, greets Ukraine's President, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, after his arrival at Chequers, in Aylesbury, England, Monday. **London, May 15 (PTI):** British Prime Minister welcomed President

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It said the fighting

Meanwhile, explosions resounded in the southern Khartoum on Monday while videos posted online show a hospital in the East

Rishi Sunak on Monday Ukrainian Volodymyr Zelenskyy and reaffirmed his support for the wartorn European nation. This is the fourth

European country that Zelenskky has visited in the past few days. He made an unannounced visit to Paris on Sunday to meet French

Macron, after trips to Germany and Italy, where he met those countries' leaders and Pope Francis.

Downing Street said Zelenskyy will update Sunak on his meetings with European leaders over the weekend as Ukraine prepares for an intensified period of military activity.

The visit also comes ahead of the Council of Europe Summit in Iceland, which Sunak is

ahead of a visit to Tokyo for the G7 Summit in Japan.

This is a crucial moment in Ukraine's resistance to a terrible war of aggression they did not choose or provoke. They need the sustained support of the international community to defend against the barrage of unrelenting and indiscriminate attacks that have been their daily reality for over a year," said Sunak.

"We must not let them down. The frontlines of [Russian President] Putin's war of aggression may be in Ukraine but the fault lines stretch all over the world. It is in all our interest to ensure Ukraine succeeds and Putin's barbarism is not rewarded,' he said.

Sunak said the UK is sustaining its support to Ukraine with tanks, training, ammunition, and armoured vehicles.

Cyclone Mocha floods homes, cuts communications in Myanmar lands of Sittwe township such

Dhaka, May 15 (AP):

earthquake might redraw

the electoral map. Instead,

Erdogan's retreat was still

Rescuers early Monday evacuated about 1,000 people trapped by seawater 3.6 meters (12 feet) deep along western Myanmar's coast after a powerful cyclone injured hunareas and cut off communications. Damage and six deaths have been reported, but the true impact was not vet clear in one of Asia's least developed countries.

Strong winds injured more than 700 of about 20,000 people who were sheltering in sturdier buildings on the high-

as monasteries, pagodas and schools, according to a leader of the Rakhine Philanthropic Association in Sittwe. He asked not to be named due to fear of reprisals from the authorities in the military-run country.

Seawater raced into more than 10 low-lying wards near the shore as Cyclone Mocha made landfall in Rakhine state Sunday afternoon, he said. Residents moved to roofs and higher floors, while the wind and storm surge prevented immediate rescue.

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नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, दिनांक 08/05/2023 क्रमांक-एफ 07-12/2023/32 : छत्तीसगढ़ नगर तथा ग्राम निवेश अधिनियम, 1973 की धारा 23-क (1) (क) के अंतर्गत नवा रायपुर, अटल नगर विकास योजान 2031 में अत्यावश्यक लोक प्रयोजनार्थ उपांतरण करने का अनंतिम निर्णय लिया है। अधिनियम की धारा 23-क (2) के अधीन राज्य शासन एतदद्वारा प्रस्तावित उपांतरण के निम्मानुसार प्रारूप को क्षेत्र के सर्वसाधारण के निरीक्षण हेतु अवलोकनार्थ प्रकाशित करता है:-

नवा रायपुर अटल नगर विकास योजना 2031 उपांतरण प्रस्ताव रकबा अंगीकृत नवा रायपुर अटल नगर विकास | अधिनियम की धारा 23-क के

क्र		नंबर	भाग	(हेक्टेयर में)	योजना 2031 में प्रस्तावित भू-उपयोग	तहत उपांतरण प्रस्ताव
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	कोटराभाठा	374 का भाग	Part	15.500 में से 1.4875	आवासीय	सार्वजनिक एवं अर्द्धसार्वजनिक
2	कोटराभाठा	436 का भाग	Part	15.860 में से 2.0772	आवासीय	सार्वजनिक एवं अर्द्धसार्वजनिक
3	कोटनी	25 का भाग	Part	2.190 में से 1.8838	आवासीय	सार्वजनिक एवं अर्द्धसार्वजनिक
4	कोटनी	26	Part	1.290	आवासीय	सार्वजनिक एवं अर्द्धसार्वजनिक
5	कोटनी	27 का भाग	Part	1.740 में से 1.4409	आवासीय	सार्वजनिक एवं अर्द्धसार्वजनिक
6	कोटनी	28/2 का भाग	Part	0.850 में से 0.0040	आवासीय	सार्वजनिक एवं अर्द्धसार्वजनिक
7	कोटनी	231 का भाग	Part	0.700 में से 0.2349	आवासीय	सार्वजनिक एवं अर्द्धसार्वजनिक
8	कोटनी	232 का भाग	Part	0.610 में से 0.5100	आवासीय	सार्वजनिक एवं अर्द्धसार्वजनिक
9	कोटनी	233 / 1,2 का भाग	Part	0,600 में से 0.3966	आवासीय	सार्वजनिक एवं अर्द्धसार्वजनिक
10	कोटनी	234 का भाग	Part	7.110 में से 0.7923	आवासीय	सार्वजनिक एवं अर्द्धसार्वजनिक
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3. उपांतरण प्रस्ताव की प्रति मानचित्र सहित आयुक्त रायपुर संभाग, कलेक्टर जिला रायपुर, आयुक्त, नगर पालिक निगम रायपुर मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी नवा रायपु अटल नगर विकास प्राधिकरण एवं संयुक्त संचालक, नगर तथा ग्राम निवेश, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, रायपुर के कार्यालयों में कार्यालय समय में (अवकाश दिनों को छोड़कर नेरीक्षण के लिये उपलब्ध रहेगी।

निरक्षण का लय उपलब्ध रहगा।

4. अतः प्रस्तावित उपांतरण से प्रमावित होने वाले व्यक्तियों से इस सूचना के दो स्थानीय मुख्य दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशन की तिथि से 15 दिवस के भीतर लिखित आपिता तथा सुझाव आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। आपित तथा सुझाव निम्नलिखित कार्यालयों में शासकीय कार्यालय दिवसों में प्रस्तुत किये जा सकते हैं.—

1) आयुक्त, रायपुर संभाग । 2) कलेक्टर, जिला रायपुर । 3) आयुक्त, नगर पालिक निगम रायपुर। 4) मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी नवा रायपुर अटल नगर विकास प्राधिकरण । 5) संयुक्त संचालक नगर तथा ग्राम निवेश, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, रायपुर।

(सी. तिकी) स्वयं सचित

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President Emmanuel due to travel for this week, 📵 छत्तीसगढ़ लोक सेवा आयोग, रायपुर

छत्तीसगढ़ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा विज्ञापन क्रमांक 29/2022/परीक्षा/दिनांक 08/12/2022 द्वारा व्यवहार न्यायाधीश (प्रवेश स्तर) परीक्षा-2022 के अगले चरण में व्यवहार न्यायाधीश मुख्य परीक्षा-2022 का आयोजन किया जाना है। मुख्य परीक्षा में शामिल होने हेतु अभ्यर्थियों को ऑनलाईन आवेदन करना अनिवार्य है। व्यवहार न्यायाघीश (प्रवेश स्तर) परीक्षा–2022 के आघार पर मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु चिन्हांकित अभ्यर्थी दिनांक 18.05.2023 से 22.05.2023 तक ऑनलाईन आवेदन कर सकते हैं।

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> (विनोद कुमार साहू) छ.ग. लोक सेवा आयोग, रायपुर

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India's Vision for Middle-East Connectivity

A Strategic Move to Counter China's Influence

n an era defined by fierce geopolitical competition, India has set its sights on countering China's growing influence in the Middle East. With an ambitious connectivity project in the works, New Delhi aims to forge stronger ties with the region, linking it through roads, rails, and seaports. This strategic move, born out of joint efforts with the United States and Middle Eastern allies, signifies India's determination to challenge China's foothold in the region and expand its own sphere of influence. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval convened a meeting with his counterparts from the United States and the United Arab Emirates, which also saw the participation of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. The agenda centered around a proposed joint infrastructure initiative that would connect Middle Eastern countries via rail. The project, conceived during discussions among the I2U2 group (which includes Israel) over the past year, presents an opportunity for India to bolster its ties with the region and foster deeper connectivity. Notably, the 12U2 group was not initially designed as a China-focused entity, given the strong commercial cooperation between the UAE, Israel, and China. However, the connectivity project's emergence demonstrates how India benefits from the Abraham Accords, the historic agreement brokered during the Trump era that normalized relations between Israel and several Arab neighbors. The formation of the I2U2 group and subsequent discussions within it laid the foundation for this ambitious new initiative. The Biden administration recognizes the significance of this connectivity project as a means to balance China's power in the region. While not explicitly stated, it is widely understood that countering China's influence has been a key driver of this initiative from its inception. This project leverages India's expertise as an infrastructure provider, building upon its remarkable track record, including the construction of the world's largest rail system and contributions to cross-border electricitysharing arrangements. By expanding its infrastructure footprint in the Middle East, India aims to counter China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and strengthen its own position. If successful, the connectivity project could open up tremendous trade opportunities for India. In a best-case scenario, India could eventually benefit from both land and sea trade routes stretching from Israel and the UAE to Greece's Piraeus port, ultimately extending into Europe. This would not only bolster India's economic interests but also cement its position as a regional power with a greater presence in the Middle East. Beyond countering China's influence, India's foray into the Middle East holds significant importance due to its trade interests in the region. With millions of Indians working there and contributing to India's economy through remittances, it is imperative for New Delhi to secure their welfare and protect its interests. Furthermore, Israel's recent visit to New Delhi by Foreign Minister Eli Cohen further underscores the importance of India's role in promoting regional stability in the Middle East. Cohen, in a statement released before his visit, emphasized India's potential to contribute to the region's stability, further emphasizing the mutual interests at play. This ambitious connectivity project reflects India's desire to expand its influence beyond the Indo-Pacific region. It is a testament to India's strategic thinking and its readiness to collaborate with like-minded nations to counter China's growing dominance. Notably, India's pursuit of this initiative occurs against the backdrop of holding the G-20 presidency, experiencing rapid economic growth, and surpassing China as the world's most populous country. These favorable circumstances create opportunities for India to enhance its trade, diplomacy, and

Absolute utilisation of fly ash from TPPs is imperative

overall influence on the global stage.

Vijay Kumar H K arge amounts of fly ash released by thermal power plants (TPPs) are affecting the health of residents in villages of Raichur district in Karnataka.The central government issued guidelines for 100% fly ash utilisation but even today, thermal power plants are not fully complying. Fly ash from power plants is illegally dumped on roadsides, ponds, and other bodies of water. Every day, lakhs of tonnes of fly ash is released from thermal power plants in Karnataka, affecting the lives of the locals. Many of the ponds constructed to store this ash are also completely full. For many years, even though fly ash has been used in road construction, brick production, and the disposal of closed mines, the large quantities of ash released every day is affecting the health of the people. The coal found in India contains 40% ash. This ash contains not only particulate matter 2.5, black carbon, arsenic, boron, chromium, and lead, but also silicon dioxide, aluminium oxide, ferric oxide, and calcium oxide from the combustion of coal in thermal power plants. These ash particles travel for many kilometres in the air before settling on water and other surfaces.It is common to see clouds of ash storms spread over many kilometres in and around near by villages in Raichur. During the monsoon, on the other hand, lakhs of tonnes of ash flow with the water, contaminating fields and polluting water sources. The deadline for utilising 100% of the ash produced by thermal power plants is being extended year after year. Starting from Way back in 1999 to till date, the Ministry of Environment and Forests issuing guidelines for the full utilisation of coal ash. But these guidelines have not been implemented till date.People's health has been adversely affecting due to fly ash, as it directly affects the lungs. Therefore stringent actions has to be taken by the concern so that 100% utilisation of ash takes place in thermal power plants.

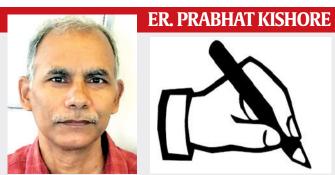
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KEEPING COOL



Children cool themselves under a water during a hot summer afternoon, on the outskirts of Jammu, Monday.

VIP Security Cover: A symbol of supremacy



VIP culture has been prevalent since ancient times in India as well as in other parts of the world. Such people have always dominated the administration. These include the ruler to the lower level personnel. This culture has continued to flourish even after the end of the monarchy and the establishment of a democratic system, and has expanded extensively in recent decades.

A fixed number of security personnel are deployed by the government for the security of declared as well as unannounced VVIPs and high-risk individuals. From the Prime Minister's SPG security cover to Z-plus, Z, Y-plus, Y, X category security, there is a provision of one or two security personnel in the name of VIP security as prescribed by the Central and State Governments. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) have been entrusted with the duty of protection

According to the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), over 60,000 security personnel were deployed in India for the protection of more than 19,000 current and former ministers, MPs, MLAs, judges, bureaucrats and some other VIPs in the year 2019. This number has considerably increased significantly in recent years. Along with this, the facility of more than 30000 vehicles is being made available in this work, on which more than 12000 crore rupees of public's hard earned money are being spent. Thousands of crores of rupees are being spent separately on these security personnel for their accommodation, food, transport, health, etc.

Interestingly, states like West Bengal, Bihar, Punjab, which are witnessing minor incidents of insurgency or disturbance, have the highest number of protected dignitaries; while states like Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Manipur and Chhattisgarh, which are most affected by militancy and terrorism, have lower number of important people getting the facility of security personnel.

In fact, on the basis of the report of Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Research & Analysis Wing (RAW) at the Central level, there is a provision of providing security to a person by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Similarly, on the basis of the report of agencies like the State Intelligence Department, there is a provision of providing security to a person by the State Governments. But it is a general perception that the related reports are motivated by manipulation and political interference. The inputs generated by the vigilance agencies are neither put in the public domain nor open to scrutiny through any other agency. Accordingly, the criteria other than the actual situation are set by the Central and State Administrations. In most of the states, some politicians, actors and bureaucrats are carrying heavy security personnel just to prove themselves different from common people.

According to the government

provision, around 55 security personnel are deployed in Z-plus, 22 in Z. 11 in Y-plus, 8 in Y and 2 - 3 in X category security cover. The Z-Plus security cover has a provision of 55 security personnel including 10 commandos and five bulletproof vehicles. Z Cover has a provision of 22 security personnel including National Security Guard (NSG) Commandos. Y-plus has 11 security personnel, in which one CRPF commander and 4 constables are stationed at the residence and 6 personal security officers are deployed in three shifts with VIPs concerned. There are 8 security personnel in Y cover, in which a commander and 4 constables are deployed at the residence and 3 PSOs are deployed with the concerned VIPs in three shifts. In X Cover, 3 PSOs are posted in three shifts with the respective

After independence, Home Minister Sardar Patel had suggested to the Prime Minister that apart from a few policemen, there was no need to deploy more than two security personnel in the houses of ministers from the point of view of security. But after his death there was no one to pay attention to these sensitive issues. Now the designation of a person as VIP is on the rise just because of his/her political and official position.

Apart from the financial implications, VIP movement causes physical inconvenience and discomfort to the common motorists and people. Ordinary people faces a lot of problem due to unending VIP movements on the streets, roads and highways and people are virtually stranded without any fault of their own. VIP movement abandons the flow of vehicles on the busy roads, halts the movement of the pedestrians, hinders the movement of serious patients to the hospitals, causes mental depression to those who are already disturbed due to their hectic work and daily routine. The behavior of the escort police is very rude. These VIPs are not above the law and hence, they have no right to make others life miserable just for their own sake.

Last year, a positive initiative has been taken by the Punjab government by withdrawing the security of 429 alleged VIPs and the amount saved from this can be spent in public welfare works. Central and other state governments should also take this initiative. There is no doubt that the present day security cordon given to the so-called VIPs in the name of their security are nothing but a show of supremacy. This highly expensive system is being implemented at the cost of public welfare of the people living below the pover ty line. This monarchical as well as the unproductive system must be scrapped and if a person demands security cover, he should bear the

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Covid Battle Continues

Despite a general decline in Covid-19 cases, the recent announcement by World Organisation (WHO) that Covid-19 is no longer a global public health emergency should not be interpreted as the end of the pandemic. With 6.9 million global deaths due to the virus and almost 5 billion vaccine doses administered, it is crucial that citizens remain vigilant and take appropriate precautions. The WHO's announcement should not lead to complacency. The battle against Covid-19 is still ongoing, and it is up to every individual to remain alert and continue taking measures to protect themselves and oth-

Krishna Das, Kannur Cleaning Himalayas

The inspiring story of an environmental activist's efforts to clean and preserve the pristine beauty of the Himalayas is a commendable feat. Protecting the environment is a crucial element of human existence, and every individual has a responsibility to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings. The initiative taken by this activist is a great service to humanity, and should be praised and emulated. It is essential that tourists visiting hill stations and other destinations also respect the environment and avoid tarnishing its natural beauty. The Himalayas are a treasure to be cherished and preserved for genera-

tions to come. Navneet Nair, Raipur **Press Freedom**

The recent annual re-

port on press freedom by Reporters Without Borders has sparked a reaction from both the ruling party and the opposition, similar to the Hindenburg India's External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar, dismissed the report as a "mind game." However, it is difficult to ignore the fact that countries like Taliban-ruled Afghanistan and Pakistan received a higher ranking than India. While the freedom of the press, especially in television news channels, has decreased significantly, the print media continues to hold its ground. The ranking of India in the report raises questions and concerns about the state of press

freedom in the country. Rakesh Gupta, Korba

Why so many MiG-21 crashes in India?



Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

MiG-21 fighter jets were bought from the erstwhile Soviet Union (now Russia) in the 1960s. Russia retired this fighter plane in 1985, but these ships are still being used in the Indian Army. The specialty of this ship has been that it never cheats, provided it is flown with utmost care and understanding. In the 1971 war, the enemy was shaken by the attack of this supersonic ship. It was the MiG-21 that attacked the Governor's House in Dhaka. Apart from this, this

fighter ship proved itself in the 1965 and 1999 wars with Pakistan. Now the incidents of the crash of this ship have become so much that it has been called 'flying coffin' and 'widow maker'. Although its upgradation work is going on, will it be completely retired in the next two-three years?

The MiG-21 Bison is the first supersonic jet in aviation history and is also the bestselling fighter jet in the world. While it is over 60 years old, the MiG-21 is still in service with the Indian Air Force with four active squadrons and has been updated to match Generation 3 fighter jets. The jets are currently being used only as interceptors, with a limited role as fighter jets, and are mostly used for training exercises. The Mikovanâ "Gurevich MiG 21 is a supersonic jet fighter and interceptor aircraft, designed by the Mikoyanâ "Gurevich Design Bureau in the Soviet Union. The MiG is a product of the Soviet Union which entered service in 1959. Nearly 60 countries on four continents have flown the MiG-21, and it

continues to serve many countries six decades after its first flight.

India inducted the MiG-21 in 1963 and received full technology transfer and rights to license-manufacture the aircraft in the country. Russia ceased production of the aircraft in 1985, while India continued to operate advanced variants. The Soviet Air Force â " which is credited with designing the aircraft â " removed it from service in 1985. By then, countries from the US to Vietnam had inducted the aircraft into their air forces. Bangladesh and Afghanistan removed it from service after 1985. For India, the aircraft were inducted into the Air Force in the 1960s and completed their retirement in the mid-1990s. Despite this, they are being upgraded. In October 2014, the Air Chief said that the delay in decommissioning the old aircraft posed a threat to India's security as some parts of the fleet were old.

Also, being a single-engine aircraft means it is always in danger. The plane is more likely to crash if a bird hits it or the engine fails. It is often called the 'flying coffin' and 'widow maker', as it has suffered several accidents over the years, killing several pilots. Induction of new fighter planes. Due to the delay, the IAF is facing the crunch of maintaining a fixed squadron strength to defend India's skies. Delays in the indigenous Tejas program, political controversies surrounding the Rafale deal, and a slow procurement process meant that the MiGs had to be kept in. Longer service than usual, well beyond his retirement

age - in the mid-1990s. In the last ten years, there have been 108 air accidents and losses involving all wings of the military - Indian Air Force, Navy, Army, and Coast Guard. Of these, 21 crashes involved the MiG-21 Bison and its variants, although the IAF now mostly flies the former. The high rate of accidents earned the aircraft the nickname the 'Flying Coffin'. There is no single common cause of military aircraft crashes. They can range from weather, human error, and technical

error to bird hit. The MiG-21 is a single-engine fighter, and it may have been the cause of some accidents. It is a singleengine fighter and when it loses an engine, it needs to be restarted. More often than not it re-lights but it takes a finite amount of time for any engine to re-light, so if you are below minimum altitude, you will need to abandon the aircraft.

Preventing future aircraft accidents lies in the use of a combination of technology and appropriate and adequate pilot training. The installation of a ground proximity warning system in the aircraft would generate an early signal that could alert the flight crew to take preventive measures against the onset of CFIT. Emphasis should be placed in pilot training on effective training of pilots to develop situational awareness and make correct interventions.

(Writer is a Poet, freelance journalist and columnist, All India Radio and TV panelist. Views are personal)

BRIEF



New Delhi: Vedanta Ltd on Monday announced appointment of Sonal Shrivastava as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) effective June 1, 2023. A bachelor's in chemical engi neering from BIT, Sindri and an MBA from the Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies she comes with over 26 years of financial leadership experience across sectors, the mining major said in a statement. Shrivastava joins Vedanta from Holcim Group where she worked as the CFO for

Kalyan Jewellers

Asia Pacific, Middle East & Africa operations, it said.

■ New Delhi: Kalyan Jewellers India Ltd on Monday posted a 3.11 per cent drop in its consolidated net profit at Rs 697.99 crore during the fourth quarter of the 2022-23 fiscal, large ly due to higher expenses. The company had clocked a net profit of Rs 720.40 crore in the quarter ended March 31, 2022, according to a regulatory filing. The company's total income rose to Rs 3,396.42 crore during the fourth quarter of the 2022-23 fiscal. from Rs 2,868.52 crore in the year-ago period, but expenses remained higher at Rs 3,268.47 crore, as against Rs 2.772.64 crore in the

Investment

said period.



Hyderabad: Electronics major Foxconn Interconnect Technology on Monday laid the foundation for a new electronics man ufacturing facility in Telangana as part of its USD 500 million in vestment in the state. The foundation laying ceremony took place in the presence of Telangana Minister for Industries and Commerce KT Rama Rao, Foxconn Interconnect Technology Chairman and CEO Sidney Lu and other dignitaries, a press release from the state government said

Maternity leave

■ New Delhi: NITI Aayog member V K Paul on Monday said that both the private and public sectors should consider enhancing the the maternity leave for women workers from six months to nine months. The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016 was passed by the Parliament in 2017 entitling paid maternity leave of 26 weeks, up from earlier 12 weeks "Both private and pub lic sector need to sit together to think about increasing the maternity leave of the mothers from present six months to nine months," FICCI Ladies Organisation

(FLO) said in a state-

ment quoting Paul.

Exports fall for 3rd consecutive month by 12.7 pc in April

■ Trade deficit at 20-month low

New Delhi. May 15:

India's exports contracted by 12.7 per cent, third month in a row, to USD 34.66 billion in April even as the trade deficit reduced to a 20-month low of USD 15.24 billion, the government data showed on Monday. The decline in exports is mainly on account of poor demand in India's key destinations -- the Europe and the US - and it may take some more months for the situation to improve.

The demand scenario is "not looking very good as far as Europe is concerned. and the US also we have seen a decline in demand.



think the demand scenario does not look very optimistic," DGFT (Director General of Foreign Trade) Santosh Kumar Sarangi reporters here. However, he expressed hope that things would change from September onwards. "There is a possibility that opening up of Chinese economy combined with some boost in demand in the Europe and

August-September wards might give a boost to global exports," he said. Imports too declined by about 14 per cent. fifth month in a row, to USD 49.9 billion as against USD 58.06 billion recorded in the same month last year, the data showed. Trade deficit in April last year stood at USD 18.36 billion. The previous lowest level was recorded in April 2021, when the deficit stood at

USD 15.10 billion. On imports, Sarangi said that the decline is because of cooling down of commodity prices and reduced demand for products which are considered as discretionary like gems and jewellery. He suggested to diversify into products which have higher export demand, such as electronic goods, oil meals, oil seeds, and agricultural goods.

He added that export sectors which may get impacted in the coming months include gems and jewellery, apparel and garments, and some engineering products. In April, export sectors which recorded negative growth included petroleum products, gems and jewellery, engineering goods, chemicals and ready-made garments of

NTPC to start feasibility study for 130-MW floating solar power plant in Tripura

The National Thermal Corporation (NTPC) Ltd will begin a feasibility study for a 130-MW floating solar power plant on Dumbur Lake in Tripura's Gomati district, an official said on Monday. In the past five years, the northeastern state has increased solar power energy from 4.07 MW to 7.21 MW with the government trying hard to increase renewable energy in a big

Renewable Tripura Development Energy Agency (TREDA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the NTPC to carry out the feasibility study for the floating power plant. NTPC operates a 100-MW floating solar power Ramagundam

NTPC will examine the area of the waterbody required to be taken up for the plant, identification of local transfer stations and forest clearance for setting up the state's first renewable energy plant, TREDA Joint Director

pected to complete the feasibility study which will cost Rs 450 crore in a couple of months. "The proposed 130-MW floating power plant is important for the state's aim of producing 200 MW solar energy by 2030. The state's average solar power energy's potentiality stands at 2080 MW. The TREDA, Tripura State Electricity Corporation (TSECL) and Tripura Power Generation Company - all are trying hard to tap the solar power energy poten-

Debabrata Sukladas said.

He said the NTPC is ex-

tiated a process to provide solar power to the interior tribal habitations where conventional power supply is not profitable.

The installation of the solar microgrid has been completed in 17 tribal habitations while work is in progress for 50 more habitations with a cost of Rs 5.70 crore", he said adding that the Centre has approved a Rs 80 crore project in principle which will cover as many as 274 habitations with solar power.

The advantage of a floating solar power plant is the minimum land requirement mostly for asarrangements. Besides, with the presence of floating solar panels, the evaporation rate from water bodies is reduced, thus helping in water

Expect India sales to be higher than industry growth this fiscal: Suzuki Motor

New Delhi, May 15:

Corporation on Monday said it expects its automobile sales in India to be higher than the 5-7 per cent annual growth projected for the domestic market this fiscal. The Japanese automaker, which has a 56.4 per cent stake in the country's leading carmaker Maruti Suzuki India, on Monday reported a consolidated 30.1 per cent year-on-year increase in net sales at 4,641.6 billion yen for FY 2022 (April 2022- March 2023). In a statement, Suzuki stated that it aims to recover its market share in India by introducing sports utility vehicles. It also noted that the automaker will focus on multiple technological pathways like CNG and hybrid cars and not solely depend

contribute to carbon neutrality in the Indian mar-'We want to contribute to carbon neutrality through a 'multi-path' that includes CNG vehicles, HEVs, etc., rather than focusing solely on BEVs," Suzuki Motor Corp said in a statement referring to the Indian market. The Japanese automaker said its operating profit increased by 159.1 billion yen year on year (83.1 per cent) to 350.6 billion in FY 2022. Suzuki stated that consolidated net sales and profits increased in the last year, mainly owing to the impact of the exchange rates and an increase in volume in markets like India, Japan and Africa. On a consolidated basis, the profit attributable to owners of the parent increased by 60.8 billion ven (37.9 per cent) to 221.1 billion yen, the automaker

Rupee falls 15 paise to close at 82.33 against US dollar

Mumbai, May 15:

The rupee fell 15 paise to close at 82.33 (provisional) against the US currency on Monday, weighed down by the strength of the American currency in the overseas market. At the interbank foreign exchange, the domestic unit opened at 82.22 against the dollar and settled for the day at 82.33 (provisional), down 15 paise from its previous

During the day, the rupee witnessed a high of 82.18 and a low of 82.37 against the greenback. On Friday, the rupee settled at 82.18 against the dollar. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.11 per cent to 102.56. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, advanced 0.24 per cent to USD 74.35 per barrel. "The Indian rupee started the week on



a sour note following strength in the US dollar after Friday's economic data," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

On the domestic macroeconomic front, India's WPI contracted for the first time in almost three vears and CPI eased to the slowest pace since October 2021. According to official data, India's WPI inflation has been on a declining trend for the last 11 months and came in at (-) 0.92 per cent in April. Retail inflation came in at an 18-month low of 4.70 per cent.

"All eyes will be on US President Joe Biden's meeting with House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and other congressional leaders on Tuesday. In the near-term, spot USDINR has resistance at 82.50 and support at 82. The bias is favourable for dollar bulls,' Parmar added. On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex closed 317.81 points or 0.51 per cent higher at 62,345.71. The broader NSE Nifty advanced 84.05 points or 0.46 per cent to 18,398.85. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets on Friday as they purchased shares worth Rs 1.014.06 crore, according to

India ripe target for EV companies but domestic take up slow: Report of the FVs in India are in the

New Delhi, May 15:

India is a ripe target for electric vehicle firms as the third-largest auto market in the world but due to slow domestic takeup, no Indian company is likely to have a meaningful global share of electric vehicles in the foreseeable future, according to a report by S&P Global Ratings.

Asia is set to keep its place as the world's biggest producer of, and market for electric vehicles (EVs), EV batteries, and EV battery materials and the continent will be at the centre of the EV era, it said. "As the world's third-largest auto market. India is a ripe target for EV firms. Sales of EVs more than doubled last year in the country. This was, however, off a low base. EV sales represented less than 2% of the total light-vehicle sales in the last 12 months," the report said. Moreover, it said 90 per cent

ment. "While there is strong growth potential, the development of adequate charging infrastructure will be key to EV adoption. Given the slow take-up of EV domestically, no Indian company is likely to have a meaningful global share of EVs in the foreseeable future," it added. S&P Global Ratings pointed out that in India Tata Motors has taken the lead in the EV segment with a more than 80 per cent share of the market. "We expect the company to maintain its strong position despite rising competition from other players, including SAIC Motor Corp. Ltd. and Hyundai, as well as domestic companies such as Mahindra

& Mahindra Ltd," it said.

However, Tata Motors's UK

subsidiary, Jaguar Land Rover

Automotive PLC, "trails many

peers in the move to EVs.

tiveness", the report said.

This could hurt its competi-

two- and three-wheeler seg-

Stock markets climb for 2nd day on continuous foreign fund inflows

Mulliyai, May 13:

on battery electric cars to

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty gained around half a per cent to close at nearly five-month high levels on Monday following continuous foreign fund inflows and firm trends in Asian and European markets. Rising for a second straight day, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 317.81 points or 0.51 per cent to settle at 62,345.71, the highest closing level since December 14. During the day, it rallied 534.77 points or 0.86 per cent to 62,562.67. The broader NSE Nifty gained 84.05 points or 0.46 per cent to end at 18,398.85 points, a level not seen since December 20, 2022. Among the Sensex firms, Tata



Motors jumped nearly 3 per cent after announcing its quarterly earnings. Tech Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever, Larsen & Toubro, Infosys, Tata Steel and Mahindra & Mahindra were the other biggest gainers. Fuelled by rising domestic demand, pricing actions and easing supply chain issues, Tata Motors reported a consoli-

dated net profit of Rs 5.408 crore for the March quarter and aims to improve the profit margins this fiscal despite headwinds. Maruti, Tata Consultancy Services, Bajaj Finance, Asian Paints, Bajaj Finserv and Nestle were the laggards. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were buyers on Friday as they bought equities worth Rs 1,014.06 crore, according to exchange data. Foreign investors have shown strong buying interest in Indian equities in May and invested more than Rs 23,152 crore in the first fortnight.

In Asia, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong markets ended trading in the green. European markets were trading mostly

AGREEMENT SIGNING



INOX Air Products Managing Director Siddharth Jain and Vice President TQM and Engineering & Projects of Tata Steel Ltd Avneesh Gupta sign an agreement to set up an oxygen plant in Odisha.

NuRe Bharat Network to launch the Super App 'PIPOnet'

New Delhi, May 15:

NuRe Bharat Network, a joint venture consortium Limited a leading digital transformation and technology solutions provider, FISST and Yellow inc. today announced the launch of the Mobile App

PIPOnet. RailTel Corporation of India Ltd, a Miniratna PSU under the Ministry of Railways, has partnered with the consortium, led by 3i Infotech to monetize its Public WiFi across the Indian Railway network. The Indian Railways is the largest railway network in Asia with a daily count of 23 million passengers and

more than 1.5 million



users logging every day to the WiFi network provided by RailTel across 6109 railway stations. The PIPOnet App (Powered by Railtel) will help the users with integrated services like eticketing, travel and stay reservations, porter booking, music, infotainment, edutainment, OTT channels and various helpline services. Speaking on the launch, Mr Sax Krishna, Chief Executive Officer, NuRe Bharat Network

the NuRe Bharat Network, we plan to serve a bigger goal for the good of the country. WiFi access will be secured; hence, we can facilitate services like healthcare, education and more to the Indian populace. Especially in the Tier 3&4 towns, we want to empower individuals by giving them access to democratized Internet, thereby opening their doors to greater opportunities. Internet brings with itself a hundred possibilities, and we aim to lead with an example of a secured and thought-through method for all who are currently unable to access a highspeed internet to access it on the go.'

said, "With the launch of

(-) 0.92 pc, lowest in 34-months **New Delhi, May 15:**

Wholesale prices in India fell for the first time in almost three years in April, as softening global commodity prices brought down food, fuel, and other input costs for producers. WPI inflation has been on a declining trend for the last 11 months and came in at (-) 0.92 per cent in April. This is the lowest level of wholesale price index (WPI) since June 2020, when inflation was at (-) 1.81 per cent. A negative WPI inflation, technically termed as deflation, means that overall wholesale prices have been falling year-on-year. The high base at 15.38 per cent in April 2022, also contributed to the

decline in wholesale inflation in

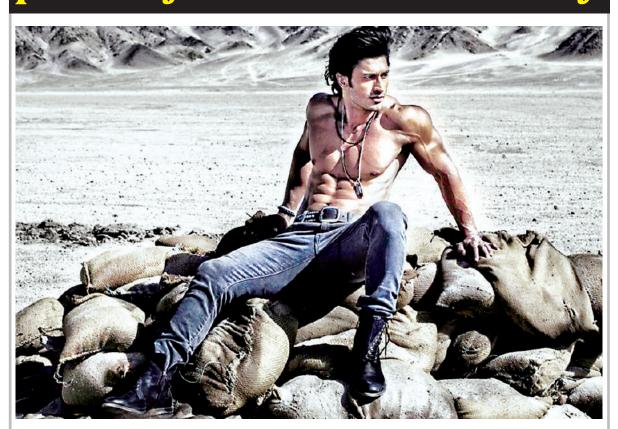
INFLATION and WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX for the month APRIL 2023 WPI: 150.9 | Base year: 2011-12 | Wholesale Price Index fo 'All Commodities' and

April this year. "Decline in the rate of inflation in April, 2023 is primarily contributed by fall in prices of basic metals, food products, mineral oils, textiles, non-food articles, chemical & chemical products, rubber & plastic products and paper &

WPI inflation in April at

paper products," the commerce and industry ministry said on Monday. WPI inflation was at 1.34 per cent in March. April also saw easing in prices across commodities -- food, non-food, fuel and power, and manufactured items.

Vidyut Jammwal explains why patriotic films are loved universally



action star and film producer Vidyut Jammwal, whose latest release 'IB 71' has hit the screens, spoke about why patriotic films give a tough competition to genres such as action, ro-

mance and comedy. Vidyut, who comes from an army background said: "It has emotions. Everyone has dif

ferent tastes but when it comes to the love for the country it's the same for

He added: "I have arguments with my close friends whether they believe they are more patriotic than me, or I am more patriotic than them. So this is an emotion which is universal. That's the only reason it works."

Directed by National-Award winning filmmaker Sankalp Reddy, 'IB 71' tells the

story of the Ganga hijack of 1971, which helped India gain a strategic advantage over Pakistan. 'IB 71' is presented by

Gulshan Kumar, T-Series Film and Reliance Entertainment. Action Hero Films production stars Vidyut Jammwal, Anupam Kher

and Vishal Jethwa.

The film is produced by Vidyut Jammwal and Abbas Sayyed, and coproduced by Aditya Aditya Chowksey and Shiv Chanana. The film is directed by national award winner Sankalp Reddy with the story by Aditya Shastri and the screenplay by Storyhouse Films

Kavita Kapoor joins the cast of 'Vanshaj'



drama on Sony SAB, comnes elements of family drama, political intrigue, and the personal dynamics of a wealthy business family. The story revolves around a legacy business empire, complete with riches and fame, similar to many prominent business families today. The show aims to depict the challenges and difficulties faced by this flawed yet accomplished family. Viewers are set to witness the drama unfold as the family grapples with the ruthless realm of politics, power struggles, and the intricacies of human relation ships. Veteran actor Kavita Kapoor is all geared up to embody the role of Shobhana, the matriarch of the family and a mother to three - Dhanraj, Premraj, and Shubhadra. Her character assumes a pivotal position in the esteemed Mahajan Empire. She is sophisticated and values tradition and duty above everything else in life. Stay tuned to this space for more info on Sony SAB's Vanshaj, which will hit your tele-

Celebrate 'motherhood' with 'Doosri Maa'

mother and child's A bond are pend.

to be eternal, selfless, strong, and based on unconditional love. While there are no bounds to motherly love and affection, it can be complicated, especially when the child in question is the illegitimate son of your husband. &TV's family drama Doosri Maa presents this bond of motherhood most beautifully. The show captures the journey of a mother, Yashoda (Neha Joshi), living in UP with her husband Ashok (Mohit Dagga), her two daughters, and her in-laws, whose happy, peaceful family life comes to a screeching halt when she unknowingly ends up adopting her husband's illegitimate child Krishna (Aavudh Bhanushali). While there have been several portravals of strong mothers on-screen in both television and films, what sets Yashoda's character apart in Doosri Maa is how she can strike a balance between her maternal instincts and the hurt of being cheated upon, making her a unique character in the theme of motherhood. Her journey of coming to terms with her husband's past and standing up against her own family and society for Krishna



has made the show one of the favourite family dramas on Indian television.

This Mother's Day, the lead cast Yashoda (Neha Joshi) and Krishna (Aayudh Bhanushali) in Jaipur- talk about their character and on and offscreen bond. Neha Joshi. aka Yashoda from Doosri Maa, shares, Doosri Maa is a show that celebrates the incomparable feeling of motherhood. Yashoda, the main character, demonstrates unwavering support for her children through life's challenges. Her love for her children transcends blood relations, and she fights against all odds to protect Krishna, her son.

Celebrate motherhood daily with &TV's Doosri Maa every Monday to Friday at 8:00 pm!

BEYOND THE ROLES

On-screen 'Saas-Bahu jodi'shares mother-daughter kind bond off-screen

ajal Chauhan, the talented actress from the popular TV show on 'Star Bharat' recently shared a heartwarming bond with her co-star from "Meri Saas Bhoot Hai", Sushmita Mukherjee. Despite playing the roles of a Saas-Bahu duo on the show, the offscreen relationship between the two is nothing short of a mother-daughter bond.

Kajal expressed her admiration for Sushmita and talked about the motherly love and care that Sushmita Mukheriee showers upon her and everyone on the sets. Kajal said, "Although we play Saas-Bahu on screen, but Sushmita Ji is like a mother to me. She takes care of me and always guides me whenever it's needed. In fact, she considers each and every one on set as her child and treats them the same way. Her aura and her presence automatically fill up the set with good energy. I really adore and get inspired by her."

Kajal and Sushmita's



beautiful offscreen relationship are a testament to the strong bond that actors can share beyond their roles. We wish the two actresses a very

happy Mother's Day. Stay tuned and watch 'Meri Saas Bhoot Hai' every Monday-Friday at 7:30 PM only on Star

Chiranjeevi impressed by young singer's talent on Telugu Indian Idol 2

year-old Ayyan Pranthi, the contestant of Telugu Indian Idol 2, left megastar Chiranjeevi im-

singer Visakhapatnam got a rare opportunity to perform at Chiranieevi's house in Hyderabad.

She sang the mesmeris-Annamacharya Keerthana in front of Chiranjeevi and Surekha. The performance left the couple spellbound and in awe of Pranthi's extraordinary talent. Chiranieevi and his wife, deeply impressed by her performance, bestowed their blessings upon her and wished her all the success for the rest of the Telugu Indian Idol season 2.

Pranthi, overjoyed with this incredible experience, stated: "I am humbled and immensely grateful to Megastar Chiranjeevi garu and his wife for providing me with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform in front of them. This has been a dream come true, and I am now more motivated and determined than ever to give my best in the competition. This experience has given me newfound



confidence, and I eagerly look forward to the challenges ahead."aha, the number one OTT platform in Telugu-speaking states, has been instrumental in introducing Telugu Indian Idol season 2, providing a platform for young and talented singers to compete and showcase their skills in front of a global audience.

Among the exceptional pool of talented participants, Ayyan Pranthi has consistently impressed audiences and judges alike since day one of the competitions with her soulful voice and impeccable performances. Her awe-inspiring performances have garnered the praise and recognition of renowned music director G.V. Prakash, who has repeatedly commended her talent.

Sushmita Sen: Just like Aarya, I can go to any extent for my two daughters

Ahead of Mother's Day on Sunday, actress and former beauty queen Sushmita Sen has drawn parallels between her real self and her reel character Aarya. Sushmita represents strong women and especially mothers who could kill or die for their children in any circumstances. Talking about motherhood and

her character of Aarya, Sushmita said: "Aarya is synonymous with motherhood. She is the epitome of grace and strength. I am elated to be associated with her story and her journey of motherhood. I aumine Aarya for being a wa rior and surpassing every hurdle that comes her way.' Sushmita describes Aarya as "hold and has emerged as a fierce lioness who wants to protect her children at any cost." "I have raised my two daughters single-handedly and I know I can go to any extent for them just like Aarya does in the series. I thoroughly resonate with her zeal to move ahead, no matter what and prevail through every hindrance." She added: "Motherhood is the most beautiful thing in the world and I absolutely enjoy playing such a strong mother, on-screen as well. Moreover, I hope audiences are looking forward to Aarya season 3.

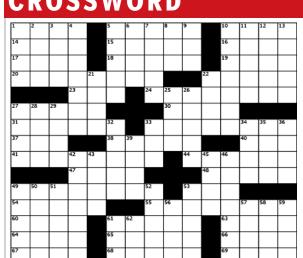


Arti Singh on playing a villain: My character Chandra is like a female Chanakya

Actress Arti Singh, who is currently seen in the TV show 'Shravani', is playing the negative lead Chandra. She has given details about her character and called it a "female Chanakya"

Arti Singh and Gaurika Sharma get candid about how their characters will face off each other in the show. On playing Chandra, Arti mentioned: "Chandra wants everything by hook or crook and she will do everything to get what she wants. She is very ambitious. Chandra is like the lady Chanakya." "It is challenging for me to play this role because I've never played villain, an out and out negative character. I normally don't prep for the characters, I go naturally with my instinct to make it look relatable. Also, I'm from Lucknow and this story is also based in UP, so to pick up the dialect and style was not difficult for i me." She added: "I've never played a villain and definitely it's the negative lead and a very important part for the story. The production house is very good. I've been knowing the producers and director, they have done some commendable work previously. These were a few of the reasons I took up the show because I wanted to work with good people.'

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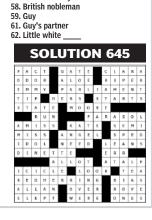
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The ICC has decided to do away with the contentious 'soft signal' by onfield officials, which had often been criticised by experts as it is believed to have created more confusion for TV umpires after a decision was referred upstairs.

The 'soft signal' was used to determine the validity of catches taken inches off the ground, which couldn't necessarily be confirmed through naked eye.

According to ICC rules, a "soft signal is the visual communication by the bowler's end umpire to the third umpire (accompanied by additional information via two-way radio where necessary) of his/her initial on-field de-



cision prior to initiating an Umpire Review."

Till now the on-field umpire would either signal out or 'not out' based on their gut feeling. And the third umpire was compelled to go by 'soft signal' as most of the footages proved to be inconclusive.

The ICC announced

changes to the 'playing conditions' after the CEC approved the recommendations from the men's cricket committee led by Sourav Ganguly and the women's cricket committee. "The major change involved the soft signal being scrapped, with umpires no longer required to give a soft signal when

New 'free hit rule'

There was also a minor addition to the free hit rule with any runs scored off a free hit when the ball hits the stumps will be counted as runs scored from now. This would mean that batters can now be bowled off a free hit and attempt a run for the same. The changes will come into effect on June 1, 2023 with the Lord's Test between England and Ireland, a fourday one-off match. The following World Test Championship final between India and Australia, starting June 7, will also follow these new playing conditions.

referring decisions to the TV umpire. The on-field umpires will consult with the TV umpire before any decisions are taken," the

Lyon ahead of WTC final and Ashes

'We panicked in India and saw what happened'

Melbourne, May 15 (PTI)

Premier Australian spinner Nathan Lyon doesn't want his team to panic in the upcoming Ashes like it did during the Border Gavaskar Trophy in India earlier this year.

The Australians lost the series in India 1-2. A classic example of them panicking was their tactics against Indian spinners in the Delhi Test where most batters fell to the sweeping shot on a rank turner.

Before the Ashes beginning June 16, India and Australia will fight for the World Test Championship trophy with the final scheduled at the Oval from

'We shouldn't panic anyway. We panicked in India and we saw what happened. If we can learn from that experience and play our way and our brand it will be okav."

Lyon told AAP. England have redefined Test cricket with their uber aggressive style of play, winning 10 out of their 12 Tests in the past year.

You look at the way they played against New

Zealand, South Africa and Pakistan, they have been able to force the opposition into panicking.

"We just have to worry about us. Control what we can control and worry about what is in our back-

about what they're doing. If we make sure we have really good plans and stick to them, everything will go okay." He said he won't change

his tactics against England batters who will be expected to take an attacking approach both against spinners and

faster bowlers. "I'm not buying into any of that. It's just us. We have to worry about us. We will be really well planned. And with Pat Cummins and Smithy leading us, I think we will be in really good shape.

"I have been bowling with Mitch Starc and Pat over the past couple of weeks, our prep is going really well. We're not buying into the fact they have do it against Australian bowlers. We just keep nailing our process and worrying about us," he added.

'Kohli, Rohit should quit T20Is; focus on Tests, ÔDIs'

New Delhi. May 15 (PTI)

Former India head coach Ravi Shastri feels that it is time for stalwarts Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma to concentrate on Tests and ODIs letting young IPL performers like Tilak Verma, Jitesh Sharma and flavour of the season Yashasvi Jaiswal play T20Is. "Players like Rohit,

Virat Kohli, they are proven, you know what they are all about. I would go in that (good performers in the IPL) direction so that they get the opportunities, they get the exposure, whilst you keep the Virats and the Rohits fresh for one-day cricket and Test cricket," Shastri told ESPN Cricinfo.

"Your focus there with that kind of experience should move to Test crick-



et, red-ball cricket for the World Test Championship, and they stay fresh [so that] there is not too much of cricket where there is an overkill, Shastri advised on how to phase out senior players for shortest format in international cricket.

The likes of Jaiswal, Jitesh, Tilak and Rinku

Singh have all done well in the IPL and would be pushing for regular slots under Hardik Pandya's captaincy.

"First T20 series that comes up (West Indies), play these guys (the youngsters), expose these guys. They [the selectors] should start blooding them right now.'

India knocked out of Sudirman Cup, lose to Malaysia

Suzhou, May 15 (PTI)

India were knocked out of the Sudirman Cup badminton tournament after going down meekly to Malaysia in the second Group C match of the mixed team championships here on Monday.

Star shuttlers Kidambi Srikanth and PV Sindhu couldn't produce the goods as it was all over for India in the prestigious tourna-

While Srikanth was too erratic in men's singles contest, Sindhu showed great fightback in the decider after squandering an opening game advantage only to go down in the end to world No. 30 Goh Jin

It was always going to be an uphill task for Kapila and Ashwini Ponnappa to tame the world No. 8 pair

of Goh Soon Huat and Lai Shevon Jemie and the Indian combination tried their heart out before losing 16-21, 17-21 in 35 min-

error-prone Srikanth then couldn't get India's campaign back on track, going down 16-21, 11-21 to world No. 8 Lee Zii Jia in a lop-sided men's singles contest as the team was 0-2 down after the first two matches.

World No. 12 Sindhu then erased a 2-11 deficit in the third game but couldn't go the distance. losing 21-14, 10-21, 20-22 to Goh in the women's singles as India conceded a 0-3 lead to Malaysia in the five-match tie.

The result meant India were third in the group with Chinese Taipei and Malaysia finishing as the top two teams to qualify for the quarterfinals.

India name 24-member squad for Europe leg

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

Ace drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh will lead the Indian men's hockev team in the next leg of the FIH Hockey Pro League in Europe, which will be newly-appointed coach Craig Fulton's first assignment.

In their previous outing in the prestigious League matches at home, India remained unbeaten against reigning World Champions Germany and Australia which helped them top the points table.

In Europe, they will hope to continue their winning momentum as they take on the formidable Belgium and Great Britain in London followed by matches against the Netherlands and



Argentina in Eindhoven, the Netherlands. The 24member team, announced on Monday, features goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak. He returns to the squad after missing the home matches due to his wedding.

He will be joined by PR Sreejesh under bar while defenders list includes five penalty corner specialists in Harmanpreet, Amit Rohidas, Jarmanpreet Sanjay and Mandeep

Lucknow, May 15 (PTI)

Mumbai Indians are on a roll in the business end of the tournament and Lucknow Super Giants will be aiming to halt their momentum on a tricky pitch in the IPL here on

Mumbai Indians are third on the points table with 14 points and with a point less from same the number of games, LSG are holding on to the fourth

Both teams will be looking to get out of the danger zone as eight teams remain in the play-off con-Suryakumar Yadav is back to his breathtaking best and played a huge role in Mumbai's wins in the previous two games. Short of runs in the tournament,



Rohit Sharma too found some rhythm against Gujarat Giants and will be looking to play a substantial knock at the Atal

Bihari Vajpayee Cricket Stadium. In Tilka Varma's absence, Mumbai have found an able replacement in Nehal Wadehra, who seems to be getting better with every opportunity on the big stage.

On the bowling front, veteran spinner Piyush Jnawia continues to make life tough for the batters while rookie Akash Badhwal has given the pace attack a much-needed boost. Death bowling remains a concern with Jofra Archer's replacement Chris Jordan leaking runs in the last two games. It is expected to be another low-scoring game here and the spinners on either side could decide the fate of the game.

Leggie Ravi Bishnoi has been the leading wicket taker for LSG and stand in captain Krunal Pandya too showed what he could do with his left-arm spin against Sunrisers Hvderabad.

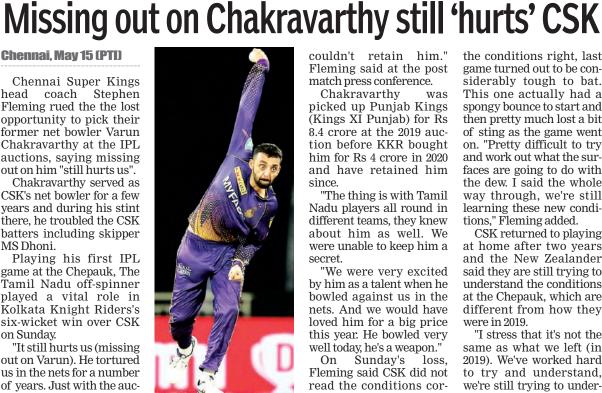
Chennai. May 15 (PTI)

Chennai Super Kings head coach Stephen Fleming rued the the lost opportunity to pick their former net bowler Varun Chakravarthy at the IPL auctions, saying missing out on him "still hurts us".

Chakravarthy served as CSK's net bowler for a few vears and during his stint there, he troubled the CSK batters including skipper MS Dhoni.

Playing his first IPL game at the Chepauk, The Tamil Nadu off-spinner played a vital role in Kolkata Knight Riders's six-wicket win over CSK

"It still hurts us (missing out on Varun). He tortured us in the nets for a number of years. Just with the auctions, the way it is, we



couldn't retain him." Fleming said at the post match press conference.

Chakravarthy was picked up Punjab Kings (Kings XI Punjab) for Rs 8.4 crore at the 2019 auction before KKR bought him for Rs 4 crore in 2020 and have retained him

"The thing is with Tamil Nadu players all round in different teams, they knew about him as well. We were unable to keep him a secret.

"We were very excited by him as a talent when he bowled against us in the nets. And we would have loved him for a big price this year. He bowled very well today, he's a weapon."

On Sunday's loss, Fleming said CSK did not read the conditions correctly. "I don't think we got

the conditions right, last game turned out to be considerably tough to bat. This one actually had a spongy bounce to start and then pretty much lost a bli of sting as the game went on, "Pretty difficult to try and work out what the sur faces are going to do with the dew. I said the whole way through, we're still learning these new condi-

tions," Fleming added. CSK returned to playing at home after two years and the New Zealander said they are still trying to understand the conditions at the Chepauk, which are different from how they were in 2019.

"I stress that it's not the same as what we left (in 2019). We've worked hard to try and understand, we're still trying to under-

opening game. Iqbal was

steady at the top of the in-

Afghanistan names uncapped pacer Rahman for **ODI series against Sri Lanka**

Kabul, May 15 (AP)

Afghanistan has named uncapped 21-year-old fast bowler Abdul Rahman in its 15member squad for next month's three-match one-day international series in Sri

Afghanistan has already qualified for the World Cup later this year, while Sri Lanka will go through a qualifier and hope to finish among top two and qualify for the event in India. "It's good to have a couple of young faces for the series," Mirwais Ashraf, chairman of the Afghanistan Cricket Board, said in a statement on Monday. "The buildup for the World Cup has already begun, and we are looking for every possible opportunity to build a good combination of the team

and prepare them well for the event." Shahidullah Kamal, Yamin Ahmadzai, Zia Ur Rahman Akbar and Gulbadin Naib, who were part of the Afghanistan team that toured Sri Lanka last November, were named in the reserves. The strong ODI squad includes sea soned players Rashid Khan, Mohammad Nabi, Rahmanullah Gurbaz and Noor Ahmed, who are now playing in the Indian Premier League. The three matches will be played in Hambantota on June 2, 4 and 7. Afghanistan has also planned a three-match ODI series against Pakistan in a build up to the World Cup. The Asia Cup will also be played in September with Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Nepal are sched-

uled to compete.

to beat Dimitrov at Italian Open Rome, May 15 (AP)

Novak Djokovic's claycourt game is still a work in progress. The 22-time Grand Slam champion had to overcome a midmatch lapse before beating Grigor Dimitrov 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 on Sunday to reach the fourth round of the Italian Struggling with his foot-

work, complaining about the conditions of the clay on Campo Centrale and protesting line calls, Djokovic lost four consecutive games to hand the second set to Dimitrov, who won 12 straight points at one point during that stretch. But Djokovic raised his game when it counted most, broke



Djokovic overcomes mid-match lapse

Dimitrov in the opening game of the third, and improved to 11-1 in his career against the Bulgarian.

'The crowd got into it and kind of got behind him and of course with the energy of the place,

the (entire) match changed," Djokovic said. "I dropped my level a bit. But luckily I managed to find it right away in the first game, make that crucial

the momentum to my side.

So I'm really pleased with the way I closed out the match." Returning from three weeks off because of a lingering issue with his surgically repaired right elbow, Djokovic is aiming for a seventh title in Rome. He's also preparing for the French Open, which starts In his previous two tour-

naments on red clay, Djokovic had consecutive early exits results that mean he will lose the No. 1 ranking after this tournament to Carlos Alcaraz again. He was also tested Tomas Martin Etcheverry in his opener in Rome. Djokovic will next face 13th-seeded Cameron break and kind of shape Norrie, who beat Marton

Fucsovics 6-2, 7-6 (4).

Bangladesh edges Ireland by 5 runs to clinch 2-0 win in ODI cricket series

Chelmsford, May 15 (AP)

Skipper Tamim Iqbal topscored with 69 and Mustafizur Rahman took four wickets as Bangladesh edged Ireland by five runs to secure victory in a oneday international cricket

Bangladesh posted 274 from 48.5 overs after being sent in to bat. Ireland was in a good position in the chase, needing 10 runs to win from the last over bowled by Hasan Mahmud before losing two wickets within three deliveries and finishing 269-9. Bangladesh clinched the series 2-0 after winning a high-scoring second ODI by three wickets following a washed-out

nings for Bangladesh, sharing stands of 49 for the second wicket with Najmul Hossain Shanto (35) and 70 for the third wicket with Litton Das (35) before he was caught by Craig Young off George Dockrell's bowling. Mushfiqur Rahim (45) and Mehidy Hasan Miraz (37) took up the scoring through the middle of the innings before Ireland seamer Mark Adair picked up three late wickets to return 4-40. Ireland opener Paul Stirling scored 60 and captain Andy Balbirnie added 53 in a 109-run second-wicket partnership that laid a solid foundation for the reply.

Cotton farmers to take out rally on May 18

To demand subsidy of Rs 5,000 per quintal

he said.

Nagpur, May 15 (PTI):

Cotton farmers will take out a rally in Yavatmal district of Maharashtra on May 18 to demand a subsidy of Rs 5,000 per quintal and financial assistance for the crop growers who suffered losses due to "excessive" rains, a farm activist said on Monday.

In a press release, farm activist Kishore Tiwari said that cotton has been cultivated in record 10.2 million hectares this year as the price of the key textile component had touched Rs 14,000 a quintal last

However, dropped to Rs 7,500 per quintal which has forced many debt-trapped cotton farmers to end their lives, he said. This year, 40 per cent of cotton crops got damaged due to "excessive" rains, he

Tiwari claimed that 3,300 cotton farmers committed suicide in Maharashtra this sea-

"To call the attention of the central and state governments, a protest rally of cotton farmers

is being organised on May Pandharkawada (Yavatmal) which is an epicentre of farmer suicides, where unsold cotton will be put on fire,"

The protesting farmers want the government to announce a subsidy of Rs 5,000 per quintal and an economic package, he said. Farm activist Vijav Jawandhia will lead the protest, said Tiwari.

Demanding government intervention, he said cotton is the main cash crop of Maharashtra and it controls the rural and agriculture economy of the state's backward re-

According to Tiwari, cotton export dropped to 2 million bales from 6 million bales of last year due to the central government's "wrong" policy and "lack of concern for over 2 crore cotton farmers" in India.

Attributing the fall in exports to attempts to "protect the the interest of textile mill owners", he claimed that there has been a "record import of 3 million bales of

JAN SANGHARSH YATRA



Congress leader Sachin Pilot with supporters during his 'Jan Sangharsh Yatra', in Jaipur, Monday.

Railways to get uniform signages at stations

Signages at railway stations across India will be standardised on the basis of colour, font and the use of pictograms for the ease of passengers, Railways Vaishnaw said on Monday as he released a booklet containing details of the

The Indian Railways, which is redeveloping 1,275 stations across India under the 'Amrit Bharat Stations Scheme', will seek to have uniform signages across stations to make it convenient for passengers.

"As you all know, under the leadership of the prime minister, the Indian Railways has been working tirelessly to enhance passenger experience at railway stations. It was felt

lines on signages at stations that will be consistent and adequate.

"Today, I am delighted to release the booklet on Standard Signages at Stations on Railways. The Indian Railways will adopt modern, standard signages, which are 'divyang (differently-abled)' friendly,' Vaishnaw said.

The Railways network has the largest number of stations in the world. It is important that every passenger should have easy access to facilities by having standard signage, he

The booklet on Standard Indian Railways prioritises simple language, clear font, easy-to-see colours and intuitive pictograms.

Indian

Signages at Stations on

NMC creating centralised repository of doctors practising in country

All docs to have UID

New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

All medical practitioners will now have to register with the National Medical Commission (NMC) besides state medical councils and get a Unique Identification Number to practice in the country.

According to a recent notification, the data will be updated in the National Medical Register which will be made available to the public and displayed on the NMC's website.

The website will display information regarding a medical practitioner such as registration number,

name, date of registration, place of working (name of hospital/institute), medical qualification, including additional medical qualification, specialty and name of the institute or university where the qualification was obtained.

Any person who obtains a primary medical qualification recognised under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 and qualifies the National Exit Test held under section 15 of the Act, shall be entitled for grant of registration in NMR, it said.

Those who obtain a foreign medical qualification and qualify the National Exit Test held under section 15 of the Act, shall also be entitled for grant of registration in NMR, sub-

tions specified in the Medical Foreign Graduates Regulation, 2021, it said.

The UID shall be generated centrally by the Ethics and Medical Registration Board (EMRB), National Medical Commission (NMC) and grant the practitioner, registration in NMR and eligibility to practice medicine in India.

"All existing medical practitioner enrolled in Indian Medical Register or the State Medical Register, not having the registration number as per these regulation shall update in the web portal of the Ethics and Medical Registration Board within a period of three months of publish-

ject to fulfilment of condi- ing of these Regulation and obtain the registration number as a one time measure and the licence so generated shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of issuance,' the notification said.

No fees shall be charged by the EMRB, NMC for updating licence of a medical

Eligible persons may opt for any state to practice medicine and the application made through the web portal shall be referred to the State or States Medical Council concerned, the notification stated.

The State Medical Council shall consider the application for grant of licence to practice medicine in that state after charging fee within a period of 30

Amitabh thanks stranger for dropping him to shoot location



Veteran Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan takes a bike ride from a stranger to beat the traffic and reach his shooting location on time, in Mumbai.

On time

Mumbai, May 15 (PTI):

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan has thanked a stranger for helping him beat the traffic and reach his shooting location on

Bachchan, 80, shared a photograph with a biker on his Instagram on Sunday night.

'Thank you for the ride buddy... Don't know you... but you obliged and got me on time to location of work... faster and in avoidance of the unsolvable traffic jams... Thank you capped, shorts and vellowed T-shirt owner (sic)," he captioned the post.

In the photograph, the cinema icon can be seen sitting on the back seat of the bike, wearing a casual bottom paired with a cor-

duroy jacket, white shoes and sunglasses. granddaughter

Navya Naveli Nanda commented on the post with a heart and heart-eye emoji. Rohit Bose Roy wrote: "You are the coolest dude on earth Amit ji! Love "Had always heard Mr

Bachchan has always been the most punctual. Can see today what honouring Time truly means to you. I hope actors can learn a thing or two from this," said actor Sayani Gupta.

While most of his colleagues and fans praised Bachchan's decision to opt for a bike ride to reach on time, some pointed out that the film star and the biker are not wearing hel-

"Where is the helmet sir," a user commented.

SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN



pedestrian signs on a large peice of paper during a mass signature campaign of All India Democratic م Women's Association (AIDWA) in support of wrestlers protesting against WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, in Kolkata, Monday.

Guv Bais reviews implementation of NEP in meeting of VCs

Mumbai, May 15:

Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais on Monday advised vice chancellors of state universities to declare the results of various examinations within the stipulated time limit of 45 days.

Noting that the future of students is directly linked to the declaration of results, the Governor cautioned that vice chancellors will be held accountable for the delay in declaration of results and dispensation of marksheets.

The Governor was addressing the meeting of Vice Chancellors of tradiagricultural, health sciences, technological and open universi-Raj Bhavan ties at Mumbai. The meeting was organised to review the progress of the implementation National Education Policy 2020 from the forthcoming academic

year 2023-2024 Stating that less than 2 months are left for the beginning of the new academic year, the Governor expressed the hope that Maharashtra would set for the nation the example of the model implementation

National Education

Principal Secretary Higher and Technical Education Vikas Chandra Rastogi presented a review of the implementation National Education Policy in the State and the progress made in respect of the 18 identified Result Areas. Principal Secretary

Agriculture Dawale Commissioner Medical Rajeev Nivatkar were also present. Vice Chancellors

SNDT Women's Savitribai University, Phule Pune University, Shivaji University, Ahilyadevi Holkar University, Solapur Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dr Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Vidyapith, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University and Dr Homi Bhabha State University were present.

Education

Acting Vice Chancellors of University of Mumbai.

ence," Ayub said. Dementia

SC junks plea to include details of missing persons

The Supreme Court on Monday turned down a plea seeking directions to include details of missing persons from every household in the census.

A bench of Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices P Narasimha and J B Pardiwala said the relief sought in the plea relates

robots to locate lost items be a game-changer in such situations. And they succeeded in using AI to cre-

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ject from another, it can

record the time and date

objects enter or leave its

The researchers then

With the robot capable

through stored video.

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New Delhi, May 15 (PTI):

New AI-based tech can help

Researchers have developed a new artificial intelligence (AI) based technology to programme robots to help people locate essential objects such as phones and other items thev have lost.

The researchers want to initially use the technology to help people with dementia, and in future anyone who needs to search for something they have misplaced.

"The long-term impact of this is really exciting," said Ali Ayub, a post-doctoral fellow at the the University of Waterloo in Canada. "A user can be involved

smartphone app or comnot just with a companion robot but a personalised companion robot that can Once that happens, the robot can indicate when give them more independand where it last observed restricts the specific object, the researchers said.

brain function, causing confusion, memory loss and disability. Many people with the condition repeatedly forget the location of everyday objects, which diminishes their quality of life and places additional burden on caregivers. The researchers believe that a companion robot with an episodic memory of its own could

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