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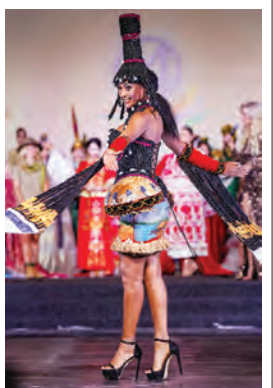
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A contestant during rehearsals ahead of the opening of the Miss World event, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

Seized

Hyderabad: Over 3.6 kgs of gold ornaments worth Rs 1.51 crore, Rs 65.5 lakh in cash and several property documents were seized from the house of an Executive Engineer here a day after she was caught while allegedly taking a bribe of Rs 84,000, Telangana's Anti-Corruption Bureau said on Tuesday. The Executive Engineer in Tribal Welfare Engineering department was trapped at her office here on Monday by the ACB when she allegedly demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs 84,000 from a complainant (a licensed contractor) to perform an official duty.

Maoists arrested

Chatra: Three Maoists belonging to the proscribed Tritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee (TSPC) were arrested in Jharkhand's Chatra district, police said on Tuesday. Two pistols and live cartridges were among the items recovered from them, a police officer said. Chatra Superintendent of Police (SP) Rakesh Ranjan said they were wanted in several cases, including the murder of a coal trader in Khalaria area.

CBI searches

New Delhi: The CBI on Tuesday searched the premises of former Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) secretary Ramesh Abhishek after registering an FIR against him for amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income, officials said.

Holy relics

New Delhi: Some of the holy relics of Lord Buddha preserved at the National Museum here will be displayed in Thailand from February 22 to March 18, the culture ministry said on Tuesday. The relics, revered by Buddhist followers around the world, will be ferried in a special Indian Air Force plane, according to ministry officials.

Weather

High 34 Low 19

MARKET

NIFTY 22,196.95

SENSEX 73,057.40

BULLION

GOLD 62,170

SILVER 71,434

PM inaugurates IIT Bhilai, two KVs

Raipur, Feb 20:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated the Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai and two newly constructed Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) buildings in Chhattisgarh.

At present, the IIT Bhilai has a strength of 1,250 students and in next three-four years its capacity will be increased to accommodate nearly 2,500 students, an official said after the PM dedicated the institute and the two KVs to the nation via video conference from Jammu and Kashmir.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Durg MP Vijay Baghel, IIT Bhilai Chairman of Board of Governors K Venkatraman and the institute's director Prof Rajiv Prakash were present in the inaugural ceremony on the IIT campus in Bhilai.

PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the IIT Bhilai campus on June 14, 2018. Its construction



CM Vishnu Dev Sai and other dignitaries at the inaugural function.

About IIT Bhilai...

At present, more than one thousand students are studying in 11 branches of engineering in Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai. In the year 2016, classes started in Government Engineering College, Raipur, the temporary campus of IIT. Classes are being held in the permanent campus in Bhilai from August-2023. Its construction started from 8 July 2020 after Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the construction of the IIT campus in Bhilai on 14 June 2018. The campus of IIT Bhilai is spread over 400 acres. Initially, Rs 1090 crore 18 lakh has been sanctioned by the Union Education Ministry for its construction and lecture halls, seminar rooms, classrooms etc. have been built in the campus.

started in July 2020, a public relations department official here said.

The IIT Bhilai campus is spread over 400 acres and initially, more than Rs 1,090 crore were sanc-

tioned by the Union Education Ministry for its construction, he said.

Lecture halls, seminar rooms, class rooms, etc, have been built so far on the campus and the build-

ings constructed there have been named after the major rivers and mountains of Chhattisgarh, the official said.

The institute has 75 teaching faculty members

What CM said.....

Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai, while addressing the inauguration program organized at Bhilai IIT, said that today is a day of pride for Chhattisgarh. I thank the Prime Minister for this and express my gratitude to him. He congratulated and congratulated the IIT Bhilai family on getting a well-equipped permanent campus. He expressed hope that this IIT will become a center of excellence for higher education.

and 110 other staffers, he said.

The prime minister also virtually inaugurated the newly constructed buildings of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Kawardha (Kabirdham district) and Kurud (Dhamtari district).

MLADoman Lal Korsewada and Lalit Chandrakar, former minister Premprakash Pandey and Mrs. Ramsheela Sahu also joined the inauguration program virtually.

Maha okays 10% Maratha quota, leaves OBCs

Mumbai, Feb 20 (PTI):

The Maharashtra legislature on Tuesday unanimously passed a bill providing 10 per cent reservation for the Maratha community in education and government jobs.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde tabled the Maharashtra State Socially and Educationally Backward Bill 2024 in the legislative assembly during the day-long special session of the legislature on Maratha quota.

The bill, which was passed unanimously by the House, stated that the Marathas comprise 28 per cent of the total population of Maharashtra.

A substantial number of castes and groups are already placed in the reserved category, getting

'Jarange unhappy'

The Maharashtra legislature on Tuesday unanimously passed a bill providing 10 per cent reservation for the Marathas in education and government jobs under a separate category, but the fasting activist Manoj Jarange appeared firm on his demand for quota for the community under the OBC head. However, activist Jarange, sitting on an indefinite hunger fast since February 10 at Antarwali Sarati village in Jalna district in support of his demand for reservation for the community under the OBC category, appeared unimpressed by the passage of the bill.

about 52 per cent of reservations altogether. It would be completely inequitable to place the Maratha community in the Other Backward Class (OBC) category, it said.

The backwardness of the Maratha class is distinct and different from backward classes and, more particularly, OBC in the sense that it is more pervasive in terms of its coverage, it differs in its penetration and further regressive in character, the bill said. The Maratha

quota bill also proposed that once the reservation comes into effect, its review could be taken after 10 years. Out of the 52 per cent reservation currently existing in the state, the Scheduled Castes are eligible for 13 per cent, Scheduled Tribes 7 per cent, OBCs 19 per cent, Special Backward Classes 2 per cent, Vimukta Jati 3 per cent, Nomadic Tribe (B) 2.5 per cent, Nomadic Tribe (C) Dhangar 3.5 per cent and Nomadic Tribe (D) Vanjari 2 per cent.

SC overturns Chandigarh result, declares AAP winner

New Delhi, Feb 20 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Tuesday overturned the result of the Chandigarh mayoral poll in which the BJP candidate had emerged an unlikely winner, and declared defeated AAP-Congress alliance candidate Kuldeep Kumar as the new city mayor.

It also ordered prosecution of the returning officer for the poll, Anil Masih, a BJP leader, for his "misdemeanour", after finding serious faults in the conduct of the January 30 election.

The apex court made it clear that it was not quashing the entire electoral exercise and restricting itself to dealing with the wrongdoings in the counting process which led to invalidation of eight votes cast in Kumar's favour.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said it was evident that Masih made deliberate at-



AAP councillor Kuldeep Kumar after the SC declared him as winner.

Truth finally wins: Mann

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday hailed the Supreme Court verdict on the Chandigarh mayoral poll, saying "truth finally wins". "Finally truth wins, we welcome the verdict of the Supreme Court on the Chandigarh mayoral elections... CJ declared AAP's Kuldeep Kumar as the mayor while holding 8 votes, rejected by the presiding officer, right," said Mann in a post in Punjabi on X. Mann further said the BJP got a "befitting reply for its blatant wrongdoing".

tempt to deface eight ballot papers.

The BJP had won the mayoral poll defeating the comfortably placed AAP-Congress alliance candi-

Poll official to be prosecuted

Returning officer of the Chandigarh mayoral polls Anil Masih on Tuesday faced the wrath of the Supreme Court which ordered his criminal prosecution for allegedly giving false statement before it and his "misdemeanour" during the counting of votes. The apex court, which declared defeated AAP-Congress alliance candidate Kuldeep Kumar as the new mayor of the union territory by setting aside the January 30 poll result, said Masih had put marks on eight ballot papers to create a ground for treating them as invalidly cast.

Manoj Sonkar of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had defeated Kuldeep Kumar after polling 16 votes against his rival's 12 to bag the mayor's post. Sonkar, however, resigned subsequently, while three AAP councillors defected to the BJP.

Validity of learner's licence, driving license, conductor license extended

■ Till Feb 29

New Delhi, Feb 20 (PTI):

The road ministry on Tuesday issued an order extending the validity of learner's licence, driving license and conductor license till February 29, 2024 due to infrastructure related issues in its Sarathi portal.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in a circular said due to infrastructure related issues in Sarathi portal from January 31, 2024 to February 12, 2024, applicants have faced disruptions in availing license related services.

Accordingly, the road transport ministry has said that the validity of learner's licence, driving license and conductor license which have expired between January 31, 2024 and February 15, 2024, would be treated as valid without levy-

ing any penalty up to February 29, 2024. Owing to partial shutdown/disabling of online services, the applicants were not able to apply for services such as payment of fee, renewal of driving licence, booking slot for learner's licence, driving skill test, etc., the ministry added.

"Considering the difficulties faced by the citizens during the period of disruption of services through PARIVAHAN portal and further that the citizens are not put to inconvenience, it has been decided that the validity of learner's licence, driving license and conductor license which have expired between 31st January, 2024 and 15th February, 2024, would be treated as valid without levying any penalty up to 29th February, 2024," the ministry said.

Enforcement authorities are also advised to treat such documents valid till February 29, 2024, it added.

'Kashmir to be developed better than Switzerland'

Jammu, Feb 20 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said the revocation of Article 370 was pivotal in fostering the comprehensive development of Jammu and Kashmir, asserting his government was committed to transforming the Valley into a tourist destination that could rival Switzerland.

Addressing a large gathering at the Maulana Azad Stadium here, where he launched projects worth over Rs 32,000 crore for Jammu and Kashmir and Rs 13,500 crore for other parts of the nation, Modi highlighted the surge in investments from Gulf countries following a G20 event held in the region last year, which brought global attention to its scenic beauty. Modi heralded a new era for the region and declared that Jammu and Kashmir is breaking



free from dynastic rule, with his government now directly engaging with the populace. During his over 30-minute speech, Modi reminisced about the tumultuous past of J-K marred by violence and separatism and commended the current shift towards a harmonious and prospering Jammu and Kashmir, attributing it to balanced development initiatives. "We have seen the days when only disappointing news used to come from JK. Bomb, guns, kidnapping and separatism had become its

misfortune. Today, we are seeing a new J-K with balanced and holistic development," Modi said in his speech which he began in Dogri language. Despite rain, thousands of locals attended the rally. It was Modi's second visit to the Jammu region after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. Earlier he had addressed a public rally in Samba district in April 2022. Expressing his vision for a flourishing Jammu and Kashmir, Modi vowed to construct infrastructure to rival international destinations like Switzerland. "We have pledged a developed J&K and I have full faith that we will make Jammu and Kashmir more developed and fulfill all your dreams within the next few years...We will create such infrastructure in Kashmir that people will forget going to Switzerland," he said.

Hyd man dies during 'smile designing' surgery

Hyderabad, Jan 20:

A Hyderabad man died during a surgery to enhance his smile ahead of his wedding last week, the police said.

28-year-old Laxmi Narayana Vinjam died while undergoing the 'smile designing' procedure at the FMS International Dental Clinic in Hyderabad's Jubilee Hills on February 16, he said.

Laxmi Narayana Vinjam's father has alleged that he died of anaesthesia overdose. Ramulu Vinjam said that after his son fainted during the surgery, the staff called him and asked him to come to the clinic. "We rushed him to a nearby hospital, where the doctors declared him dead on arrival," he said.

He said that his son had not informed them of the

Before wedding surgery. He had no health issues, the doctors are responsible for his death," Mr Vinjam said.

K Venkateshwar Reddy, Station House Officer, Jubilee Hills said that Laxmi Narayana had come to the clinic at around 2.30 pm on February 16.

"At around 4.30 pm, he was taken into the operation theatre and the procedure went on for almost two hours. At around 7 pm, they had called his father and he was subsequently rushed to Apollo Hospital in Jubilee Hills, where he was declared dead on arrival," Reddy said. He said his body has been sent for autopsy. Laxmi Narayana had got engaged a week ago and he was to get married next month.



श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी
माननीय प्रधानमंत्री

मोदी की गारंटी विष्णु का सुशासन



हमने बनाया है
हम ही संवारेगे

त्वरित निर्णय के 2 माह

अन्नदाताओं के लिए

- 13 लाख किसानों को धान के बकाया बोनस की राशि 3716 करोड़ रुपए तत्काल जारी करने का निर्णय
- किसानों से प्रति एकड़ 21 क्विंटल धान खरीदी का निर्णय
- 'कृषक उन्नति योजना' के तहत 10,000 करोड़ रुपए का प्रावधान

ग्रामीणों के लिए

- 50 लाख ग्रामीण परिवारों को निःशुल्क नल कनेक्शन 4,500 करोड़ रुपए का प्रावधान

गरीबों के लिए

- 69.92 लाख गरीब परिवारों को पांच वर्षों तक निःशुल्क राशन प्रदाय का निर्णय
- प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना के तहत 18 लाख घरों के निर्माण के लिए 8,369 करोड़ रुपए का प्रावधान
- 'दीनदयाल उपाध्याय भूमिहीन कृषि मजदूर योजना' में भूमिहीन कृषि मजदूरों को 10,000 रुपए वार्षिक सहायता का निर्णय

महिलाओं के लिए

- 'महतारी वंदन योजना' के तहत महिलाओं को प्रतिमाह 1000 रुपए की दर से वार्षिक 12,000 रुपए आर्थिक सहायता का निर्णय

युवाओं के लिए

- पीएससी परीक्षा घोटाले की सीबीआई जांच का निर्णय
- युवा स्वरोजगार को बढ़ावा देने के लिए छत्तीसगढ़ उद्यम क्रांति योजना लागू करने का निर्णय
- पुलिस विभाग सहित विभिन्न शासकीय भर्तियों में युवाओं को निर्धारित आयु सीमा में 5 वर्षों की छूट का निर्णय

सभी छत्तीसगढ़वासियों के लिए

- अयोध्या यात्रा के लिए निःशुल्क 'रामलला दर्शन योजना' लागू करने का निर्णय

आदिवासियों के लिए

- तेंदूपत्ता संग्राहकों को 4,000 रुपए प्रति मानक बोरा से बढ़ाकर 5,500 रुपए प्रति मानक बोरा भुगतान का निर्णय

छत्तीसगढ़ के त्वरित विकास के लिए

- कटघोरा से डोंगरगढ़ रेल लाइन निर्माण के लिए 300 करोड़ रुपए का प्रावधान

सामान्य परिवारों के लिए

- प्रति माह 400 यूनिट तक आधे दाम पर बिजली प्रदाय का निर्णय

भ्रष्टाचार निवारण के लिए

- शासकीय योजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन की निगरानी के लिए 'अटल मॉनिटरिंग पोर्टल' की स्थापना का निर्णय
- कोल परिवहन की पारदर्शी प्रक्रिया के लिए ऑनलाइन परमिट व्यवस्था लागू करने का निर्णय

छत्तीसगढ़ी संस्कृति के संरक्षण व संवर्धन के लिए

- छत्तीसगढ़ के ऐतिहासिक और सांस्कृतिक महत्व के शहर राजिम के वैभव को फिर से स्थापित करने के लिए राजिम कुंभ (कल्प) का निर्णय

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'Govt to provide sand free for PM Housing'

Minister assures probe into illegal mining



Central Chronicle News
Raipur, Feb 20: Chhattisgarh Government would provide free sand for the Prime Minister Housing Scheme. Finance Minister OP Choudhary made an announcement in Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly while replying to a question related with illegal sand mining and transportation raised by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) member Rikesh Sen. Choudhary assured him that stern action would be taken against those involved in illegal sand mining and transportation during the Question Hour in absence of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai who holds the portfolio of Mineral Resources department. In his reply, Choudhary said that 12

of illegal mining in Sarguja region.

While replying to a question raised by the BJP MLA Lata Usendi, the Minister OP Choudhary said that free sand would be made available for the PM Housing Scheme.

Earlier, the Congress MLA Sheshraj Harvansh too raised the issue of violation of sand mines functioning. BJP MLA Dharmjeet Singh too expressed his concern over the illegal sand mining.

Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr Raman Singh asked the Minister to conduct a fortnight campaign to check the illegal mining activities across Chhattisgarh.

Utilise your knowledge for betterment of society and nation: Guv to students

27th convocation ceremony of Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University concludes



Raipur, Feb 20: The 27th convocation of Pt Ravi Shankar Shukla University, Raipur was held here today under the chairmanship of Governor and Chancellor Bishwabhusan Harichandan. Very special guest Higher Education Minister Brijmohan Agrawal and chief guest Prof. (Dr.) Buddha Rashmi Mani were present in the ceremony. Eminent poet Madhav Kaushik was given an honorary degree in the convocation ceremony. More than 45 thousand students were awarded gold medals, graduate, post-graduate and PhD degrees.

While congratulating the students getting their degrees, the Governor said that the students should use their knowledge for the betterment of the society and the nation. Students should work in the field of research on social justice, sustainable development, climate change and environment etc. which are burning issues and on which a lot of research needs to be done, Governor Harichandan said, adding that whole world is struggling with such challenges today. Apart from this, students should also pay equal attention to soft skills and moral values, he said. He called upon the students to work for the deprived class of people.

He said that the youth should come forward and work for the progress of

the nation and actively participate in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed India. National sentiment should be awakened among the students, he said.

It is a matter of happiness to see a large number of girls winning gold medals here today, said the Governor. According to him women constitute almost half of the world's population and are not only key stakeholders but also architects of the development process. This is not just your personal victory, it is a powerful testament to the limitless potential of women when empowered with the right opportunities and environment, he said. India is celebrating its Amrit Kaal under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Governor said, adding that

India's position today is very strong in the world.

The field of education is very broad, but its ultimate goal is the all-round development of the youth and connecting their skills with the mainstream of nation building, Higher Education Minister Brijmohan Agrawal said in his address. According to him innovation, inclusive education, technical ability and skill development have become important components of any education system in the present era. 'Our government has always been determined to give a new identity to higher education in the state', Agrawal said.

To reestablish India at the global level in the field of education, special emphasis will have to be given on quality teaching and research, said the Higher

Education Minister. He called for research that can play an important role in the development of Chhattisgarh and also prove beneficial for the people. Convocation speech was given by Prof. Dr. Buddha Rashmi Mani.

At the end of the program, mementos were presented to Governor Harichandan and other guests. After the ceremony, Governor Harichandan and other guests planted saplings in the university campus.

Vice Chancellor Professor Sachchidanand Shukla presented the report of the university at the function. Registrar Shailendra Patel, members of the University Executive Council, Dean of Faculty and a large number of students and their parents were present.

Devendra Pratap elected as RS member

Pays courtesy visit to Assembly Speaker Dr Raman Singh



Agrawal and several MLAs including Ajay Chandrakar were also present on the occasion.

Later, the newly-elected RS member Devendra Pratap Singh paid a courtesy visit to Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Speaker Dr Raman Singh

which the Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Brijmohan at his official chamber in Assembly premises.

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छत्तीसगढ़ महतारी की सेवा एवं प्रदेश के विकास हेतु प्रतिबद्ध, सरल, सहज एवं सौम्य व्यक्तित्व, छत्तीसगढ़ के यशस्वी मुख्यमंत्री माननीय विष्णु देव साय जी को जन्मदिन की हार्दिक बधाई एवं शुभकामनाएं...

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- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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by **Dr. Virendra Kumar**
Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment
(through video conferencing)

Date: 21st February, 2024
Time: 01:00pm

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IGP puts rank insignia on IPS Umesh Gupta

Bhilai, Feb 20:

Inspector General of Police (Durg Range) Ram Gopal Garg pinned rank insignia on trainee (IPS 2020) Umesh Gupta on his new posting after completion of practical training. After completing his training from District Durg, he will now handle the responsibility of City Superintendent of Police in Bilaspur.

As per the orders issued by Chhattisgarh Government Home Department, seven IPS officers have been given new posting as CSP after completion of probation



period. Information regarding new posting of all IPS officers was issued by Mahanadi Bhawan, Atal Nagar Nava Raipur. 2020 batch IPS Umesh Kumar

Gupta was undergoing practical training from Durg district. On his new posting, a star ceremony was organized at the office of Inspector General

of Police, Durg Range. IGP Ram Gopal Garg pinned star on Umesh Gupta and congratulated him for his new posting as City Superintendent of Police in District Bilaspur. Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Satish Thakur flagged off the rally. 152 women officers / employees participated in the rally after taking a pledge to follow traffic rules. On the instructions of Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary and Superintendent of Police Jitendra Shukla, a helmet and voter awareness women's bike rally was organized. 152 women officers, employees and teach-

Teachers take out helmet awareness rally

Bhilai, Feb 20:

Teachers and other female officers / employees of the Education Department took out a Helmet and Voter Awareness rally from District Education Office, Durg on Tuesday. Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Satish Thakur flagged off the rally.

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participated in the rally.

The event was organised under the leadership of Deputy Superintendent of Police (Traffic) Satish Thakur and Sandanand Vidhyaraj. Women officers, employees and teach-

ers of the District Education Office made an effort to make people aware about helmets.

The main objective of the rally was to make the drivers aware about wearing helmets, traffic rules and voting. The women

carried placards related to traffic rules. The rally began from Patel Chowk and moved across Indira Market, Agrasen Chowk, Green. Chowk, Rajendra Park Chowk, bus stand and ended at the District Education Office.

Adarsh District Hospital on the lines of AIIMS

Rajim, Feb 20:- As a result of the efforts of MLA Rohit Sahu in the health sector of the district, high level health facilities will soon start being available. And as a part of his efforts, an important announcement was made by the Health Minister in the Assembly in which it has been said that the hospital of Gariaband district will be made an Adarsh (model) district hospital and the main objective of this initiative is to promote the availability of high quality health facilities in the district. Sahu said that under this scheme, local citizens will soon start getting high level facilities like AIIMS and this will not only improve health services but will also lead to social and economic development of the people and 7 districts of the state are to be selected in this process, in which Gariaband district headquarters has been selected first. Rohit Sahu has inspired the government representatives to understand the seriousness of the health facilities of the district and take steps for the solution and has thanked Health Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal and Chief Minister Vishnu Dev for this initiative.

Dev Sanskriti students shine in BEd exams



Bhilai, Feb 20:

Results of BEd first and third semester were released recently. This year also, Dev Sanskriti Mahavidyalaya achieved 100 percent result. In the first year of BEd, first position was secured by Gagan Dewangan (83%), second position was secured by Abhishek Patil (82.25%) and Naju (82.25%) and third position was secured by Beena (81.5%). In BEd third semester, first position was secured by Aarti

Verma (87.7%), second position was secured by Mamta Soni (87.1%), third position was secured by Mamta Dewangan (84.85%).

College Director Jyoti Sharma and Principal Mamta Dubey congratulated the students for achieving excellent results and also inspired them to work harder. They appreciated the teachers of the college for their guidance and inspiration. All the teachers of the college congratulated the students and encouraged them.

Pravah sports and cultural fest concludes

Bhilai, Feb 20:

The annual sports festival Pravah 2024 was organized with great pomp and show at Shri Rawatpura Sarkar Group of Institutions, Kumhari. Different sports activities were organised in the three-day fest. Students of all the departments including Nursing, Pharmacy and Education participated enthusiastically. Great enthusiasm was seen in everyone to win the games.

Students from all the departments competed in different games and tried their best. On the last day of Pravah, the annual function was also organized along with a prize distribution ceremony for the winning players.

At the outset, the programme began with lighting of lamps and garlanding the portraits of Maharaj Shri and Maa Saraswati. This was followed by cultural programmes and distribution of medals. Dr JK Upadhyaya, Vice Chairman of Shri Rawatpura Government



Public Welfare Trust was present as the Chief Guest.

The guest of honour was Dr Deependra Singh, Associate Professor of Pharmacy in Pt Ravi Shankar Shukla University and member of PCI and from Government College of Nursing. Principal Rama Rajesh was the special guest.

Glimpses of diverse regions were seen in cultur-

al programs. Zeal and enthusiasm was seen among the students in the annual function. Besides, all the students participated in the cultural programmes. Folk dances of Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Gujarat, etc were staged. Along with dancing, students also displayed their talent in singing.

The winners of different sports competitions were encouraged with

medals. The guests said that sports make a person disciplined as well as promote physical and mental health. At the conclusion of the programme, teachers also did a ramp walk with the students.

All the teachers presented a memento to the campus director. In the end, the Campus Director expressed his gratitude for making this event a success.

Obituary Govind Singh Rajput



Bhilai: Retired teacher Govind Singh Rajput left for heavenly abode at the age of 74 years. He had participated in Kar Sewa for Ram Janmabhoomi Temple at Ayodhya. Funeral procession was taken out from his residence situated at Ajay Medical, Kohka and last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. He was the father of Ashok Singh Rajput, Navendra Singh Rajput and Ajay Singh Rajput.

Free health camp at Dhaurabhatha

Bhilai, Feb 20:

Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts several public welfare activities as part of its organizational social responsibility towards the community in and around its areas of operations. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the Plant organized a one-day free Health Camp, at Village Dhaurabhatha on 20th February 2024.

A total of 41 villagers, including 11 men, 28 women, and 02 children from Village Dhaurabhatha, availed free health services at the day-long health camp. Free



medicines were also distributed to villagers attending the camps at both Dhaurabhatha.

The Medical Team from CSR department, comprising Dr Saif Ali,

Pharmacist Khilawan Kumbhkar, Nurse Rekha Dev for Blood-Sugar and BP examination and Shambhu Dayal, for registration, volunteered their services for the medical

camp at village Dhaurabhatha. Sita Sinha from the CSR department was also present during the Health Camp.

It is noteworthy that conducting Health Camps is one of the prime initiatives, through which BSP's CSR Department has contributed substantially towards Public Health and medicine. The CSR Department of Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts health camps from time to time in the adjoining areas or mines, with the aim of ensuring adequate Medical and health facilities to the communities within which it works.

Management training programme held

Bhilai, Feb 20:

Department of Management Studies, St Thomas College Ruabandha, Bhilai in collaboration with DMTIMS Navi Mumbai organized management training programme and scholarship examination for BBA second and final year students. Dr Susen Varghese, Director, DMTIMS Navi Mumbai was the keynote speaker and training expert of this program. Mahendra Ikhari, Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies presented an overview of the training program.



Principal of the college Dr MG Roymon congratulated the management department for organizing such a nice and innovative training program. Administrator Fr Dr Joshi Varghese gave his best wishes for the successful program. Dr Susan R Abraham, Head,

Department of Management Studies said that the management department is always committed towards the overall personality development of students. On this occasion Priyanka Ganjir, Assistant Professor, Department of

Management Studies and students of BBA Second and Final Year were present. The program was successfully conducted by Tanisha Chouhan, Student of BBA Second Year. All the participants were awarded participation certificates in the program.

Applications invited for "Protsahan" Merit Scholarship

Bhilai, Feb 20:

Bhilai Steel Plant's Education Department is inviting applications from BSP's contractual workers for grant of scholarships to their meritorious wards for the academic year 2022-2023, under SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Protsahan Scheme.

Candidates may collect the common application form along with circulars, from the Education Department, Russian Complex, Sector- 7, Bhilai, or Contract Labour Cell. 30th April 2024 is the last date for applying for the scheme.

The "Protsahan" Scheme is run under SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's CSR initiative, to recog-

nize and motivate the wards of contractual workers engaged in Bhilai Steel Plant for their meritorious academic performance. The top 50 students of each class, who have qualified in classes 8th, 10th, and 12th, in the Academic Session 2022-2023, shall be awarded Rs 5,000/-, 8,000/- and 10,000/- respectively, under the Protsahan Scheme.

Meritorious Wards of those Contractual Workers who have served at the Plant for a period not less than 03 months from 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2023, having passed classes 08th, 10th, and 12th, in the academic year 2022-23 are eligible to register for Protsahan Awards.

Application Forms of the interested eligible candidates along with self-attested copies of the Aadhaar Cards of the contractual worker and student, copies of relevant class (8th/10th/12th) and previous year marks list attested by the school principal, account details of the student, along with letter of declaration by the contract worker must duly be verified by Personnel (Contract Labor Cell) before submission.

The duly filled and verified Application Forms, along with supporting documents, may be submitted to the Education Department, Russian Complex, Sector- 7, Bhilai, by 30th April 2024.

ED Mines receives Safe & Sustainable Mining Development Award

■ At IConSSMT-2024 International Conference

Bhilai, Feb 20:

Bipin Kumar Giri, ED (Mines) from Bhilai Steel Plant was awarded the prestigious 'Safe & Sustainable Mining Development Award' at the International Conference on Safe & Sustainable Mining Technologies, and Mining EXPO (IConSSMT-2024). The three-day programme is being organized by the Ministry of Coal, Government of India, in association with the Indian Mining Engineering Journal, at AKS University, Satna, Madhya Pradesh, from 19th February to 21st February 2024.

BK Giri, ED (Mines), who was the guest of hon-



our at IConSSMT-2024, was conferred this accolade at the inaugural function on 19th February, for his contribution to the growth of the mining sector; and for promoting safe and sustainable mining practices, while serving as the unit head at SAIL Gua Iron Ore Mines, at West

Singbhum, Jharkhand. BK Giri appreciated the AKS University, Satna for organizing the IConSSMT-2024, in his address, and shared his insights and experiences on the importance of safety in sustainable mining practices, and environmental conservation. We need to conserve

the basic elements of nature like air, water, and earth. The students of this university and delegates present are future ambassadors of India's development. You all must take an oath to protect the environment from depletion. To make India a sustainably developed country we need to opt for frugal solutions by utilizing the latest technology, Bipin Kumar Giri, said.

The three-day International Conference IConSSMT-2024 is focused on Sustainable Development in Mining & Exploration Techniques, Rock Excavation, Coal/Ore Processing, Ecology, and Environmental Issues. There are also 16 Sub-themes which include crucial topics such as Climate Change-Initiative, Mine Planning, the Role of IT in

Mining, Environmental Management, Mines Safety (Management, Assessment & Audit), etc.

Supported by the Ministry of Coal, Govt of India, the International Conference on Mining, along with the Mining EXPO is organized every year at the AKS University, Satna, in which reputed mining organizations such as the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), Coal India Limited, Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC), etc., also take part. Several delegates representing prestigious institutions from overseas countries including Australia, Sweden, Turkey, Bangladesh, etc, are taking part in this year's International Conference on Safe & Sustainable Mining Technologies-2024.

HC allows Suwendu visit to Sandeshkhali

Says surprising that Shajahan Sheikh not arrested yet

Kolkata, Feb 20 (PTI):

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday allowed Leader of Opposition in West Bengal Assembly Suwendu Adhikari to visit the restive Sandeshkhali, while observing that it is surprising that TMC leader Shajahan Sheikh has not been arrested by the state police so far.

Sandeshkhali has been witnessing protests over allegations of sexual atrocities on women and land grab by some local Trinamool Congress leaders and Shajahan Sheikh is one of the key accused. A division bench presided by Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam refused to



BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari during a visit to Sandeshkhali, in North 24 Parganas district, Tuesday.

interfere with a single bench order that allowed Adhikari and another BJP MLA Shankar Ghosh to visit Sandeshkhali on Tuesday. "It is rather surprising

that the person who is said to be the core for the problem being precipitated cannot be apprehended still and is on the run, defying law," the division bench said.

Sheikh has been absconding since January 5, when a team of ED officers were assaulted by a mob when they tried to raid his residence in connection with a corruption case.

Stating that the court does not know whether he is being protected or not, the bench said that the fact remains that he has not been secured.

"It could mean that the state police machinery doesn't have the wherewithal to secure him or (he) is outside the jurisdiction of the state police," the court observed during the hearing of an appeal by the state government challenging the single bench order, which had also stayed imposition of Section 144 of CrPC in some areas of Sandeshkhali by the administration.

CONG PROTEST



Congress workers stage a protest against the central government over freezing of some bank accounts of the Congress party by the Income Tax department, at Jagdalpur in Bastar district, Tuesday.

Local lads secure an overall 100 NTA score

In JEE Main 2024 Session 1 Results

Mumbai, Jan 20:

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has declared the results of the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main 2024 Session 1. The exam was held on January 29th, 30th, 31st & February 1st, 2024. The Second and final session will be held from 4th April to 15th April 2024. The best of two results will be considered for the final merit list of JEE Main 2024. The Cut-off marks for JEE Advanced 2024 will be shared only at the time of the result of JEE Main 2024 after second and final session.

"I with pride wholeheartedly congratulate all our students and their parents on this great achievement. This is the result of their focus, dedication, and hard work. I also would like to congratulate and thank the faculty and other team members of the FIITJEE family, it is their well-coordinated untiring efforts with honesty and dedication, that have borne the fruit. Now the next target is to secure good ranks in JEE Advanced, and I wish all the very best to all the aspirants. FIITJEE is the fruit of the realization that it bridges the gap in school education system leaves in training young minds toward the deep conceptual pursuit of science education. Even students who do well in school often fail to do well in competitive examinations because they lack in-depth conceptual understanding and analytical skills despite having high IQs, and we train them effectively to perform better in the exams and fulfil their dreams. The success of our students in JEE year after year bears testimony to the fact that year on year our unique innovative methodology of teaching has succeeded in bringing out the best in students. We are very proud of the achievements of our students and faculty," says R L Trikha, Director, FIITJEE Group.

Anti-EVM group demands return to ballot paper system of voting

New Delhi, Feb 20 (PTI):

An anti-EVM group headed by Congress leader Udit Raj on Tuesday claimed the present electronic voting machine system was not end-to-end verifiable, making it "unfit" for democratic elections, and demanded a return to the ballot paper method.

Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) have been trying to meet the Election Commission but were unsuccessful. A protest will be launched on February 22 against using EVMs for voting, he said.

The 'EVM Hatao Morcha' is a common platform of NGOs, the INDIA bloc parties, social organisations, intellectuals and citizens of the country.

Raj, a spokesperson and national convener of 'EVM Hatao Morcha', said the Congress and the

न्यायालय कलेक्टर महासमुन्द
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प्र. क्र. 46/121 वीं 2023-24 ई-कोर्ट नंबर-202401120100004
ग्राम-पडकोपाली तहसील-बायलगाहा

पश्कार-बैंक ऑफ इंडिया शाखा-महासमुन्द विक्टोरिया रोड, न्यायालय भवन, महासमुन्द (छ.ग.)
प्रति,
मेसर्स स्वामिक फ्लॉइड एस चिक्क प्रो. भागीरथी चंद्रकार, ग्राम पडकोपाली, तहसील बायलगाहा जिला महासमुन्द (छ.ग.)

आह्वान: मेसर्स स्वामिक फ्लॉइड एस चिक्क प्रो. भागीरथी चंद्रकार, ग्राम पडकोपाली, तहसील बायलगाहा जिला महासमुन्द (छ.ग.) को सूचित किया जाता है कि कलेक्टर, महासमुन्द के न्यायालय में प्रकरण क्रमांक ई-कोर्ट नंबर 202401120100004 प्र. क्र. 46 वीं 121 वीं 2023-24 में आवेदन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया शाखा-महासमुन्द के द्वारा धारा-14 विलियम ऑक्टिविटी को प्रतिभूतिकरण एवं सुनौदण और प्रतिभूतिकरण का प्रवर्तन अधिनियम, 2002 के तहत ग्राम पडकोपाली, प.ह.नं. 65/24, रा.पि.नं. खल्लारी, तहसील बायलगाहा में स्थित संपत्ति सुरक्षा नंबर 126/2 रकबा 22650 वर्गफुट सारस 9-भाग को भीतिक अधिनियम/कानून दिनांक जून 11, 1960 के अधिनियम के अंतर्गत प्रकृत किया गया है। जिसका प्रकरण इस न्यायालय में विवादाधीन है।

आह्वान: उक्त सूचना पत्र के माध्यम से आपको सूचित किया जाता है कि न्यायालय कलेक्टर, महासमुन्द के समक्ष दिनांक 26.02.2024 को दौर्भाग 3.00 बजे स्वयं उपस्थित होने अधिनियम के माध्यम से उपस्थित होकर अपना पक्ष रख सकते हैं। उक्त दिनांक को उपस्थित नहीं होने की स्थिति में प्रकरण में अग्रिम कार्यवाही कर ली जाएगी।

(न्यायालय के आवेदनपत्रसंग)
सूचक
डिप्टी कलेक्टर
वास्तु, कलेक्टर, महासमुन्द

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR
Civil B No. 4699/2023
date / 2023
first appeal. No. 483/2021

The Member Motor Accident Claim Tribunal, Yavatmal, (M.A.C.P.No. 108/2013

Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd., Having Office at Shop No. 412, 413, 4th floor, Ravi Bhavan Jaisthambh Chowk, Raipur-492001 Having Branch Office at Ayodhya Building, First Floor, 119 Near Bajaj Nagar Chowk Behind Akruiti Furnitures, Bajaj Nagar, Nagpur. Thr, Its Authorized Legal Officer

VS
Sau, Rekha Ashokrao Thakre & Others
Respondent

To
R. No. 4 : Premkumar Agrawal R/O., Devendra Complex, Shop No.4, R.R No.2 Tatibandh Raipur (chhattisgarh)

R. No.4.
Take notice that first appeal No. 483/2021 is filed by Mr. H.N verma, adv for appellant challenging the award dtd. 16/11/2018, passed by the Member Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Yavatmal, (M.A.C.P.No. 108/2013) As the service could not be effected by regular process, the Registrar Judicial court order dated 07th November, 2023 permitted to serve notice to R. No. 4 by paper publication in terms of order 5 rule 20 (1-A) of C.P.C

You are therefore directed to take notice that the hearing of the said first appeal will take place within four weeks from the date of publication of notice or on any subsequent day which to this court may seem convenient. Therefore you have to appear in person or by advocate in this court. If no appearance is made on your behalf by yourself, your advocate or someone authorized by law to act for you in first appeal, it will be heard and decided ex-part in your absence.

Witness Mr. Devendra Kumar Uapadhya, the chief justice at Bombay aforesaid this 07th November, 2023

By the Court
(Mrs. A.S. Kothale)

YES BANK YES BANK LIMITED
Regd. & Corporate Office: Yes Bank House, Off Western Express Highway, Santacruz East, Mumbai - 400055. CIN: L65190MH2003PL143249.

APPENDIX IV [Refer Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of YES Bank Limited (herein under referred as the "bank") under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (herein referred as "the Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, had issued a demand notice dated 27.10.2023, calling upon 1. Mr. Sunil Kumar Sahu & 2. Mr. Taran Lal Sahu, to repay sum aggregating to Rs. 33,57,936.38/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six and Thirty Eight paise only) under the Loan A/c No. MIC004701435785, due as on 20.10.2023, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice being under section 13(2) of the Act.

The Borrowers/ security providers having failed to repay the amount within the stipulated time period hence this notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ security providers and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken 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 on 19.02.2024.

The Borrowers/ security providers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned below and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for a repay sum aggregating to Rs. 33,57,936.38/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six and Thirty Eight paise only) under the Loan A/c No. MIC004701435785, due as on 20.10.2023, together with all the other amounts outstanding including the costs, charges, expenses and interest thereto.

Please note that under Section 13 (8) of the aforesaid Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Details of the security/security interest details of the mortgaged property
All That residential house built on ground floor, comprising approximately a total area of 2240 Sq.ft., situated at Mouza- Uria, Kharsa No. 569/12, P.H. No. 1777, R.I.C. Durg-2, Sikola (New), Ward No. 56 (Old), 58 (New), Tahsil and Dist.- Durg (CG) & butted and bounded as follows: North: 15 feet wide road, South: Land of Rama Sahu, East: 20 feet wide road, West: Land of Mayaram.

Place: Durg, CG (Authorized Officer)
Date: 19.02.2024 YES Bank Limited

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL
PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING
Aditya Birla Finance Ltd.

Registered Office : Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362266
Branch Office: Room No 401, 4th floor, Camac Square, 24, Camac Street, Kolkata - 700016.

"APPENDIX- IV-A"
[See proviso to rule 8 (6) r/w proviso rule 9(1)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (54 of 2002).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited, the mortgage properties will be sold through E-Auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 12th March, 2024 for recovery of Rs.15,62,724.82/- (Rupees Six Crores Fifteen Lakhs Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Four and Paise Eighty Two Only) (This amount is exclusive of TDS Calculation and Pre-Payment Charges, as applicable) as on 28-04-2023 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization due to the Secured Creditor from Borrowers/co-Borrowers/Mortgagors namely, 1. Ms RAHUL TRADING COMPANY (Borrower), Proprietorship Concern represented by its Proprietor Mr. Navneet Gupta, 2. NAVNEET GUPTA (Proprietor/Mortgagor/Guarantor), 3. LEENA GUPTA (Guarantor/Mortgagor), 4. CHANDER GUPTA (Guarantor/Mortgagor), 5. NEELAM GUPTA (Guarantor), 6. M/s C.G. TRADING COMPANY (Guarantor), Proprietorship Concern represented by its Proprietor Mr. Chandar Gupta. The reserve price will be Rs.8,90,35,806/- (Rupees Eight Crores Ninety Lakhs Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.89,03,580.90/- (Rupees Eighty-Nine Lakhs Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty and Paise Eighty Only) for PROPERTY-1 mentioned below. Whereas the reserve price will be Rs.62,00,955/- (Rupees Sixty-Two Lakhs Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.6,20,095.50/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Twenty Thousand Ninety-Five and Paise Fifty Only) for PROPERTY-2 mentioned below.

Description of the Immovable Properties

PROPERTY-I:- All that piece and parcel of land located at Village- Kumhar, P.H. No. 46, Revenue Circle, Ahi Bara Development Block Dhamdha, Tahsil - Damdha, District - Durg (C.G.), land under possession and ownership Agricultural land (duly converted to commercial), Nature - Non Irrigated Bhalta, Kharsa No. 1450/3, and 1450/6 (remaining part), Area - 0.205 hectare i.e., 0.51 acre rent Rs.0.60 which is situated at a distance at more than 400 ft of G.E Road (Main Road) and which has been shown in the Patwar Map annexed to the Deed (which will be annexed as separate part of the Deed). There is no tree, well, etc. in the land, the land is within the area of Municipal Corporation and butted and bounded as:
On the North: Land of the Family of Owner, On the South- Land of the Family of Owner
On the East- Land of Owner, On the West- Land of Railway

PROPERTY-II:- All that part and parcel of the property being apartment constructed within the land parcel D-7, Sector 30 Naya Raipur situated at Village - Nawagaon, P.C.No. 18, R/C- Mandir Hasaud, Naya Raipur, Tahsil- Aarang, Dist. Raipur C.G bearing Apartments No. 802, 4BHK, Floor 8th of Block "A" Tower- 1, Mayfair having area under possession 2510 sq.ft. carpet area 1865 sq. ft. (owned by Shri. Navneet Gupta) butted and bounded as:
On the North: By Open Space, On the South: By Open Space
On the East: By Open Space, On the West: Stair Case Lobby
Including an undivided proportionate share in all that piece and parcel of land/surface comprised in Kharsa No. 650/2, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658 and 670 total 255388 sq.ft. covered by G.T file spaces D-7, Sector-30, Naya Raipur (C.G) butted and bounded as:-
On the North: Plot No. D-6, On the South: Plot No. D-8 and Green Area
On the East: 9M wide spill and Green Area, On the West: 24M wide Road

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://mortgagefinance.adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/Individual/Properties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx> or <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>

Date: 20th February, 2024 Authorized Officer
Place: Kumhari-Durg & Raipur [Chhattisgarh] For Aditya Birla Finance Limited

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL
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Registered Office- Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362266
Branch Office- G-Corp Tech Park, 8th floor, Kasar Wadavali, Ghodbunder Road, Thane, MH-400601

DEMAND NOTICE
(under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s.13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the borrowers as mentioned below that since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited (ABHFL), their loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of the Company as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, ABHFL has issued demand notices under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereon calling upon and demanding from them to repay the entire outstanding amount together with further interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the demand notices is also being served by way of publication, as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules):

Sl. No.	Name and Address Borrower / Co-Borrower and Guarantor / Co-Guarantor & Loan A/C No.	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice	Amount due as per Demand Notice / as on Date
1.	MR. PIYUSH VANWARI Flat No. 601, 6th Floor, Block No. F, Rda Kamal Vihar Sec-01, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 2. MRS. RESHMA VANWARI Flat No. 601, 6th Floor, Block No. F, Rda Kamal Vihar Sec-01, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 3. MR. PUROOSHOTTAM VANWARI Flat No. 601, 6th Floor, Block No. F, Rda Kamal Vihar Sec-01, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 4. MR. PIYUSH VANWARI Street No. 01, Rajiv Gandhi Ward No. 22, Near Amit Sales Ganj, Faladhi, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492009. 5. MRS. PIYUSH VANWARI C/O Rampwalk Sadar Bazar Near Sbi Alm, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 6. MRS. RESHMA VANWARI Street No. 01, Rajiv Gandhi Ward No. 22, Near Amit Sales Ganj, Faladhi, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492009. 7. MR. PUROOSHOTTAM VANWARI Street No. 01, Rajiv Gandhi Ward No. 22, Near Amit Sales Ganj, Faladhi, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492009. 8. MR. PUROOSHOTTAM VANWARI H.No. 4/598, Raipur Faladhi, Gali No. 1, Ward No. 022, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001. 9. MRS. RESHMA VANWARI H.No. 4/598, Raipur Faladhi, Gali No. 1, Ward No. 022, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001.	08-02-2024	16.02.2024	Rs. 9,51,193,19/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty One Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three and Nineteen Paise Only) by way of outstanding principal areas (including accrued late charges) and interest till 12.02.2024

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/PROPERTIES MORTGAGED: All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Flat No. 601, Admeasuring 500 Sq. Ft., 6th Floor, Block No. F, Situated At Rda Kamal Vihar Vojna, Sec-01, Lig 3th Flats, Raipur, Chhattisgarh- 492001.

We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount (s) together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. thereon failing which we shall be at liberty to enforce the security interest including but not limited to taking possession of and selling the secured asset entirely at your risk as to the cost and consequences.

Please note that as per section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consent of the Company. Any contravention of the said section by you shall invoke the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard.

Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of ABHFL together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by ABHFL are tendered to ABHFL at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by ABHFL, and no further step shall be taken by ABHFL or transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Date: 21.02.2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: RAIPUR (Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited)

AVANSE FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
Registered Address: 001 & 002, Fulcrum Business Center- A Wing, Near Hyatt Regency Hotel, Ashok Nagar, Sahar Road, Andher (E), Mumbai 400 099
Branch Address: Avanse Financial Services Ltd, 02nd Floor Kamla Tower, Street No.8-A, New Shanti Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001

SALE NOTICE/ E-AUCTION
(Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
06th E-Auction 15 days Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower(s), or their legal heirs/ representatives that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Avanse Financial Services Ltd (AFSL) on 15th March, 2023, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse basis" on 07/03/2024, for recovery of Rs.3,28,59,045/- (Rupees Three Crores Twenty Eight Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand & Forty Five Only) outstanding as on 23rd June 2022, along with further interest and additional/Penal Interest from 24th June, 2022, due to the Secured Creditor i.e. Avanse Financial Services Ltd. from Gem Learning Services Private Limited (through its Directors & Other Officials), as Borrower, Biswajit Chatteraj, Manomohan Chatteraj, Satendra Shrivastava, Shikha Shrivastava Sikshoday Education and Research Foundation and Soumi chatteraj, as the Co-Borrowers.

The reserve price will be Rs. 56,50,000/- & the earnest money deposit will be Rs.5,65,000/-

Description of Secured Asset	Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs) Incremental Amount	Earnest Money (Rs)	Date of Inspection
Plot No. I-II, comprising area 1500 Sq. Ft. or 139.40 Sq. Mt., comprised in Part of Kharsa No. 414/2, 415/2, 658/1, 659/1, 669/1, 673, 674/1 & 675, situated at Mouja Kapa, P.H. No. 109, R.I.C. Raipur-1, Tahsil & District Raipur (C.G.)	PHYSICAL	Rs. 56,50,000/-	Rs. 5,65,000/-	02 nd and 03 rd March 2024 between 11.00 am to 01.00 pm.

The description of the property that will be put up for sale is in the Schedule. The sale will also be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the "Authorized Officer" or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid. At the sale, the public generally is invited to submit their tender personally. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

If the Borrower pays the amount due to the Avanse Financial Services Ltd. (AFSL) in full before the date of sale, the sale is liable to be stopped. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions:

The E-auction will take place through portal <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> or Auctiontiger Mobile App (Android) and also physically in our office on 07/03/2024 between 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 minutes each.

- The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once again be put up to auction.
- The Property shall not be sold below the reserve price.
- Bid Increment amount will be Rs. 25,000/-.
- All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favoring the "Avanse Financial Services Limited," payable at Avanse Financial Services Ltd, 02nd Floor Kamla Tower, Street No.8-A, New Shanti Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001" before 5.00 PM on the said 06-March-2024 and The Demand Drafts will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders.
- The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot provided always that he is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the amount bid by him is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the "Authorized Officer" to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it advisable to do so.
- For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the "Authorized Officer" to adjourn/discontinue the sale.
- Inspection of the property is fixed on 02 and 03rd March 2024 between 11.00 am to 01.00 pm and also may be done with prior appointment with Authorised Officer. (Plz call to Mr. Rahul Vishwakarma (Mobile No. 7974144736) and/or Mr. Ashish Chaturvedi on 9321413969.
- The person declared as bid winner shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit twenty-five per cent (25%) of the purchase amount to the "Authorized Officer" and, in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold.
- In case the initial deposit is made as above said, the balance amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the "Authorized Officer" on or before the 15th day from the date of confirmation of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. In default of payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be resold, after the issue of a fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit shall stand forfeited to the Avanse Financial Services Ltd. and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all the claims over the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.
- Details of any encumbrances, known to the Avanse Financial Services Ltd., to which the property is liable: Nil. Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value: Nil Nothing other than the above
- For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider, E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. Name: Ram Sharma, Email Id : ramshing@auctiontiger.net & Contact No. 8000023297.
- For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in the website i.e. <https://www.avanse.com/> and/or <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net>.
- Notice: The intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer Mr. Rahul Vishwakarma (Mobile No.7974144736) /Email id: rahul.vishwakarma@avanse.com and also to Ashish Chaturvedi 9321413969 / Email id : ashish.chaturvedi@avanse.com.

Place: Raipur Sd/-
Date: 21 February, 2024 Authorized Officer For Avanse Financial Services Ltd.

Indian Bank
POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable Property)
[Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Whereas:
The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 03/11/2023 Calling upon the borrower M/s Dineshwar Traders with our Durg Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 1770403.08/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Three rupees and Eight paise only) (Cash Credit- Rs. 920960.24/-, Term Loan Rs. 231065.59/-, Term loan (GECL) Rs. 565868.12, Term Loan (FITL) Rs. 52509.13/-) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of Rs. 1770403.08/- and interest thereon.

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Property situated at KH No. 906/1, PH No. 25/35, Vinyakpura, PO: Anda, Tah/Dist-Durg (CG) Area 40888 sqft. Boundaries (As per Sale Deed): North: Road, South: Land of Ful Singh, East: Land of Dilip, West: Road

Date: 21.02.2024, Place- Durg
Authorised Officer (Indian Bank)

Infrastructure devp set for significant enhancements

■ **MLA Dilip Lahariya secures Rs 92 crore 34 lakh for infrastructure development in Masturi assembly constituency**

Masturi, Feb 20:

MLA Dilip Lahariya has successfully secured a provision of Rs 92 crore 34 lakh dedicated to the expansion of irrigation and road facilities within the assembly constituency.

Committed to addressing the needs of the local populace, this allocation will ensure a myriad of improvements, ranging from the upgradation and reconstruction of key water channels like Son to Sarara Nala 7 to the main-



tenance and lining work of various branch canals connected to essential reservoirs such as Kharang and Nargora.

Furthermore, the allocated funds will facilitate the construction of anicuts and stop dams at

strategic locations, contributing to the overall enhancement of irrigation efficiency in the region. Additionally, plans include the establishment of rest houses and the construction of school buildings, underscoring a holistic approach towards community development.

Moreover, the provision extends to vital road infrastructure projects, encompassing the much-needed construction and repair of bridges, culverts, and roads across Masturi.

Through diligent efforts and effective representation, MLA Dilip Lahariya has ensured that the people of Masturi will benefit significantly from these essential infrastructure developments, marking a milestone in the region's progress and prosperity.

Community development initiative by Gaindlal Joshi



Nandini Ahiwara, Feb 20: In a proactive step towards community welfare, social worker Gaindlal Joshi from Birebhat village engaged in a constructive dialogue with Durg Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary. The discussion centered on fostering social development for the Bhadri Joshi community, with Gaindlal Joshi extending a cordial invitation to the Collector to visit Birebhat village.

13 couples tied knots in mass marriage ceremony

■ **Under Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Yojana**

Dongargaon, Feb 20:

The Women and Child Development Department of Dongargaon orchestrated a memorable mass marriage ceremony in the neighboring village of Bagdai on February 17. Under the benevolent umbrella of the Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Yojana, 13 couples embarked on their journey of marital bliss, symbolizing the triumph of love over financial constraints.

The Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Yojana, a flagship initiative aimed at empowering girls from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, stands as a beacon of hope, endeavoring to curb extravagant wed-



ding expenses and eradicate the scourge of the dowry system. The mass marriage ceremony held in village Bagdai exemplified the program's noble objectives, fostering a spirit of inclusivity and social harmony.

Amidst jubilant celebrations, the wedding procession, adorned with musical accompaniments and resounding fireworks, escorted the grooms to the sacred

mandap, where they awaited the arrival of their brides. The auspicious ceremony unfolded amidst the chanting of Vedic mantras, as each couple exchanged vows, solemnizing their union with the sacred fire as witness.

Distinguished guests and esteemed members of the District Panchayat, including Indumati Sahu, Jagriti Chumni Yadu,

Nirmala Sinha, and Bhuvaneshwari Sahu, graced the occasion with their blessings, bestowing heartfelt wishes upon the newlyweds. As a gesture of support and encouragement, each bride received a monetary grant of Rs 21,000, alongside gift items and a marriage certificate, symbolizing the government's commitment to ensuring their welfare.

Huge quantity of Mahua liquor seized by Excise Dept

Mahasamund, Feb 20:

In order to prevent possible loss of life due to consumption of illegally distilled Mahua liquor and to protect the excise revenue, Excise Circle Saraipali is taking continuous action against raw liquor. On Saturday, on the basis of informer's information, excise team Saraipali seized illegal raw hand kiln Mahua liquor, total quantity 150 liters, from the possession of Rinku Kumhar, aged 34 years, of Village Amlipadar Police Station Baloda and registered Section 34(2) of Chhattisgarh Excise Act 1915 against the accused. After registering a crime under Section 59(a), he has been sent to jail after obtaining remand from the Honorable Court. The above action was taken



under the leadership of Excise Circle Saraipali in-charge, Assistant District Excise Officer Uttam Buddha Bhardwaj, in which excise constable Khiniram Khunte, city constable Pradeep Pradhan, Balkrishna Pradhan and excise staff were present.

Banned drugs dealer in police custody

■ **Two peddlers, one supplier arrested**

Gaurela Pendra Marwahi, Feb 20: In a bid to tackle drug addiction effectively, Superintendent of Police Bhavna Gupta, under the guidance of Additional Superintendent of Police Manisha Thakur and Sub-Divisional Officer of Police Shyam Kumar Sidar, conducted a meeting with all police station in-charges and medical operators. The aim was to address the rampant drug trade in the district and instruct action against it.

Following this, Gaurela police station received information about two individuals found in an intoxicated state near Baba Pond. Upon investigation, they revealed they had been purchasing intoxicated medical drugs from Babli Sahu of Sarbahara and Nasreen Ali of



Purana Gaurela. They also implicated Prince Rajak of Gaurela as the one supplying the drugs.

Gaurela police station immediately alerted senior officers.

Superintendent of Police Bhavna Gupta, Additional Superintendent of Police Manisha Thakur Raote, and Sub-Divisional Officer of Police Shyam Kumar Sidar, under Gaurela po-

lice station's guidance, directed immediate action.

Teams from Gaurela and Pendra police stations, along with the Cyber Cell, swiftly apprehended all three suspects after confirming their locations. Substantial seizures were made during the operation.

One accused was found in possession of 14 Buprenorphine IP injections, 48 Avil IP injections, 8 mobile phones, and a sale amount of Rs 3,600.

Babli Sahu was found with 17 Buprenorphine IP injections, 62 Avil IP injections, 1 mobile phone, and a sale amount of Rs 4,400.

Nasreen was found with 12 Buprenorphine IP injections, 31 Avil IP injections, 1 mobile phone, and a sale amount of Rs 1,000.

The accused were arrested in accordance with the provisions of the Narcotic Act, marking a significant step in combating drug peddling in the region.

Union Minister Rupala lauds Manohar Gaushala's innovations

Khairagarh, Feb 20:

Akhil Jain (Padam Dakalia), trustee of Manohar Gaushala, had a fruitful meeting with Union Animal Husbandry Minister Purushottam Rupala at Raipur Airport.

During the meeting, Minister Rupala received updates on the commendable work carried out at the Gaushala from Dakalia. He expressed keen interest in visiting the Gaushala to pay homage to Kamdhenu Gaumata and to gain insights into their operations.

Highlighting the Gaushala's contributions, Minister Rupala underscored the importance of research initiatives like Fasal Amrit, which are poised to benefit farmers across the nation. He emphasized the significance of recognizing the value of cows, noting their multifaceted utility, including the beneficial uses of cow



dung and cow urine.

Dakalia presented Minister Rupala with symbolic artifacts representing the Gaushala's dedication to preserving indigenous traditions and promoting sustainable agriculture. Additionally, he briefed the Minister on the forthcoming construction of the state's largest veterinary hospital at Manohar Gaushala.

Minister Rupala assured that concerted efforts would be made to ensure that initiatives like Fasal Amrit reach farmers nationwide, furthering agricultural prosperity and sustainability.

Anganwadi workers stage protest regarding eight-point demands

Khairagarh, Feb 20:

Under the banner of Chhattisgarh Anganwadi Workers Helpers Association, Anganwadi workers and helpers demonstrated by taking a one-day collective holiday at the district headquarters regarding their eight-point demands. Anganwadi workers and assistants took part in large numbers in the protest rally organized in front of the SDM office and raised their voices regarding their demands. The demands include, direct promotion of workers without age restriction and exami-



nation, hiring of assistants on vacant posts of workers, amendment in service recruitment rules, adjustment of fresh workers on the post of workers, in case of sudden death of worker assistants, a family member A rally was taken out from the protest site to the Collectorate demanding provision of compas-

sionate appointment, providing gas cylinders in every center for cooking hot food, refilling should be done by the department when empty, and a memorandum was submitted to the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister regarding the demands. District President of the organization Lata Tiwari said that the Anganwadi workers associated with the organization took out a rally and dharna regarding their 8-point legitimate demands and submitted a memorandum to the government representatives and hopefully our legitimate demands will be met.

Every effort being made for better health of patients: Health Minister Jaiswal

Korea, Feb 20:

State Public Health and Family Welfare Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, during his stay in Korea last month, along with Baikunthpur MLA Bhaiya Lal Rajwade, here inspected the District Hospital, the newly under construction District Hospital and the Maternity-Child Hospital. He also took information about various problems and needs and in the presence of the Chief Minister on the occasion of Jhumka Water Festival on February 1, he had also talked about providing high level facilities to the District Hospital of Korea and posting of doctors in various hospitals soon. Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal also said that our government is committed to posting spe-



cialist doctors and staff with better health infrastructure in remote, tribal, plain and rural areas so that patients can get better health benefits. In this series, Directorate of Health Services, Raipur has issued posting order for MD, MBBS doctors in District Hospital Baikunthpur along with a large number of MBBS doctors in community and primary hospital centres. The Directorate of Health Services has clearly mentioned in its order that these contract doctors will have to take charge within 15 days.

Three-day training class on Pipetrie Stage under NEP

Kharora, Feb 20:

A three-day training class on Pipetrie Stage subject Hindi under the National Education Policy 2020 of the Raipur Department by Vidya Bharati Saraswati Shiksha Sansthan completed here at Saraswati Shishu Mandir Higher Secondary School, Kharora. Leeladhar Chandrakar was the chief guest at the closing ceremony and special guest was Ramkumar Verma (Raipur Department Coordinator) and Honorable Sitaram Yadav (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Kharora sub-division block director). It was said by the Chief Guest that this Hindi training is being given by our Vidya Bharati Education Institute on a regular basis so that the brothers and sisters



continue to develop. Our organization is known by the name of our culture and values. But since some time we have to face many situations, from the coming session the National New Education Policy 2020 will be fully implemented in our institution, he said. In this training, under the National Education Policy, training was given by the trainers on game-based teaching, activity-based teaching, experiment-based education, activity-based education on Hindi subject. On the

inaugural session of the training class, the chief guest was Nodal Principal Harish Dewangan (Vice Principal Government Bharat Dewangan Higher Secondary School Kharora) Special guest Devendra Singh Thakur (Complex Coordination Kharora) Ramkumar Verma (Raipur department coordinator) were present. In this training class, 26 male teachers and 32 female teachers from urban and rural schools, 58 Acharya Vidya were present.

Learn to live by thinking and not by worrying: Pandit Utkarsh Maharaj

Kharora, Feb 20:

In Bagwath Katha Prasang going on in village Tarra (Rajim), by Bhagwat Acharya Utkarsh Sharma a large number of devotees are taking part. While enthralling the stories of Gajendra Moksha, Sagar Manthan, Vaman Avatar, and Krishna birth etc. the Acharya said that there have been various incarnations of the Lord and all those incarnations are memorable for human life. He further in the Katha said that God himself is the eternal man and God is not born but is incarnated and is without qualities, formless and indestructible. The Lord appears for the devotees and



removes the sufferings of the devotees by becoming the remover of troubles and the same Lord Krishna, the remover of the troubles, in the Dwapar Yuga killed a great sinner like Kansha and took the full incarnation of Krishna to remove the burden of the earth, he said. Pandit Shri also said that Sagar Manthan is the churning of our life in the form of contemplation and today's man lives by worrying about every small thing, due to which

his mental and physical capacity is getting snatched away, while the ancient sages and sages used to meditate to further develop the intellect. By thinking, a person becomes wise and worrying weakens the intellect, while thinking develops the intellect. In the story of Vaman Avatar, Pandit Shri said that King Bali first became arrogant, but by donating he arrogantly simplified himself and he removed the feeling of being a donor from his mind. Similarly, while doing charity, we also have to stay away from the ego of calling ourselves a donor. The gathering was attended by thousands of people of the region.

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Thousands gather for rudrabhishek and celebrations

■ **Foundation Day of Sri Sri Satyanarayan Baba Ji and Karma-Krishna Temple concludes with Reverence**

Raigarh, Feb 20:

The city of Raigarh witnessed a spectacle of devotion and joy as the 26th foundation day of Sri Sri Satyanarayan Baba Ji and the 9th foundation day and honor ceremony of the goddess Bhaktamata Karma-Krishna Temple of Sahu Samaj drew to a close on Friday, February 16th.

Degreeelal Sahu, District President of the District Sahu Sangh, Raigarh, and Om Sahu, President of the Karma-Krishna Temple Steering Committee, jointly announced the auspicious celebrations held at



Taposthali Kosmanara, Raigarh. The event, steeped in religious fervor and social harmony, brought together esteemed guests and devotees to pay homage to the revered deities.

In attendance were notable dignitaries, including Mohan Kumari Sahu, State Vice President of Chhattisgarh Sahu Sangh, and Kranti Sahu, State Vice President, among others. The presence of esteemed personalities such as Nirakar Patel, President of District

Panchayat Raigarh, and Bharatlal Sahu, recipient of prestigious awards including the President's Medal and Governor's Award, added grandeur to the occasion.

The festivities commenced with the ceremonial worship of Shri Sri Satyanarayan Baba Ji and Karma Mata, inaugurating the foundation day celebrations amidst divine blessings. The unfurling of the social pride flag further symbolized the community's unity and rever-

ence for spiritual traditions.

Throughout the day, devotees were treated to the sacred offering of Kheer Puri Prasad at Sri Sri Satyanarayan Baba Dham, while Khichdi Prasad was distributed at Bhaktamata Karma Krishna Temple, spreading joy and sustenance among the faithful.

The highlight of the celebrations was the Rudrabhishek, a sacred ritual performed by thousands of devotees, symbolizing their deep reverence and gratitude towards the divine. From 11:00 am until late into the night, the Bhandara served as a testament to communal harmony and hospitality, as thousands partook in the blessed offerings with humility and gratitude.

'Students to get option of appearing in 10th, 12th board exams twice'

Eye Care Camp held at NIT

Central Chronicle News

Dr N.V.Ramana Rao said that people rely on eyes to the extent of 80% for their sensory perception. He also suggested that good way of eye care is preventive maintenance of eye diseases. Keeping eyes healthy makes brain healthy benefitting for better education and contributing services to the world.

Raipur, Feb 20: National Institute of Technology (NIT) organized the Eye Care Camp on 20th February 2024. The inauguration of the Eye Care Camp witnessed presence of Dr NV Ramana Rao, Director, NIT Raipur, Dr Praphull Dewangan, Head, ASG Eye Hospital and his team for conducting the camp.



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has said students will get an option of appearing for 10th and 12th class board examinations twice a year from the academic session 2025-26. One of the objectives of the new National Education Policy (NEP), unveiled in 2020, is to reduce the academic stress on students, Pradhan said on Monday after launching the PM SHRI (Prime Minister Schools for Rising India) scheme in Chhattisgarh under which 211 schools of the state will be upgraded.

enrich them with quality education, keep students linked with culture and prepare them for the future. This is the formula for making India a developed country by 2047," he said. Pradhan slammed the previous Congress government in the state, saying education was not its priority, but the key sector has received utmost importance after the BJP came to power and new Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai assumed office in December last year. In the first phase of the PM SHRI scheme, 211 schools (193 elementary level and 18 secondary ones) will be upgraded in Chhattisgarh on a 'hub and spoke' model by spending Rs 2 crore on each of them, the Union minister said. Under the model, the mentor institution, called the 'hub', will be centralised and have the responsibility of guiding the mentee institution through the secondary branches, the 'spoke', via services provided to the mentee for self-improvement. As per a request made by Chhattisgarh's School and Higher Education Minister Brijmohan Agrawal, more secondary and higher secondary schools will be covered under the scheme in its next phase, Pradhan said. He said India will bid to host the 2036 Olympics Games and he expects that 10 per cent of medals for the country in the quadrennial event should come from Chhattisgarh athletes and preparations for it should start from this year itself. Chief Minister Sai, minister Agrawal and other senior officials were present at the function.

NABARD organises investors' meet to promote food processing sector



Raipur, Feb 20: The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) organized an investors' meet under the Food Processing Fund of Government of India at NABARD Regional Office, Naya Raipur on February 20, 2024 for creation of awareness about the scheme under the Chairmanship of Dr. Gyanendra Mani, Chief General Manager, NABARD. The meeting was attended by dignitaries O P Banjare, GM CSIDC, Shankar Bajaj, Chairman, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chhattisgarh Chapter, Promod Gharde, President CG Chapter Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries and S K Mishra, CEO of Indus Best Mega Food Park. Dr. Gyanendra Mani, Chief General Manager, NABARD in his inaugural address highlighted the stellar role played by NABARD in the field of Agriculture and Rural Development through various interventions including development of the food and agro processing sector. He elaborated on the potential available under the food and agro processing sector and informed about the Indus Best Mega Food Park supported by NABARD which has become operational for last 6 months. He also requested the participants present from Government and Industry Chambers to provide their valuable suggestions in shaping the policy for development of the sector. Many entrepreneurs of the State and farmers engaged in food processing sector were also present in the meeting. OP Banjare, GM CSIDC highlighted the various facilities available from Government of Chhattisgarh and also expressed his satisfaction about the fully developed Mega Food Park situated at Tilda, Raipur. Shankar Bajaj highlighted about the important role played by the industry sector in Chhattisgarh State and also thanked NABARD for conducting such awareness meet. All the participants unanimously agreed that there is ample potential under food and agro processing sector of Chhattisgarh which can be developed further with export promotion and setting up of ancillary industries. The representatives of Indus Best Mega Food

Park highlighted the features of the said Food Park and presented the details of the infrastructure created in the Food Park which will be easily available for the use of the potential processing units. The team also shared the information about the availability of plots which will be leased to the entrepreneurs, companies, etc., willing to set up food processing units in the food park. The dignitaries present in the meeting shared their experiences related to setting up of industrial sector in Chhattisgarh, especially food parks, agro processing units and also shared their expectations regarding favourable policy interventions from both state and central government. The participants of the meet also expressed their interest for setting up food processing units in Indus Best Mega Food Park.

Rajesh Agrawal appointed director

Raipur, Jan 20: Rajesh Agrawal has been appointed as a director in the National Senate Board by JCI. Today, National President JCI Rakesh Sharma has sent him the appointment letter. It is known that he is the only director who has been continuously appointed in this position for the ninth time and he has also been appointed as a director in the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Committee of JCI India in an additional capacity. It is known that Rajesh Agrawal has been serving in JCI for more than 40 years. His work style and methodology are not only prevalent in the city of Raipur but also among the youth colleagues of JCI India. He is also an internationally recognized personality development trainer.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GOVT. PRINTING AND STATIONERY, INDRAVATI BHAWAN, BLOCK-1, SECOND FLOOR, NAVA RAIPUR ATAL NAGAR, Pin- 492002 CHHATTISHGARH ONLINE 2nd RE-TENDER NOTICE No. GB-IV (1)/ 2023-2024/1508 Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, dated 16/02/2024 1. Online Open 2nd E- RE-TENDER in Two-Bid (Technical & Commercial Tender) System is invited from Machine Manufacturer or their authorized Dealers who fulfill eligibility condition of the 2nd Re-Tender for Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & Handing over of DESKTOP SHEET PAPER FOLDING MACHINE for Govt. Press Atal Nagar Nava Raipur for the year of 2023-24. 2. 2nd Re-Tender Form Fee :- Rs. 2500/- (Non- Refundable) should be deposited in form of DD From State Bank of India or any Nationalized Bank in favor of Director, Govt. Printing and Stationery Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar. Upload the Scanned copy on website and physical copy should be submitted in Office of The Director, Govt. Printing and Stationery Chhattisgarh, Indravati Bhawan, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar On or before date 18.10.2023 upto 5:00PM. 3. Detail 2nd Re-Tender document along with eligibility criteria is available on website https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in. Key Dates & Time:- 1. Online publication of 2nd Re-Tender :- 21.02.2024, 12:00 PM 2. Last Date & Time of Online 2nd Re-Tender and Physical Document submission :- 04.03.2024, 5:00 PM 3. Technical & Commercial 2nd Re-Tender opening date and time :- 05.03.2024, 11:00 AM Director Govt. Printing & stationery, Chhattisgarh Nava Raipur Atal Nagar G-07940/1

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) निविदा विज्ञापित क्र. 16/न.पा.नि./प्रकारा विभागा/2023-24 बिलासपुर दिनांक 20/02/2024 एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु मैन्युअल निविदा फार्म 'ए' पर दिनांक 12/03/2024 को सायं 04:00 बजे तक स्वीड पोस्ट के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाती है:- 01 निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय 12/03/2024 सायंकाल 4:00 बजे तक 02 निविदा खोलने की तिथि 12/03/2024 सायंकाल 5:30 बजे तक क्र. विवरण अनुमानित राशि अमानत राशि निविदा प्रथम पृष्ठ 1 कोनी, बिलासपुर में 30 मीटर ऊंचाई के हाई मार्ल प्रदाय एवं स्थापना कार्य। 699000.00 5500.00 750.00 नगर निगम के विभागीय वेबसाइट www.bilaspurnagarnigam.com से विस्तृत जानकारी प्राप्त की जा सकती है। कार्यालय अभियंता वृक्षारोपण कार्य महान, एक वृक्ष सूत्र समान न.पा.नि., बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता मनीयारी जल संसाधन सभाग मुंगेली, जिला-मुंगेली (छ.ग.) //निविदा निरस्तीकरण आदेश// पत्र क्रमांक/व.ले.स./2023-24 मुंगेली, दिनांक इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित निविदा सूचना क्र. 05/व.ले.लि./2022-23 दिनांक 02.06.2022, सिस्टम नं. 101503 (प्रथम आमंत्रण), 06/व.ले.लि./2022-23 दिनांक 02.06.2022 सिस्टम नं. 101505 (प्रथम आमंत्रण) एवं 11/व.ले.लि./2022-23 दिनांक 13.07.2022, सिस्टम नं. 104830 (प्रथम आमंत्रण) की निविदाओं को अपरिहार्य कारणों से 'निरस्त' किया जाता है। जी. नं.- 95228, दिनांक 24.10.2022 जी. नं.-95228, दिनांक 24.10.2022 जी. नं.-95228, दिनांक 24.10.2022 कार्यालय अभियंता मनीयारी जल संसाधन सभाग मुंगेली, जिला-मुंगेली (छ.ग.) G-07939/1

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक निर्माण विभाग, सभाग क्र.- 1, बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) ज्ञाप क्र. 1091/NIT-19/2023-24/SAC दिनांक: 19.02.2024 निविदा प्रपत्र क्रय करने हेतु आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि 26.02.2024 अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे ठेकेदारों द्वारा प्रस्तुत निविदाएं प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि 05.03.2024 अपरान्ह 5.30 बजे निविदा खोलने की तिथि 06.03.2024 पूर्वान्ह 11.30 बजे प्रत्येक निविदा प्रपत्र की क्रय राशि रु. 750/- ई-पंजीयन के अंतर्गत निविदाकारों की श्रेणी श्रेणी 'द' से 'अ' तक एन.आई.टी. क्र. कार्य का नाम कार्य की अनुमानित लागत निविदा क्र. एवं कार्य की अवधि अमानत राशि (रु. में) बैंक सल्लेसी (रु. में) 1 2 3 19 T 0154 विलीय वर्ष 2023-24 के वार्षिक संधारण मरु अंतर्गत राजस्व मण्डल एवं न्यू सॉफ्ट ड्राइव में अतिआवश्यक कार्य (प्रथम आमंत्रण) दिनांक 31.03.2024 तक 19.70 14775.00 295500.00 निविदा संबंधी शर्तें विभागीय वेबसाइट WWW.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur में Live Tender के अंतर्गत निविदा प्रपत्र में उपलब्ध हैं। नोट:- 1. ई.पी.एफ. रजिस्ट्रेशन के साथ 03 माह का चालान अनिवार्य है। 2. छलतीसगढ़ शासन, लोक निर्माण विभाग, मंत्रालय महानदी भवन, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला- रायपुर (छ.ग.) के आदेश क्र.-एफ 21-5/टी/19/2012/निविदा नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, दिनांक 31.07.2020 के अनुसार एन.आई.टी. II and III (विड केपीसिटी एवं शूथ पत्र) अमानत राशि लिफाफा के साथ प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य है, विड केपीसिटी परीक्षण उपरत उत्तरांग होने पर निविदा खोली जावेगी। कार्यालय अभियंता लो.नि.वि. सभाग क्र.- 1, बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) G-07947/1

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India BOI RAIPUR ZONAL OFFICE, G.D. SHESH NILAYAM, TATYAPARA 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 : 26.03.2024, Time - 11.00AM. to 5.00 P.M. THE PROPERTIES MENTIONED BELOW ARE TO BE SOLD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002 ON 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS' Table with columns: Branch & Borrower/Guarantor & Address, Description of the Mortgaged Property, Reserve Price (in Lakhs), Demand Notice Date, Possession Date, Amount Due (in Lakhs). Properties include Durg Branch, Talibandha Branch, Rajendra Nagar Branch, Ambikapur Branch, Talibandha Branch, Kawardha Branch, Raipur Branch, Raipur Main Branch, Raipur Branch, Raipur Main Branch, Raipur Main Branch.

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Farmer's Discontent

Reject Government's MSP Proposal

Inefficiency in agricultural policies has long been a thorn in the side of India's farmers. The proposal by a panel of Union ministers to extend the minimum support price (MSP) to pulses, maize, and cotton crops for a five-year term, while seemingly a step in the right direction, fails to address the fundamental flaws of the MSP regime. The insistence on agreements rather than legal guarantees for procurement highlights a deep-seated reluctance to confront the realities faced by our agricultural community. The government's repeated attempts to placate protesting farmers with piecemeal solutions are indicative of a broader failure to grasp the depth of the crisis. While the proposal purportedly aims to assuage farmers' concerns, it neglects the stark truth that the MSP framework has largely benefited wheat and paddy cultivators, leaving others languishing in uncertainty. The perennial escalation of MSP rates, albeit commendable, does little to alleviate the woes of farmers when market prices consistently fall short. The 2015 report by the Shanta Kumar-led High-Level Committee on Restructuring of FCI brought to light the inherent flaws in the existing MSP policy. It underscored the disproportionate focus on wheat and paddy procurement, which fails to address the diverse needs of India's agricultural landscape. The report's findings serve as a stark reminder of the urgent need for comprehensive reform rather than superficial measures. The prevailing system not only stifles crop diversification but also perpetuates the vulnerability of a vast majority of farmers to volatile market forces. By tethering the fate of agricultural households to the erratic whims of market dynamics, the government perpetuates a cycle of uncertainty and despair. The proposal to extend MSP to additional crops, while well-intentioned, falls short of providing the systemic overhaul necessary to uplift India's agricultural sector. To truly achieve the objectives of enhancing food security, bolstering farmers' incomes, and reducing reliance on imports, a radical reimagining of the MSP regime is imperative. A robust framework for guaranteed nationwide procurement, coupled with measures to incentivize crop diversification, holds the key to sustainable agricultural development. By dismantling the existing skewed incentive structures and fostering a conducive environment for holistic growth, India can chart a course towards agricultural prosperity. Merely tinkering with existing policies is akin to applying a band-aid to a gaping wound—it may provide temporary relief, but fails to address the root cause. It is high time for policymakers to embrace bold, transformative measures that prioritize the welfare of farmers and pave the way for a resilient agricultural sector.

Our Annadatas

Sujit De

While the Father of Indian Green Revolution, late agricultural scientist MS Swaminathan was awarded the Bharat Ratna, his recommendations had ironically been stayed put into cold storage. The Swaminathan commission had recommended that the Minimum Support Price should be at least 50 per cent more than the comprehensive cost. This is one of the main demands of the protesting farmers. What his daughter, economist Madhura Swaminathan said on February 13 in an event held at the Indian Agriculture Research Institute to celebrate the Bharat Ratna for her father, highlighted the irony of honouring MS Swaminathan while ignoring his suggestions and treating our farmers like enemies. She said, "The farmers of Punjab today are marching to Delhi. I believe, according to the newspaper reports, there are jails being prepared for them in Haryana, there are barricades. All kinds of things are being done to prevent them. These are farmers, they are not criminals. You have to find some solutions. They are our annadatas. I request, if you have to honour MS Swaminathan, we have to take the farmers with us with whatever strategy that we are planning for their future." Apart from MSP, another important recommendation of the Swaminathan Commission was land reforms. The commission suggested that the diversion of 'prime' agricultural land and forest to corporate sector for non-agricultural purposes should not be allowed. It also recommended setting up of a mechanism which would help regulate the sale of agricultural land, based on a few conditions. MS Swaminathan in his report said, "Land Reforms are necessary to address the basic issue of access to land for both crops and livestock. Land holdings inequality is reflected in land ownership. In 1991-92, the share of the bottom half of the rural households in the total land ownership was only 3 per cent and the top 10 per cent was as high as 54 per cent." Land reforms made China such a strong country in spite of its huge population. Professor PC Joshi rightly said, "... land reforms in India have not assumed the form of gigantic revolutionary upheaval as in China, or that of a dramatic change brought about from above as in Japan." Land reforms can boost inclusive growth in many ways. First, it will enhance the productivity of land by improving the economic conditions of farmers and tenants. Second, it will ensure distributive justice and eliminate exploitation. Third, it helps create a system of peasant proprietorship. And fourth, it can distribute income of the few to many which will enhance the purchasing power of the masses and thus energise the market and generate employment while alleviating widespread poverty among small farmers and tribals. Indeed, it can heal the wounds of inequality, poverty, hunger and malnutrition to some extent. Land reform is a constitutional directive. Article 39(b) of the Constitution of India states: "The ownership and control of the material resources of the community are so distributed as best to subserve the common good." Moreover, Article 39(c) says, "that the operation of the economic system does not result in the concentration of wealth and means of production to the common detriment." The recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission regarding land reforms and minimum support price should be implemented. It will heal the agrarian crisis that made many farmers take their own lives. The 2022 National Crime Records Bureau annual report shows alarming distress in agriculture sector. It says 154 farmers and daily-wage labourers die by suicide in India every day and there is around 4 per cent increase in overall suicide rate from 2021.

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KHELO INDIA UNIVERSITY GAMES



Artists perform during the opening ceremony of the 4th edition of the Khelo India University Games, in Guwahati.

Harmony of Heart and Nation



NARENDRA MODI



Sant Shiromani Acharya Shri 108 Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj Ji attained Samadhi and left us all saddened. His life is a spiritually rich epoch graced with profound wisdom, boundless compassion and an unwavering commitment to uplift humanity. I have had the honour of receiving his blessings on numerous occasions. Thus, I feel a deep sense of loss, akin to losing a guiding light that has illuminated the path for countless souls, including myself. His warmth, affection and blessings were not just gestures of goodwill but profound transmissions of spiritual energy, empowering and inspiring all those fortunate enough to have come in contact with him.

Pujya Acharya Ji will always be remembered as a Triveni of wisdom, compassion and service. He was a true Tapasvi, whose life epitomised the ideals of Bhagwan Mahavir. His life exemplified the core principles of Jainism, embodying its ideals through his own actions and teachings. His care towards all living beings mirrored Jainism's profound respect for life. He lived a life of truthfulness, reflecting Jainism's emphasis on honesty in thought, word, and deed. He also led a very simple lifestyle. It is due to stalwarts like him that the world continues to be inspired by Jainism and the life of Bhagwan Mahavir. He stood tall among the Jain community but his impact and influence were not limited to only one community. People across faiths, regions and cultures came to him and he worked tirelessly towards spiritual awakening, particularly among the youth.

Education was an area very close to his heart. His journey from Vidhyadhar (his childhood name) to Vidhyasagar was one of deep commitment to acquiring and imparting knowledge. It was his firm belief that education is the cornerstone of a just and enlightened society. He championed the cause of knowledge as a means to empower individuals, enabling them to lead lives of purpose and contribution. His teachings emphasised the importance of self-study and self-awareness as the pathways to true wisdom, urging his followers to engage in lifelong learning and spiritual growth.

At the same time, Sant Shiromani Acharya Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj Ji wanted our youngsters to get an education that is also rooted in our cultural ethos. He often said that it was because we drifted away from the learnings of the past that we were not able to find solutions to key challenges like water scarcity. He also believed that a holistic education is one that focusses on skilling and innovating. He took immense pride in India's linguistic diversity and encouraged youngsters to learn Indian languages.

Pujya Acharya Ji himself wrote extensively in Sanskrit, Prakrit and

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Hindi. The heights he reached as a saint, and how grounded he was on the earth, is seen clearly in his iconic work Mookmati. Through his works, he gave a voice to the downtrodden.

In the domain of healthcare too, Pujya Acharya Ji's contributions were transformative. He was associated with several efforts, especially in underserved areas. His approach to healthcare was holistic, integrating physical well-being with spiritual wellness, thereby addressing the needs of the person as a whole.

I would especially urge the coming generations to study extensively about Sant Shiromani Acharya Shri Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj Ji's commitment to nation building. He would always urge people to rise above any partisan considerations and instead focus on national interest. He was one of the strongest votaries of voting because he saw it as an expression of participation in democratic processes. He advocated healthy as well as clean politics, even saying that policy making has to be about people's welfare, not self-interest (Lokneeti is about Loksangrahnnot Lobhsangrahn).

He believed that a strong nation is built on the foundation of its citizens' commitment to their duties—towards themselves, their families, society, and the country. He encouraged individuals to cultivate virtues such as honesty, integrity and self-reliance, which he saw as essential for the creation of a just, compassionate, and thriving society. This emphasis on duties is of great importance as we work towards building a Viksit Bharat.

In an era where environmental degradation is rampant world over, Pujya Acharya Ji called for a way of

life which would minimise the harm being inflicted on nature. Likewise, he saw a paramount role for agriculture in our economy, also stressing on making agriculture modern as well as sustainable. His work towards reforming jail inmates was also noteworthy.

The beauty of our land is that for thousands of years, our soil has produced greats who have shown light to others and made our society better. Pujya Acharya Ji stands as a towering figure in this illustrious lineage of saints and social reformers. Whatever he did, he did not just for the present but also the future. In November last year, I had the opportunity to visit the Chandragiri Jain Mandir in Dongargarh in Chhattisgarh. Little did I know that this visit would be my last meeting with Pujya Acharya Ji. Those moments were very special. He spoke to me for a long time, blessing me for my efforts in serving the nation. He expressed joy on the direction our nation is taking and the respect India is getting on the world stage. He was filled with enthusiasm while talking about the work he was doing. Then and always, his gentle gaze and serene smile were enough to instill a sense of peace and purpose. His blessings felt like a soothing balm on the soul, a reminder of the divine presence within and around us.

Sant Shiromani Acharya Shri 108 Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj Ji's void is deeply felt by all who knew him and were touched by his teachings and his life. However, he lives on in the hearts and minds of those he inspired. In honouring his memory, we commit to embodying the values he espoused. In this way, we not only pay tribute to a great soul but also take forward his mission for our country and people.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Social justice key to peace

Though the world has tremendously taken off in all spheres of life, there are some races, classes and religions which feel deprived of equal chances to education, healthcare and employment and privileges among others. Social justice aims at correcting this, and a robust social justice system encompasses social integration, equal employment opportunities and poverty eradication. Social development and social justice are crucial for fostering peace and security in, and among, nations. On the corollary, social justice and social development cannot be attained in the absence of peace and security or in the absence of human rights. "Global coalition for social justice: bridging gaps, building alliances" is a natural theme for the World Social Justice Day on February 20.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

India's Triumph in Qatar

Eight Indian Navy veterans, once facing death sentences in Qatar, returned home thanks to a delicate dance of diplomacy. Prime Minister Modi's leadership, personal intervention, and strategic talks with the Emir of Qatar proved crucial. This intricate saga highlights the power of dialogue, leadership, and strong bilateral ties in navigating international challenges. Beyond individual freedom, it reinforces the India-Qatar bond and paves the way for deeper economic collaboration, reminding us that even in geopolitics, understanding can trump tension.

Ibne Farooq, Mumbai

Historic Judgement

The Supreme Court judgment on the election bonds scheme was a landmark and historic judgment. The court said there is no transparency, and it is not legal to have electoral bonds, and it is a very good lesson to the political parties, as they may favour the corporates for getting more funds through electoral bonds, and it is unconstitutional. We need to appreciate the 5-member judge team headed by the Chief Justice of India, Chandrachud, for the historic judgment for imposing confidence on voters and on transparency of funds.

Jahangir Ali, Mumbai

Investor Alert

The Indian stock market is thriving, with IPOs raising billions and promoters diluting stakes. Yet, concerns about vague fund usage linger. Sebi, the market regulator, is stepping in, demanding detailed end-use disclosures from IPO companies. This ensures investors make informed choices, understanding the true risks involved. While some may find the process cumbersome, transparency is paramount. After all, informed investors are empowered investors, and a healthy market thrives on trust. Let's welcome this well-timed move, ensuring a brighter future for Indian equities.

Mohammad Taukir, Bettiah, Bihar

Modi's guarantee - sunrise of good governance in Chhattisgarh

Chhaganlal Lonhare, Deputy Director

On 01 November 2000, the state of Chhattisgarh came into existence as the 26th state of the Republic of India. Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Dev Sai took over the reins of the state on 13 December 2023. As soon as he took over the reins, good governance started rising in the state. The state government is moving ahead with the motto of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas. Under the leadership of the Chief Minister, in a short period of 02 months, many steps were taken for the progress and prosperity of every section of the society through many public welfare decisions. The popularity graph of the government is increasing rapidly. The main reason for this is to bring clean administration and transparency in government work. Every citizen of the state, whether urban or rural, is aware of the welfare thinking of the state government. People's confidence in the government is increasing. In a short period, the state government has taken concrete steps towards fulfilling the promises made to the people, due to which a new era of justice, relief and development has started in the state. The state government is engaged day and night in serving the public with the resolve of service, good governance, security and development.

As soon as the Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Dev Sai government took oath, in the first cabinet, it was decided to build permanent houses for 18 lakh beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana. Under the Krishak Unnati Yojana in the state, the government will keep the promise of purchasing 21 quintals of paddy per acre and a transparent and easy arrangement for purchasing paddy was also made. This year, the record of highest paddy purchase so far has been established in Chhattisgarh. The state government took a major decision to extend the deadline for paddy procurement from January 31 to February 4. Lakhs of farmers of the state got benefit from this decision of the government. A record purchase of 144.92 lakh metric tonnes of paddy has been made at support price. Taking a big decision in the interest of the youth, the state government has decided to conduct a CBI investigation into the PSC Recruitment Examination Year 2022 case. The relaxation period of maximum age limit for recruitment in government services for local residents of Chhattisgarh has been extended by five years. Many youth will benefit from this decision of the government and they will be afresh prepared for competitions in every field. On Good Governance Day, 25th December, the birthday of former Prime Minister of India Bharat Ratna Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the dif-



ference amount of Rs 3 thousand 716 crore, the outstanding bonus of 2 years of paddy, has been transferred to the bank accounts of more than 12 lakh farmers.

Through Pradhan Mantri Tribal Tribal Justice Maha Abhiyan (PM Janman), PVTGs i.e. specially backward tribal groups (Baiga, Kamar, Pahari Korwa, Birhor and Abujhmediya) are being provided basic facilities like permanent houses, link roads, construction of hostels, pure drinking water, electrification. The state government is committed towards construction of multi-purpose centres, Anganwadi centres and Van Dhan centres, establishment of mobile towers, and making people full of vocational education and skills. The state government has decided to provide tendu leaf collection remuneration of Rs 5500 per standard bag. The state

government will give top priority to strengthening the means of livelihood from all minor forest produce including tendu leaves, mahua, tamarind. For the financial year 2024-25, a budget provision of Rs 4,500 crore has been made for tap connections to provide free pure drinking water to 50 lakh rural families of the state. Deendayal Upadhyay: A provision has been made in the budget to provide annual assistance of Rs 10,000 to landless agricultural labourers. Respecting maternal power, all possible steps will be taken for the respect, self-respect, self-reliance and safety of mothers and sisters. For their health, education and nutrition, the state government has implemented Mahtari Vandan Yojana with the aim of promoting women empowerment. Under this, an initiative has been started to fulfill the promise of providing annual financial assistance of Rs 12 thousand. Respecting the curiosity and immense devotion of the people towards the life of the idol of Lord Ram in Ayodhya Dham, the state government has decided to start Ramlala Darshan Scheme, under this every year thousands of people visit Ayodhya Dham and Kashi Vishwanath Dham, Prayag. Raj's pilgrimage will be conducted. It has been decided to provide electricity up to 400 units per month at half price to ordinary families.

The state government has decided to provide free rice till December 2028

under the Pradhan Mantri Kalyan Yojana. Under this scheme in Chhattisgarh, monthly entitlement rice will be given to 67 lakh 94 thousand Antyodaya, Priority, Single Destitute and Disabled ration card holders. Pradhan Mantri Jijwala Yojana has played a big role in making the lives of women easier. Under this, more than 36 lakh new gas connections have been issued so far in the state. An action plan is being made to develop the five major Shaktipeeths of Chhattisgarh, Kudargarh, Chandrapur, Ratanpur, Dantewada and Dongargarh on the lines of Chardham. Rajim Kumbh (Kalpa) will be organized to re-identify Rajim Mela, the confluence of three rivers, at the national level. For the coordinated development of Chhattisgarh, a budget provision of Rs 300 crore has been made for the construction of railway line from Katghora to Dogargharh.

To improve the living standard of three crore people of Chhattisgarh, a budget provision of Rs 1 lakh 47 thousand 446 crore has been made by the state government for the year 2024-25. This budget is a budget that will ensure inclusive development of all sections and realize the dream of developed Chhattisgarh. Chhattisgarh of Amrit Kaal will play a leading role in achieving Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's goal of building a developed India by the year 2047.

BRIEF

Surplus revenue



Patna: Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary on Monday asserted that the state will generate surplus revenue in the 2024-2025 fiscal on the back of the NDA government's policy initiatives. Choudhary, who holds the finance portfolio, said Bihar is committed to the path of fiscal consolidation. "The economic activities in the state have increased significantly in recent years. The policy initiatives taken by the NDA government will certainly generate surplus revenue in the coming financial year," he said in the assembly, participating in the debate on Bihar budget. "The state's finances are in good shape, with the growth rate at 10.64 per cent, the highest in the country."

Foundation stone

Mumbai: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday laid the foundation stone for a green mobility-focused commercial vehicles plant of Ashok Leyland in Lucknow. The company said it plans to invest Rs 200-500 crore in the first phase while the overall investment in the plant is pegged at Rs 1,000 crore. The 70-acre facility will manufacture electric buses while also having capability to produce other vehicles powered by existing and other emerging alternate fuels, the company said in a statement.

Onion export



New Delhi: The ban on export of onion will continue till its previously announced deadline of March 31 as the government is keen to keep prices under check and ensure domestic availability, a top official said on Tuesday. On December 8, 2023, the government had banned export of onion till March 31. "Ban on onion exports has not been lifted."

Roadshow

New Delhi: The coal ministry will on Wednesday hold another roadshow in a bid to push coal gasification projects. The roadshow will be held in Mumbai. "After a successful and enthusiastically concluded industry interaction on February 16, 2024, in Hyderabad, focusing on the scheme for promotion of coal/lignite gasification projects, Ministry of Coal...is poised to conduct another roadshow on February 21, 2024," the ministry said in a statement. Coal Secretary Amrit Lal Meena will be the chief guest for the event.

'India's AI market to touch USD 17-billion by 2027'

Mumbai, Feb 20:

India's AI market, growing at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 25-35 per cent is projected to reach USD 17-billion by 2027, according to a report. This growth is fueled by multiple factors including increasing enterprise tech spending, India's growing AI talent base and a significant increase in AI investments, the report titled "AI Powered Tech Services: A Roadmap for Future Ready Firms; AI & GenAI's Role in Turbocharging the Industry." The Nasscom report in partnership with BCG was released on Tuesday at the sidelines of the Nasscom Technology & Leadership Forum 2024 here. Globally, investments in AI have seen 24 per cent CAGR since 2019, with 2023 seeing close to

USD 83-billion investment, it said. Majority of investments were made in data analytics, GenAI, and ML algos and platforms, as per the report. Notably, around 93 per cent of the investments made by Indian tech services and made-in-India product players focus on digital content, data analytics and supply chain, according to the report. With increasing enterprise tech spending, technology service providers are developing a wide array of innovative AI-based services and solutions, expanding their offerings beyond traditional IT services, it stated. This includes the development of proprietary AI & GenAI platforms, tools for automation, data analytics solutions, and bespoke AI applications for specific industry verticals such as healthcare, banking & fi-

nance, and retail, the report said. According to the report, India has the second highest installed talent base with 420,000 employees working in AI job functions. India also has the highest skills penetration with three times more AI skilled talent than other countries. The country ranks among the top five nations with a 14 times growth in individuals skilled with AI in the last seven years, it said. As the investments in AI continues to increase, the demand for AI talent in India is also expected to grow at 15 per cent CAGR till 2027, the Nasscom-BCG report said, adding the tech industry in India is already seeing more than 15 per cent growth in AI/ML jobs over the past 12 months with positions such as AI engineers growing at 67 per cent year-on-year.

EPFO adds a net 15.62 lakh members in Dec

8.41 lakh new subscribers join workforce

New Delhi, Feb 20:

Retirement fund body EPFO recorded a net addition of 15.62 lakh members in December 2023, according to payroll data released on Tuesday.

An increase of 11.97 per cent has been registered in net member addition during December 2023 compared to the previous month, a labour ministry statement said.

Employees' Provident Fund Organisation's provisional payroll data highlighted that the net addition of 15.62 lakh members was up by 4.62 per cent compared to December 2022, it stated. This surge in membership can be attributed to various factors, including increased em-

ployment opportunities, a growing awareness of employee benefits, and the effectiveness of EPFO's outreach programmes, it explained. The data showed that around 8.41 lakh new members were enrolled in December 2023, up by 14.21 per cent compared with the previous month of November 2023.

A noticeable aspect of the data is the dominance of the 18-25 age group, constituting a significant 57.18 per cent of the total new members added in December, it stated.

These statistics underscore a notable trend - the majority of individuals joining the organized workforce are youth, primarily first-time job seekers.

FM to meet heads of fintech firms next week

New Delhi, Feb 20:

Amid the ongoing problem faced by leading fintech player Paytm, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has decided to meet heads of financial technology companies next week to persuade them to strictly follow regulatory norms. Paytm Payments Bank Ltd, an entity promoted by One97 Communications Ltd, faced regulatory actions by the Reserve Bank for failure to comply with host of regulatory norms, including Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines. According to sources, Sitharaman will be meeting CEOs of fintech companies next week to hear their concerns and problems. However, sources said, she will impress upon them the need to abide by regulatory



norms as they are dealing with money of individuals. The meeting is expected to see participation from senior officials of Reserve Bank, finance ministry, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, among others. Last week, the RBI advised customers as well as merchants of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) to shift their accounts to other banks by March 15, giving 15 more days to the beleaguered entity to close most of its op-

BUDGET SESSION



Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu addresses the Budget session of the Himachal Pradesh Assembly, in Shimla, Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Indian companies bullish on business prospects at the Singapore Airshow

Singapore, Feb 20:

Indian-origin companies are bullish on business prospects from the five-day Singapore Airshow, which began on Tuesday with global aviation industry stakeholders, including many from India like Brahmos Aerospace. Returning to a full-scale edition, the Singapore Airshow is making a strong comeback from February 20-25 with over 1,000 participating companies from more than 50 countries and various regions. Indian heavy-weight Brahmos Aerospace is in talks with several Southeast Asian countries for supplying its supersonic missiles which is globally renowned for its success rate. "We are discussing the supply of Brahmos missiles, and are

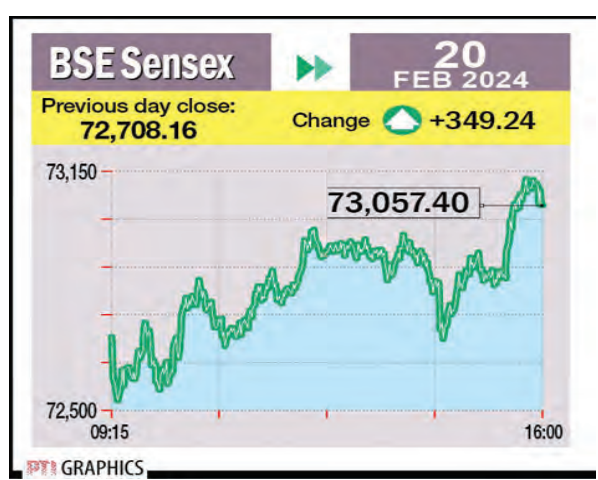
hopeful that our participation in the Singapore Airshow would lead to more fruitful opportunities," Praveen Pathak, Director for Market Promotion and Exports at Brahmos told PTI on Tuesday.

Expecting more delegates from the region at the Brahmos display showroom, he underlined the importance of being at the show in Singapore, which is strategically located in the prosperous Southeast Asian region. "We feel there is vibrancy in the Asian markets, recovering from the pandemic," Pathak said as he elaborated on prospects, following the successful supply of Brahmos missiles to the Indian armed forces, and an ongoing contract with the Philippines marines.

Stock markets sustain winning run for 6th straight day, Nifty scales fresh peak

Mumbai, Feb 20: Benchmark Sensex spurted by 349 points while Nifty scaled a fresh lifetime high on the sixth straight day of gains on Tuesday, driven by buying in banking and select FMCG shares. The 30-share BSE Sensex reversed its early losses and closed higher by 349.24 points or 0.48 per cent at 73,057.40 in a volatile trade. As many as 18 Sensex shares closed in the green while 12 settled in the red.

The broader Nifty of the NSE rose further by 74.70 points or 0.34 per cent to close at a new record level of 22,196.95. Intra-day, the 50-share index touched lifetime high of 22,215.60. The key indices opened lower but renewed buying



in private lenders helped the barometers reverse losses and closed in the green for the sixth consecutive session. In six days, Nifty jumped 580 points while Sensex rallied 1,984

points. "Amidst market volatility, the domestic market is once again poised to approach record highs. The latest upward trajectory is bolstered by gains in the banking sec-

tor, with private banks witnessing a rebound from a recent sharp correction," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said. Among Sensex gainers, Power Grid jumped the most by 4.16 per cent after its board approved an investment of Rs 656 crore in transmission projects. Private lenders HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Kotak Bank, IndusInd Bank and ICICI Bank were also among lead gainers. NTPC, Nestle and Hindustan Unilever also ended the session with gains. IT pack continued to decline with TCS being the biggest loser among Sensex shares, dropping by 1.75 per cent. HCLTech, Infosys and Wipro also declined.

UP a state of 'Unlimited Potential'; significant transformation in past 7 years: Adityanath

Lucknow, Feb 20:

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said the state has undergone a significant transformation in the past six-seven years and this is the new Uttar Pradesh of 'new India'. He was speaking at FDI conclave - 'UP: An Emerging Destination for Foreign Investment in India' here. "Seven years ago, UP was labelled as a BIMARU state, perceived as a hindrance to the nation's progress. However, today, UP has shed this label, emerging as a state of 'Unlimited Potential'," he said. The chief minister highlighted that UP is moving forward with the confluence of 'prakriti' 'parmatma' and 'pratibha'



and determined to become growth engine of India. "We possess 'prakriti' (nature), 'parmatma' (God), and 'pratibha' (the talent of our youth). Through this confluence, we are propelling UP...under the guidance and leadership of the Prime Minister. Over the past seven years, we have

accomplished significant milestones, including doubling the state's economy and per capita income." The chief minister noted that between 2019 and 2023, UP attracted four times the cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in 2000-2017 period. This remarkable increase underscores the confidence investors have in UP, attributable to its secure environment and transparent government policies, he said.

Adityanath said that Fortune Global 500 companies such as Samsung, Microsoft, LG, PepsiCo, Naryana Energy, Reliance Industries, Tata, Hindustan Unilever, Haier, and Ikea are actively expanding their operations in UP.

No Aadhaar number has been cancelled, says UIDAI

New Delhi, Feb 20:

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on Monday said to keep the Aadhaar database updated, intimations are issued to Aadhaar number holders from time to time, but no number has been cancelled. Aadhaar, as the most commonly used digital identity, is used to avail of numerous subsidies, benefits and services, UIDAI said on its website adding that to maintain the accuracy of the Aadhaar database, the authority had initiated an exercise for update of documents and Aadhaar information. "In the course of activities undertaken to keep the Aadhaar database updated, intimations are issued from time to time to Aadhaar number holders. In this connection, it is clarified that no

Aadhaar number has been cancelled," UIDAI said. In case any Aadhaar number holder has any grievance they can submit their feedback to UIDAI, it said, promising that grievance will be duly addressed. "In case any Aadhaar number holder has any grievance in this regard, they may submit their feedback to UIDAI at this link <https://uidai.gov.in/en/contact-support/feedback.html>. Any such grievance will be duly addressed," it said. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday had alleged that the BJP-led central government "deactivated" Aadhaar cards of people in the state ahead of the Lok Sabha polls to stop them from availing of the benefits of various social welfare schemes. Speaking at a public distri-

bution programme here in Birbhum district, Banerjee had said her government will continue with the state-run welfare programmes irrespective of the beneficiaries not having an Aadhaar card.

"Be careful, they (BJP-led Centre) are deactivating Aadhaar cards. Several Aadhaar cards have been made inactive in many districts of Bengal. They are doing this so that people do not get benefits of schemes like 'Lakshmi Bhandar' through bank transfer and free ration before the polls," she said. "My clear instruction to the chief secretary is to ensure that people are not deprived of the benefits even if they do not have active Aadhaar cards. People of Bengal need not be worried. I am there for you," the CM had said.

Thousands of debtors resolving cases before admission under insolvency law: IBBI

New Delhi, Feb 20: Over 27,500 applications for resolution process against corporate debtors have been withdrawn before their admission, with regulator IBBI emphasising that the credible threat of the insolvency law that ownership of debtors might change has changed the behaviour of debtors. These Corporate Debtors (CDs) had an underlying default of Rs 9.74 lakh crore. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), introduced in December 2016, provides for a time-bound and market-linked resolution of stressed assets. "The credible threat of the Code, that a CD may change hands, has changed the behaviour of debtors. Thousands of debtors are resolving distress in early stages of distress. They are resolving when default is imminent, on receipt of a notice for repayment but before filing

an application, after filing application but before its admission, and even after admission of the application, and making best effort to avoid consequences of the resolution process," the IBBI said in its latest newsletter. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) is a key institution in implementing the IBC. According to the newsletter, 27,514 applications for initiation of CIRPs (Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process) of CDs having underlying default of Rs 9.74 lakh crore were withdrawn before their admission till October 2023. Till December 2023, IBC has helped in rescuing 3,050 CDs - 891 were through resolution plans, 1,124 through appeal or review or settlement, and 1,035 through withdrawal. The resolved CDs resulted in realisation of around 32 per cent, as against the admitted claims and

more than 169 per cent compared to the liquidation value. Creditors have realised Rs 3.21 lakh crore under the resolution plans till December 31 last year. The fair value and liquidation value of the assets available with these CDs, when they entered the CIRP, was estimated at Rs 2.97 lakh crore and Rs 1.90 lakh crore, respectively, as against the total claims of the creditors worth Rs 10.07 lakh crore, the IBBI said. As many as 2,376 CDs have been referred for liquidation. "Till December 2023, 830 CDs have been completely liquidated. These 830 CDs together had outstanding claims of Rs 1.83 lakh crore but the assets valued at Rs 0.09 lakh crore," the newsletter said. In his message in the newsletter, IBBI Chairperson Ravi Mital said that while the CD is reorganised during CIRP, the insolvency resolution process for the PGs

(Personal Guarantors) prioritises debt restructuring. This is the opportunity the IBC affords over outright bankruptcy, with bankruptcy serving as a last resort should the debtor's repayment plan falter, he said and stressed that "by cooperating in the process and submitting a repayment plan for approval by creditors, debtors can effectively discharge their debt liabilities instead of initiation of their bankruptcy process."

It is seen that CIRP proceedings are often delayed due to excessive litigation. The debtors' attempt to prolong the admission or the resolution process leads to erosion in CD's value, he noted. Paradoxically, he said this prolongation amplifies the liabilities of PGs, and hence it is in the interest of the debtors to cooperate during the resolution of the CD.

MLA Rohit Sahu chairs meeting to ensure smooth conduct of Rajim Kumbh Kalp Mela

Leads inspection of preparations

Rajim, Feb 20:

MLA Rohit Sahu of Rajim convened a crucial meeting to oversee the arrangements for the upcoming 15-day Rajim Kumbh Kalp Mela, scheduled to commence from Magh Purnima on February 24th. Top officials were gathered to ensure that all necessary measures are in place for the successful conduct of the event.

At the meeting, held at the fair site, Sahu stressed the importance of thorough arrangements related to the fair. Key officials including District Panchayat CEO Rita Yadav and SDM Dhananjay Netam, alongside representatives from Dhamtari and Raipur districts, were present. The Public Works Department reviewed the repair and temporary construction of roads, tents, and barricades. Likewise, the PHE



Department initiated the installation of pipes and toilets. Sahu instructed PWD officials to liaise with the Forest Department for essential bamboo poles and directed the Irrigation

Department to expedite the construction of bathing ponds. Cultural programs were also discussed with a focus on inclusivity, with Sahu suggesting the involvement of artists from Gariaband

district. Moreover, detailed discussions ensued on various logistical aspects including VVIP arrangements, parking facilities, selfie zones, and expansion plans for dining facilities. Lighting arrangements across Nagar Panchayat Rajim, cleanliness drives, and stall allotments were meticulously examined.

Progress review meeting held for PMAY

Stringent monitoring measures implemented for timely completion

Dhamtari, Feb 20:

Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat, Ms. Roma Srivastava, chaired a meeting today to assess the status of incomplete houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, following directives from Collector Ms. Namrata Gandhi.

During the meeting convened at the District Panchayat's conference room, CEO Ms. Roma Srivastava emphasized the need for rigorous monitoring to ensure the timely completion of houses allocated under the scheme. Notably, 1,963 houses in the development block city remain unfinished, prompting directives to expedite progress on these constructions.

Srivastava instructed officials to designate Technical Assistants, Nodal Officers, Employment Assistants, and Secretary In-charges to oversee and facilitate the completion of housing units. Additionally, a deadline of March 15 was set to finalize 2,488 houses across the district.

Furthermore, stringent measures were put in place to monitor daily progress, with instructions for CEO District Panchayat to provide daily updates on the ongoing works. The review meeting, focused on the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, saw the attendance of key officials including District Coordinator PMAY, Assistant Project Officer MNREGA, Program Officer, Technical Assistant, and Development Block Coordinator PMAY, among others.

KBCMPS annual festival showcases student talent

Manisha Thakur Raote emphasizes importance of values and digital literacy

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Feb 20: The Kunjan Bai Choukse Memorial Public School's annual festival witnessed a splendid display of talent by students, drawing admiration from parents and guests alike. Mrs. Manisha Thakur Raote, Additional SP of GPM, underscored the significance of values and digital literacy while addressing attendees at KBCMPS in Pendra.

During her speech, Raote highlighted the importance of instilling values and promoting responsible use of technology among children. She commended the students of Choukse School for their presentation, emphasizing the need for holistic development beyond academics.



The event, graced by dignitaries including Nitish Verma (Deputy Collector) and Seema David (District Sports Incharge), was also marked by Alumni Day and farewell to class 12th students. The students from nursery to

Dongargaon, Feb 20:

class 12th enthralled the audience with their spectacular presentation which garnered a lot of applause. With the presentation of Shri Ram in Sitaharan and Shri Krishna in Mahabharata, the entire gathering echoed with cheers, and all the spectators started dancing in Maharas (Raasleela). The guests in

Accused involved in credit card fraud arrested

Dongargaon, Feb 20:

The Dongargaon police have apprehended an individual involved in a fraudulent credit card verification scheme, unraveling a sophisticated operation that targeted unsuspecting customers. The accused, identified as Suresh Sahu, formerly employed at the Dongargaon branch of the State Bank of India (SBI), was arrested on charges of orchestrating a fraudulent scheme exploiting credit card holders.

Following reports of online fraud, the Dongargaon police initiated an investigation, leading to the discovery of Sahu's involvement. Municipal Inspector Upendra Shah disclosed that Sahu, utilizing his position in the Credit Card Department of the SBI branch, executed a meticulously planned scam, resulting in substantial financial losses for numerous victims.



Sahu's modus operandi involved contacting account holders under the guise of credit card verification, extracting sensitive information such as card details and OTPs. Subsequently, he illicitly withdrew significant sums from the victims' accounts, totaling approximately Rs 14.68 lakhs.

After a thorough investigation, the Dongargaon police succeeded in locating and apprehending Sahu in Rajnandgaon on February 18. Upon interrogation, the accused confessed to his crimes. A case of Section 420 of Indian Penal Code has

been registered against the accused under IPC 84/23 and 94/23 of Daudilohara police station, Balod, where he has also been arrested earlier.

Suresh Sahu, aged 32, hailing from Shyam Nagar, Sahu Para Cams 2, Ward No. 36, Bhilai Police Station Cantonment District Durg, has been presented before the Rajnandgaon Court on judicial remand. The diligent efforts of Sub-Inspector Bedram Chandravanshi, constables Yogesh Sahu, Shahid Ansari, and lady constable Abhilasha Singh were pivotal in the successful arrest of the accused.

Simga police crack down on drug trafficking, six arrested

Decisive action against illegal narcotics

Simga, Feb 20:

In a proactive move against drug trafficking, the Simga Police, under the directive of Senior Superintendent of Police Sadanand Kumar, has intensified efforts to combat the illicit drug trade in the district. Acting on these instructions, and under the guidance of Additional Superintendent of Police Balodabazar and Sub-Divisional Officer Police Bhatapara, the Simga Police, led by police station in-charge Paribus Tiwari, launched an operation targeting individuals involved in the sale of illegal narcotics.

As part of this operation, a police team comprising Sauni Narendran Markandey, Pr.132 Sanjay Soni, Pr.650 Ramnarayan



Verma, MPR.44 Jageshwari Verma, Constable 547 Babbu Sahu, R.739 Birendra Sinha, and R.857 Lokesh Dadsena from Police Station Simga apprehended six suspects for their involvement in the illicit drug trade near Saropi Pond in Simga.

The seized contraband includes 7 leaves valued at Rs 1717, 70 tablets of banned illegal drug Nitosun, 50 Luprine TM injection vials, a motorcycle bearing registration

number CG04-JF-7846 valued at Rs 15,000, and an Activa Scooty with registration number CG04-MM-3018 valued at Rs 40,000. The suspects have been charged under Section 21(B) of the NDPS Act, and further legal proceedings are underway to remand them into custody.

Among the apprehended individuals are, Harsh Maheshwari alias Jhallu, aged 20, resident of village Kachlon, police station Simga, district

Balodabazar Bhatapara, Chhattisgarh, Harsh Verma, aged 21, resident of village Hirmi, police station Suhela, district Balodabazar Bhatapara, Praveen Yadav, aged 19, resident of Ward number 7, Chorbhata Tilda Newra, police station Tilda Newra, district Raipur, Nikhil Tiwari, aged 32, resident of Ward number Tihupara, Simga police station Simga, district Balodabazar Bhatapara, Ejaz Khan, aged 25, resident of Ward number 1, Bhavani Nagar, Simga police station Simga, district Balodabazar Bhatapara, Yogesh Tiwari, aged 33, resident of Ramnagar Tihupara, Simga police station Simga, district Balodabazar Bhatapara.

One suspect, Tulsi Satnami, a resident of Ramnagar Tihupara, Simga, is currently absconding, and efforts are underway to locate and apprehend them.

Surge in bike thefts sparks concerns

Dallirajhara, Feb 20:

The recent spate of bike thefts in Dallirajhara has alarmed residents, prompting calls for heightened vigilance and increased police presence, particularly during nighttime hours.

Incidents of bike theft, exemplified by the recent disappearance of bike number CG 19 BN 1094 from BSP Quarter 3A/3B, have left locals feeling vulnerable and exposed to criminal activities. A formal complaint has been lodged with the Rajhara police station, signaling the urgency of addressing the rising trend.

Concerns have been amplified by reports of anti-social elements frequenting the public garden in front of BSP Hospital until late at night. Their disruptive behaviour, fueled by alcohol and drugs, has led to disturbances and unpleasant incidents in the vicinity. The incidents of intoxicated individuals vandalizing vehicles at night further underscore the need for immediate action.

Residents demand increased night patrolling. Illicit scrap business fuels theft, despite efforts to enhance surveillance.



In response to these challenges, there have been persistent appeals from local representatives and residents for increased night patrolling to deter criminal activities and ensure community safety.

Moreover, the illicit scrap business flourishing in certain areas of the

Senior Superintendent of Police, Sadanand Kumar, directed a comprehensive security operation on February 19, aimed at enhancing safety measures in the Balodabazar-Bhatapara area. Under his guidance, the police team, led by all police station and outpost in-charges of the district, conducted

thorough inspections of all banks and ATMs in the region.

The initiative focused on issuing necessary directives to bank management regarding security protocols. Instructions were given to implement measures such as installing security alarms, increasing the number of CCTV cameras, hiring additional security guards, and implementing other essential security protocols to safeguard bank premises and ATM facilities.

Police directives ensure safety measures at banks and ATMs



Anand Tamrakar commends Jas Jhanki competition in Mohandi

Nandini Ahiwara, Feb 20:

The vibrant spirit of youth and the rich tapestry of folk art were celebrated at the two-day Virat Devi Jas Jhanki competition organized by the Jai Mahamaya Shitla Jas Jhanki family in Mohandi village. The event was graced by esteemed guests, including Advocate Dau Anand Tamrakar (State Working Committee Member, BJYM Chhattisgarh), and Special Guests Sangeeta Goswami

(District Member, Dhamdha) and Rahul Chadanel (District Member, BJYM Durg).

In his address, Anand Tamrakar emphasized the importance of preserving folk art and culture in the face of modernization. He applauded the AAP committee for their efforts in safeguarding these traditions, highlighting the enduring vitality of youth with the analogy that "youth is like air, which never gets tired and always keeps moving."



Sangeeta Goswami echoed these sentiments, pledging to support the

community by funding the construction of a stage in the village. She also urged

residents to steer clear of substance abuse and expressed gratitude to the

committee for organizing such a grand event.

In the highly competitive Jas tableau competition, a total of 42 troupes showcased their talent and creativity. In the tableau category Shri Vidhyadayani Jas Jhanki Parivar Dhandongri claimed the first position, Jai Maa Chatubhuji Kushal Jas Jhanki Pirda (Bemetara) secured the second spot, Shri Shanti Nandgaiha Jas Jhanki Parivar Bakhat attained the third position, Nav Jyoti Ubhay Jas

Jhanki Parivar Kapsada, Pawwa, clinched the fourth position, Dai Shitala Maya Jas Jhanki family earned recognition and appreciation.

In the women's category, Jai Ma Lakshmi Balika Jas Parivar Joratarai claimed the coveted first place, Jai Ma Adikuwari Balika Jas Parivar Chandami secured the second position, Jai Ma Ambe Mahila Seva Mandali, Udaipur, attained the third position. In the men's category,

Shri Shiv Shakti Jas Mandali Parrikhurd emerged as the deserving winner, Nav Jagruti Jas Jagrata Parivar Devsara secured the second spot, Jai Ma Sharda Jas Jagrata Parivar Khuradbari attained the third position.

The event not only celebrated cultural heritage but also showcased the talent and dedication of the participants, underscoring the importance of preserving and promoting folk art in contemporary society.

Indian women progress to knock-out phase of World TT C'ships with win over Spain

Busan, Feb 20 (PTI):

The Indian women's team came from behind to beat Spain 3-2 in its final group game and progressed to the knock-out phase of the World Table Tennis Championships here on Tuesday.

India, the stronger team on paper, were pushed against the wall but found a way to scrape past the Spaniards after Sreeja Akula and Manika Batra led the first two singles of the tie.

After Ayhika Mukherjee kept India in the contest with a win in the third singles, Manika and Sreeja returned to get the job done in the fourth and fifth singles.

India finished second behind China in Group 1 with three wins in four



games. Their only loss, albeit a narrow one, came against the mighty Chinese after Ayhika and Sreeja stunned the world number one and two, Sun Yingsha and Wang Yidi,

respectively. Out of the 40 teams taking part in the competition, India women were among the 24 sides to qualify for the knock-out phase. A quarterfinal finish in the

event will assure India of a place in the team event of the Paris Olympics.

India will need to win their round of 32 and subsequent round of 16 rubber to reach the last eight to qualify for the Olympics.

Sreeja lost the opening singles to Maria Xiao 9-11, 11-9, 11-13, 4-11. Sofia-Xuan Zhang made it 2-0 for Spain with a 13-11, 6-11, 8-11, 11-9, 11-7 win over India's top ranked player Manika.

Ayhika kept India alive in the contest by getting past Elvira Rad 11-8, 11-13, 11-8, 9-11, 11-4 in the third singles.

Manika then returned to blank Maria in the fourth singles 11-9, 11-2, 11-4 to make it 2-2. Sreeja sealed the tie with an 11-6, 11-13, 11-6, 11-3 win over Sofia-Xuan.

Dubai, Feb 20 (AP):

Aryna Sabalenka lost her first match since successfully defending her Australian Open title when she was overhauled by an old foe at the Dubai Championships on Tuesday.

The No. 2-ranked Sabalenka blew a set and 2-0 lead as Donna Vekic of Croatia rallied to win 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-0 in the second round.

They go back eight years, and Vekic dominated the early matchups. But Sabalenka made the Grand Slam breakthrough when she beat Vekic in the Australian quarterfinals a year ago en route to her first major title. Vekic referenced Sabalenka winning "the big one" of their career matchups on Tuesday but her sixth win



Donna Vekic from Croatia returns the ball to Aryna Sabalenka.

in their eight contests wasn't too shabby either.

Sabalenka led 5-3 before settling the first set in a tiebreaker. Sabalenka, coming off a three-week

layoff after her Melbourne triumph, then led 2-0 with a point for 3-0. "I was on the beach already," Vekic admitted, but a sliced backhand passing winner

that Sabalenka let go saved the game and launched her comeback. Staying aggressive but with improving accuracy, Vekic won the next three games, broke for 5-3 and served out to level the set score after nearly two hours.

Sabalenka, forced to her first three-set game of the year, showed more second serves and exasperation, and Vekic was merciless. A sixth double fault by Sabalenka put her 3-0 down in the third and two more double faults dropped her 5-0 behind. Moments later, Vekic won a ninth straight game and wrapped up her first win over a top-two player since 2019. Also, Wimbledon champion and No. 7 seed Marketa Vondrousova defeated Peyton Stearns 6-1, 5-7, 6-2 for the third time in eight months.

India look to continue recent domination over Netherlands in Pro League

Rourkela, Feb 20 (PTI):

The Indian men's hockey team would look to continue its recent domination over the Netherlands with an outright win when the two sides meet in the return leg match of the FIH Pro League here on Wednesday. India have had a good run in the Pro League so far with the team led by drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh winning two out of their five games in regulation time.

India's resilience saw them defeat the Dutch and Spain in shootouts, earning valuable bonus points. Their solitary defeat came at the hands of Australia but that too from a winning position. India are currently placed fourth in the Pro League standings with 10 points from five matches. The Netherlands are leading the chart with 18 points from nine games ahead of Argentina (13 points from 8 matches) and

Australia (12 points from 4 games). But having said that the Indians, ranked third in the world, have had to face a tough time in their last two matches against world No.12 Ireland and world No.8 Spain.

India were made to toil to register a 1-0 win over Ireland through a last-minute goal from Gurjant Singh and then overcame a resilient Spain 8-7 in a marathon shoot-out after both sides were locked 2-2 at the end of the regulation 60 minutes. And come tomorrow, the Indians will need to raise their game a few notches to finish off the match in regulation time and secure full three points from the encounter.

The last three matches might not have gone the way they would have wanted, but vice-captain Hardik Singh said the confidence in the camp is high on the eve of the meeting against the world No.1 side.

Stokes contemplates bowling against India

Rajkot, Feb 20 (PTI):

Back-to-back heavy defeats against India have compelled England captain Ben Stokes to consider an early return to bowling with head coach Brendon McCullum admitting that although it's a good sign, they don't want the all-rounder to push himself unnecessarily.

Stokes, who is still recovering from a knee surgery, hasn't bowled since the second Ashes Test in June last year. "Well, it's good that he's actually getting into a state where he thinks he might bowl," McCullum was quoted as saying by ESPNcricinfo on Monday. "But Ben is clever; he's really clever as well. He won't bowl unless he thinks he's legitimately able to bowl. The problem would be if he starts getting into a spell and then he can't get

out of the spell. So we'll see what unfolds. "If he does get that bit between his teeth, then let's see where the danger lies there and try and pull him away from it. But it's a good sign," McCullum added. Ahead of the Rajkot Test, Stokes had said he "pinkly promised" his physiotherapist he won't be bowling in the ongoing series.

But when asked if he will be reprising his all-rounder's role after the 434-run defeat in the third Test on Sunday, Stokes said, "I'm not saying yes, I'm not saying no." "Me being me, I'm always very optimistic about most things. That will be a more detailed chat with the medical team about what workload I have done to pass me off as not being a massive risk." During the Rajkot Test,



Stokes had even trained at 100 per cent intensity and conceded that he felt pretty good.

"I managed to bowl at 100 per cent in one of the warm-up days here which made me feel pretty good. I felt like I could have bowled in the game but that would have been stupid." After winning the series opener by 28 runs, England fell to a 106-run defeat followed by one of their worst losses in Rajkot to go 2-1 down in the series with matches left in Ranchi and Dharamsala.

The England team would benefit immensely if the pace all-rounder started bowling again. The visitors opted to field just one seamer in the first two Tests.

Nandal outlasts Chaufla to win 4th Racketlon Open

New Delhi, Feb 20 (PTI): Siddharth Nandal edged out Vikramaditya Chaufla in a gruelling battle to win the elite singles event at the 4th Racketlon Open in Mumbai. The A category final between Nandal and Chaufla was held at Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana on Sunday with the former prevailing 21-23, 21-16, 21-9, 7-3.

Both Nandal and Chaufla have represented India at the World Racketlon Championship multiple times. Chaufla, a former badminton player, has also represented India in the World University Badminton

Championships. Racketlon is a combination sport in which the competitors are required to play four racket sports: table tennis, badminton, tennis and squash.

In the final of the 55 plus category, Krishna Kotak got the better of Sugato Thakur 21-9, 15-21, 11-21, 21-16.

In the 55 plus doubles category, Kotak teamed up with Merwyn Fernandes, a member of the gold-winning hockey team at the 1980 Olympics, to win the title. Varun Motasha defeated Ayush Bhansali 21-14, 21-11, 6-21, 21-7 in the B category final.

Jaiswal has learned from his upbringing and not from Bazball: Nasser Hussain

London, Feb 20 (PTI):

Former captain Nasser Hussain has lashed out at Ben Duckett for suggesting that Yashasvi Jaiswal's aggressive batting in the Rajkot Test was influenced by England's 'Bazball' strategy, saying it is the visitors who need to learn from the young Indian sensation.

At the end of the third day's play in Rajkot, Duckett had praised Jaiswal for his attacking century and suggested that the current England team should receive credit for influencing teams to bat more aggressively in Tests.

England eventually went on to lose the match by a record margin of 434 runs to concede a 1-2 lead



to India in the five-match series.

Reacting to Duckett's remark, Hussain said, "His (Duckett's) comment on Jaiswal that he has learned from us, I am going to touch on that. He (Jaiswal) has not learned from you (Duckett), he has learned from his upbringing and all the hard yards he has put in while growing up, he has learned from the IPL.

"If anything, I would look at him and learn from him," Hussain said during a discussion with another former England captain Michael Atherton on Sky Sports.

Hussain urged the England players to do some self-introspection and make necessary adjustments ahead of the fourth Test in Ranchi.

Gulveer loses 3000m gold in Asian Indoor Championships

Due to 'lane infringement'

Tehran, Feb 20 (PTI):

India's Gulveer Singh lost his men's 3000m gold medal in the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships here after he was disqualified for 'lane infringement'.

Gulveer had clocked 8 minutes 07.48 seconds to finish on top of the podium in the 3000m final, a non Olympic athletics event, late on Monday.

He was later disqualified for lane infringement and a late night 'appeal' by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) was also rejected.

"Yes, it was ruled that Gulveer committed lane infringement. Of course, AFI protested but the protest was rejected," a coach, who is with the team, told PTI. "The jury said they have enough evi-



dence to conclude that Gulveer made lane infringement."

Various clauses of technical rules 17.2 and 17.3 provides for how an athlete can commit lane infringement and under what circumstances he or she may not be disqualified. Technical Rule 17.2.3 says: "In all races run in lanes (or any part of a race run in lanes), each athlete shall keep within their allocated lane from start to finish and, when running on a bend, shall not step or run on or inside the left-hand lane line or in the case of the inside lane, the kerb or line marking the border of the inside of the track."

Keneshbekov Nursultan of Kyrgyzstan, who had finished second with a time of 8:08.85s, was awarded the gold.

Rajkot defeat is hurting but McCullum defends 'Bazball' approach

Rajkot, Feb 20 (PTI):

England coach Brendon McCullum said the heavy defeat in the third Test against India is definitely hurting the visitors but they will continue with their attacking 'Bazball' approach in the remainder of the five-match series.

England's "Bazball" approach backfired big time in the third Test which they lost by a massive 434 runs, their largest defeat in terms of runs since 1934, to go 1-2 down in the series.

But McCullum said he has "no regrets" about their approach.

"We'll turn the page and go quids in again trying to put India under pressure," McCullum was quoted as saying by BBC Sport.



The fourth Test is scheduled to be played in Ranchi from Friday.

England have had a successful run under McCullum and captain Ben Stokes, playing an attacking brand of cricket to secure 14 wins from 20 Tests prior to the defeat in Rajkot.

"People are entitled to their opinion, good, bad or ugly," said the former New Zealand captain.

"It's up to us whether we want to listen to it or not. The dressing room is a very strong place where confidence is high and guys are backed to go out there and allow their talent to flourish. If we allow the outside noise to seep in, that's our problem," McCullum said.

He said England are a much better team now.

Chappell urges Root to play his natural game

Melbourne, Feb 20 (PTI):

Former Australia captain Ian Chappell has urged out-of-form England batter Joe Root to shun the 'Bazball' approach and get back to playing his natural game.

Senior batter Root has struggled for runs in the ongoing five-match series against India, registering a set of low scores across six innings.

Keeping up with England's aggressive Bazball approach, Root has mostly lost his wicket playing outlandish shots in India. "Root had a bloody fine record playing normally, and he was a quick scorer playing normally," Chappell told 'Wide World of Sports', describing Bazball as "bullshit".



"I don't see why he's trying to change things drastically, and I've never believed you should play pre-meditated shots," Chappell added.

Root, who has over 11,000 Tests runs, copped up a lot of criticism for his dismissal in England's first innings in the third Test, as he attempted to reverse sweep Jasprit Bumrah but only ended up edging to slip.

IPL set for March 22 start: Arun Dhumal

New Delhi, Feb 20 (PTI):

The much-anticipated Indian Premier League is set to begin on March 22 and will be held entirely in the country despite the coinciding general elections, league chairman Arun Dhumal told PTI on Tuesday. The elections are expected to be held in April and May and that is the main reason why the schedule for the IPL's 17th edition has not been unveiled yet. Speaking to PTI, Dhumal said to begin with, only the schedule of the first 15 days will be announced and the roster for the remaining games will be decided after the announcement of the general election dates.

The dates of the Lok Sabha polls are expected to be announced early next month. "We are looking at a March 22 start for the



tournament. We are working closely with the government agencies and we will first release the initial schedule. The entire tournament will be held in India," said Dhumal.

Only in 2009, the IPL, in its entirety, was held overseas (South Africa) while the 2014 edition was partially held in the UAE due to the general elections. However, in 2019, the

tournament was held in India despite the elections.

Considering the T20 World Cup begins within days of the cash-rich league's conclusion, the final is likely to be held on May 26. India will play their opening World Cup fixture against Ireland in New York on June 5 while the ICC showpiece begins with the USA and Canada clash on June 1.

As is the norm, the IPL opener will be played between the last year's finalists, the winners Chennai Super Kings in this case and runners-up Gujarat Titans. The players' auction for the 2024 season was held in December last year and Australian pacer Mitchell Starc became the most expensive player in the history of the league after being bought by Kolkata Knight Riders for Rs 24.75 crore.

PM seeks support of women to make 1 cr 'lakhpati didis'

Jammu, Feb 20 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday sought the support of the country's women folk and said he wants to make one crore women in India "lakhpati didis".

The prime minister lauded the beneficiaries of the Centre's major schemes in Jammu and Kashmir for setting an example for the rest of the country. He interacted with the beneficiaries during his visit to Jammu to ascertain how the schemes have transformed the lives of the people in the Union Territory.

During a public rally, the PM encouraged a self-help group (SHG) head Kirti of Basohli area of Kathua district to leverage the loan scheme under livelihood scheme and contribute to the success of rural women.

Kirti, whose SHG had purchased three cows and repaid the loan, has now a big cowshed due to the efforts of several women.

She said, "The lives of women are changing and they are becoming the engines of change in rural India. The credit of the changes goes to such schemes gifted to us by the prime minister".

Lauding Kirti for her contribution, the PM sought support from the



PM Modi addresses the gathering, in Jammu, Tuesday.

country's women folk and said he wants to make one crore women in India "lakhpati didis".

She replied saying she will fully support Modi's mission of "lakhpati didis".

From farmers to SHG members, Modi interacted with five beneficiaries - including three from Jammu and two from Kashmir - to learn about the impact of schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), PM Kisan, Jal Jeevan Mission, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Ayushman Bharat, PM Ujjwala and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhayan (PM-KUSUM) on their lives.

The prime minister acknowledged the exemplar

role played by Shaheen Begum, a post-graduate entrepreneur from north Kashmir's Bandipora area.

Shaheen, a beneficiary of the Deendayal Antyodaya scheme, has transformed the lives of rural women in Kashmir by setting up SHGs and various units, including a poultry farm.

She credited the prime minister for her success, stating, "Your schemes have changed our lives. I never dreamt that such a change would take place. It was a difficult life for us but you changed it. We thank you, Sir."

PM Modi praised Shaheen for her entrepreneurship skills and also commended her parents for educating her.

He said, "I bow before your parents for educating

you. You are becoming a successful entrepreneur. That shows everything is possible under the Modi rule," he said.

Continuing the engagement, he greeted Lal Mohammad, a Gujjar from Poonch district, who has successfully constructed a house under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).

Mohammad recited a poem in praise of Modi and India, expressing his support to them.

The prime minister extended greetings to Riyaz Ahmed Kohli from Pulwama and Veena Parihar from Atholi (Paddar) in Kishtwar district, the first time beneficiaries of the Jal Jeevan Mission and PM Ujjwala schemes which gave them piped water supply and gas connection respectively, in the remotest areas of J&K.

Kohli shared his story how his remote village got connected through piped water under Jal Jeevan Mission to provide water supply to their village.

"We have got water connections for the first time since Independence. We got benefitted from the forest rights law after the abrogation of Article 370. We thank you, Sir. I never thought about talking to the PM like this. We are fortunate to talk to you," he said.

SAVE WATER CAMPAIGN



Students form a human chain during a save water campaign ahead of the 'Neerathon' 2024, an annual run to create awareness on water conservation, in Bengaluru, Tuesday.

Maha Guv opens first session of State Legislature

Mumbai, Jan 20:

Maharashtra Governor Ramesh Bais addressed the first joint session of Maharashtra State Legislature for the year 2024 at Vidhan Bhavan Mumbai.

The Governor was welcomed by Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Rahul Narwekar, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Deputy Chairperson of Legislative Council Dr



Neelam Gorhe, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Chandrakant Patil and Chief Secretary Nitin Kareer. The Governor was given a ceremonial Guard of Honour on the occasion.

NHRC notice to DGCA over death of old man

Who had to walk for lack of wheelchair

New Delhi, Feb 20 (PTI):

The NHRC has sent a notice to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) over reports that an 80-year-old man died at the Mumbai airport after he was refused a wheelchair despite prior request to an airline and forced to walk.

Reportedly, the US-based Indian-origin man collapsed after walking for about 1.5 km on the way to the immigration area, the National Human Rights Commission said in a statement. He was walking alongside his wife, who was in a wheelchair. The elderly couple was travelling from New York

to India, the rights panel said, quoting the report.

The NHRC said it "has taken suo motu cognizance of a media report that an 80-year-old man died at the Mumbai airport when not provided with a wheelchair despite prior request to the airline."

The Commission observed that the content of the media report, if true, raises a serious issue of violation of human rights of the victim.

It has asked the DGCA for a detail report in four weeks.

It should include the status of compensation if any, provided to the next of kin of the deceased, the statement said.

The Commission said it would also like to know the steps taken or pro-

posed to be taken to ensure that such incidents do not recur.

"There has been a significant increase in the number of air passengers as well as the airfare, but the standard of facilities doesn't seem to have improved proportionately resulting in several complaints reported in the media and posted on social media," the Commission observed.

"According to the media report, there were 32 wheelchair passengers on the particular flight but there were only 15 available with accompanying staff on the ground to help them. The wife sat in the wheelchair while the husband followed her on foot and collapsed after some time. The elderly couple was travelling from New York to India," it said.

No court stay on broadcast of Indrani docu series

Mumbai, Feb 20 (PTI):

A special court here on Tuesday rejected a plea moved by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) seeking a stay on the broadcast of a documentary series on Indrani Mukerjea, a prime accused in the Sheena Bora murder case.

CBI special judge S P Naik-Nimbalkar said the court does not have the "inherent power" to stop the broadcast, and asked the probe agency to approach an appropriate forum if advised.

The judge held that the prosecution had not brought to his notice any legal provision for such

directions.

The docu-series, titled 'The Indrani Mukerjea Story: The Buried Truth', delves into the disappearance of 25-year-old Bora and is scheduled to premiere on streaming platform Netflix on February 23.

In its application filed through public prosecutor C J Nandode, the CBI had asked the court "to issue direction to accused and others concerned for staying/stopping the featuring of the accused persons and the persons connected with the case in the documentary by Netflix and its broadcasting on any platform till the conclusion of the ongoing trial".

US lauds Indian Navy's role in strategic waters

In view of Houthi attacks on Cargo ships

New Delhi, Feb 20 (PTI):

The US is engaged with India on the issue of alleged failed plot to kill a Sikh separatist and it is looking forward to the findings of the high-level committee appointed by New Delhi to probe the matter, US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Verma said on Tuesday.

In December, Washington said it thwarted an alleged plot hatched by an Indian agent to kill Sikh separatist Gurbhag Singh Pannun on American soil. India has already constituted a probe committee to investigate the allegations.

"On the issue that was raised, look, we raised our concerns with the government of India. There is a committee of inquiry looking into the matter and we will stay

engaged with the government and look forward to their findings and they've taken it very seriously. And we're grateful for that," Verma said.

The former US Ambassador to India was responding to a question at an interactive session organised by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF).

Delving into various geo-political challenges, he also lauded the Indian Navy's role in strategic waters in view of attacking Houthi militants attacking various commercial vessels in the Red Sea.

"We appreciate everything India has been doing in the Red Sea with its Navy and the incredible support that they have provided. I am grateful to all of our US military partners or other coalition partners," he said.

In the last few weeks, the Indian Navy extended assistance to a number of merchant vessels in the Arabian Sea following attacks on them.

India has not joined any coalition including the one backed by the US in view of the security situation in the Red Sea. Verma said the US-India relations are "surging forward at a pace and scale that many of us could not have predicted only a few years ago".

He also suggested that the cooperation under the Quad framework is not to contain China and that the overarching goal is to ensure a peaceful Indo-Pacific region.

More broadly, that stands on its own and I think it sends a very powerful message around the world, he said, adding the threats in the Indo-Pacific are "real".

"The threats we face are real, but building our collective capabilities, increasing our sharing of information and improving maritime domain awareness and interoperability, for example, will ensure India continues to be a provider of net security across the Indo Pacific region and beyond," Verma said.

No fundamental right to adopt a child: HC

New Delhi, Feb 20 (PTI):

The right to adopt a child cannot be raised to the status of a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution and the prospective adoptive parents do not have any right to choose who to adopt, the Delhi High Court has said.

Justice Subramonium Prasad upheld the retrospective application of a regulation permitting couples with two or more children to only adopt children with special needs or those hard to place, adding that the process operates for the welfare of children and

the rights of prospective adoptive parents (PAPs) cannot be put at the forefront.

"The right to adopt cannot be raised to the status of a fundamental right within Article 21 nor can it be raised to a level granting PAPs the right to demand their choice of who to adopt. The adoption process in entirety operates on the premise of welfare of children and therefore the rights flowing within the adoption framework does not place the rights of the PAPs at the forefront," said the court in a recent order.

The judge noted that there is a long wait for

adoption and there are many childless couples and parents with one child who would adopt a "normal child" but the chances of a specially-abled child being adopted are remote and the regulation therefore only aims to ensure that more and more children with special needs get adopted.

"The long wait for prospective parents including those who are devoid of even one biological child must be seen in the backdrop of a grave mismatch between the number of normal children available for adoption and the number of PAPs in expectation of

adopting a normal child.

"A balanced approach therefore ought to be welcomed which attempts to reduce the wait for parents with a single child or devoid of even that, in anticipation of adoption and the interests of the child while being matched with a family with lesser number of already existing biological children," added the court.

The court's decision came on a batch of petitions by several PAPs with two biological children who applied for adoption of a third child as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

During the pendency of their application, the Adoption Rules, 2022 superseded the Adoption Regulations, 2017 and instead of three or more children, now couples with two or more children could only opt for adoption of children with special needs or those hard to place children unless they are relatives or step-children.

Hard to place children are those that are not likely to be adopted because of physical or mental disability, emotional disturbance, recognised high risk of physical or mental disease, age, racial or ethnic factors etc.

Swami Prasad Maurya quits SP

To announce own party on Feb 22

Lucknow, Feb 20 (PTI):

A week after tendering his resignation from the post of Samajwadi Party national general secretary, Swami Prasad Maurya on Tuesday resigned from the party's primary member-

ship and the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council and announced formation of a new party. Maurya resigned as the party's national general secretary on February 13, accusing the leadership of discriminating against him and not defending him over his controversial

statements on the Ramcharitmanas and the Ayodhya temple consecration ceremony. Maurya said that he will form a new party and announce it on Thursday in New Delhi. "I got an opportunity to work with you. But after our talks on February 12

and my resignation (as national general secretary) on February 13, no initiative of any talks with me was taken due to which I am resigning from the primary membership of the party," Maurya said in a letter to party chief Akhilesh Yadav. He also shared the letter on his social media accounts.



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