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Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves at people as he comes out after visiting the Valinath Mahadev Mandir in Tarah, Mahesana, Gujarat, Thursday, Feb. 22. Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel is also seen.

Student missing

Thane: A 17-year-old boy from Navi Mumbai town-ship in Maharashtra has allegedly gone missing after leaving home to appear in the Class 12 board examination, police said on Thursday. The boy left his home in Ghansoli area at around 8.45 am on Wednesday to go to a college in Vashi for the exam, an official from Rabale police station said. He did not return home till late night following which his parents carried out a search and later approached the police, he said.

Charas seized

Maharajganj (UP): In a joint operation conducted by the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and police on the Indo-Nepal border, a Nepalese national has been arrested and contraband worth Rs 5 crore seized, a senior officer said on Thursday. Superintendent of Police (SP), Maharajganj, Somendra Meena said the accused has been identified as Basant Khatri (24) from Dang district in Nepal. He said Khatri was in his way to Nepal from India when he was arrested in Sonauli with 5.898 kg of charas worth Rs 5 crore in the international market.

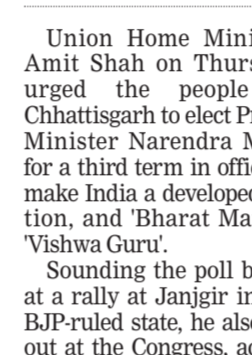
Gang raped

Lucknow: Police have arrested a cleric and are on a lookout for his brother in connection with a gang-rape case of an eight-year-old girl here, officials said. Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Vishwajeet Srivastava said a man got a complaint filed at the Malihabad police station a few days ago, alleging that his eight-year-old daughter was raped by two men who teach in a madrasa. The two accused were identified as Mohammed Abedin and his brother, Mohammad Ashraf, the officials said.

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Elect Modi once again to make India Vishwa Guru: Amit Shah

Janjgir, Feb 22 (PTI):



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday urged the people of Chhattisgarh to elect Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a third term in office to make India a developed nation, and 'Bharat Mata' a 'Vishwa Guru'.

Sounding the poll bugle at a rally at Janjgir in the BJP-ruled state, he also hit out at the Congress, accusing it of delaying the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya for 75 years. "The coming (Lok Sabha) elections will decide the future of the country. These elections are to make India a completely developed nation, and to make Bharat Mata (Mother India) a Vishwa Guru (world teacher)," the senior BJP leader said.

Avoid naming animals as Sita, Akbar, observes HC

Kolkata 9ta, Feb 22 (PTI):

The Jalpaiguri Circuit Bench of the Calcutta high court on Thursday verbally observed that the naming of a lioness and lion as "Sita" and "Akbar" should have been shunned to avoid controversy.

The bench also suggested that the West Bengal Zoo Authority take a prudent decision by renaming them. Hearing petitions by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad's north Bengal unit and two other individuals, Justice Saugata Bhattacharyya asked whether an animal can be named after gods, mythological heroes, freedom fighters or Nobel laureates.

The Judge verbally said that such naming of the animals should have been shunned to avoid controversy. Stating that West Bengal is already burdened with several controversies starting from school jobs appointments to several other issues, he said "Therefore, take a prudent decision, avoid this controversy."

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Union Home Minister and BJP leader Amit Shah, Thursday, Feb. 22. The BJP won ten out of 11 Lok Sabha seats in the state in 2014 and nine in 2019, Shah noted, adding that in the recent assembly elections people voted his party to power with a thumping majority. "The incompetent (Congress) government nei-

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PM to address 'Viksit Bharat' on Feb 24

New Delhi, Feb 22 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a 'Viksit Bharat Chhattisgarh' programme on February 24 via video and launch development projects worth over Rs 34,400 crore.

The projects are related to several other issues, he said. "Therefore, take a prudent decision, avoid this controversy."

The Prime Minister's Office said in a statement. It said Modi will inaugurate the National 'Thermal Power Corporation's Lara Super Thermal Power Project, stage-I (2x800 MW), and lay the foundation stone of the stage-II (2x800 MW) of the project in Raigarh. The stage-I of the station is built with an investment of around Rs 15,800 crore, the stage-II entails an investment of Rs 15,530 crore. The statement said the project equipped with highly efficient super critical technology (for stage-I) and ultra super critical technology (for stage-II) will ensure lesser specific coal consumption and carbon dioxide emission.

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CBSE plans open-book exam trials for classes 9-12

New Delhi, Feb 22 (PTI):

The Central Board of Secondary Education is planning a pilot run of open-book exams in selected schools for classes 9 to 12 later this year, according to officials.

The idea was floated in the last governing body meeting of the Board in December 2023. Officials, however, said there is no plan to adopt the format in class 10 and 12 board exams. "The CBSE is planning a pilot run of open-book assessments in selected schools, targeting subjects -- English, Mathematics, and Science for Classes 9 and 10, and English, Mathematics, and Biology for Classes 11 and 12. The aim is to gauge the time taken by students to complete these tests and gather feedback from stakeholders."

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Manipur High Court modifies order linked to Meiteis that led to clashes

Guwahati, Feb 22:

The Manipur High Court has deleted a paragraph from its controversial March 27, 2023 order that directed the state government to send a recommendation on Scheduled Tribe status for the Meitei community in the Scheduled Tribe list, expeditiously, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of this order in terms of the avertisment set out in the writ petition and in the line of the order passed in W.P.(C) No. 4281 of 2002 dated 26.05.2003 by the Gauhati High Court."

In October last year, the High Court allowed tribal organisations in Manipur to file an appeal against the March 27 order. Following this, an appeal was moved by All Manipur Tribal Union on January 20 this year. The Manipur High Court admitted a review petition seeking to modify its March 27 order and issued notices to the Centre and the state government, seeking their response.

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BJP ended credibility crisis in politics: Rajnath Singh

Nabarangpur, Feb 22 (PTI):

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday claimed that the BJP has ended the 'credibility crisis in politics' created by the Congress and the party has won the trust of people by fulfilling promises.

Singh addressing party workers of three Lok Sabha constituencies of Nabarangpur, Kalahandi and Bolangir, said: "The people had lost their trust in politicians as the Congress made do not fulfill promises made to people after elections for which the people had 'lost faith' in politicians. However, things have changed since Narendra Modi came to power in 2014, he said.

"You can check our election manifesto and find that all the promises are met," he said, adding that the party has promised the abolition of Article 370, the end of Triple Talaq and also Sri Ram Temple at Ayodhya. All the promises were met and the people have now realised that the Congress used to "forget" the promises made to

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Bike rally taken out for helmet and voting awareness



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Feb 22: A two-wheeler rally was organized by the District Administration and Education Department on Thursday under the voter awareness program SVEEP. About 200 officers, cluster coordinators,

PT teachers and employees of the education department participated in the rally to spread awareness among the voters of Durg assembly constituency.

In this rally, the department not only made the voters aware about voting, but also gave the mes-

sage to the people by wearing helmets that "if there is life, there is voting", it is mandatory for all to wear a helmet while driving.

Through this rally, a message was also given that to exercise your franchise in the Lok Sabha elections, you must go to



the polling station and if you go by vehicle, you must wear a helmet or seat belt. Traffic Police also supported in organizing the rally. This rally was flagged off by Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat - Durg, Ashwani Dewangan. After the rally, DSP

Traffic Satish Thakur administered the traffic safety oath while District Education Officer Abhay Jaiswal administered the oath for voting in the upcoming elections. The traffic system was managed during the rally by Traffic Inspector Anand Shukla.

Selection Trials for BSP Boxing Team on March 01

Bhilai, Feb 22: Bhilai Steel Plant's Department of Sports, Cultural & Civic Amenities (SC&CA) is organizing selection trials, to select Boxers for BSP's Boxing Team, to take part in the Steel Plants Sports Board (SPSB) Boxing Championship. TATA Steel, Jamshedpur (TISCO), is organizing the SPSB Inter-Steel Plant Boxing Championship, at Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, from 12th to 13th March 2024. The selection trials will be organized at Ispat Club, Sector-02, Bhilai, on 01st March 2024, at 07.00 PM, to select Boxers from Bhilai and nearby areas, for BSP's Boxing Team. Registration for the selection trials may be made with the selectors for BSP's Boxing Team, Rajendra Prasad, and Teerath Raut, before 01st March 2024, 07.00 PM, at Ispat Club, Sector-02, Bhilai. Dennis Christy, Deputy Manager (SC&CA) will be in charge of the selection trials.

Man and daughter killed in road accident

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Feb 22: A man and his teenage daughter were killed in a road accident on National Highway at Kumhari on Thursday. The younger daughter was injured in this mishap. The man was travelling with his two daughters on a bike when a speeding truck crushed him to death near the DMC factory in Kumhari. Police have lodged a case.

According to information, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon resident Kanhaiyya Satnami (35) accompanied by his daughters Monika (11) and Chhaya (10), was moving towards Akoli to his in-laws place.

Near the DMC factory in Kumhari, A speeding truck trailer hit their bike. Kanhaiyya and Monika suffered fatal injuries and died on the spot while the younger daughter Chhaya suffered injuries on legs and other parts of the body.

On information, a rescue team of Police reached the spot and all the three were shifted to Supela Government Hospital. Kanhaiyya and Monika were declared dead at the hospital. The younger girl Chhaya has suffered a leg fracture and injuries on head and hands. Police have lodged an FIR against the truck driver.

MLA Devendra raises Sadhram murder case

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Bhilai, Feb 22: During the proceedings of Chhattisgarh Assembly session on Thursday, MLA Devendra Yadav raised the issue of Sadhram Yadav murder case of Kawardha during the zero hour.

It needs to be mentioned here that on February 20, MLA Devendra Yadav had reached village Lalpur and met the family members of deceased Sadhram and heard their demands. Several important decisions were taken during the meeting with the members of Samaj. MLA Devendra had assured for raising the issue in the House. On Thursday,



Devendra Yadav

when the issue of Sadhram murder case was raised in the House, the opposition demanded a CBI inquiry into the matter and providing a government job and compensation to the family of the deceased.

Taking the matter seriously, former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel

also demanded a CBI investigation into the matter. Opposition MLAs started protesting in the sanctum sanctorum due to non-fulfillment of their demands. Later, the Congress MLAs were suspended. Thereafter, the MLAs staged a protest outside the House.

It needs to be mentioned here that during MLA Devendra's visit to Kawardha, the office bearers of the Samaj had appealed to him to participate in the justice rally to be held on February 22. After completion of the assembly proceedings, MLA Devendra reached Kawardha along with other public representatives.

Mansa College organises educational tour

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Feb 22: Trainees of Mansa College visited Sikasar Dam, Bhuteshwar Temple of Gariaband district and Rajiv Lochan Temple of Rajim. They learned about Sikasar Dam, how this project is used as a water supply and electricity source in the surrounding areas.

Witnessing the unforgettable beauty of nature, they realized the need to conserve the natural resources. The historical story and spirituality of Shivalinga of Bhuteshwar temple made them feel the excellent culture of India which inspires the people.

They oversaw the Nagar style artefacts of



Triveni Sangam and Rajeev Lochan temple of Rajim. Seeing the amaz-

ing artefacts of the ancient civilization and the amazing image of

Maryada Purushottam Ram, a symbol of faith and ideals, and listening

to the stories of his ideal character, such feelings were infused towards the civilization and culture of the country that they felt a strong love for their country.

Witnessing these beautiful scenes of Rajim Sangam and the preparations for Kumbh, they felt proud of the confluence of religious faith and devotion. The purpose of this educational tour was to make the trainees aware of the art, culture and spirituality of the country.

Principal Prof Smita Saxena and Dr Pushpa Sharma, Dr Namita Gauraha, Sushma Kole and all the teachers also made commendable efforts for making the programme successful.

Hare Krishna Movement celebrates Sri Nityananda Trayodashi Mahotsav

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Feb 22: On Thursday, Shri Nityananda Trayodashi was celebrated at Hare Krishna Mandir, Sector- 6, Bhilai. Sri Nityananda Trayodashi is the auspicious appearance day of Nityananda Prabhu. The Supreme Lord Sri Krishna appeared in Navadvipa (West Bengal) as Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu to establish the Sankirtana Movement (the yuga dharma for this age of quarrel and hypocrisy).

To help the Supreme Lord in His mission, Lord Balarama appeared as Nityananda Prabhu. He assisted Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu by spreading the holy name of the Lord throughout Bengal. Nityananda Prabhu appeared in the village of Ekachakra, in the district of Birbhum (West Bengal) as the



son of Padmavati and Hadai Pandita in the year 1474 AD.

He was born on the thirteenth day of the bright fortnight in the month of Magha (Magha Shukla Trayodashi).

Even today pilgrims visit the place of birth of Lord Nityananda in Ekachakra. This temple is called Garbhavasa. The parents of Lord Nityananda hailed from the

family of pious brahmins originally from Mithila.

Nityananda Prabhu is an eternal associate of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Vaishnava acharyas emphatically state that people who try to understand Chaitanya Mahaprabhu without getting the mercy of Nityananda Prabhu will never succeed and one must pray very sincerely to Lord Nityananda Prabhu as the adi-guru (original spiritual master) to be delivered to the Lotus feet of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Their Lordships, Nitai - Gauranga, were offered a special abhisheka and then an arati accompanied by a beautiful song glorifying Nityananda Prabhu. The abhisheka was very special as the Deities were bathed with scented water, etc, and given a sandal

oil massage. After the massage the Deities are bathed with panchagavya which is a combination of milk, curd, sweetened water, ghee and honey. The Deities are then given Sarvaushadhi Snana followed by 108 kalasha snana and then bathed with herbal extracts, scented water, exotic fruit juices, flowers, etc.

The Utsava Deities of Sri Sri Nitai Gauranga ie Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and Sri Nityananda Prabhu were carried on a flower-bedecked palaki along the processional route within the temple precincts. The atmosphere resounded with the loud chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra accompanied by musical instruments. This celebration was commemorated by preparing a grand feast for devotees.

Instrumentation Department achieves 1500 accident-free days



Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Feb 22: BSP's Instrumentation Department provides round-the-clock services for measuring, monitoring, and controlling of process and environment parameters of all shops of Bhilai Steel Plant, including the CO & CCD, Blast Furnaces, Steel Melting Shops, the Mills, PBS, SPs, RMPs, and other auxiliary units.

More than 100 Plant personnel, along with over 250 contractual employees are always on alert mode to meet the requirements of the shops. They have to attend the preventive maintenance and breakdown jobs of all shops.

The Instrumentation Department has now completed 1,500 acci-

dent-free days i.e. no man-days lost in the last 4 years.

The Instrumentation Department prepared itself to meet this challenge of zero-accidents by conducting several training and awareness activities and taking innovative safety initiatives to prevent near-miss cases and accidents.

The department has initiated the issuance of "My Safety Cards" to all its employees which summarise questions encompassing all safety standards being covered in the Plant's Safety Governance System.

The Instrumentation department has also started issuing PPE Cards to all its contractual workers engaged under various BSP con-

tracts. Praveen Rai Bhalla, CGM (Safety & Fire Services), along with Sant Kumar Keshkar, GM I/c & HoD (Instrumentation & WBSM), and Ravi Shankar, GM & HoD (INCOS), and other senior officials congratulated the Instrumentation Department for completing 1,500 accident-free days.

Sewaram Jatrelle GM & DSO (Instrumentation) completed the programme. Senior Officials of the Department, including B Madhu Pillai, GM (Instrumentation), and Goutam Kumar Kundu, GM (PBS & Instrumentation), along with respective section in-charges and departmental staff also took part in the programme.

Abidi shares insights, experiences & challenges overcome

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Feb 22: Numerous men and women have toiled hard to give their best to Bhilai Steel Plant during their service period. In this interaction, Saiyed Nawaid Abidi who retired in July 22 as Chief General Manager I/c Services shares his experiences and talks about challenges faced and how decisions and actions he took along with his team impacted the organisation. He also shares some insights he gained for the benefit of those presently in service. Let us hear from him.

Q. You have had a long career in SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant. During your career, you have worked in different departments/sections. There would have been several challenging situations that you would have overcome in your area of work. Please share some experiences.

A. In the total span of more than 39 years in SAIL's Bhilai Steel Plant, I have worked in several departments and sections in different capacities. I am one of those who are fortunate to have seen and witnessed projects under two modernisation and expansion phases taking shape viz. from 2.5 Million Tonnes (MT) to 4 MT and from 4 MT to 7 MT. Initially, I worked in Projects Organisation on deputa-

tion capacity enhancement from 2.5 MT to 4 MT.

Subsequently, I worked in Traffic Maintenance Section of Traffic Department. Here biggest challenge was reducing derailments. In almost the entire track layout inside Plant, wooden sleepers had been used for track laying, even in Pitside of SMS-1, where Liquid Steel was cast into Ingots. Steel Sleepers were being arranged from Durgapur Steel Plant, but in limited quantity and Pre Stressed Concrete sleepers were also not available as these were in great demand from Indian Railways.

When DSP stopped manufacturing Steel Trough Sleepers, there was non-availability of wooden sleepers. We then faced a big challenge to bridge this gap. With the help of Design and Drawing Department of BSP, drawings were developed for Broad Gauge Steel Sleepers and also Crossing Sleepers. Production of same was started. Required Crossing Sleepers bars became a regular product of our Rail & Str Mill. With gradual replacement of wooden sleepers with these Crossing Sleepers and also with Pre Stressed Concrete sleepers, derailments have now become now almost NIL, as against an average 10 derailments per day earlier, for various reasons.



Q. You would have gained rich experience of working in different capacities during your career. What would you like to say for the benefit of those presently engaged in similar capacities in Bhilai Steel Plant?

A. I was fortunate to be exposed to different functions, departments of Steel Making process support services right from the beginning of the career. In my entire career in SAIL-BSP, I worked in Railway Track Maintenance, Internal/External Traffic Operation/logistics, Secretarial Services to Head of Services, Head of Works, Works Contract Management, Production, Planning and Monitoring, Raw Materials Management, Energy

Management, Cost Management, Scrap and Solid Waste Management. The learning from all these years of working in these different capacities and functions is that "always accept challenges, solutions will come automatically."

Q. Bhilaisians have always striven to do better in their own respective fields of working. In your capacity as leader of your team/department, you would have taken certain initiatives for the benefit of your department and Plant.

A. During my long career, I found that "Future to be leaders" in general needed to be trained and exposed to commercial aspects of running their respective department or zone. Adequate inputs were provided to them so that they become commercially sound and when they assume leadership positions in the organisation.

Q. Can you share some examples where you & your team took such steps?

A. Adequate and timely actions were taken to smoothly run the day to day operations of new MODEX units under the 7 MT Modex programme when sufficient support services were not in place viz. Slag Management of SMS-3, Rail Bloom transfer from Casters to Storage Yard and then to URM. All these have helped in smooth running of SMS-3 as well as Universal Rail Mill

and the Plant in general.

Q. SAIL-BSP has reached new heights of excellence in various parameters in the last few decades. After such a long innings in Bhilai, how do you lookback on your own personal contribution to the organisation?

A. I can't say about direct personal contribution, but succeeding in pooling the resources available at my disposal for best utilisation under my jurisdiction have contributed to Plant & Organisation as a team function.

Q. Please share your views on how the performance of the shop/department where you have worked for longest duration, can be improved?

A. One has to sustain and improve upon the systems developed by seniors and always enjoy the job wherever he or she is posted. If one enjoys the job, the department will always progress and consequently BSP. Thus "Own the department".

Q. If you are settled in Bhilai post-retirement, can you tell us briefly what made you stay on in Bhilai?

A. The quality of life, peaceful work environment, socio-culture bonding, lush green township, medical facilities, peace of mind, connectivity to all other cities and well planned city - all these made me stay on in Bhilai.

Din in Ch'garh assembly as Cong demands CBI probe

Into murder of 'Gau Sevak' in Kabirdham

Raipur, Feb 22:

Opposition Congress on Thursday triggered uproar in Chhattisgarh Assembly demanding a CBI probe into the murder of a gau sevak (cow shelter worker) in the state's Kabirdham district.

The ruling party jibed at Congress saying the state had banned the entry of the central agency when it was in power.

Amid pandemonium, the proceedings were adjourned once, while Congress legislators were suspended after they trooped into the well of the House when the chair disallowed their demand for discussion.

On the night of January 20, cow shelter worker Sadhram Yadav (48) was killed allegedly by six persons on the outskirts of Kawardha city, the headquarters of Kabirdham district, when he was heading to his village Lalpur on a bicycle.

All the accused were subsequently arrested and the police included sections under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in the case.

According to police, the investigation into the case revealed that the six accused had murdered Yadav in "ISIS style" by slitting his throat in their attempt to create terror in Kawardha city ahead of consecration of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya (on January 22).



Congress legislators, including former chief minister Bhupesh Baghel, raised the issue in Zero Hour and demanded a CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) into the murder and compensation of Rs 50 lakh for the victim's family.

Pressing for discussion on the matter, the opposition members also demanded a government job for Yadav's kin. BJP MLAs

took a dig at the opposition, saying that those who had banned the CBI's entry into the state (during the previous Congress government) are now demanding a probe by it.

Assembly Speaker Raman Singh disallowed the demand for discussion, saying that the issue was already mentioned in the statement of the state's home minister (on Wednesday).

But the opposition MLAs started sloganeering demanding CBI enquiry, compensation and government job in the matter and trooped into the well of the House. They were automatically suspended. The speaker later revoked their suspension. Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, who also holds Home port-

folio, told reporters on the premises that action is being taken against the accused under UAPA in the Yadav murder case and called the step a first of its kind in the state.

This incident is different from the Biranpur communal violence as the murder was not "committed with 'hathiyar' (weapons), rather it was done with 'vichar' (ideas)", he said. The accused in the case have links with Kashmir and a probe is underway, he added.

Sharma on Wednesday had announced that a CBI probe would be recommended in the murder of Bhuneshwar Sahu in a communal violence in Biranpur village of state's Bemetara district last year.

Demands for grants worth over Rs 6206 cr passed

- For Health Minister Jaiswal's departments
- Eighteen new primary health centers in Chhattisgarh soon
- Recruitment to be done on 393 posts of lab technicians



Raipur, Feb 22: Demands for grants worth Rs 6206 crore 51 lakh 52 thousand related to the departments of Public Health and Family Welfare, Medical Education and Twenty Point Program Implementation Minister Shyam Jaiswal were passed unanimously after discussion in the Chhattisgarh Assembly on Thursday.

These include an amount of Rs 4,413 crore 16 lakh 5 thousand for the Public Health and Family Welfare Department, Rs 1,788 crore 86 lakh 12 thousand for the Medical Education Department and Rs 4 crore 49 lakh 35 thousand for the Twenty Point Implementation Department. Health Minister Shyam Jaiswal, while replying to the discussion on grant demands, announced to provide the facility of drone service as well as modern medical services like robot technology and robot doctor to provide quick health facilities in

the state. He also announced the opening of a trauma center by marking a place on the Raipur-Bilaspur National Highway. Health Minister Jaiswal said in the House that in the budget of the next financial year, a provision had been made to open superspecialty hospitals in all divisional headquarters on the lines of AIIMS. Apart from this, 6 district hospitals of remote areas of the state, Gariaband, Kawardha, Mungeli, Raigarh, Baikunthpur and Narayanpur will be developed as model district hospitals. A budget provision of Rs 20 crore has been kept for this. With this amount, machines, infrastructure and human resources will be provided in these hospitals as per requirement. He said that state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai took care of everyone for the treatment of needy patients including poor and laborers of the

state. For this, under Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Aayushman Health Scheme, the poor will be provided free treatment facility up to Rs 5 lakh. He said that 57 new mobile medical units will be started in the state. A study has been conducted in five states to find out how to provide better treatment in private hospitals through cards. New medical colleges will be opened in Manendragarh, Janjgir, Kawardha and Dantewada at a cost of Rs 50 crore each. Six new Ayurvedic dispensaries will be opened in the state including Supebada village affected by kidney disease. To increase health facilities, 165 new posts have been created in five new districts. New hospital with 200 beds will be built in Manendragarh and Kunkuri and 18 new primary health centers will be opened in the state. As many as 393 new posts of lab technicians will be filled in primary health centres.

'India Green Energy Award 2024 conferred upon Ch'garh

Raipur, Feb 22: The Indian Federation of Green Energy, New Delhi, has conferred the 'India Green Energy Award, 2024' upon the Chhattisgarh Biofuel Development Authority (CBDA) under the energy department of Chhattisgarh. The CBDA has been declared the winner in the 'Outstanding Community-Based Green Energy Project' category at the national level. Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai has extended congratulations and best wishes to the Chhattisgarh Biofuel Development Authority for this achievement. Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari presented this award to Sumit Sarkar, Chief Executive Officer, CBDA, in



New Delhi on 21 February. Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Rameshwar Telu was also present in the program. It is noteworthy that Chhattisgarh Biofuel Development Authority has done remarkable work for more than a decade, it has connected rural farmers and beneficiaries in the field of biofuels and bio-energy.

Preparations in full-swing for recruitment of 33000 teachers in Ch'garh

Raipur, Feb 22:

School Education Minister Brijmohan Agrawal has instructed SCERT Director Shri Rajendra Katara to conduct Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) in the state soon. Following the instructions of Education Minister Agrawal, SCERT has written a letter to the Professional Examination Board (Vyapam) asking to conduct TET examination in the state as soon as possible. Minister Agrawal had made an announcement in the Assembly re-



garding the recruitment of 33 thousand teachers in the state. In the same sequence, preparations are in full-swing to ensure the implementation of this announcement. Arrangements are in progress to organize TET exam and ensure participation of maximum number of youth in the recruit-

ment process. He said that the examination will be conducted with complete transparency.

It is noteworthy that TET exam has not been conducted in Chhattisgarh for almost 3 years, which has led to disappointment among the youth who dream of becoming a teacher. Several young candidates had requested Education Minister Brijmohan Agrawal to organize TET exam in the state, in response to which Agrawal had made the announcement in the Assembly.

Issue of PM Road, CM Road construction issued in assembly

Raipur, Feb 22: BJP MLAs raised the issue of Prime Minister Road Project and Chief Minister Road Project in Chhattisgarh Assembly on Thursday. BJP MLA Dharamjit Singh said that even after the approval the roads were not built. On this, Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal said that physical verification would be done. Investigation will be conducted in case of any irregularities in road construction, he said. In the absence of the Panchayat Minister, Minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, said that the tender had a fixed time limit and that the construction will be completed within the deadline. Dharamlal Kaushik said that delay in completion of road construction led to resentment among the nearby villagers.

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Assembly approves Rs 3608 cr

Raipur, Feb 22:

Demands for grants of Rs 3608 crore 47 lakh 81 thousand for the departments of Revenue and Disaster Management and Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Tank Ram Verma were passed unanimously in the Chhattisgarh Assembly on Wednesday. It includes Rs 2072 crore 16 lakh 69 thousand for land revenue and district administration, Rs 30 crore 23 lakh 22 thousand for expenditure related to revenue department, Rs 1433 crore 38 lakh 73 thousand for expenditure on relief in natural disasters and drought affected areas. And Rs 72 crore 69 lakh 17 thousand are included for the Sports and Youth Welfare Department. During the discussion on the de-

- For the departments of Minister Tank Ram Verma
- Provision of Rs 500 crore for Deendayal Upadhyaya Agricultural Laborer Welfare Scheme



mands for grants, the MLAs informed the departmental minister about the demands of their respective areas and also gave suggestions. Responding to the discussion on demands for grants, Revenue Minister Verma announced the opening of sub tehsil offices at Chakarbhatha in

Mungeli district and Sakarra in Takhatpur development block of Bilaspur district.

In response to the discussion on land revenue and grant demands of the district administration, Verma said that government is continuously improving and upgrading departmental rules and pro-

cedures and using new technology to provide maximum facilities to the general public in view of their needs. For this, many provisions have been made in the budget.

Under Deendayal Upadhyaya Landless Agricultural Laborer Scheme, Rs 10,000 will be given annually to registered farmers, he said adding that a provision of Rs 25 crore has been made for the work of geo-referencing Patwari maps. A provision of Rs 2 crore has been made to simplify the process of land diversion. A budget provision of Rs 16 crore has been made for Chanda-Munara in the villages of urban areas and Rs 115 crore for computers, printers etc. in all the tehsil offices of the state. A provision of Rs 10 crore has been made for office

buildings of newly formed sub-divisions and tehsils. In the budget for the year 2024-25, Rs 533 crore 60 lakh for State Disaster Response Fund and Rs 50 crore for National Disaster Response Fund, Rs 133 crore 40 lakh for State Disaster Mitigation Fund, Rs 3.26 crore for direction and administration and Rs. Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Verma, in response to the discussion on departmental grant demands, said that Chhattisgarhia Sports Promotion Scheme will be started in the budget of the upcoming financial year to encourage Olympic sports and promote traditional sports. A provision of Rs 20 crore has been made for this. To encourage the contribution of youth in the field of art, literature, sports and

social service, it has been decided to start a national and international level residential sports academy in Chhattisgarh by spending Rs 1 crore 50 lakh under Yuva Ratna Samman Yojana. An amount of more than Rs 10 crore 65 lakh has been provided for this. Rs 4 crore for State Youth Festival, Rs 1 crore 40 lakh for rural sports competition, Rs 1 crore for women's sports competition, Rs 1 crore for training of players, Rs 1 crore for Chhattisgarh Sports Development Authority, Youth Welfare. A provision of Rs 3 crore for activities, Rs 2 crore 85 lakh for encouragement to players, Rs 5 crore for state level sports awards, Rs 2 crore for grants to sports associations and institutions has been made in this budget.

Airport Advisory members for new flights to Ayodhya

- Officials asked to speed up process for International Airport status

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Feb 22: Raipur Parliamentarian Sunil Soni on Wednesday presided over the meeting of Raipur Airport Advisory Committee during which the members advocated on the need to start Air Flight services for Ayodhya.

According to the information received, one of the member Akash Wig raised demand to start regular flight services for Ayodhya which was supported by the other members. Representatives of IndiGo and Vistara Aviation companies as-

sured that they would take up the issue with the senior officials soon.

Discussions were also held for upgradation of Raipur Airport as International Airport. Airport officials informed that the absence of adequate data of International travelers is affected the progress of upgradation.

Raipur LS member Sunil Soni has already held discussion with Union Civil Aviation Minister Schindia on the issue.

During the meeting, the members also expressed their ire over the recent incidents of misbehavior with the passengers by the Travels employees. Members asked the officials to take adequate steps on the issue.

NIT Annual Cultural Fest till Feb 25

Raipur, Feb 22:

National Institute of Technology Raipur's Sanskriti-The Cultural Committee is organizing Central India's largest annual cultural fest, ECLECTIKA'24 from 23rd to 25th February 2024. There will be 7 mega events, inviting participants from various genres to showcase their talents. The 3-day long fest will be organized under the guidance of Dr. Nitin Jain, Dean (student welfare). The mega events include "Kalopsia", a painting competition, "Clash of Chores", a group dance competition, "Goonj", a Nukkad Natak competition, "Eclectika Idol", a singing competition, "Tafree", a stand-up comedy competition, "Allure", a fashion show and "Avirbhav", a war of bands.

In addition to the mega-events, there will be about 30 mini events covering the diversified talents hidden in students of NIT Raipur, such as "Pixel Lane" by

Click Club, "Hansard", "Paper Topia", "Bottle Art", "Face Painting", Rangoli Competition, Essay Competition etc. The nights of ECLECTIKA'24 promise to be the pinnacle of entertainment with an "EDM Nite", an "Artist Nite", and a "Cultural Nite", featuring captivating performances by both artists and highly energetic students of NIT Raipur.

For the intellectually inclined, Literati-The Literary Committee will host a parliamentary debate, quiz, and extempore competition on 24th February 2024, providing a platform to express opinions on global leaders and personalities. Additionally, on 23rd-24th February, Go Green-The Eco Social Committee presents events aimed at fostering a bond with nature through activities like "Puzzle Hunt", "Pot Painting Competition", "Eco Quiz Competition", and a "Handi Craft Workshop".

Minister Kedar attends BJP's public interaction meet



Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Feb 22: Minister for Forest Kedar Kashyap on Monday interacted with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) worker and public during the public grievances redressal meeting at the party office situated at Kushabhau Thakre premises.

According to the information received, the Minister for Forest & Climate Change Kedar Kashyap had reached party office in absence of Minister for Tribal Welfare Ramvihar Netam who could not attend due to certain engagements.

Governor releases book 'The Birds in the Storm'

- Literary program held at Raj Bhavan in the presence of litterateurs from Chhattisgarh and Odisha

Raipur, Feb 22:

Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan released the book "The Birds in The Storm" edited by Dr. Bhagwan Jaisingh at Raj Bhavan. Dr. Jaisingh is a famous poet and translator of Odia language. About 80 poems of many famous Odia poets have been compiled in this book.

Many litterateurs and writers from Chhattisgarh and Odisha including Madhav Kaushik, President Kendriya Sahitya Academy were present in the program.

Governor Harichandan congratulated Dr. Jaisingh for his excellent writing. He said that Dr. Jaisingh is a very good translator. Dr. Jaisingh did an excellent translation of



the Governor's autobiography "Battle Not Yet Over" from Odia to English. He greeted the litterateurs of Chhattisgarh and Odisha and expressed happiness over their presence in the program. Dr. Jaisingh gave detailed information regarding the book.

On this occasion, Dr. Madhav Kaushik said that it is a matter of pride for all of us that Governor Harichandan is not only a skilled politician but also a renowned writer, playwright and columnist, which is a matter of pride and re-

spect for the literary world. He work as a bridge between politics and literature. Regarding Dr. Jaisingh, he said that translators do very important work for the literary world. The world is connected to each other only through translation. Translators actually work like missionaries. The review of the book "The Birds in the Storm" was presented by Dr. Chittaranjan Kar.

In the program, Mrs. Shakuntala Kaushik, Prof. Ramendranath Mishra, Chittaranjan Kumar educationist,

Baldev Bhai Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Trilok Chandra Mahawar, Sanjeev Bakshi and other litterateurs were present. The program was conducted by Mr. Bijayanand Singh and the vote of thanks was given by Mr. Sushir Kumar Swain.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Jaisingh, a poet, critic, editor, translator, has achieved many achievements in literary life. His works include nine collections of poetry in Odia, eight in English and English translations, one travelogue besides two books of criticism in

English. His books of poetry include Nirbasanare Pakshi (Birds in Exile), Mayagharare Kalidasa (Kalidas in the Encircling Net of Maya), Ferranti Ghar (Homebound Traveller). The US-based publisher has published The Dapples of Darkness, a collection of poems in English. Dr. Jayasingh has recently received the Pandit Godabarish Mishra Samman (Sarla Sahitya Sansad, Cuttack) award, besides the Odisha Sahitya Academy Award, Vishnu "Jhankar" Award and Utkal Sahitya Samaj Award.

Police not serious about knife attacks

- In schools by the students, no guidelines issued

Dhamtari, Feb 22:

The craze of button knives has reached the schools in city. There are reports that few students are reaching the school with 'Button knife' and so far two major incident of attack with knife has taken place in the Schools and in both these cases the students turned out to be the main accused.

What is surprising here is that it is just in childhood period that the students are heading towards crime and still the



police or the district and school administration is not taking any strict ac-

tion against them. It is most unfortunate that in this serious case, the police has so far not done any correspondence with the School Education department about the precautions and awareness to be created among students. Set aside this the district administration too has not given any guidance.

The attack by knife incident in school is about 4-5 months back and this requires police to launch some awareness drive in Schools. So far neither the School department has issued any guidelines in this regard to the schools, nor taken cognizance of what is

prompting students at such tender age to use button knives.

In about two & half years time, many incidents attack with knives in the entire district has taken place, but so far no positive steps were taken by the police to prevent any further incidents. SP Anjaney Vasharney has taken charges just few days back and the PRO's statement about his views on crime incident was made public and still the people of Dhamtari District are anxiously hoping for check on such crime incidents of button knife with the appointment of an IPS officer in the district.

SPORTS ROUND_UP

Students presented medals at Annual Prize distribution



Raipur, Feb 22:

Annual Prize distribution ceremony of Laxminarayan Girls Higher Secondary School was held at Gurukul Auditorium near Kalibadi

here on Monday. Seven students were provided gold medals on the occasion by the office-bearers Taral Modi, Ajay Tiwari and others. Other 100 students were given certificates for participation in other events.

Vijay wins gold medal in Khelo India University Weightlifting

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Feb 22: Vijay Kumar Maheshwari from Pt Ravishanker Shukla University Raipur on Monday won the gold medal in the Khelo India University Games 2023-24 in the Weightlifting event held at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh.

Vijay lifted 96 Kg in Snatch and 128 Kg in Clean and Jerk to make it total of 224 Kg lift in the 55 Kg weight category to win the gold medal. Vijay has so far won 3 gold and 2 sil-



ver medal for Pt Ravishanker Shukla University to register new record in the University level.

Team Coach Ajay Deep Sarang and Vijay have been congratulated by the officials on the above success.

Ch'garh-Orissa inter-state coordination meeting concludes

- Preparations for Lok Sabha elections begin
- Discussion held on law and order, prevention of criminal activities and anti-Naxal operations

Raipur, Feb 22:

Administrative preparations have started in the state for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. On Wednesday, in the presence of Divisional Commissioner Dr. Sanjay Alang and Raipur Inspector General of Police Mr. Amresh Mishra, an inter-state coordination meeting was held with the officials of the border state of Orissa through video conferencing. In this meeting, law and order during Lok Sabha elections, stopping criminal activities and joint operations in Maoist affected areas were discussed. The IG and Divisional Commissioner of Sambalpur Range along with Collectors and



Superintendents of Police of Mahasamund, Gariaband and Dhamtari districts of Raipur division and Koraput, Kalahandi, Balangir, Malkangiri, Navrangpur, Bargad, Nuapada districts of Orissa state also participated in the meeting.

In the meeting, the officials stressed on conducting joint operations against Maoist activities in the inter-state border areas and taking effective action to stop the supply network in view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. Raipur Divisional Commissioner Dr. Alang stressed on increasing coordination at sub-divisional officer

level, police station level and district level to conduct the upcoming Lok Sabha elections with better coordination. Emphasizing on rapid exchange of information, he talked about forming a WhatsApp group. In the meeting, there was discussion on setting up permanent and temporary-mobile checkpoints on inter-state borders and effective coordination to prevent illegal transportation of drugs during elections. In this meeting, a strategy was also decided to curb illegal transportation of liquor, cash, weapons, gold and silver as well as other materials during the elections. In the meeting, Divisional

Commissioner Dr. Alang drew attention to keeping an eye on the illegal storage of intoxicants, liquor, ganja etc. as well as the storage of large quantities of materials like cash, sarees, utensils etc. He stressed on prompt exchange of information so that timely action can be taken on incidents occurring during elections.

In the meeting, Raipur Range IG Amresh Mishra said that the list of about three hundred warrant people of Orissa state as interstate criminals will soon be handed over to the border districts, so that monitoring can be done by the police in their districts also. He also stressed on making separate arrangements for security in view of the movement of special and VIP representatives and people during the elections. Mishra expressed the need to run a joint operation to prevent Maoist activities.

Bhatia releases MMA championship brochure



Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Feb 22: Former General Secretary of Chhattisgarh Olympic Association (COA) Baldeo Singh Bhatia has released the brochure of Mix Martial Arts (MMA) Championship scheduled to be held from May 8 to 12 in Raipur. Bhatia has extended best wishes to the Organizers on the occasion. Joint Secretary of MMA India Nitin Singh and General Secretary CGMMA Association Dr Divya Khare were also present on the occasion.

Pranay, Surabhi win Monthly League TT event

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Feb 22: Pranay Chouhan and Surabhi Harsh Sahu won the Senior Men' and Women' championship in the late Pradeep Kedia memorial 8th Raipur District Monthly League Table Tennis tournament being organized under the aegis of Rajdhani District Table Tennis Association (RDTTA) at Sapre School TTHall here.

Providing the above information, the RDTTA Secretary Vinay Baiswade said that senior player Ira Pant was chief guest of the prize distribution ceremony during which Pranay Majumdar, Pravir Nirapure and Harish Pandey were also present.



He further informed that Aryan Singh defeated Kavish Kala to win the Cadet Under 13 for Boys title whereas Samaya Pandey defeated Vedi Kachwaha with the score of 2-1 to clinch the title. Lavanya

Pandey secured third position. Rajesh Singh, Hemraj Decate, Priyank Pandey, NIS Coach Miraj, NIS Coach Asfaque, Sunil Jadwani, Hanshi Pandey and others were present on the occasion.

Bilaspur division transported 150 mn tonnes of freight in 327 days

■ **DRM Praveen Pandey commends dedicated railway workers**

Bilaspur, Feb 22:

The Bilaspur division has achieved a significant milestone by transporting 150 million tonnes of freight during the current financial year 2023-24. This milestone, achieved on February 21, underscores the division's commitment to excellence and its pivotal role in the transportation sector.



This extraordinary accomplishment was made possible through the combined efforts of Bilaspur division's diligent railway employees, who have worked tirelessly even in challenging circumstances. Coal, clinker, iron ore, cement, steel, food grains, chemical fertilizers, minerals, and oil are among the commodities that have been successfully transported during this period.

The record-breaking achievement of transporting 150 million tonnes of goods within just 327 days of the current financial year reflects the efficiency and effectiveness of the division's operations. Under the able leadership of DRM Praveen Pandey and the guidance of other branch officers, Bilaspur division has set a new standard for freight transportation. Celebrating this momentous occasion, railway employees gathered in the control room to mark the achievement with a cake-cutting ceremony, graced by the presence of DRM Praveen Pandey. Expressing his pride and appreciation for the hard work of his team, Pandey congratulated all employees and officers for their dedication and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence. Speaking on the occasion, Pandey emphasized the invaluable contribution of railway employees, particularly those stationed in remote coal mine areas, who work tirelessly day and night to meet loading targets. He hailed them as true 'Karmayogis' and the backbone of the railways, whose dedication ensures the smooth functioning of operations. Noting that Bilaspur division is the largest provider of coal to powerhouses, Pandey underscored the vital role played by its workers in illuminating not just the nation but the entire world.

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School competitions promote vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047

Bilaspur, Feb 22:

As part of the nationwide initiative '2047 Ke Viksit Bharat Ka Viksit Rail' aimed at envisioning the future of railway development in India, various competitions have been organized among school children, fostering creativity and imagination while promoting the vision of a developed nation. With the upcoming inauguration of 551 important stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme by honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 26, along with the commencement of redevelopment projects for 1500 rail over-

bridges/underbridges and the initiation of railway projects worth over Rs 40 thousand crore across the country, the focus on railway modernization has gained significant momentum. The foundation stone for the redevelopment of 554 stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme was laid in August 2023, marking a significant step towards enhancing railway infrastructure. In line with these transformative efforts, school children across the nation have enthusiastically participated in various competitions centered around the theme '2047 Ke Viksit Bharat Ka Viksit Rail.' With a staggering partici-

participation of 4 lakh children from 4 thousand schools nationwide, 46,000 young talents will be recognized and awarded for their exemplary performances across different disciplines. Under the auspices of the South East Central Railway's Bilaspur Division, competitions including painting, poetry, speech, essay writing, story writing, and travelogue were organized among school children to engage them in envisioning a future where railways play a pivotal role in a developed India. Enthusiastic participation was witnessed from approximately 3500 children

representing 67 schools within the jurisdiction of the Bilaspur division, as they showcased their artistic prowess and articulated their visions for a modernized railway system. The competitions served as a platform for young minds to express their creativity and depict their interpretations of a developed railway system emphasizing accessibility, safety, technological advancement, and environmental sustainability. The vibrant atmosphere during the competitions reflected the zeal and enthusiasm of the participants towards contributing to the future of railway development in India.

Hemkund Sahib to open for pilgrims on May 25

Gopeshwar, Feb 22: The portals of Hemkund Sahib, the famous Himalayan Sikh shrine situated in Uttarakhand, will open for pilgrims on May 25. Giving the information on Thursday, Shri Hemkund Sahib Management Trust chairman Narendrajit Singh Bindra said the doors of the shrine will open on May 25 and close on October 10. The pilgrims are requested to plan their pilgrimage to the shrine accordingly, he said. Hemkund Sahib is situated near Badrinath in the border district of Chamoli in Uttarakhand.

न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर

नोटिस

क्रमांक/225/ब-121/2022-23/242 रायपुर, दिनांक 15 फरवरी, 2024 प्रति

- श्री साकेत अग्रवाल (Borrower)
- श्रीमती सुनिता अग्रवाल (Co-Borrower)
- श्रीमती रानु अग्रवाल (Co-Borrower)
- श्री राम गोपाल अग्रवाल (Co-Borrower)

मलिन जयश्री विहार ब्लॉक ए 1/बी मंडी गेट रोड पंडरी तराई, रायपुर

आवेदक प्राधिकृत अधिकारी एडलवाइज एसेट्स रिकंस्ट्रक्शन कंपनी लिमिटेड सिएसटी रोड कलिका मुंबई को ऑर से शिल्पा पाठक अधिका द्वारा आवेदन पत्र / शपथ पत्र मय दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत कर, आवेदन पत्र के द्वारा आपको एल.एंड.टी. हाउसिंग फायनेंस कंपनी से 1,30,64,344.00 रुपये का ऋण दिया जाकर साकेत अग्रवाल एवं सुनिता अग्रवाल के स्वामित्व की संपत्ति कंपनी के पक्ष में बंधक रखी गयी थी। आप ऋण की अदायगी नहीं कर रहे हैं। जिसके कारण आपको कंपनी द्वारा अधिनियम की धारा 13 के तहत नोटिस जारी किया गया कि आप ऋण की अदायगी मय पत्र एवं अन्य शुल्क रूपया 1,47,52,072.00 अदा करें, अन्यथा आपके द्वारा लिये गये ऋण के एवज में बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति कंपनी अपने हक में प्राप्त कर लेगी, वर्तमान में एल.एंड.टी. हाउसिंग फायनेंस लिमिटेड ने उक्त ऋण खाते को आवेदक कंपनी को अंतर्निहित सुरक्षा के साथ सौंपा है, कि जानकारी दी जाकर कंपनी के पक्ष में बंधक रखी संपत्ति का कब्जा दिलाये जाने का निवेदन किया है।

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कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर (उ.ग.)

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क्रमांक/360/ब-11/2022-23 रायपुर, दिनांक 15 फरवरी, 2024 प्रति,

1. मेसर जगजीत इंडस्ट्रीज इंडस्ट्रीयल एरिया बस्तोरी तिलवा रायपुर 2. श्री मनदीप सिंह होरा (उत्तराधिकारी) पिता स्व. श्री जसवीर सिंह 3. श्रीमती जसमीत कौर (उत्तराधिकारी) पति स्व. श्री जसवीर सिंह 4. श्रीमती रसमीत कौर (उत्तराधिकारी) पिता स्व. श्री जसवीर सिंह 5. श्रीमती रसमीत कौर (उत्तराधिकारी) पिता स्व. श्री जसवीर सिंह

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कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी, रायपुर

Parking operator fined Rs 5000 for overcharging

Bilaspur, Feb 22:

Ensuring the smooth and hassle-free experience for passengers, the Railway Administration has taken stringent action against a parking operator at Bilaspur station for overcharging passengers, setting a precedent for fair and transparent parking services. With the provision of parking stands at stations aimed at providing safe parking facilities for passengers' vehicles, the Railway Administration entrusts the management of these parking areas to designated operators. To uphold the integrity of this service, regular inspections are conducted by railway officials to ensure compliance with regulations and to address any issues faced by passengers. In this vein, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Vikas Kashyap has been diligently conducting surprise inspections of the parking stand at Bilaspur station. During these inspections, clear directives were issued to the parking operator to adhere strictly to pre-

scribed parking fees, refrain from unauthorized collections, assist passengers, and maintain courteous conduct at all times. Today, following a complaint received via Twitter, alleging that the Bilaspur parking operator had charged a passenger Rs 2000 for a missing parking receipt—contrary to prescribed regulations which mandate a nominal fee of Rs 50 alongside submission of the vehicle's RC book—the Railway Administration swiftly acted upon the matter.

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NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, Santosh Kumar Bothra, S/O Lalchand Bothra, H. N. 7, Tilak Marg, Near Jain Mandir, Sarafa Line Ward No. 22, Kawardha, Kawardha Kabeerdham, have changed my old name, Santosh Kumar Bothra so in future I should be recognized by my new name that is, Santosh Bothra in all Government and other documents.

Santosh Bothra
H. N. 7, Tilak Marg, Near Jain Mandir, Sarafa Line Ward No. 22, Kawardha Kabeerdham, Chhattisgarh

GIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

CORPORATE OFFICE / HEAD OFFICE: GICHL, National Insurance Building, 8th Floor, J. T. Road, Next to Astoria Hotel, Churchgate, Mumbai, 400 020 Tel.: (022) 2285 1765 / 66 67 Email: corporate@gichfl.com Website: www.gichflindia.com
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DEMAND NOTICE

(IN PURSUANCE WITH SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT., 2002)

GIC Housing Finance Ltd. (GICHL) has sanctioned Housing loan to the following borrower(s) to Mortgage residential premises by creating equitable mortgage in favor of GICHL. The repayment of the loan(s) is regular and the account(s) is finally classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with directions and guidelines of National Housing Bank.

GICHL has therefore invoked its rights under section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 and called upon the borrower(s) to repay the total outstanding due mentioned therein, within 60 days from the date of this Demand Notice(s).

The borrower(s) is hereby again called upon publicly to pay the said total dues plus the charges & interest accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which GICHL shall resort to all or any of the legal rights to TAKE POSSESSION of the said property(ies) and dispose it in accordance with the provisions of the said Act. The borrower(s) is also restrained from alienating or creating third party interest on the ownership of the property(ies).

SR NO	NAME OF THE BORROWER & CO-BORROWER/LOAN FILE NO./BRANCH NAME	ADDRESS OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY	OUTSTANDING DUES AS ON 31.01.2024 (EXCLUDING LEGAL CHARGES) (AMOUNT IN RS.)	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE SENT	OUTSTANDING DUES AS PER DEMAND NOTICE (AMOUNT IN RS.)
1	RAJEEV SONI VEENA SONI Cg0720600002019/ RAIPUR	KH.No.-114/168 PART, P.H.No.110/40, FLAT NO. 204, 2ND FLOOR, BLOCK-B, GOLDEN SANDS, WARD NO. 51, BEHIND BSNL OFFICE, SHANKAR NAGAR, RAIPUR, CHHATTISGARH, PIN CODE: 492007	RS. 3791227/-	19.02.2024	RS. 3791227/-

Date: 23-02-2024, Place: RAIPUR Sd/-, Authorised Officer, GIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office: Unit No. 802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V. Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400069

Bhilai Branch: Hall No. 1, 2nd Floor Crescent Plaza, Gurdwara Road, Opp. Utsav Palace, Durg - 491001 (CG).

Raipur Branch: 1A & 1B, 2nd Floor, Shyam Plaza, Pandari, Raipur-491001, Chhattisgarh.

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULE 3 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.

The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. (AHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the 'said Borrower(s)'), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower & Guarantor	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured assets (immovable property)
1	(Loan Code No. 03010000145/ Bhilai Branch) Sanjeev Mahanand (Borrower), Vandana Mahanand (Co-Borrower)	12-02-2024 ₹ 10,41,874/-	All that part & parcel of property bearing, EWS House No.111 Kohka, Housing Board Ward No.09 Kohka Durg Chhattisgarh 490023
2	(Loan Code No. 00800002455/ Raipur Branch) Hari Om Sonkar (Borrower), Akshar Zabin Khan (Co-Borrower)	12-02-2024 ₹ 14,97,543/-	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Kh No 205 4 Kh 205 5 P H No 58 Mauza Dagariya Nearby GSPDCL Office Dagariya Th Distt Raipur CG , Raipur , Chhattisgarh , 492001

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFL as aforesaid, AHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place : Chhattisgarh
Date : 23.02.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For : Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

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Corporate Office: Chola Crest, C 54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032. Branch Office: Shop No- 7th Floor, Currency Tower, VIP Chowk, G.E. Road, Talibandha, Raipur, CG 492001, Contact No: Prakash Verma- 9981343191, Prakhar Sharma- 9826432751

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

3rd Floor, Aditya Business Park, Near Carmel School, Dhimrapur Road, Raigarh (C.G.)

(Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the securitization of financial assets & reconstruction and security interest Act 2002), (1) Sr. No. (2) Loan A/c No. (3) Borrowers Name & Address (4) Property Address (5) Sanction Amount & Date (6) O/S Amount Due.

Sr. No.	Loan Number	Name of Applicant/ Gurantors and Address	Address of Property	Sanction loan in Rs Date	Amount Due in ₹
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1)	121600000095	Mr. Neeraj Choudhary Add.: Indira Commercial Complex, GMMCO LTD., Korba (C.G.) 495683	Flat no. 517, Block B, 5th Floor, Avinash Capital Homes Phase II, Saddu, Situated at Part of Khasra no. 144/1, 145, 146/1-2, 147/1, 147/4, 148/2-3, 153/2-3, 163/11, 165, 166/1-2, 167/1-2-3, 168/3-4-5, Kushabaw Thakre ward, Ward no. 26, Raipur (C.G.) 492004	10,00,000/- 10/06/2019	Rs. 974623/- + Interest & other Charges.

On your request we have sanctioned home loan to you in the form of financial amount as per the conditions in the agreement, which was accepted by you. (1) Details regarding the aforesaid amount of loan, date of sanction and you account number is mentioned above. (2) As you are aware that loan amount disbursed to you is secured against above mentioned (Column No. 4) Assets/ Security contact (secure asset). For this you have executed the necessary documents and pledged as security. (3) We also inform you that frequent notices were served upon you to repay the total amount of loan and you were requested orally also for the same but so far you have not settled the amount of loan. You are therefore at a serious fault for the repayment of the loan (4) Upon today's date you are liable to pay the above amount column no. 6. (5) Due to the reasons mentioned above, we hereby inform you that you that you pay the total amount payable by you within 60 days of receipt of this notice, if the amount is not paid, we shall use the powers entrusted to us under section 13(4) of the securitization act. (6) The amount realised after acting under the above power firstly be used for all the expenses and charges, which in our opinion have been spent genuinely or related to the matter. The remaining amount will be used to clear our dues upto days date 29.02.2024 to execute the agreement as mentioned above and the balance amount (if any) will be paid to you (7) Under Section 13 (13) of the act it is informed that you can not transfer/sale/mortgage any of the secured assets mentioned in the notice, after you have received the notice without the written and complete permission from the loan payer. (8) Under section 13 (10) of the act we also inform you that if the amount of loan given by (DRT). This Demand Notice is being published in two newspaper.

Date: 23.02.2024 Place: Raigarh

By Order- Authorised Officer LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

Back Office: Usha Pride, 2nd floor, Vidhan Sabha Road, Mowa, Raipur. Chhattisgarh - 492001. Phone No. 0771-4904363, Mob: 9111009349, 9329101793, Website: www.lichousing.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sale of immovable property mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002) Whereas, the Authorized Officer of LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD had taken possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 in the following loan accounts with our Branch with right to sell the same on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS' for realization of Bank's dues. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the www.auctionbazaar.com

Last date of Tender/ Sealed bid: 26/03/2024. Before 5 PM
E-auction Date: 27/03/2024 from 12.00 PM to 2.00 PM, Website For e-auction: www.auctionbazaar.com

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrowers & Loan Ac. No.	Property Description	Date Of Demand Notice	Inspection Date & Time	A- Reserve Price B- EMD (Rs) C- Bid Inc. Amt.	Bank details EMD
1)	Loan No. 121200001535 Mr. Venkat Vishwanath Suravajjala, Mrs. Sangalea Vishwanath Suravajjala	Bungalow No. 24, Plot No. 14, Avanti Gardens, Daldal Seoni, Mowa, Raipur (C.G.) Area- 1650 Sqft.	12.01.2022	18.03.2024 11.00 AM TO 2.00 PM	A-Rs. 1050000/- B-Rs. 1050000/- C-Rs. 10000/-	Beneficiary Name- LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD. Beneficiary Branch Name -AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB, Account Number - HFLECRANFY01535 IFSC Code- UTIB0CCCH274

Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets/properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules there under) LIC HFL invites OFFERS EITHER in sealed covers or in ONLINE mode to purchase the said properties on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS' and 'AS IS WHAT IS BASIS'.

1. E-auctions is being held on 'As is where is Basis, As is what is basis, Whatever there is and without Any Recourse Back, and will be conducted Online, the E-auction will be conducted through LIC- Housing Finance approved E-auction service Provider 'M/s. ARCA EMART PVT LTD'. The Interested bidders should register their names at portal www.auctionbazaar.com and get their user id and password free of cost prospective bidder may email online training on E-auction from the service provider M/s. ARCA EMART PVT LTD contact person: Mr. Abhilash, Contact no. +91-7799830999 +91-8370969696, E-mail id: contact@auctionbazaar.com, disposal.central@auctionbazaar.com 3. For detailed terms & conditions of the sale notice and full description of the properties please refer to the website of approved e-auctions Service provider 'M/s. ARCA EMART PVT LTD' at www.auctionbazaar.com

Date: 23.02.2024, Place: Raipur
Authorised Officer LIC Housing Finance Ltd

E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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

Notices is hereby given to the public general and in particular to the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor(s) that the below scribed immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited the same shall be referred here in after as Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited. The Secured Assets will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is', and 'What ever there is' basis through E-Auction. It is hereby informed to General public that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through https://bankauctions.in.

Account No. and Name of borrower, co-borrower, Mortgagors	1. Date 2. Demand Notice Amount 3. Total Loan Outstanding 4. Possession Date	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit & Bid Increment Amount (In Rs.)	E-Auction Date and Time, EMD Submission Last Date, Inspection Date
Loan Account No. XOHERRH0002837629. Borrower & Co-Borrower 1.Pawan Agrawal, 36 Ward No 3 Near Kisan Rice Mill, Neora Tilda, Neora, Chhattisgarh-493114., 2. Neelam Agrawal, 36 Ward No 16 Near Kisan Rice Mill, Neora Tilda, Neora, Chhattisgarh-493114., 3. Deepak Agrawal, 36 Near Kisan Rice Mill, Neora Tilda, Neora, Chhattisgarh-493114.	11.11.2022 ₹ 62,28,127/- and as on 05.11.2022 ₹ 78,67,470/- as on 22.02.2024 together with further interest, penal interest, costs and charges thereon till the date of payment. 19.02.2024 Physical Possession	Commercial Apartment/ Office bearing No. 28, Super Built-Up area 332 Sq. ft. Comprised in part of Khasra No. 325/1 & 326/1, situated at Second floor of Multi story premises known as 'RICO', Village Deopuri, P.H. No. 114/52, R.I.C. Raipur-1, Tahsil & District Raipur (C.G.). Boundaries :-As Per Sale Deed: North: Office No. 42, South: Gallyara, East: Office No. 29, West: Office No. 27.	₹ 59,00,000/- ₹ 5,90,000/-	30.03.2024 at 11:00 am to 1:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 min each), (up to 5.30 P.M.) 18.03.2024 and 19.03.2024 (10.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M.)
4. Priyanka Agrawal, 36 Ward No 16 Near Kisan Rice Mill, Neora Tilda, Neora, Chhattisgarh-493114., 5. Neelam Traders, Near Krishi Utpaj Mandi, Neora District- Raipur (Cg) 493114.			₹ 1,00,000/-	

1. All Interested participants/bidders are requested to visit the website https://www.bankauctions.in/&https://www.cholamandalam.com/news/ auction-notices. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact Mr Muhemmad Rahees 8124000030, Ms.4 Closure., Mr. Jaya Prakash Reddy, Phone No. 8142000064, Email: info@bankauctions.in.
2. For further details on terms and conditions please visit-https://bankauctions.in/& https://www.cholamandalam.com/news/ auction-notices to take part in e-auction.

THIS IS ALSO A STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002
Date: 22.02.2024, Place: Raipur (C.G.)
Authorised Officer/ M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited

Finance Minister distributes new ration cards

Under public distribution system

Janjgir, Feb 22:

Finance Minister of Chhattisgarh and Minister in-charge of Janjgir district, OP Chaudhary distributed new ration cards to the women of Janjgir district under the public distribution system. Under the public distribution system, ration is being distributed to the eligible beneficiaries of the district through Antyodaya, Priority, Destitute and



Disabled ration cards. On Wednesday, new ration cards were distributed to Mrs. Savita Sarathi, Mrs. Savitri Devi Soni, Mrs.

Seema Sarathi, Mrs. Meena Tiwari and Mrs. Kantrabai in Janjgir district by Minister in-charge Mr. OP Chaudhary.

It is noteworthy that the ration cards prevalent under the public distribution system are being renewed and last date is February 25, 2024. In this, e-KYC of at least one member should be complete. Very old and physically disabled beneficiaries for whom nominees are appointed will be exempted from this provision. Such citizens of all the districts of Chhattisgarh who are out of the state due to migration or any other reason, do not need to worry about the ration card renewal work. Keeping in

view the facilities of ration card holders, the beneficiary can apply for renewal of ration card through the app prepared by the Food Department by downloading it in his own mobile or in the tablet stored in fair price shops or in the registered Android mobile of the shop operator. The applicant can renew the ration card himself. On this occasion, local public representatives of Janjgir as well as officials of the district administration and beneficiaries of the public distribution system were present.

Amount of MVY to come to beneficiaries' accounts through DBT in March

Final list to be released after claim-objection
Eligible beneficiaries to get another opportunity to apply for the next phase

Raipur, Feb 22:

The process of receiving applications stopped after 6 pm on 20th February in the first phase of Mahtari Vandan Yojana (MVY). The provisional list will be released soon after verification of applications. After release of the provisional list, claim objections will also be taken. The final list

will be released after resolving the claim objections. After verification of all the applications received in the first phase, the amount for the month of March will be transferred to the Aadhaar linked bank accounts through DBT in the month of March itself.

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, State government is going to fulfill the guarantee given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the people of Chhattisgarh. Under the scheme, one thousand rupees per month, thus 12 thousand rupees in a year, will be

transferred to the accounts of eligible married women of Chhattisgarh.

According to the information given by the Women and Child Development Department, more than 70 lakh applications have been received so far in the state. In the first phase of Mahtari Vandan Yojana the process of verification is also being done with the receipt of applications. After the first phase, eligible beneficiaries will be given the opportunity to apply again in the next phase. This process will continue continuously.

Pipeline burst makes street flooded



Pandariya, Feb 22:

The residents of Kuba Khurd, an integral part of Pandariya Municipality, have been grappling with a persistent challenge stemming from a burst water pipeline for the past five days. The rupture has led to water flooding the roads, exacerbating the situation with the passage of heavy vehicles, which has consequently deteriorated the road conditions and spread mud along the path. Moreover, the burst

pipeline has resulted in the wastage of lakhs of liters of water, a precious resource, especially during the onset of summer. The inconvenience caused by this issue has severely hampered the daily commute of the villagers, who have raised complaints with pipeline officials, yet to no avail.

Despite the repeated pleas and concerns raised by the villagers, the matter has not been addressed effectively, leaving the residents frustrated and their grievances unattended.

Winning all 11 LS seats in state is the target: Shah

Home Minister infuses energy among LS Cluster in-charges for LS polls

Kondagaon, Feb 22:

Home Minister Amit Shah reached by helicopter at the appointed time to prepare grounds for the next Lok Sabha elections. He was accorded warm welcome by BJP office bearers and workers. In the meeting with all the cluster in-charge the Home Minister addressed all the in-charges one-to-one and during the discussion he listened carefully to everyone and gave some tips and suggestions.

Meanwhile, the Home Minister reviewed the meeting and said that there are three Lok Sabha constituencies under Bastar cluster. This time winning all the 11 LS seats is



the party's target. The target is not difficult, it is the public interest and public welfare schemes of the Modi government, which gives BJP opportunities to serve the public. Similarly, the state also has public welfare schemes, which is to reach people and benefit them. Our goal is to serve the people of the country.

He further said that on the strength of BJP workers, the service of the country is continuously progressing with the continuous efforts of all the BJP party workers, just as the BJP government was formed again in Chhattisgarh, in the same

way we all have to work for the 11 Lok Sabha seats of the region to achieve the target.

During this, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, State President Kiran Dev, State Joint In-Charge Nitin Nabeen, Organization General Secretary Pawan Sai, Regional Organization Minister Jamwal, National Vice President Lata Usendi, Forest Minister Kedar Kashyap, State BJP General Secretary Ramu Rohra, cluster in-charge Ajay Chandrakar along with all cluster MPs, MLAs, General Secretary, District President and in-charges were present.

World Thinking Day celebration held at DAVPS Bachel

Bachel, Feb 22: The glorious birth anniversary of Lord Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scout Movement and his wife Lady Olave Baden Powell founder of the Girl Guides Movement was celebrated with great honour by the DAVians of Bachel. At the very outset the Principal Dr. Chetna Sharma lighted the candle and paid ceremonial homage by garlanding the Portrait of Lord Baden Powell. Thereafter, the Scout and Guide teacher Miss Shama Parveen, addressed the gathering with a short review of the life of Lord Baden Powell and Lady Olave Baden Powell. Scouts and Guides, Cubs and Bulbuls of DAV Public School, Bachel along with the teaching faculty participated in the celebration which was also observed as "World Thinking Day". The celebration ended by commemorating the inspiring quotes of Lord Baden Powell - "The most worthwhile thing is to try to put happiness in the lives of others".

Drain water poses challenges for residents



Pandariya, Feb 22:

Residents of Ward No. 9 in Pandariya Nagar have been grappling with drainage issues as drain water continues to accumulate on the roads for several days. The inadequacies in the drainage system have been observed not only in Ward No. 9 but also in other localities such as

Killapara, Samarupara, and Bairagpara.

The stagnant drain water poses challenges for residents, impacting their daily lives and community well-being. Despite the persistent nature of the problem, no immediate action has been taken to address the situation, leaving residents to endure the inconvenience.

Traffic police seized 55 modified silencers

Jagdulpur, Feb 22:

In a determined effort to address the menace of noisy bikers causing disturbance throughout the city, the traffic police have intensified their crackdown on vehicles with modified silencers and pressure horns. A total of 55 modified silencers have been confiscated in recent days as part of these stringent measures.

The incessant noise generated by bikers, resembling firecrackers, has been a significant concern for residents, prompting the traffic police to take decisive action. Alongside issuing fines, the traffic police have begun seizing motorcycles, ensuring that only those with original silencers and horns are permitted back on the roads.

Drivers seeking the release of their confiscated motorcycles are required to replace the modified silencers and pressure



horns with the original equipment at the police station itself. Mechanics are arranged to assist drivers in this process, ensuring compliance with regulations and reducing noise pollution.

It's evident that the indiscriminate use of modified silencers and pressure horns not only disturbs

the peace but also poses a risk of accidents due to distraction. In response, the traffic police have urged bikers not to modify their silencers and to adhere to prescribed norms regarding vehicle modifications and equipment.

Abhijeet Singh Bhadauria, Traffic In-charge, highlighted the

numerous complaints received about bikers using modified silencers, emphasizing that such practices violate the Motor Vehicle Act. He further reiterated the traffic police's commitment to cracking down on such violations, with recent actions marking a significant step in this direction.

Demands for grants of departments related to Dy CM Sharma passed

Dial 112 service to be implemented in entire state
'Mahila Sadan' and 'Amrit Sarovar' to be built in more than 11 thousand panchayats
Country's fourth Science Center to open in Raipur

Raipur, Feb 22:

Demands for grants of Home, Jail, Panchayat and Rural Development, Technical Education and Employment, Science and Technology departments were passed in Chhattisgarh Assembly today. While discussing the demands for grants, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma said that the morale of the police department was low in

the last five years. Our government took the initiative to increase the communication between the police and the general public, he said, adding that work has also been done to create fear of police among the criminals.

Sharma announced the start of Dial 112 services in the entire state, construction of Mahila Sadan and Amrit Sarovar (pond) in more than 11 thousand panchayats of the state. Apart from giving Rs 5 lakh to the family of deceased Toran Sahu of village Chicha in Balod district, he also announced the establishment of a new fire station in Bilaspur.

Sharma said that the society will become stronger only by strengthening the new generation. Due to the wrong policies of the pre-

vious government, drug trade had increased among the youth and society, he said, adding that BJP government is taking vigorous action against drugs. To break the channel of drug abuse, strict action has been taken against drug abuse in Delhi and Mumbai, he said. While discussing the demands for grants of the Home and Jail departments, he said that according to a provision in the budget jail should not remain just a prison home but should progress as a reform home.

Prisoners are being given skill upgradation training in various trades as per their interest so that when they come out of jail, they have some money in their hands and they have skills and can move towards self-employ-

ment, he said. With this, after coming out of jail, prisoners will be able to live a good life in a civilized society, he added.

On the problem of Maoism, Sharma said that 'our soldiers are bravely facing Maoist terrorism even in adverse circumstances. To eradicate this problem, a provision of Rs 1 crore has been made by the state government to provide high quality ready-to-eat food to the state police forces going on operations'. Our soldiers have been suffering losses for the last several years due to spikes and IEDs planted by Maoists in the forests, he said, adding that a provision of Rs 02 crore has been made to provide spike resistance boots to the soldiers during patrolling.

Bemetara police foils cattle smuggling

Seizes 32 cattle and apprehends one suspect

Bemetara, Feb 22:

In a commendable display of vigilance and coordination, the Bemetara Police, aided by cow protectors, successfully thwarted a cattle smuggling attempt in the early hours of February 20, resulting in the arrest of one suspect and the seizure of a vehicle loaded with 32 cattle.

Prompted by information provided by vigilant villagers from Charbhatha, the Bemetara Police swiftly responded to reports of a Tata Ultra vehicle, bearing registration number MH 18 BG 4762, being loaded with cattle destined for a slaughterhouse. Upon reaching the scene at Charbhatha bypass, authorities and cow protectors intervened just

as individuals attempted to load the cattle onto the vehicle.

Despite the suspects attempting to flee upon the arrival of law enforcement, one individual, identified as Suresh Patle of Navagaon Katai police station, Navagarh district, Bemetara, was apprehended. The vehicle, found to be illegally transporting 32 cattle without proper provisions for their welfare, was seized under various sections of animal welfare and transportation laws.

Under the leadership of Superintendent of Police Ramkrishna Sahu (I.P.S.) and the guidance of Additional Superintendent of Police Pankaj Patel and SDO Manoj Tirkey, the swift action was conducted in cooperation with dedicated officers and cow protectors. Senior officials were

duly informed of the incident, ensuring comprehensive enforcement of the law.

The successful operation, which resulted in the seizure of cattle valued at approximately Rs 1,60,000/- and a Tata Ultra vehicle valued at Rs 10,00,000/-, underscores the commitment of authorities and community members to uphold animal welfare laws and combat illegal activities such as cattle smuggling.

The Bemetara Police express gratitude to all involved individuals, including cow protectors and law enforcement personnel, for their crucial roles in ensuring the welfare and protection of animals and upholding the rule of law. Further investigations are underway to locate and apprehend the remaining suspects involved in this illicit activity.

Chouksey Engineering College triumphs in campus drive

As Career Manta selects 4 outstanding talents at the package of 7.50 LPA

Bilaspur, Feb 22:

In a remarkable achievement for Chouksey Engineering College, the campus drive conducted by Career Mantra witnessed the selection of four exceptional students Arnab Chakraborty, Arpita Tiwari, Yash Sinha of Computer Science & Engineering branch and Donit Sahu of Electronics & Telecommunication branch have emerged as the proud representatives of their college, showcasing not only their individual brilliance but also the high standard of education provided by Chouksey Engineering College, Bilaspur. The campus drive, or-



Arnab Chakraborty

ganized by Career Mantra, a leading player, in academic advisory company which offers the services worldwide to students free of cost, attracted a pool of talented students vying for coveted positions within the company. The rigorous selection process aimed to identify candidates who not only possessed technical prowess but also demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills, creativity, and a strong



Arpita Tiwari

work ethic. As these talented individuals embark on their professional journey with Career Mantra, Chouksey Engineering College remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing and fostering excellence in education. The success of these students is a testament to the college's dedication to producing industry-ready graduates who can make significant contributions to the ever-evolv-



Yash Sinha

ing field of technology. Dr. Ashish Jaiswal, the Managing Director of Chouksey Group wished a very bright future to the selected student. Academic Dean Dr. Dheeraj Ahirwar and other HODs and Professors of the College were present on this occasion. TPO Prof. Vinod S Kharsan, also congratulated the selected student and wished them for a successful career. "Very proud to



Donit Sahu

inform that apart from this selection, our students got Multiple Offer Letters. Yash Sinha selected in Learning Routes Pvt. Ltd. also, Arpita selected in Learning Routes and Consta Cloud, Similarly Arnab Chakraborty selected in Systemonex Pvt. Ltd. campus drive. Prof. Kharsan, also informed that for the final year students of 2023-24 session more Companies are in pipeline for recruitment.

India calls for comprehensive revamp of UN Security Council as part of reforms

Rio De Janeiro (Brazil), Feb 22: Underlining that the current multilateral governance architecture is "outdated", India at a G20 ministerial meeting here on Thursday called for comprehensive UN reforms, including the UN Security Council. Brazil assumed the G20 Presidency from India on December 1, 2023, and the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM) here is the first ministerial meeting under the Brazilian Presidency that was inaugurated here on Wednesday. In a post on X, Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan said that during a session of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting on Global Governance Reform, he emphasised that the "current multilateral governance architecture is out-



dated, and comprehensive multilateral reforms, through effective, result-oriented, time-bound process, are required". "Reformed multilateralism would have 4 elements: Making international financial institutions more representative & effective; Improving working methods of IOs; Multilateral system to work for common cause, not individual interests;

and Comprehensive UN reforms, including the UNSC," he said. India has been at the forefront of efforts at the United Nations to push for an urgent long-pending reform of the Security Council, emphasising that it rightly deserves a place at the UN high table as a permanent member. India also emphasised the need to address geopolitical issues constructively and find common ground. Earlier during a session on Wednesday titled, 'G20's role in dealing with ongoing international tensions', Muraleedharan touched upon multiple conflict points and advocated India's position on them. Representing India at the FMM, Muraleedharan said, that on the Russia-Ukraine war, India called for "an urgent return to dialogue

and diplomacy," while on the Israel-Palestine conflict, "India believes in a two-State solution on the Israel-Palestine issue." Asserting that India condemns terrorism in all its forms, he said, "We must not allow conflict in West Asia to spread any wider." Referring to the attacks on marine vessels in the Red Sea, he emphasised the need for utmost security on high seas and also that the safety of sea lanes of communication "is critical." Muraleedharan also drew attention to the need to address "geopolitical issues constructively and find common ground." Reiterating India's stand, he also reminded the gathering of foreign ministers that the G20 as an economic forum should focus on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and climate change.



Farmers march during a protest in Madrid, Spain.

Ex-Pak PM Imran Khan's party to hold organisational elections on March 3

Islamabad, Feb 22: Jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan's beleaguered party will conduct fresh organisational elections on March 3, it was announced on Thursday, months after the election commission annulled a previous intra-party poll. Earlier this month, intra-party polls of the 71-year-old former cricketer-turned-politician's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) were postponed after top party leadership asserted that it could "divert" attention from the February 8 general elections. The PTI party has announced that it will hold fresh intra-party elections on March 3, and party

members will be able to submit nomination papers by Friday and Saturday, the Dawn newspaper reported. According to the poll schedule, the scrutiny of the nomination papers will be completed by February 25, and decisions on the nominations will be made by February 27. The polling for the organisational elections would be held at the party's central secretariat here and PTI offices in all four provinces of the country, the report said. Media reports on Wednesday said that Barrister Gohar Ali Khan has been nominated as the chairman, while Raouf Hassan will be the Chief Election Commissioner for the intra-party polls.

Israeli strikes in Gaza kill 48

As fears mount over humanitarian crisis and West Bank violence

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N-Rafah, Feb 22: Israeli strikes killed at least 48 people in southern and central Gaza overnight, half of them women and children, health officials said Thursday, as European foreign ministers and UN agencies called for a cease-fire, with alarm rising over the worsening humanitarian crisis and potential starvation in the territory.

Tensions were also rising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, where three Palestinian gunmen on Thursday opened fire on morning traffic at a highway checkpoint, killing one person and wounding five others, Israeli police said.

A member of Israel's War Cabinet said late Wednesday that new attempts are underway to reach a cease-fire deal between Israel and Hamas that could pause the war in Gaza and bring the release of around 130 Israeli hostages held by the militants since their Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel. It was the first Israeli indica-



Palestinians look at the destruction after an Israeli strike on residential buildings and a mosque in Rafah, Gaza Strip, Thursday, Feb. 22.

tion of new efforts since negotiations stalled a week ago. But Benny Gantz, a former military chief and defense minister, repeated his pledge that unless Hamas agrees to release the remaining hostages, Israel will launch a ground offensive into Gaza's southernmost town, Rafah, during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which begins around March 10. More than half of Gaza's population of 2.3 million is crowded into Rafah after fleeing fighting and bombardment elsewhere in the territory. Israel has said it will evacuate them before attacking. But it is not clear where they would go, with much of the rest of the tiny Mediterranean enclave consumed in combat raising fears civilian casualties could spiral in an Israeli assault that has already killed more than 29,400 people. The heads of 13 UN agencies and five other aid groups issued a joint plea for a ceasefire late Wednesday, warning that an attack on Rafah will bring "mass casual-

4 students have been injured in a stabbing at a school in Germany

Berlin, Feb 22:

Four students were wounded in a stabbing Thursday at a school in the western German city of Wuppertal and a suspect, believed to be a student himself, was arrested, authorities said. The incident took place Thursday morning at the Wilhelm D rpfeld high school in the city of some 350,000 people near Duesseeldorf and Cologne. Police said four students were wounded, as was the suspect, German news agency dpa reported. The top regional security official, Herbert Reul, said the attack was apparently carried out with a knife by a 17-year-old student. Reul, the interior minister of North Rhine-Westphalia state, said that at least two of the victims were seriously injured, as was the suspected assailant. He told the state legislature's



Police and ambulances at the scene of an attack, at the Wilhelm D rpfeld school, in Wuppertal, Germany, Thursday, Feb. 22. Police say five people have been injured in an incident at a school in the western German city of Wuppertal and a suspect has been arrested.

home affairs committee that he had been told the suspect inflicted injuries on himself. There was no

word on a possible motive, and the suspect was believed to be a lone assailant.

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NOTICE INVITING OFFERS FOR SUPPLY OF COUNTRY LIQUOR

NO. EX/DISTILLERY/RATEOFFER/2024-25/739, Dated: 22-02-2024

1. Sealed offers are invited from firms having license C.S.1B/C.S.1BB issued by Excise Department of Chhattisgarh under the provisions of Chhattisgarh Country Spirit Rules, 1995 (as amended) for entering into rate contract with EXCISE COMMISSIONER, CHHATTISGARH for supply of COUNTRY LIQUOR (CL) for the period from date of finalization to 31st March 2025. Distilleries/Bottling Plants of Chhattisgarh having C.S.1B/C.S.1BB License are eligible to apply for rate offer in prescribed format. These distilleries or bottling plants shall have to obtain C.S.1 and other relevant licenses as prescribed under the provisions of Chhattisgarh Excise Act, 1915 and Chhattisgarh Country Spirit Rules, 1995.

2. The last date for receipt of rate offers in the Office of The EXCISE COMMISSIONER, CHHATTISGARH at Raipur (Chhattisgarh) is **26/03/2024 by 02:00 P.M.**, which shall be opened at **03:00 P.M.** on the same date. The rate offer document with detailed Terms & Conditions may be obtained from the Office of The EXCISE COMMISSIONER, CHHATTISGARH, Vanijyik Kar (GST) Bhawan, North Block, Sector 19, Atal Nagar, Nawa Raipur 492002, on payment of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousands Only), and G.S.T. as applicable by demand draft in favour of Excise Commissioner Chhattisgarh Raipur, payable at Raipur, upto 1 day prior to submission of rate offer during the working hours.

Excise Commissioner, Chhattisgarh
G-08038/1

Public Works Department Office of The Superintending Engineer, Pwd, Raipur Circle No.-1 Raipur. (C.G.)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) (1st Call)

No. 13/Raipur/2023-24 Raipur, Dated. 19.02.2024
Public Works Department (PWD) invites proposal for Planning, Design, Estimation and related services for the work

शासकीय कला एवं वाणिज्य कन्या महाविद्यालय देवेन्द्र नगर, रायपुर में छात्रवास निर्माण वास्तुविद् नियुक्त करने हेतु निविदा बावत।

Situated at Raipur
Probable cost of project Rs. 272.81 Lakh
Minimum eligibility for participants shall be as below :-

S.N.	Building project cost	The applicant firms, firms forming Joint venture/consortium shall be	Earnest money (In shape as per annexure I) Favor of Executive Engineer, PWD Division No.-01 Raipur
1	For project cost Exceeding Rs. 1 to 10 Crore	Empanelled as architect in Class "D" & Above Class in C.G. PWD.	Rs. 3,000/-00

General condition - All the documents & information as per page 6.4, shall be submitted through speed post/Registered post, so as to reach the office of under signed on or before dated 11.03.2024 by 17.30 hour. Any documents received after the last date and time will not be entertained.

The detailed RFP is available on the website www.cg.nic.in/pwdraipur & <http://cgstate.gov.in/> from where it can be downloaded for submission. CG PWD reserves the right to reject all or any of the application without assigning any reason. Right to modify the process of Pre-qualification is reserved with CG.PWD.

Superintending Engineer
Public Works Department
Raipur Circle No.-1 Raipur
G-07957/1

E-Auction Date: 12.03.2024

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer the Canara Bank (secured creditor) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" & "WHAT EVER THERE IS" on 12.03.2024 from 12.30 Noon to 2.30 pm for recovery of bank dues to the Canara Bank (secured creditor).

Name and address of the Borrower & Guarantors	Description of Properties & Name of Property Owner	Demand Notice Dt.	Reserve Price	Branch Name
		Possession Dt.	EMD Amt.	Account No. & IFSC Code
		Out Standing Amt.	Bid Increment Amt.	
1. M/s Ichakdanga Restaurant Proprietor: Shri Feroz Ibrahim Sheikh (Borrower), House No. 107/23, Kundrapara, Gudhiyari, Bhandawangarh, Raipur, 2. Mr. Mohammad Sabir Khan (Guarantor), H No. 51, ward -14, Musalman mohalla, vill-Than Khamaria, Tehsil-Than Khamaria, Dist-Bemetara-491338.	All that part and parcel of diverted land & building at Kh No. 555/3, situated at village- Than Khamaria, PC No. 07, Tehsil- Than Khamaria, Dist- Bemetara. CG, Area: 23672 sq ft. Boundaries: North: Kh No. 532, South: Kh No. 552/2, East: Kh No. 532.563, West: Kh No. 552/2	13.11.2018	₹ 41,20,000/-	Mr. Ritesh Kumar Kawle (Mo. 9326911967) Raipur GE Road Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0002555 E-mail: ch2555@canarabank.com
		05.02.2019	₹ 4,12,000/-	
A. Mr. Amarjeet Rekhi S/o. Late Devender Singh, 15AD Pocket, Maroda Sector, Civic Center, Bhilai-490006 (Borrower), B- Smt. Jasmeel Kaur W/o. Amarjeet Rekhi, 15 AD Pocket, Maroda Sector, Civic Center, Bhilai-490006 (Co-Borrower)	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of residential apartment/flat bearing no. A-1, Block-A on the ground floor, Khasra No. 44/5, situated as New Palas Tower, Village- Risali, PH. No. 19/22, RIC-Durg, 1, Tahsil-District- Durg, Area- 668.32 Sqft. Boundaries: North: Boundary Wall, South: Flat No. 6, Block-B, East: Flat No. 2, 3, Block-A, West: Flat No. 6, Block-B.	₹ 35,34,814.00 as on 13.10.2018 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 10,000/-	
		19.05.2021	₹ 18,30,000/-	
M/s Deeplyoti Agency Prop. Late Prashant Gupta, Opposite DCH Raipur Road, Dhamtari (Borrower) 2. Mrs. Bhawna Gupta W/o Prashant Gupta, SV Bhal Patel Ward Goyal Auto Gall Ward No. 5, Dhamtari Chhattisgarh- 493773 (Legal Heir) 3. Mr. Aditya Gupta S/o Prashant Gupta, SV Bhal Patel Ward Goyal Auto Gall Ward No. 5, Dhamtari Chhattisgarh- 493773 (Legal Heir)	All the part & parcel of Residential building situated at Halkeshar, Survey no. 551, 552/21, Khata no 898, PC No.21 RIC-Bhothli, Dhamtari, Boundaries of the Property- East- Land of Shushma Gupta, West- Land of Meenal Golchha North- Road, South- Land of Keshrimal.	02.09.2021	₹ 28,12,741.90 as on 16.12.2022 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 10,000/-
		30.08.2023	₹ 27,18,000/-	Mr. Rakesh Shah (Mo. 9589172700) Dhamtari Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0003355 E-mail: cb3355@canarabank.com
1. M/s. Nimrat Beverages, Mouza- Pahanda, Patan, Durg-490042, 2. M/s. Amanpreet Kaur Dahela W/o. Gurpreet Singh Dahela, Slice-1, LIG-852, Near Govt. School, Talibandh, Raipur-492001.	1. Factory Land & Building situated at Khasra No. 2250/11 (After Mutation) Ph. No. 04, Vill- Pahanda, Tah- Patan, & Dist- Durg (C.G.) Area- 4800 Sq.ft. Boundaries: North- Rest Land of Seller, South- Road, East- Rest Land of Seller, West- Road. 2. Hypothecation of Plant & Machinery Situated at Khasra No. 2250/11 (After Mutation) Ph. No. 04, Vill- Pahanda, Tah- Patan & Dist- Durg (C.G.)	08.11.2023	₹ 46,37,279.00 as on 30.08.2023 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 10,000/-
		29.09.2023	₹ 37,60,000/-	Mr. Vivek Iyer (Mo. 7000201336) Kumhari Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0005305 E-mail: cb5305@canarabank.com
1. M/s. A.K. Enterprises Proprietor Mohd. Parvez Alam, S/o Mr. Abdul Qadir Khan, Ph. No. 14, Kh. No. 6561 (Part), Ward No. 09, Kripal Nagar, Kohka, Bhilai CG-490023. Area: 2550 Sq. Ft. Boundaries: North: Road, South: R/o B N Prasad, East: Road, West: Plot of Nelson Toppo (CG)-490023; 2. Mr. Mohd. Parvez Alam S/o Mr. Abdul Qadir Khan, Ph. No. 14, Kh. No. 6561 (Part), Ward No. 07, Kripal Nagar, Kohka Bhilai (CG) - 490023; 3. Mr. Mohd. Yusuf Khan S/o Mr. Abdul Qadir Khan, Ph. No. 14, Kh. No. 7357/5 Part, Ward No. 8, Farid nagar, Murumkhadan Road, Bhilai (CG)-490023.	All that part and parcel of residential land & building in the name of Mr. Mohd Parvez Alam situated at Ph. No. 14, Kh. No. 6561 (part), Ward No. 09, Kripal Nagar, kohka, Bhilai CG-490023. Area: 2550 Sq. Ft. Boundaries: North: Road, South: R/o B N Prasad, East: Road, West: Plot of Nelson Toppo (CG)-490023; 2. Mr. Mohd. Parvez Alam S/o Mr. Abdul Qadir Khan, Ph. No. 14, Kh. No. 6561 (part), Ward No. 07, Kripal Nagar, Kohka Bhilai (CG) - 490023; 3. Mr. Mohd. Yusuf Khan S/o Mr. Abdul Qadir Khan, Ph. No. 14, Kh. No. 7357/5 Part, Ward No. 8, Farid nagar, Murumkhadan Road, Bhilai (CG)-490023.	07.07.2023	₹ 2,58,97,672.33 as on 13.09.2023 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 10,08,900/-
		01.05.2023	₹ 1,00,89,000/-	Mr. A. Rama Rao (Mo. 7000598020) KPS Bhilai Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0008602 E-mail: cb8602@canarabank.com

Terms and Conditions: A. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website www.indianbankseaction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. B. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer Date on 11.03.2024 at 10.30am. C. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price to be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorised Officer of above mentioned branches respectively OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of of above mentioned branches respectively on or before 11.03.2024, 5:00 pm. D. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. E. For further details contact Branch Manager of respective branches OR Authorised Officer OR the service provider M/s Canara Bank Computer Service Ltd., Help Line E-mail ID :- eauction@ccs1.co.in or www.canarabank.com.
Date: 22.01.2024, Place: Raipur (C.G.)
Authorized Officer, Canara Bank



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Alliance Dynamics

India's Pragmatic Bond with Russia

Alliances and partnerships often serve as the bedrock upon which nations navigate the turbulent waters of international relations. Within this intricate web of alliances, India's steadfast camaraderie with Russia stands as a testament to the enduring nature of diplomatic ties, impervious to the shifting winds of geopolitical trends. Amidst the recent tumult sparked by Russia's incursion into Ukraine, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's resolute defense of India's close alliance with Moscow has reverberated across the diplomatic spectrum. Despite the palpable disquietude emanating from Western corridors, India has remained resolute in its refusal to diminish its engagement with Russia—a stance firmly grounded in historical precedent and strategic imperatives. Central to India's unwavering support for Russia lies the symbiotic exchange of military hardware and energy resources—a symbiosis that transcends mere transactional diplomacy to embody a strategic partnership of mutual benefit. While critics may decry India's reluctance to censure Russia for its actions in Ukraine, they fail to acknowledge the enduring bond fostered over decades of diplomatic interplay. For over six decades, Russia (formerly the USSR) has stood as a stalwart ally, wielding its veto power in the UN Security Council to shield India's interests from international scrutiny—a testament to the solidity of their bilateral relations. The annals of history bear witness to Russia's pivotal role in India's decisive actions, notably during the dismemberment of Pakistan in 1971—a feat facilitated by the strategic accord between New Delhi and Moscow. Amid the maelstrom of the Ukraine conflict, India has emerged as a beacon of diplomatic finesse, adeptly navigating the treacherous waters of competing interests. The New Delhi Declaration, crafted during the G20 Summit hosted by India, exemplifies India's nuanced approach, delicately balancing the divergent perspectives of the West and Russia. Such diplomatic acumen positions India as a potential mediator in the Russia-Ukraine imbroglio—a role underscored by Jaishankar, albeit with a caveat against proactive intervention. India's reluctance to spearhead mediation efforts stems not from apathy, but from a strategic calculus grounded in pragmatism. As the world watches with bated breath, India remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering a robust partnership with Russia—one characterized by mutual respect and understanding. In forging ahead, India remains cognizant of the delicate equilibrium that underpins its alliance dynamics, eschewing the allure of short-term gains for the enduring stability afforded by longstanding partnerships. As the chorus of geopolitical discord reverberates across the global stage, India's alliance with Russia stands as a beacon of stability—a testament to the enduring power of diplomacy in an age fraught with uncertainty. While the sands of time may shift and alliances may evolve, the bond forged between India and Russia remains steadfast—a testament to the timeless adage that in diplomacy, as in life, steadfastness and pragmatism often triumph over transient fervor.

Eminent Legacies

Fali Nariman and Ameen Sayani

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee



In the realm of India's intellectual heritage, the recent departure of two towering figures, Fali Sam Nariman and Ameen Sayani, marks not just the end of an era but the loss of irreplaceable pillars of wisdom and creativity. Their contributions, each in their respective domains, have left an indelible mark on our collective consciousness, shaping the course of law and entertainment in our nation. Fali Nariman, a luminary of constitutional jurisprudence, navigated the intricate corridors of legal discourse with unparalleled acumen. His illustrious career, spanning over seven decades, exemplified a steadfast commitment to the principles of justice and integrity. From landmark cases such as the Bhopal gas tragedy to the contentious issue of judicial appointments, Nariman's brilliance illuminated the path towards a more equitable society. Yet, it was not merely his legal prowess that distinguished Nariman, but his unwavering devotion to the sanctity of democratic institutions. His principled stand during the dark days of the Emergency, when he resigned from his post as Additional Solicitor General in protest against the erosion of civil liberties, stands as a testament to his unyielding spirit. Similarly, Ameen Sayani, through the enchanting cadence of his voice, became the voice of a nation. His iconic radio show, "Binaca Geet Mala," transcended mere entertainment, becoming a cultural phenomenon that resonated with millions of listeners across the country. Sayani's ability to forge a personal connection with his audience, to make each listener feel seen and heard, was nothing short of extraordinary. The loss of Nariman and Sayani leaves a void that cannot be filled. Their absence is keenly felt, not just within their respective fields, but in the very fabric of our society. Yet, even in death, their legacies endure. Like beacons of light in the darkness, they continue to inspire future generations with their wisdom and creativity. As we bid farewell to these two luminaries, let us not mourn their passing, but celebrate the lives they lived and the legacies they leave behind. Let us honor their memory by upholding the values of justice, integrity, and compassion that they so fervently championed. To the families of Fali Nariman and Ameen Sayani, we extend our deepest condolences. May you find solace in the knowledge that their impact will forever endure. Rest in peace, dear friends, knowing that your contributions to our nation will never be forgotten.

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MUMBAI COASTAL ROAD



The Coastal Road along the Arabian Sea under construction, in Mumbai.

Striding into a New Dawn of Developed Country

SATISH SINGH



Recently, Hon'ble Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented the failures of the 10 years of the UPA government and the achievements of the 10 years of the Modi government through a white paper in the Lok Sabha. It has been said in this paper that before 2014, the country was facing economic crisis, due to which the Modi government had to work hard to bring the economy back on track. In response to this, Congress presented a black paper, in which it mentioned the failures of the Modi government and said that the BJP is working to end democracy and employment is not being created in the country during the tenure of Modi Government. Besides, inflation is also out of control.

Economic reforms started in 1991, but now work is being done rapidly in this direction. In 1991, many measures were taken to bring positive changes in the areas of foreign trade, tax reforms, foreign investment etc., which helped the Indian economy to progress. Before the Modi government came to power in 2014, India's GDP at current prices was \$1.8 trillion in 2013 and about \$1 trillion in 2007. Thus,

after exactly 60 years from 1947, India's GDP reached \$1 trillion in 2007 and increased to \$2 trillion in 2014 and \$3 trillion in 2019.

Today, in terms of real GDP, the Indian economy has become worth 3 trillion dollars. In 2014, the Indian economy became the tenth largest economy in the world, whereas in 2019, within just 5 years, it became the fifth largest economy in the world. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India's GDP at current prices is currently \$ 3.73 trillion, whereas when India became independent, its GDP was \$ 227 billion. The USA's GDP at current prices is \$26.9 trillion and ranks first in the world, while China is at second place with a GDP of \$17.8 trillion at current prices. In this order, Germany is at third place with GDP of 4.4 trillion dollars at current price and Japan is at fourth place with GDP of 4.2 trillion dollars at current price. After coming to power, Modi government made many reforms in the banking and economic sector, the most important of which is the launch of Goods and Services Tax (GST), merger of banks, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra

Yojana, PM-Swanidhi Yojana, Launch of Atal Pension Yojana, Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, Indian Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) etc.

In the report "The Indian Economy: A Review", the journey of the last 10 years of the Modi government has been described as very important in terms of economic reforms. According to the report, nominal GDP is likely to grow at 7 percent in fiscal year 2025, while GDP is expected to grow at the rate of 7.3 percent in fiscal year 2024. Not only this, in this report it has also been predicted that India's GDP can grow at the rate of 7 percent by 2030. Global rating agency S&P Global has also confirmed this claim of the government due to the strength of India's financial sector and the recent structural reforms undertaken by the government.

S&P Global in its Global Credit Outlook 2024 report "New Risk, New Playbook" said India's nominal GDP will grow from \$3.5 trillion in 2022 to \$7.3 trillion by 2030. There is no exaggeration in this estimate, because this target can be achieved with the GDP growth estimate at the rate of 6.3 percent, but according to the report of "The Indian Economy: A Review" and the report of S&P Global, the Indian economy can grow at a rate of more than 7 percent by 2030, whereas at present the annual pace of economic growth in USA is 1.58 percent, while that of China is 6.3 percent, that of Japan is 1.3 percent and that of Germany is 0.2 percent. In such a situation, the size of the Indian economy will reach 5 trillion dollars in 2027 and more than 7 trillion dollars in 2030.

The Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) scale is also used to measure

the strength of a country's economy. Under this concept, to compare the productivity and quality of human living between two countries, a comparison is made between the purchasing power of the currencies of two or more countries along with the services and products of those countries. If a person's hair cutting is done for 170 rupees in India and 2 dollars in USA, then 170 rupees is equivalent to 2 dollars, that is, the price of the same service is the same in India and USA. This is called Purchasing Power Parity. In terms of PPP, India was the third largest economy in the world in 2023 with a GDP of \$13.119 trillion, while China was at the first place in the world with a GDP of \$30.3 trillion. At the same time, USA was in second place with a GDP of 25.4 trillion dollars.

For the first time in the eighties, the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) index crossed the 1000 points in the year FY 1989-90. In the year 2006, the BSE index crossed the 10,000 points. Then in the financial year 2014-15 it crossed the level of 30,000 points and in the financial year 2018-19, it crossed the level of 40,000 points, which crossed the record 70,000 points level in the year 2023. Nifty index also crossed the record level of 21,000 points in the year 2023. Inflation and unemployment rates are under control in India. Also, per capita income is increasing steadily. On this basis, it can be assumed that the Indian economy will remain strong in the coming years also. Yes, the percentage of government debt as a proportion of GDP is high, but due to the increase in GST and other tax and non-tax revenue collections, this percentage may come down slightly in the coming years.

Credibility concerns rise in journalism with meteoric rise of ChatGPT

Arun Kumar Shrivastav

A recent report by Cision, a leading media intelligence and communications platform, unveils growing anxieties within the journalism industry. The meteoric rise of AI-powered tools like ChatGPT casts a shadow over the core tenets of the profession: accuracy and credibility. Journalists fear this disruptive technology might exacerbate the already intricate task of delivering authentic and reliable news in an increasingly complex media landscape.

The report - "The State of the Media Report" - highlights two fundamental concerns: the weaponization of misinformation and the erosion of the human element.

The ability of AI to generate content at astonishing speeds raises concerns about its potential misuse. Malicious actors could exploit this technology to disseminate fake news, manipulate narratives, and erode public trust in legitimate journalism. This threat to accuracy and ethical reporting deeply worries journalists who see it as a direct attack on the foundations of their profession.

While AI offers advantages in data analysis and content summarization, the irreplaceable human element of journalism could be overshadowed. Critical thinking, nuanced storytelling, and in-depth investigation are

at the core of building trust and ensuring authenticity. Replacing these qualities with AI-generated content would fundamentally alter the nature of journalism, potentially sacrificing human insights and critical judgment for mere efficiency.

The report emphasizes the need for a measured and critical approach to AI integration in journalism. While automation and data analysis tools hold promise, they should never supersede the core human values of accuracy, objectivity, and critical thinking. The future lies in finding a symbiotic balance where AI acts as a tool to augment journalists' abilities, not replace them. Only then can journalism thrive in the age of AI, upholding its essential role as a pillar of a well-informed and engaged society.

Surveying over 3,100 journalists across 17 global markets, the report sheds light on a critical juncture within the profession. The study, conducted by Cision, unveils widespread anxieties regarding content accuracy and misinformation, challenges journalists face daily.

A resounding 58% of journalists, and 43% of their organizations, identified "ensuring content accuracy" as their primary concern. This statistic emphasizes the heightened focus on truth and verifiability in the current media landscape. As many as 27% of journalists report maintaining public

trust as their biggest challenge. This data indicates a significant struggle with upholding the image of news organizations as credible sources in an era fraught with information overload and potential misinformation.

When prompted about the skills essential for future journalists, the focus shifted towards reducing "bias" and distinguishing fact from opinion. This trend suggests a growing recognition of the need for critical thinking and nuanced judgment in navigating the complexities of the modern media landscape.

The report's findings present a unique opportunity for collaboration between journalists and communication specialists. By fostering authentic, trust-based partnerships, both parties can work towards a shared goal: ensuring honest and accurate storytelling within a dynamic media environment. This necessitates collective efforts to address concerns around information accuracy, counter misinformation, and uphold the integrity and trust that remain the cornerstones of credible news organizations.

It is not just about individual efforts, but about systemic change and building a collaborative future where journalists and communication specialists can work together to ensure the delivery of accurate, objective, and trustworthy information to the

public. By acknowledging these challenges and working towards solutions, both parties can help shape a media landscape that prioritizes transparency, ethics, and responsible information dissemination.

"Now more than ever, journalists are seeking credible data and trustworthy, unbiased sources. Communications professionals can and should come to their aid. Working together, at this critical moment of disruption, journalists and communicators can protect and even elevate journalism," said Putney Cloos, Cision Chief Marketing Officer.

See also Surging Demand, Rising Investment Put India's Economy On Top Gear. The latest State of the Media Report delves into the future of journalism, painting a picture of a profession grappling with change and opportunity. For the first time, respondents were asked to share their long-term perspectives, revealing three key areas of focus: Maintaining Accuracy and Reducing Bias, Adapting to a Tech-Driven Landscape, and Leveraging AI as a Tool.

Journalists remain deeply committed to delivering accurate and unbiased information, recognizing this as the foundation of public trust. This emphasis reflects ongoing concerns about misinformation and the need

for rigorous fact-checking and critical thinking in the digital age.

The report underlines the growing importance of technology and data in journalism. Many journalists acknowledge the necessity of embracing these tools to stay relevant and efficient. One respondent aptly remarks, "Innovations like ChatGPT won't stop, but the journalists who hide from them are at a disadvantage."

While acknowledging the potential pitfalls of AI, some journalists see it as a valuable tool for enhancing their work and uncovering new insights. The quote, "As AI does more of the actual writing, the journalists who succeed will be the ones who can do the human kinds of things like telling personal stories and finding original conclusions in data sets and data trends well," highlights this nuanced perspective.

These themes suggest a future where journalists need to refine their skills. The State of the Media Report presents a vision of a journalism industry actively embracing technological advancements while upholding its core values of accuracy, objectivity, and human connection. The success of future journalists will hinge on their ability to adapt, innovate, and remain true to the essential role they play in informing and engaging the public.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bleak Prospects

Amidst Uttar Pradesh's touted "red carpet" for investors lies a disheartening reality: 5 million aspirants competing for a mere 60,000 police vacancies, emblematic of jobless growth. Educated youths languish in anticipation of elusive government roles, risking underemployment and societal discord. Urban youth unemployment, exceeding the national average twofold, signals a looming crisis. Superficial pre-election job creation won't suffice; what's needed is labor-intensive progress, not just policy reforms. Skill mismatches and rigid labor markets impede India's economic expansion. Emulating states with successful labor reforms offers a roadmap: attracting investments, fostering manufacturing and service sectors, and instilling hope beyond government posts. Let's prioritize investing in our youth over mere ceremonial welcomes.

Tauqueer Rahmani, Mumbai

Biggest Win

Team India deserves accolades for its biggest ever win in Test history in terms of runs as it thrashed England by 434 runs in the third Test at Rajkot. Despite the absence of a few star players, India managed to pull off a sensational win to lead the five Test series 2-1. India's resounding victory showcased their dominance, with captain Rohit Sharma's strategic decisions and the outstanding performances of two young talents - Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sarfaraz Khan, and the veteran all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, contributing significantly to the team's success.

Jahangir Ali, Mumbai

A Missed Harvest

Farmers' rejection of the government's MSP offer for five crops casts a shadow on attempts to bridge the gap between their demands and the Centre's capabilities. While not perfect, the proposal held potential to address multiple concerns: guaranteed income for farmers, diversification from water-intensive crops, and domestic supply needs. However, concerns over limited scope and practicality fueled the rejection, highlighting the complex challenges in finding common ground. As alternative solutions like price-deficiency payments and market reforms resurface, a lasting resolution seems ever more elusive.

Mohammad Taukir, Bettiah, Bihar

BRIEF

KCC facility



New Delhi: Agriculture Minister Arjun Munda on Wednesday unveiled an outbound call facility of the Kisan Call Centre (KCC) here at Krishi Bhavan. From the list of farmer beneficiaries of agri schemes, the minister randomly called two farmers from Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand. "Farmers' grievances are being addressed through KCC across the country. With the launch of the outbound call facility, the agriculture ministry will cross verify if farmers have benefited from the KCC and implementing various schemes," Munda told reporters after the launch.

Digi Yatra

New Delhi: The civil aviation ministry said Digi Yatra will be launched at the Chennai airport by March 31. Currently, Digi Yatra, which was launched in December 2022, is available at 13 airports. It provides for contactless, seamless movement of passengers at various checkpoints at airports based on Facial Recognition Technology (FRT). The number of Digi Yatra app users has crossed 45.8 lakh and the count of passengers who have travelled using Digi Yatra has touched 1.45 crore.

Deficit budget



Shillong: Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Wednesday presented a Rs 2,029 crore deficit budget for the 2024-25 financial year, calling the document 'Mission 10', an action plan for making the northeastern state a USD 10 billion economy by 2028. In his budget speech, Sangma, who also holds the finance portfolio, said that the total receipts stood at Rs 27,072 crore, of which revenue receipts were at Rs 23,515 and capital receipts at Rs 3,557 crore.

Confident of India's growth at 6-8 pc for next 10 yrs: Vaishnaw

New Delhi, Feb 22:

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday expressed confidence that India will continue to have 6-8 per cent consistent growth rate over the next 10 years, as he invited global players to innovate in the country for the domestic and world markets. India is open to the world, and to new ideas, Vaishnaw, the Minister of Railways, Communications and IT, said while speaking at the Raisina Dialogue 2024. He nudged the global community to "come here, innovate here for India... for the world." "The Indian economy is growing at a consistent clip at a very good rate. In the next 10 years, India will continue



Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in conversation with the Managing Director of Apple India, Virat Bhatia at the Raisina Dialogue 2024, in New Delhi, Thursday, Feb. 24, 2024.

to see a 6-8 per cent consistent growth rate... I can say that with a high level of confidence," Vaishnaw said. The building blocks for this are already in place and the results are visible, he said, outlining various initiatives taken by the government under

Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Improvement in physical and digital infrastructure, education and skill development, has bolstered the country's growth. The next five years will further lay the foundation for India to become a developed country by 2047, he said. The focus over the next five years will be on the full spectrum of manufacturing, upliftment through education, and infusion of technology in the healthcare sector; among other priorities, according to him. The Minister further said that in the current global geopolitical backdrop, many old structures are getting revised, and added it is time to reposition the country.

FM asks World Bank to explore collaborative approach

In water management efforts

New Delhi, Feb 22:

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday asked the World Bank to explore a collaborative and holistic approach in water management with a special focus on restoration of water bodies. During her meeting with the World Bank Managing Director (Operations) Anna Bjerde, and MD and CFO Anshula Kant here, Sitharaman discussed matters related to the multilateral funding agency's engagement with India and other issues. "FM Smt. @nsitharaman stated that @WorldBank should explore comprehensive, collaborative and holistic approach in water management with special



emphasis to restoration and rehabilitation of lakes and hydroelectric power," the finance ministry said in a post on X. During the meeting, Sitharaman said the World Bank should lead in taking forward evolution exercise and recommendations of the G20 IEG done under the G20 India Presidency on strengthening Multilateral Development Banks as other MDBs look up to the World Bank for such reform initiatives.

Strong reforms over last 10 years lays foundation of solid growth over next decade: Jefferies

New Delhi, Feb 22:

Strong reform measures initiated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government in the last ten years have laid the foundation of a solid economic growth in coming decades, Jefferies Equity Research outlook said. It also said that India would become the third largest economy by 2027 and expected to achieve a market capitalization of USD 10 trillion by 2030. "With a consistent history of 10-12 per cent CAGR (compound annual growth rate) over the last 10 and 20 years, India is now the fifth largest equity market and market cap will likely to touch USD 10 trillion by 2030," the report said. It added that continued reforms should maintain India's status of

being the fastest growing large economy. Over the last 10 years, India's GDP has grown by 7 per cent CAGR in USD terms to USD 3.6 trillion, jumping from the eighth largest to the fifth largest economy. "Over the next 4 years, India's GDP will likely touch USD 5 trillion making it the third largest economy by 2027, overtaking Japan and Germany, being the fastest growing large economy with the tailwinds of demographics (consistent labour supply), improving institutional strength and improvement in governance," it added. Further, it said that GST implementation in 2017 simplified taxation and improved trade efficiencies, akin to the formation of Euro, and bankruptcy reforms drove a massive cleaning up of corporate

SBI becomes 5th most valuable firm; surpasses Infosys

New Delhi, Feb 22:

Public sector lender State Bank of India (SBI) has surpassed IT major Infosys to become the country's fifth most valued firm by market valuation on Wednesday. The scrip of the state-owned company gained 1.51 per cent to close at Rs 771.55 apiece on the BSE. During the intra-day trade, shares of SBI hit its 52-week high of Rs 777.50 per piece. At the end of trading session of Wednesday, the market capitalisation of SBI stood at Rs 6,88,578.43 crore, which is Rs 1,228.48 crore more than Infosys' Rs 6,87,349.95 crore valuation. Accordingly, SBI became the fifth most valued company on the BSE. In the ranking of top 10 most valued firms, Reliance Industries continued to rule the chart followed by Tata Consultancy

Services, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, SBI, Infosys, Life Insurance Corporation of India, Bharti Airtel, Hindustan Unilever and ITC. Infrastructure solutions provider AMSL on Thursday said SBI has sanctioned a loan of Rs 110 crore for the company's new project in Hyderabad. On Tuesday, Apollo Micro Systems Ltd (AMSL) announced plans to set up a facility in Telangana at Rs 210 crore investment for manufacturing of defence products. "The company has received sanction for a term loan of Rs 110 crore from State Bank of India (SBI) for the implementation of our upcoming project in Hardware Park. This funding is allocated towards the establishment of the Integrated Plant for Ingenious Defence Systems (IPiDS)," AMSL

said in a statement. In addition to the loan, the bank has also sanctioned the renewal and enhancement of other credit facilities for a 12-month period up to February 8, 2025. The cash credit limit has been renewed and enhanced to Rs 57.50 crore from the existing limit of Rs 52.50 crore, while the inland bank guarantee limit has been enhanced to Rs 50 crore from Rs 40 crore currently. Another inland letter of credit (ILC) limit has been renewed to Rs 35 crore. Hyderabad-based AMSL offers technology-based solutions in sectors like infrastructure, transportation, and aerospace, among others. Last year, AMSL incorporated wholly-owned subsidiary Apollo Defence Industries Private Ltd, to take forward its plans of manufacturing defence equipment.

Govt to soon come out with tender for introducing GPS-based highway toll collection system: Gadkari

New Delhi, Feb 22:

The government will soon come out with a tender for introducing GPS-based highway toll collection system on national highways, Union minister Nitin Gadkari said on Wednesday. Gadkari said the pilot projects of GPS-based toll systems of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) have been successful and the government will soon come out with a tender for implementing the new toll collection system. "Pilot projects of GPS-based toll systems on national highways to replace toll plazas in the

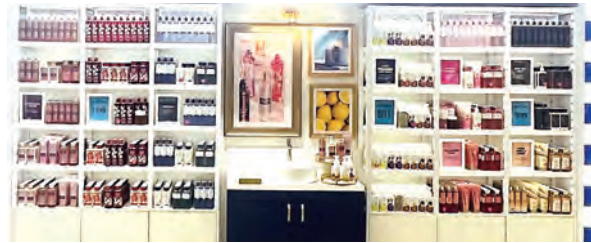
country have been successful... We will soon come out with a tender for introducing GPS-based toll collection systems on national highways," he said at an event here. The move is aimed at reducing traffic congestion and charging motorists for the exact distance travelled on the highways. The road transport and highways ministry has conducted two pilot projects of automatic number plate recognition systems (automatic number plate reader cameras) to enable automated toll collection without stopping the vehicles.



Apparel Group brand Bath & Body Works partners with Shoppers Stop

Mumbai, Feb 22:

The global lifestyle conglomerate Apparel Group India, in partnership with Shoppers Stop, introduces an immersive shop-in-shop retail experience for Bath & Body Works at City Centre Mall in Raipur city. In a strategic move to tap into the new and evolving consumers of Raipur, Bath & Body Works will feature an extensive array of the brand's signature products, body mists, shower gels, candles, and more. With a growing consciousness of beauty trends and the increasing accessibility of international beauty brands and online shopping, the Indian market is anticipated to experience sustained growth in the coming



years. Bath & Body Works known for its fragrance and beauty products, has carved its niche in the beauty industry with almost 40 stores nationwide and a dedicated Indian website, cultivating a devoted customer base, and cementing its position as a leading player in the Indian beauty arena. "As we gear up to offer and expand our reach beyond the metros, it thrills us to bring global brands to evolving markets such as Raipur. As a citizen-driven

Rupee rises 13 paise to close at 82.83 against US dollar

Mumbai, Feb 22:

The rupee appreciated 13 paise to close at 82.83 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, tracking the weakness of the American currency in the overseas market and positive domestic equities. Forex traders said elevated crude oil prices weighed on the local unit and restricted a sharp uptick. At the interbank foreign exchange, the local unit opened at 82.94 against the greenback. It hit an intraday high of 82.83 during the day. The domestic unit finally settled at 82.83 (provisional) against the dollar, higher by 13 paise from its previous close of 82.96. The Indian rupee appreciated on Thursday on weak US dollar and mixed-to-positive domestic markets, said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. However, a surge in crude oil prices capped sharp gains.

India on track to become \$10 trillion economy, set for 3rd largest slot: WEF President

New Delhi, Feb 22:

India is on track to become a USD 10 trillion economy in coming years and grab the third-largest slot soon, World Economic Forum President Borge Brende said on Thursday as he described the country as a place with optimism not seen elsewhere in a very fragmented and polarised world. In an exclusive video interview with PTI, Brende also said that the World Economic Forum (WEF) hopes to come back to the country with the WEF India Summit in collaboration with Government of India when the time is ripe. "The Indian economy is the fastest growing among all large economies of the world. We saw in Davos this year that there was a huge



interest in India and I think this will only continue," Brende said. Geneva-based WEF, which describes itself as an international organisation for public-private co-operation, holds its annual meeting in the Swiss ski resort town Davos every year in January. Brende said Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is "always

very, very welcome to Davos". "When you come to India, you feel some optimism which is not the case all over the world. We are facing a geopolitical recession, a very fragmented and polarised world, but still there are areas where we can collaborate and it is important to find those areas," he said. Brende said it is necessary to underline that the economic growth is not so bad, especially in the case of India where "we are seeing 7 per cent economic growth and the world's largest economy, the US, which is also doing very well." On India targeting to become the third largest economy in the next 2-3 years, Brende said India is on track to become a USD 10 trillion economy in the coming years.

Ola Electric sees good jump in sales post price cut

Mumbai, Feb 22:

Ola Electric reportedly saw a dramatic sales surge after slashing prices on its S1 Pro, S1 Air, and S1 X+ scooters by up to Rs 25,000 last week. As reported by various media as per sources, the company sold a massive 10,000 units in just three days, tripling their average daily sales. This jump suggests the strategic price cut could be a game-changer for Ola's electric vehicle ambitions. It has delivered over 400,000 vehicles since its first product announcement in August 2021. It plans to commence delivery of its motorcycle models in the first half of Fiscal Year 2026 as per its DRHP. Ola filed with the regulators for its IPO in December 2023. The pure play EV company



manufactures EVs and certain core EV components like battery packs, motors and vehicle frames at its Futurefactory in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu. Early this month, Ola Electric launched its new 4kW range within its OlaS1X Scooter and also communicated that it will make all efforts to increase its service network from 400 centers to 600 centers and also put up 10,000 charging units across the country by April 2024

Nuvoco Vistas Launches Its Second Ready-Mix Plant in Patna

New Delhi, Feb 22:

Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., India's fifth-largest cement group has widened its operational presence with the inauguration of its second state-of-the-art Ready-mix Concrete Plant (RMX) at Patna-II. Situated strategically at Ranipur Milki Chak, Begampur, bypass, this plant marks Nuvoco's continued commitment for providing top-quality building materials to the Patna region. Strategically located approximately 24 kilometers from the first plant, Patna-II is positioned as Nuvoco's regional flagship plant. It capitalizes on untapped market potential by providing quick access to Nuvoco's Cement Plant in the region. Its proximity to nearby



Industrial, Commercial, and Residential developments guarantee high-quality concrete solutions on time. Mr. Prashant Jha, Chief of the Ready-Mix (RMX) Concrete and Modern Building Materials business at Nuvoco Vistas expressed his excitement at the inauguration of this latest plant, stating, "The launch of the Patna-II plant underscores Nuvoco's dedication to providing innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of the construction industry in Bihar. This new facility will not only

strengthen our presence in the region but also enable us to serve our customers more efficiently." The Patna-II facility has a capacity of 60 cubic meters per hour and features a Twin Shaft Mixer capable of producing all grades of concrete. This includes Value Added Products (VAPs) under the brands of XCON - Xpert concrete with Nuvoco mixes, CONCRETO visualizing Self-Compacting Smart Concrete, Light Weight Concrete (Structural & Non-structural grades), Fibre Enriched Concrete, High Strength Concrete, Water & Crack Resistant Concrete, Foundation Expert Concrete, ECODURE - Range of Green Concrete, ARTISTE - Decorative Concrete Floors, and INSTAMIX - Ready to use Bagged Concrete.

Premature move on monetary policy front could undermine efforts to check inflation: RBI Governor

Mumbai, Feb 22:

The Reserve Bank of India's job to bring down inflation is not over, and any premature move on the policy front could undermine the success achieved so far on the price situation, according to RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das. According to the minutes of the February Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting released by the central bank on Thursday, Das had said at this juncture,

monetary policy must remain vigilant and "not assume that our job on the inflation front is over". He stressed that the MPC must remain committed to successfully navigate the "last mile" of disinflation that can be sticky. Das made the remarks while voting for status quo in the key interest rate earlier this month. "As markets are front-running central banks in anticipation of policy pivots, any premature move may undermine the success achieved so far," the governor said, as per the minutes.



Govt eases FDI norms in space sector

New Delhi, Feb 22:

The government eased Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) norms in the space sector by allowing 100 per cent overseas investment in making components for satellites, as part of efforts to attract overseas players and private companies into the segment. The decision was taken at the Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Now, the satellite sub-sector has been divided into three different activities with defined limits for foreign investment in each such sector, according to an official statement. Presently, FDI in the space sector is allowed up to 100 per cent in the area of satellite establishment and operations through government route only.

Demand for issuing guidelines for Mahanadi Maha Aarti

CU V-C Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal appointed member of Governing Council AIU

Central Chronicle News

Rajim, Feb 22: Due to the government not issuing guidelines and work orders till date for Mahanadi Maha Aarti, the main religious festival of Kumbh Kalpa 2024, a situation of anger has arisen among the local Brahmins and they have demanded the government to issue guidelines.

A joint meeting of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal and local Brahmins was organized at Gayatri Mandir Rajim and they jointly issued a release saying that even after submitting formal applications to Minister Brijmohan Agrawal and the district administration for the last one and a half



months, till date no work order has been issued for Ganga Maha Aarti in the name of the local Vipra Samiti, which is extremely disappointing.

Pandit Vijay Sharma, the priest of the temple and the vice-president of

the local Vipra Samiti, said that according to the scriptures of Mantra Sanhita, Achardeepak and Karmkand Bhaskar of Rigveda, direct and vocal recitation of Vedic hymns in the worship rituals is considered appropriate

and best.

Recording puja and aarti is considered completely flawed in the Sanatan tradition and classical law, but it is very unfortunate that during the previous BJP rule, recording of mantra

recitation and aarti has been done by Sandhvi Pragma Bharti.

District Math Temple head of Bajrang Dal, Pandit Rishi Tiwari also told that even in great pilgrimage places like Kashi, Haridwar, Ganga Maha Aarti is done openly and directly and following the same rules.

Expressing concern over the apathy of the government, Secretary Dr. Santosh Sharma and others have demanded to issue work order for Mahanadi Maha Aarti within 48 hours, otherwise various local organizations and city residents will jointly organize the Aarti keeping in mind the dignity and prestige of the locality.

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Bilaspur, Feb 22: Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal, Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University), has been appointed as a member of the Governing Council of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

As per the letter issued on February 20, 2024, by Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary, Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and former Vice-Chancellor of BPS Women's University, Haryana, Vice Chancellor Professor Chakrawal's term as a member of the Governing Council will be until February 2026.



The university is delighted by the appointment of Vice-Chancellor Professor Chakrawal as a member. It is noteworthy that a two-day Central Zone Vice-Chancellor's Conference of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) was organized at Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya on January 18-19, 2024.

The event was attended by distinguished guests including Vishwabhushan Harichandan, Governor of Chhattisgarh, Arun Sao, Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Chhattisgarh, Dr. Atul Kothari, Secretary, Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, New Delhi, Prof. G.D. Sharma, President of the Association of Indian Universities, Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Vice President of the Association of Indian Universities, Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary, Association of Indian Universities, and Prof. Neelambari Dave, Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University, Rajkot, along with more than 50 other Vice-Chancellors.

Finals of Executive League Premier club today

Municipality takes action against illegal construction

Central Chronicle News

Kirandul, Feb 22: The Executive Premier League Cricket Match 2.0 under the aegis of Baila Club of Kirandul project was inaugurated at the hands of Padmanabh Nike, CGM last on Feb 14.

On Feb 21, the final match was played between Silver Storms and Golden Gradiator team and under leadership of BK Madhav, Dy. GM (Personnel), the Silver Storms team won the match. Raju Rathi was given the man-of-the-match.

The captain BK Madhav passing on the credit of the victory to his team said that the organization of such cricket matches helps in developing team spirit among the executive players.

This not only develops mental and physical health, but also increases



working efficiency among employees in their working field and by using which they can perform better in their work place.

In this Premier League a total of 10 teams took part and it is an 8 over

match and played in day-night (flood-lights) format. The semi-final match will be played between Kimson XI, Sevege Scorpions, Works Wonder and Shaft Strikers on Feb 23.

During the last match, Padmanabh Nike, CGM, along with SK Ghunawat, Bipul Pandey, Jitendra Thakre, Satyendra Gond, Mahesh Samveta, and other Baila Club members were present.

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Khairagarh, Feb 22: The municipality has started action against encroachment in the city, when the concerned business did not remove the encroachment after the notice was issued, thereby removing the encroachment by running a bulldozer.

Let it be known that the illegal construction has been removed by running a bulldozer in the presence of officers and employees regarding the proceedings which were stuck for a fortnight in the business establishment near Sanskritik Bhavan.

The municipal administration said that the stairs built by illegal encroachment in the parking area



of the local cultural building have been removed and the procedure was done in the presence of CMO Pramod Shukla.

Meanwhile mixed reactions are coming out re-

garding the removal of encroachment, it is noteworthy that the encroachment which has been removed is being said to be that of a Congress leader but there are encroachments by rep-

resentatives of the ruling party as well as many other political parties in the city.

There is encroachment in the city by many influential businessmen and people of all classes having connections with the ruling and opposition political parties.

A notice was issued to the encroacher a fortnight ago. But the concerned person showed no interest in removing the encroachment. After which the municipal administration team took joint action. Keeping in view the public problems, the action to remove encroachments will be expedited in future.

- Pramod Shukla
CMO, Khairagarh

District Judge, Collector, SP inspect district jail

Annual conference of Tribal Dhruv Gond Samaj held

Central Chronicle News

Kawardha, Feb 22: District Judge Satyabhama Ajay Dubey, Collector Janmejay Mahobe, Superintendent of Police Abhishek Pallav and Secretary District Legal Services Authority Amit Pratap Chandra inspected District Jail Kabirdham in connection with the expansion of the existing jail or establishment of a new jail.

After the inspection, a meeting was held in the jail premises itself and District Judge Satyabhama Ajay Dubey had given instructions to conduct yoga training programs daily for the mental health of prisoners in the district jail.

The said programs were not being held for the last few days, of which



she immediately took cognizance and gave instructions to restart them. She also directed the jail administration to provide necessary material for sports to the prisoners. Instructions have also been given regarding starting activities related to skill development of prisoners.

Assistant Jail

As per orders of SC

The decision passed by the Honorable Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 406/2023 Post 1382, as per the order of 30 January 2024, review regarding the expansion of jails and establishment of new jails on the basis of present and future need a committee has been formed. The chairman of this committee is District and Sessions Judge, Chairman District Legal Services Authority and Collector, Superintendent of Police, Secretary District Legal Services Authority and Jail Superintendent as members. The work of this committee is to review and take necessary action regarding the availability of land for jails, proper implementation of ongoing projects in jails and availability of other necessary facilities. As per the order of the above decision of the Honorable Supreme Court, a committee was constituted in each district by the Chhattisgarh state government on 14 February. The members of this committee are also members of another committee constituted under the District Legal Services Authority, Kabirdham, which is known as the Under Trial Review Committee (UNDR). This committee also provides necessary facilities to the prisoners in jail like cleanliness, quality of food, medical arrangements and other legal information.

Superintendent Rajendra Banjare was present during the inspection.

Also discussions were held regarding the construction of two new barracks, which will have a capacity of 50 prisoners each.

Apart from this, discussions regarding medical facilities, tele-medicine facilities, shortage of jail staff, etc. were also discussed in detail.



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Kurud, Feb 22: The annual conference of Tribal Dhruv Gond Samaj Tehsil Kurud was held on 20th February in Kurud Nagar, in which the women of the society took out a Kalash Yatra from Veernarayan Singh Chowk.

Participating in the program as a very special guest, Chunnal Sahu, a

popular sociable and simple personality of Mahasamund Lok Sabha constituency, presented the tribal lifestyle in Chhattisgarh by mentioning the tribal ideology, tribal culture, and tribal beliefs, clothing and their traditional festivals.

Describing the work done by Gaurav Budhan Shah, the pride of the society, MP Sahu said that he was ar-

rested in Raipur during the Salt Satyagraha in 1930 and was given a rigorous imprisonment of 4 months. After independence, Budhan Shah ran a public awareness campaign against social and economic exploitation throughout his life for the welfare and rights of the people of the society. Many dignitaries and citizens and members of the community were present.

Villagers to boycott voting due to non-completion of bridge

With expansion of health services, all should get better facilities: Bohra



● In Nagar Panchayat Chikhalkasa
● 700 people sign and sent letter to CM

Central Chronicle News

Dalli-Rajhara, Feb 22: Around 700 aware citizens of entire Chikhalkasa and Dalli-Rajhara have decided to boycott voting in all upcoming elections. The citizens of the region have written a letter to Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai saying that in Nagar

Panchayat Chikhalkasa, a culvert for traffic over the drain between ward 11 and 13 is being built for the last 30 years, but still incomplete. In February 2012, the construction work of a new bridge was started by demolishing the said dilapidated bridge by the Nagar Panchayat Chikhalkasa, which is incomplete till today, due to which the general public and school stu-

dents traveling on this route have to cover an additional distance of five kilometers via Dalli Rajhara Nagar. To complete the work, several applications were made to Collector Balod and Sub-Divisional Officer Daundi/Daundi Lohara, Tehsildar Dalli Rajhara and Chief Municipal Officer Nagar Panchayat Chikhalkasa, but the bridge remains incomplete.

During the Vidhan Sabha

proceedings, MLA Pandaria

Bhavna Bohra demands 50 bedded hospital with all facilities in Ranvirpur, Kund and Kukadur
● Raises the issue in Vidhan Sabha

proceedings, MLA Pandaria Bhavna Bohra said that BJP has been working continuously towards expansion of medical services and even in the budget, the health services have been put on priority and a provision of Rs 7552 cr has been made for the Public Health and Family Welfare Department and which in comparison to the earlier Congress government is 2000 cr higher. She said that along with National Health Mission Scheme to Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Ayushman Swasthya Yojana, the government is working for upgradation of hospitals and modern medical instruments and expansion of basic and essential medical services, so that the general public can be benefited.



Bhavna Bohra putting forth her views in the House in context of expansion and strengthening of the health services in Pandaria VS area, demanded opening of 50 bedded hospital in Ranvirpur; Kunda and forest area of Kukadur.

Demanding inspection of PHC and Sub-Health Centres under Pandaria VS area, she held the need to ensure availability of sufficient medicines, doctors and health

workers there. Along with this seeing the shortage of essential medical instruments like Sonography machine, X-Ray machine, ECG machine she also held the need for fixing of solar panels at the Health Centre and provide sanitary pad vending machines there at the earliest. She also asked to ensure presence of X-Ray Machine technician, in Kunda and Kukadur and appointment of a Gynecologist and a Pediatrician in Women and Child Hospital in Pandaria. Bhavna Bohra further said that during inspection of health centres and hospitals in Pandaria VS area, she came across many shortcomings and so wanted to bring it to the attention of the House. She informed that

there is shortage of health sanitary workers and doctors in few CHCs and by sorting out the same after getting the survey of hospital and various CHCs done, the problems can be sorted out and benefits can be passed onto the patients.

Along with this she also raised demand for opening of Sub-health centre in Pandatarai and Jangalpur of Pandaria VS and Primary Health Centre in Gram Mahali. In addition to this she raised demand for repairing of building of Sub-health Centre in Gram Kamathi, Neur, Badna, Chirpani, Kodava, Godhan, Kanjheta, Pandatarai, Dullapur, Pouni, Ruse, and PHC in Dullapur and upgradation of SHC in Bazar Charbhata to PHC.

WPL 2nd edition starts with Mumbai-Delhi face-off

Bengaluru, Feb 22 (PTI):

The second edition of the Women's Premier League, beginning here on Friday with a high-profile match between defending champions Mumbai Indians and runners-up Delhi Capitals, will be optimistic about meeting its existential purpose of giving a wider platform to promising home-grown talents.

The foreign stars glittered brightly in the inaugural edition held in Mumbai, and the Indians will be hoping to hog some of the limelight this year as the tournament takes a multi-city format shape with New Delhi being the other host city.

While Capitals' skipper Meg Lanning, who has now retired from international cricket, took the Orange Cap last year for the highest run-getter, the Purple Cap went to Hayley Matthews of Mumbai for taking 16 wickets.

Amid this surge of overseas players, the Indian cricketers generally struggled for consistency and impact in the previous year, but now some of the young domestic stars will eye this WPL with genuine hope. Let's take Shreyanka Patil of Royal Challengers Bangalore as a case in point. During WPL 2023,



Match starts at 7.30 PM IST

she was a wide-eyed young cricketer who was awestruck to rub shoulders with some of the finest names in women's cricket.

She played seven matches, but the spotlight was understandably on players such as Smriti Mandhana or Ellyse Perry or Sophie Devine.

But in the last 10 months or so, Patil has built a place of her own. She earned her maiden India cap in both Test and ODIs in December last year, besides making her mark in the Caribbean Premier League for the Guyana Amazon Warriors.

In this interim, the 21-year-old has also added more arrows to her quiver

in the form of power-hitting at the death overs.

Titans Sadhu of Delhi Capitals offers a similar story. Sadhu did not get a single game despite being in the squad but this year the West Bengal player has a changed profile.

After making her India debut in the Hangzhou Asian Games against Bangladesh, the 19-year-old has grown in stature. The medium pacer's 4-1-6-3 spell helped India beat Sri Lanka in the Asian Games final while defending a meagre target of 117.

Sadhu proved that performance was no flash in the pan when she grabbed four for 17 against Australia in Mumbai last month, powering India to a rare T20I win over the Aussies.

India face selection dilemma; England aim for redemption

Ranchi, Feb 22 (PTI):

Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah's absence is a concern but an assertive and adaptive India will have the edge against England's seemingly depth-less 'Bazball' approach when the two sides clash in the potentially series-deciding fourth Test beginning here on Friday.

From the dry heat of Rajkot to the much cooler confines of Ranchi, the temperature shift would be the only soothing factor for the Englishmen who have let it slip against the resilient hosts and are trailing 1-2.

Eying a 17th series win on the trot at home, India have been near invincible since the shock defeat to Alastair Cook's England in 2012. After that, India have won a staggering 38 out of 47 Tests, and have lost just thrice (two each versus Australia and England) when challenges on home turf.

Captaining a depleted batting line-up in the absence of Virat Kohli, KL Rahul and an out-of-form Shreyas Iyer, Rohit Sharma has found answers from the young guns, whose performance has been the biggest takeaway from the series so far.

Whether it is Yashasvi Jaiswal, who has maintained an impressive average of 109 with a total of 545 runs, or Sarfaraz Khan, who ended his prolonged wait for a Test debut with a blazing 66-ball 62 in Rajkot, or Shubman Gill, gradually settling in at No.3, India's next generation of batters are



India's Mukesh Kumar, Mohammed Siraj and Akash Deep during a practice session.

showcasing how a seamless transition happens. History suggests that the JSCA Stadium pitch will suit a plan featuring two seamers and three spinners. But England's assessment of the conditions has been that four spinners and one seamer attack would be ideal. "It's an interesting pitch... There are a few cracks, very platy and looked a bit crusty, the top layer. One half is good, and the other has a lot of platy cracks," England vice-captain Ollie Pope had said after the team checked in here on

Thursday. That may bring Shoaib Bashir into the picture to go alongside Tom Hartley, Rehan Ahmed and part-timer Joe Root. Root has more overs (107) under his belt than runs (77) in this series. India, on the other hand, have preferred the conventional two-pacer-three-spinner combination and it's unlikely that Axar Patel would be recalled. The team is expected to stick to Ravichandran Ashwin, Kuldeep Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja. Historically, the Ranchi pitch has

proven deceptive for the visiting teams. In the last Test here in 2019, South Africa were blown away by the duo of Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav, who shared 10 wickets between them, as against the eight by the spin trio of Ashwin, Jadeja and Shabbaz Nadeem.

"It has never been a rank-turner. The pitch would be beautiful for batting for first two days and would assist spin from day three. History should repeat itself," the local groundsman told PTI.

India lose 2-4 to Netherlands in shootout

Rourkela, Feb 22 (PTI):

India lost 2-4 against the Netherlands in shootout after their return leg FIH Pro League match ended in a 1-1 draw here on Wednesday.

In their first leg match in Bhubaneswar, India had defeated the Netherlands 4-2 in shootout after a 2-2 stalemate in regulation time.

World no.1 Netherlands broke the deadlock through Floris Middelkamp (4th minute) before vice-captain Hardik Singh (38th) equalised for India, who are ranked fourth.

In the shootout, Arajjeet Singh Hundal and Lalit Kumar Upadhyay scored for India, while Sukhjeet Singh and Shamsheer Singh missed from the one-on-one situation.

The win gave Netherlands two points, while India pocketed one point.

Holdes CSK to play RCB in IPL opener in Chennai on March 22



New Delhi, Feb 22 (PTI):

Defending champions Chennai Super Kings will take on Royal Challengers Bangalore in the 2024 IPL season-opener in Chennai on March 22, the BCCI announced Thursday while unveiling the schedule for only the first 17 days of the popular T20 league. The roster for the remaining matches will be announced once the dates for the upcoming general elections are announced early next month. The first 17 days of the tournament will see 21 matches taking place.

Delhi Capitals will take on Punjab Kings on March

23 in Mohali. As per the format, 10 teams are divided into two groups of five. In the group stage, each team plays 14 games facing the other four sides in their group two times each (home and away basis, four teams in the other group once, and the remaining team two times.

The general elections are expected to be held in April-May. 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.

Will hope to erase last year's WPL disappointment: Jemimah

Bengaluru, Feb 22 (PTI):

Delhi Capitals vice-captain Jemimah Rodrigues said on Thursday it was difficult overcoming the loss to Mumbai Indians in the WPL title showdown last season and hoped that with this edition's final scheduled to be held in the national capital, her team would aim for the trophy.

DC fell short in the title showdown, losing by seven wickets to MI at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai last season.

"It was hard (losing the final). We were doing well throughout the tournament, and we had some amazing games. The one we really wanted to win the most; that didn't go in our favour," she told JioCinema.

"But, that's sport. That's why we love playing. You win some, you lose some. It teaches you a lot -- to get back up and gives you another chance always. This (upcoming edition) is our other chance. Hopefully, this year on our home ground, we lift the WPL



trophy." Jemimah added that working with Australian stalwart and DC skipper Meg Lanning had helped her understand the nuances of captaincy better. "It feels great. There's so much to learn from her. She's someone who doesn't

demand respect. She just walks in, and everyone automatically has respect for her. She's done so much, that's why we have that much respect for her.

"There's so much to learn. Working with her up close and personal, I never thought I'd get that opportunity. Thanks to the WPL, I'm getting it," added Jemimah, whose team will begin its WPL campaign against MI here on Friday. Jemimah said the best lesson she had learnt from Meg was that captaincy was much more than leading the side on the field.

"Being the vice-captain, I'm involved in many decisions, seeing how she works. Recently, I spoke to her (Meg) about captaincy and how she dealt with it because she was made captain at a young age. 'Captaincy is so much more than on the field', she (Meg) said.

Jemimah indicated that being vice-captain of a franchise side and leading the Mumbai team in domestic cricket were different experiences.

It's a typical Indian wicket with cracks: Rathour

Ranchi, Feb 22 (PTI):

India batting coach Vikram Rathour on Thursday said there are visible cracks on the pitch that will be used for the fourth Test against England here but he is not sure at which stage and to what extent it would turn during the match.

The pitch at the JSCA stadium has been the focus of a lot of discussion heading into the potential series-decider, starting here on Friday.

"Everytime we play in India, there's question mark on the pitch... It's a typical Indian wicket, there are cracks, this wicket always had cracks," Rathour told reporters on the eve of the match.

"It will turn, but how much it will turn and from when we are not sure. But we have enough balance in our team."

Pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, who has been India's top-wicket-taker in the series, would be missing the fourth Test after being given a break to manage his workload. The move has led many to believe that the



home side will go for a rank turner to make sure that its spin attack led by Ravichandran Ashwin is a potent force during the game.

Rathour said Bumrah is absolutely fine but it was not "advisable" to play him continuously. The India spearhead has bowled 80.5 overs in three Tests, taking 17 wickets at an average of 13.64.

"I think every Test match is a crucial test match, to be honest. With WTC points, every game is crucial. Even we would love Bumrah to play all the games," Rathour said. "But unfortunately that is not very advisable because the kind of workload he has had in the last three games. He has really bowled well and with a lot of heart, a lot of effort."

Gauff beats Pliskova to reach Dubai quarterfinals



Dubai, Feb 22 (AP):

Coco Gauff rallied from a slow start and a second-set argument with the chair umpire to beat Karolina Pliskova 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 and reach the quarterfinals of the Dubai Championships.

The third-seeded Gauff ended Pliskova's 11-match winning streak.

The 19-year-old American built a 4-2 lead in the second set before a lengthy back-and-forth with chair umpire Pierre

Bacchi. Gauff complained to Bacchi that he called her serve at deuce only after Pliskova returned it into the net.

Gauff had to repeat her first serve and went on to hold for a 5-2 lead.

The U.S. Open champion said the argument "fueled" her. "It's OK. It's just one point. That happens in tennis. Players make mistakes. Everybody makes mistakes," Gauff said in her on-court interview. "It kind of went upward from there for me."

Sri Lanka wins T20 series despite Afghanistan's 3-run victory



Sri Lanka

Dambulla, Feb 22 (AP): Fast bowler Wafadar Momand held Kamindu Mendis to defend 19 runs in the last over and hand Afghanistan a three-run win over Sri Lanka in the third and final Twenty20 international. Sri Lanka won the series 2-1.

Afghanistan captain Ibrahim Zadran won the toss, elected to bat first, and they made 209-5 in 20 overs.

In the last over, Mendis hit Momand for two fours in the first and third deliv-

eries and the bowler was lucky to escape a waist-high no-ball in the fourth which the leg umpire failed to spot. Needing 10 off the last two balls, Mendis failed to score off the second-to-last ball and then hit a six to fall three runs short. Mendis remained unbeaten on 65 off 39 deliveries with two sixes and seven boundaries. Sri Lanka captain Wanindu Hasaranga sharply criticized Sri Lankan umpire Lyndon Hannibal for not spotting a ball higher than the waist saying he is unfit to officiate international games.

"This cannot happen in an international match," Hasaranga said. "If it was close it would have been OK but it was so high it was close to striking the batsman's head. If he cannot see such a thing, this umpire is unfit for international matches and it is better for him to find another job."

Earlier, Afghanistan opens Hazratullah Zazai and Rahmanullah Gurbaz got off to a brisk start scoring 72 runs in the first five power play overs without losing a wicket.

Ronaldo scores to help Al-Nassr reach Asian Champions League quarterfinals



Riyadh, Feb 22 (AP):

Cristiano Ronaldo's Al-Nassr moved into the quarterfinals of the Asian Champions League with a 3-0 aggregate win over Al-Fayha in an all Saudi Arabian matchup.

Ronaldo scored the only goal in the first leg and then found the net in the return

I've never seen something like that before: Stokes on Ranchi pitch



Ranchi, Feb 22 (PTI):

England captain Ben Stokes added spice to the talks on Ranchi pitch for the fourth Test against India, saying he has not seen anything remotely like the 22-yard strip here in the past. India are leading the five-match series 2-1 and the penultimate Test will start here on Friday.

However, discussion about the "platy cracks" on the pitch as described by England batter Ollie Pope has dominated the build-up to this Test.

Stokes added a touch of intrigue as well.