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## Modernization of Indian Railways



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### Laying of Foundation Stone/ Dedication to the Nation

- 50 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras
- 222 Railway Goods-sheds
- 51 Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminals
- 2646 Digital Controlling of Stations
- 35 Railway Workshops, Loco Sheds, Pit Lines / Coaching Depots
- Doubling / Multi Tracking and Gauge Conversion of 1500 km of Railway Lines
- Automatic Block Signalling of 80 Rail Line Sections of 1045 km
- 35 Rail Coach Restaurants
- More than 1500 'One Station One Product' stalls
- 975 Solar Powered Stations / Service Buildings
- Electrification of 2135 km Rail Line Sections
- 401 km of New Khurja - Sanewal Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor Section
- 244 km of New Makarpura - New Gholvad Western Dedicated Freight Corridor Section
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- Phaltan - Baramati New Rail Line
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- Ranchi - Varanasi
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- Secunderabad- Visakhapatnam
- New Jalpaiguri - Patna
- Patna - Lucknow
- Ahmedabad- Mumbai Central
- Puri - Visakhapatnam
- and other train services

### Benefits of the projects

- Ultra-modern facilities equivalent to an aircraft travel
- Fast, trouble free and comfortable travel experience
- Reduction in logistics cost and promotion of regional economy
- Ahmedabad Operation Control Centre is equipped with most modern techniques equivalent to world's biggest control centres.
- Ensuring minimum 75% low cost and good quality generic medicines under Pradhan Mantri Janaushadi Kendra project for every individual.
- Rail Interior Theme based restaurants to provide special meal experience.

by

# Narendra Modi

## Prime Minister

In the August Presence of

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# Three including a juvenile arrested for murder

Bhilai, Mar 11: Police arrested two persons and a juvenile on charges of murder. They attacked a person with a sickle, sticks and axe and stabbed him to death. One of the accused suspected that the man had some illicit relations with his wife. After committing the crime, the accused remained sitting near the body.



SDOP (Patan) Devansh Singh Rathore informed that the incident occurred late evening on March 10 at village Mahakakala of Utai Police Station limits. The deceased was identified as Kameshwar Markande, a resident of Mahakakala. After receiving information, a police team rushed to the spot and found a

man lying dead in a pool of blood. The accused with blood-stained hands was sitting at the crime scene. On the instructions of senior police officers, the police team interrogated the witnesses and lodged an FIR under section 302, 34 IPC at Utai Police Station against the accused Sunil Kumar Kurre, Sugriva

alias Premal Kurre and a juvenile.

During interrogation, police came to know that the accused attacked Kameshwar with a sickle, stick and axe and stabbed him to death. The accused Sunil Kumar Kurre (37) son of Late Sukaloram Kurre; Sugriva alias Premal (45) son of Late

Sukaloram Kurre and a juvenile, all residents of village Mahakakala, Utai were taken into custody. During interrogation, they confessed to the crime. The accused Sunil disclosed that his wife often spoke to Kameshwar Markande. Sunil suspected that they have some illicit relationship. The accused were arrested and produced before the court. They have been sent to the jail on judicial remand.

Inspector Manish Sharma (SHO, Utai), Sub Inspector Kamal Singh Sengar, Mohd Sharifuddin Shaikh, Head Constable Mahesh Dewangan, Constable Vijay Kurre and Rakesh Sahu played a vital role.

# Elaborate arrangements made at Durg Railway Station for PM's virtual programme

Bhilai, Mar 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of about 6000 railway projects worth Rs 85000 crore on March 12. Durg District BJP has organised a grand programme at Durg Railway Station. LED Screens are being installed for watching the Prime Minister's live address.

District BJP President Jitendra Verma and Programme Coordinator Rajendra Kumar Padhye said that programs are being organized on a large scale at 764 places across the country regarding the historical gifts of railway development works. The ceremony will be live streamed on 10,000 digital screens across the stations. On Tuesday, March 12, from 8:30 hrs, a public program will also be held in platform



number 1 of the railway station of Durg city. MP Vijay Baghel will grace the function as chief guest while MLA Gajendra Yadav will preside over. Special guests are MLA Domanlal Korsevada, MLA Lalit Chandrakar and District

BJP President Jitendra Verma. The local program will start at 8:30 hrs and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the programme virtually after inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of projects across the country at 9:30

hrs. Through this function, more than 6 lakh Vishwakarmas like carpenters, goldsmiths, blacksmiths, washermen, tailors etc associated with One Station One Product stall will directly connect with the Prime Minister.

# Application seeking land allotment for Govt Colleges submitted at Jandarshan

Bhilai, Mar 11: Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary met a large number of people during Collector Jandarshan and listened to their problems. She gave instructions to the concerned departments to take immediate action and take necessary initiatives to provide proper resolution. A resident of Urla complained about illegal drain construction on a government public road. In Ward 58, the Municipal Corporation has built a 10 feet wide CC road near Lodhi Para. A person is constructing a new house nearby and has constructed drain and stairs illegally on the government road. The locals raised objections but the person is con-



tinuing construction works. The Collector asked the Commissioner of Municipal Corporation Durg to take necessary action.

A delegation submitted an application seeking allotment of land for Government College in Khursipar. They said that

the Government College Khursipar is operating from the rented school building of Bhilai Steel Plant since 2014. Undergraduate and post-graduate classes are being conducted in the college. Taking cognizance of their application, the Collector instructed to take neces-

sary action. Similarly, an application was submitted for allotment of land for construction of building of Government Naveen College, Risali. This school is currently running in 06 rooms of Government Higher Secondary School. Presently BA, BSc, BCom classes are being conducted here. The number of students in the college is continuously increasing and is likely to increase further in the coming years. Due to the lack of a science laboratory, students face difficulties in conducting practical classes and due to lack of a playground, students are unable to participate in sports competitions. Khursipar residents submitted an ap-

plication for a new sewerage line. The residents are troubled due to the drainage problem for the last several years. Due to clogged old sewerage lines, sewer water enters into the houses. Sewer water is also getting mixed with the tap water due to cracked pipes. The Collector instructed the Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhilai to take necessary action. 124 applications were received in Jandarshan on Sunday. Most of the applications were for the old age pension, ration card, instalment under Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, widow pension, inspection of physiotherapy clinic, irregularities in land lease, etc.

## Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 11: As per the instructions given by Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary, Durg SDM Mukesh Raote and Tehsildar Prafulla Kumar Gupta conducted surprise checks of public service centers operating at different places.

SDM Mukesh Raote inspected the Public Service Center located at Supela and Tehsildar Prafulla Kumar Gupta inspected the Public Service Center located at Tehsil Office Durg.

Tehsildar Prafulla Kumar Gupta disguised himself as a common applicant at the Public Service Center located at the Tehsil office and sub-



mitted an application for making a domicile certificate and inquired about the required documents and fees.

Centre Operators Kaushilya and Rakesh Yadav gave sequential in-

formation about the documents required for resident, caste and income certificate. Information about the prescribed fees was also given.

The operators of the Public Service Center in Durg were unable to recognise SDM Mukesh Raote. During inspection, it was found that the list of services and prescribed fee information was properly displayed in the Public Service Centre.

The SDM and Tehsildar instructed the Public Service Center operators to behave well with the applicants visiting the center and to get only the necessary documents submitted. They were advised not to attach unnecessary documents.

# Merchant Mill sets new day record in TMT Bars production



light structurals as against production of 5.43 lakh tonnes in corresponding period of last fiscal year, thereby registering a growth of 11.9% over previous year.

It's worth mentioning that Merchant Mill rolls out several special value added steel grades including high-corrosion resistant HCRM grade of TMT bars, TMT bars in 550 D grade, TMT (SEQR-550 D) and TMT (Fe-500D). The Mill also rolls out several special steel grades in the light structural range of products including angles and channels.

Bhilai, Mar 11: SAIL - Bhilai Steel Plant's Merchant Mill has set a new day record of rolling 3036 Tonnes of TMT 32 bars in 550 D grade on 9th March 24, surpassing previous best of 2955 T on 23rd Sept 2023. The Mill has during the April to Feb period of current fiscal year, rolled out 6.07 lakh tonnes of TMT bars and

# Offer Letters handed over to 03 members of Rowghat Rail Project affected families



(Industrial Relations), and H Shekhar, GM (ED Secretariat).

Pratap Shekhar Naik, DGM (Pers), Sachin Rangari, AGM (Rowghat), KK Sahu, AGM (Pers), Vasant Kumar, Sr Mgr (Pers-Recruitment), and Daulatram Poyam, LWO, were also present on this occasion, along with other senior officers of Mines Department.

Pawan Kumar, ED (P &

A) in his address welcomed the beneficiaries on becoming a part of the BSP Collective and stated that you have now become ambassadors of Bhilai Steel Plant. I hope that you all are fortunate that you have become part of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, an organization that has contributed to the nation's development tremendously. I welcome you to the SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant Family, Mathur said.

Rowghat. Sandeep Mathur, CGM (Personnel) in his address urged the beneficiaries to contribute to the development of the Rowghat area and stated that you all are fortunate that you have become part of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, an organization that has contributed to the nation's development tremendously. I welcome you to the SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant Family, Mathur said.

Jaiprakash, GM (Mines-Rowghat) stated that currently, we are producing 1 rake daily, however, we have the aim of enhancing our production to 12 Rakes a day. I hope you all shall support us, so that we may reach the goal of Daily 12 Rakes production soon.

The three new members of the Rowghat rail project affected families (PAF) who received Offer letters for employment at SAIL-BSP include Soman Lal, from Salhe, Bhanupratappur, Rupesh Kumar Baghel, from Podgaon, Antagarh, and Suresh Kumar, from Dhorabasar Kevchi, Bhanupratappur.

Expressing happiness and gratitude on receiving

Offer letters from Pawan Kumar, ED (P & A) the beneficiaries said, we are the first from our families and this region to gain employment at a Government Institution, which is a matter of joy for not only our families but our villages as well. So far, 148 persons including 111 from Kanker and 37 from Balod districts have been employed in SAIL-BSP. These include more than 25 female members. The under-construction Dalli-Rajhara to Rowghat rail line has not only provided rail connectivity to the largely tribal population residing in the region, it has also given scope for many to be self-employed in and around the railway stations.

# Do not have fear of failure while taking initiatives: PK Jha

Bhilai, Mar 11: Whatever their position in the hierarchy, Bhilais have always striven to do better in their own respective fields of working. Even after retirement, their bonding remains. One among many such persons is PK Jha who retired as CGM (C&IT Dept). Here he shares his experience and insights gained, challenges faced, certain initiatives & actions that he took along with his team and

specifies how these impacted the organization. Jha who joined the Plant's C&IT Dept in 1989, and after working in different capacities in the dept, retired as CGM of same department in Dec 2022 also shares some tips for those still in service. Jha joined BSP in 1985 and was posted in Plate Mill where he worked in maintenance and planning section. It was quite an enriching experience, understanding closely the issues faced by maintenance and production teams and their solutions for short and long terms.

After his selection for EDP (now C&IT), Jha worked with many upcoming technologies and platforms and took many initiatives along with his colleagues which helped transform systems contributing towards cutting costs, higher efficiency and better quality of service at Unit and Company levels.

Jha says that during the first few years, he was given the task to transform the manual and COBOL based system of Township revenue billing and receipt collec-



tion - which he and his team made online in a few months time. Thereafter many online systems were developed by us for Town Services Dept, he said.

Integration of HRIS and Payroll : Jha says that we at BSP were the first to develop Payroll system in RDBMS and subsequently we developed the same for BRP (now SRU). Integration of HRIS and Payroll and development of e-Sahyog portal for employee self service was a major milestone. Many improvement projects were taken up in SAP like e-tendering and e-procurement system, SRM7. We were the first in SAIL to use encryption and digital signature. GST, e-waybill, e-invoice and many more followed. Many improvement projects were also taken up under MES with enhanced coverage to finishing mills URM, BRM, WRM and MM.

E-notesheet under SAP changed the work culture: The system for paperless certification by RITES has contributed immensely - providing an additional 45

## Former Head of C&IT Dept shares Insights into working at BSP, Challenges overcome and Mantras for Success

minutes of production time in each 8 hourly shift of URM. Enabling cashless transactions and paperless working for notesheets and approvals are landmark achievements. E-notesheet under SAP has in fact, changed the work culture. C & IT helped other units too in development and implementation of e-notesheet. During Covid time, C & IT provided system based support to Plant, Township and Medical Dept. One of the most challenging tasks was implementation of Centralised Payroll System (CPRS) for entire SAIL that had 25 different systems under different platforms being maintained and operated by people with different Digital maturity levels. With the consistent support from top management of BSP, the C&IT team steered, developed and implemented CPRS in one go for all executives and non-executives in April 2020. While all employees' payments are made by BSP

Finance Dept using this C&IT maintained system, CPRS has made the corporate finance job easy for allocation of budget. Integrating data from different SAP systems, BSP developed Vendor Payment Query Portal where any vendor of SAIL can login and see the payment status of their supply to any unit from their mobiles.

Feel content: I feel quite satisfied with my achievements as I got full freedom to devise my roadmap and got guidance, support and cooperation from all sides in bringing about transformation. Last few years were full of challenges, opportunities and accomplishments.

Be Positive & Challenge Yourself: Suggesting few mantras for the benefit of those presently engaged in similar capacities, Jha advises that one should always listen to his/her internal customers, encourage them to share their pains and ask for suggestions to improve while at the same time thinking of ways including out of box solutions to provide customer delight. Be positive and challenge yourself. Ask why can't I/we do it instead of feeling it is a bother and so why to do it! Most importantly, don't have a fear of fail-

ure, he said. Trust & Support can bring about improvements : Sharing his views on how performances can be improved, Jha opines that encouragement, trust and support can bring about large improvements. Encourage colleagues and others in the department to take a few calculated risks and stand by them when one fails after putting sincere efforts, he said, adding that fear of failure is a big restraint while taking many initiatives.

Technology is changing fast and Industry 4.0 has a huge potential. Training, skilling, collaboration and investment are required for meeting new challenges and remaining competitive, Shri Jha stated.

Work life balance is reasonably good. However there is always the scope of improvement. We need to appreciate contributors in the team publicly and if need be, talk to them about their mistakes in private.

Flavour of Bhilai not easy to resist : Bhilai has a nice climate and good social framework. Nice and handy Medical facility, cultural mix and the mix of rural and urban flavours are not easy to resist.

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## Deputy CM Sao flags off Ayodhya-bound train

**Amid chants of 'Jai Shri Ram' at Bilaspur railway station**

**850 devotees leave for Ayodhya, to visit Kashi Vishwanath also**

**Raipur, Mar 11:** Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao today flagged off the special train going from Bilaspur Railway Station to Ayodhya under the 'RamLala Darshan Scheme'. Finance Minister OP Choudhary and Labor Minister Lakhanlal Dewangan were also present on the occasion. A special group of 850 devotees from Bilaspur division left for 'Ayodhya Dham' raising slogans of 'Jai Shri Ram'. Apart from Shri RamLala in Ayodhya, they will also visit Baba Vishwanath in Kashi.



Under the RamLala Darshan Scheme of the state government, the people of the state are being given facility of a free visit to Ayodhya Dham. At the time of departure of the special train from Bilaspur Railway Station, MLA Amar Agrawal, Sushant Shukla, Dharamjit Singh, Managing Director of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board Jitendra Shukla,

Bilaspur Collector Avnish Sharan, Superintendent of Police Rajnesh Singh, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Amit Kumar, District Panchayat CEO Ramprasad Chauhan, Bhupendra Savanni, Ramdev Kumawat along with other public representatives and state government officials-staff were present.

After flagging off the

special train, Sao said that Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai fulfilled another guarantee of Modi ji. The joy and enthusiasm of these devotees shows how much unwavering devotion and faith the people of Chhattisgarh have towards Ram Lalla, he said, adding that the government has made complete arrangements for this group of 850 devotees.

Arrangements for their travel, stay, food and temple darshan have been made by the state government. As soon as the special train "Bharat Gaurav Train" going to Ayodhya was flagged off at Bilaspur Railway Station, the entire atmosphere of the station echoed with the chants of Jai Shri Ram. This 12-coach train is going to Ayodhya with 850 devotees. They will also go to Kashi and see Baba Vishwanath.

## 'Halla Bol' rally by YC in protest against inflation and employment

**Raipur, Mar 11:** Chhattisgarh Youth Congress workers protested in Raipur on Monday against issues like inflation and unemployment. On this occasion, Youth Congress workers tried to break the barricades and move towards the CM House. During this time, a large number of deployed policemen took Youth Congress workers into custody. The rally started in front of the protest site Indoor Stadium. Under the leadership of Chhattisgarh Youth Congress State President, Akash Sharma, State Youth Congress workers marched towards the Chief Minister's residence. Police forced deployed in front of Raipur Municipal Corporation premises tried to stop the protesters. The protesters tried to move forward by breaking the barricades, but they could not succeed. Earlier, the State Youth Congress had



warned of gherao of Chief Minister's residence on March 11 under state 'insensitive' over inflation, unemployment issues. In view of this, the police had tightened the security arrangements and had installed barricades at various places. Chhattisgarh

Youth Congress State President Akash Sharma said, Youth Congress has started the 'Rojgar Do. Nyay Do' program in January across the state. Under the campaign, Youth Congress workers had set up stalls in colleges, universities and

coaching centers and asked eight questions to the youth. After this, Youth Congress had also organized Panchayat Chalo, Ward Chalo program. Under this, the Chief Minister's residence is being gheraoed on March 11.

## Successful open heart surgery of a 20-yr-old patient at Ambedkar Hospital

**Raipur, Mar 11:** A 20-year-old patient was successfully operated upon through Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery (MICS) in the Department of Heart, Chest and Vascular Surgery of the Advanced Cardiac Institute (ACI) in Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, affiliated to Pt Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Medical College, Raipur.

With this successful surgery conducted under the leadership of Department Head Dr Krishnakant Sahu, the name of Heart, Chest and Vascular



Surgery Department of ACI has been registered as the first government institute of the state, where open heart sur-

gery facility is available with this method. In this method, the surgical procedure is carried out by making a small incision on the patient's chest, due to which the patient recovers very quickly.

The 20-year-old patient living in Dhamdha had congenital heart disease. He had come to know about the disease when he became short of breath and started swelling in his hands and legs. This condition is called heart failure. In this condition, the patient was admitted to the medicine department



and after examination it was found that there was a 4 X 3 cm defect in his heart. There is a big hole in the heart which is

called atrial septal defect (ASD) in medical language. Operation for this disease should be done in childhood itself. Otherwise, with age, the heart function (pumping) decreases and after some time, heart failure occurs, as happened with this patient.

This patient underwent antifailure treatment for about 10 days in the medicine department. After that the patient was sent to Dr Krishnakant Sahu, Head of the Department of Cardiac Surgery for operation. Dr. Krishnakant Sahu says that this patient was kept stable in

the cardiac surgery department for a few more days and the hole in his heart was closed with minimally invasive cardiac surgery (MICS) and the patient returned to his normal life on the very next day. This operation is called minimally invasive cardiac surgery because in normal open heart surgery, the process of open heart surgery is done by cutting the chest bone called sternum, in which an incision/cut of about 20 centimeters is made. This wound takes a little more time to heal. In minimally invasive cardiac

surgery (operation through small incisions), the heart lung machine is connected to the veins of the legs (veins of the thigh - femoral artery and femoral vein) to stop the function of the heart and lungs and the hole located inside the heart. To close it, the heart is opened with a special instrument by making a 2-inch incision in the middle of the fourth rib in the right chest and the hole is closed with a special type of cloth called Dacron patch. The patient is now ready for discharge from the hospital

after five days. The team which carried out this successful operation comprised Department Head Dr. Krishnakant Sahu, Dr. Vivek Wadhwa, Dr. Nishant Chandel, Cardiac Anesthetist Dr. Devendra Pandey, Perfusionists Bikash Mahapatra and Digeshwar, Technicians Bhupendra, Harish, Nirakar, Chetan and Sarita, Nursing Staff OT Rajendra, Chowa, Munesh, Narendra and Tejendra, ICU Care Kiran, Jagruti, Bhavana and Kusum.



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# Gram Panchayats felicitated under nine different themes

# Empowered youth of Bastar unite to end child marriage

**For their significant contribution in localization of Sustainable Development Goals**

**Raipur, Mar 11:**

At the state-level Mahapanchayat program held today, Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj Kapil Moreshwar Patil and Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma felicitated the Gram Panchayats under nine different themes and categories for their significant contribution in the localization of Sustainable Development Goals. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has taken a comprehensive approach and localized the Sustainable Development Goals in form of nine resolutions to ensure participation of all the communities, thereby leading towards the holistic development of Gram Panchayats.

**# Under Theme-1,** Nagam Gram Panchayat was felicitated as 'Poverty-Free Gram Panchayat With Improved Livelihood'. Under Theme-1, Gram Panchayat Nagam, Zila Panchayat Lundra, District-Surguja was honored for becoming the poverty-free Gram

Panchayat with improved livelihood. Through the tireless efforts such as employment generation under MNREGA, empowerment of women through self-help groups and effective measures for eradicating poverty, Gram Panchayat Nagam has created livelihood and employment opportunities for all.

**# Under Theme-2,** Gram Panchayat Sankara was honored as 'Healthy Gram Panchayat'.

Under Theme-2, Gram Panchayat Sankara, Zila Panchayat Nagari, District-Dhamtari was felicitated as 'Healthy Gram Panchayat'. This panchayat has significantly improved the quality of healthcare services to ensure sound health and well-being of the residents.

**# Under Theme-3,** Gram Panchayat Nilja was felicitated as 'Child-friendly Gram Panchayat'.

Gram Panchayat Nilja, Zila Panchayat-Dharsiwa, District-Raipur has been at the forefront in clearly understanding and resolving all the major issues related to children in its Gram Panchayat areas, for which it has been felicitated as the 'Child-friendly Gram Panchayat' under theme-3.



**# Under Theme-4,** Gram Panchayat Baghnadi honored for their works in ensuring regular water-supply and conservation.

With the consolidated efforts to provide regular water-supply and ensure water-conservation, Gram Panchayat Baghnadi, Zila Panchayat Dongargarh, District-Rajnandgaon has become a water-rich Gram Panchayat, for which it has been felicitated under Theme-04.

**# Under Theme-5,** Gram Panchayat Jonkbala felicitated as 'Clean and Green Gram Panchayat'.

Gram Panchayat Jonkbala, Zila Panchayat - , District - Jashpur, has been felicitated as 'Clean and Green Gram Panchayat'.

**# Under Theme-6,** Gram Panchayat Ajwal was felicitated as the 'Gram Panchayat with Self-Reliant Infrastructure'.

Gram Panchayat Ajwal, Zila Panchayat-Jagdulpur, District-Bastar, has developed modern infrastructure in the village for which it was honored as 'The Gram Panchayat with Self-Reliant Infrastructure' under Theme-06.

**#Under Theme-7,** Gram Panchayat Pikripara was honored as 'Socially-Safe Gram Panchayat'.

From supporting people in their efforts to overcome poverty, to reducing inequality, to providing opportunity of capacity building, while managing the economic and social problems such as unemployment, social exclusion, illness, disability and old age, Gram Panchayat Pikripara, Zila Panchayat-Gurur, District Balod has taken a holistic approach to ensure inclusive development. Therefore, Gram Panchayat was honored as 'Socially-Safe Gram Panchayat' under theme-7.

**# Under Theme-8,** Gram Panchayat Khadgwankala felicitated as 'Good Governance Gram Panchayat'.

Good governance includes providing benefits

of various government schemes and services to the people of Gram Panchayat, ensuring transparency and accountability in the administration, while encouraging public cooperation and participation.

Gram Panchayat Kharagwankala, District Panchayat-Pratappur, District-Surguja has set an example of good governance by implementing the vision of former Prime Minister Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, for which it has been honored as 'Good Governance Gram Panchayat' under Theme-08.

**# Under Theme-9,** Gram Panchayat Kuthrel was honored as 'Women-friendly Gram Panchayat'.

Panchayats in rural areas have the responsibility to promote gender equality so that women and girls are not deprived of the opportunities they deserve. It is the responsibility of Panchayats to ensure participation of women and girls in political, economic and social arena. Gram Panchayat Kuthrel, Zila Panchayat-Durg, District-Durg has empowered women and lived up to its responsibilities, for which it has been felicitated as 'Women-Friendly Gram Panchayat' under Theme-9.



**Youth interacted with Chief Minister, briefed him about their efforts**

**Raipur, Mar 11:**

In a remarkable display of dedication to eliminating social injustices, youths hailing from the remote corners of Bastar are actively engaging in the Child Marriage Free India Campaign. Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai launched the Child Marriage Free Chhattisgarh Campaign in Raipur today, signaling the state's intensified commitment to the nationwide drive.

Youth from Bastar, including Anita Netam, Pramila Baghel from Bakavand, Jyoti Som from Naktisemra, Meenkunwar Kashyap from Badedoada, Ajay Maurya from Lamker, and Chandrakumar Nag from Madhota, were present during the launch with

posters. These passionate individuals briefed the Chief Minister on their extensive efforts and awareness initiatives aimed at combating child marriages in Chhattisgarh.

These youths mentioned that for the past three years, their team has been conducting awareness campaigns against various social issues in the Bastar region, alongside initiatives to promote health awareness. Their concerted efforts have yielded tangible results, with a notable reduction of up to 87 per cent in reported cases of child marriages. Encouraged by this progress, they express optimism in achieving a 100 per cent success rate in the near future, attributing their confidence to the proactive public welfare schemes and awareness drives initiated by the Chhattisgarh Government led by Shri Vishnu Deo Sai.

# Kaushalya Sai celebrates birthday with heartwarming 'Nyota Bhoj'

**For school children Serves homemade kheer and cake to children, bringing joy to all**

**Raipur, Mar 11:**

Kaushalya Sai, wife of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, celebrated her birthday in a heartwarming manner by organizing a 'Nyota Bhoj' at Sardar Pritam Singh Saini Primary and Pre-Secondary School, Shyamnagar, and Government Girls Home, Khamhardih. Personally preparing and serving kheer and cake, she shared affection and joy with the



children present.

In response to the children's appreciation of her culinary skills, Smt. Sai expressed her delight, saying, "We always make kheer on our birthdays. My children also love Kheer. You all are lovely children, so today I have prepared kheer for you on my birthday."

Engaging with the chil-

dren about their studies and playful antics, she also held discussions with school teachers regarding the children's education.

Explaining the concept of Nyota Bhoj, Smt. Sai mentioned, "Chief Minister Shri Sai had told me about Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's 'Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman

Abhiyan'. Under this campaign, everyone is urged to celebrate their birthdays and special occasions with school children, feeding and sharing the meal with them."

Reflecting on the significance of Nyota Bhoj, she described it as a "beautiful" tradition that offers the chance to connect with young children. "Children eat the dish with huge smiles on their faces, which is a delight to the eyes," she stated.

Meanwhile, following the call from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, various public representatives, officials, and esteemed citizens in Chhattisgarh have been ac-

tively hosting 'Nyota Bhojs'.

The tradition of serving kheer on auspicious occasions is linked to the Vedas.

In Indian and Chhattisgarh traditions, kheer holds a special place as a customary birthday treat, symbolizing spreading happiness among loved ones. This tradition, deeply rooted in our 'Sanatan' customs, extends beyond birthdays; sweets are offered on auspicious occasions as well. Dating back to the Vedic period, this practice has been an integral part of our culture. Described as 'Kshira Pakamodanam' in the Vedas, kheer carries significant importance in our culture.

# CM Sai launches the 'Bal Vivah Mukta Ch'garh' Abhiyan



**People's representatives and women vow to oppose child marriage and raise awareness among the public in the presence of CM**

**CM signed the pledge board to end child marriage in Chhattisgarh**

**Raipur, Mar 11:**

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai launched the 'Bal Vivah Mukta Chhattisgarh Abhiyan' at the Science College ground in Raipur on Sunday. During the event, the Chief Minister signed the pledge board to end child marriage in Chhattisgarh. The campaign will be conducted in the state with the support of UNICEF through the Women and Child Development Department.

Chief Minister unveiled the brochure of 'Bal Vivah Mukta Chhattisgarh Abhiyan' and urged women to pledge against

child marriage. On this occasion, a large number of dignitaries, including Women and Child Development Minister Smt Laxmi Rajwade, were present.

In the presence of Chief Minister Shri Sai, people's representatives and women vow to oppose the pervasive evil of child marriage in society and raise awareness among the public to prevent child marriage.

It is noteworthy that, according to the National Family Health Survey-5 report, 12.1% of girls in Chhattisgarh are married before the age of 18. Surguja district has the highest incidence at 34.28%, followed by Balarampur at 24.60%, Koriya district at 22.89%, and Jashpur district at 21.90%. Taking into account these figures on child marriage, the state government launched 'Bal Vivah Mukta

Chhattisgarh Abhiyan on Sunday. Through this campaign, considering public participation as the fundamental principle, a movement against child marriage will be initiated in the state. Active involvement of representatives from Panchayati Raj Institutions, Urban Local Bodies, community leaders, voluntary organisations, women's groups, youth organisations, government departments, non-governmental organisations, and the general public will be ensured. Over the next three years, efforts will be made to end child marriage in Chhattisgarh with the people's participation. Social awareness, youth empowerment, and media sensitization will be emphasised, along with raising public awareness about the provisions of the Child Marriage Act.

# Sarpanchs honoured for realizing the vision of 'Niyad Nellanar'

**In the State-Level Mahapanchayat**

**Raipur, Mar 11:**

The Niyad Nellanar Scheme, initiated by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, aims to ensure basic amenities and welfare projects in Naxal-affected villages. Under Niyad Nellanar, meaning "Your Good Village", over 25 essential services will be provided within a 5-kilometer radius of the 14 new camps established in Maoist-affected regions. Furthermore, rural inhabitants in these areas are benefiting from 32 developmental schemes implemented

by the state government.

Sarpanchs of Gram Panchayats under Konta Janpad Panchayat in Sukma district were felicitated for their contributions to the realization of the Niyad Nellanar concept. Among those honored were Sarpanchs from Gram Panchayat Bagdeguda, Camp Paria; Gram Panchayat Duled, Camp - Duled; Gram Panchayat Elmagunda, Camp Mukrajkonta; Gram Panchayat Chimlipeta, Camp Tekalgudem and Purvati; Gram Panchayat Potakpalli, Camp - Shalotong; and Gram Panchayat Silger, Camp - Silger.

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02	1. Hotel Shaan E Punjab Prop Mr. Rajender Singh, S/O: Late Preetam Singh (Borrower) 2. Mrs. Kuldeep Kour, W/O Mr. Rajender Singh Guarantor) Both R/O. At 10, Sarvamangala Complex, Niharika Road, Chhatisgarh, 495677	18,76,333.57 (as on 31.03.2021 with further interest, cost & expenses)	₹ 3,55,000.00 ₹ 35,500.00 ₹ 10,000	All that piece and parcel of Hall No.-05, First Floor, Shopping Complex, Rampur Housing Board Colony, Ward No. 33, Korba, Tehsil and District Korba (C.G) : 331.74 Square Feet, Owner of the property: Mrs. Kuldeep Kaur W/o. Shri Rajendra Singh, On the North: Road, On the Sout: Hall no. 02, On the East: Stair Case, On the West: LIG Houses.
03	1. Hotel Shaan E Punjab Prop Mr. Rajender Singh, S/O: Late Preetam Singh (Borrower) 2. Mrs. Kuldeep Kour, W/O Mr. Rajender Singh Guarantor) Both R/O. At 10, Sarvamangala Complex, Niharika Road, Chhatisgarh, 495677	18,76,333.57 (as on 31.03.2021 with further interest, cost & expenses)	₹ 5,30,000.00 ₹ 53,000.00 ₹ 10,000	All that piece and parcel of Flat No. LIG-12 A, Ground Floor, Deen Dayal Awas Yojna, Housing Board Colony, Ward No. 31 Kharmora, Korba, Tehsil and District Korba (C.G) Total Area of the property : 477 Square Feet, Owner of the property: Mrs. Kuldeep Kaur W/o. Shri Rajendra Singh, On the North: Flat no. 11 B, On the South: Flat no. 12 B, On the East: Flat no. 12 C, On the West: 9.0 M wide road.
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05	1. Mr. Sahbaz Khan Tipu S/O: Nazar Mohammad Khan, R/o. At H.No 19, Opp. Agrasen Bhawan, Juni Line, Bilaspur, C.G-495001 (Borrower) 2. Mr. Vikas Jaiswal S/o Kamta Prasad Jaiswal, R/o. Ward 43, Kisan Para, Chantidih, Bilaspur C.G.-495001 (Guarantor).	₹ 12,43,049.89 (as on 31.03.2021 with further interest, cost & expenses)	₹ 7,20,000.00 ₹ 72,000.00 ₹ 10,000	All that piece and parcel of Open Land belonging to Sahbaz Khan Tipu, situated at KH.No. 179/3, PH.No. 20/32 Ward No.54, Bandhwapara, Arvind Nagar, Mouza- Sarkanda Nagar Nigam, Bilaspur C.G. Total Area of the property: 1466 Square Feet. Owner of the property: Mr. Sahbaz Khan Tipu S/O: Nazar Mohammad Khan, On the North: Remaining Land of Seller, On the South: Remaining Land of Seller, On the East: Road, On the West: House of Pandey.
06	1. M/s HE Construction Prop. Mr. Atul Parihar S/o Mr. Heera Singh Parihar. (Borrower), 2. M/s. Kishan Corporation Prop. M rs. Reetu Parihar. (Borrower) 3. Mrs. Reetu Parihar W/o Mr. Atul Parihar (Co- Borrower), 4. Santoshi Parihar, All of Address: H.No. 130/6 Jorapara, Balti Factory Ke Pass, Sarkanda, Bilaspur C.G.(Co- Borrower), 5. Chandra Bhan Singh Dhruw S/o Bhagwat Singh Dhruw, H.No. 72, Near Mata Chowra, Old Sarkanda, Bilaspur	₹ 34,48,552.74 (as on 31.03.2021 with further interest, cost & expenses)	₹ 15,90,000.00 ₹ 1,59,000.00 ₹ 10,000	All that piece and parcel of Open Land, Over star no 15/17 part of land 178, Kh. No. 427/18, PH.No. 20/32, mouja-sarkanda, Bilaspur C.G. 495001.Original Sale deed number 5825 dated 31.12.2015, property in the name of Smt. Reetu Parihar W/o Atul Parihar. Total Area of the property : 2668 Square Feet. On the North: Land of Bhoi, On the South: Land of Chaturvedi, On the East: 11ft Road, On the West: Shivam Homes Colony.
07	1. M/s. Gauri Enterprises R/o. at Jorapara Sarkanda, Bilaspur, C.G. 495001 (Borrower), 2. Mrs. Mala Parihar W/o Mr. Alapesh Parihar, R/o. at Jorapara Sarkanda, Bilaspur, C.G. 495001, Alapesh Parihar, R/o. Jorapara Sarkanda, Bilaspur.C.G. 495001 (Legal heir)	₹ 6,94,822.32 (as on 01.03.2021 with further interest, cost & expenses)	₹ 4,70,000.00 ₹ 47,000.00 ₹ 10,000	All that piece and parcel of Open Land Khasara No. 444/15 PH.No. 20, Ward 55, Mouza- Sarkanda Bilaspur C.g. property in the name of Mr. Heera Singh Parihar S/O Raghunath Singh Parihar. Total Area of the property : 768 Square Feet. On the North: Road & house of Parihar, On the South: Pravesh Soni land, On the East: Dewangan Land, On the West: Manjubala Land.
08	1. M/s. M. B. Agro Products, Prop Mahesh Kumar Ekka S/o. Mohar Lal Ekka, Add. - Manpur Road, Village Kharakona, Bijapara, Tehsil- Lundra, Near Barguduh. 2. Mohar Lal Ekka S/o. Sukhan Ram Ekka, Add. - Manpur Road, Village- Kharakona, Bijapara, Tehsil- Lundra, Near Barguduh-Pin. - 497101.	₹ 6,68,841.11 (as on 29.08.2022 with further interest, cost & expenses)	₹ 8,75,000.00 ₹ 87,500.00 ₹ 10,000.00	All part and parcel of Residential Building situated at Kh. No. 726/4, Ph. No. 31, Village- Kharakona, Bijapara, Tah- Lundra Dist- Surguja C.G. Area 2153 Sq. Ft. Owner of Property Mahesh Kumar Ekka. (Property description as per Deed), East- Land of Indernath, West- Land of Seller, North- Land of Nand, South- Land of Mohar Lal.

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## MMI Narayana Hospital Raipur hosts Inter-Hospital Quiz competition

On the occasion of World Kidney Week

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 11: In celebration of World Kidney Week on March 10, 2024, MMI Narayana Hospital, Raipur organized a dynamic Inter-Hospital Quiz Competition. Fourteen teams from various hospitals actively participated in this event, which aimed to promote awareness about kidney care, early detection, and treatment.

The engaging and informative quiz, hosted by Dr. Sunil Dharmani (Nephrology), Dr. Rajendra Pragnahia (Internal Medicine), Dr. Pradeep Sharma (Critical



Care), Dr. Mukesh Sharma (Internal Medicine), Dr. Ajay Mishra (Emergency), and Dr. Tarun Mishra (Endocrinology), successfully highlighted the significance of kidney health.

The competition served as a unique platform to share knowledge about kidney symptoms, preventive measures, adopting a healthy lifestyle, and stressing the importance of regular check-ups.

The event received overwhelming support from the medical community, with Dr. Feroz Memon (Internal Medicine), Dr. R.G. Dhritlahre (Internal Medicine). In the quiz, Balaji Institute of Medical Science secured the first position, represented by Dr. Aum Bapat and Dr. Satyashish Kabi.

The second position was attained by MMI Narayana Hospital, repre-

sented by Dr. Risshabh Dhole and Dr. Amit Tekeshwar Turkar. The third position was attained by Mekahara Hospital, represented by Dr. Richa Bhardwaj and Dr. Ayushi Goyal. MMI Narayana Hospital acknowledged their achievements by presenting them with congratulatory gifts.

MMI Narayana hospital is thankful to all the participants hospital Shree Balaji Hospital, RKCH Hospital, AIIMS Raipur, CIMS Bilaspur, SSIMS Hospital, RMS Hospital, Mekahara Hospital and JLN Hospital. The Inter-Hospital Quiz Competition was a significant initiative in fostering awareness and collaboration to promote kidney health in the community.

## More than 35 thousand applications received from RTE

For admission in private schools in nine days

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 11: The application process for admission in private schools under the Right to Education (RTE) has started from March 1. More than 35,000 children have been registered in just nine days. The registration process in the first phase will continue till April 15. Then verification of applications, lottery and admission will be done. Every year more applications are received than seats, yet seats remain vacant.

The timetable for the RTE admission process has been released by the Directorate of Public Instruction (DPI). Admission in all private



schools of the state is done under RTE. If there are more applications than seats, admission is given through lottery. Students choose three schools at the time of application.

In comparison to the last academic session, there has been a reduction of 4,887 RTE seats in this academic session. There were 55,158 RTE seats in the education session 2023-24, which have reduced to 50,271 this year. 6,573

schools from 33 districts of the state have registered in RTE. Last year there were 6,507 schools registered. This year there has been an increase of 66 schools. Officials said that now the number of schools may increase, due to which the number of seats will also increase. Earlier in 2022-23, there were 80 thousand RTE seats in the state. Last year, 25,000 RTE seats were reduced. Last year, even after three stages of admis-

sion process, more than eight thousand seats remained vacant.

According to the notification issued by DPI, the portal will be opened again for registration of schools. After completion of the first phase admission process, new schools will be given the opportunity to register from June 15.

Under RTE, economically weaker students get admission in private schools of the state. In big private schools, 25 percent seats are reserved for admission under RTE. This fulfills the dream of economically weaker people of educating their children in big and private schools. After admission in nursery or first class, they study free till class 12th. Under this scheme, currently three lakh students are studying in private schools.

## PM to inaugurate OSOP Scheme today

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation more than 5900 railway infrastructure projects costing more than Rs 85,000 crore on 12th March 2024 at 8.00 am through video conferencing. People from more than 670 railway stations and other places will join this program.

PM will dedicate 18 One Station One Product (One Station One Product) stalls of Raipur Railway Division and expansion of Bhilai MEMU car shed, upgradation of Durg

Coaching Depot pit line.

To promote 'Vocal for Local' approach at Raipur, Durg, Bhilai MEMU Car Shed, Dallirajhara, Bhanupratapur, Bhatapara, Bilha railway stations, to provide market for local/indigenous products and generate additional income for marginalized sections of the society will launch "One Station One Product" (OSOP) OSOP scheme with the aim of creating opportunities.

On this occasion, Governor, local public representative, Divisional Railway Manager Sanjeev Kumar will be present at Raipur Railway Station.

## Int'l Women's Day celebrated by Central Bank of India

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 11: Central Bank of India, Raipur Region celebrated International Women's Day at Raipur in a glittering function. Two functions were organized to mark the occasion. Firstly, the Bank's Telibandha, Raipur branch was converted into totally lady's branch and another function was organized to honour the lady staff of the Bank.

The Bank had decided to convert atleast one branch of the total 90 regions in the country into Total Ladies Branch. Raipur Region did it at its Telibandha branch. In a function to celebrate this memorable occasion, the

Chief Guest Regional Head, Shailesh Verma congratulated all the lady staff members of the newly converted branch. He said this will give the staff and the Branch Head more empowerment.

Ms. Abhilasha Patel, S.B.Sharma and Soumya Navit, Chief Managers were present during the occasion. Apart from invited lady customers, large number of lady staff from Raipur local branches/offices were also present. All the ladies present in the function were given rose buds



as a welcome gesture by the Regional Head, Mr Verma.

Another function was held with Chief Guest, none other than as Dr. Neeta Sharma, Homeopathy Super Specialist (Researcher)

from Raipur. She is a renowned person in the field of medical, social and music in Chhattisgarh State. She was given a warm welcome by the Regional Head, Shailesh Verma and Smt. Navneet Kaur, Sr.

Manager of the Bank.

During his address, Mr Verma congratulated the lady staff members present adding that today women are given all empowerment rectifying historical discrimination and ensuring fairness. Dr. Neeta Sharma during her speech said that empowering women will only lead to a better society, state, country and the world to live in.

She called upon the women to become active in every fields wherever they are in. She added that the women should overcome shyness with all positive

self esteem to succeed in life. She also presented a music therapy, which she said heals the person physically, mentally and emotionally. It had a grand appreciation from the audience present.

Later cake was cut to mark the occasion, games were organized amongst the lady staff members and prizes were distributed to the winners by the hands of Dr. Neeta Sharma and Shailesh Verma. Compering was done by Rajbasha Adhikari Ms. Pooja Choudhary.

The whole programme was coordinated by Smt. Navneet Kaur, Sr. Manager of Regional Office, Raipur, who thanked everyone for their gracious presence.

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### Risk Oblivion

#### UNSC Needs Evolution

India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj, underscored the urgent need for reforms within the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), portraying the global body's current trajectory as one towards "oblivion." Her impassioned plea during an informal meeting on Security Council reforms resonates with a growing frustration over the lack of tangible progress despite over two decades of deliberation since the Millennium Summit in 2000. Ms. Kamboj's call for concrete progress in reform efforts is not merely a diplomatic exercise but a pressing demand rooted in the imperatives of our time. With the world evolving rapidly, the UNSC's structure and composition must adapt to effectively address contemporary challenges and reflect the diversity of voices in the international community. The impetus for reform lies in rectifying historical injustices and ensuring equitable representation, particularly for regions like Africa, which have long felt marginalized within the current framework. Ms. Kamboj rightly emphasizes the importance of heeding the voices of the younger generation, whose aspirations and perspectives must be integrated into the Council's decision-making processes. India's stance on UNSC reform aligns with that of the G4 countries—India, Brazil, Germany, and Japan—who advocate for a more inclusive approach to reflect the plurality of views and interests among the 193 member states. The G4's emphasis on diversity and representation underscores the necessity of expanding both the permanent and non-permanent categories within the Council. To translate these aspirations into actionable steps, Ms. Kamboj proposes a pragmatic approach that involves identifying specific groups or countries deserving special consideration in the reform process. By listening attentively to their concerns and aspirations, member states can foster a more inclusive and transparent dialogue, essential for building consensus and advancing reform efforts. Moreover, Ms. Kamboj advocates for cross-regional arrangements to ensure that the General Assembly's diversity is adequately reflected in the Council. Such mechanisms not only promote inclusivity but also enhance the Council's legitimacy by incorporating a broader range of perspectives and experiences. India's steadfast support for comprehensive reforms across all five clusters, including expansion in both permanent and non-permanent categories, underscores its commitment to strengthening the multilateral system. As a rising global power and a staunch advocate for global justice and equity, India's leadership in this endeavor is pivotal. However, achieving meaningful reform will require more than rhetoric; it demands collective action and political will from member states. The status quo is no longer tenable, and the longer we delay meaningful reform, the greater the risk of rendering the UNSC obsolete and irrelevant in addressing the world's most pressing challenges. The imperative for UNSC reform is not merely a matter of bureaucratic restructuring but a moral imperative rooted in principles of fairness, equity, and representation. As the world grapples with complex geopolitical shifts and unprecedented global challenges, a reinvented, inclusive, and effective UNSC is essential for fostering peace, security, and prosperity on a global scale. It is incumbent upon member states to seize this opportunity and embark on a transformative journey towards a more just and equitable international order.

### Engaging the Taliban

In the ever-shifting landscape of Afghan politics, India's diplomatic maneuvers have garnered significant attention, particularly in light of recent engagements with the Taliban leadership. Since the tumultuous events of August 2021, when the Taliban swiftly seized control of Kabul, India has recalibrated its approach, pivoting away from reliance on US strategies that proved ineffectual. The US-Taliban pact of 2020, perceived by many as a concession to extremism, marked a pivotal moment in Afghanistan's trajectory. With the ignominious departure of former President Ashraf Ghani, in whom India had vested considerable diplomatic capital, India found itself reevaluating its stance. Foreign Minister S Jaishankar's firm assertion that India would not acquiesce to outcomes dictated by force underscored New Delhi's commitment to principled engagement. Recent discussions between Indian delegates and Taliban representatives signal a tentative move toward normalizing relations. Against the backdrop of strained relations between Kabul and Islamabad, exacerbated by border clashes and Pakistan's economic constraints, India has observed opportunities and challenges alike. While India cautiously welcomed the Taliban's assurances to combat jihadist extremism, concerns persist regarding the group's global legitimacy. India's decision to engage with the Taliban reflects a strategic calculus, driven in part by China's diplomatic overtures to Kabul. Yet, this engagement is not without its risks. The Taliban's assumption of control over Afghan missions in India underscores the complexity of India's diplomatic balancing act. As India navigates this delicate terrain, it must prioritize its national interests while remaining cognizant of historical precedents. The prospect of a Taliban-led Afghanistan necessitates a nuanced approach from India. While encouraging signs of accommodation toward Indian interests emerge, New Delhi must tread cautiously. Past experiences serve as a sobering reminder of the volatility inherent in Afghan politics. As India extends a tentative hand of cooperation to the post-Mullah Omar generation, it must remain vigilant against the pitfalls of overreliance and misplaced trust. India's engagement with Afghanistan is emblematic of its broader aspirations for regional stability and security. As Afghanistan grapples with its complex realities, India's role as a responsible stakeholder in the region becomes ever more pronounced. The path forward demands pragmatism, resilience, and a steadfast commitment to safeguarding India's interests while fostering constructive dialogue with all stakeholders. In this intricate geopolitical landscape, India's diplomatic acumen will be tested like never before. As the dust settles on Afghanistan's turbulent past, India stands poised to shape its future trajectory. The road ahead may be fraught with uncertainty, but with strategic foresight and diplomatic finesse, India can navigate these challenges and emerge as a beacon of stability and progress in the region.

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### SUBHASH ABHINANDAN



Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal launches the digital exhibition "Subhash Abhinandan", based on the life of Subhash Chandra Bose, on 134th Foundation Day of National Archives of India, in New Delhi, Monday, March 11.

## Understanding Emotional Intelligence for Emotional Wellbeing



VICKEY PRASAD



Emotional intelligence, often abbreviated as EQ, is a critical component of overall well-being, influencing how individuals perceive, understand, and manage their own emotions and those of others. At its core, emotional intelligence entails a deep understanding of the various types of emotions that operate within oneself. These emotions range from the subtle nuances of joy and contentment to the more complex realms of anger, sadness, fear, and beyond. By grasping the intricacies of these emotions, individuals can navigate the often-tumultuous seas of human experience with greater clarity and resilience.

Central to emotional intelligence is the recognition that emotions are not merely transient states of mind but powerful forces that shape our perceptions, decisions, and interactions. Through heightened emotional awareness, individuals can discern the subtle signals that their emotions convey, allowing for more informed responses to life's myriad challenges and opportunities. This awareness serves as a compass, guiding individuals towards actions and decisions that align with their deeper values and aspirations.

Moreover, emotional intelligence facilitates the cultivation of empathy and compassion towards others. By understanding one's own emotional

landscape, individuals can more readily empathize with the experiences and emotions of those around them, fostering deeper connections and more meaningful relationships. This ability to empathize is essential for effective communication, conflict resolution, and collaboration in both personal and professional settings.

However, achieving emotional intelligence is not a passive endeavor; it requires deliberate effort and practice. It involves honing skills such as self-awareness, self-regulation, social awareness, and relationship management. Self-awareness, in particular, entails the ability to recognize and understand one's own emotions, triggers, and patterns of behavior. This introspective process allows individuals to identify areas for growth and development, laying the foundation for greater emotional resilience and well-being.

Furthermore, emotional intelligence extends beyond individual introspection to encompass an understanding of the broader social and cultural contexts in which emotions operate. This social awareness enables individuals to navigate diverse social landscapes with sensitivity and respect, recognizing the unique perspectives and experiences of others. By embracing cultural diversity and fostering inclusive environments, individuals can contribute to the collective well-being of their communities and societies.

Understanding emotional awareness involves a multifaceted approach that encompasses various practices and strategies. Here are six ways to enhance your emotional awareness:

1. **Self-Reflection:** Take time to introspect and examine your thoughts, feelings, and reactions. Journaling can be a helpful tool for this process, allowing you to explore your emotions in a structured manner.
2. **Mindfulness:** Practice mindfulness meditation to cultivate present-moment awareness and observe your emotions without judgment. This practice can help you develop a greater understanding of the ebb and flow of your emotions.
3. **Emotion Labeling:** Learn to accurately label your emotions. It works on the theory of "Name It to Tame It". Rather than simply saying you feel "bad" or "good," try to identify specific emotions such as sadness, anger, joy, or anxiety. This specificity can deepen your awareness of your emotional experiences.
4. **Empathy Development:** Practice empathy by putting yourself in others' shoes and trying to understand their emotions. This can help you develop a more nuanced understanding of human emotions and enhance your interpersonal relationships.
5. **Emotion Regulation Techniques:** Learn and practice emotion regulation techniques such as deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, or cognitive reappraisal. These techniques can help you manage intense emotions more effectively and maintain emotional balance.
6. **Therapy or Counseling:** Consider

seeking professional support from a therapist or counselor to explore and work through deeper emotional issues. Therapy can provide a safe and supportive environment to enhance your emotional awareness and resilience.

7. **Seek Feedback:** Ask trusted friends, family members, or colleagues for feedback on how they perceive your emotional expression and responsiveness. This external perspective can provide valuable insights into blind spots or areas for growth.
8. **Effective Listening:** Listen effectively to others and pay close attention to their verbal and non-verbal cues. This can help you better understand their emotions and respond empathetically.
9. **Body Awareness:** Pay attention to the physical sensations associated with different emotions. Notice how emotions manifest in your body, such as tension in your muscles, changes in your breathing, or sensations in your stomach. This can provide valuable insight into your emotional state.
10. **Lifelong Learning:** Continuously educate yourself about emotions, psychology, and interpersonal dynamics. Read books, attend workshops, or engage in online courses to deepen your understanding of emotional awareness and intelligence.

By incorporating these practices into your daily life, you can gradually deepen your emotional awareness and cultivate greater emotional intelligence. Remember that emotional awareness is a lifelong journey, and it's okay to seek support and guidance along the way.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Police Officer's Unacceptable Conduct

Delhi Police Sub-Inspector; Manoj Kumar Tomar, was suspended immediately following an incident where he was captured on video kicking people during Friday prayers on a road in North Delhi's Inderlok area. The incident sparked protests from local residents, condemnation from political leaders, and widespread outrage on social media. Tomar was seen stepping on prayer mats and shouting at worshippers to leave the area, as the nearby mosque was at full capacity. Despite attempts by worshippers to reason with him, Tomar continued his aggressive behavior. The suspension came after public outcry, with many deeming it a necessary step to address the unacceptable conduct of law enforcement officials. Such behavior deserves swift and appropriate punishment to maintain public trust and order.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

#### Job Crisis

Amidst rising unemployment, Indian nationals are seeking work in conflict-hit nations like Russia and Israel due to the scarcity of job opportunities, rampant corruption, and unfair practices in government recruitment exams. The dire job situation compels thousands to risk their safety in war-torn countries rather than face poverty at home. To address this, the Indian government must prevent citizens from seeking precarious employment abroad and crack down on unscrupulous immigration agents facilitating such moves. It's imperative to confront the root causes of unemployment and corruption to provide a sustainable solution for the country's workforce.

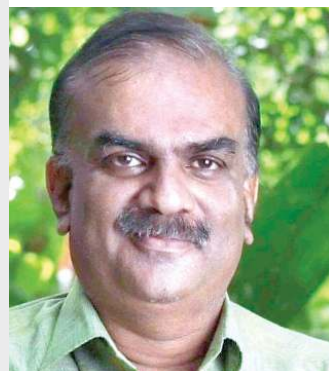
MK Nair, Raipur

#### Protecting Indian Workers

The Haryana Government's initiative to recruit skilled workers for jobs in Israel's construction sector raises concerns. Sending unemployed Indian youth to war-torn regions like Israel, where they could face risks from militant groups like Hamas and Hezbollah, is unacceptable. The Indian Government must prioritize the safety of its citizens and refrain from exposing them to potential harm in conflict zones. Measures should be taken to ensure that Indian nationals are not used as pawns or subjected to danger in foreign employment schemes.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

## Polling Officers: Unsung Heroes of Democracy



Dr. Vasisht M.C.

In the intricate tapestry of democracy, where every thread contributes to the fabric of governance, polling officers stand as unsung heroes, diligently weaving the threads of electoral integrity and fairness. Tasked with the solemn responsibility of overseeing the electoral process, these guardians of democracy navigate through myriad challenges and obstacles, ensuring that the voice of the people resonates loud and clear through the ballot box.

Since 1951, the Indian electoral process has undergone minimal modifications, with the introduction

of electronic voting machines being the most significant change. However, the administrative and technical tasks of polling officers remain largely unchanged. Depending on their official responsibilities, these officers are divided into various groups to supervise elections.

Typically, four to five officials are stationed in each booth, alongside police and army personnel. The presiding officer holds the highest rank among polling officials in a booth and serves as its supreme authority. Other officers, such as the first polling officer and polling assistant, assist the presiding officer in their duties. Poll workers are tasked with setting up polling stations and ensuring the area remains lawful and orderly.

Some booths are designated as sensitive due to law and order concerns, for which specialized poll workers known as micro observers are assigned. The work of a polling officer commences on election eve and extends late into the following day, with little to no access to food or breaks during election day. Their shift only concludes once electronic or ballot boxes are handed over to the relevant authorities. Polling officers play a crucial role in conducting elections in India.

They face many difficulties and challenges in their duty, such as:

1. **Logistical issues:** At the heart of their responsibilities lies the meticulous organization and execution of elections. From the intricate logistics of transporting sensitive equipment like Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines to the farthest reaches of the country, to the intricate setup of polling stations with adequate security measures, lighting, ventilation, and sanitation facilities, polling officers shoulder the burden of ensuring a smooth and seamless electoral process.
2. **Legal issues:** The journey of a polling officer begins long before the first ballot is cast. In the days leading up to the election, they immerse themselves in the intricate web of electoral regulations laid down by the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). With meticulous attention to detail, they meticulously plan and prepare, leaving no stone unturned to uphold the integrity and fairness of the elec-

toral process.

3. **Safety issues:** On the day of the election, polling officers are the vanguards of democracy, stationed at the frontline of electoral duty. From the presiding officer, vested with the supreme authority in the polling booth, to the polling assistants and micro observers, each plays a crucial role in ensuring the smooth conduct of the electoral process. They work tirelessly from dawn to dusk, braving the elements and overcoming obstacles, until the last vote is cast and the electoral materials are safely handed over to the authorities. However, amidst their dedication and diligence, polling officers encounter a myriad of challenges and hardships along the way. From logistical hurdles such as traveling to remote and inaccessible areas, to grappling with legal complexities arising from electoral laws and regulations, they navigate through a maze of obstacles with fortitude and resilience.
4. **Health issues:** In addition to logistical and legal challenges, polling officers often find themselves at the forefront of safety and health concerns. Working in areas

plagued by insurgency, communal tension, and natural disasters, they risk life and limb to ensure the smooth conduct of elections. Moreover, long hours of work, often without adequate rest, food, and water, take a toll on their physical and mental well-being, underscoring the sacrifices they make in service to the nation.

Despite these daunting challenges, polling officers persevere, driven by an unwavering commitment to democracy and the principles it embodies. Their dedication and sacrifice serve as a beacon of hope in the turbulent seas of electoral politics, reminding us of the importance of safeguarding the democratic ethos that defines our nation.

As we reflect on the invaluable contributions of polling officers, let us not forget to honor and appreciate their selfless service to the nation. They are the custodians of our democracy, the unsung heroes who ensure that the voice of the people is heard and respected. In the grand narrative of democracy, their role is indispensable, their dedication unparalleled. Let us salute their unwavering spirit and pledge to uphold the democratic ideals they tirelessly safeguard.



## BRIEF

### Appointment



**Jamshedpur:** Surenra Kumar Behera, vice-chairman and managing director of RSB Transmissions (I) Ltd, has been elected as the chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) Eastern Region Council for the term 2024-25. His appointment was announced during the inaugural meeting of the reconstituted Eastern Region Council held in Kolkata on March 9, a statement by CII-Jharkhand said on Monday. Popularly known as SK in industry circles, Behera showcased entrepreneurial skills from a young age when he, along with his elder brother Ravindra Kumar Behera, established a Small Scale Industry (SSI) which has now grown into the RSB Group, it added.

### Thermal plants

**New Delhi:** State-run power giant NTPC and its arm NTPC Green Energy signed two separate initial pacts to explore the possibility of developing supercritical thermal plants and renewables as well as green hydrogen in Rajasthan. The MoU between NTPC and Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam was signed to explore opportunities for adding supercritical units to the existing Chhabra Thermal Power Plant, a company statement said.

### Engineering marvel



**Mumbai:** Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Monday inaugurated the first phase of the coastal road between Worli and Marine Drive in south Mumbai and said it is an "engineering marvel". A 10.5-kilometer-long stretch will be opened for traffic in the first phase, an official earlier said, adding that motorists can enter the coastal road from Worli Seafac, Haji Ali interchange and Amarn's interchange points, and exit at Marine Lines.

## Speed of infra development will be accelerated manifold in next 5 years: PM

**Gurugram (Haryana), Mar 11:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the speed of implementation of infrastructure projects will be accelerated manifold in the next five years to make India the third largest economy in the world. Modi said he has inaugurated and laid the foundation of projects worth Rs 10 lakh crore so far this calendar year and added that he is running short of time for inaugurating projects. He was addressing a gathering after inaugurating and laying the foundation stone for 114 National Highway projects across the country worth about Rs 1 lakh crore. Among key National Highway (NH) projects, Modi inaugurated the Haryana section of the landmark Dwarka Expressway. Modi took a dig at Congress, say-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari and Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar during the launch of various national highway projects, in Gurugram, Monday, March 11.

ing the opposition party and its 'Ghamandiya' alliance has lost sleep, seeing the speed at which development works are taking place in the country by his government. The prime minister said the Congress party is still looking at everything with

negativity and this has become a character of the opposition parties and their INDI Alliance. Modi stressed that he wants everything on a large scale, with great speed to achieve the target of making India a developed nation by 2047.

## NAR India, GAR announce an unprecedented success at Narvigate 2024



**Panaji, Mar 11:**

In a historic collaboration, NAR India and GAR have achieved unparalleled success with the realization of NARVIGATE 2024 - a ground-breaking Industrial Real Estate convention and Warehousing Conclave that unfolded against the captivating backdrop of Goa. This event, held from February 29th to March 2nd, not only marked the 16th NAR-INDIA National Convention but also stands as a testament to the transformative power of collaboration, bringing together over 1200 industry leaders, visionaries, and experts from across India and the world.

The former Union Minister, Suresh Prabhu, addressed the audience, stressing that "real estate acts as the bedrock fortifying the Indian economy, and with a forward-thinking government, the current advancements and innovations are essential and attainable." Additionally, he underscored that "such gatherings play a pivotal role in nurturing heightened business activities and sector-specific transactions."

Special Guest Mr. Mauvin Godinho, Minister of Transport, also addressed the participants. He expressed, "GOA is emerging as a focal point in the Real Estate sector. We are pleased to be on the brink of significant development. I applaud organizations like GAR and NAR-India for seizing this

growth potential and organizing such a large-scale event in Goa.

Mr. Ravi Varma, Chairman Emeritus, Mr. Sumanth Reddy - Chairman (NAR India), Mr. Tarun Bhatia, Vice Chairman and Global Ambassador, Mr. Shivakumar C. R. - Immediate Past President (NAR India), Mr. Amit Chopra - President (NAR India), Mr. Chandresh Vitalani - President-Elect (NAR India), Mr. Vikas Agarwal - Secretary (NAR India), Mr. Ashish Mehta, Treasurer (NAR India), Mr. Ashwin Rasane - Organising Secretary (NAR India), Mr. Mehul Vitalani - Director - West Zone (NAR India), Mr. Keshav Prabhu - President (GAR), Mr. Nitin Mehra - Chairperson Convention, Mr. Ravish Manchanda - Chairperson Expo & Conclave, Mr. Raj Mehta - Chairperson Hospitality & Registration addressed the media recently.

Various companies from the real estate sector enthusiastically took part in the conclave, showcasing their offerings through stalls. Noteworthy participants included Escala Realty, The Windsouls, All Warehouses, Privy, Sumadhura Logistics Park, Manasum Senior Living, Rayna Properties, Northeast Florida Association of Realtors, Manas Developers, Gera, The Homes Collection, Central Park, Acron, Real Budget, and Real Budget Growth Ltd.

## Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, number of other countries want to start rupee trade with India: Goyal

**New Delhi, Mar 11:**

Many developed and developing countries including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and nations of the Gulf region are keen to start trade in rupee with India as it would help cut transaction costs for businesses, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said. He expressed confidence that the development is going to be a "very game-changing" dimension to India's international trade. "Bangladesh, Sri Lanka are already talking to us and they want us to start this immediately. Other countries in the Gulf region are looking at that. I think it'll take some time for people to see the benefits. And then we'll have more and more developed countries and countries in the Far East also joining the bandwagon. Singapore is already on board to some extent," he said. The minister added that gradually countries are realising

## Adani Green Energy operationalizes 1,000 MW solar energy

**New Delhi, Mar 11:** Adani Green Energy (AGEL) on Monday said it has operationalized a cumulative capacity of 1,000 MW solar energy at Khavda, in Gujarat. With this, AGEL has achieved operational capacity of 9,478 MW and continues its journey to the stated goal of 45,000 MW by 2030, a company statement said. AGEL delivered 1,000 MW in less than 12 months of commencing work at Khavda, it stated. This involved installing approximately 2.4 million solar modules.

The accelerated progress underscores AGEL's commitment to India's goal of achieving 500 GW non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030. The world's largest renewable energy plant of 30 GW spans a staggering 538 sq km of barren land, five times the size of Paris.

## NEW LAUNCH



Soumya Sah, Product Specialist, OPPO India, launches OPPO F25 Pro 5G new smartphone of the OPPO F Series, in Kolkata, Monday, March 11.

## Brajesh Kumar Singh is new Executive Director, Indian Bank

**Chennai, Mar 11:** Public sector Indian Bank on Sunday said the Central government has appointed Brajesh Kumar Singh as its Executive Director for a period of three years. Prior taking up the new responsibility, Singh was serving Bank of Baroda as its Chief General Manager - Human Resources. "...the Central Government vide Notification No 4/1(viii) dated March 9, 2024 appointed Brajesh Kumar Singh, Chief General Manager, Bank of Baroda as Executive Director of



Indian Bank for a period of three years, with effect from the date of assumption of office on or after March 10, or until further orders, whichever is earlier," Indian Bank said in a BSE filing on Sunday.

## No alarming signs of redemptions in small-cap, mid-cap funds: Experts

**New Delhi, Mar 11:** Amid market regulator Sebi's concern over heightened inflow in small-cap and mid-cap funds, industry experts said they do not see any alarming signs of redemptions in this space. Despite the concerns, investors are anticipated to continue pursuing these funds due to their potential for high returns, they added. Sebi, late last month, asked mutual fund houses to put in place a framework to safeguard the interest of investors, who invested in small and mid-cap funds amid the froth building up in the segments. This came in the backdrop of huge flow in the small and mid-cap schemes of mutual funds over the past few quarters. Overall in 2023, mid-cap mutual fund schemes attracted nearly Rs 23,000 crore, while the same for small-cap schemes was at over Rs 41,000 crore. In 2022, mid-cap funds

saw an inflow of Rs 20,550 crore and Rs 19,795 crore in small-cap funds. On the other hand, large-cap mutual funds experienced an outflow of nearly Rs 3,000 crore in 2023 and an inflow of Rs 7,281 crore in 2022. "Inflows have historically chased returns - small and mid-cap funds - in today's context. This phenomenon is expected to persist despite the warnings. "We aren't seeing any alarming redemptions in this space. Given the cash balance that small and mid-cap funds are sitting on and the SIP money that is flowing in every month, deep corrections are unlikely to happen soon unless triggered by some event," Jay Shah, Founder and CEO-Finwisor, said. Typically, mid-caps and small-caps perform well in a high GDP growth environment, high flows in mutual funds, and a lower interest rate environment.

## Markets break two-day rally on weak global trends; Sensex plunge over 600 points

**Mumbai, Mar 11:**

Stock market benchmark Sensex declined by 616.75 points on Monday, snapping its two-day gaining streak due to selling in metal and banking shares amid weak trends in the global markets.

Taking a breather after a record-breaking rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined by 616.75 points or 0.83 per cent to settle at 73,502.64 due to profit taking. During the day, the barometer tanked 685.48 points to 73,433.91.

The broader Nifty slumped by 160.90 points or 0.72 per cent to close at 22,332.65. "In the short term, Nifty could experience weakness, possibly leading to a decline toward the range of 22,200-22,250.



Looking at the upside, immediate resistance is identified at 22,400 based on closing prices," Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities, said.

Among Sensex firms, Power Grid and Tata Steel fell more than 2 per cent. HDFC Bank, State Bank of India, IndusInd Bank, Hindustan Unilever and NTPC were among the major laggards. Nestle, Bajaj Finserv and Bajaj Finance were among the gainers. "Continued sell-

off in global markets due to uncertainty over rate cuts impacted the domestic market sentiment, which is currently at an overbought level.

The stronger-than-expected US non-farm payroll data and caution ahead of the release of US inflation data tomorrow kept investors on the edge," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

"The broader market continued its underperformance due to valuation concerns, while investors are rebalancing their portfolios to include safe haven assets like gold," he added. In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge declined 2.01 per cent and midcap index dipped 0.24 per cent.

## Rupee falls 8 paise to settle at 82.75 against US dollar



**Mumbai, Mar 11:**

The rupee declined by 8 paise to settle at 82.75 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, tracking bearish equity markets. Forex analysts said weakness in the US dollar and a decline in crude oil prices cushioned the downside. At the interbank foreign

exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.74 and touched the intra-day low of 82.76 against the greenback. The local unit finally settled at 82.75 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a loss of 8 paise from its previous close. On Thursday, the rupee climbed 16 paise to settle at 82.67 against the US dol-

## Exporters body FIEO elects Ashwani Kumar as new President

**New Delhi, Mar 11:** Exporters body FIEO on Monday said Ashwani Kumar has been elected as its new President. The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) said that Kumar was elected as president unanimously. He has replaced A Sakthivel. Kumar, who is a Jalandhar-based engineering exporter, replaced A Sakthivel. Besides serving as the Regional Chairman (Northern Region) of the organisation, Kumar has also represented various forums of Jalandhar including its Focal Point Industries Association, Effluent Treatment Society, Management Association, Badminton Association, and Integrated Association of SMEs.

lar. The forex market was closed on Friday for Mahashivratri. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was at 104.21, unchanged from its previous close. "We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on risk aversion in global markets and concerns that FIIs may sell leading to outflows. Any recovery in the US dollar and any pullback in crude oil prices may also weigh on the rupee," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. Choudhary further noted that any FDI-related inflows may support the rupee at lower levels.

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 eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>  
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 System Tender No. 153787 NIT No.: 11/SAC/2023-24  
 Dated: 07-03-2024  
 Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 28-03-2024 at 17.30 Hour

Name of work: CONSTRUCTION OF CENTRAL SPILLWAY, AQUADUCT, CROSS & HEAD REGULATOR OF LINK CANAL AND BALANCE EARTH WORK OF BUND AND CANAL OF PATHA TANK SCHEME.  
 Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 553.21 Lakhs

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 14-03-2024 at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.

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## 'MVY symbolizes commitment to promote financial security'

Central Chronicle News

**Pandariya, Mar 11:** The first instalment of Chhattisgarh BJP government's ambitious Mahtari Vandan Yojana (MVY) of Rs 1000 was transferred directly into the accounts of about 70 lakh married women of the region and Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted directly with the women benefited under this scheme through a virtual program organised in Pandatariya under Nagar Panchayat, Pandariya Assembly.



On this occasion, Pandaria MLA Bhavana Bohra said that former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had established the state of Chhattisgarh and today the BJP government of Chhattisgarh under the leadership of Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai is committed to the development of the state and its people's rights. She also said that today is a historic day for Chhattisgarh, especially for us women, it is a special day where the first instalment of Rs 1000 of Mahtari Vandan Yojana has been transferred directly into the accounts of

women in Pandariya Block, 27671 under Sahaspur Lohara Block and 9800 women in Kawardha Block. Thus, under Pandariya Assembly, more than 1 lakh 15 thousand women have been given an amount of more than Rs. 11 crore 57 lakh as first instalment. Bhavna Bohra said that Congress party leaders were trying to spread confusion among women regarding Mahtari Vandan Yojana for their political gains, but Finance Minister OP Choudhary has made it clear in the press conference that Mahtari Vandan Yojana is a continuous process under which in the coming times also married women can register themselves under it and avail the benefits of the scheme.

70 lakh married mothers and sisters of the state. Along with this, the BJP government has maintained the trust of lakhs of women of the state by announcing it even before the completion of 100 days of its tenure, as promised in the guarantee of PM Modi, she said. It may be noted that under Pandariya Assembly, 72 thousand 364

## Shankaracharya stages protest to announce cow as Rashtramata

Central Chronicle News

**Bhilai, Mar 11:** Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami: Shiv Avimukeshwarananda: Saraswati '1008' Maharaj and his followers staged a dharna in Bhilai today to protest against cow killing and to give the status of Rashtramata to Cow.



Shankaracharya's media in-charge Ashok Sahu told that today on March 10, at 10.10 AM, Shankaracharya Swami staged a protest for 10 minutes at Chhawani Chowk Nandani Road in Bhilai city of Chhattisgarh and asked the government to wake up as soon as possible and provide the status of Rashtramata to cow.

During the protest, Shankaracharya said from the dharna site that he was sitting on dharna today to protest against cow slaugh-

ter and to give the status of mother cow to the nation and now Hindus will elect only that party which declares that if it comes to power then mother cow should be called the mother of the nation and Cow slaughter should be

stopped. Everyone has taken initiative in their own time, but it is unfortunate that the government is not listening to the voice of 100 crore Indians and hence this time we have to be strong, he said.

On this occasion, hundreds of cow devotees including Jyotirmath CEO Chandraprakash Upadhyay, celibate Jyotirmayanand, Dharmendra Yadav, MLA Devendra Yadav, Neeraj Pal, Mayor Bhilai, Rajesh Shukla were present.

## Mahtari Vandan Sammelan organised in Kota



Central Chronicle News

**Bilaspur, Mar 11:** Mahtari Vandan Sammelan program was also organized today at DKP school grounds of Kota block and on this occasion, women listened to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in large numbers. Women from nearby villages participated in the program in large numbers and there was a lot of enthusiasm among women after receiving the first instalment amount. The women expressed gratitude towards PM Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai.

District Panchayat President Arun Singh Chauhan, Bhupendra Savanni, Prabal Pratap Singh Judev and block level officials were present in the program. At the beginning of the program the lamp was lit by the guests and SDM Kota Yugal Kishore Urvasa gave the welcome speech and CEO Kota Yuvraj Sinha explained about the outline of the program. During the program, a large number of women including officers and employees of development block Kota were present and vote of thanks was expressed by CEO Kota.

## Aparajita Shadangi applauds Utkal Samaj's cultural endeavours

Central Chronicle News

**Bilaspur, Mar 11:** Bharatiya Janata Party MP and National Spokesperson, Aparajita Shadangi, showered praise on the Bilaspur Utkal Samaj for their dedicated efforts in promoting and preserving Utkal culture even while residing far away from their homeland.



Shadangi engaged with the delegation to learn more about the social initiatives undertaken by the Utkal Samaj in Bilaspur. She expressed her happiness at witnessing the younger generation embracing the Utkal culture wholeheartedly. Promising continued support, Shadangi affirmed her commitment to meeting with the community members during her future visits to Bilaspur.

The meeting also saw Amit Mishra shedding light on various societal activities, followed by Sharmila Mishra providing insights into Aparajita Shadangi's life. The delegation comprised esteemed members of the society including officials from the State Utkal Samaj and other digni-

## Large number of women participated in MVY prog



Central Chronicle News

**Korea, Mar 11:** A large number of women and public representatives participated in the program organized at Sonhat Development Block on the occasion of the launch of the first instalment of Mahtari Vandan Yojana. The allocation of the first instalment of Mahtari Vandan Yojana was virtually launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and 14 thousand 105 married women beneficiaries from Sonhat development block have received the first instalment amount of Rs 1000 in their accounts. When Prime Minister Modi pressed the button

to allocate funds under Mahtari Vandan Yojana, a large number of women present started looking at their mobiles. As soon as the first instalment amount arrived, enthusiasm was visible on the faces of these beneficiaries. In this program, SDM Rakesh Kumar Sahu, District Panchayat Officer, Shiv Kumari, Manmati, Sonia Prakash Rajwade, Aarti Kashi, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Sonhat Manoj Singh Jagat, Senior Public Representative Ram Pratap Maravi, Supriya Pal, Kalavati Kashi, Sushila Rajwade and a large number of villagers and officers and employees were present.

## MVY will become a milestone for women empowerment: Sahu

Central Chronicle News

**Rajim, Mar 11:** As per the instructions of the government, Mahtari Vandan Sammelan (MVY) program was organized by the Women and Child Development Department in the cultural building of Nagar Panchayat Rajim with the theme of Strong Women, Strong State. In the program, the amount of the first instalment of Mahtari Vandan Yojana was transferred to the bank accounts of 70 lakh 12 thousand 800 eligible women applicants of the state. Prime Minister of the country Narendra Modi and Chief Minister of the state Vishnu Dev Sai joined the program virtually and



addressed the mother powers of the state. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs 655 crore 57 lakh was transferred in the first phase and by organizing programs in 146 development blocks, district headquarters and urban bodies of the state, the amount was transferred to the accounts of the beneficiaries. MLA Rohit Sahu attend-

ed Rajim's program as the chief guest, and the program was also presided over by Nagar Panchayat President Rekha Sonkar, special guest District Panchayat Chairman Madhubala Ratre, BJP Mandal President Kamal Sinha, Nagar Panchayat Chairman Purnima Chandrakar, Pushpa Goswami and Anita Yadav.

While addressing the beneficiaries present, MLA Rohit Sahu congratulated all the mothers and said that Mahtari Vandan Yojana will become a milestone for women empowerment, the path of progress is opening with Modi's guarantee. A large number of people including Collector Deepak Aggarwal, SDM Arpita Pathak, Tehsildar Ajay Chandravanshi, CMO Ashok Salame, Sonali Thakur from Food Department, Women and Child Development Project Officer Kaushalesh Dewangan, Deepak Gilhare, Councilor Tunku Sonkar, Bharat Yadav, Chhaya Rahi were present.

## Mahtari Vandan Yojana Sammelan organised

Central Chronicle News

**Manendragarh, Mar 11:** On the occasion of International Women's Day, Mahtari Vandan Sammelan was organized in Manendragarh - Chirmiri - Bharatpur district headquarters, block headquarters, urban body areas on 10 March. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Mahtari Vandan Yojana by pressing a button through virtual medium and under this scheme; DBT will be deposited in the accounts of 101826 women of Manendragarh - Chirmiri - Bharatpur district. The said program was organized at Vimal Shree Talkies located in Manendragarh and Renuka Singh MLA



Bharatpur-Sonhat attended the district level function as the chief guest. In the programme, the virtual address of Prime Minister was seen and heard on the LED screen and on this occasion, new ration cards were also distributed to the beneficiaries by the MLA. Addressing the program, the MLA said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has implemented many schemes for the respect of

women and our government is also committed to protecting the dignity of women and enhancing their dignity. The launch of Mahtari Vandan Yojana is another step in this direction. At the end of the program, MLA Renuka Singh said that today will prove to be a milestone for women and we thank the Prime Minister who has released the first instalment of Rs 3,000 crore.

On this occasion, MLA Renuka Singh, District Panchayat President Renuka Singh, BJP District President Anil Kesharwani, Municipal President Prabha Patel, Dhirendra Vishwakarma, Saroj Yadav, Drigpal Singh, Sarju Yadav, Virendra Singh Rana, former District President Lakhman Lal Srivastava, Ramcharit Dwivedi were present other than other public representatives and officials.

## First installment of more than Rs 19.41 cr transferred

- To the bank accounts of more than 1.94 lakh women in the district
- Immense enthusiasm was seen among thousands of mothers and sisters who attended the program organized in Dharampura

During this time, thousands of mothers, sisters and distinguished citizens including the public representatives present enthusiastically listened to the address of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai and appreciated the efforts of the government to promote women empowerment. On Sunday, women's conference was also organized in all the development block headquarters of the district under Mahtari Vandan Yojana. In which a large number of villagers and women attended and participated in the virtual program.



In the Mahtari Vandan Sammelan organized in Dharampura, Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Vijay Sharma said that the guarantee given by the Prime Minister of the country Narendra Modi for the women and girls of Chhattisgarh has been fulfilled today. Now the government will focus on fulfilling other guaran-

tees, so that the people of the state can actively participate in the mainstream of development. Deputy Chief Minister Sharma said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken many important steps to empower women. In which the important role of women has been ensured by making a provision of giving 33 percent reservation to women in Parliament and Legislatures. Now the state government will create Mahtari Sadan in every Gram Panchayat, the said Mahtari Sadan will be the center of community participation ac-

coming days, they will soon give the work of preparing ready-to-eat nutritious food to women.

On this occasion, Jagdalpur MLA Kiran Dev said that it was a pleasant moment when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai addressed him under the Mahtari Vandan Yojana and under the scheme dedicated to mother power, thousand rupees were deposited in his bank account under the scheme.

Collector Vijay Dayaram K. said that in order to strengthen the decisive role of women in the family in the state, to remove discrimination, inequality and lack of awareness towards women in the society, to improve the health and nutrition level and to promote economic self-reliance and empowerment. The state government has decided to implement Mahtari Vandan Yojana in entire Chhattisgarh. Under which eligible married women will be provided financial assistance of Rs 1,000 per month and Rs 12,000 per year.

## Dr. Priyanka Bissa Vyas's 'Raktaveer' campaign creates world record

Central Chronicle News

**Rajim, Mar 11:** In the recently concluded Kumbh Kalpa, a free blood training camp "Raktaveer" health education and awareness campaign was organized on a large scale by Dr. Priyanka Bissa Vyas team, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Community Health Centre Magarlod and the youth colleagues of Chhattisgarh Nursing College.



In this "Raktaveer" campaign, a new world record was registered by providing blood test cards to 23,180 people in just five days at Virat Sant Samagam. This blood test card includes height, weight, blood pressure, sugar, blood group, hemoglobin, sickling and HIV. Sonal Sharma, representative of the Golden Book of World Records, announced the world record after due investigation. The team was also honoured by Chief Minister's wife Mrs. Kaushalya Devi, Cabinet

Minister Brijmohan Aggarwal and Rajim MLA Rohit Sahu. Dr. Sharda Thakur, BM, Government Health Department, Magarlod, said that 65% of the people who took the training did not even have knowledge about BP and sugar, but through Raktaveer Abhiyan, health information reached millions of people. Nehru Yuva Kendra District Officer Arpit Tiwari, Administrative Officer of Chhattisgarh Nursing Bharvi Vaishnav encouraged all the volunteers. Dr. Priyanka Bissa Vyas, honored by the President, said

that controlling blood pressure, sugar and BMI keeps a person healthy. In this campaign, 195 volunteers and associates Ajay Boral, Ankita Tandon, Aishwarya, Srishti, Vinay, Aashi, Muskaan and the lab team Kishore Devangan, Santosh, Tarun, Gargishankar Sen, Ritesh, Sanjay and Bhuvan had special contribution. It may be noted that before this in 2018, this campaign of Priyanka's team became India's first blood test card, in which blood test of 11,551 people was done and cards were provided.



## Boxer Nishant Dev one win away from securing Paris Olympic quota

Busto Arsizio, Mar 11 (PTI):

World Championships medallist Nishant Dev moved within touching distance of a Paris Olympic quota after he registered a dominant victory over Christos Karaitis of Greece to enter the 71kg quarterfinals of the first World Olympic Boxing Qualifier here.

The 23-year-old, who won the featherweight bronze at the World Championships last year, continued his rich vein of form, as he out-punched Karaitis by a 5-0 unanimous decision in the pre-quarterfinals late on Sunday.

With the qualifying tournament offering four quota places in the men's 71kg weight class, Dev needs to win his quarterfinal on Monday to seal his passage for Paris Games and earn the fifth 2024 Olympic quota for India and the first in the men's category in boxing.

However, Dev, who is vying to compete in his debut Olympic, will have his task cut out as he faces a tough opponent in 2021 World Championship silver medallist Omari Jones of the USA in the last eight round on Monday. The Haryana boxer is the



only Indian boxer out of the nine-member contingent who is still in the fray for a quota.

All others, including 2023 World Championship bronze medallists Deepak Bhoria (51kg) and Mohammed Hussamudin (57kg) crashed out after losing their opening bouts.

Four Indians — Nikhat Zareen (50kg), Preeti Pawar (54kg), Parveen Hooda (57kg) and Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) — have so far secured Paris quotas at the Asian Games last year.

The remaining Indian boxers will get a final chance to seal their passage to Paris during the second World Olympic Boxing Qualifier, scheduled to be held in Bangkok from May 23 to June 3. Between 45 and 51 boxers will qualify from the Bangkok meet.

## Pistol shooter Rudransh Khandelwal wins silver in Para World Cup

New Delhi, Mar 11 (PTI):

India's Rudransh Khandelwal and Nihal Singh settled for silver and bronze respectively in the mixed 50m pistol (SH1) category as the hosts on day three of the Para Shooting World Cup here on Monday.

Rudransh, Nihal and Tokyo Paralympics silver medallist Singhraj also bagged the mixed 50m pistol (SH1) team silver with China claiming the top step on the podium. Teenaged shooter Rudransh, who had secured a Paris Paralympic berth last year, shot 223.2 in final to finish behind Italy's Davide Franceschetti, who totalled 230.0 for the gold medal.

Nihal had to settle for a bronze medal with 202.8 points.

Earlier in the qualification round, Rudransh shot 530 and Nihal 527 to



enter the eight-shooter final placed sixth and seventh.

In the mixed 50m pistol (SH1) team event, the trio of Rudransh (530), Nihal (527) and Singhraj (516) aggregated 1573 for the silver medal with China taking the gold with a combined score 1611.

Rifle shooter Mona Agarwal is the only one so far to have won a gold medal for India in the prestigious Para World Cup for India.

## Lifter Mirabai Chanu to train in Paris ahead of Olympics

New Delhi, Mar 11 (PTI):

Former world champion weightlifter Mirabai Chanu's proposal to train in Paris ahead of the Olympic Games was on Monday cleared by the government.

The Tokyo Olympics silver medallist will acclimatise to the weather and prepare for the quadrennial showpiece during her month-long stint in La Ferte-Milon in Paris, according to a statement by the Sports Ministry's Mission Olympic Cell.

The 29-year-old Chanu, who competes in the 49kg category, will be accompanied by two coaches and a physiotherapist.

The government will bear the cost for air tickets, visa fees, accommodation, food, training, local transport and medical insurance among other expenditures under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS).

The Mission Olympic Cell also cleared the proposals of equestrian exponent Anush Agarwalla to compete in eight competitions and buy equip-

ment for his horses. "TOPS will cover his and his coach's accommodation costs, entry fees, two horse feed costs, coach fees, and horse grooms costs

The request for financial assistance by ace Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal for participation in two international competitions along with expenditure for his support

among other expenditures." Judoka Asmita Dey and shooter Arjun Singh Cheema's request for financial assistance were also cleared.

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## Rahane, Musheer put Mumbai in command against Vidarbha

Mumbai, Mar 11 (PTI):

Skipper Ajinkya Rahane bucked the trend of poor scores with a timely unbeaten 58 as Mumbai took a 260-run lead against Vidarbha at close on day two of the Ranji Trophy final here on Monday.

While young Musheer Khan reined in his aggression to make a gritty 51 not out, Rahane negotiated the Vidarbha bowling attack with utmost patience and precision to put Mumbai, who are aiming for a record 42nd Ranji title, in pole position. At stumps, the hosts were 141 for 2 in their second innings. Having being shot out for a meagre 224 in

the first innings on the first day, Mumbai came roaring back in the first session to take a 119-run lead as Vidarbha, resuming at 31/3, were dismissed for 105 in the first innings.

Rahane and Musheer came together after Mumbai lost openers Prithvi Shaw (11) and Bhupen Lalwani (18) early in their second dig, with the game delicately placed shortly after lunch.

Shaw was cleaned up when Yash Thakur got one to nip back as the ball sneaked between the India player's bat and pads. Lalwani was caught at mid-wicket off Harsh Dubey (1/46). Old warhorse



Mumbai player Tanush Kotian celebrates the wicket of Vidarbha batter Yash Thakur during the second day of the Ranji trophy final match between Mumbai and Vidarbha at Wankhede stadium, in Mumbai, Monday.

Rahane and Musheer were clinical as they frustrated the opposition for more than three hours to ensure the game tilted heavily in their favour when stumps were drawn.

Rahane, who has averaged just 12 runs this season, began cautiously but grew in confidence to bring up only his second fifty of the tournament, reaching 58 not out off 109 balls with the help of four boundaries and a six.

At the other end, Musheer kept committing himself on the front foot, meeting most of the deliveries with a dead bat to consume 134 balls for his unbeaten 51 with three fours.

Indian Well, Mar 11 (AP):

Iga Swiatek avenged her Australian Open ouster at the hands of Linda Noskova, beating the Czech teenager 6-4, 6-0 in the third round of the BNP Paribas Open.

Second-seeded Carlos Alcaraz and third-seeded Jannik Sinner each advanced in straight sets in the men's draw, but fifth-seeded Andrey Rublev lost to No. 32 seed Jiri Lehecka 6-4, 6-4.

Swiatek advanced to the round of 16, where the top-ranked Polish star will face Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan. Putintseva beat Madison Keys 6-4, 6-1, part of a tough day for American singles players.

Francis Tiafoe lost 6-3, 6-3 to Stefanos Tsitsipas, and Katie Volynets was eliminated by Caroline Wozniacki 6-2, 4-6, 6-0.

The final American on the court, Ben Shelton, did manage a pulsating 7-6, 3-6, 7-6 victory over Francisco Cerundolo. Shelton won the decisive tiebreaker 7-5. The 16th-seeded Shelton advanced to face Sinner in the round of 16. The 11th-seeded Tsitsipas will face Lehecka.

Noskova beat Swiatek in three sets in Australia, becoming the first teen to beat a No. 1-ranked woman at that event in 25 years. The rematch was



competitive for a set, but Swiatek eventually rolled to victory in just under 73 minutes. "I made some mistakes at the beginning. I tried to maybe play to finish the rallies too early," Swiatek said. "But I knew that if I'm going to try to stay consistent and make a little bit less mistakes, my chances may come."

Jasmine Paolini won another tight match against Anna Kalinskaya, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. Paolini won the Dubai Championships two weeks ago, rallying to win a three-set final over Kalinskaya. Alcaraz beat Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-2, 6-3, and Sinner ousted Jan Lennard-Struff 6-3, 6-4.

"I love playing here. I think it's called the fifth Grand Slam, and I know why," Alcaraz said. "I mean, the site is amazing, the courts. I mean, I feel here so peaceful that I think that tennis players, we are going to every tournament and we try to find, you know, that peace off the court, to feel calm, you know, and we find it here."

## 'Shami's comeback likely by home series against Bangladesh in September'



Dharamsala, Mar 11 (PTI):

India's premier pacer Mohammed Shami, who is recuperating from an ankle surgery, is expected to make his comeback with the home Test series against Bangladesh later this year, BCCI secretary Jay Shah told PTI. "Shami's surgery is done,

he is back in India. Shami's return is likely for the home series against Bangladesh. KL Rahul needed an injection, he has started rehab and is at the NCA," said Shah while talking to media here.

Rahul missed the last four Tests of the England series after complaining of

pain in his right quadriceps. He is expected to turn up for Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL, having undergone treatment in London.

The BCCI secretary also gave an update on Rishabh Pant, who is set to make his much-awaited comeback in the IPL. Pant has been out of action since a horrific car accident in December 2022.

"He is batting well, he is keeping well. We will declare him fit very soon. If he can play the T20 World Cup for us, that will be a big thing for us. He is a big asset for us.

"If he can keep, he can play the World Cup. Let's see how he does in the IPL," said Shah.

## 'I targeted Richa's toes on the last delivery'

New Delhi, Mar 11 (PTI):

Delhi Capitals' left-arm spinner Jess Jonassen is happy to have executed a perfect block-hole delivery last-up which didn't allow the dangerous Richa Ghosh to tee off during her team's thrilling one-run win against Royal Challengers Bangalore in the Women's Premier League. However, the ace Southern Star spinner cheekily admitted that since she became the holder of 'Purple Cap' for highest wicket-taker, she hasn't been bowling well.

Needing 17 to win off the last over, RCB's Richa hit two huge sixes to bring the equation down to 2 off one ball but the India international, who was al-



ready out of breath, couldn't complete a single to take the game into a Super Over with Jonassen hardly giving her any room to manoeuvre.

"In the last ball, I targeted on her toes, I think (I) executed well and thankfully it went straight to Shafali, who got it in quick enough.

## Stokes gave India the upper hand: Chappell

Sydney, Mar 11 (PTI):

Legendary Australian cricketer Ian Chappell has punched holes in England skipper Ben Stokes' aggressive leadership tactics during the just-concluded five-Test series against India, saying some of his decisions were responsible for the visitors' 1-4 series humiliation.

He said that while the need of the hour on the third evening of the fourth Test in Ranchi was to give the ball to pace stalwart Jimmy Anderson to make early breakthroughs, Stokes decided to bowl part-time spinner Joe Root, thus missing a trick.

"On the third evening, Stokes desperately needed to start India's chase with his best two bowlers and



try to claim at least one wicket. Incredibly, he gave the ball to a part-timer, Joe Root, and ignored the experienced, probing bowling of Jimmy Anderson. India took full advantage and scored an invaluable 40 runs off just eight

overs," said Chappell in his column. "Stokes missed a trick in Ranchi. He then compounded his error by allowing too many easy singles on the final day (day four) by resorting to some cautious field placings. At a time when Stokes needed to be extremely brave as captain and hope he got lucky, he was abnormally conservative."

"India probably would still have won but at least by going on the attack, Stokes would have given England their best chance of an upset victory."

He said that Stokes could probably take a lesson or two from former Pakistan skipper Javed Miandad, who was a "leadership master" in trying situations.

## Carey stars as Australia beats New Zealand by 3 wickets

Christchurch, Mar 11 (AP):

Wicketkeeper Alex Carey made an unbeaten 98 and shared a 140-run partnership with Mitch Marsh which guided Australia through various hazards to a three-wicket win over New Zealand in the second Test at Christchurch, New Zealand and a 2-0 sweep of the series.

Throughout the day as the contest played out on a relatively mild fourth-day pitch, both sides had moments when they took control. But it was Marsh's innings of 80 and Carey's steady hand which guided Australia to victory.

Its total of 281-7 completed the 14th-highest successful fourth innings



Australia's Alex Carey bats on day four of the second cricket test between New Zealand and Australia in Christchurch, New Zealand, Monday.

run chase in test history. On the other side, New Zealand narrowly missed out on its first test win

over Australia in New Zealand in 31 years. Its last win in Australia came in Hobart 13 years ago.

When Marsh was out, Australia needed 59 runs with four wickets in hand and when Mitchell Starc was out next ball, it needed 59 with three wickets and the match turned briefly in New Zealand's favor.

But Carey kept Australia on track and added another 61 unbeaten runs with captain Pat Cummins who hit a four through cover for the winning runs and finished 32 not out.

Carey had strike on 97 with three runs needed and a chance to complete his century which would have been the first century of the match. But he gloved a single and Cummins ended the run chase a few balls later.

## US beats Brazil 1-0 in Women's Gold Cup title game

San Diego Mar 11 (AP):

Lindsey Horan scored on a header in first-half stoppage time and the United States beat Brazil 1-0 to win the CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup.

Horan scored just moments into stoppage time with a header off a well-placed lofted pass from Emily Fox. It was Horan's third goal of the tournament, her earlier goals were from the penalty spot. Lynn Williams nearly scored a second for the United States in the 79th minute but the play was offside. Casey Krueger headed out a dangerous Brazilian cross in the final moments. The United States was stunned in the group stage of the tournament



United States' Trinity Rodman, left, battles Brazil's Duda for the ball during the second half of the CONCACAF Gold Cup women's soccer tournament final match.

by a 2-0 loss to Mexico just the second loss in the 43-game series. The Americans rebounded

with a 3-0 win over Colombia in the quarterfinals, before advancing to the final on penalties

after a rain-soaked 2-2 draw with Canada in the semifinals. Brazil had won each of its five matches in the tournament, including a 3-0 victory over Mexico in the semifinals, scoring 15 goals. The Brazilians allowed just two total goals in the team's first competitive tournament under coach Arthur Elias, who took over for Pia Sundhage after Brazil's exit at last summer's Women's World Cup. Likewise, the United States was playing its first tournament under interim coach Twila Kilgore, who assumed her role after the team parted ways with coach Vlatko Andonovski after the earliest-ever World Cup exit.



## SC asks Delhi CM whether he wants to tender apology

New Delhi, Mar 11 (PTI):

The Supreme Court on Monday asked Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who has challenged a Delhi High Court order upholding the summons issued to him as an accused in a criminal defamation case, whether he wanted to give an apology to the complainant in the matter. On February 26, Kejriwal told the apex court that he made a mistake by retweeting an allegedly defamatory video circulated by YouTuber Dhruv Rathee related to the BJP IT Cell.

During the hearing on Monday, a bench of justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta was told by the counsel appearing

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for complainant Vikas Sankrityayan that Kejriwal may issue an apology on public platforms like microblogging platform 'X' or Instagram.

"You tell us what you want. We can put it to the other side. We are not going to step into your shoes or the other side's shoes," the bench told the counsel. The bench said the complainant can give the format of the apology to Kejriwal.

"So, if you want to give an apology, you can circulate it without prejudice to your rights and contentions. Let him examine," the bench told senior advocate Abhishek

Singhvi, who was appearing for Kejriwal.

"Otherwise we will examine the legal issue whether merely re-tweeting is criminal offence or not. We may agree with you, we may agree with the other side. We will examine that," the bench said. When one of the lawyers sought time to take instructions, the bench said, "Show him the apology. If he agrees to it, then it is fine". While posting the matter for hearing in the week commencing May 13, the bench said its earlier order asking the trial court not to take up the defamation case till March 11 would continue

till the next date of hearing. On February 26, the apex court, without issuing notice on Kejriwal's plea challenging the high court order; had asked the complainant whether he wanted to close the matter in view of the petitioner accepting it was a mistake.

Singhvi had said it was a case for retweeting on social media platform 'X' and the complaint filed was immediately followed by recording of pre-summoning evidence.

"Thereafter, the complaint was withdrawn. When it was refiled, after nine months of the retweeting, it was suppressed that the original complaint was withdrawn," the senior lawyer had said.

## Maha cabinet gives nod to 300-acre park in Mumbai

Guesthouse for pilgrims in Ayodhya

Mumbai, Mar 11 (PTI):

Just ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, the Maharashtra cabinet on Monday cleared 18 proposals, including the development of a 300-acre park in Mumbai and the construction of a guesthouse in Ayodhya for pilgrims from the state. As per an official statement, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde chaired a cabinet meeting, during which he cleared the urban development department's proposal to develop a 300-acre landscaped park along the lines of New York's Central Park. The cabinet approved the public works department's proposed construction of a guesthouse in Ayodhya for pilgrims from the state visiting the newly inaugurated Ram temple and other sites in the Uttar Pradesh town, it said.

## SURVEY REPORT

## 'Over 40 % cab drivers, delivery persons face violence at work'

New Delhi, Mar 11 (PTI):

Nearly 47 per cent cab drivers and 41.5 per cent delivery persons face some form of violence at work with a majority of the latter demanding to discontinue the 10 minutes delivery policy, a survey report has revealed.

Several companies offer discount and provide the order for free if the delivery is not made within 10 minutes of placing the order. In an incident in October last year, a pizza delivery man in Pune, Maharashtra, was assaulted and threatened by firing in the air by an angry customer due to late arrival of the pizza at his doorstep. According to the survey by a Delhi-based NGO, PAIGAM, 41.5 per cent of the respondents reported that they have faced violence at work.

The survey studied responses from a sample size of 10,000 gig and app-based drivers, and deliv-

ery workers between April 2022 to 2023 across eight states, including Delhi, Lucknow, Jaipur, Indore, Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Bangalore.

The survey highlights the challenges faced by app-based drivers and gig workers, who are grappling with lack of employment benefits, job insecurity, legal protection concerns, income instability, violence and discrimination. As per the survey, 72 per cent of the gig workers find it difficult to manage their expenses with a substantial percentage earning below Rs 15,000 per month. "83 per cent of cab drivers work over 10 hours a day, with a staggering 31 per cent exceeding 14 hours daily. Still, 72 per cent of workers find it difficult to manage expenses and a substantial percentage earns below Rs 15,000 per month," the survey said. The long working hours adversely

impact the health of these workers with about 93.3 per cent of the cab drivers complaining that they face physical pain, including joint pain and backache, and 98.5 per cent delivery persons said they experience anxiety, depression, stress and irritability.

Additionally, customer behaviour negatively impacts 68 per cent of delivery persons, it said.

A 'gig employee' is described as someone who engages in income-earning activities out of the doors of a traditional organisation-employee relationship, often working in the casual sector, according to a report presented by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in 2020.

Akriti Bhatia, a research director, said, "Gig and app-based workers should be treated as employees and the companies should ensure that drivers get a minimum wage."

## Cops on toes to avert 'gang war' as 2 gangsters wed



strategic plan to avert any incident of gang-wars or possibility of Sandeep's escape from custody, they said.

The banquet, Santosh Garden, in Dwarka Sector-3, has been booked by Sandeep's lawyer for Rs 51,000. It is located seven kilometers away from Tihar jail. "The doorframe metal detectors have been set up at the entry of the banquet. The guests will be given the barcode bands before their entry and no vehicle without the entry pass will be allowed for the parking near the banquet," a Delhi police officer, who did not wish to be named said.

New Delhi, March 11 (PTI): With the setting up of doorframe metal detectors, CCTV cameras, drones and deployment of armed commandoes, a banquet in Delhi has turned into a fortress of sorts for the marriage of gangster Sandeep alias Kala Jathedi with "history-sheeter" Anuradha Choudhary alias 'Madam Minz' on March 12, official sources said on Monday.

The Delhi Police has made a

## Battle of Performance Vs Non-Performance

Rajeev Chandrasekhar on his contest with Shashi Tharoor

Thiruvananthapuram, Mar 11 (PTI): Union Minister and BJP Lok Sabha poll candidate Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Monday took a dig at senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, his rival in the Thiruvananthapuram seat, saying the contest would be between "politics of performance" and "15 years of non-performance". Speaking to PTI, Chandrasekhar said he believes that the people of Thiruvananthapuram know well about this, and expressed confidence that it would reflect in the election results. "Certainly, people are sensible. They know what is the politics of performance, who represents the politics of performance, and who represents 15 years of non-performance," Chandrasekhar said.



Tharoor has been representing Thiruvananthapuram for the past 15 years in the Lok Sabha. Chandrasekhar, the Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Electronics and Information Technology and Jal Shakti, is pitched against Tharoor of Congress-led UDF and Pannian Raveendran of the CPI(M)-led LDF for the Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha seat.

## IIT-Delhi launches MA programme in culture, society and thought

New Delhi, Mar 11 (PTI): The Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi has launched a master in arts programme in culture, society and thought, a first-of-its-kind course among technology and engineering colleges in the country, according to officials. The programme will train students in a variety of fields, including research, academia, social work, media and policy-making, in government and non-governmental organisations, research institutes and social entrepreneurship organisations among others. The course has been envisaged as a two-year full-time programme that focuses on the thematic of culture and society, and thought through the core disciplines of sociology, literature and philosophy.

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