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### BRIEF



Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhanekar with BJP leader Dorjee Tshering Lepcha and his daughter after administering oath to him as Rajya Sabha MP, at Parliament House in New Delhi, Tuesday.

### DA hike

**Ranchi:** The Jharkhand government on Tuesday hiked employees' dearness allowance (DA) to 50 per cent of basic pay from the existing 46 per cent, effective from January 1 this year, an official said. The proposal regarding hike in DA to state government employees and dearness relief to pensioners was approved during a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Champai Soren.

### Suspended

**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha jail authorities on Tuesday suspended a warden of Titlagarh sub-jail in Bolangir district for dereliction of duty after two under-trial prisoners escaped from the jail last week, an official said on Tuesday. Undertrial prisoners Sumit Kumar Bihari and Shobhavan Rana, who were lodged in the jail in separate murder cases, fled from the jail by scaling a boundary wall on Saturday.

### Quake

**Shillong:** A mild-intensity earthquake hit western Meghalaya on Tuesday afternoon, an official said. The earthquake with a magnitude of 4.0 was detected at a depth of 5 km in West Garo Hills district at 2:27 pm, the official at the Regional Seismological Centre here said.

### Reject

**Kolkata:** The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday rejected the anticipatory bail prayer of suspended TMC leader Shajahan Sheikh in connection with the Enforcement Directorate's probe into an alleged ration distribution scam. The ED has already arrested former West Bengal minister Jyoti Priya Mallick, who held the Food and Supplies portfolio from 2011 to 2021, in the case.

### Mishap

**Mahoba:** Four labourers were killed and one sustained injuries after a portion of a quarry fell on them here on Tuesday, police said. District Magistrate Mridul Chaudhary said the labourers got trapped under the debris.

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## PM inaugurates, lays stone for 43 rail projects in Chh'garh

Raipur, Mar 12:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated and laid the foundation for 43 railway projects of Rs 249 crore in Chhattisgarh, including the Vande Bharat train maintenance depot in Bilaspur and MEMU car shed expansion in Bhilai.

The PM inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of a total 6,000 railway projects of Rs 85,000 crore across the country from Ahmedabad in Gujarat via video conference, a statement issued by state's public relations department said.

## SBI submits electoral bonds details to EC

New Delhi, Mar 12 (PTI):

State Bank of India (SBI) on Tuesday evening submitted details of electoral bonds to the Election Commission of India in compliance with the Supreme Court order. The Supreme Court on Monday ordered SBI to disclose the details of electoral bonds to the Election Commission by close of business hours on March 12. As per the order, the Election Commission will have to publish the details shared by the bank on its official website by 5 pm on March 15. According to sources, SBI has complied with the orders of the apex court and submitted the details of the electoral bonds to the Election Commission.



Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan, CM Vishnu Deo Sai and other guests at the programme organised at Raipur railway station, Tuesday.

Tilda-Nevra, Sarona and Urkura, in Chhattisgarh under the 'One Station One Product' scheme, the statement said. The PM also inaugurated Jan Aushadhi Kendras (to provide affordable and quality generic medicines) at Janjgir-Naila and Pendra railway stations, upgradation of pit line at Durg coaching depot and rail coach restaurant in Bilaspur, it said. Besides, he laid the foundation stone of the Vande Bharat maintenance depot in

Bilaspur, MEMU car shed expansion in Bhilai and construction of a new pit line in Ambikapur, it added. Speaking at the function at Raipur railway station, Governor Harichandan said under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Indian Railways has been heading rapidly on the path of development. The running of Vande Bharat trains and construction of AMRUT stations are the biggest proof

of this, he said. "Railways is the lifeline of the country. The development of Railways has a direct impact on the country's development," the governor said. The Indian Railways is rapidly improving its infrastructure and also creating employment opportunities. Both skilled and unskilled workers are getting employment opportunities through stalls for selling local products, rail coach restaurants and Jan Aushadhi Kendras at major stations, he noted.

## 'Indian Muslims need not worry about CAA'

New Delhi, Mar 12 (PTI):

Indian Muslims need not worry as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act will not impact their citizenship and has nothing to do with the community which enjoys equal rights as their Hindu counterparts, the Home Ministry asserted on Tuesday.

## Case against three govt school teachers

For molesting students Narayanpur, Mar 12:

A case has been registered against three teachers of a government-run school in Narayanpur district for allegedly molesting girl students, police said. As per preliminary information, the women and child development department's child welfare committee in the district had received a complaint about alleged molestation of some girl students of a government middle school by teachers, a police official said.

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## Tejas crashes for 1st time in Jaisalmer

No casualties Jaisalmer, Mar 12 (PTI):

A Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA) of the Indian Air Force crashed near a residential colony in Jaisalmer on Tuesday during an operational training sortie, the first such incident involving the indigenously-built jet since its induction around eight years back. There were no casualties. The pilot ejected safely and a court of inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident, the IAF said in a brief statement.



A Tejas aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in flames after it crashed during an operational training sortie, near Jaisalmer, Tuesday.

The crash took place around 100 km from the Pokhran desert in Rajasthan where a mega war game 'Bharat Shakti' witnessed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and top military brass was underway. Military sources said the jet, belonging to the IAF's No 18 squadron or 'Flying Bullets', was one of the

three Tejas aircraft which were to be part of the wargame in Pokhran. A video showed that the aircraft glided at low altitude and was eventually up in flames after hitting the ground shortly after the pilot ejected safely from the jet. Jaisalmer Additional Superintendent of Police Mahendra Singh said there was no loss of human life in the crash near Kalla and Jawahar residential colonies. A portion of a hostel building was damaged but there was no one inside at the time, added another police official.

## Cong's 2nd List For LS Polls

## Nakul Nath to contest from Chhindwara, Gaurav Gogoi from Jorhat

New Delhi, Mar 12 (PTI):

The Congress on Tuesday announced its second list of 43 candidates for the Lok Sabha polls, fielding Kamal Nath's son Nakul Nath once again from Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara and Ashok Gehlot's son Vaibhav from Rajasthan's Jalore. The party's deputy leader in the Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi has been fielded from Assam's Jorhat and Pradyut Bordoloi from Nagaon. Rahul Kaswan, who switched over from the BJP a few days ago, has been fielded from Churu in Rajasthan. The second list came a day after the Congress' central election committee, chaired by party chief Mallikarjun Kharge, met at the party headquarters here to finalise the candidates. In the meeting, discussions were held for more than 60 seats in the states of Gujarat,

Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Assam and the Union Territory of Daman and Diu. The seats announced on Tuesday include 12 from Assam, 10 from Madhya Pradesh, 10 from Rajasthan, seven from Gujarat and three from Uttarakhand, besides one from Daman and Diu, AICC general secretary K C Venugopal said at a press conference. Out of the 14 Lok Sabha seats in Assam, the Congress announced candidates for 12 seats. It has offered one seat to alliance partner Assam Jatiya Parishad, while no decision has been taken yet on the remaining constituency. This will be the first election in Assam after the Election Commission of India carried out the delimitation exercise only for Assam last year that was strongly criticised by the opposition parties alleging that it was done to help the ruling BJP only.

## EXERCISE BHARAT SHAKTI



A demonstration during the Exercise Bharat Shakti, in Pokhran, Rajasthan, Tuesday.

## Boat with Pak crew carrying drugs held in Gujarat

Ahmedabad, Mar 12 (PTI):

A boat carrying 60 packets of drugs was seized and six Pakistani crew members onboard the vessel were apprehended off the Gujarat coast in a multi-agency operation on Tuesday, an official said. Based on a tip-off, the Indian Coast Guard, Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) conducted a joint operation in the Arabian Sea near the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL), said Sunil Joshi, superintendent of police, ATS.

## Saini sworn in as Haryana CM, five ministers take oath

Chandigarh, Mar 12 (PTI):

BJP leader Nayab Singh Saini was sworn in as Haryana's new chief minister on Tuesday, hours after Manohar Lal Khattar and his Cabinet ministers resigned from their posts. Five others took the oath as members of the new council of ministers along with Saini. They are BJP leaders Kanwar Pal, Mool Chand Sharma, Jai Parkash Dalal and Banwari Lal and Independent MLA Ranjit Singh Chautala.



## BJP, JJP split in Haryana

Hours after the BJP replaced Manohar Lal Khattar with Nayab Singh Saini as the chief minister of Haryana, JJP leader and former Haryana deputy chief minister Dushyant Chautala on Tuesday expressed gratitude to the people for their trust and support in his party. The switch in Haryana came amid the ruling BJP-JJP coalition coming apart, though party leaders from both sides did not make immediate comments.



# छत्तीसगढ़ में विकास का सर्वस्पर्शी माँडल

## आध्यात्मिक पर्यटन को प्रोत्साहन

राज्य की विष्णु देव साय सरकार ने अयोध्या स्थित भव्य मंदिर में विराजे रामलला के दर्शन हेतु जाने वाले श्रद्धालुओं के लिए श्री रामलला दर्शन योजना शुरू की। राज्य में राजिम कुंभ (कल्प) का भव्य आयोजन पुनः शुरू कर छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार ने इसे वैश्विक पहचान दी है। इसी तरह धार्मिक पर्यटन को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए राज्य में पांच शक्तिपीठों को विकसित करने के लिए पांच करोड़ रुपये का बजटीय आवंटन किया गया है। इस योजना के अंतर्गत प्रदेश में 1 हजार किलोमीटर लंबी पर्यटन तीर्थ श्रृंखला विकसित की जाएगी। राज्य की रामायण



मंडलियों को वित्तीय मदद मुहैया कराने के साथ बस्तर दशहरे को 50 लाख, चित्रकोट के लिए 10 लाख की जगह 25 लाख रुपये, रामाराम मेले के लिए 15 लाख रुपये तथा गोंचा पर्व के लिए 5 लाख रुपये प्रदान किए जाएंगे।

समाज के अंतिम पायदान पर खड़े व्यक्ति के कल्याण को लेकर मुख्यमंत्री श्री विष्णुदेव साय के नेतृत्व वाली सरकार की प्रतिबद्धता को इसी बात से परखा जा सकता है कि सरकार के गठन के अगले ही दिन 14 दिसंबर 2023 को पहली कैबिनेट में विष्णु देव साय सरकार ने 18 लाख 12,743 गरीब परिवारों को प्रधानमंत्री आवास देने का निर्णय लिया। योजना के समयबद्ध क्रियान्वयन के लिए आवश्यक धनराशि का भी प्रावधान किया गया। वर्तमान में लगभग 15 लाख आवास के निर्माण को स्वीकृति प्राप्त हो चुकी है। छत्तीसगढ़ में विकास का सर्वस्पर्शी और सर्वव्यापी माँडल देखने को मिल रहा है।

## भ्रष्टाचार के खिलाफ जीरो टॉलरेंस नीति

विष्णु देव साय सरकार एक ओर सुशासन की दिशा में नीतिगत कदम उठा रही है, वहीं भ्रष्टाचार के खिलाफ जीरो टॉलरेंस की नीति को अमल में ला रही है। पूर्ववर्ती सरकार में हुए पीएएससी घोटाले की सीबीआई जांच की सिफारिश की गई है। साथ ही EWO द्वारा भी इस घोटाले में जांच की जाएगी है। कोयला और शराब घोटाले में भी एफआईआर दर्ज की जा चुकी है। इस तरह सरकार भ्रष्टाचार खत्म करने का प्रयास कर रही है।

## योजनाओं के प्रभावी क्रियान्वयन पर जोर

सुशासन लोकतंत्र की आत्मा है। पं.दीनदयाल उपाध्याय ने सुशासन को अंत्योदय का आधार बताया है। इसी मंत्र पर आगे बढ़ते हुए राज्य में सुशासन एवं अभिसरण विभाग नाम से एक नया विभाग गठित किया गया है। यह विभाग राज्य में चलाई जा रही जनकल्याणकारी नीतियों के सफल क्रियान्वयन व संसाधनों का उत्कृष्ट प्रबंधन करेगा। सरकारी योजनाओं की निगरानी तथा समीक्षा के लिए सुशासन दिवस पर अटल मॉनिटरिंग पोर्टल शुरू किया गया।

## अंतिम पायदान पर खड़े व्यक्ति का अंत्योदय

पं.दीनदयाल उपाध्याय ने सुशासन को अंत्योदय का आधार बताया है। इसी मंत्र पर आगे बढ़ते हुए राज्य में सुशासन एवं अभिसरण विभाग नाम से एक नया विभाग गठित किया गया है। यह विभाग राज्य में चलाई जा रही जनकल्याणकारी नीतियों के सफल क्रियान्वयन व संसाधनों का उत्कृष्ट प्रबंधन करेगा। सरकारी योजनाओं की निगरानी तथा समीक्षा के लिए सुशासन दिवस पर अटल मॉनिटरिंग पोर्टल शुरू किया गया।

## विकास के 10 स्तंभों की संकल्पना

विष्णु देव साय सरकार ने अपने पहले बजट में छत्तीसगढ़ की इकोनॉमी को 10 लाख करोड़ रुपये के स्तर तक ले जाने का रोडमैप प्रस्तुत किया है। 1 नवंबर 2024 को राज्य के स्थापना दिवस के मौके पर सरकार के विजन डॉक्यूमेंट भी प्रस्तुत करेगी। इसमें 2047 तक छत्तीसगढ़ की तरक्की की कार्ययोजना का विस्तृत वर्णन होगा। राज्य सरकार ने बजट में प्रदेश के अर्थतंत्र को गति देने के दस स्तंभ चिह्नित किए हैं।

## अर्थतंत्र को गति देने के दस स्तंभ

- 1 ज्ञान आधारित अर्थव्यवस्था
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- 5 सेवा क्षेत्र को बढ़ावा
- 6 निजी निवेश
- 7 बस्तर-सरगुजा की ओर देखो नीति
- 8 डिसेंट्रलाइज्ड डेवलपमेंट पॉकेट्स का विकास
- 9 छत्तीसगढ़ी संस्कृति को प्रोत्साहन
- 10 योजनाओं का पारदर्शी क्रियान्वयन

## “अमृतकाल: छत्तीसगढ़ विजन @2047”

विजन डॉक्यूमेंट में राज्य हेतु संभावित विकास क्षेत्रों जैसे कि ईन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर विकास, कृषि आधुनीकीकरण, शिक्षा व कौशल विकास, GYAN आधारित विकास, निवेश को प्रोत्साहन, खनिज संसाधनों का प्रभावी उपयोग, रिन्यूएबल एनर्जी, कॉटेज इंडस्ट्री विकास, प्रभावी फिस्कल व टैक्स पॉलिसी व तकनीक का उपयोग, छोटे एवं लघु उद्योगों को प्रोत्साहन, फूड प्रोसेसिंग मिलेट्स, टूरिज्म विकास, स्वास्थ्य व पोषण, जनजाति विकास, ग्रामीण विकास, नगरीय विकास हेतु रणनीति व कार्ययोजना का समावेश होगा। जिसके आधार पर संबंधित विभाग अपने-अपने सेक्टर में अपेक्षित प्रगति प्राप्त कर विकसित छत्तीसगढ़ की परिकल्पना में महती भूमिका सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

## विष्णु देव सरकार... 13 दिसंबर को ली शपथ और छत्तीसगढ़ में चल पड़ा विकास का सिलसिला



13 दिसंबर 2023 को छत्तीसगढ़ में खुशियों का नया सूर्योदय हुआ। राज्य में मुख्यमंत्री श्री विष्णु देव साय की कैबिनेट के शपथ ग्रहण के साथ ही प्रदेश में विकास का सिलसिला चल पड़ा है। प्रधानमंत्री मोदी की गारंटी को पूरा करने के लिए त्वरित और पारदर्शी निर्णयों से विष्णुदेव साय सरकार ने सुशासन को नया आयाम दिया है। किसान, युवा, महिला, गरीब, आदिवासी सहित सभी तबकों तक विकास की बयार पहुंच रही है।

**मोदी की गारंटी**  
सुशासन के तीन माह

## युवा हितैषी सरकार

प्रदेश के युवाओं को शासकीय भर्तियों में निष्पक्ष और पारदर्शिता से युक्त परीक्षा का वातावरण मिले, इसके लिए छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार ने संघ लोक सेवा आयोग की तर्ज पर परीक्षा प्रणाली लागू करने का निर्णय लिया है। इससे भर्ती परीक्षाओं में न सिर्फ युवाओं का भरोसा बढ़ेगा, बल्कि परिश्रम से वह अपने सपनों की उड़ान को पूरी कर सकेंगे। सरकार के गठन के पहले महीने में ही विष्णु देव साय सरकार ने प्रदेश के शिक्षित बेरोजगारों के हित में बड़ा फैसला लेते हुए छत्तीसगढ़ के स्थानीय निवासियों को निर्धारित अधिकमत आयु सीमा में पांच वर्ष की छूट की अवधि को पांच साल के लिए और बढ़ा दिया है। अभ्यर्थियों को आयु सीमा में पांच वर्ष की छूट का लाभ 31 दिसंबर 2028 तक मिलेगा। इसी क्रम में छत्तीसगढ़ पुलिस के जिला पुलिस बल में आरक्षक संवर्ग में भर्ती के लिए वर्ष 2018 में 2259 रिक्त पदों पर तथा अक्टूबर 2023 को जिला पुलिस बल के आरक्षक संवर्ग के 5,967 रिक्त पदों पर भर्ती प्रक्रिया में शामिल पुरुष अभ्यर्थियों को उच्चतर आयु सीमा में 5 वर्ष की छूट प्रदान की गई है।



## आतंकवाद, नक्सलवाद और चरमपंथ पर ठोस प्रहार

छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार ने आतंकवाद, नक्सलवाद और चरमपंथ को समूल नष्ट करने के लिए राष्ट्रीय जांच एजेंसी की तर्ज पर स्टेट इनवेस्टिगेशन एजेंसी का गठन किया जा रहा है। यह एजेंसी आतंकवाद, नक्सलवाद और वामपंथी उग्रवादी मामलों की प्रभावी और त्वरित जांच करेगी। इसके लिए एसआईए एनआईए के साथ समन्वय स्थापित करने वाली राज्य की नोडल एजेंसी होगी। नक्सल प्रभावित गांव के विकास के लिए राज्य सरकार द्वारा 16 फरवरी 2024 को नियत नेल्लानार योजना शुरू की गई है। इस योजना के जरिए सुदूर नक्सल प्रभावित गांव में 24 योजनाओं की पहुंच सुनिश्चित की जाएगी। इसके लिए 20 करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान किया जा चुका है। पुलिस द्वारा नक्सल प्रभावित गांव में पुलिस कैंप खोले जा रहे हैं। सुकमा के पूर्वार्ति समेत अन्य स्थानों पर यह पुलिस कैंप कानून व्यवस्था को मजबूती देने के साथ सुशासन के प्रकल्प बनकर उभरे हैं।

## भारत (बीएच) सीरीज के वाहन पंजीयन लागू कराए जाने का निर्णय

मंत्रिपरिषद द्वारा छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य में भारत (बीएच) सीरीज के वाहन पंजीयन लागू कराए जाने का निर्णय लिया गया। भारत सरकार द्वारा लागू बीएच सीरीज के तहत दो पहिया और चार पहिया वाहनों के लिए एक बार में दो वर्ष का टेक्स जमा कराना होगा।

## डिजिटल अर्थव्यवस्था की दिशा में आगे बढ़ रहा छत्तीसगढ़

छत्तीसगढ़ डिजिटल अर्थव्यवस्था की दिशा में तेजी से कदम बढ़ा रहा है। इसकी बानगी उस वक्त देखने को मिली जब राज्य की नवनिर्वाचित सरकार के वित्त मंत्री श्री ओपी चौधरी ने प्रदेश का पहला डिजिटल बजट पेश किया। इससे शासन एवं प्रशासनिक कामकाज में डिजिटल अनुप्रयोग के लिए लोग प्रोत्साहित होंगे।

राज्य में कोयले के परिवहन हेतु परमिट और स्वीकृति व्यवस्था मैनुअल होने से पूर्व की सरकार के कार्यकाल में जमकर भ्रष्टाचार हुआ। ऐसे में विष्णु देव साय सरकार ने तत्काल इस पूरी व्यवस्था को ऑनलाइन कर भ्रष्टाचार मुक्त शासन की मिसाल पेश की है। प्रदेश में डिजिटल अर्थव्यवस्था को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए

भारत नेट परियोजना के लिए 66 करोड़ रुपये, पीएम वाणी प्रोजेक्ट के लिए 37 करोड़ रुपये, एकीकृत ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट परियोजना के लिए 15 करोड़ रुपये और अटल डैशबोर्ड के लिए 5 करोड़ रुपये का प्रावधान बजट में किया गया है। इस तरह छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार भ्रष्टाचार से निपटने के लिए प्रभावी कदम उठा रही है।

विगत 10 मार्च को प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने छत्तीसगढ़ की महिलाओं के खाते में 'महतारी वंदन योजना' की पहले किस्त की राशि का डीबीटी के माध्यम से अंतरण किया। इस मौके पर मुख्यमंत्री श्री विष्णु देव साय ने माता- बहनों को शुभकामनाएं दीं।



## ‘महतारी वंदन’ योजना से हो रहा महिला सशक्तिकरण



महिला सशक्तिकरण विष्णु देव साय सरकार की सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता है। राज्य के इतिहास में 12 मार्च 2024 की तारीख महिला सशक्तिकरण की दिशा में स्वर्णिम अक्षरों में दर्ज हो चुकी है। इस दिन प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेंद्र मोदी की उपस्थिति में 70 लाख से अधिक महिलाओं को महतारी वंदन योजना की 1,000 रुपये की पहली किस्त जारी की गई। विष्णु देव साय सरकार हर साल 12 हजार रुपये महिलाओं के खाते में जमा करेगी। भ्रष्टाचार के बिना हितग्राहियों तक योजनाओं का सीधा लाभ पहुंचाने के लिए छत्तीसगढ़ डीबीटी का सबसे बेहतर उपयोग करने वाला राज्य बन चुका है। योजना का उद्देश्य प्रदेश में महिलाओं के साथ लिंगविभेद, असमानता खत्म करते हुए उनके स्वास्थ्य एवं पोषण स्तर में सुधार लाना है। इस योजना का लाभ छत्तीसगढ़ निवासी विवाहित महिला, जिनकी आयु 1 जनवरी 2024 को 21 वर्ष से अधिक हो, को मिलेगा। विवाहित महिला के साथ ही विधवा, तलाकशुदा, परिव्यक्तता महिलाओं को भी योजना का लाभ मिल रहा है।

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## किसानों के चेहरे पर खुशी... छत्तीसगढ़ में धान का सर्वाधिक समर्थन मूल्य

छत्तीसगढ़ में धान की फसल यहां के किसानों के लिए तरक्की का आधार है। विष्णु देव साय सरकार ने 3100 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल पर धान खरीदी की मोदी की गारंटी को पूरा कर देश में किसानों को धान का सर्वाधिक समर्थन मूल्य देने का कीर्तिमान रच दिया है। किसानों के खाते में सीधे नगद लाभ हस्तांतरण (डीबीटी) के जरिए पैसा भेजा जा रहा है। खरीफ सीजन 2023 में किसानों से 21 क्विंटल प्रति एकड़ (3100 रुपये प्रति क्विंटल की दर से) 147 लाख मीट्रिक टन धान खरीदी हुई। इस तरह छत्तीसगढ़



ने देश में धान की खरीदी का रिकॉर्ड कायम किया है। राज्य में 13 लाख किसानों के खाते में धान के दो वर्ष के बकाया बोनस के रूप में 3,716 करोड़ रुपये ट्रांसफर किए जा चुके हैं। कृषक उन्नति योजना के जरिए किसानों को धान

खरीदी की अंतर राशि 13,320 करोड़ रुपये प्रदान किए जा रहे हैं। 24.72 लाख से अधिक किसान विष्णु देव साय सरकार की योजना से लाभान्वित हो रहे हैं।

## छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार के अन्य महत्वपूर्ण निर्णय

- विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सकों की भर्ती प्रक्रिया शुरू मुख्यमंत्री श्री विष्णु देव साय के निर्देश पर स्वास्थ्य विभाग में विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सकों की भर्ती प्रक्रिया प्रारंभ कर दी है।
- डिग्री हासिल करने वाले 246 एमबीबीएस एवं 21 विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सकों को नियुक्ति दे दी गई है। इनमें से पचास फीसदी की नियुक्ति बस्तर एवं सरगुजा संभाग के लिए की गई है।
- स्वास्थ्य विभाग में 5 हजार से ज्यादा पदों पर पीएससी और व्यापक के जरिए भर्ती करने का निर्णय लिया गया है।
- एमबीबीएस एवं विशेषज्ञ चिकित्सकों को आवेदन करने के 24 घंटे के भीतर नियुक्ति देने की घोषणा की गई है।
- कोल परिवहन के लिए ऑनलाइन परमिट एवं स्वीकृति प्रणाली - खनिज संसाधन से संपन्न छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य में कोल परिवहन की पारदर्शी प्रक्रिया के लिए ऑनलाइन परमिट एवं स्वीकृति प्रणाली लागू की गई है।
- नियत नेल्लानार योजना (बस्तर के लिए) बस्तर संभाग के नक्सल पीड़ित क्षेत्र में स्थापित 14 नये कैंपों में नवाचार के रूप में इसके आसपास के 5 ग्रामों की मूलभूत आवश्यकता की दृष्टि से अधोसंरचना विकास एवं परिवारों के सम्यक विकास की कार्यवाही की जाएगी।
- कॉलेज के विद्यार्थियों को 6000 रुपए सालाना ट्रैवल एलाउंस अगले शिक्षा सत्र से राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति लागू की जाएगी। इसके अलावा कॉलेज जाने वाले विद्यार्थियों को 6000 रुपए सालाना ट्रैवल एलाउंस मिलेगा।
- संस्कृत महाविद्यालय को विश्वविद्यालय में अपग्रेड करने का निर्णय शासकीय दूधधारी श्री राजेश्री महंत वैष्णव दास स्नातकोत्तर संस्कृत महाविद्यालय, रायपुर को विश्वविद्यालय में अपग्रेड करने का संकल्प।
- आईआईटी की तर्ज पर प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों की स्थापना प्रदेश में तकनीकी शिक्षा के स्तर को और बेहतर बनाने के लिए आईआईटी की तर्ज पर जशपुर, बस्तर, कबीरधाम, रायपुर और रायगढ़ में इसी सत्र से प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थानों का निर्माण किया जाएगा। इसके साथ ही राज्य में छत्तीसगढ़ उच्च शिक्षा मिशन योजना लागू की जाएगी।
- 33 हजार शिक्षकों की भर्ती की जाएगी अगले शिक्षा सत्र में 33 हजार शिक्षकों की भर्ती की जाएगी।
- सभी जिला मुख्यालयों में एम्स की तर्ज पर उच्च स्तरीय चिकित्सा संस्थानों की स्थापना का निर्णय।



## PM has pledged to make air services affordable for common people: CM Sai

**CM virtually flagged off the direct flight from Bilaspur to Delhi and Bilaspur to Kolkata**

**Flight service from Jagdalpur to Jabalpur will also be commenced soon**

**Expansion of air services will boost the development of business and tourism sector**

**Night landing facility will soon be available at Bilasa Devi Kevat Airport Bilaspur**



travel accessible and affordable for everyone. In the same sequence, air services are being expanded across the state. The new flights launched today are like a dream come true for people of Bilaspur. The newly-established direct air connectivity includes routes from Bilaspur to Delhi, Bilaspur to Kolkata, and now, Jagdalpur to Jabalpur. This expansion in air services will unleash new possibilities in the realms of business and tourism. Sai congratulated people of Bilaspur for commencement of these air services.

Expressing his delight, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai stated that the initiation of direct flights is a significant development for Chhattisgarh. The benefits of these air services will extend not only to Bilaspur but to the entire state, fostering growth and opportunities. He extended his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his support in fulfilling the long-standing demand of Bilaspur resi-

dents. Furthermore, Chief Minister Sai highlighted the commencement of air services from Jagdalpur to Jabalpur, foreseeing positive impacts on commerce, tourism, education, healthcare, and industries in the Bastar region. Sai also talked about the ongoing upgrade of facilities at Bilasa Devi Kevat Airport, Bilaspur. He announced that the facility of night landing will be available at the Bilasa Devi Kevat Airport soon.

Bilasa Devi Kevat Airport has obtained a 3C-FAR license, allowing the operation of 72-seater planes. Aviation Department has already applied for the 3CIFR license to provide night landing facilities, promising enhanced services in the near future. Alliance Air has commenced three air services in Chhattisgarh, connecting Bilaspur with Delhi, Kolkata, and Jabalpur.

The inaugural flights from Kolkata and Delhi to Bilaspur witnessed

smooth operations. Deputy Chief Minister Shri Arun Sao presided over the program at Bilasa Devi Kevat Airport, highlighting the significance of initiating simultaneous regular air services to New Delhi and Kolkata, marking a significant milestone for development of Bilaspur. He assured that the state government would extend every possible support in smooth operation of these regular flight services. He said that a regular flight from Bilaspur to Hyderabad will also be commenced soon.

Bilha MLA Dharamlal Kaushik, Nagar MLA Amar Agrawal, Takhatpur MLA Dharamjeet Singh, Beltara MLA Sushant Shukla, and other dignitaries, expressed their joy at the realization of a long-awaited dream for Bilaspur. The introduction of regular flights is expected to contribute positively to the region's growth and development. Collector Awanish Sharan delivered the welcome ad-

dress. Passengers will no longer have to go to any other city to catch a flight. Passengers, thrilled with the convenience, expressed their gratitude towards Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Shri Arun Sao for the launch of regular air services. Divya Vaishnav, who was traveling from Lormi to Delhi, said that these newly-launched flights will prove immensely beneficial for the people of Bilaspur. Now we will no longer need to go all the way to Raipur to catch flights for Delhi, Kolkata and other places. This will save both our time and money.

On this occasion, Kota MLA Atal Srivastava, Mayor Bilaspur Ramsharan Yadav, Zila Panchayat President Bilaspur Arun Singh Chauhan, Commissioner Shikha Rajput Tiwari, Collector Awanish Sharan, SP Rajneesh Singh, Corporation Commissioner Amit Kumar, Leader of Opposition in the Corporation Rajesh Singh, District President Ramdev Kumawat and a large number of passengers and distinguished citizens were present. Many officials including Secretary Aviation Dayanand P., Director Dayanand Neelam Namdev Ekka were present at the Chief Minister's residence.

### DEMONSTRATION



**Congmen staged massive demonstration outside the IT office to protest against seizure of account of Congmen accused in scams in the state.**

## Five tonne AC explodes inside AT Showroom, no casualty reported

● At Sadar Bazar

**Raipur, Mar 12:** There was massive explosion due to bursting of AC's compressor inside the AT Jewellers shop at Sadar Bazar on Tuesday afternoon and this created sensation in the showroom. The impact of explosion was so strong that the glass wall in the shop was shattered to pieces. There is no news about any casualty on account of this and fire-brigade was also pressed into service to avoid any fire incident inside the showroom on account of the same.

As per information in this regard, a five tonne AC compressor in Anopchand-Tilokchand Jewellers on the top got ex-



ploded in the afternoon hours. The impact of explosion was so high that it created sensation among the showrooms nearby and people came out of their showroom expecting something untoward has happened.

All the employees inside the showroom were vacat-

ed and entire showroom was emptied on hearing of this explosion and tight security was imposed outside the showroom. Till the arrival of the fire-brigade the mini fire-extinguishers were kept handy, to avoid any fire-incident on account of the same.

## Six IAS officers given fresh posting

**Raipur, Mar 12:** State government has issued fresh posting to six IAS officers and in this IAS Ambalgan P. (IAS-2004 batch) working as Secretary Tourism & Culture and having additional charge of Principal Secretary Religious Trust & Endowments and Tourism Deptt has been given another additional charge as Secretary GAD. IAS 2011 batch, Deepak Soni working as Registrar Co-operative Samitis and having additional charge of Controller Food & Drugs Admn., has been relieved of additional charge only that of Food & Drug Admn. and given another additional charge as that

of Commissioner MNREGA. On Soni assu ming office as Commissioner MNREGA, IAS Niharika Barik working as Principal Secy Panchayat and Rural Development deptt and having additional charge of MNREGA will be relieved that of the later. IAS 2014 batch Kuldeep Sharam working as MD Text Books Corporation has been given additional charge as that of Controller Food & Drug Admn. along with his existing charges. IAS Amrut Vikas Topano (IAS 2014 batch), working as CEO CG State Water Catchment Area Management Agency has been appointed as

Collector District Sakti till further orders. Nupur Rashi Panna (IAS-2015), working as Collector Sakti has been temporarily posted as CEO CG State Water Catchment Management Area (SWCMA) till further orders. IAS Nupur Rashi Panna after assuming of office as CEO SWCMA, the state government has declared the said non-grade post as equivalent to senior admn. Pay-scale under Rule 12 of IAS (Salary) Rule 2016. Namrata Jain, IAS -2019 batch, working as CEO District Panchayat Balodabazar. Bhatapara has been posted Mission Director National Rural Livelihood Mission till further orders.

**Raipur, Mar 12:** 'Bharatiya Janata Party is the only political party where a common worker like Mohan Yadav is made the Chief Minister of a large state like Madhya Pradesh. A bigger example is Narendra Modi. A tea seller is established as the Prime Minister of world's largest democracy. As the Prime Minister, he makes all out effort to give India the highest position in the world'. This was stated by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav while addressing the meeting of Core Committee and Management Committee of Raipur Lok Sabha in the auditorium of BJP office at Ekam Parisar here on Tuesday.

Dedication of all workers and leaders of the party is to make India proud and to make it a world leader he said, adding that their responsibilities may be different but the goal is the same.

He said that it was the responsibility of all the workers to come together



and send Lok Sabha MPs from all the 11 Lok Sabha seats of Chhattisgarh and 29 Lok Sabha seats of Madhya Pradesh to Delhi. To achieve this goal, all the workers will have to discharge the responsibilities received by the party with full honesty, he said.

Yadav said that he had a connection with Chhattisgarh even before becoming the Chief Minister. 'I have been visiting Chhattisgarh in the past also and my relations will remain as strong in the future also'.

Earlier, State Education Minister and BJP candidate from Raipur Lok Sabha constituency Brijmohan Agrawal said in his welcome speech 'we will definitely follow the instructions and suggestions of Chief Minister Yadav'. On behalf of the core committee members, he assured Yadav that together a grand and historic victory would be registered in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. He also assured that Chhattisgarh's contribution to Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's target of crossing 400 seats, i.e. all 11 seats, will be 100 percent.

Earlier, on reaching the Ekam Parisar, MP Chief Minister Yadav was welcomed by Minister Brijmohan Agrawal, Lok Sabha Cluster in-charge, Rajesh Munat, District President Jayanti Patel, MLAs and district office bearers. Before addressing the meeting of Lok Sabha Core Committee in Raipur, MP Chief Minister Yadav had one-to-one discussion with all the MLAs and key officials on various topics.

Yadav collected information related to Lok Sabha elections from cluster in-charge Munat. Munat and BJP State Vice President Shivratna Sharma gave complete details of various election related information to Chief Minister Yadav.

Lok Sabha co-in-charge Ashok Bajaj conducted the stage and the vote of thanks was proposed by District General Secretary Ramesh Singh Thakur. Cabinet Minister Tankram Verma, State General Secretary BJP Sanjay Srivastava, MP Sunil Soni, MLA Motilal Sahu, Purandar Mishra, Anuj Sharma, Inderkumar Sahu, Guru Khushwant Saheb, State Vice President Lakshmi Verma, State Vice President Bhupendra Savanni, Ashok Bajaj, Kishore Mahanand, All core committee members and senior leaders of Raipur Lok Sabha including Jayanti Patel, Shyam Narang, Dr. Sanam Jangde, Satyam Duva were present.

## CCPL getting huge response for franchise rights invitation

● For advt in CCPL

**Raipur, Mar 12:** Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh (CSCS) is extremely happy to inform that, CCPL is getting huge and positive response for franchise rights Invitations advertisement for Chhattisgarh Cricket

Premier League (CCPL). Till 12th March 2024, 8 corporates have collected the ITT Document and 12 active enquiries received from various big corporate houses for CCPL franchise rights.

As announced, Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh is going to

organize Chhattisgarh Cricket Premier League in June 2024. Total 6 teams will participate in the league. Bid application for franchise rights of the teams invited from 6th march 2024. The last date of submitting the bid application is 14th March 2024.

## IT Hub started in Nava Raipur



● 2200 youth to get employment

**Raipur, Mar 12:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Housing and Environment Minister OP Chaudhary handed over the allotment order of 90 thousand square feet built-up area in the Central Business District of Nava Raipur to two IT companies M/s Square Business Services Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad and M/s Radical Minds Technologies Pvt. Ltd. These companies will es-

Board to provide proper residential facilities to the youth working in these IT companies.

Minister OP Chaudhary said that the state government is going to establish an IT hub in Nava Raipur on the lines of Bengaluru and Hyderabad. In the first phase, about 2,80,000 square feet of furnished built-up space is being allotted to various national and international IT companies in the retail and commercial complex built in CBD, Sector 21 by Nava Raipur Development Authority. This effort of the government is expected to create about 10,000 skilled jobs for the youth of the state. In this regard, efforts are being made by the government to connect IT companies with various technical education institutions of the state.

Chief Minister Sai said that by giving builtup area to two IT companies, 2,200 skilled employment will be created. Currently, discussions are going on with other companies and applications are expected for operating units in about one lakh 60 thousand square feet. This will provide employment to about 3,800 people. CM said, Nava Raipur Development Authority is coordinating with Chhattisgarh Housing

## Shopkeepers advised to keep dustbins



● RMC fines those spreading filth

**Raipur, Mar 12:** In an initiative to keep the city clean the Raipur Municipal Corporation (RMC) is conducting cleanliness drive. Under the drive all the shopkeepers were told to keep dustbins outside their shops. Those littering roads and spreading filth are being fined. The shopkeepers who spread garbage and filth and do not keep dustbins in their shops are being given strict advice and fines are being collected from them.

They are being appealed to register their participation in making Raipur a clean smart city by keeping dustbins in the shops and separating dry and

wet waste. Health department teams of all zones of the Municipal Corporation conducted cleanliness drive in the markets. Zone 1 Health Department conducted a drive near Gondwara Bridge and a total fine of Rs 800 was imposed on 8 shopkeepers for spreading garbage and filth. The team of Zone 2 collected a total fine of Rs 3800 from 11 shops for spreading filth and not keeping dustbins. Zone 4 team collected a total fine of Rs 1200 from 5 shopkeepers in the market area for spreading filth and not keeping dustbins. The team of Zone 5 collected a total fine of Rs 1600 from 5 shops in the market area of Thakur Pyarelal Singh Ward for spreading dirt and garbage in and not keeping dustbins.

## IPS officer Amresh Mishra to be IG of Raipur EOW-ACB

Given additional charge along with Raipur IG

Administrative reshuffle in Chhattisgarh before Lok Sabha elections

**Raipur, Mar 12:** Administrative reshuffle is going on in Chhattisgarh before the Lok Sabha elections. In this sequence, Chhattisgarh government has entrusted a big responsibility to Indian Police Service officer Amresh Mishra. Raipur IG Amresh Mishra has been given additional charge of Inspector General of Police, Chhattisgarh State Economic Offenses Investigation and Anti



Corruption Bureau, Raipur. CMO has given information by posting the order of Chhattisgarh government on X handle.

Meanwhile on Monday, there was a large-scale reshuffle in the police department. For the first time, 91 policemen, ranging from Inspector to SI, ASI and TI ranks police officials were attached to NIA. It is noteworthy that in the past too, gazetted police officers along with inspectors have been attached to NIA, but this is the first time that policemen lower than rank of TI have been attached to NIA. The reason behind the

transfer is said to be that there have been allegations of large-scale conversion of people in the state. In the last two years, a situation of communal tension had arisen in Kawardha and Bemetara, the Union Home Ministry is on alert regarding this.

On the basis of intelligence input, other central investigating agencies including NIA are being strengthened to ensure that communal harmony is not disturbed in any way. According to the order issued by the headquarters, out of the 91 policemen who have been attached to NIA, 14 policemen have been attached from Dantewada, 10 from Sukma, 19 from Kanker, 20 from Bijapur, 16 from Narayanpur, 8 from Gariaband and 3 from Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh posts.



## Six new machines installed in the Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Dept

**Of Advance Cardiac Institute**

**Health Minister Shyam Bahari Jaiswal inaugurates the new facilities**



Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Department. The inauguration event was attended by Raipur North MLA Purandar Mishra, Raipur Rural MLA Motilal Sahu, Commissioner of Medical Education Janak Prasad Pathak, Director of Medical Education Dr. Vishnu Datt, Principal of Medical College Dr. Tripti Nagaria, Superintendent Dr. SBS. Netam, Head of Pathology Department Dr. Arvind Neral, Head of Cardiology Department Dr. Smit Srivastava, and CTVS Department Head Dr. Krishna Kant Sahu, along with ICICI Foundation Zonal Head

Vivekanand Dubey. Health Minister Jaiswal, while inaugurating these medical equipment, mentioned that ICICI Foundation has equipped the state's largest government medical college's Cardiothoracic Surgery Department with these ultramodern machines to facilitate better treatment of patients suffering from heart, lung, and circulatory system diseases. The use of these machines will make open heart surgery and bypass surgery more convenient. He emphasized the importance of the contributions of every employee involved in healthcare serv-

ices, comparing it to the teamwork involved in building the Ram Setu.\*

Dr. Krishna Kant Sahu, Head of the Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Department, provided information about the devices, stating that these modern audio/visual alarms, ECG, RSP, SPO2, NIBP, IBP, and CCO configured monitors from Philips, including a central station, have been provided for the ICU. Additionally, an automatic regulation timer (ACT), echocardiography, echo machine, volumetric pump, and LED-equipped spotlights for small surgical procedures have been installed in the LED-equipped spotlight department. These machines are made of advanced technology. Since the start of the Cardiothoracic Surgery Department in 2017, 1250 surgeries related to heart, chest, lungs, and blood vessels have been performed so far.

## We have to move forward with our thinking: Sahu

**Lions Club Sikar honoured 80 women powers on International Women's Day**



Raipur, Mar 12: Our progress and thinking comes from family. We need a platform to express our views. Life teaches us a lot. We have to move forward with our thinking. Family cannot be imagined without women power, because woman is the pivot on which the entire family is tied. The above things were expressed by the chief guest CGMSC Padmini Bhoi Sahu, Managing Director, Indian Administrative Service, in the 'Lions Club Raipur Sikar Shakti Samman' ceremony organized at Hotel Simran International on Saturday evening. She said that we need to bring forward the new generation. This effort made by Lions Club Raipur Sikar is commendable. Special guest Deputy Collector, Public Health Department Under Secretary Divya Vaishnav

said that 'Jamvat Ji' is needed to awaken women power as it was 'Jamvat Ji' who reminded 'Hanuman Ji' of his power. Women have to recognize their own value. Both men and women have equal roles in society and the world.

Charter President of Lions Club Sikar, Ms. Saroj Pandey said that like every year, this time 'Mahila Shakti Samman Samaroh' was organized. This time 80 women powers including 36 women from Chhattisgarh were honoured. She said that Lions Club, Sikar respects every section of the society by taking care of it. This includes doctors, police, postmen, porters, journalists,

players, artists etc. Apart from this, works like marriage of poor girls, treatment to the needy, education, employment, ration, clothes, sloughing of cows, tying of radium belts etc. have been done. Women are provided training to engage in self-employment. The program was conducted under the direction of Lions Sanjana Verma. Charter Secretary Chandrakanta Oswal conducted the program in her special style. Charter Secretary Law, Chandrakanta Oswal, President Law. Meenakshi Argav, Secretary Law, Pammi Rokadiya, Treasurer Law, Mamta Sahu, Sushmita Sen

Gupta, Kaushal Mahawar, Usha Pujari, Laxmi Burad, Nirmala Sighania and all members including Renuka Prasad participated.

Shweta Sharma, Kshama Aggarwal, Singer Aastha, Preeti Pandey, Vineeta (Sanjana), Rakhi (Sanjana), Ekta Chhavariya, Chhaya Kataria, Kamlesh Chawla, Mala Paul, Papinder Kaur Pusri, Sonia Dutta were felicitated in the Sikar Shakti Samman ceremony. Apart from this Sujata Agarwal, Sanyukta Gandhi, Deepali Paul, Jaya Sur, Harcharan Kaur, Neetu Nirmalkar, Arpana Sancheti, Mili Banerjee, Dr. Gopa Sharma, Dr. Namrata Singh-Working for Cancer, Bikers - Kiran Jain, Snehlata Jha, Veena Sharma, Gargi Pandey were felicitated.

80 women powers including Trupti Lunia, Bisakha artilleryman, journalist Lakshmi Kumar, Neha, Janaki Gupta, Manjuben, Lakshmi, Divya Sharma, Poonam Shukla, Harcharan Kaur, Sushma Ikka and Bano were honored.

## Historic moment for Bastar: Flight from Lamha Ru city to Delhi leaves today



**Central Chronicle News**

Jagdalpur, Mar 12: The much awaited demand of Bastar was finally fulfilled on Tuesday when Jagdalpur became connected to Delhi by air service. The Alliance Air flight started from Delhi and landed in Jagdalpur via Jabalpur at 11.30 am. On arrival of the plane, it was welcomed with water cannon at Maa Danteshwari Airport. In the program, MLA Kiran Dev expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister, Aviation Ministry and the Chief Minister and congratulated the people of Bastar for their direct service to Delhi. He appreciated the efforts of the district administration for this.

Historic moment for Bastar when the flight from the city to Delhi left today. Flights will operate from here two days a week, on Monday and Friday.

The flight will take off from Delhi at 7.30 am, reach Jabalpur at 9.50 am, take a 30-minute stoppage there and fly to Jagdalpur at 10.15 am and reach Jagdalpur at 11.35 am. The flight will leave from here at 12 noon and reach Jabalpur at 1.25 pm. From there the flight will take off for Delhi at 1.50 pm and will reach Delhi at 3.55 pm. On the first day, 27 passengers have booked tickets to fly from the city to Delhi. 24 passengers reached Jagdalpur by this aircraft. Collector Vijay Dayaram K on the commencement of the aircraft's service to Delhi. Congratulated everyone for the expansion of air services. He said that with the formation of the new government, continuous efforts were made to increase air service in Bastar, in which the role of local MLA Dev has been important. Two air services are being

started from our airport this month which will be beneficial for the development, tourism and trade of the area.

On this occasion, District Panchayat President Mrs. Dewadati Kashyap, Mayor Mrs. Safira Sahu, former MP Dinesh Kashyap, Commissioner Shyam Dhawade, IG Sundarraj P, Superintendent of Police Shalabh Sinha, Additional Collector CP Baghel, Airport Director Videsh Gupta and other officers were present. In the program, the passengers were welcomed by giving flowers and the passengers also shared their experiences. The guests present along with the pilot, copilot and crew members of the aircraft celebrated the program by cutting the cake.

It may be noted that the Central Government has started this service from Bastar under the UDAN scheme. Jagdalpur-Delhi sector has been included in the Regional Connectivity Scheme. For the coming three years, passengers of Bastar will be able to travel on this route at concessional rates. There was a demand for starting flights from Bastar to Delhi for a long time, which has now been completed, this is a big gift for Bastar.

## NIT Raipur's students secure placements at Texas Instruments



Raipur, Mar 12: National Institute of Technology, Raipur's final year (7th Semester) students of Information Technology Sawale Devesh Baburao, Bhagwat Shrikrushna Gajanan, Ayut Jain, Sumona Sarkar and Subham Shrikant Bawner have received Pre-Placement Offers (PPO) from an American information technology company Texas Instruments. Sawale Devesh Baburao will soon join Texas Instruments as a Software Development Engineer with an outstanding CTC of 36.6 LPA. Shrikrushna

Gajanan Bhagwat has secured the role of Software Development Engineer (SDE) at Texas Instruments India with an impressive CTC of 36.6 LPA. Ayut Jain, an accomplished 7th semester IT student, has secured a distinguished position as an Application Developer at Texas Instruments, boasting an impressive CTC of 36.6 LPA facilitated by a coveted Pre-Placement Offer (PPO).

Sumona Sarkar, secured the role of Software Development Engineer (SDE) at Texas Instruments with an impressive CTC of 36.6 LPA. Shubham Shrikant Bawner, secured the role of Software Development Engineer (SDE) at Texas Instruments India with an impressive CTC of 36.6 LPA.

## Variety of prog marks Int'l Women's Day



Raipur, Mar 12: International Women's Day was celebrated by members of Ramgarhia Sewak Sabha (women's wing) here on Saturday at Ramgarhia hall in Tatibandh. In this programme, Dr Chanchaldeep Kaur (Principal Rungta International College), Dr Ishwar Kaur Kukreja (Gynecologist) and Priya Babara (Financial Advisor) were invited as the chief guest and they gave valuable information

about their respective subjects. On this occasion Board of Directors of women's wing viz. Harcharan Rana, Balvinder Kaur, Kuldeep Vardi, Tajinder Kaur and Sanjeet Kaur were present.

The stage was conducted by Preeti Mudad, Anshu Rana and Kanwaljeet Kaur. In the theme of the programme, 'Our objective, your identity and your honour', the teachers, engineers, financial advisors, dieticians

and Make-up artists were felicitated by presenting them with certificates. Soings, dance, poems and one-act play was also presented. The Tarrot Card reader Tejinder Kaur also rendered her services. In the 'Anand Mela' organised, the members enjoyed home-made cuisines and enjoyed purchasing from the shopping stalls put in the programme.

The programme was outlined under the direction of President Ramgarhia Sewak Sabha (RSS) Jaswinder Singh Rana and it was participated by women from RSS (women's wing) in large number.

The President Women's Wing of RSS Preeti Mudad, and her team Anshu Rana, Kanwaljeet Kaur (Sonu), NeetuBhui, Jaswinder Kaur, Simran Kaur, Jitu Kaur, Manju Bhamra, Sweety Saggi, Mona Vardi successfully concluded the programme.

## Housing Minister Choudhary reviews CHB works



Raipur, Mar 12: Chhattisgarh, OP Housing and Environment Minister Choudhary has reviewed the works of

Chhattisgarh Housing Board (CHB) at his residence office in Shankar Nagar. In the presence of senior departmental officers, OP Choudhary took information regarding the previously constructed, ongoing and upcoming projects of CHB. In the review meeting, Choudhary has instructed the departmental officers to complete the ongoing projects quickly with high quality and to provide high level modern facilities to the residents.

**Gross negligence caused fire in Chintakonta residency POTA cabin**

**Five-member investigation team led by former MLA Devati Karma reached Chintakonta and reviewed the incident**

Bijapur, Mar 12: As per the instructions of the Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee President Deepak Baij, under the leadership of former Dantewada MLA Devati Karma, on Monday Mar 11, a five-member team investigated the incident of fire in the residential POTA cabin located in Chintakonta village under Awapalli police station of Bijapur district. In this incident, a 4 year old tribal girl died due to burning in the POTA Cabin. To know the reality of this entire incident, the investigation team became aware of the reality of the fire by discussing with the girl students studying in Chintakonta POTA Cabin, the school administration, the victim's family and the villagers. The five-member investigation team will send its detailed report to the State Congress Committee.

All the hostel students, teachers, superintendent and family members told the investigation team that the fire incident happened due to gross negligence.



Neither there were no proper security arrangements nor any fire extinguishers were installed in the POTA Cabin. No administration official went to inspect from time-to-time. The officials continued to perform only the formalities in the name of inspection. As a result of which the girl students are being harassed and a four year old girl has died. Government property worth lakhs of rupees has been damaged due to fire in POTA Cabin.

District Congress Committee Bijapur organized a press conference on this entire matter at the district headquarters Bijapur on Monday. Addressing the press conference, Bijapur MLA Vikram Mandavi demanded from the administration and the government that the administration and the government should take this incident seriously.

A high level inquiry should be conducted into this and action should be taken against the culprits.

Taking on the BJP government of the state, MLA Vikram Mandavi said that ever since the BJP government has been formed in the state, incidents have been happening continuously in which tribals are dying, the government is taking usury in the administration.

Just a few days ago, the case of a tribal student committing suicide by hanging himself under suspicious

circumstances was still not resolved, when a 04 year old tribal girl died in a fire in Chintakonta POTA Cabin. MLA Vikram has demanded from the government and administration that all these incidents should be investigated at a high level with full promptness and strict action should be taken against whoever is found guilty in all these incidents. If action is not taken against the culprits,

then the Congress party will launch a violent movement, the responsibility of which will be on the government and administration.

In the press conference, PCC member Vimal Surana, District Panchayat President Shankar Kudiam, District Congress Committee District President Lalu Rathore, District Panchayat Vice President Kamlesh Karam, District Panchayat member Basant Rao Tati, District President Bodhi Tati, District President Anita Telam, District Vice President Sonu Potam. A large number of Congress workers including Municipality Vice President Purushottam Sallur, District Congress Committee General Secretary Sukdev Nag, Jitendra Hemla, Mahila Congress District President Geeta Kamal, Treasurer Purushottam Khatri, Manoj Avalam, Councilor Laxman Katti were present.

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## Ajatshatru, Director Training Operation

Raipur, Mar 12: Once again there has been an administrative reshuffle in the Vishnudev Sai government. The government has entrusted 2011 batch officer of Indian Police Service, Ajatshatru Bahadur Singh (SP, ATS, Raipur) with the responsibility of Director, Training Operation, Fire and Emergency Services and Home Guard and Civil Defense Headquarters in the capital Raipur.

## CM Sai extends warm welcome to MP CM Dr Yadav

Raipur, Mar 12: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav paid a courtesy visit to Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at his residence today. Upon arriving at the Chief Minister's residence, Dr Yadav was warmly welcomed by Chief Minister Sai and honoured with a shawl and artwork of Bastar



art. Dr Mohan Yadav is on a one-day visit to

Chhattisgarh to participate in the distribution of funds and other programmes under the Krishak Ummati Yojana of the Chhattisgarh Government in Rajnandgaon.

Finance Minister OP Choudhary, MP Sunil Soni, Sanjay Srivastava, and Rahul Kothari were also present.



# 'Will approach SC on notification of CAA rules'

**Hyderabad, Mar 12 (PTI):** Alleging that the CAA is against the Constitution, AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday said he would approach the Supreme Court in the wake of rules being notified for the law. A law cannot be made on the basis of religion and that there are many Supreme Court judgments on it, he said. "... (it is) against the right to equality. You are giving permission (citizenship) to every religion, you are not giving to those whose religion is Islam," he told reporters here. The Centre on Monday implemented the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, notifying the rules four years after the contentious law was passed by Parliament to fast-track citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and

Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014. Owaisi claimed that CAA should be seen together with NPR (National Population Register) and NRC (National Register of Citizens). "This government is making rules after four years. I would like to tell the country. The present Home Minister (Amit Shah) has said in Parliament and mentioning my name that NPR will also come, NRC will also come. He (Home Minister) had said this in many TV interviews. I would like to say don't see CAA (alone). You have to see this together with NPR and NRC. When that happens, of course, the biggest target would be Muslims, Dalits, Adivasis and the poor," he said. He said in the "Supreme Court-monitored" exercise on NRC in Assam, 19 lakh



**Asaduddin Owaisi**

names did not figure. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that about 10 to 12 lakh Hindus whose names did not figure in the list would get citizenship when CAA is implemented as their religion is included in it, Owaisi said. Saying that about two lakh Muslims out of the 19 lakh would not get this benefit, he asked what else it is if not injustice. It is false to say that Hindus, Sikhs or Christians who were liv-

ing in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh could not be given citizenship, he claimed. "The government always had power. They could have given by executive order," he said. Owaisi recalled that he himself had filed a case in the Supreme Court on CAA. When the hearing took place and his lawyer sought a stay, the government had responded saying that rules have not been framed. "Now, when the rules have been framed, we will file in the Supreme Court. We will make an effort to raise this issue in the court," the AIMIM leader said. Observing that the Telangana Legislative Assembly had passed a resolution (during the previous BRS regime) that a census would be done in the state but not NPR-NRC exercise, he expressed con-

fidence that the Congress government in the state would go by that. "We are not against the census exercise. Because it is done under a particular Act. NPR-NRC is done under the Citizenship Act. That is the concern. What BJP has done in Assam, wants to do it throughout the country," Owaisi said. Asked if he would take up an agitation by joining forces with like-minded organisations, he said the country belongs to all and not confined to political parties. Stating that he is not against giving citizenship to Hindus and Sikhs from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, he said, "You are making this law, because, when you do NPR and NRC in the country in the future, you want to make the 17 crore Muslims in India stateless," he alleged.

# 'Cong' 'Adivasi Sankalp' will ensure rights of tribals are protected'

**New Delhi, Mar 12 (PTI):**

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday asserted the party's 'Adivasi Sankalp' will ensure that the rights of tribals as well as their 'zameen, jungle and jal' are protected. Addressing a press conference at his residence here, Kharge said former party chief Rahul Gandhi has announced the party's guarantee for the welfare and well-being of the tribal communities in Maharashtra's Nandurbar. Hailing the party's 'Adivasi Sankalp', Kharge said ensuring justice for tribals is the party's primary responsibility. "They are being harassed, their land is being taken away, they are made to work as bonded labour. We will ensure, through this guarantee, to free them from all this," he said. Kharge said the Congress is committed to protect the tribals, 'jal, jungle and zameen'. In a post on X later, Kharge said a national mission will be set up for the effective im-



**Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge addresses a press conference at his residence, in New Delhi, Tuesday.**

great distress to Adivasis, he said. Kharge said the Congress is committed to notify all habitations or groups of habitations where STs are the largest social group as Scheduled Areas - in all the states and Union Territories. The Congress is committed to enact state laws in conformity with the central Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas Act (PESA) to establish 'village government' and 'autonomous district government' as envisaged in PESA, he said. The Congress' Right to MSP legislation - which will give legal status to MSP - will also cover Minor Forest Produce (MFP), Kharge said. The Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes and the Tribal Sub Plan, introduced by Indira Gandhi in the late 1970s to ensure balanced and adequate share of budgetary resources for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, was abolished in 2014 by the Modi government, he said.

# History created at Paradip Port

**Paradip, Mar 12:**

The commitment and resolve shown by Team PPA saw that Paradip Port Authority (PPA), clocked highest ever cargo throughput of 135.68 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) since its inception, 23 days in advance of the current FY 2023-24. Earlier record was 135.36 MMT achieved in FY 2022-23. Paradip port, known for the highest productivity and the lowest tariff is expected to draft a new chapter, in its history of 57 years, by becoming the No. 1 cargo handling Major Port of the country, during the current fiscal. It is poised to touch historic 145 MMT mark. P.L. Haranadh, Chairman, PPA congratulated the



Team PPA for this magnificent performance. He has expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal under whose able leadership and guidance, Team PPA achieved the enviable record. Cargo volume handled by PPA in current fiscal till February end exhibited 8.14% stellar growth. Coal handling amounting to 58.78 MMT constitutes about 44.42% of total cargo volume handled at the Port. Iron Ore and Pellet cargo has grown by remarkable 48.86% thus by clocking 23.79 MMT.

# Hindus celebrate, recite Hanuman Chalisa at Bhojshala after HC decision

**Dhar (MP), Mar 12 (PTI):**

A day after the court's verdict over Bhojshala, a medieval-era structure in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar, several Hindu community members on Tuesday celebrated at its premises and recited Hanuman Chalisa there. Members of the Muslim community, on the other hand, are planning to move the Supreme Court against the high court's decision. The Madhya Pradesh High Court here on Monday directed the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to carry out within six weeks a "scientific survey" of the Bhojshala complex, which both Hindus and Muslims

claim as their own. Hindus consider Bhojshala, an ASI-protected 11th century monument, to be a temple dedicated to Vagdevi (Goddess Saraswati), while the Muslim community calls it Kamal Maula Mosque. As per an arrangement made by the ASI on April 7, 2003, Hindus perform puja in the Bhojshala premises on Tuesdays, while Muslims offer namaz in the complex on Fridays. Ashok Jain, a leader of Bhoj Utsav Samiti, said that after the high court's order, people recited Hanuman Chalisa on Tuesday and prayed to God that this survey be completed soon and Bhojshala should be given

to Hindus. Bhoj Utsav Samiti's General Secretary Sumit Choudhary said that the high court has accepted the long-pending demand for the ASI survey. Now, truth will come out through investigation and Bhojshala will regain its glory, he told reporters. Another Hindu community leader Gopal Sharma says people expressed their happiness over the court's decision and celebrated it with great enthusiasm. "Satyagraha has been held every Tuesday continuously for the last 32 years," he said. Due to this agitation, the Bhojshala issue is being recognised in the entire country, he said.

# 6th death anniv of Dr Pratima Behera observed

**Paradip, Mar 12:**

The 6th death anniversary of Dr. Pratima Behera, a renowned Gynecologists and Obstetricians doctor of Paradip Port Hospital was held at Jagannath Temple premises here at in Paradip on Tuesday. Under the supervision of Dr. Rajkishore Mallik, the husband of late Dr. Behera. Many dignitaries, intellectuals, doctors and staff of the hospital and

Paradip Port attended the ceremony and paid tributes to her by offering flowers on her photo. Late Dr. Behera was a good and compassionate doctor, very kind and simple-hearted person. After her death, her husband Dr. Mallik has been observing the death anniversary and memorial meeting every year alongwith charitable works for the downtrodden.



# RELIGIOUS FAIR



**Devotees participate in a procession during the annual Mandi Shivaratri Fair, in Mandi, Tuesday.**

# Jilted TMC leader Arjun Singh alleges 'betrayal' by party

**Kolkata, Mar 12 (PTI):**

A day after finding himself out of favours from the TMC top brass for a ticket to contest the Barrackpore Lok Sabha seat, disgruntled leader Arjun Singh on Tuesday said he felt "betrayed" and left enough hints for his willingness to cross over to the BJP yet again. Vowing to enter the poll fray on his home turf against the TMC candidate Partha Bhowmik, Singh argued he could not "let down the collective wishes of the voters of Barrackpore who had sent him to the Lok Sabha in 2019 as a BJP candidate". In a significant gesture, Singh removed the photos of TMC chairperson Mamata Banerjee and party national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee from his office chamber on Tuesday and subsequently replaced them with photos of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He also countered Mamata Banerjee's political stand on CAA and stat-

ed, "I thank Modiji and Amit Shahji for fulfilling the dreams of the persecuted minorities in neighbouring countries who were forced to flee their birthplace and giving them citizenship rights." "Those who are opposing such a landmark decision are doing it for political reasons," he added. Singh, who defected back to TMC in 2022 but retained his MP status, told reporters that his exclusion from the party's candidate list was "a shocking betrayal which felt like slashing the throat from back." Following a similar turn of events back in 2019, Singh had quit the TMC to trump the party's then candidate Dinesh Trivedi in Barrackpore on a BJP ticket. While jumping back to his former party three years later, he had called his BJP association a "mistake". Asked if he would contest as an independent candidate this time, Singh said, "I want to contest on behalf of a major political party. I wasted my time with the TMC. They dumped me like a waste product even though I

took part in every activity of the party." Singh confirmed that he was contacted by TMC leaders following his exclusion from the party's candidate list announced from the Brigade Parade Ground rally in Kolkata on Sunday. "Senior party leader Firhad Hakim and my long-time friend Partha Bhowmik had contacted me and held long conversations over the phone. They promised I would be suitably accommodated. But I want no such thing. I don't want a role in state politics after being denied a chance to serve the people in Parliament." BJP state spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya said, "The decision to allow Arjun Singh's return to our party will be decided by our central leader-

ship." "All I can say is that the door of BJP may be closed for him but not bolted from inside. It can be opened with a gentle push," Bhattacharya added. Confirming his talks with Singh, state minister Firhad Hakim said, "I have requested Arjun to refrain from taking any steps which could complicate matters further. I have conveyed to him my suprema's promise that he will be appropriately compensated in accordance with his stature and profile. The ball is now in his court." Bhowmik, who is scheduled to meet Singh over tea sometime soon said, "I urge him to not go back to BJP as such frequent jumps do not go down well with the electorate."

# Bhubaneswar-Balangir Exp extended up to Sonepur



**Bhubaneswar, Mar 12:** 12893 Bhubaneswar-Balangir-Sonepur Super Fast Express after arrival at Balangir will leave at 1345hrs towards Sonepur and will reach at Sonepur at 1515hrs. In the return direction, 12894 Sonepur-Bhubaneswar Super fast from Sonepur will leave at 1300hrs and will reach at Balangir at 1425hrs. This train will leave Balangir at 1445hrs and will reach at Bhubaneswar at 2145hrs. The regular service

# Effort to upskill 10,000 truckers

**Bhopal, Mar 12:**

Castrol India Limited, has embarked on its next endeavour to empower Indian truck drivers with the launch of its purpose-led initiative, 'Castrol CRB TURBOMAX Pragati Ki Paathshaala'. The initiative is aimed at spurring entrepreneurial zeal and enhancing professional competencies of truck drivers with its on-ground leg targeted to upskill over 10,000 truckers across India. With two days of on-ground Paathshaalas in Bhilai, the 'Castrol CRB TURBOMAX Pragati Ki Paathshaala' initiative has upskilled over 450 truck drivers through insightful and interactive knowledge sessions. The initiative's on-site camp in Bhilai

comprised engaging educational and entertaining activities for truck drivers in the city. The knowledge sessions were organised to upskill truckers in four key aspects - Driving Safety, Truck Ownership, New Technology, and Business Profitability-empowering them to #BadhteRahoAagey. Sandeep Sangwan, Managing Director of Castrol India, said, "The trucking community has always been an integral part of Castrol India, and we have been continuously striving to ensure their safety and livelihood through transformative initiatives. With this initiative, we want to empower and inspire truck drivers to become 'Chalak Se Malak'.

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Interested persons should obtain formats of Technical Bids & Financial Bids from our General Administration Department, Circle Office, Gourav Path, Bilaspur from morning 10 AM to evening 5 PM and also the same should be obtained from our bank's website.

Each part should be kept in a separate cover and the cover containing technical details should be marked 'Envelope No. 1 Technical Bid' and the cover containing financial details should be marked 'Envelope No. 2 Financial Bid'.

Both these covers duly sealed, should be put in a third cover super scribed with 'Offer of premises for Punjab National Bank at Ratanpur' submitted to our office by 28-03-2024 by 5 PM.

Government/Public Sector building should be given preference for hiring the premises. Bank has to right to accept/reject the proposal without giving any reason.

**CIRCLE HEAD**



## 184 school children benefitted from 'Nyota Bhoj'



**Organised at Govt Model Primary School, Kirwai**  
**Simga, Mar 11:**

'Nyota Bhoj' was organised at Govt Model Primary School Kirwai under Sankul Strota Kendra Damkheda of Simga block on Tuesday and it was organised by Panchayat repof Gram Panchayat Kirwai Sarpanch Premin Devraj Dewangan and Dy. Sarpanch Omprakash Sahu and with assistance of Panchs of Gram Panchayat. In this 'Nyota Bhoj', sweets like 'Kheer',

'Puri', 'Kela', 'Aachar', 'Papad', and salad were distributed and in this 184 children got benefitted. In this the Block Education Officer Simga block SK Gendale, Sankul in-Charge Sanjay Shrivastava, Sankul co-ordinator Reshma Vadkar, and head of School Head Master Bhuvan Lal Sahu and all the teachers of the school gave valuable contribution. After this BEO SK Gendale expressed gratitude towards Panchayat representatives and motivated the teachers present and gave suggestions and instructions to organise such programmes in the near future.

## Two nabbed with sandalwood worth Rs 7.20 lakh



**Were illegally transporting it from MP**

**Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Mar 11:**

The GPM Police nabbed two sandalwood smugglers with 90 Kg of Sandalwood worth Rs 7.20 lakh along with the pick-up van bearing No. CG 10-AY-7585, costing around Rs 4 lakh and totalling Rs 11.20 lakh in all.

Cyber Cell in-charge SK

Dhruv got tip from an informer that two persons in Gram Andhiyarkhoh, Darri are keeping costly Sandalwood in their possession and are looking for customers. The Cyber Cell immediately informed about it to the senior police officers and on which as per instructions by SP Bhavna Gupta and under guidance of Addl. SP Manisha Thakur and SDOP Shyam Kumar Sidar, TI Gaurela was asked to immediately take



action. The Cyber-Cell and Thana team carried out checking by forming check-posts at different places and stopped one Pick-up vehicle near 'Tikar-Kala' triangle. On conducting inspection, they found sandalwood packed in three plastic bags. On inquiry, the accused informed that they have brought it by cutting it in village Bhelwa of MP and sell it higher rate here. Tree being one from pro-

tected and conserved species is banned to be cut or transported without any permit. So both the accused and pick-up vehicle was seized and due legal action was taken against them.

In the above action, TI Gaurela Saurabh Singh, Cyber-Cell in-Charge SI Suresh Dhruv, Asst. SI Manoj Hanotia, head constable Ravi Tripathi, constable Rajesh Sharma, Mahendra Paraste played an important role.

## Red-coloured 'Tesu' flowers drawing attention



**Khairagarh, Mar 12:**

'Holi', known as the 'Queen of the festivals' among other festivals in India, is hardly 12 days to go and during this the month of 'Falgun' is at its peak. It is amidst the fast changing lifestyle and social media craze, the beats of 'nagadas' is slowly fading away, but the tree of 'Tesu' (Palash) in the jun-

gles near Khairagarh is spreading natural beauty prior to closure of 'Falgun maah' and attracting attention of all. There was a time when the 'Palash' trees were existing in jungles of Khairagarh in large number and it used to attract attention of people for long and people used to play 'Holi' with 'red coloured' flowers to promote natural colours.

## Corporators along with citizens stage dharna



**For lack of repair work of road**  
**Dongargaon, Mar 12:**

The problems in city due to road-widening work is regularly increasing and for its solution many news coverage was done in the newspapers, but despite this no solution could be found. On the other hand, due to ongoing road construction work, there are potholes all over the road and it is causing problems for the pedestrians and ve-

hicle riders to move smoothly. The accidents taking place daily has become a common thing.

On the other hand, complaints was filed to contractor and PWD department many a times, but even after this neither the potholes were filled-up nor any repair works were done.

With no immediate solution to the problems, the corporator Ward No. 4, Siddhi Badgujar along with other citizens staged dharna on the main road

on March 11. The local administration became active with sudden stage of dharna and the Tehsildar PL Nag along with police reached the site and came to know about the problems from the corporator and other people and gave instructions to the concerned department to start the patch-work at the earliest. It was on explaining to the those sitting on dharna by the officers and public representatives, the dharna was called off.

## Dhamtari police felicitates 30 working women

**Were also asked to stay away from crime and inform police about any incident immediately**

**Dhamtari, Mar 12:**

As per instructions by the SP Anjaney Vasharney and by DSP Ragini Mishra, a felicitation programme of independent working women in different fields was organised. In this programme, a total of 30 working independent women including All India Lyness Club Janki Gupta along with ladies tailor, beauty parlour owners, cow-dung artist, choice centre in-charge, cuisine expert, 'dauna-pattal' makers and those manufacturing other domestic and decorative items; handicraft expert were felicitated.

DSP Ragini Mishra addressing in the programme gave information about the different



schemes launched by the state government for upliftment and welfare of women and hailed the works of women.

She informed that all women should remain alert and upto-date, so that they can provide healthy atmosphere to provide best of the education to their children and motivated the women by providing proper guidance and extended greetings to

all those present on occasion of International Women's Day.

She also said that women and girls are the foundation of any society and both boys and girls are having equal rights. To provide safety to women and girls, the state government, local administration and police stands committed. Discussions were held related to increase in livelihood for women and for im-

parting different types of training and the girls present were motivated to become role -models, so that other can follow them. Highlighting the importance of education for woman, all were asked to ensure education to their children without fail, as with education, one can lead a better life and can develop a bright future.

The women present were asked to save themselves

from any type of crime and in case of any crime, should inform their family or to the police immediately, so that due action can be taken against the accused. Apart from this an appeal was made to the public, not to become part of any untoward or bad incident against women or girls, nor should try to hide any type of crime against women. The women were asked not to fall victim of different types of superstitions like 'Tonhi-harassment', 'Jhadphook' and others and instead take the sufferer for treatment to hospital.

The women present were also informed about POCOA Act, adverse effect of intoxication, online fraud, cyber crime and others in detail. They were also informed to apprise the police by identifying the people coming from other villages or region and keep self safe and secure and always use the social media viz. Facebook, Instagram, Tweeter and other safely and following all security and safety measures.

## Eminent women yoga practitioners honoured

**Under the prog 'Uttam Swasthya-Healthy India'**  
**Manendragarh, Mar 12:**

For the first time, in the context of women empowerment, the Patanjali Yoga Samiti district unit, dedicated to "good health and healthy India", honoured the special women yoga practitioners, who cured difficult and serious diseases by assimilating yoga and pranayam in their daily routine.

The felicitation ceremony organized in the premises of Saraswati Shishu Mandir Sports Complex was presided over by Dr. Sandeep Chandel, a well-known Ayurvedic physician and district in-charge of Chhattisgarh Yogasana Sports Association. On this occasion, former councilor Jaspal Singh Kalra (Babbu) had a special presence.

In the program "Honouring Women Yoga Practitioners", those women associated with Patanjali



Yoga Samiti were honored, who have incorporated Yoga Pranayam in their lives for better health. For their special work, Balveer Kaur, (District-in-charge Mahila Yoga Committee District Korea), Neelam Dubey, Senior Lecturer (Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Manendragarh), Pinky Raina, Sunita Mishra (Government Boys

Secondary School) Sunita Sharma Lecturer (Government Boys Higher Secondary School Manendragarh), Kavita Mangatani, Ira Kar, Harshalata Khyani, Anita Das Gupta, Babli Singh, Pinky Saluja, Roshan Jahan, Shaman Female Yoga practitioners were honoured.

The distinguished women practitioners who were honored were Dr. Sandeep Chandel, Yoga practition-

ers of Patanjali Yoga Samiti, Rakesh Aggarwal, Jasveer Singh Raina (Bablu), Ramsevak Vishwakarma, Acharya Diwakar of Saraswati Shishu Mandir and Rohit Singh. The felicitated women and guest addressed the program and the entire program was conducted by Satish Upadhyay, senior yoga instructor of Patanjali Yoga Samiti. Leaflets related to Surya Namaskar in Ayurvedic medicine and Pranayam, and Ayurvedic medicines were also distributed by Dr. Sandeep Chandel, Director of Ayurvedic Dispensary Ghutra. Expressing his gratitude to the invited guests, Mr. Upadhyay informed that regular Yoga Pranayam class is being conducted every day from 6:00 am in the courtyard of Saraswati Shishu Mandir. Soon, a camp related to Yoga and Pranayam, which is especially useful in diabetes and heart disease, will be conducted with the courtesy of Patanjali Yoga Samiti.

## Rs 856 cr transferred into account of 1.54 lakh farmers today

**Bemetara, Mar 12:**

Tuesday brought great news for the farmers of Chhattisgarh. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo said that Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy was given in Chhattisgarh in a state level program organized in district Balod on March 12. Rs 13,320 cr came into the accounts of 24.72 lakh farmers of Chhattisgarh. In Bemetara, the district level program was organized at the Krishi Upaj Mandi market complex of the district headquarters. Apart from this, programmes were organized in all the development blocks of the district. The bell will ring on the mobile phones of 156583 farmers of Bemetara district when Rs 856 crore 27 lakh will be credited into their

accounts. These farmers had procured 934687 metric tonnes of paddy. Rs 201.15 cr and it was transferred into the accounts of 38768 farmers of Navagarh development block of the district, Rs 217.05 cr was deposited in the accounts of 38519 farmers of Bemetara, and Rs 211.86 cr in the accounts of 38184 farmers of Berla development block. Similarly, Rs 226.21 cr as deposited in the accounts of 39113 farmers of Saja development block. Farmers Shailesh Verma, Kobia Bemetara, Vinod Verma Mohbhata, Lal Singh Verma Saigona and Mahesh Kumar Sahu are very happy because the difference amount will be credited to their accounts. It is known that paddy was procured in Chhattisgarh from November 1 to February 4 for

the Kharif year 2023-24. In this, about 147 lakh metric tonnes of paddy was purchased at MSP from 24.72 lakh farmers. In this, the government had fixed the rate at Rs 2183 for normal grade paddy and Rs 2203 for A grade paddy. As per his promise, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has purchased 21 quintals of paddy per acre from the farmers. 147 lakh metric tonnes of paddy has been purchased in Kharif, which is a record in itself. The government has given MSP to the farmers for the purchase of paddy, as per the promise, the price of paddy will be given to every farmer at Rs 3100 per quintal. In this way, there was a difference of Rs 1 per quintal after MSP. This difference amount was deposited in the farmers' accounts March 12.

## Promotional literature distributed

**Raipur, Mar 12:**

The promotional literature published by the Directorate of Public Relations based on public welfare schemes and programs of the state government were distributed for free at the state-level 'Mahapanchayat' of Panchayat representatives today at Science College ground in capital city Raipur. These include 'Modi Ki Guarantee Pocket Book', 'Vishnu Deo Ke

Tvarit Nirnay Se Ho Raha Sushasan Ka Suryoday', Ram Lala illustrated calendar, book named 'Sushashan Ke Do Maah' along with the February issue of the monthly magazine 'Chhattisgarh Janman'.

A large number of representatives of the three-tier Panchayati Raj institutions, including district and village panchayat, gathered at this mega congregation to collect the publicity material.

## Tailoring training given to 10 women

**And mason training was given to 10 men**

**Jagdalpur, Mar 12:**

Civic Action Program was organized by CRPF 241 Bastariya Battalion in village Sedwa, police station Darbha, district Bastar. Under which CRPF 241 Bastariya Battalion gave free one month sewing training to a total of 10 women of villages Sedwa, Lendra and Kamanar falling in the

area of E/F/G and Headquarters 241 Battalion under the Self-reliant India Campaign. After completion of the training, sewing machine related kits were also distributed to the trainees. During this training, women were taught sewing, weaving and embroidery work. In which women received training with full dedication and devotion. In this series, a total of 10 men were given training as masons. And mason's kit was also dis-



tributed to the apprentices. So that women and men will be able to become self-reliant and run their jobs and families. Anjana Haldhar Jagdalpur played

the role of trainer for this sewing training.

Commandant 241 Bastariya Battalion, Padma Kumar, the chief guest of the civic action

closing ceremony, while addressing the villagers on Sunday, said that 241 Bastariya Battalion is working in your area under the Self-reliant India campaign. So that all you villagers will benefit from it and you can work self-reliantly and live a happy life. The battalion is committed to helping the local people and is working in coordination and harmony with the local people at the place of deployment. Efforts have been made to make women self-reliant

by giving them sewing training. During this time Padmakumar A. Commandant 241 Battalion, Kumar Bara, Second Commandant, Vikas Kumar Deputy Commandant, Dr. Varsha Rose O Zone, Dr. Brijesh Kumar Medical Officer, Harchand Kashyap, Sarpanch Gram Panchayat Sedwa, Ramesh Mandavi Village Secretary along with local villagers and soldiers of 241 Bastariya Battalion were present.



# CM Sai's govt fulfilling all promises made: Rohara

**Under 'Modi-ki-Guarantee' in the state**

**More than 2.36 lakh women distriuted Rs 23.60 cr under MVY**

**As first installment of MVY in Dhamtari distt**

Dhamtari, Mar 12:

Sunday was the special day in the life of women from the district as more than 2.36 lakh women got the payment worth Rs 23.60 cr under Mahatari Vandan Yojana (MVY) as the first installment on pressing of button by PM Narendra Modi. There was air of happiness on the face of the women present and they expressed



gratitude towards PM Modi for the same. MVY was organised in capital city, along with block, district hq's and urban and rural bodies. On this occasion the senior public representa-

tive Ramu Rohra said that CM Vishnu Deo Sai is fulfilling the PM Narendra Modi's 'Modi-ki-Guarantee' and releasing the first installment of MVY and this has brought on your faces. The Sai's

government is fulfilling the promises made one after the other. With free of cost 'Ujjawala Gas Yojana', the women are spending less time in kitchen to cook food and are utilising theirtime for strengthen-

ing the society. He said that development of any countryis possible by strengthening the women and empowering them.

MVY sammelan was organised in all block hq's and this included old Krishi Upaj Mandi Dhamtari, Krishi Upaj Mandi Kurud, Madhuban Gram Ranakdih, Magarlod, Krishi Upaj Mandir and cultural bhavan Aamadi.

On this occasion Ramu Rohra also administred pledge to stop child marriage in Chhattisgarh and on this occasion 20 women were given certificate of MVY and 10 women were issued free of cost LPG cylinder under Ujjawala Yojana and 20 women were distributed new ration cards.

## Of cash from persons after withdrawal from banks

Dhamtari, Mar 12:

The Bhakhara police nabbed two accused involved pickpocketing an aged person of Rs 50000 from his pant's pocket after withdrawal of cash from District Co-op Central Bank's branch in Bhakhara. The police on finding two suspicious persons near Central Bank nabbed the two accused and they accepted of having conducted above theft, apart from stealing cash from a woman near Rajendra Provision Stores Doundil on 24/11/23 and cash of Rs 50000 from a person from District Co-operative Central Bank



Ltd. in Bhakhara on 14/02/24 and Rs 1.0 lakh from a person near Indian Bank Simga on 20/02/24 and Rs 1.50 lakh from a person at SBI Charama. Taking both the accused and witnesses, the police went to house of Sanjay Gouria and seized half of the above looted amount from his possession and the motorcycle used in the crime and made the

seizure. The two accused nabbed are Sanjay Gouria S/o Rashid Gaurai (25), R/o ward No. 6, Adarsh Nagar, Kawardha and Firoz Gond, S/o Lalji Gond (33), R/o ward No. 4, Rakhi Thana Devkar District Bemetara. The police will produce the two in the Court tomorrow and take necessary action thereafter.

# Celebration in Khairagarh Congress Mounting debt: Power Company pursues recovery of over Rs 14 cr



## After former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel nominated as LS candidate

Khairagarh, Mar 12:

On the nomination of former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel as the candidate from Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha in the upcoming elections,

members of the Congress party in Khairagarh celebrated with fervour. Led by District Youth Congress Vice President Nadeem Memon, fireworks lit up the skies at Ambedkar Chowk and New Bus Stand. As Bhupesh Baghel's name was announced for the Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha seat, party workers exchanged sweets and

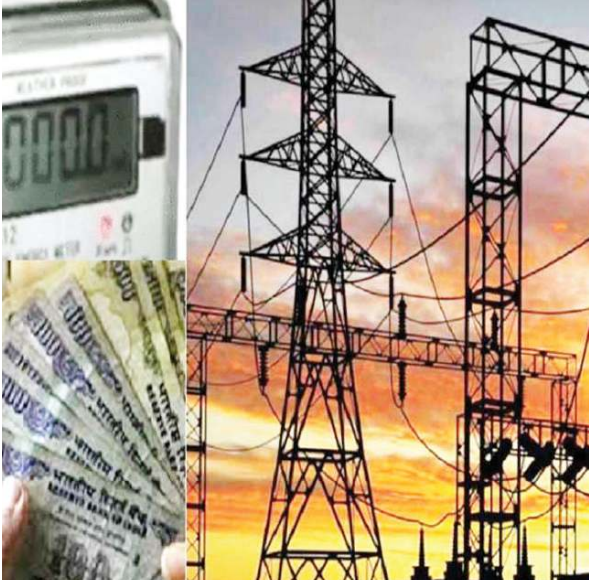
raised enthusiastic slogans. Among the prominent attendees were City Congress Committee President Bhikham Chand Chhajer, Block Congress Committee President Akashdeep Singh, and Municipal Council President Shailendra Verma, along with numerous other party officials and members.

## Govt departments in Khairagarh face electricity disconnection threat

Khairagarh, Mar 12:

As the new fiscal year unfolds, Khairagarh's government departments find themselves embroiled in a dire financial predicament with the power company. Accumulating debts have reached staggering amounts, prompting the electricity company to issue a stern warning to the delinquent departments. With outstanding dues exceeding a hefty sum of Rs. 14 crores, the company has set a deadline of March 25 for payment, failing which disconnection of services looms.

Of significant concern is the hefty outstanding amount owed by various government entities, notably the Gram Panchayats for tap water



connections and street lighting. Additionally, arrears from the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, along with the District Panchayat, compound the financial strain. Despite repeated notices and reminders, payments have remained

elusive, exacerbating the financial strain on the power company. The electricity department has given an ultimatum to disconnect the connection if the bill is not paid promptly. Pending for several months, the outstanding bills for govern-

ment offices in the district amount to approximately Rs 14 crore. Among the 36 departments affected are the Municipality, Police Department, Jail Department, Forest Department, Education Department, and Health Department. Despite monthly reminders from the Electricity Department urging bill payment, these departments remain delinquent. Consequently, the department has resorted to issuing notices to the defaulting departments, warning of imminent action as per departmental regulations.

Compounding the issue further is the delayed disbursement of funds from the government level to meet electricity expenses. Departments are constrained by insufficient allocations, hindering their ability to settle bills promptly. Consequently, the outstanding amount has ballooned to crores,

Notice has been issued to the defaulting government departments; a letter was also issued before depositing the amount. If the bill payment amount is not deposited before March closing, deduction action will be taken as per rules.

**Chhagan Sharma,**  
Executive Engineer  
CSPCL Khairagarh

leaving the power company with no recourse but to pursue rigorous collection measures. In response to the mounting pressure, some departments have initiated efforts to settle outstanding bills following the issuance of notices by the electricity department. However, with a considerable outstanding sum of Rs. 13 crore 90 lakh 56 thousand 928 across government offices in the district, swift action is imperative to avert service disruptions and mitigate financial losses.

# Women are symbol of democracy; they prioritize everyone over self: CM

## Security Camps bring positive change to villagers' lives, constable Baghel shares her experience with CM

Dantewada, Mar 12:

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai interacted with women and school children of Bastar Fighters and Danteshwari Fighters today. While he was listening to their emotional stories, one of the Danteshwari Fighters, Constable Sushri Baghel, shared her inspiring life story. She told the Chief Minister that her village was once under Naxal terror, where Naxals used to mistreat and pressurise



the villagers. The government established a Security Camp to stop the Naxals. This camp completely changed their lives. They stopped living in fear because now the police were there for their safety and they didn't face Naxals. The youth understood the difference between the working of the

police and Naxals and realized the power of democracy, inspiring them to join Bastar Fighters. Chief Minister Sai appreciated the courage shown by Sushri Baghel and stated that he is really happy that a security camp has brought so much change in the lives of villagers. These security

camps are also centers of development. The government has started the 'Niyad Nellanar Yojana' through these camps. Villages inside the five-kilometer radius of these camps will have comprehensive development under this scheme. Chief Minister Shri Sai expressed delight that Sushri Baghel chose democracy instead of dictatorship. He further said that he feels that women are the symbol of democracy as they tend to include 'everyone' rather than just thinking about themselves. He said that he hopes women like Sushri Baghel will keep strengthening democracy. Women of Bastar Fighters are a beacon of hope for saving democracy and the courage of women all over, said Chief Minister Shri Sai.

# Successful resolution of many cases at National Lok Adalat



Khairagarh, Mar 12:

The National Lok Adalat, organized under the auspices of the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority in Bilaspur, witnessed the successful resolution of many complex cases at the Taluk Legal Services Committee in Khairagarh on March 9. Parties involved in the

cases availed themselves of reconciliation opportunities through both virtual conferencing and physical means. The proceedings commenced with the inauguration of the National Lok Adalat, where the parties offered prayers to an oil painting of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Judge Chandra

Kumar Kashyap, from the Additional District and Sessions Court in Khairagarh, played a pivotal role in settling 26 cases to the satisfaction of all parties involved.

In these 10 claim cases, the total award amount was Rs 18 lakh 98 thousand 108. Additionally, Rs 23 lakh 21 thousand 446 was awarded in four other civil cases.

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		₹ 8,77,447.00 as on 02.04.2022 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 10,000/-	
M/s. Shri Ganpati Udyog, Proprietor: Mr. Someshwar Prasad Singh S/o Kameshwar Prasad Singh, MCD Godown, Dhamdha Road, Chikhli, Durg & Guarantor: Mr. Kameshwar Prasad Singh, Plot No. 16/17, Block No. 17, Dakshin Gangotri, Supela, Bhillai.	Property 1- Movable: Plant & Machinery located at MCD Godown Dhamdha Road Chikhli- Durg in the name of M/s. Shri Ganpati Udyog, Proprietor Mr. Someshwar Prasad Singh. Property 2- Immovable: All the part & parcel of lease hold G+1 storied commercial cum residential building situated at plot no. 17, Block no. 17, South Gangotri Commercial Market, Near Circus Ground, Supela, Bhillai, Chhattisgarh standing in the name of Mr. Kameshwar Prasad Singh S/o Mr. Someshwar Prasad Singh, measuring 1308.00 Sqft. Bounded: On the South-Plot No. 16, On the North- Plot No. 18, On the West-Road, On the East-Plot No. 2.	07.11.2022	₹ 3,40,000/-	Mr. Kapil Ganesh Gaud (Mo. 9739675979) Bhillai Main Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB0000298 Email: cb0298@canarabank.com
		09.01.2023	₹ 34,000/-	
1. Mr. Surjit Singh Pothwal S/o Hari Singh Pothwal, H No. 892 K, Street No. 1 D, Ward No. 60, Risali Bhillai Dist. Durg. 490006 & 2. Mrs. Dimpal Kaur W/o Surjit Singh Pothwal, H.No. 892 K, Street No. 1D, Ashish Nagar East, Ward No. 60, Risali, Bhillai, Dist. Durg 490006	All the part and parcel of residential land and building situated at Plot No. 9, Block No. 24, Sector 3, Bhillai-3, Dist. Durg. Area: 484 Sq.Ft. Boundaries: North- Part of Block 23, South- Road, East-Plot 8, West-Plot 10	17.12.2022	₹ 8,91,000/-	Mr. Pramal Singh Singodiya (Mo. 8989162199) Vaishali Nagar, Bhillai Branch A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CODE: CNRB0006491 Email: cb6491@canarabank.com
		02.03.2023	₹ 89,100/-	
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		23.10.2023	₹ 1,68,300/-	
Partner-1. Mr. Suresh Nihichalani, Nihichalani bhawan ward no 10, Opposite Basant Rice Mill, Tilda, Raipur, C.G. 2. Mr. Vijay Kumar Nihichalani S/o Mr. Iandasa Nihichalani, Flat No103, Block-A, Empressia Apartment, New Rajendra Nagar, Raipur, C.G. Guarantor-1. Mrs Kanchan Nihichalani W/o Mr. Suresh Nihichalani, Flat No 101 Block B, Empressia Apartment, New Rajendra Nagar, 2. Mrs Sandhya Nihichalani w/o Mr Vijay Kumar Nihichalani, Flat No 103, Block-A, Empressia Apartment, New Rajendra Nagar, Raipur C.G.	Plot no. 101, Block-B, Empressia Apartment New Rajendra Nagar, Raipur, C.G.	12.01.2024	₹ 1,56,64,110.47 as on 12.01.2024 + future interest & costs, expenses etc.	₹ 10,000/-
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### India's AI Momentum

#### A Paradigm Shift

The Union Cabinet has unfurled the ambitious India AI Mission, heralding a transformative era in our nation's technological odyssey. With a momentous budget allocation of Rs 10,371.92 crore, this initiative underscores India's resolute commitment to emerge as a global juggernaut in AI innovation while leveraging its potential for societal upliftment. The India AI Mission marks not just a policy directive but a clarion call to chart our trajectory in the digital epoch, fostering indigenous capabilities and propelling a paradigm shift in our technological landscape. At the heart of the India AI Mission lies the imperative to establish an expansive ecosystem that fosters AI innovation through strategic partnerships between the public and private sectors. This ecosystem, fortified by accessible computing resources, enhanced data quality, and homegrown AI expertise, is poised to catapult India into uncharted realms of progress. Central to this mission are seven foundational pillars meticulously crafted to address every facet of AI development and deployment with precision and foresight. The creation of a robust AI computing infrastructure stands as the linchpin of this endeavour, aimed at meeting the burgeoning demands of AI startups and research endeavors. This nucleus will serve as the epicenter for the development and deployment of indigenous AI models across diverse sectors, laying the groundwork for cutting-edge solutions tailored to India's unique needs. Complementing this infrastructure is the establishment of a unified data platform, furnishing researchers and startups with a wealth of anonymized datasets to fuel groundbreaking discoveries and applications. By championing AI applications in critical sectors, this mission seeks to address pressing societal challenges while igniting largescale socio-economic transformation. The establishment of data and AI labs in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities democratizes learning opportunities, nurturing a diverse pool of AI talent across the nation. Streamlined access to funding empowers startups to pursue futuristic AI projects, propelling India to the forefront of global innovation. Indigenization emerges as a cardinal tenet of the India AI Mission, aligning with Prime Minister Modi's visionary "Make in India" initiative that has reshaped our manufacturing landscape. From military hardware to aerospace technologies, there has been a discernible shift towards indigenous production, harnessing our domestic technological prowess. AI stands as yet another frontier, permeating various sectors with its transformative potential. Leveraging India's pioneering role in the IT domain, an indigenous AI platform promises to revolutionize industries and invigorate the endeavors of Indian entrepreneurs. While the trajectory charted by the India AI Mission is ambitious, it is not without its challenges. Sustained investment, both financial and in talent acquisition, is imperative for building a world-class AI ecosystem. Additionally, ensuring the responsible development and deployment of AI mandates the establishment of robust ethical frameworks and regulatory mechanisms. By forging international partnerships and embracing best practices, India can leverage collective wisdom to surmount complex challenges and unlock unprecedented avenues of innovation. The India AI Mission represents a watershed moment in our nation's journey towards technological self-sufficiency and societal advancement. With resolute leadership guiding our endeavors, India stands poised to carve a distinctive niche in the global AI landscape. It is imperative that we seize this opportunity with unwavering determination, harnessing the transformative potential of AI to propel India towards a future defined by progress, prosperity, and technological prowess. The India AI Mission is not merely a policy directive; it is a clarion call to chart our destiny in the digital age and secure our place as a global leader in AI innovation.

### TMC's Lone Path

The Trinamool Congress (TMC), a pivotal component of the Congress-led INDIA bloc, has decided to chart an independent course in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls in West Bengal. The failure of negotiations between the TMC and the Congress regarding seat-sharing has laid bare the deep-seated divisions within the Opposition coalition. Adding to the disarray, TMC chief Mamata Banerjee has unequivocally declared her party's intention to confront not only the BJP but also the Congress and the CPM in the state. This move, while projecting strength, underscores the fractious state of the Opposition and the challenges it faces in presenting a united front against the ruling dispensation. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in Bengal, the TMC emerged victorious in 22 out of 42 seats, while the BJP made significant gains by securing 18 seats; the Congress managed to clinch only two. However, negotiations for seat-sharing this time around hit an impasse as the Congress sought more than two seats for its candidates, a demand that the TMC was unwilling to accommodate. The acrimonious relationship between these erstwhile allies came to the fore last year during the Sagardighi bypoll, where a Left-backed Congress candidate triumphed over the TMC nominee. Subsequently, the victor switched allegiance to the Trinamool camp, exacerbating tensions within the coalition. Amidst mounting challenges, particularly in the aftermath of the Sandeshkhali tragedy, the ruling TMC finds itself in a precarious position as it braces for the BJP's onslaught without the backing of its erstwhile allies. The Congress, on the other hand, appears to have overreached in Bengal, complicating an already convoluted political landscape. The ramifications of this rift extend beyond the state's borders, casting a shadow over the national prospects of the INDIA coalition in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The decision by the TMC to go solo reflects not only the intricacies of regional politics but also the underlying fissures within the broader Opposition front. While Mamata Banerjee's assertion of her party's independence may be construed as a show of strength, it also underscores the challenges in forging a cohesive Opposition alliance capable of posing a credible challenge to the incumbent regime. The Congress' willingness to explore alliances, albeit belatedly, underscores the recognition of the need for unity in the face of a formidable adversary. As the political landscape in West Bengal undergoes a seismic shift, it is imperative for all political parties to prioritize the greater goal of countering divisive forces and safeguarding the democratic ethos. While differences and disagreements are inevitable in the realm of politics, it is essential for leaders across the spectrum to rise above parochial interests and work towards a common objective of strengthening democratic institutions and fostering inclusive governance. The forthcoming Lok Sabha elections present an opportune moment for introspection and recalibration, wherein political parties must demonstrate sagacity and statesmanship to navigate the turbulent waters of Indian democracy.

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### PM PAYS HOMAGE TO MAHATMA



Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays homage to Mahatma Gandhi ahead of the launch of master plan for Sabarmati Ashram project, in Gujarat's Ahmedabad, Tuesday, March 12.

## Grave War Violations And Savagery On Children



M.R. LALU



Efforts to strike a truce between Israel and Hamas have failed multiple times. Death toll has been mounting ever since Israel began its offensive. There has been complete disregard for human sentiments. Civilian lives and safety have been seriously impacted and thousands of children were forced to look up for help and hope with the world becoming a mute spectator. Undoubtedly, wars are disastrous. That's how it can be defined. The quantum of bloodshed and disaster get them a place in the pages of history.

And nobody can ultimately say for what wars are fought and who gains out of the bloodshed. But the calamitous impact of all conflicts stays for a long period until people who suffered roll back to normalcy. From Ukraine to Gaza and from Sudan to Myanmar and elsewhere on the globe, wars are equally vigorous as millions have so far been buried under the rubbles of mansions and many more turning orphans and thrown into perils. Why do wars bring long term horror to those who survive its grave violations? This is because most of the human right violations target innocent children and women. And they are the segment of society that carries the collective memory of ruthless invasions and bloodshed for generations. Their susceptibility is that they are non-combatants and easily targetable. This is the case with all wars that began to shake up the human conscience recently.

Organizations working to enforce protection of human rights, especially that of the children, fail to ensure it amid 'grave violations' of wars. The UN has come out with startling revelations on the drastic horror being carried out on children in its latest report. Antonio

Guterres, the UN secretary general calls it shocking and unforgivable. The number of children affected by the horrible impact of the Gaza war is alarming. He calls them the disproportionately affected and the most vulnerable. Warning the world for its far-reaching effects he says that the atrocities include rape, sexual violence, recruitment of child soldiers and abductions. The Secretary General's report also says that out of 27800 violations against 18890 children in 2022, about 8630 were either killed or mutilated and 7622 children got illicitly recruited to militant establishments and approximately 3985 children were abducted. The global scenario is so precarious that instead of receiving protection, children are made victims and punished for the reason they occupy less space of authority in a world of inhuman conflicts. Children were treated heartlessly as they belonged to any side of the parties in conflict.

A United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) report points out that the number of grave violations inflicted on children are increasing daily in troubled areas of Congo, Palestine, Israel, Sudan and Somalia. While hundreds of children were killed in Sudan, more than a million got displaced. Another report says that more than 3 million children and adolescents were victims in Columbia due to recruitment, kidnapping, forced disappearance, murder and sexual violence. Russia is accused of illegally abducting thousands of children after its invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

This atrocious inhuman act of the offender not only destroyed families and societies but also eradicated a generation. Most of such unbelievable, emotional and psychological damage to people and societies stay for a long period.

The frequent ceasefire failure between Israel and Hamas has caused brutal bloodshed of children and women. Though wars do not directly target children, the horror of each war finally makes their life a hell. International laws demand children's protection while wars and their raging destruction cause colossal damage. But unfortunately, such laws get blown into smithereens ruthlessly pushing children into horrible scenarios. The UN reveals statistics of brutality that breaks all conventional understanding of violence. Impartially verifying the statistics, it puts a discomfiting picture of barbarity.

Staggeringly, another report brings a horrible account of human ruthlessness about the Israel-Palestine conflict. It says that more than 11500 Palestinians under 18 years have been killed by the Israeli aggression and about 24000 children have lost one or both parents. Many children have also been reported as recruited to military and militant groups with the purpose of using them in wars. They are directly used in combat operations and as support forces. Islamic radicalism has been flourishing all over the world through a large number of child recruits being well trained and employed in armed combat operations. International Human right laws proclaim 18 as the minimum legal age for recruitment and use of children in hostilities. But laws have often been disregarded and abysmally disabled by groups that are engaged in conflicts. Use of children under the age of 15 is not only prohibited but the international law defines it as a war crime. So what happens in regions that are engaged in armed conflicts amounts to be seen as war crimes. But their brutal enforcement of horror remains merely labeled as war crimes and the international community totally mute and emasculated. UNICEF says the war crimes on children severely impact their mental health.

The alarming reality of it is that more than a million children suffered in the Israel-Palestine conflict needs support. They have been forced to suffer perennial symptoms of persistent anxiety, loss of appetite and sleeplessness. Their outbursts of panic as they hear the bombings increase their predicament, it says.

It is not necessary that there should be wars to the magnitude of Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Palestine for the children to get abducted and raped and

used for violent acts. Children are frequently abducted and weaponized by armed groups and terrorists and gangs. Another UN data says more than 105,000 children, both boys and girls, were used in violent conflicts between 2005 and 2022. As wars emerge afresh, a disturbing paradox potentially troubles the literal civility among societies and countries. Between conflicting groups and countries, wars are not always fought for a sudden political outcome, but with an indubitable purpose of altering the geopolitical alignments and dismantling the cultural frameworks. This is mainly due to the annihilation of a large segment of population or its permanent displacement. The worst authoritarian regimes across the globe that found solutions for every single conflict through wars and bloodshed had this fundamentalist view of finding joy in destroying the cultural threads that ran through the younger generations. Wiping out an aspirational generation of their greater goals and seamless possibilities, the impact of wars would adversely affect the trajectory of life forever. Disabled, orphaned or displaced in wars, children would drastically find themselves marginalized everywhere. Sadly, there could be an endless list of adversities that wars can bring on children.

Death, injury, disability, illness, psychological suffering, rape and prostitution and many more such obvious situations would cripple their lives. Endless sea of sufferings would turn them into a colossal representation of brutality. Humanitarian responses need to emerge as inhuman atrocities on children keep mounting in every conflict. Human minds need to evolve from conflicts to compassion and there should be clear alternatives to wars.

It is so shocking to count the death toll of innocent children in wars that are fought between adults and nations. Wars have to stop, if not, at least, the children should be allowed to capture the glimpse of their future without any calamitous outrage of war befalling on them. Waging a war on children means to wage a war on our future.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Beneath the Veil of Employment

The people who are trying to defend the indefensible by furnishing the "logic" that a certain industrialist "provides employment to thousands of Indians" and so are entitled to enjoy the State privilege of getting an Army airport converted to "international airport" (for 10 days) just for the sake of the comfort of his VVIP guests arriving from all around the world to attend a private function, must be told in unceremonious terms that the the industrial group have provided employment to thousands of Indians not to serve the "ordinary folks"; rather to serve themselves only just like the "ordinary folks" employ housemaids drivers cooks not out of any sort of "charity", but simply to serve themselves and lead comfortable lives. Yes, when the State apparatus scandalously bend its own laws so as to serve the "high and mighty", it "serves" as nothing but fatal assault upon all norms of democracy and equality.

Kajal Chatterjee, Kolkata

#### Outlaw Triclosan used in soaps and shampoos

Triclosan and its link with dioxin, which is highly carcinogenic chemical and can cause health problems as severe as weakening of the immune system, decreased fertility, miscarriage, birth defects, and cancer. Recent work shows that Triclosan promotes liver cancer cell development in mice through pathways shared with humans. While products with this antibacterial agent claim to promote good health, these claims are indeed misleading. Triclosan does not provide any additional health benefits to the consumer, but it does pose risks to human health, most of which are understudied. Therefore Triclosan has to be banned by the concerned department of the regime in the near future.

Dr. Vijaykumar H K, Raichur, Karnataka

#### Naidu's U turn

Allegations of corruption and aloofness have been thrown freely at TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu who is in and out of power. Some political observers felt Naidu, as chief minister, who had a rock solid alliance with the BJP-led-NDA, showed a shocking immaturity by divorcing the BJP on the issue of "special category" status to Andhra Pradesh in 2018. From then on, things have gone downhill for the man credited with transforming the face of Hyderabad. With string of electoral reverses and the recent arrest, Naidu needed the NDA and not exactly vice-versa. It is said that the greatest power is not money power but political power, and politics is a waiting game. Naidu rejoining hands with the BJP-led NDA is nothing more than that. Besides, it is always better to be in the "good books" of the Centre under changed circumstances.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

## Peaceful & Prosperous world and philosophy of Swami Ramakrishna Paramhansa



Rajender Kumar Sharma  
Philosophy of Swami Ramakrishna Paramahansa

God has many forms, who come in different forms and inspire the devotee. It depends on how you are looking at it. God will appear to you in the same form in which you have remembered him." The above sentences are the essence of the spiritual and ideological philosophy of the great saint, thinker and social reformer Swami Ramakrishna Paramahansa. Swami Ramakrishna Paramahansa preached and gave the message to the world about the concept of devotion to the One and formless devotion.

**Birth of Swami Ramakrishna Paramhansa**

According to the Hindu lunar calendar, Shri Ramakrishna was born on Dwitiya Tithi, Phalgun month, Shukla Paksha, Vikram Samvat 1892. Every year, Ramakrishna Jayanti is celebrated in all Ramakrishna monasteries according to the Hindu lunar calendar. Tuesday, March 12, 2024, is being celebrated as the 188th birth anniversary of Swami Ramakrishna Paramahansa, the

Guru of talented disciple Swami Vivekananda and the famous Indian mystic saint of the 19th century.

Swami Ramakrishna Paramahansa was born on Thursday, February 18, 1836 in a village called Kamarpukur in Hooghly district of West Bengal, India. His full name was Gadadhar Chattopadhyay. Ramakrishna ji was a saint and in fact Paramahansa is the title given to him. "Paramhansa" means the owner of infinite knowledge and the one who has control over his senses.

**Ramakrishna Paramhansa's inclination towards spirituality**

He was born in a very poor, but very religious family. It was under his influence that Ramakrishna Paramhansa became an ardent devotee of Maa Kali. He had dedicated himself to Goddess Kali. Ramakrishna Paramhansa may have been married to Shardamani, but in his opinion, his faith in women was in the form of maternal devotion. After some time, Shardamani became his spiritual companion. He had no attachment to worldly life, hence at the age of seventeen he left home and remained absorbed in meditation day and night at the feet of Maa Kali. It is believed that Maa Kali used to come to meet him. He started suf-

fering due to his mother's renunciation. His guru Saint Totaram taught Ramakrishna to control his senses. After this he started being called Ramakrishna Paramahansa. He became the priest of the Dakshineswar Kali temple dedicated to Goddess Kali. He became popular among his devotees as Ramakrishna Paramahansa.

**Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vivekananda**

Ramakrishna ji achieved many achievements. He controlled his senses and inspired the common people as a great thinker and preacher. He emphasized on the worship of formless God.

Due to the light of his knowledge, he introduced spirituality to an ordinary boy named Narendra, who was far away from spirituality and believed only in logic. By making him aware of the infinite powers of God, he transformed Narendra from Narendra to Swami Vivekananda.

Which is still an inspiration for the youth. Later, his followers like Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Keshav Chandra Sen, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, Ashwini Kumar Dutt, Vijay Krishna Goswami brought the laurels for Bharat Maa in their respective fields of expertise.

Ramakrishna Paramahansa left his body on 15 August 1886.

**Establishment of Ramakrishna Mission**

In 1886, shortly before his death, Swami Ramakrishna presented saffron robes, symbolizing renunciation, to his young disciples who were serious and eager to become renunciants. Ramakrishna entrusted the care of these young monks to his favorite disciple Vivekananda. After Ramakrishna's death in 1886, the monastic disciples built the first monastery at Baranagore. The speech that Vivekananda gave as a delegate to the Parliament of the World's Religions held in Chicago in 1893 on Hinduism and spirituality became a lasting memory for every Indian. Due to which he got global wide recognition. He also founded the first Vedanta Society in New York. He returned to India in 1897 and founded the Ramakrishna Mission on 1 May 1897.

He encouraged his followers to remain true to their faith and to respect everyone. Vivekananda died in 1902 but the spiritual philosophy shown by him and Swami Ramakrishna Paramahansa is still followed with the same faith and devotion. Ramakrishna Mission has

205 centers across the world in many countries including the United States of America, Russia.

**Contribution of Ramakrishna Mission in moral education of students**

Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi, in collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission has conducted an innovative experiment in its schools. Under which the three-year ACP (Awakened Citizen Program) for the students of classes 6, 7 and 8 is being run in collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission, the objective of which is to plant the seeds of values of peace, harmony, humility, compassion and cooperation in the students, which have always been an integral part of every civilization globally. This special program also includes the universal teachings of the philosophies of Swami Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vivekananda.

**Fundamental principle of Ramakrishna Mission**

Ramakrishna Mission believes in the manifestation of the soul and the harmony of all religions, that is, if followed correctly all religions lead to the same goal.

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**BRIEF**

**New flight**



**Mopa (Goa):** Regional airline FLY91 will start commercial services on March 18 and flights to Lakshadweep in April. The Goa-based carrier, which will have a fleet of 70-seater ATR 72-600 aircraft, has raised USD 25 million, and plans to connect 50 cities in 5 years, its MD and CEO Manoj Chacko said on Tuesday. At a briefing at the Mopa airport, Chacko said it will start commercial services from March 18 with flights from Goa to Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

**Spectrum allocation**



**New Delhi:** Bharti Group-backed OneWeb has applied for spectrum and is hoping for quick allocation of the radio waves, as it aims to launch commercial satellite communication services by June this year, a top official of Hughes Communications India Private Ltd said. Hughes Communications India (HCIPL) and OneWeb have signed a six-year distribution partner agreement to provide Low Earth orbit (LEO) connectivity services across India.

**Debt-free**



**Patiala:** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday said his government is making strenuous efforts for making Punjab a debt-free, progressive and prosperous state. Addressing a gathering during 'Sarkar Vyapaar Milni (government trade meet)' here, the Chief Minister said that the state has inherited a debt due to "misdeeds" of the previous governments.

## India's exports will close fiscal at same level as last year despite uncertainties: Goyal

**New Delhi, Mar 12:**

Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal has exuded confidence that during this fiscal, the country's goods and services export numbers will be at the same level; as it was last year despite slow-down and uncertainties in the global trade. He also said that the government measures such production-linked incentives schemes and focus on high-quality goods and services would help in containing the country's trade deficit. So our trade deficit will be significantly lower than last year. "I am happy to share with you that we close the current year in March at the same level as



last year. We have a little bit of an adjustment between goods and services, but collectively we will be at the same level as last year, which will be a very, very significant achievement given that most developing countries and less developed countries are seeing a fall in their international trade," Goyal

told PTI in an interview. Cumulatively, the country's merchandise exports in April-January 2023-24 contracted by 4.89 per cent to USD 353.92 billion. The estimated value of services exports during the ten-month period stood at USD 84.45 billion. In 2022-23, India's goods and services exports stood at USD 776 billion. The war between Russia and Ukraine; Israel-Hamas is impacting global supply chains and the Red Sea crisis has led to significant increase in transportation costs and delay as Indian exporters have to send their consignments through the Cape of Good Hope, encircling Africa. The minister said that India saw a scorching

pace of growth in its international trade in the years between 2021 and 2023.

"We grew by 55 per cent over a period of two years, both in goods and in services'. It went up to USD 776 billion in only two years. And with growth on both goods and services, we could clearly see that this year is going to be one where we will have to consolidate the gains," he said. When asked if the government is thinking of extending some kind of support measures to exports to deal with the crisis, he said the approach of being dependent on the government to resolve all the problems is something that now Indian industry also does not really desire.

## Q3 CAD may widen to 1.2%, improvement likely in March qtr: Report

**Mumbai, Mar 12:**

The current account deficit (CAD) is likely to widen to 1.2 per cent or USD 11 billion of the GDP in October-December FY24 as compared to 1 per cent in the previous quarter, India Ratings said in a report. In the year-ago period, CAD was 2 per cent of the GDP. A current account deficit occurs when a country's expenditure in imports is more than its income from exports of goods and services. The report further said the CAD percentage may narrow in Q4 as it sees some nascent signs of a pick-up in global economic activity which will lead to better export numbers. The global manufacturing purchasing managers index expanded for the first time in 17 months in February to 50.3. The expansion was stronger in the US and emerging economies, bar-

ring the European region, according to the report. The agency expects merchandise exports to increase to around USD 117 billion in Q4, up 2 per cent on-year, which will be a seven-quarter high. Likewise, merchandise imports are expected to touch a six-quarter high of around USD 180 billion in Q4, up 8 per cent on-year. Trade deficit will be USD 64 billion in the quarter. On the other hand, services demand has remained healthy despite global headwinds and the trend continues to be strong with the latest high frequency indicators.

The global services PMI touched a seven-month high of 52.4 in February helped by both the developed as well as emerging markets. Thus, it hopes services trade surplus to sustain the record-breaking run and stand at a fresh high of USD 47 bil-

lion in Q4. Merchandise exports grew 1.1 per cent on-year in Q3 and a favourable base effect and a pick-up in demand from the US, UAE and the Netherlands helped goods exports grow after a year. However, sequentially, goods exports were down to USD 105.7 billion in Q3 from USD 107.4 billion in Q2.

The top 10 items which pushed goods exports in Q3 were gold and other precious metal jewellery, iron ore, drug formulations, biologicals, telecommunication instruments, aircraft, spacecraft & parts, cotton yarn, basmati rice, buffalo meat, electric machinery & equipment, and copper and related products. Volume growth in these items ranged between a negative 38.3 per cent to 368.2 per cent and was weaker than the value growth which stood in the range of 10.2-535 per cent in Q3.

## Google ties up with ECI to prevent spread of false information

**New Delhi, Mar 12:**

Alphabet Inc-owned Google has joined hands with Election Commission of India (ECI) to prevent spread of false information, promote authorised content and label AI-generated data during the upcoming general elections. Google India in a blog post on Tuesday said its product features are designed to elevate authoritative information on various election-related topics.

"We are collaborating with ECI to enable people to easily discover critical voting information on

Google Search - such as how to register and how to vote - in both English and Hindi," Google said. With more people using artificial intelligence to create content, Google said it is setting up processes to help audiences identify AI-generated content.

"As more advertisers leverage the power and opportunity of AI, we want to make sure we continue to provide people with greater transparency and the information they need to make informed decisions. Our ads policies already prohibit the use of manipulated media to mislead

people, like deepfakes or doctored content," it said. Google has already started displaying labels for content created with YouTube generative AI features, like Dream Screen.

"Soon, YouTube will begin to require creators to disclose when they've created realistic altered or synthetic content, and will display a label that indicates for people when they're watching this content," it said. The blog post further said the company has begun to roll out restrictions on the types of election-related queries for which Gemini will return responses.

## FY24 GDP growth to be closer to 8 pc: CEA

**But we must not succumb to triumphalism and exuberance**

**Mumbai, Mar 12:**

India's real GDP growth in FY24 will be "closer" to 8 per cent on higher activity in industry and services verticals, Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said on Tuesday. Addressing a conference organised by ARIA (Association of Registered Investment Advisors) virtually, Nageswaran said the growth will be higher than the Ministry of Statistics' estimate of 7.6 per cent, and added that there is



much reason to be optimistic in the near term about the prospects in India. "Unless the Q4 GDP numbers fall very significantly from the momentum that we have seen in the first three quarters, the GDP will be closer to 8 per cent rather than 7.6 per cent as the Ministry of Statistics is currently esti-

imating," Nageswaran said. However, he stressed on the need to put heads down and work towards the goal without "succumbing to triumphalism and exuberance".

"As a country, we should realize that we are in it for the longer haul, not for the short term," he said, adding that the gratification will be delayed and not instant.

Industry and services are seen pulling growth for FY24, while agriculture will be behind because of the delayed and erratic monsoons which impacted the summer crop, he said, adding that the high sowing of the winter crop, waning of El Nino and expectations of

a normal monsoon bode well for the farm sector going ahead.

Exports will not be the biggest growth driver going ahead unlike the first decade of this century, he said, pointing out to sluggishness in global growth.

Instead, he said that the domestic consumption will be driving the growth for some time and added that the gap between the rural and urban consumption will also narrow down going ahead. "How much Indians are able to consume and how much Indian businesses are able to invest are going to be important contributors (for growth)," he said.

## Retail inflation at 5.09 pc in February

**Almost unchanged from January**

**New Delhi, Mar 12:**

Retail inflation rate stayed almost flat at 5.09 per cent in February compared to the preceding month, according to official data released on Tuesday. Inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was at 5.1 per cent in January and 6.44 per cent in February 2023.

According to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), retail inflation in the food basket was at 8.66 per cent in February, marginally up from 8.3 per cent in the previous month. The Reserve



Bank of India has been tasked by the government to ensure retail inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side. Last month, the central bank projected the CPI inflation at 5.4 per cent for the current fiscal (2023-24) and recorded at 5 per cent in January-March quarter.

## Mandaviya launches SIDBI scheme for Jan Aushadi Kendra operators

**New Delhi, Mar 12:**

Health and Chemicals & Fertilisers minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday said the credit assistance scheme of SIDBI for Jan Aushadi Kendra operators will strengthen and help in further expanding the network. The loan from SIDBI will be made available to small operators of Jan Aushadi Kendra without any collateral, he said after launching the scheme and a dedicated website for this. The scheme of SIDBI will help operators of Jan Aushadi Kendra for starting business or expansion, he added. The credit guarantee on such loans whether working capital or term loan is being provided by Credit Guarantee Fund Trust For Micro And Small Enterprises



(CGTMSE). "Medicines which are affordable and accessible are an essential requirement for any society..From only 80 Jan Aushadi Kendras in 2014, there are around 11,000 units operating across the country today," Mandaviya said. It is estimated that around 10-12 lakh people visit these Jan Aushadi Kendras every day, providing them with significant savings and access to requisite medicines, he added. Highlighting the Union Government's efforts towards strengthen-

ing the network of Jan Aushadi Kendras in the country, Mandaviya said that a lot of effort has gone into making the procurement process robust, expanding the basket of products offered, maintaining a regular supply chain network as well as in ensuring stringent quality checks and control.

He also emphasised that the government provided financial assistance to individual operators of these Jan Aushadi Kendras, including additional assistance for those located in remote and hilly regions, to encourage them to open these centres. On the tie-up between SIDBI and PMBI, the minister stated that it will emerge as a blessing for the small and new entrepreneurs of Jan Aushadi Kendras.

## Industrial production grows 3.8 pc in Jan



**New Delhi, Mar 12:**

India's industrial production grew 3.8 per cent in January 2024, according to official data released on Tuesday. Factory output measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) witnessed a growth of 5.8 per cent in January 2023. "India's Index of Industrial Production grows by 3.8 per cent in January 2024," an official statement said.

The data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) showed that the manufacturing sector's output grew 3.2 per cent in January 2024, down from 4.5 per cent in the year-ago month. In January this year, mining production rose 5.9 per cent, and power output increased 5.6 per cent. The IIP grew 5.9 per cent during April 2023 to January 2024 compared to a 5.5 per cent expansion in the year-ago period.

## Rupee falls 3 paise to close at 82.78 against US dollar

**Mumbai, Mar 12:**

The rupee consolidated in a narrow range and settled for the day 3 paise lower at 82.78 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, as market participants remained on the sidelines ahead of the release of key macroeconomic data. Forex traders said the Indian rupee declined marginally on positive US dollar and recovery in crude oil prices. However, positive domestic markets and sustained foreign fund inflows over the past three sessions supported the local unit at lower levels. At the inter-bank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 82.74 and touched the intra-day low of 82.78 and a high of 82.72



against the greenback. The local unit finally settled at 82.78 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a loss of 2 paise from its previous close. On Monday, the rupee declined by 8 paise to settle at 82.75 against the US dollar. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.01 per cent lower at 102.85, ahead of inflation data from the US.

## Carmakers report best-ever February sales as demand remains robust for utility vehicles: SIAM

**New Delhi, Mar 12:**

Passenger vehicle wholesales in India rose 11 per cent year-on-year in February riding on the back of strong demand for utility vehicles, industry body SIAM said on Tuesday. The total passenger vehicle dispatches to dealers last month stood at 3,70,786 units, as compared to 3,34,790 units in the year-ago period. Utility vehicle sales rose 38 per cent to 1,91,435 units in February, as compared to 1,38,238 units in the same month last year. Passenger car wholesales, however, witnessed a dip of 18 per cent last month at 1,15,937 units, as against 1,42,201 units in February 2023. Van dispatches rose to 12,147 units last month, as compared to



11,489 units in the same month last year. "Passenger vehicles again reported its highest-ever sales of February posting sales of 3.7 lakh units with a growth of 10.8 per cent, as compared to February 2023," SIAM Director General Rajesh Menon said in a statement. Maruti Suzuki led the segment last month with dispatch of 1,60,271

units to its dealers. It had reported wholesales of 1,47,467 units in February 2023. Hyundai Motor India reported sales of 50,201 units in February, as against 47,001 units in the year-ago period. The total two-wheeler wholesales rose 35 per cent to 15,20,761 units in February, as against 11,29,661 units in the same month last year.

Scooter dispatches rose to 5,15,340 units last month, as against 3,91,054 units in the year-ago period. Similarly, motorcycle wholesales rose to 9,64,362 units, as compared to 7,03,261 units in February 2023. Three-wheeler dispatches rose to 54,584 units last month, as against 50,382 units in February last year. "Passenger vehicles, two-wheelers, and three-wheelers have posted growth in February 2024, compared to the previous year, while commercial vehicles have witnessed a slight de-growth," Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) President Vinod Aggarwal said. Overall robust GDP growth of the country in the third quarter of 2023-24 has helped the auto sector, he added.

## Sensex edges higher, Nifty ends almost flat amid volatile trade

**Mumbai, Mar 12:**

Equity market benchmark Sensex ended higher on Tuesday due to heavy buying in index heavyweights like HDFC Bank, TCS and Reliance Industries amid mixed cues from Asian markets. Witnessing a volatile trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex closed 165.32 points or 0.22 per cent higher at 73,667.96. During the day, the barometer surged 501.52 points to 74,004.16. The broader Nifty, however, ended almost flat at 22,335.70, inching up 3.05 points or 0.01 per cent. Among Sensex firms, HDFC Bank climbed more than 2 per cent. TCS, Maruti, Infosys, Reliance Industries and Bharti Airtel were among the major gainers. State Bank of India, JSW Steel,



ITC, Tata Motors, UltraTech Cement and Nestle were among the laggards. "The domestic market witnessed range-bound trading today after the previous day's sharp profit booking. However, mid and small-cap stocks remained pressured, primarily due to apprehensions regarding inflated valuations," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said. "Global sentiment remained mixed as investors awaited key US inflation data, which could offer insights into the Fed's interest rate decisions.



## MVY a historic milestone for mothers and sisters: Singh

**Khairagarh, Mar 12:**

The district level Mahatari Vandan Yojana was organized at the cultural building in Khairagarh, in which Rajnandgaon District Panchayat Vice President Vikrant Singh presided over as chief guest. On this occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi transferred the first instalment of 655 crore 57 lakh rupees to the accounts of 70 lakh 12 thousand 417 eligible women of Chhattisgarh through DBT under Mahatari Vandan Yojana and here

in the region the amount was transferred to the accounts of 1 lakh 17 thousand 231 eligible women of Khairagarh Chukhidan Gandai district. In the district level conference, Vikrant Singh said that Chief Minister Bishnu Dev Sai is fulfilling every promise one by one and this program is a program focused on our mothers and sisters and today is a historic day. Prime Minister Modi launched the scheme by joining the Mahatari Vandan Sammelan held in Raipur, the capital of the state, from Kashi, the city

of Baba Vishwanath. The state level program was held in the science college grounds of Rajdhani Raipur under the chief hospitality of Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai. Apart from this, the program was organized in all the district headquarters, development blocks and city body headquarters of the province. PM Narendra Modi said that it is my privilege to dedicate Mahatari Vandan Yojana which empowers women and he along with Jai Johar addressed the conference by saluting Maa

Danteshwari, Maa Bamleshwari, Maa Mahamaya and the mothers and sisters of Chhattisgarh. PM Narendra Modi said that if the women folks are strong, then the whole family is strong and now every month, money will be deposited in the women's account without any problem. Additional SP Neha Pandey, SDM Khairagarh Tankeshwar Prasad Sahu, SDOP Khairagarh Punulal Mohle, District Panchayat President Dhamman Sahu, Member of Parliament Representative Bhagwat Sharan Singh, Advocate and BJP leader TK Chandel, Former Mandal President Vikesh Gupta, District BJP General Secretary Ramadhar Rajak, Leader of opposition Rupendra Rajak of NPA, Alok Srivas, Laxmichand Ahuja, youth BJP leader Manjit Singh, Jitendra Gaur, district president Shailendra Tripathi, Pukram Sinha, officials and a large number of women were present.

## Govt schools in villages beat expensive schools in cities

**Dongargaon, Mar 12:**

Beating the expensive and private schools of the city, a small village school, namely Primary School of Village Chichdo of Dongargaon Development Block has become the centre of attraction with its standard of education and techniques used for teaching. Many students who had opted for other schools have switched back to the school, owing to its standards in academic excellence. Villagers and children are also happy and excited about the school activities held here in the session 2023-24. It is known that the name of the primary school of village Chichdo used to be mentioned only once, but due to various educational research and activities for children in this school, this school has now become recognized in the district and state level. The credit goes to Konika Soni, the assistant teacher of the school, who, with the guidance of the authorities and the help of the staff, has worked tirelessly to bring the school to a new and higher level.



At the same time, the government's ambitious plan, invitation dinner, was organized in a grand manner, in which the feast was organized by village sarpanch Leena Chainu Sahu, Angana Ma Shiksha Samiti, School Principal RD Sahu and Rupendra Devangan provided proper guidance and support to make this grand program a success. Along with this, by Rahul Jain, Block Coordinator of Kokor Block, the teachers of Dongargaon Block, block in-charges, outstanding teachers, school principals, representatives of the media, along with the representatives of the media, presented badges

and letters of appreciation to the teachers who came and went in the departmental promotion. Shiksha Express was also inaugurated by BEO R.L. Patre, ABEO Jayant Sahu, Kshitij Sori, Rashmi Thakur, Gram Patel Kunjulal Chauri along with Panchgan and the children sitting in this Shiksha Express. It may be noted that in the school, English and Mathematics are taught through Jugad from Junk: Educational materials are used through Jugad from Jugad to teach children in games, in which multiplication by stick, addition, subtraction, counting by means of stick, seed and pebble stick etc is being done.

are taught by the teacher in dance and games. Many innovations are being made on education in Angana in government primary schools by Mrs. Soni and presently education 4.0 is going on in Angana, in which mothers are being made smart along with smart children by connecting mothers to schools. Education through Jugad from Junk: Educational materials are used through Jugad from Jugad to teach children in games, in which multiplication by stick, addition, subtraction, counting by means of stick, seed and pebble stick etc is being done.

## Swearing ceremony of elected members of SAS held

● Representatives from all over the district took part and took oath

**Bijapur, Mar 12:**

Officials of all tribal communities were sworn in by senior social members at Gondwana Bhawan Musalur Chowk on Sunday. The officials of the district unit were nominated under the guidance of Divisional President of Sarva Adivasi Samaj (SAS), Prakash Thakur. Earlier, the president selection process held on February 4 was declared illegal and canceled and the executive and president were selected afresh.

In which General Division President Jaggu Telami, Secretary Kamlesh Pankra, Vice President CS Netam Bhairamgarh, Anil Pambhoi Bhopalpatnam, Lakshmi Mitcha Kutru, Paklu Telam Bijapur, PR Bhagat Treasurer, Joint Secretary Rajat Kujur, Spokesperson Salik Nagvanshi, Spokesperson Balram Minj, Patron Alva Madnaiah, Telam Boraiya, Mohan Singh Parte, Bhavsinh Bhaskar, Mitch Muttiah and legal advisor Advocate Lakshminarayan Gota were elected. In the Youth Division, Kunwar Singh Majji was elected President, Vice President Rajnath Bhagat, Julius Tirkey, Kameshwar



Made, Mangu Lekam and Secretary Santosh Gilgicha were elected. In the women's division, President Sukhmati Hapka, Vice President Madhuri Lakra, Mamta Nag and Karuna Kudiam were elected secretaries. Officials and representatives of Gond, Muria,

Bhatra, Dorla, Halba, Dhurva, Kanwar, Oraon, Kudukh Oraon, Pardhan Samaj of tribal communities residing in Bhairamgarh, Kutru, Bijapur, Gangalur, Bhopalpatnam, Usur areas of Bijapur district participated in the meeting. The swearing in ceremony of

all the newly elected officials was held on March 10 at Koya Bhawan Musalur Chowk Dhanora. Community heads, representatives, officials of the traditional Gram Sabha, Gana Perma, Gaita, Pujari, Vadde, Dhurva and public representatives participated in the programme. The members of the newly constituted Executive Board of the Patron Board of Sarva Adivasi Samaj are requested to perform their duties as office bearers of "Sarva Adivasi Samaj Bastar Division, District Unit Bijapur" in achieving the objectives and goals of Sarva Adivasi Samaj Bastar Division established by law, with full devotion and pure con-

science. An oath was taken to discharge all the duties, to do justice to all the tribal community people as per the rules and regulations of the society, without any fear or favour, affection or malice. Addressing the newly elected officials and community heads, Gondwana Coordination Committee Patron Telam Boraiya said that accountability of all is necessary even after division of work for social cohesion. Congratulating the newly formed team, he said that it is the responsibility of all of us to preserve the economic, social and cultural traditional customs and traditions for the all-round development of the tribals.

## Mahatari Vandan Sammelan organized

**Simga, Mar 12:**

Mahatari Vandan Sammelan was organized under "Mukhyamantri Mahatari Vandan Yojana" at Community Building in Simga Nagar Development Block, which was attended by a large number of women and public representatives. The above program started with lamp lighting and Saraswati Vandana and the enthusiasm of all the women was boosted by sharing the blessing and the first instalment of Mahatari Vandan by the Chief Minister and Prime

Minster connected through virtual media. After taking the oath of "Prevention of Child Marriage" giving information about departmental schemes, distribution of ration cards, colorful presentations, chair race competition, slogan salutation, cuisine/vegetable exhibition and refreshments, the program was completed by vote of thanks by Project Officer Simga. Anil Pandey, Bhagwat Sonkar, Ramesh Soni, Saroj Devangan, Santoshi Nishad, Rukmani Sahu, Neeraj Jain and other officials were present.

## Govt is continuously giving the gift of development works: Dev



● Difference amount paid to 39055 farmers of the district under KUY

**Jagdulpur, Mar 12:** Under the Krishak Unnati Yojana (KUY), the Chhattisgarh government has procured paddy from farmers at the rate of Rs 3100 per quintal. The difference amount is being transferred to the farmers today. In this, paddy was procured to the farmers at the rate of Rs 3100 per quintal. The difference amount is being transferred to the farmers. Congratulations to them. Collector Vijay Dayaram K in the welcome address of the program. Presented the details of the differential amount given to the farmers of the district. On this occasion, District Panchayat President Mrs. Vedwati Kashyap, Councillor, distinguished public representatives including Superintendent of Police Shalabh Sinha, District Panchayat CEO Prakash Sarve, Additional Collector CP Baghel, Commissioner Municipal Corporation Haresh Mandavi, other officers and a large number of farmers were present. The program was telecast live in programs organized in Bastar district and development block headquarters. In the program, progressive farmers presented their stories in their own words. The guests present honored the farmer by giving him a bouquet.

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## Provincial level meeting of Lodhi Society concludes

**Bazar Ataria, Mar 12:**

The provincial level meeting of Lodhi Society was held here in the regions, Avanti school premises and the formation of the provincial executive committee was concluded. Also in the meeting, in order to celebrate 20th March as Veerangana Avanti Bai Lodhi Sacrifice Day, all the main topics were discussed and outlined to make the program successful. In the meeting, State Lodhi Society President Ghanshyam Verma, State General Secretary Ghanshyam Kaushik, State Auditor Bimal Patel, State Treasurer Vishnu Lodhi, State Organization Minister Jeevan Kaushik, State Women's President



Dasmat Janghel, State Patrons Komal Janghel, former MLA, Mohan Upharkar, Kishore Verma, Prem Singh Janghel, Vishwanath Singour, Rajnandgaon District President Uttam Janghel, Durg District President Banau Ram Verma, Raipur District President Adeen Janghel, Bilaspur District President

Jamuna Prasad Verma and Bemetra District President Govendra Patel including all cell vice presidents, secretaries, executive members, and circle heads of all districts, apart from senior junior members of the society Dwarika Kaushik, Narendra Janghel, Suresh Singour, Basant Singour, Ravi Singour, Kamta

Singour, Prakash Janghel, Sanjay Patel, Prakash Patel, Birendra Lodhi, Radhelal Verma, Yashwant Verma, Sunny Verma and Bhupendra Chandel were present. It needs a mention that on March 20, a state-level event will be organized as a day of sacrifice in memory of Veerangana Rani Avanti Bai Lodhi and the event will be held in the ground of Acholi village of Dhamdha block, for which a meeting has been organized by the social brothers including the officials of the entire province level and the workers of the organization. Everyone has agreed for the event and everyone's responsibility has also been given.

## Our govt is providing maximum input assistance to the farmers of the state: Verma

● CM Sai inaugurates Krishak Unnati Yojana  
● An amount of Rs 799.66 cr transferred to the accounts of nearly 2 lakh farmers of the district

**Balod, Mar 12:** Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai inaugurated 'Krishak Unnati Yojana' of Chhattisgarh Government at a program organized in Balod district today. On the occasion, Sai transferred the input assistance amount of Rs 799 crore 66 lakh into the bank accounts of 1 lakh 56 thousand 713 farmers of the district through DBT, under Krishak Unnati Yojana. Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Tankram Verma



was present as the Chief Guest of the district-level program organized at Sports Stadium in Balodabazar. District headquarters and Janpad headquarters were virtually connected to the main program. In his address to the program, Minister Verma said that it is a historic moment when such a huge amount of input assistance has been transferred

into the bank accounts of farmers. With the commencement of this scheme, our government is bringing immense joy and financial empowerment to the farmers, and thereby fulfilling another guarantee of PM Modi. In this way, our government is now at the forefront in providing input assistance to farmers. He said that a day earlier, on March 10, the first

instalment under Mahtari Vandan Yojana was transferred to the accounts of about 70 lakh women of the state. Minister Shri Verma said that the sports award ceremony will be soon resumed to acknowledge the contribution and performance of the sportspersons. He said that Deendayal Upadhyay Landless Agricultural Labourers Scheme will

also be started soon to provide financial aid to the landless labourers. He said that public participation is important for attaining the goal of making India a developed nation and Chhattisgarh a developed state by 2047 as per the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Collector KL Chauhan said in the welcome address that the state government has

transferred the difference amount of paddy to the bank accounts of the farmers. Nearly Rs 799 crore 66 has been transferred to the accounts of 1 lakh 56 thousand 713 farmers of the district. Farmers are overjoyed to have received this amount and now they are even more motivated to invest their time and energy in agricultural sector. On this occasion, District Panchayat President Rakesh Verma, CEO District Panchayat Namrata Jain, Vijay Kesharwani, Naresh Kesharwani, Tesu Lal Dhurandhar, Neelam Soni, Sunita Verma, SDM Amit Kumar Gupta and other public representatives, officers and a large number of farmers were also present.



## Pant declared fit as keeper-batter for IPL

New Delhi, Mar 12 (PTI)

The BCCI on Tuesday declared Rishabh Pant fit to play as a wicketkeeper-batter in the upcoming IPL, brightening his prospects of a national comeback in the T20 World Cup after suffering multiple injuries in a harrowing car crash 14 months ago.

Pant, who will once again be back as Delhi Capitals skipper, has undergone extensive rehabilitation and is ready to shoulder the dual responsibility in the event starting March 22, ending weeks of speculation surrounding his exact role in the league.

"After undergoing an extensive 14-month rehab and recovery process, following a life-threatening road mishap on December 30th, 2022, near Roorkee, Uttarakhand, Rishabh Pant has now been declared fit as a wicket-keeper-batter for the upcoming IPL 2024," said the BCCI in a statement.

The T20 World Cup is scheduled to be held in the West Indies and the USA in June.

A few weeks back, Pant, in an interaction with Star Sports, had recalled telling his doctor that he would shave off at least six months from his recovery timeline.

"I asked the doctor how long will it take for me to recover. I told him that everybody is speaking different things, but you will give me the most clarity about it. He (Doctor) said it would take 16 to 18 months. I told the doctor from whatever timeline you give me, I will reduce six months from it," Pant had told the official TV broadcasters of IPL.

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It has been learnt that he batted for long hours and more importantly, kept wickets for extensive periods in match simulations organised by the NCA.

There was speculation that he might play only as an 'Impact Player' or batter but one of India's biggest match-winners in the past six years has managed to get back in shape to go full throttle.

Pant keeping wickets also means that he would have a fair chance of playing the T20 World Cup if he can come up with some impactful innings during the IPL season.

"If he can make 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," BCCI secretary Jay Shah had recently told PTI in an exclusive interaction.

"I think when I celebrated my double century in Rajkot, I think that was something which I really enjoyed and felt it. And I was, I was living," he added.

He also slammed 219 in Visakhapatnam.

## Nishant Dev loses in quarterfinal

Busto Arsizio, Mar 12 (PTI):

Nishant Dev missed out on a Paris Olympic quota by a whisker, suffering a heartbreaking loss in the 71kg quarterfinals as all Indian boxers returned empty-handed from the first World Olympic Boxing Qualifier here.

Dev went down 1-4 to USA's Omari Jones, the 2021 World Championship silver medalist, in a close-fought light middleweight quarterfinal late on Monday.

A win in the last eight stage would have fetched the 2023 World Championships bronze medalist an Olympic quota.

None of the nine boxers competing here were able to add to India's tally of four quotas in boxing.

After two qualification events - the Asian Games and the first World Olympic Boxing Qualifier - not one Indian male pugilist has been able to book a place for the Olympics.

All four quotas in box-



ing have come in the women's section with two-time world champion Nikhat Zareen (50kg), Preeti Pawar (54kg), Parveen Hooda (57kg), and Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) securing their passage to Paris.

Indian boxers will get a final chance to book their ticket 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. India had

nine boxers competing in the Tokyo Olympics with Borgohain winning the only medal - a bronze.

On Monday night, Dev was slow off the blocks, as Jones relied on his speed to land several blows in the opening minutes to take command at the start.

However, Dev was able to make a late impression, starting with a combination of a left hook and jab.

Trailing on all five cards after the opening three minutes, the 23-year-old was aggressive from the beginning of the second round. Both boxers threw

punches but Jones' speed gave him a slight edge. With Dev coming at him heavily, the US pugilist relied on his counterattack.

The round was a messy one with lots of clinching, and warnings were handed to both boxers. As the bout progressed, Dev grew in confidence. He ended the second round with a strong left cross to take the round 4-1.

The Haryana boxer made a positive start to the third round as he connected a powerful right hook. He looked more comfortable as Jones, who sustained a cut under his left eye, lacked urgency.

However, Jones soon changed gears and the two boxers traded several punches, including body blows as both looked tired.

But the US pugilist was able to land a flurry of punches in the final minute which probably led to three of the five judges ruling the round in his favour, much to the disappointment of Dev, who looked shell-shocked by the verdict.

## Prolific Jaiswal wins ICC Player of Month Award

Dubai, Mar 12 (PTI):

India's newest batting sensation Yashasvi Jaiswal was on Tuesday named the ICC 'Player of the Month' for February, following his prolific run in the Test series against England, which saw him amass over 700 runs.

The 22-year-old southpaw totalled a staggering 712 runs over five matches, the highest aggregate by an Indian batter in a Test series against England.

The Indian opener created several records in February, and equalled the long-standing Test record for most sixes in a Test innings (12) during his Rajkot double ton. He struck two double hundreds and three half-centuries in the just-concluded series against England, which the hosts won 4-1 with Jaiswal playing a handsome role in the triumph. "I'm really happy to



achieve ICC award and I hope I will be getting more in future," Jaiswal said after he was informed about the win.

"It's one of the best and this is my first five-match series. I really enjoyed it, the way I have played and the way it's been and we won the series by 4-1. It's been an incredible experience with all my mates. And I really enjoyed it." Few have made as strong a start to their international career as Jaiswal

and the numbers prove that he could already be one of the best Test openers in the world. Jaiswal singled out the celebration following his knock of 214 not out in Rajkot as one that he enjoyed the most.

"I think when I celebrated my double century in Rajkot, I think that was something which I really enjoyed and felt it. And I was, I was living," he added.

He also slammed 219 in Visakhapatnam.

## T20 World Cup McDonald backs Mitch Marsh for Australian captaincy

Melbourne, Mar 12 (PTI):

Australia head coach Andrew McDonald has backed Mitch Marsh over Pat Cummins to captain the team in the upcoming T20 World Cup in the Caribbean and USA.

Marsh has been leading the T20 side on an unofficial basis since Aaron Finch's retirement with Cummins doing the leadership duty in Tests and ODIs, and McDonald is set to recommend the star all-rounder's name to the Cricket Australia (CA) board.

McDonald wants a formal handover of the reins to the 32-year-old Marsh.

"I think all roads will lead to Mitch, so just got to get that ticked off in cer-

## Kohli not a certainty for T20 World Cup?

Mumbai, Mar 12:

India's batting talisman Virat Kohli is likely to be dropped from the squad for the T20 World Cup, reports stated on Tuesday.

According to reports, Kohli is not a certainty to play in the mega event that will be hosted by the West Indies and USA in June.

Kohli, who last played in the T20 series against Afghanistan in January, has not been consistently part of India's T20 set up.

With youngsters like Rinku Singh, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma and Shivam Dubey in the mix, Kohli's future in the shortest format of the game looks bleak. Under Surya's captaincy in the T20I series against Australia at home in November, India won 4-1. In South Africa, the three-match series was tied 1-1 after the opener was washed out.



Kohli's aggression gives his team required intensity: Kumble

Bengaluru: Former Indian captain Anil Kumble is marvelled at Virat Kohli's manic consistency and believes that his on-field aggression always adds to required intensity in any T20 team that he plays for. Kumble marked it as the biggest legacy of Kohli, who is the only player in history of IPL to play 16 seasons for one franchise - Royal Challengers Bangalore. "I would say consistency. I saw him in RCB when I was a part of RCB, that's where he started his T20 career, after being a U-19 World Cup winner. From there, the transformation in his fitness, the way he wanted to play his cricket, and the performances he put in white-ball cricket," Kumble told.

## Musheer, Iyer make merry as Mumbai set 538-run target for Vidarbha

Mumbai, Mar 12 (PTI):

Young Musheer Khan (136) continued his rapid ascent with a superlative 135 to put Mumbai in an impregnable position on day 3 of the Ranji Trophy final against Vidarbha, with Shreyas Iyer (95) and Ajinkya Rahane (73) also making significant contributions here on Tuesday.

At stumps, Ranji Trophy behemoths Mumbai had one hand on their 42nd title after setting a humongous 538-run target against a battered Vidarbha, who remained without their most successful bowler Aditya Sarwate throughout the third day. If the second day



Mumbai's Musheer Khan celebrates his century during the third day of the Ranji Trophy final match between Mumbai and Vidarbha, at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, Tuesday.

was all about Mumbai adopting a cautious approach to build their lead, day 3 witnessed their bat-

ters ramming home the advantage with a definite plan and execution as they put on 418 in their second innings. Vidarbha were 10 for no loss in their second innings with openers Dhruv Shorey (7) and Atharva Taide (3) unscathed, needing another 528 runs to win with two days left in the game.

Despite having a strong grip on the game, Mumbai batters respected the fact that there is still plenty of time left in the contest and tables can turn quickly.

Hence, Mumbai's approach on day 3 remained fixated on batting for long hauls and in the process taking the game as far away from the opposition, who have been battered.

## Luca Nardi stuns idol Novak Djokovic at Indian Wells

Indian Wells (US), Mar 12 (AP):

Luca Nardi used a combination of poise and power to stun his boyhood idol and top-seeded Novak Djokovic with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 win in the third round of the BNP Paribas Open.

Nardi, who's ranked No. 123, closed out his huge upset over the No. 1 player in the rankings with an ace. The 20-year-old from Italy dropped his racket and brought his hands to his face almost in disbelief before greeting Djokovic at the net.

"This is a miracle," Nardi said in an interview after the match on the Tennis Channel. "I'm a 20-years-old guy, 100 in the world, and beating Novak. So, crazy. Crazy." Setting the tone early with his



Italian Luca Nardi, who lost in the qualifiers, described beating Novak Djokovic as 'crazy'.

hard-hitting shots, Nardi frustrated Djokovic all evening. There was a moment when Nardi was surprised by an "in" call and casually hit the ball back over the net. It resulted in a winner and led to

Djokovic complaining to the official about a potential hindrance.

To think, Nardi was nearly on his way home. He got into the field as a "lucky loser," which is a player who stumbled on

the final hurdle in qualifying but made it into the main draw as a replacement for an injured player who pulled out before the first round. In Nardi's case, he stepped in for No. 30 Tomas Martin Etcheverry and received a bye through the opening round. He went on to become the lowest-ranked player to beat Djokovic in a Grand Slam or ATP Masters 1000 level event, surpassing No. 122 Kevin Anderson in 2008 in Miami. Using a combination of aggressiveness and finesse, Nardi had Djokovic, the 24-time Grand Slam singles champion from Serbia, he grew up watching, smiling and shaking his head at times in a mixture of surprise and shock.

## All England C'ship Sindhu enters second round after Li retires

Birmingham, Mar 12 (PTI):

Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu progressed to the second round of the women's singles competition at the All England Championships after her German opponent Yvonne Li retired following the completion of the first game here on Tuesday. World No. 11 Sindhu, a former world champion, won the first game 21-10 before world No. 26 Li decided to throw in the towel. The 28-year-old from Hyderabad will next face top seed Korean An Se Young, who has proved her nemesis, having defeated her all six times they have crossed paths in international badminton. In fact, only once has Sindhu managed to take



a game away from the world No. 1 Korean when they met last time at the Asia Championships in Dubai last year. An Se Young, who is recovering from a right knee injury, secured her second title of the season at

French Open last Sunday. Sindhu and Li seemed to have an initial battle when they were 4-4 but the Indian soon pulled away to grab a 11-7 lead at the break. She extended the advantage without much ado.

## MM Somaya tells HI 'Establish academies, start competitive leagues at U-12 stage'

New Delhi, Mar 12 (PTI):

Disappointed at the women's team's failure to make the Paris Olympics, former captain M M Somaya wants Hockey India to primarily focus on grassroots, including launching academies and competitive leagues at the U-12 level.

The Indian team, which finished a creditable fourth at the Tokyo Games in 2021, could not qualify for Paris after disappointing outings at the Asian Games and the Olympic Qualifiers.

"Our focus must shift towards nurturing talent at the grassroots level. Establishing academies

and competitive leagues for aspiring players should ideally commence at the under-12 stage," Somaya said in the latest episode of 'Hockey Te Charcha'.

"Many existing academies initiate programs only at the under-16 level, which is a delayed start. We must prioritise evaluating the performances of young talents identified at the age of 12 when they reach the under-16 level, emphasising continuous improvement strategies."

Somaya was a member of the Indian team that won the gold medal at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, while captaining the squad in the 1988 Games in Seoul.

## Ronaldo scores but Al-Nassr ousted in Asian Champions League quarterfinals

Riyadh (SA), Mar 12 (AP):

Cristiano Ronaldo scored and Al-Nassr was still ousted from the Asian Champions League quarterfinals.

Al-Nassr responded to a 1-0 first-leg defeat against Al-Ain of the United Arab Emirates by winning the return match 4-3 in Riyadh on Monday. But it lost the penalty shootout 3-1.

Ronaldo was the only home player to score in the shootout. The 39-year-old Ronaldo did miss several chances in regulation, and shook his head in disbelief in the second half when he missed the target from just two meters out with Al-



Ain goalkeeper Khalid Eisa on the ground.

Soufiane Rahimi, the only goal-scorer from the first leg, was much more clinical on Monday. The Moroccan scored twice in the first half to give one-time champion Al-Ain a 3-

0 advantage overall.

Just before the break, however, Abdulrahman Ghareeb pulled one back for Al-Nassr, and just after, an own goal from Eisa made it 2-2 on the night.

With 18 minutes of normal time remaining, former Manchester United defender Alex Telles scored for Al-Nassr to force the game into extra time.

Al-Ain restored its lead through Sultan Al Shamsi, but with 118 minutes on the clock, Ronaldo scored from the spot to level the tie 4-4 on aggregate.

In the shootout, Ronaldo found the net while Marcelo Brozovic, Telles and Otavio all failed.



## CAA applicants can attach nine documents to prove country of origin

● 20 documents on arrival date in India

New Delhi, Mar 12 (PTI):

Applicants for Indian citizenship under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019 (CAA) can submit any of nine documents, including valid or expired passport, ID cards and land tenancy records, to prove he or she is a national of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan.

The applicants can also submit any of 20 documents like copy of visa and immigration stamp on arrival in India, certificate issued by an elected member of any rural or urban body or a revenue officer to prove that he or she has entered India on or before December 31, 2014, according to the rules of the CAA issued on Monday.

The rules also state that the applicants will have to provide an eligibility certificate issued by a locally reputed community institution confirming that he or she belongs to either Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi or Christian community and continues

to be a member of that community.

The government on Monday implemented the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, notifying the rules to fast-track citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014. Now, Indian nationality will be given under the CAA to the persecuted non-Muslim migrants — Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians — from the three countries.

The applicants will have to give a declaration that they "irrevocably" renounce the existing citizenship and that they want to make India as permanent home".

The list of documents to prove that the applicant is a national of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan are: copy of passport issued by the government of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan, registration certificate or residential permit issued by the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer or

Officer in India, birth certificate issued by a government authority in Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan, school certificate or educational certificate issued by the school or college or board or university authorities in Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan.

Other documents that will be acceptable include identity document of any kind issued by government of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan, any licence or certificate issued by a government authority or agency in these three countries, any licence or certificate issued by a government authority of Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan, any document that shows that either of the parents or grandparents or great grandparents of the applicant is or had been a citizen of one of the three countries i.e. Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan.

Any other document issued by a government authority or a government agency in Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan which will establish that

the applicant is from Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan will also be acceptable.

The above documents will be admissible even beyond their validity period, the rules said.

List of documents to prove that the applicant has entered into India on or before December 31, 2014 are: copy of the visa and immigration stamp on arrival in India, registration certificate or residential permit issued by the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer or Foreigners Registration Officer in India, slip issued by the census enumerators in India to such persons while conducting census related survey.

The applicants may also submit government issued licence or certificate or permit in India, including driving licence, Aadhaar card, ration card issued in India, any letter issued by the government or court to the applicant with official stamp, birth certificate of the applicant issued in India, land or tenancy records or registered rental agreement in India

in the name of the applicant, PAN card issuance document bearing the date of issuance.

Any other document issued by the central government or state government or any public sector undertakings of central government or state government or any financial institutions like banks or any other public authority, certificate issued by an elected member of any rural or urban body or officer thereof or a revenue officer; record and account details relating to and issued by the banks (including private banks) or post office accounts in the name of the applicant. Insurance policies issued in India, electricity connection papers or electricity bills or other utility bills, court or tribunal records or processes in India in respect of the applicant, document showing service or employment under any employer in India supported by employees provident fund/general provident fund/pension/employees' state insurance corporation documents will be acceptable.

## HOLI CELEBRATIONS BEGIN



Children dressed as Radha and Krishna celebrate Holi, in Nadia, Tuesday.

## Dharmendra Pradhan launches primer for studies in Halbi

● NCERT's 52 primers will be a game changer for studies in local mother tongues

New Delhi/Raipur, Mar 12:

With the aim of providing teaching material to students in their mother tongues at the initial stage of educa-

tion and providing them an opportunity to study in their own language, the Union Ministry of Education has launched 52 primers of Indian languages. These include a primer on Halbi, the local language of Chhattisgarh. These primers aim not only to impart language proficiency in reading and writing but also to foster creativity and critical

thinking among early stage learners. Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan launched these primers.

Halbi primer has been prepared for Chhattisgarh. On the initiative of the Ministry of Education, NCERT has prepared primers in 52 local languages of 17 states.

## MZP burns copy of CAA rules

Aizawl, Mar 12 (PTI): Mizoram's apex student body Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP) on Tuesday burnt a copy of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019 rules to protest the implementation of the CAA. The demonstration was held in front of the organisation's office at Aizawl's Treasury Square.

The Centre on Monday implemented the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, notifying the rules four years after the contentious law was passed by Parliament to fast-track citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014. According to the law, it is also not going to be implemented in those northeastern states where the Inner Line Permit (ILP) regime is in existence.

## 53rd National Safety Week celebrated in IFFCO, Paradeep unit



Paradeep, Mar 12:

IFFCO Paradeep Unit celebrated 53rd National Safety Week. A week long programmes were conducted on this occasion. Demonstration of fire & safety equipment's like use of Fire extinguishers, Breathing Apparatus set were conducted in different departments to aware employees and contractor

workers. Safety talks were delivered by the sectional heads of migrant departments.

Various safety competitions-Safety Slogan, Safety Quiz, proper wearing of breathing apparatus set & drawing making competitions were organized to promote safety awareness among the employees, their family members, children & contract work-

ers. On the concluding day on 11th March 2024 of 53rd National Safety Week Chief guest Shri Chandra Sekhar Behera, Asst. Director of Factories & Boilers, Paradeep Zone graced the occasion and gave their valuable speeches regarding safety awareness.

Unit Head K.J. Patel also addressed the gathering. The chief guest distributed prizes to winners of the various competitions. He also expressed that IFFCO has successively celebrated 53rd National Safety Week. All the senior officials along with P.S.Neelambaran Sr.GM (NFP), i.N.R.Nayak GM (IT Services), R.K.Swain Jt.GM (F&S), M.R.Nayak Dy. Manager (Fire & Safety) were present on this occasion.

## 'TN Govt will not implement CAA'

Chennai, Mar 12 (PTI):

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Tuesday dismissed the Citizenship (Amendment) Act as 'divisive and bereft of any use' and asserted that it will not be implemented in the state.

Hitting out at the BJP regime at the Centre for notifying the rules for implementing the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) 'in a haste' when the Lok Sabha polls are round the corner, Stalin said the CAA and its rules went against the basic structure of the Constitution.

Explaining the background to the opposition to CAA and hinting at related matters pending in



M K Stalin

the Supreme Court, the Chief Minister said this prompted a view if the rules have been notified now to "escape from censure of the apex court and with an intention to divert people and for electoral politics." There is not

going to be any use or benefits due to the CAA, which only paves the way for creating 'divisions' among the Indian people. "The stand of the government is that this law is completely unwarranted; it is one that must be repealed."

Hence, "the Tamil Nadu government will not give any opportunity in any manner to implement the CAA in Tamil Nadu," he asserted in an official release.

Also, the state government will never provide room for any legislation that shall 'impinge on India's unity'.

Stalin, also president of the ruling DMK, reiterated that the CAA went against pluralism, secularism, mi-

nority communities and the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees.

Considering all such aspects, soon after assuming power, his DMK government had on September 8, 2021 adopted a resolution in the Assembly, seeking the withdrawal of the CAA and forwarded it to the Union government. Like Tamil Nadu, several states have opposed the CAA. Only under such circumstances, the Centre has notified the rules on March 11 for implementing the CAA. The Chief Minister said this has led to a question, if this has been implemented now for "electoral politics; to divert people and to escape from strictures of the Supreme Court."

## Gangster Sandeep marries 'Madam Minz' amid heavy security

● Returns to Tihar

New Delhi, Mar 12 (PTI):

The marriage of gangster Sandeep alias Kala Jathedi with "history-sheeter" Anuradha Choudhary alias Madam Minz was held under heavy deployment of police force at a banquet hall here in Dwarka on Tuesday.

Sandeep, facing around two dozen of criminal cases and lodged in Tihar jail, was brought in a police van under heavy security at the venue around 10.15 am to tie the knot with Anuradha, who is out on bail. Driving herself, Anuradha reached the venue in a black colour Mahindra Scorpio SUV. She was accompanied by members of her family.

Donning a red colour suit and wearing black goggles, Anuradha entered the banquet, Santosh Garden, which had already turned into the fortress with door frame metal detectors, drones and deployment of SWAT (Special Weapons and Techniques) commandos of Delhi Police.

Armed policemen were also deployed at the terrace of neighbouring building. Sandeep changed his clothes for



'History-sheeter' Anuradha Choudhary alias 'Madam Minz' arrives for her wedding with gangster Sandeep alias Kala Jathedi, in New Delhi, Tuesday.

marriage at the venue. He wore 'kurta-pajama' with a half jacket on it. Anuradha also changed her clothes at the venue and wore a pink colour 'sari' for her marriage. The Delhi Police had made foolproof security arrangements to avert any incident of gang-wars or the possibility of Sandeep's escape from custody, sources said.

The banquet was booked by Sandeep's lawyer on Rs 51,000. It is located seven kilometres away from Tihar.

The names of every guest were noted down in a register. The media per-

sons were asked to remain in an enclosure near the entry of the banquet. However, during the marriage ceremony, they were allowed to enter inside but without their mobile phones.

The marriage ceremony started with 'jaimala' and was followed by rituals, which were witnessed by about 50 guests, Delhi Police officers, lawyers and the couple's family members. After the marriage, Sandeep's mother Kamla said she was happy with her son's marriage. "He told me, 'Maa, everything is fine'."

He will not indulge in any wrongdoing further," Kamla told media at the venue.

Sandeep was taken back to Tihar around 3.50 pm in the same police van, in which he was bought. Anuradha, once a closed confidante of slain gangster Anandpal Singh, is facing over half-a-dozen cases related to money laundering, abduction, issuing threats and arms Act in Rajasthan and Delhi. Sandeep, who is a close associate of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, is facing over a dozen cases of robbery, murders, attempt to murder, extortions and arms Act in Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, according to Delhi police records.

## 'Pokhran witness to trinity of India's 'aatmanirbharta', belief, self-pride'

Pokhran, Mar 12 (PTI):

As awestruck spectators watched the 'Bharat Shakti' exercise here in Rajasthan on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Pokhran has become witness to the trinity of India's 'aatmanirbharta', belief and self-pride.

The integrated tri-service firepower and manoeuvre exercise was held for about 50 minutes at the Pokhran field firing range where



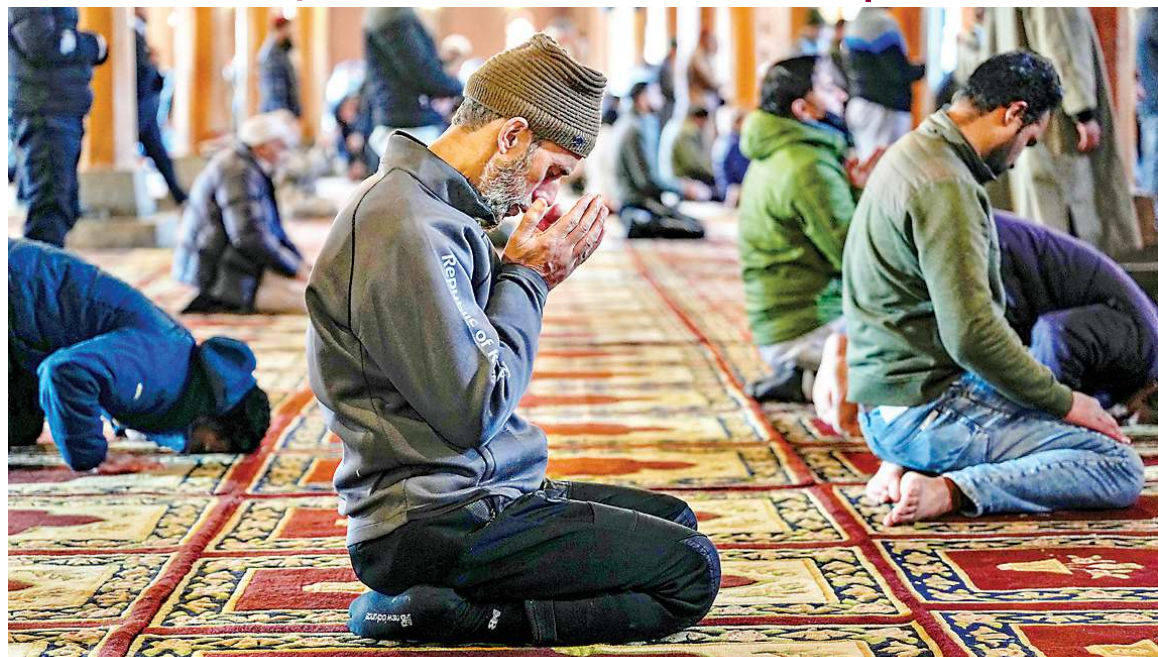
Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives to witness the Exercise Bharat Shakti, in Pokhran, Rajasthan, Tuesday.

India showcased the prowess of its indigenous defence equipment.

Roars of LCA Tejas and ALH Mk-IV filled the air while Main Battle Tank

Arjun, and K-9 Vajra, Dhanush and Sharang artillery gun systems ruled the firing ranges on ground. Platforms like Pinaka satellite system and a swarm of drones left the audience spellbound. Prime Minister Modi in his address on the occasion said that "the roar of aircraft mid-air, and valour displayed on ground during Bharat Shakti exercise is the call of a 'new India' (naye Bharat ka aavhan hai)".

## RAMADAN PRAYERS



Muslim devotees offer prayers during the first day of the holy month of Ramadan at Jamia Masjid, in Srinagar, Tuesday.

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