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Modi Sarkar ki Guarantee

Of govt schemes

New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI):

Wednesday that people

from disadvantaged sec-

tions like SCs, STs and

OBCs are the biggest bene-

ficiaries of his govern-

ment's welfare schemes as

he accused the previous

Congress dispensations of

neglecting them and never

appreciating their role in

Speaking at the launch of

the PM-SURAJ national

portal, he cited the election

of Ram Nath Kovind and

Droupadi Murumu, who

come from Dalit and tribal

communities respectively,

as president to assert that

the BJP's efforts to ensure

that those from deprived

sections reach top positions

will continue. The opposi-

Jammu, Mar 13 (PTI):

Commission has received

details from the State

Bank of India (SBI) relat-

ed to the electoral

bonds and will

share all relevant

information in time Chief

Election

Commissioner

Rajiv Kumar said

Wednesday. The as-

sertion comes in the wake

of the Supreme Court di-

recting the SBI to submit

the details of the electoral

bonds purchased since

April 12, 2019 to the EC.

SBI is the authorised fi-

nancial institution to issue

the electoral bonds. "The

SBI was supposed to sub-

here

Will disclose electoral

bonds details in time: CEC

Election

the country's progress.



People from disadvantaged

sections biggest beneficiaries'

Vanchiton ko Variyata

Assistance of ₹ 11,700 crore to over 25 lakh beneficiaries to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Castes, **Backward Classes and Sanitation workers**

Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat

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Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami with others during a roadshow at Gopeshwar, in Chamoli district.

Seat sharing

■ New Delhi: LJP (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan on Wednesday said his party has finalised a seat-sharing formula with the BJP for the Lok Sabha polls. Paswan announced this after a meeting with BJP chief J P Nadda here. "All my concerns have been addressed by the BJP. I am satisfied," he told reporters.

Mishap

■ Patna: One person was killed and two others were injured when a power transformer exploded inside a court premises in Patna on Wednesday, police said. **According to Deputy** Superintendent of Police (Town), Ashok Kumar Singh, the blast took place at the civil court in the afternoon, killing a notary on the spot.

Stone

■ Guwahati: Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone for a Rs 27,000-crore semiconductor assembly and test facility in Assam's Morigaon district on Wednesday. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who was present at the event organised at the site of the facility in Jagiroad, said today is a landmark day for Assam and the North East.

Approve

Mumbai: The Maharashtra cabinet on Wednesday approved a new Marathi language policy, which aims to establish it as a language of knowledge acquisition and employment in the next 25 years. It also aims to devise steps for the conservation and promotion of various dialects of Marathi using modern technology like ChatGPT. The cabinet was chaired by Chief



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was taken up. The JJP had issued a whip, asking its 10 legislators to remain absent from the Assembly to SC New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI): business hours on March Minister Eknath Shinde The State Bank of

In a compliance affithe court's direction, it has India before the close of



PM Modi virtually launches PM-SURAJ national portal in the presence of Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and others, in Lucknow, Wednesday.

tion made every effort to ensure their defeat, he said.

Taking a swipe at the Opposition, Prime Minister Modi asked the gathering that consisted of people from disadvantaged groups,

mit the data by March 12.

They have given to us the

details in time. I will go

back and look at the data

(and) would definitely dis-

close it in time," Kumar

Jammu

ready for the 2024 Lok

Sabha election. We will en-

sure free and fair elections

across the country. We re-

quest voters across the

country including Jammu

and Kashmir to enthusias-

tically take part in the 'fes-

tival of democracy," the

told reporters here.

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to review prepara-

tions for the up-

coming Lok Sabha

elections in the

Union Territory of

Kashmir. "We are

and

Kumar reached

"How can anyone say I have no family when I have brothers and sisters like

He said his government's schemes for toilets and cooking gas have benefited

■ Party names 72

more candidates

New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI):

The BJP on Wednesday

named 72 more candidates

for the Lok Sabha elec-

tions, including Union

ministers Nitin Gadkari,

Piyush Goyal and Anurag

Singh Thakur, and former

chief ministers Manohar

Lal Khattar, Trivendra

and Rajya Sabha member

Anil Baluni has been field-

ed from Garhwal in

two new candidates --

Harsh Malhotra from East

Chandolia from North

West Delhi. In Karnataka,

In Delhi, it has fielded

and Yogendra

Basavaraj Bommai.

Uttarakhand.

Rawat

Singh

Delhi

tv. PM Modi said one lakh beneficiaries from deprived sections have been given Rs 720 crore assistance till now.

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This initiative is set to facili-

tate financial empowerment

and enable entrepreneurship

opportunities for the most dis-

advantaged sections of socie-

deprived sections of society. 'SCs, STs, OBCs are the biggest beneficiaries of government welfare schemes for the poor," he added. The Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan and Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) national portal aims to provide credit support to eligible individuals across the country, including Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, and sanitation workers.

Khattar, Gadkari, Goyal in BJP's 2nd LS list

IIT-BHU graduate held in fake' cancer drug racket

New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI):

An IIT-BHU graduate was arrested for his alleged involvement in a fake' cancer drug racket on Wednesday, a day after the Delhi Police nabbed seven people in connection with the case.

Aditya Krishna (23), who was arrested from Bihar's Muzaffarpur district, worked as a supplier of spurious cancer drugs in Pune and the NCR region, police said.

The Delhi Police on Tuesday arrested seven people, including Neeraj Chauhan (38), from several locations in the national capital for allegedly manufacturing and supplying spurious 'life-saving' cancer chemotherapy drugs.

According to police, Krishna operated a chemist shop Muzaffarpur and used to purchase the fake cancer drugs from Chauhan.



SHOCKING TRUTH

Class 12 student gives birth to baby

■ Hostel superintendent suspended

Bijapur, Mar 13:

A Class 12 student in Bijapur district has given birth to a baby, prompting authorities to suspend the superintendent of a hostel where she was staying for alleged negligence and being unaware of her condition, officials said.

The student, aged around 20 and student of a school located near the government-run hostel facility, was in relationship with a boy for the last twothree years and their families were aware of it, they

Porta cabins are pre-fabricated structures for school infrastructure in Naxal-affected areas. They include school and residential facilities at some places and only hostel facility at other places in Bastar region.

At places where the porta cabins have only residential facility, students go to nearby schools for education.

The student, who was staying at the governmentrun residential porta cabin for girls in Gangloor complained of Mamata disowns brother after

Supdt said... Talking to reporters, Minj said

What Hostel

the health department recently held a sickle cell anaemia test camp in the porta cabin as a part of its routine exercise, but no symptom of pregnancy was reported by them in any student. "I learnt today that the student was in relationship with a boy and their families were aware of it. She had eloped with the boy three years ago," she claimed.

headache and uneasiness on Tuesday night following which she was admitted to a local hospital where she delivered a baby, Bijapur District Education Officer (DEO) Baliram Baghel said.

After getting information on Wednesday morning, Baghel and other officials went to the residential facility and hospital to enquire about the matter. The student has ap-

peared in three papers of Class 12 board examinations, he said.

The DEO said he later learnt that the student was in relationship with a boy for the last three years.

Baghel also said he met parents of the duo in the

hospital.

Nayab Saini wins trust vote in Haryana Assly

CEC said.

Chandigarh, Mar 13 (PTI):

Nayab Singh Saini-led BJP government in Haryana on Wednesday won the trust vote by voice vote in the state assembly here, a day after he took oath as the new chief min-

The Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) MLAs left the House when the trust vote



during voting on the confidence motion.

Speaker Gian Chand Gupta put the trust vote for voting by voice vote which the Saini government won.

Former state home minister and senior BJP leader Anil Vij was present in the House.

During the voice vote, besides JJP's 10 MLAs, lone legislator of the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) was also not present in the House.

members Congress asked Speaker Gupta to conduct voting through secret ballot but he refused saying there was no provision in the rules for the

Lifer to Mukhtar Ansari

BJP chief spokesperson Union minister Pralhad Krishnadatta Wadiyar of

Josni Will Hight Irom

Dharwad while former

chief minister B S

Yediyurappa's son B Y

Raghavendra will contest

from Shimoga. Tejasvi

Surva, the BJP's youth

wing chief, will seek re-

election from Bengaluru

South.

Varanasi , Mar 13 (PTI):

A special Varanasi court on Wednesday sentenced gangster-politician Mukhtar Ansari to life imprisonment in a threedecade-old fake gun licence case. The MP-MLA court of judge Awanish Gautam also slapped a fine totalling Rs 2 lakh on Ansari under various penal provisions, district government Vinay Singh said.

he expressed displeasure Over ticket

Yaduveer

nominating counsel

porters in Jalpaiguri.

Hitting out at her younger brother for speaking out against the party's selection of candidates, Banerjee said, "Before every election, he creates a problem. I don't like greedy people. I don't believe in dynasty politics that I will give him ticket in elections. I have decided to disown him and cut off

all relationship with him." Asked about media reports that he might join the BJP, the West Bengal CM said, "He can do whatever he wants to. The party stands by its official

'Don't believe in dynasty politics'

Hitting out at her younger

distribution in Howrah

Kolkata, Mar 13 (PTI):

tne erstwniie Mysore royal

family replaces Pratap

Simha as the BJP candi-

Earlier this month, the

BJP had announced its

first list of more than 190

candidates for the Lok

Sabha polls, due in April-

date in the Mysore seat.

TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday disowned her younger brother Babun Banerjee after he expressed displeasure over the party re-Prasun Banerjee from Howrah Lok Sabha seat in West Bengal.

She made the remark while speaking to re-

candidate Prasun

brother for speaking out against the party's selection of candidates, Banerjee said, "Before every election, he creates a problem. I don't like greedy people. I don't believe in dynasty politics that I will give him ticket in elections. I have decided to disown him and cut off all relationship with him." Asked about media reports that he might join the BJP, the West Bengal CM said, "He can do whatever he wants to. The party stands by its official candidate Prasun Banerjee."

Banerjee." Babun Banerjee, who is presently in New Delhi, however, denied speculations that he might switch over to the BJP, but said he is pondering over contesting "Lok Sabha polls from the Howrah seat as an independent."

"I am not happy with the selection of the candidate from Howrah Lok Sabha seat. Prasun Banerjee is not the right choice. There were many capable candidates who were overlooked," he said.

Nepal PM wins vote of confidence Kathmandu, Mar 13 (PTI):

Nenal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda' on Wednesday secured a vote

of confidence in Parliament, as the Himalavan country struggled to maintain political stability due to the frequent shifting of alliances. Prachanda, 69, a former guerilla

leader belonging to the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) -- the third largest party in the House of Representatives (HoR) -received 157 votes in the 275member lower house. Altogether 268 MPs were present during the voting. A total of 110 votes were cast against him while one lawmaker abstained from voting. Prachanda needed 138 votes to win the trust vote, his third since assuming charge

the vote of confidence." announced Speaker Dev Raj Ghimire, amidst cheers from the ruling coalition members. The vote comes days after the Maoist leader dumped the Nepali Congress and forged a new alliance with the **Communist Party of Nepal** (Unified Marxist-Leninist).

"The Prime Minister has won

in December 2022.

'22,217 electoral bonds purchased, 22,030 redeemed'

India (SBI) on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that a total of 22,217 electoral bonds were purchased by political parties between April 1, 2019 and February 15 this year, out of which 22,030 were re-

davit filed in the apex court, the SBI said as per made available the details of electoral bonds to the Election Commission of

12. It said details, including date of purchase of each electoral bonds, names of the purchaser and the denomination of the bonds purchased have been furnished. The affidavit, filed by

SBI's chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara, said the bank has also furnished to the EC details like date of encashment of the electoral bonds, the names of political parties which received the contributions and the denominations of the bonds. "A total number of 22,217 bonds were pur-

April 1, 2019 till February 15, 2024. At the time of collating the information for the ECI, the details were segregated as below," it The affidavit said be-

chased during the period

tween April 1, 2019 to April 11, 2019, a total of 3,346 electoral bonds were purchased and 1,609 redeemed. It further said from

April 12, 2019 to February 15 this year, a total of 18,871 electoral bonds were purchased and 20,421 were redeemed.

"The State Bank of India

chase, denomination and name of buyer were recorded, and (in relation to the political parties) the date of encashment and the denominations of the bonds encashed were recorded," the affidavit It said in compliance

has ready records in

which the date of pur-

with the apex court's directions, a record of this information was made available to the EC by hand delivering in digital form (password protected) before the close of business hours on March 12.

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Hammer and Tool Kit Maker | Sculptor (Stone Carver), Stone Breaker | Mason | Barber |
Garland Maker | Washerman | Tailor | Fishing Net Maker

Cong blames BJP govt for

rise in robbery, stabbing,

Sai advises Collectors and SPs to act with sensitivity and accountability

Image of the securitv camp in Bastar should be that of a convenience camp

CM reviews the works being conducted in public interest

Raipur, Mar 13: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai addressed the 'Collector-SP Conference' today from his residence office and gave necessary instructions regarding the implementation of government schemes and maintenance of the law and order in the state. Chief Minister Shri Sai said that many schemes of the state government and the Government of India are being implemented in the state. These schemes should be made accessible to even the last person of the state. Collectors were directed to ensure that the district administration delivers the schemes to the people without any negligence or irregularities. Following the footsteps of Prime Minister who considers himself a public servant, we should also make serving public a priority. From Collector to Patwari and from SP to constable, we all have to be ready to serve the public.

Revenue officers should change their tendency to postpone work

CM Sai said that several complaints of negligence, delay and irregularities have been received against the Patwaris and Revenue Inspectors in rural areas. Chief Minister said that the old system of postponing

Raipur, Mar 13: Central India's famous 'Shagun' ex-

Rajasthan" exhibition in

Rajasthani folk music and "cultural programs" are

being organized by various

women organizations of Raipur city on the occasion

of World Women's Day

from March 14th. In this ex-

hibition organized till

March 17, 2024, various

stalls of lifestyle products,

clothes, jewellery, footwear,

Khadi handloom, handi-

craft, gift articles, health

products, furniture, home

decor, food products are

There will also be vari-

ous food stalls in the exhibi-

tion. Excellent programs of

Kalabariyam, Ghumar etc.

have also been organized,

dance,

being kept.

Raiasthani

presented

Rangeelo

shopping,

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diately. All the Collectors should ensure that complaints are resolved at the earliest and public convenience should be the

Ensure timely attendance of officers and employees

CM Sai said that officials and employees should give their best effort and focus every day in their 5-day work week. Timely attendance of the officials should be ensured. The district administration should pay attention to ensure that the schemes of the state government and the Government of India reach the people with complete transparency.

The image of the government is shaped by the way Collectors and Superintendents of Police work. Our farmers are food providers the 'Annadaata'. The district administration should ensure that farmers do not have to visit offices. It should be ensured that the work of the farmers is completed within the prescribed time period.

DMF funds should not be misused

In the tenure of the previous government, there was a huge corruption in the use of DMF fund. DMF fund is meant for the development of mining affected

Shagun exhibition 'Padharo

Rangeelo Rajasthan' from today

which will be presented

mainly by folk artists from

Rajasthan. On the first day

i.e. March 14th, "surprise

gifts" will be given to the

women visitors coming to

the exhibition. Daily 'lucky

draws' will also be held.

The facility of stage has

also been kept in the exhibi-

tion where locals can pres-

ent their talents. The exhi-

bition will be inaugurated

by distinguished guests on

March 14 at 5 pm. This exhi-

bition will be organized at "

areas. This amount should be Workers should not have to spent to provide health, educawander for wages. Approved tion, drinking water, roads and works should be started and means of livelihood. Government completed on time, directed

Chief Minister.

Expedite Implementation

of PMAY

Awas Yojana (PMAY), our gov-

ernment has decided to build 18

lakh houses. The eligible benefi-

ciaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas

Yojana, who were deprived of

the benefits for past 5 years,

should get the housing facility

under the scheme at the earliest.

All the houses approved under

the scheme should be completed

in an expedited manner. This

scheme should be continuously

reviewed at the district level.

Under the Pradhan Mantri

Monitor work agency

of India has laid down rules to

ensure optimal utilization of the

DMF amount. These rules should

be strictly followed to avoid any

kind of misuse.

and contractor CM said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set the goal of providing tap water connection to every household through Jal Jeevan Mission. These works should be completed in a systematic and strategic manner. First of all, water sources should be identified, after which the work of building a tank and laying pipelines should be done. The work agency and contractor should be monitored so that the work is done properly.

Pay remuneration to tendupatta collectors on time

As the time of tendupatta procurement has arrived, the procurement rate has been fixed at Rs 5500 per standard bag by the government. Tendupatta collectors should be provided timely payment of wages along with the benefits of various schemes. MNREGA works should run smoothly in rural areas and payments should be made on time.

Raipur. The timing of the

exhibition will be from 12 noon to 10 pm, 'parking'

will be free, for the first two

days (March 14th and 15th)

Entry into the exhibition

will be free. Coordinator

Ms.Trupti Goving Rathi

urged that more Raipur res-

idents should visit this ex-

hibition and take advantage

of shopping and cultural

programs. Local women are

getting great support in

making the exhibition suc-

cessful. The exhibition will

kidnapping incidents cards should be completed soon Targetting BJP governand timely distribution of food ment for rising crime in grains to ration card holders Chhattisgarh Pradesh Committee should be ensured. Congress

People should not face difficulty in withdrawing money from banks

Mahtari Vandan Yojana, the first installment of the scheme has been transferred to the bank accounts of more than 70 lakh eligible

Similarly, the amount under Krishak Unnati Yojana has also transferred to the bank accounts farmers. Necessary arrangements should be ensured in the banks to ensure that the beneficiaries do not face any difficulty in the withdrawing amount.

Even after transfer of funds by the government in Direct Benefit Schemes, there have been complaints of funds not being deposited in their their accounts. Such complaints should be immediately addressed and resolved.

today said that incidents robbery, stabbing, kidnapping etc. were on the rise under BJP government. Minor girls are being kidnapped and raped, PCC Spokesman Sushil Anand Shukla said. Chhattisgarh

months, he said. According to him BJP government seemed to be a union government as PMO takes even the smallest decisions of this government. The Chief Minister of the government is not able to take any decision, Shukla said.

government has become

unpopular in just three

BJP government in Chhattisgarh is a remote control government and Chief Minister is just a puppet, he said. He said that children were burnt to death in the POTA



cabin and the girl child became a mother in the POTA cabin itself. Shukla also attacked

Home Minister Vijay Sharma over Naxalite incident. On one hand the Home Minister sometimes says that he will kill Naxalites by entering their houses but on the other he said that Naxalites will be talked to through video conferencing, Shukla said. It is an unfortunate situation that farmers are committing suicide every day, he said.

The money for paddy may have been given, but the BJP government is not procuring maize, he

ernment is not even procuring wheat and other food items. Businessmen are being threatened and extortion money is being collected from them, he said.

According to Shukla the BJP, which accused Congress of taking loans, has taken a loan of Rs 13 thousand crores in 3 months.

Cow dung procurement was also stopped, he said, adding that the sisters of the self-help group were rendered unemployed. Cow smuggling vehicles are being caught continuously in Chhattisgarh, he said. The BJP government, which promised LPG at Rs 500, is not ready to say anything for the last three months, he said. adding that none of the BJP leaders who talk about Modi's guarantee talk about loan waiver for

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Go to Services > **Registration > Application** to Opt for Composition Levy



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Supplier of S	ervices	upto ₹ 50 Lakh	

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Youth selected in Agniveer **Army will be** felicitated today

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma to honor fire warriors

Raipur, Mar 13: 1304 youth from Chhattisgarh have been selected as Indian Army Agniveer. Youth from different districts of Chhattisgarh worked become to Agniveer, passed written and physical efficiency test, now they are going to make Chhattisgarh proud by serving the country. In the year 2022, 434 youth of the state and in the year 2023, 870 youth have been selected for the Agniveer Army. In honor of all these selected fire brave youth of the state, a felicitation ceremony is being organized on March 14 at 9 am at the Shaheed Building, Smarak Raipur. The chief guest of this felicitation ceremony will be Deputy Chief Minister, Vijay

Sharma.

Hotel Wood Castle " near Magneto Mall, V.I.P. Road, remain from March 14th to CM to present awards to talented players today

Minister Vishnudeo Sai will reward the talented players of the state in the State Sports Investiture Ceremony on March 14. Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh will preside over the program. The special guests of the program will be Deputy Chief Ministers Mr. Arun Sao and Mr. Vijay Sharma and Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Tankaram Verma. The State Sports Investiture Ceremony will be organized by the Sports and Youth Welfare Department at Upadhyay Deendayal Auditorium from 11 am. Education Minister Brijmohan Agarwal, Minister Agriculture Ramvichar Netam, Forest Minister Kedar Kashyap, Food Minister Dayal Das Baghel, Finance Minister O.P. Chaudhary were present as special guests in the program. Health

Minister Shyam Bihari

Dewangan, Women and

Rajwade, MLAs Rajesh

Industries

Lakhanlal

Lakshmi

Development

Jaiswal,

Minister

Minister

Child

Raipur, Mar 14: Chief Munat, Purandar Mishra, Motilal Sahu, Anuj Sharma, Inder Kumar Sahu, Guru Khushwant Saheb will also be pres-

> In the program, the state government gave 6 Martyr Rajeev Pandey Martyr Award, 06 Kaushal Yadav Award, 02 Veer Hanuman Singh Award, 27 Martyr Pankaj Vikram Award, 05 Martyr Vinod Choubey Award and 25 players will be honored with Chief Minister trophy for the year 2019-20. Similarly, for the year 2020-21, 11 Martyr Rajiv Pandey Award. 03 Martyr Kaushal Yadav Award, 01 Veer Hanuman Singh Award, 16 Martyr Pankaj Vikram Award, 05 Martyr Vinod Choubey Award and 26 Chief Minister Trophy award will be given to the selected players. In the programme, players who won medals in the national competition will be honored with decorations and 269 players will be given a prize money of Rs 30.36 lakh for the year 2019-20 and 142 players will be given a prize money of Rs 19.32 lakh for the year 2020-21.

Raipur, Mar 13:

Amity

Agarwal issues strict instructions to ensure that govt schemes reach lower level



Education, Tourism and Culture Minister and in-charge of district, Brijmohan Agrawal held a marathon meeting of district level officials in Kanker late on Monday night of March 11th to ensure better implementation of various schemes of the Central and State Government and as per the intention of the government. Instructions were given to ensure access at the lower level. Minister Agarwal clearly directed the officials present in the meeting to pre-

pare a systematic strategy

before the implementation

of any scheme so that no

In a heartening gather-

ing on World Kidney Day,

survivors, kidney trans-

plant recipients, dialysis

patients, and those suc-

cessfully cured from kid-

ney diseases came to-

gether for a memorable

Survivor Meet. The

event, organized with ut-

most success, was a testa-

ment to the strength and

triumph of individuals

who faced kidney health

Patients from various

walks of life expressed

their gratitude and

heartfelt thanks to Dr.

Sunil Dharmani, the

Clinical Lead and Senior

Narayana Hospital, for

his exemplary care and

commitment that has

given them a renewed

The Survivor Meet fea-

tured a diverse range of

challenges.

Consultant

Department

Nephrology

lease on life.

Raipur, Mar 13:

eligible beneficiary is deprived of the benefits. It was also said that any kind of negligence or laxity in this will not be tolerated at all. He said that the resolve taken by the country's successful Prime Minister Narendra Modi to develop the country has to be fulfilled by all of us together. He told the officials that the people have many aspirations and expectations from the new government of the state and as per the expectations of the people, our government has taken many important decisions in the last three months.

While reviewing the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Minister in-charge of the Brijmohan

time, both the departments were directed to execute the work in coordination for the solar panels installed under CREDA. He clearly said that until 100 percent availability of drinking water in houses is not ensured, the full amount should not be paid the contractors. Similarly, under Mahtari Vandan Yojana, informa-Agrawal expressed his distion was taken about transpleasure over the 9207 fer of funds to all the eligicases remaining for conble beneficiaries through struction even after the ap-DBT and said that no eligiproval and release of the ble sister should be defirst installment under the prived of the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Awas this scheme. Yojana, all the work will be completed by the end of

the scheme. At the same

While reviewing the Food Department, the Prime Minister directed to run a campaign to provide gas connections to 1526 beneficiaries under the Ujjwala Scheme and to continuously review the operators of the gas agency. Similarly, while reviewing the road construction works, the Minister in-charge of the district gave instructions to compulsorily complete the Nandanmara Bridge before the upcoming rainy

681 students to get degrees at 2nd Convocation of Amity University

Governor will preside over the convocation



will be conferred undergraduate degrees (UG) and 106 students will be conferred postgraduate degrees (PG) at the convocation. In total, 22 golds medals, 16 silver medals and 05 bronze medals will be awarded to meritorious students, according to the university officials. The University announced that the degree of honorary doctorate (Doctor of Science) -Honoris causa will be conferred on Secretary (DARE) and Director General

student will be awarded the prestigious Shri Baljit Shastri Award for Best in Human and Traditional Values such as honesty, integrity, respect for others, caring attitude and respect for heritage and culture. Fifteen students will be awarded the Dr Ashok K Chouhan award for completing their degree with 100% scholarship whereas one student will be awarded with all round trophy for best performance in academics, sports and social service. Vice Chancelor Prof. (Dr.)

Harichandan will preside over the convocation while Dr Ashok K Chauhan, Founder President Amity University will deliver the convocation address. Dr. Aseem K. Chauhan, Chairman, Amity University Chhattisgarh will deliver words of wisdom. Dr W. Selvamurthy, Chancellor, Amity University Chhattisgarh will deliver the opening address. Prof. Colonel Umesh Kumar Mishra, Chairman CG-PURC will be present where in Prof (Dr) Piyush Kant Pandey will deliver the welcome address with convocation report. Registrar Dr. Suresh Dhyani, Director PR Dr. Shivam Arun Patnaik, HOI Amity School of Communication Dr. K.N. Kishore and Dy Registrar Exams Mr. Ashish Singh were present at the press

Pivush Kant Pandey addressing the press conference on Wednesday,

March 13 said that

Chhattisgarh Governor

Biswabhusan

on

MMI Narayana Hospital organised Survivor Meet

On occasion of World Kidney Day



activities, fostering engagement and camaraderie among attendees. performances, Dance musical interludes. heartfelt poems, and a poster-making competition added vibrancy to

A notable highlight of the occasion was the poster-making competition on the theme 'CKD Diet.' Both hospital staff and patients participated enthusiastically, show-casing creativity and awareness about kidney health. The artworks provided valuable insights

into the importance of a well-managed diet for those with chronic kidney disease (CKD).

Dr. Sunil Dharmani,

this month, he instructed

the CEO of District

Panchavat to start it.

Similarly, instructions

were given to ensure pay-

ment of the outstanding

amount of incentive is-

sued to the farmers in the

years 2014-15 and 2015-16 by

March 20. While reviewing

the Jaljeevan Mission,

Minister Agarwal directed

the Executive Engineer

Public Health Engineering

to conduct the necessary

survey before starting the

along with other distinguished doctors, graced the event, contributing to its success. The eminent doctors present included Dr. Rakesh Chand, Dr. Gaurav Joshi, Dr. PK Harikumar. SumitGupta, and Dr. Dharmesh Lad. Their presence not only added medical expertise but also inspired confidence and hope among the participants.

The Survivor Meet not only celebrated triumph over adversity but also promoted awareness about kidney health, emphasizing the crucial role of medical professionals in the journey to recovery. This week MMI Narayana Hospital , Raipur has done 3 successful kidney transplant

Action taken against industries violating environmental rules

the Indian higher educa-

tion sector by providing

globally benchmarked, re-

search and employment

A total of 681 students

will be conferred degrees

at the 2nd convocation of

the Amity University

Chhattisgarh which will

be held on Friday, March

15, at Pandit Deendayal

Upadhyaya Auditorium

Among the 681 stu-

dents, a whopping 357 can-

didates (52.42 percent) are

girls while 324 students

(47.57 percent) are boys. As many as 575 students

here at 09.00 am.

oriented education.



Raipur, Mar 13: On the instructions of Collector, Dr. Gaurav Singh, continuous action is being taken against industries violating environmental rules. In the same sequence, the **Environment Department** team has taken action to seize a large quantity of banned plastic carry bags from M/s Vijay Industries operating in village-Dhusera, Abhanpur. It is noteworthy that Housing Environment Department, Chhattisgarh has banned the manufac-

On Collector's instruction

turing and use of plastic bags. Environment Department is continuously investigating and arresting the industries. In the same sequence, during the inspection of M/s Industries operating in village-Dhusera, Abhanpur, the industry was found to be manufacturing banned plastic carry bags and a huge quantity of about 131

kg plastic carry bags was recovered from the industry. Besides, instructions were issued to the industry to stop operations under the provisions contained in the Water and Air Acts and the Electricity Department was also directed to disconnect the power of the said industry. Instructions have been given by the Collector to continue the action further and to take strict action if anyone is found producing any kind of banned plastic

Farmer friendly state govt transferred Rs 13, 320 cr to farmers accounts

Raipur, Mar 13:

well as a farmer, I congratulate the state and central government for fulfilling the guarantee of the Prime Minister of the country, Narendra Modi for more than 24.72 lakh farmers of the state have been benefited under Krishak Unnat Yojana Kharif. Rs 13, 320 crore were transferred to the account as assistance amount which will give impetus to the strengthening and development of the farmers of the state. Today the farmers of the state are very happy and proud of themselves. This will prove to be a milestone for the Chhattisgarh government to accelerate the economic growth of the state. With money going into the pockets of farmers, their purchasing power will increase which will ultimately reach the

Education key

to development of society

and nation: Sao

Calls for effort to remove social evils

Being a businessman as



Chhattisgarh Chamber of

Commerce and Industries.

President.

Working

Mansukh Mandaviya releases CA Amit Chimnani's book 'Modi Magic'

Book compares the **UPA and Modi govts** with statistics as well as comments from experts across the country

Raipur. Mar 13:

Chartered Accountant, expert in economic matters, former Chairman of CA branch Raipur, former advisor to the Accountant General of Chhattisgarh and state media in-charge of BJP, Amit Chimnani, book 'Modi Magic', was released by the Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in New Delhi on Tuesday. On this occasion, Mandaviya said that presenting the works of governments with data is definitely a commendable task, CA Amit Chimnani's book 'Modi Magic' is giving factual information on many areas, this will make it easier for every-

one to understand the works of governments. I once again congratulate CA Amit Chimnani for this work.

Amit ssid that he was working behind this book for the last several months. This book will also work as a referral book for the coming 50 years, because in this book, the tenure of 10 years of two governments, UPA and Modi government. There is a comparison based on the data of both the governments in GDP, inflation rate, tax collection, amount given to the states, foreign investment, export, work done in defense and railway sector, schemes run for youth, women and farmers. Many such important topics including middle class, work done for the poor, revival of religious heritage, work towards developed India, Make in India, use of technology in India, budget of vari-



ous ministries for 20 years are included in this book. Chhattisgarh State Chief Minister Vishnudeo Sai, State President, Kiran Singhdeo, Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao, Vijay Sharma have also sent their best wishes for the factual presentation.

Amit told that another special thing about this book is that after almost every topic, famous personalities associated with that field have given their expert comments in this book, which include spiritual gurus, many national economists, tax experts, CA organization, tax organization etc. Comments of the national president, former president, and even people associated with international trade associations are included in this book.

Amit informed that now when Prime Minister

Narendra Modi is in the fray for the third time to gain public trust, this book will prove to be very useful in taking decisions from the point of view of Lok Sabha elections. When the public will see the work of both the governments with facts and figures, then it will come to know that the work done by the Modi government is no less than a miracle, that is why the name of the book is 'Modi Magic'. Amit also discussed with the journalists in Delhi, shared many statistics and presented them his book.

Amit told that his aim is to provide information to the people through data, hence he will not sell it, he will give this book free of cost to many sections, including public representatives and journalists, and the public can also downit from Amit Chimnani's own website 'Modimagics.com'.

Raipur, Mar 13:

Samuhik Adarsh Vivah & Samman Samaroh (mass ideal marriage and felicitation ceremony) was organized in village Cherkapur on Monday under the joint aegis of Tehsil Sahu Palari, Rohansi. Bhawanipur, Datan area and Nagar Sahu Sangh Palari. Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao attended the function as chief quest.

At the outset all the guests garlanded the photograph of Maa Karma and offered prayers to her. Mahant of Kabir Ashram conducted the marriage as per the rituals. Deputy Chief Minister Sao along with all the guests and social workers blessed the 28 Participates in Samuhik Adarsh Vivah & Samman Samaroh'

newlyweds and wished them a happy and prosperous life.

While addressing the programme, Deputy Chief Minister Sao called for effort to take society forwards towards modernity while preserving the culture. For this, it is necessary to lay emphasis on education while removing the existing evils and practices in the socie-

ty, he emphasised. According to him only an educated society can create a strong state and nation. According to him mass marriage of Sahu community is a laudable initiative. Parents of

poor families were always worried about the marriage of their daughters. There was a need to take loan or even sell property for the marriage of daughters. Those daughters of poor families are getting the benefit of this ideal marriage, he said. The program was also addressed by MLA Sandeep Sahu and Motilal Sahu.

Raipur Rural MLA Motilal Sahu, former MLA Shakuntala Sahu, State Sahu Samaj President Tahal Singh Sahu, officials District from Administration and other office bearers of the society were present in large numbers. People doing excellent work in the society were honored from the main stage.

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AM/NS India CSR promotes menstrual hygiene management In Gram Panchayats of

Dantewada

Dantewada, Mar 13: AM/NS India CSR organized an orientation program on Menstrual Hygiene Management, across several Gram Panchayats in Dantewada. Aimed at raising awareness and providing essential support, the initiative targeted 443 adolescent girls and women in villages including Madadi, Palnar, Phulpad,



Kirandul, Tikanpal, and

Sameli. The program, facilitated through Anganwadi centers, encompassed an educational session on menstrual hygiene practices and the distribution of sanitary napkins. The orientation program not only provided practical support but also encouraged open discussions and learning. By educating and providing menstrual hygiene resources, AM/NS India CSR shows its dedication to helping and empowering communities.

WATER CRISIS



Locals collect free water from a government water supply tanker amid the ongoing water crisis, in Hyderabad, Wednesday.

CJI, top court judges felicitate cook's daughter

Set to pursue masters in law in US

New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI):

In a heart-warming gesture, Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and other Supreme Court judges on Wednesday felicitated Pragya, a law researcher and daughter of a cook, who scaled a mountain of challenges to bag scholarships to pursue masters in law at either University California University of Michigan in

They all assembled at the judges' lounge before the start of the day's work and gave a standing ovation to Pragya, daughter of an obscure cook at the top court Ajay Kumar Samal. Pragya, whose appetite for



Court of India in New Delhi, Wednesday.

pursuing a masters in law probably got whetted after seeing her father work on the hallowed premises of the Supreme Court, smiled a broad smile and folded her hands in gratitude as Justice Chandrachud gifted her three books on the Constitution

signed by all the judges of the apex court.

"We know Pragya has managed something on her own, but we will ensure she manages to get whatever is required... We expect that she should come back to serve the country," Chandrachud young lawyer. Other judges wished her luck in her future endeavours.

Chandrachud offered shawls to a beaming Samal and his wife, their eyes glinting with pride and hands folded in gratefulness. Touched by the the endearing gesture of the chief justice and other judges of the court, the 25year-old lawyer said Chandrachud was an inspiration for her.

With the live streaming of court hearings, everyone can watch him (Justice Chandrachud) speaking. He encourages young lawyers and his words are like gems. He is my inspiration," she told PTI. Dreaming big might not have come easily to Pragya, herself a diamond in the rough. But now her dreams have taken wings.

Contractual ex- employee of PPA dies in a road accident



Paradip, Mar 13:

RabiNarayana nayak, ex employee and present engaged on contractual basis as attendant to Chairman PPA has died in

building on 6th march evening. He met with an accident he was immediately shifted into a private hospital Contractual exemployee of PPA dies in a accident bhubaneswar for the better treatment but unfortunately he breathed his last on 10th march afternoon, after listcning to this shocking news the staff of PPA also spread their condolcence message for his bereaved family. His body had been taken to swargadwar in puri for cremation. He was the most punctual, cheerful, outstanding and passionate

RKM holds screening of 'Bastar: The Naxalite Story' on JNU campus

Poll body says no permission

New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI):

The Rashtriya Kala Manch(RKM) unit of the Jawaharlal Nehru University on Wednesday held a pre-release screening of a movie on the campus based on Naxalite insurgency with the varsity's poll body stating that no permission was granted for the event.

A pre-release screening of 'Bastar: The Naxalite Story' was organised at the Convention Centre auditorium here which faced several electricity cuts by the miscreants, the students al-

leged. The event was attended by the film's director Sudipto Sen and main star cast Adah Sharma.

The varsity's Election Committee said that the film's screening was in violation of the partial code of conduct effective on the campus amid the ongoing JNUSU election process.

"It has come to the notice of the Election Committee that a movie titled 'Bastar: The Naxalite Story' was held at the Convention Centre on March 13, 2024. The Election Committee clarifies that no information was given or no permission was obtained for the event," Election Committee chairperson

statement. "The EC had informed the competent authority prior to the event that this event is in violation of the partial code of conduct for the JNUSU elections 2023-24," he added.

The screening met objections from the Left students groups who called it an attempt to promote propaganda ahead of the JNUSU elections. "We stand against the screening of propaganda movie-Bastar. Shame on ABVPadmin nexus for promoting such propaganda movies," Left affiliated Democratic Students Federation (DSF) said in a statement.

"These are the same

be running for the upcoming JNUSU elections. It's extremely shameful that they are promoting propaganda which talks about killing students of the JNU openly," outgoing JNUSU president Aishe Ghosh said.

However, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) denied organising the event stating that some of its members in individual capacity helped in coordinating the event. The screening was held ahead of Nehru Jawaharlal University Students' Union (JNUSU) elections slated for March 22 and the declaration of results on

Congress leader Nirupam meets Ashok Chavan was later elected to the

Mumbai, Mar 13 (PTI):

Congress leader Sanjay Nirupam called on newlyelected BJP Rajya Sabha and member Maharashtra Minister Ashok Chavan in Mumbai, days after the latter switched sides.

Nirupam, a former MP from Mumbai who is seeking a Congress ticket for the ensuing Lok Sabha polls, called on Chavan at his residence in south Mumbai on Tuesday night, and said there was no political angle to the meeting though they discussed general politics.

quit Chavan Congress and joined the

Raiva Sabha. Nirupam recently criti-

cised Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray, a Congress ally, after the latter declared Amol Kirtikar as his party's candidate for the Mumbai North-West Lok Sabha seat.

Nirupam, who is vying for the seat which he lost in 2019, was critical of Thackeray for unilaterally announcing Kirtikar's candidature when seat-shar ing talks for the Lok Sabha polls between Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) were yet to conclude. The MVA consists of the Congress, the Shiv Sena (UBT) and the (Sharadchandra

Commemoration of Int'l Women's Day at PPA

Paradip, Mar 13:

ParadipPortAuthority in association Paraeep Ladies commemorated International Women's Day. A function was organized at Officers' Club. Gracing the occasion, .L. Haranadh, Chairman, PPA said that as the Port is slated to become India's No.1 Major Port in cargo throughput in current fiscal, the working women of Team PPA have significantly contributed in this regard.

In downtrodden Indian society, imparting quality education to young girls is most important for its upliftment. Working Women Cell of PPA has been actively addressing the women related issues. Stressing on the health of women emplovees, he emphasized on a special camp for cancer screening and to avail the facilities of launched Mobile Medical



Nilabhra Dasgupta, Dy. Chairman, PPA said that mother being the building block of every human being, now a days women folk are leading in various spheres of life. PPA has been achieving success because of significant contribution of its working women employees.

Shilpa Vinayak

gave course on the Cardiac Health and Ms. Swati Mohapatra, Dietician explained Nutrition therapy for Stress management. They were felicitated on the occasion for their outstanding contribution in their respective fields.

Chairman and Dy. Chairman, PPA, also felicitated women officers and employees of PPA who have excelled in their re-

spective fields in the current fiscal. A major attraction of the event was dance performance by Specially abled Girl children of Jagruti school. They were also felicitated on the occasion. Mrs Susmita Samal, Working Chairperson, Women Cell, PPA offered Welcome speech, Dr.Runu Singh of PPA compeered the programme, Mrs Itishree Mohanty offered

Kishan Reddy hails Centre's decision to celebrate Sep 17

Felangana BJP president G Kishan Reddy and for-Maharashtra Governor Ch Vidyasagar Rao on Wednesday hailed the Union Home Ministry for issuing a notification to celebrate September 17 every year as 'Hyderabad Liberation Day'. They thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for the deci-

The erstwhile princely state of Hyderabad under Nizam's rule was merged with the Indian Union on September 17, 1948. In a statement, Kishan Reddy said the Centre's decision to celebrate September 17 as 'Hyderabad Liberation

Day' is a respect given to make the future generalliberation of the erstwhile those who made sacrifices tions aware of the signifi-Union Minister and for Telangana's freedom.

about the struggle for the

princely state cance of September 17 and Hyderabad under Nizam's



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Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank Of Maharashtra under the Securitization and Reconstruction o Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002, and in exercise of Powers conferred under Sub-Section (12) of Section 13 read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002, issued Demand Notices as below mentioned calling upon the

Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with Interest thereon within 60 days from date of the receipt of the said notices. The notices were sent by Read. AD Post The borrowers having failed to repay the amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigne

 $has taken \, Symbolic \, possession \, of \, the \, properties \, described \, herein \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, him/her \, under \, sub \, section \, (4) \, and \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, him/her \, under \, sub \, section \, (4) \, and \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, him/her \, under \, sub \, section \, (4) \, and \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, him/her \, under \, sub \, section \, (4) \, and \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, him/her \, under \, sub \, section \, (4) \, and \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, him/her \, under \, sub \, section \, (4) \, and \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, him/her \, under \, sub \, section \, (4) \, and \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, him/her \, under \, sub \, section \, (4) \, and \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, below \, in \, exercise \, of \, powers \, conferred \, on \, below \, in \, exercise \, on \, exercise \, on \, below \, in \, exercise \, on \, exe$ of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 said rules on this the date mentioned below. The borrowers in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank Of Maharashtra for amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

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

Name & Address of the No. Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s)

through its partners- Partner No.1) Mr. Shekh Mujibur Rahman S/o Late Shri Raushan Ali, Partner No. 2) Mr S.kNasiruddin Ahamed S/o Shri Sekh Muiibur Rahman, (borrower firm) and Guarantor No.1) Mr. Shekh Mujibur Rahman S/o Late Shri Raushan Ali. Guarantor No. 2) Mr. S.K. Nasiruddin Ahamed S/o Shri Sekh Mujibur Rahman Murshida Begam W/o Shri Shekh

2. Shri Nasiruddin Ahmed (Son) 3. Ms. Sabina Yasmin (Daughter) Sabana Parveen (Daughter Ms. Maieda Sultana (Daughter)

Mujibur Rahman through her legal heirs-

Borrower No.1) Mr. Shekh Mujibur Rs. 19,08,917.31/-Rahman S/o Late Shri Raushan Ali , unapplied Interest w.e.f (2) 12.03.2024 Borrower No.2) Smt. Murshida Begam No-04, Raigarh, Tah. & Distt-Raigarh (C.G.), Area of 1342.00 Sq.Ft. in the name of Shri Sekl

Rahman through her legal heirs 1. Shri Mujibur Rahman (Husband), 2. Shri Ahmed (Son), 3. Ms. Sabina Yasmin (Daughter), 4. Ms. Sabana Parveen (Daughter), 5. Ms. Majeda Sultana Daughter), 6. Shri Maniruddin Ahmed (Son) and Borrower No. 3) Mr. Sk Nasiruddin Ahamed S/o Shri Sekh Mujibur Rahman Borrower No.1) Smt. Murshida Begam Rs. 10,14,758.50/- (1) 01/01/2024 (Deceased) W/o Shri Shekh Mujibur ahman through her legal heirs

1) Date of Demand Description of the Property Notice 2) Date

1. Borrower- M/s Jubilee Enterprises Rs.1,21,71,311.72 /- (1) 23/11/2023 Description of the Immoveable Propert (2) 12.03.2024 unapplied
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Property 1: Equitable Mortgage of Flat No-A 609, Block –A, 6th Floor, "Green View" Khairpu Raigarh, Tehsil & Distt-Raigarh (C.G.), Area 760.00 Sq. ft. in the name of Shri Sekh Mujibi (For Prop. 2) Rahaman. Boundaries of the property: Nort Flat No. A 616. South : Flat No. A 610, East : Open Sky, West : Lobby. Property 2: Additional EM of Residential House (G+1) on Plot Kh No-533/1(Part), P.H. No-114, Mauza- Tikarapara

Krishna Nagar, Tah & Distt- Baipur (C.G.) Area of 1560 Sq. Ft. in the name of Smt. Murshid Begam (Deceased) w/o Shri Shekh Mujibur Rahman through her legal heirs: 1) Shri Mujibur Rahman (Husband), 2) Shri Nasiruddin Ahmed (Son), 3) Ms. Sabina Yasmin (Daughter), 4 and Guarantor No.3) Deceased- Smt. Ms. Sabana Parveen (Daughter), 5) Ms. Majeda Sultana (Daughter), 6) Shri Maniruddin Ahme (Son). Boundaries of the property: North: Land of others, South: Road, East: Land of Selle West: Land of Uttam Parihar

Property 3: Equitable Mortgage of Flat No-305,3 rd Floor," Krishna Vihar Pride" Jagatpur, ward No-04, Raigarh, Tah. & Distt- Raigarh (C.G.), Area of 1342.00 Sq.Ft. in the name of Shri Sekt Mujibur Rahman. Boundaries of the property: North: Flat No.304, South: Open Sky, East

Open Sky, West: Stairs and Corridor Description of the Moveable Property: 1.) Hypothecation of stocks and book debts up to 90

days. 2.) Hypothecation of assets (Plant and Machineries, furniture and fixtures etc. Purchased/acquired with the assistance of bank finance.

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Mujibur Rahman. **Boundaries of the property:** North: Flat No.304, South: Open Sky, East Open Sky, West: Stairs and Corridor Description of the moveable Property: 1.) Hypothecation of stocks and book debts up to 9 days. 2.) Hypothecation of assets (Plant and Machineries, furniture and fixtures etc.

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Odisha bars entry of visitors to mass nesting sites of Olive Ridley turtles

Bhubaneswar, Mar 13 (PTI):

The Odisha forest department on Wednesday said the mass nesting sites of Olive Ridley turtles in the state will remain out of bounds for visitors till the hatchlings are born.

The mass nesting of the turtles is likely to begin in the next few days, three months after the mating season in deep sea, which usually takes place in November-December.

"All the mass nesting sites of Olive Ridley sea turtles shall be closed for visitors from the beginning of the nesting period till the birth of the hatchlings," an order by the forest department

The nesting sites are located at Gahirmatha beach in Kendrapara district, Devi river mouth in Puri and Rushikulya river mouth in Ganjam district. The Principal Chief

Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Sushanta Nanda, in an order said, "It is seen that visitors going to mass nesting sites of Olive Ridley sea turtles for the purpose of observing the phenomena of nesting and hatchling emergence are using bright lights for observation and for photographs/videography of the turtles.

"In some cases, inappropriate behaviour of visitors are observed. These activities together with crowding of the nesting sites would be disturbing the normal process of turtle nesting and hatchling emergence to great extent,"

he said. The order pointed out that the Olive Ridley sea turtles are protected under Schedule-I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and these activities come under the definition of 'hunting' as per provisions of the

Every year, lakhs of Olive Ridley turtles come to the banks of the mouths of rivers Dhamara, Devi and Rusikulya in Odisha to

The state government had clamped a sevenmonth-long (November to May) prohibition on sea fishing activities within 20km off the coast to ensure the safety of marine animals such as Olive Ridley turtles during their mating and breeding season.

The state government pays compensation of Rs 15,000 to each fisherman during the ban period.

Change of Name It Is Informed to the

General Public that I Manju Kumari Bhakta W/o Anand Kumar Bhakta Resident of House No D-301 Harsh Kingdom, Ashok Nagar, DLS College Road, Sarkanda, Bilaspur (C.G.) 495001 Have Changed My old Name Manju Kumari Bhakta W/o Anand Kumar Bhakta, So in Future I Should be Recognized by my New Name Manju Bhakta W/o Anand Kumar Bhakta in all Government and other Documents.

Manju Bhakta House No D-301 Harsh

Kingdom, Ashok Nagar, DLS College Road, Sarkanda, Bilaspur (C.G.) 495001

Rahman S/o Late Shri Raushan Ali Date: 14.03.2024. Place: Raipur

5. Ms. Majeda Sultana (Daughter), Maniruddin Ahmed (Son). Boundaries of the property: North: Land of others, South: Roa East : Land of seller, West : Land of Uttam Parihar 6. Shri Maniruddin Ahmed (Son) and

Description of the Immoveable Property

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CENTRAL CHRONICLE, BILASPUR, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

Assembly level grand party workers' conference of BJP held

An Assembly level grand party workers' conference of BJP was held here in the region, in which the BJP MP candidate Roop Choudhary, Mahasamund Chunilal Sahu and Kurud MLA Ajay Chandrakar charged the workers and motivated them to work hard for the LS elections and fulfil PM Narendra Modi's call for over 400 seats. Senior leaders along with the office bearers of Samast Shakti Kendra Mandal participated in the Kurud Legislature level BJP workers conference organized under the Lok



Sabha Elections at Old Krishi Upaj Mandi in Kurud. On this occasion, senior MLA and former minister Chandrakar said that as a political worker, as a citizen of India, this election should help in the construction of the country by giving your valuable contribution.

Mahasamund Lok Sabha Chunilal Sahu, Mahasamund Lok Sabha candidate Roop Kumari Chaudhary, Mahasamund Lok Sabha co-in-charge Ajay Chandrakar, BJP state executive member Niranjan Singha, Kurud assembly in-charge Ashu Chandravanshi, senior worker LP Goswami, BJP



Rajiv Lochan Temple model made

district president Prakash former Nagar Panchayat president Jyoti Chandrakar, Ravikant Chandrakar, senior worker Malak Ram Sahu, Virender Sahu, Sindhu Bais, Devaki Ramgopal Devangan, Shyam Sahu, Bhimdev Sahu, Gaukaran Sahu and other BJP leaders

The program was moderated by Harakh Jain and vote of thanks was by Bhanu given Chandrakar. Also present in the program were Kuleshwar Chandrakar, Trilokchand Jain Anand Yadu, Pushpendra Sahu, Horilal Sahu and many

CM Sai inaugurates and lays stone for 65 devp projects

Costing more than Rs 28 cr in Balod district

Balod, Mar 13:

Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Deo Sai on Tuesday inaugurated and laid stone for 65 development projects worth more than Rs 28 crore during the Krishak Unnati Yojana funds distribution programme in Balod district. This includes inaugurating 20 projects costing Rs 20.87 crore and performing Bhoomipujan for 45 projects costing Rs 7.12 crore. Chief Minister Sai inau-



crore for the Dondilohara Assembly Constituency and inaugurated 03 projects costing Rs 6.38 crore, while performing Bhoomipujan for 27 projects costing Rs 83 lakh in the Gunderdehi Assembly Constituency.

District level program organized under KUY



Khairagarh, Mar 13:

A district level program was organized under Krishak Unnati Yojana (KUY) at Gram Panchayat Road Ataria, under the chief hospitality of former MLA and Parliamentary Secretary Komal Janghel, in which Collector Chandrakant Verma along with public representatives, officials and farmers were present in large num-

The program was addressed by Komal Janghel and BJP leader Khamhan Tamrakar. Janghel who said in his address that the government of Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai is fulfilling the promises made by the BJP before forming the government. Komal Janghel said that this is the first govis giving a lump sum fair price to the farmers for their produce and we have to take a pledge to make Narendra Modi the Prime Minister for the third

District Collector Chandrakant Verma, Chhuikhadan SDM Renuka Ratre, BJP District Vice President Prem Naravan Chandrakar, Puran Janghel, former District Vice President Khamhan Tamarkar, Netram Janghel, Vice President Rohit Janghel officers and employees of cooperative, agriculture, bank and other departments were present. In the program inspired by modern farming, exhibitions organized by the Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry etc. through which farmers were inspired to plant modern crops along with

From 108 varieties of grains highlight of Rajim fair

Rajim, Mar 13:

In the recently concluded Rajim Kumbh Kalp Mela, the Rajiv Lochan Temple model made from 108 varieties of grains, made by the Science Club of SAJES Rajim under Fingeshwar Block, remained the center of special attraction in the exhibition stall of the Education Department. Under the direction of District Education Officer Ramesh Kumar Nishad, a stall showcasing the work of the education department was set up in the Rajim fair, in which, under the guidance of DMC Khel Singh Nayak, programs were conducted in the Education Department by all the development blocks of the district were demonstrated.

In the same sequence, the science club of SAGES Rajim Vidyalaya under Cluster Rajim 1 of



models of Rajiv Lochan Temple, Kuleshwar Mahadev Temple and Laxman Jhula from 108 varieties of grains in the stall, which was displayed by the **Education** Department during the entire fair. This special model made

of food was highly praised by Block Education Officer Ramendra Joshi, Block Resource Coordinator Tikendra Yadu, Cluster Coordinator Subhash Sharma and thisparticular model was built by the students who were members of the Science Club under the guidance of lecturer Samiksha

Gaikwad. Guiding teacher Samiksha Gaikwad told that in the stall of the Education Department, a model was made demonstrating integrated teaching using various skills of National new Education Policy 2020, in which the science club members formed a team and collected 108 types of paddy, pulses, oilseeds etc.

And under the scientific method of learning, the students observed the temple premises and collected information from the historical, archaeological facts of the temple, physical measurements and lished proper relationship between their experience and skills and made a different types of models. Monica Dewangan,

Bhumika Sonkar, Mahi

Soni, Lakshmi Verma,

Deeksha Tarak, Rupesh Dewangan, Hiteshwari, Yogmaya Tarak, Yachna Sahu, Laxman Patel, Lukeshwari Nishad. Hiteshwari Nishad, Mukesh Sahu. Khileshwari, Shakuntala, were prominent in model making. Principal Sanjay Ekka encouraged the students by praising the excellent model made by the

guiding teacher and students of the Science Club

Mass marriage program conducted under MMKVY

Korea, Mar 13:

Under the Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana (MMKVY), a mass marriage program was held in the community hall of development block headquarters Sonhat,in which 20 couples from development block Sonhat entered into married life by tying the knot. On this occasion, elected public representatives of the area including Bharatpur-Sonhat MLA Renuka Singh wished the new bride and groom happiness, prosperity and successful marriage life.

Besides, he inaugurated 07

projects costing Rs 6.90

MLA Renuka Singh told the couples that they should follow the seven promises made during the marriage all through their life. Under the Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Yojana, the government provides financial assistance of Rs 50 thousand for the marriage of a girl from an economically weak family and after the marriage, the newlyweds were given a check of Rs 21,000 each and household



occasion.

this

District Panchayat Sonhat President Mrs. Lalli Singh, Vice President Mr. Gulab Chaudhary, District Panchayat member Mrs. Jyotsna Rajwada, Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Mr. Manoj Singh Jagat, Program Officer of Child Women Development Department Mr. Manoj Khalkhon, Women and Project Officer Development Department, Mrs. Shashi Jaiswal, officers and employees of Women and Development Department and many others were

Workers should not take elections lightly: MP

Dongargaon, Mar 13:

Assembly level workers conference of Bharatiya Janata Party was organized here at Yadav Bhawan in the city. Current MP and BJP LS candidate Santosh Pandey, motivated the party workers, and at the same time, while reiterating the slogan of the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi of crossing 400, he stressed on doubling the previous lead from Dongargaon assembly constituency.

While giving instructions to the workers, he said that we should never consider the enemy weak and while coming face to face with prominent workers for the first time after being declared a candi-



date, MP Santosh Pandev said that only two old MPs have been given tickets in the state, I am one of them and the confidence that the top leadership has once again shown in me has been possible only on the strength of you work-

Targeting the former Chief Minister and the present Congress candidate he said that with what mouth he will ask for votes from the people of this place when he himself knows that as the Chief

While cautioning the tothe party. workers, he kept the teachings of Geeta in front and said that we should not consider the enemy as weak and after entering the battlefield, we have to fight only for the goal of victory and he is sure that like last time, the warriors of BJP will achieve this goal with more votes.

The MP also put this before the workers that people may feel that his presence among the workers is less, but you people have elected me as MP, where laws are made. The State BJP General Secretary Bharat Verma called upon the workers to gather at their respective booths with full ener-

Minister, he has cheated gy and pledge victory the people of this place. over all 11 out of 11 seats

> Dinesh Gandhi, co-coordinator of Lok Sabha elections, highlighted many points in detail including management, causal points, reaching out to beneficiaries and also a booklet published on the achievements of MP Santosh Pandey in the last five years was also released. Prominent in the meeting were former MLA Kheduram Sahu, Lakshminarayan Gupta, Tomeshwar Sahu, Mandal President Ramkumar Gupta, Bodhiram Sahu, General Secretary Santosh Yadav. Balkrishna Sinha, Kishore Yadav and a large

CM Sai transfers Rs 10814 crore under KUY

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Mar 13: Under Krishak Unnati Yojana (KUY), Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai here transterred an amount of Rs 13320 crore to the accounts of more than 24 lakh 72 thousand farmers of the state. As soon as the Chief Minister pressed the button of the remote, an amount of Rs 108 crore 14 lakh 08 thousand 298 was deposited directly into the accounts of 17 thousand 985 farmers of Gaurela Pendra Marwahi district through DBT.

made at the district and block headquarters and committee level by the Department Agriculture and Cooperation with the help

cast of the input assistance

Arrangements were of the district administration to watch the live tele-



distribution and farmer fair cum exhibition organized under the Krishak Unnati Yojana at the district headquarters Balod.

A large number of farmers including MLA Pranav Kumar Marpacchi, public representatives, distinguished citizens participated in the district level program and MLA Marpacchi said in his address that today is a very happy day, as Rs 108 crore 14 lakh 08 thousand 298 have been transferred to the accounts

of 17 thousand 985 farmers of the district, this is a huge amount.

Additional Collector Namrata Anand Dongre, Project Director DRDA Counsel Tendulkar, Deputy Agriculture Director Satyadev Kanwar, senior citizens Rakesh Chaturvedi, Lalji Yadav, Mukesh Dubey, Neeraj Jain, Tapas Sharma, Kuber Sarrati, Rajkumar Rohani, Chhotalal Soni

Vitthal Das Patel, completes Narmada Parikrama 'on foot' in 92 days

GSS honours him

Raipur/Bilaspur, Mar 13:

Vice President of Shri Gujrati Shikshan Sangh(GSS) Raipur, Executive Committee Vitthaldas Patel, after completing spiritual penance by circumambulating Shri Narmada ji on foot for 92 days from December 01, 2023 to March 02, 2024, returned to his family and worldly social responsibilities. The heads and staff of the three schools run by the organization along with the officials of the organization welcomed and honored the ascetic Vithaldas Patel and got acquainted with the story and spiritual experience of the Shri



Narmada Parikrama Yatra undertaken by him on foot continuously for 92

While conducting the program, the Secretary of the organization, Tulsidas

Patel, expressed hope that the students of the organization and the school will get the benefit of this spirexperience Vithaldas Patel.

this occasion,

Babubhai Patel, member of Patron Committee of Shri Gujarati Shikshan Sangh, Narayan Bhai Patel, President of Shri GSS, Vice President Ashok Bhai Patel, Secretary duo Tulsi Das Patel, Ashok Devsi Patel, Joint Secretary Jayesh Bhai Pithalia., Member Rajesh Patel, Principal of Shri Gujarati Hindi Medium HS School Anis Memon, Principal of English Medium School Dr. Shailesh Sharma, Primary Department Incharge Mrs. Yogita Institution Taunk. Registrar Ashok Jachak, Institution Administrator Mishraj along with Vice Principal and staff were present.

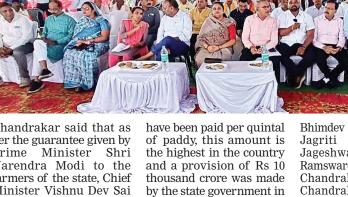
Farmer brothers should cultivate cash crops: Chandrakar Kurud, Mar 13:

number of workers.

ers' conference was organized in the old agricultural produce market complex, Kurud, under the patronage of Kurud MLA Ajay Chandrakar and other guests which included BJP state executive member Niranjan Singha, former Nagar Panchayat President Chandrakar, Bhanu Chandrakar, Gaukaran Sahu, Malak Ram Sahu, Kuleshwar Chandrakar, Tilokchand Jain, Krishnakant Sahu and Collector Namrata Gandhi.

An assembly level farm-

On this occasion, under Krishak Unnati Yojana, a total of Rs 2212.46 lakh was deposited in the accounts of 47765 farmers in Kurud block. Addressing the program, MLA Ajay



vear's

Chandrakar said that as per the guarantee given by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the farmers of the state, Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai has given the amount of difference between the support price and the procurement price declared by the state government to farmers under Krishak Unnati Yojana. He said that farmers

ers to take cash crops. this On

this year's budget and Rs 3 thousand crore in last supplementary budget, thus making a total of Rs 13 thousand crore. He urged the farm-Central occasion.

Bhimdev Sahu, Sindhu Bais Jagriti Tikesh Jageshwar Ramswaroop Sahu, Nirmal Chandrakar, Deenbandhu Chandrakar, Premchand Sahu Senior Agriculture Development Officer of Agriculture Department APO, ADO, all the officers and employees of District Cooperative Limited Branch and farmers of the area were present.

Accused nabbed with 14 kg



CENTRAL CHRONICLE, BILASPUR, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

Seven-day training and awareness campaign organized

At HTPS, Korba West on occasion of **National Safety Week**

National Safety Week 2024 was celebrated at Hasdev Thermal Power Station (HTPS), Korba West. Under these weekly awareness programs organized between March 4, to March 11, 2024, the Safety Department of HTPS, Korba West informed the workers and plant staff about unsafe working conditions and industrial accidents occurring due to human error and carelessness. For their effective prevention, efforts were made to ensure active participation of plant workers in safety management through worker training programs, slogan competitions, quiz programs, home management competitions

and hazard hunt games. In the same sequence, under the training and awareness program based on women safety, all the regular and non-regular women employees of the plant were provided information about

Home Security and Prevention of Sexual

Harassment at Workplace

On this occasion. Executive Director cum factory occupier Sanjay Sharma sent congratulations and best wishes for this successful event and the distinguished guests present at the venue included Additional Chief Engineer PK Swain, MK Gupta, Sudhir Kumar Pandya, P. Bhaskar Rao,

MS Khan, While mentioning the importance of safety at the workplace in front of Senior Chief Chemist AK Kurnal and other officers and employees, it was said that I hope that through various programs organized on the occasion of Safety Week, the trained workers will increase their awareness to-

able to protect ourselves from the danger of possible accidents in future. After which, with the blessings of Executive Director (Production) Sanjay Sharma and other distinguished guests, the officers and employees who contributed significantly in the successful organization of these weekly programs and the participants and judges of the competition who performed excellently in the various competitions organized during this period were awarded. He was encouraged. Various departments of Hasdev Thermal Power Station, Korba West as well as the contract firms working in the plant had a commendable contribution in making the

wards safety. We will maintain this and will be

Ganja worth Rs 1.40 lakh

On March 12, Police

Station City Kotwali Bemetara staff received information through an informer that Santosh Singh Chauhan, resident of village Ranka, has kept a plastic sack in his cow shed for illegal sale of a narcotic like Ganja. On this information, Cyber Cell team and Police Station City Kotwali Bemetara along with staff and witnesses reached the spot and cordoned off the spot and conducted raids. Ganja weighing 14 kg worth approximately Rs 1,40,000/- has been seized from the possession of the accused. In which a case of illegal drug ganja has been registered and further action is being taken against 01 accused under 20 (B) Narcotic Act. The accused nabbed is Santosh Singh Chauhan S/o Late. Panchu

Chauhan age 43 years, R/o Ranka police station and district Bemetara.

In the past, action has been taken against him in illegal illegal ganja case. Bemetara Police will continue to take strict and effective action against people involved in illegal liquor, gambling, betting, ganja, drugs and other illegal activities.

In the said case action was taken under the direction and guidance of senior officers, Police Station City Kotwali Bemetara incharge Chandradev Verma and Cyber Cell incharge Sub Inspector Mayank Mishra, Souni Santosh Dhruve, Head Constable Ravindra Tiwari, Vinod Patre, Mohit Chelak, Lokesh Singh, Constable Rajesh Dhruv, Moti Jaiswal, Sanjay Patil, Saurabh Singh, Inderjit Pandey, Nuresh Verma, Shiv Sen and other police station staff played a commend-

SECRWWO honours divisional women employees

■ Poetry Seminar 'Shakti Garjana' and felicitation ceremony mark International **Women's Day**

Bilaspur, Mar 13:

In a celebration of women's contributions, the SECRWWO Bilaspur Division honoured the remarkable women employees of the division in a felicitation ceremony held at Little Bunny School. The event, which coincided with International Women's Day on March 12. underscored the organization's commitment to recognizing and empowering women in the railway workforce

Led by Mandal SECRW-WO President Shraddha Pandey, the ceremony commenced with the lighting of the lamp, symbolizing enlightenment and empowerment. Attendees were treated to a mesmerizing display of dance and poetry in the seminar titled 'Shakti Garjana,' where poets like Shraddha Shaurya, Kalyani Dahare, and Priyanka Tripathi captivated the audience with their empowering

Highlighting the exemplary achievements of



women in railway operations, 42 deserving emplovees were honoured for their outstanding contributions. Each recipient was commended for their dedication and hard work, serving as inspiring role models for their peers.

In her address, Chief Guest and Chairman of Divisional SECRWWO, Shraddha Pandey, expressed her heartfelt appreciation for the invaluable role women play in society. She emphasized the versatility and resilience of women, who excel in various roles both at home and in the professional

Pandey lauded the significant strides women have made in all fields, noting their indispensable contribution to the nation's progress. She concluded by reaffirming the belief that a woman is the cornerstone of every nousehold, embodying strength, compassion, and unwavering determina-

■ In the state sports 'Alankaran Samaroh'

Bijapur, Mar 13:

State Sports 'Alankaran Samaroh' to be held after last 4 years and it will be held at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium, Raipur from 11:00 am on March 14 in which the Chief Minister and Sports Minister of the state will present national and international competitions in the 'Alankaran Samaroh'. Players who won medals will be honoured with various awards, in which 11 national and international players of the softball game conducted at Bijapur Sports Academy from Bijapur district will be honoured at the hands of the Chief Minister.

This includes players Suresh

Taking seriously the inci-

dent of pregnancy of a

class 12th student of

Girls High School POTA

Cabin in Bijapur district

and giving birth to a new-

born child, Chhattisgarh

President Deepak Baij nas

formed an eight-member

investigation under the

leadership of Balod MLA

Residential

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Bijapur, Mar 13:

Gangalur

Pradesh



Immoral incident happened in POTA cabin Gangaloor

Congress constitutes 8 member committee to investigate

District

11 softball players of the district will be honoured

Hemla Rakesh Mahobia, who won a silver medal in the Junior National competition, while Renuka Telam, Ribika Vacham, Kavita Hemla, Jvoti Hamla and Anita Kudiam had won the bronze medal in the Sub-Junior National Competition. They had received the Sports Ankur decoration and players who had won the bronze medal in the

Sangeeta Sinha. A com-

In this Balod MLA

Sangeeta Sinha Convenor,

MLA Sihawa Ambika

Bhanupratappur Savitri

President

Congress

Narayanpur

Dantewada

Kanker

Salam,

Netam.

District

Markam,

Mandavi,

Committee

Subhadra

Panchavat

Shvambati

President

Panchayat

District

mittee has been formed.

Senior National viz. Sunita Hemla, Kavita Hemla, Asha Hemla and Jyoti Hemla will be honoured with the Khel Shikhar Award by the Chief Minister. In this 'Alankaran Samaroh' is for the session 2019-20 and 2020-21, the remaining ceremonies of the remaining seasons will also be organized as soon as possible in which excellent players will

Tulika Karma, member

Bijapur Neena Rawatiya

Udde, President District

Panchayat Bijapur Bodhi

The State Congress

Committee has requested

the members of the inves-

tigation committee to im-

mediately visit the affect-

meet/discuss with the

local villagers/hostel offi-

cials including the vic-

tim's family, become

Senior Registrar and Junior Registrar.

village/hostel,

Tati are the members.

Panchavat

also be announced. International coach of the academy and labour inspector the district. Sopan Karnewar told that he has also been awarded the softball Awardee, Excellent Player Award and Chief Minister Trophy and from the sports quota, he was posted on the post of labour inspector in Bijapur in 2015. In the coming years, softball players of Bijapur will also be honoured with the Outstanding Player Award. For this achievement of the district, District Magistrate Anurag Pandey, Hemant Naresh Nandanwar, Sports In-Charge Dilip Uike congratulated all the players and congratulated them for their bright future.

aware of the actual situa-

tion of the incident and

send their report to the

Committee. do Convenor

of the investigation team,

Sangeeta Sinha has said

that on 15/03/2024, an

eight-member investiga-

tion team will go to

Gangalur and after inves-

tigating the incident, it

will send the overall in-

vestigation report to the

Congress

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Players to get gift of gallery construction & flood lights



Pending for years in the hockey ground

Bilaspur, Mar 13:

The players are now going to get the gift of gallery construction and flood lights pending for years in the hockey ground of the State Level Sports Training Institute located at Bahtarai. Beltara MLA Sushant Shukla and Bilha MLA Dharamlal performed bhoomipujan of the gallery and flood light work to be built by PWD at a cost of Rs 10 crore 29 lakh.

On this occasion, Dharamlal Kaushik said that with the construction of the gallery in the hockey ground, this stadium will become fully equipped, due to which the players of the state will benefit from it and by installing flood lights, night said that the demand for gallery and flood lights in the hockey ground was being made for a long time, completion of which will benefit the hockey players as well as the sports lovers. Resources and developed stadium play a big role in the quality of players, unless resources are available and the stadium is fully developed, it is difficult to achieve the target. With the construction of

this sequence, Sushant Shukla

gallery and installation of flood lights in the hockey stadium. the hockey ground will be ready for international level competition. In the coming time, every effort will be made to ensure that there is no shortage for the Bahtarai Sports Center and the players. There will be facilities like broadcasting umpire room. Apart from this, flood lights will be installed as per international

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India to lead in semiconductor chip manufacturing: Prof. Chakrawal

■ Foundation ceremony of **Semiconductor Project** takes place in CU

Bilaspur, Mar 13:

Ghasidas Guru Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University) witnessed the foundation laying ceremony by Prime Minister Narendra Modi of three semiconductor projects worth approximately 1.5 trillion rupees in Gujarat's Dholera and Sanand, and through virtual means, as part of the India Techade: Chips for a Developed Bharat' program. The program was telecast at two venues, Rajat Jayanti Auditorium and Central Library of the university.

Before the inauguration and address by Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the University's Enabling Technology Center, Department of Electronics and Communication

Engineering, Department of Pure and Applied Physics jointly organized a workshop on the prospects of semiconductor technology. On this special occasion, Dr. Vijay Nath, Associate Professor, Electronics

Communication Engineering Department, Institute Technology, Mesra, Ranchi, delivered a lecture through virtual means.

The Vice-Chancellor of



the University, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal stated at the foundation ceremony that this is a historic moment from where India will lead in semiconductor chip manufacturing. This initiative will make India self-reliant and stand out among developed nations in the field of technology. In the near future, India will be the center of chip-based economy. He mentioned that the inauguration of these three projects will open endless possibilities in semiconductor chip manufacturing in India, providing new employment opportunities for vouth.

Dr. Vijay Nath, in his lecture, emphasized on the practical use of semiconductor chips in various electronic devices in our lives. He expressed that the progress in chip manufacturing in India and the unprecedented efforts by the Indian government in this sector will contribute significantly not only to the entire region of South East Asia but also to the global

community. Prior to the commencement, the esteemed guests performed the lighting of the lamp in front of the statues of Goddess Saraswati and Baba Guru Ghasidas Ji, followed by offering flowers. Subsequently, the guests were welcomed with flower bouquets. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Shailendra Kumar, Dean of Student Welfare.

At the end of the program, the Registrar of the University, Prof. Manish Shrivastava presented the vote of thanks, and Dr. Princy Matlani conducted the proceedings. Deans of various Schools, department heads, faculty members, researchers, and students attended the event.

India is a beautiful bouquet of cultural diversity:

V-C Prof. Chakrawal Interacts with participants from Kerala in the Yuva Sangam Program

On March 13, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Alok Kumar Chakrawal of the University met with students and teachers from Kerala at the administrative building's conference hall as part of the Yuva Sangam program organized by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Prof. Chakrawal said

that India is a beautiful bouquet due to its diverse cultural dimensions. Our reverence for nature, social responsibilities, the ethos of welfare and compassion, and social harmony make us superior. He expressed gratitude to Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi for initiating the Youth Confluence program aimed at acquainting the nation with the rich and glorious traditions and encouraging youth to embrace the country's prosperous and dignified heritage. He hoped that all the members from Kerala visiting Chhattisgarh must have experienced the best of hospitality in the spirit of 'Chattisgariya sable badhiya'.

The program was conducted by the Nodal Officer of the University for the Youth Confluence program, Prof. Rajendra Kumar Mehta, and a vote of thanks was given by Prof. Ashwini Kumar Dixit. Students also shared their experiences at this event.

It is noteworthy that in the fourth phase of the Yuva Sangam program, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh has collaborated with the Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode, Kerala. This program aims to develop tourism, traditions, progress, technology, and interpersonal relationships among youth.

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CAA And Its Implications

s the BJP marks another milestone with the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) rollout, it casts a significant shadow over the political landscape. Following the sanctification of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya and the enactment of the Uniform Civil Code in Uttarakhand, this move aligns with the party's preelection agenda. Enacted over four years ago, the CAA now sees its implementation through the notification of rules aimed at expediting citizenship for non-Muslim migrants from neighboring countries. Despite reassurances from Union Home Minister Amit Shah, concerns loom large over the potential exacerbation of communal divisions. The Opposition and religious groups voice apprehensions, fearing discriminatory implications and heightened communal tensions. Mamata Banerjee, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, pledges vehement opposition should the CAA compromise the citizenship rights of Indian residents. Meanwhile, the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) seeks legal recourse, challenging what they deem as arbitrary and biased provisions favoring specific religious identities. The tumultuous journey of the CAA traces back to its parliamentary passage in December 2019, followed by presidential assent, which ignited protests nationwide. Criticism primarily centers on the exclusion of Muslims, despite the historical persecution faced by Muslim minorities in neighboring countries. Moreover, concerns emerge regarding the potential labeling of Muslim refugees as "illegal migrants" within India's borders. The onus now falls squarely on the central government to assuage apprehensions, particularly in border states like West Bengal and Assam, where sensitivities towards immigration issues run high. Crucial to this effort is the demonstration that the CAA transcends political expediency and electoral calculus, instead emphasizing its role in tackling infiltration and rationalizing citizenship procedures. In navigating the complexities surrounding the CAA, the government must engage in proactive dialogue, fostering understanding and cooperation among diverse stakeholders. Transparency and clarity in communication are imperative to dispel misgivings and build trust. Moreover, addressing the broader socio-political implications demands a nuanced approach, balancing security concerns with humanitarian considerations. While the CAA seeks to address the plight of persecuted minorities from neighboring countries, its implementation must uphold constitutional values of equality and secularism. Any perception of religious bias or discrimination undermines the foundational principles of India's democracy. Therefore, stringent safeguards and oversight mechanisms are essential to ensure fair and impartial application of the law. Furthermore, the government must address the legitimate concerns raised by various stakeholders, including civil society groups and human rights organizations. Meaningful consultations and inclusive decision-making processes can pave the way for a more inclusive and consensus-driven approach to immigration and citizenship policies. As the CAA unfolds, India stands at a critical juncture, grappling with questions of identity, inclusion, and constitutional principles. The government's stewardship of this process will not only shape the future of citizenship laws but also profoundly influence the nation's social fabric and democratic ethos.

Renewing Kidney Wellness

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma



orld Kidney Day, marked annually on the second Thursday of March, serves as a poignant reminder of the critical importance of kidney health. As we approach the observance of this significant day on March 14, 2024, it is imperative to underscore the pressing need for renewed focus and concerted action to combat the global burden of kidney diseases. The theme for World Kidney Day 2024, "Kidney Health for All

Advancing Equitable Access to Care and Optimal Medication Practice," resonates deeply in our current socio-political landscape. At its core, this theme encapsulates the fundamental principle that every individual, regardless of their background or socioeconomic status, deserves access to quality kidney care. Indeed, kidneys serve as the unsung heroes of our physiological well-being, undertaking a myriad of essential functions, including waste filtration, blood pressure regulation, and hormone production. Yet, despite their indispensable role, kidney diseases often lurk in the shadows, silently wreaking havoc on individuals' health and vitality. Chronic kidney disease (CKD) stands as a formidable global health challenge, affecting over 850 million individuals worldwide and contributing to a staggering 3.1 million deaths in 2019 alone. If left unchecked, CKD is projected to ascend to the ominous rank of the 5th leading cause of years of life lost by 2040-an alarming trajectory that demands urgent intervention and preventive measures. The road to achieving equitable access to kidney care is fraught with challenges, including socioeconomic disparities and resource constraints. However, amidst these challenges lie opportunities for progress and innovation. Embracing telemedicine, fostering innovative prevention strategies, and nurturing collaborative partnerships between governments, healthcare providers, and advocacy organizations can pave the way for tangible advancements in kidney wellness. Central to the pursuit of kidney health is the imperative of adopting a holistic approach to lifestyle modification. Unhealthy habits, such as sedentary living, obesity, smoking, and indiscriminate use of over-the-counter painkillers, serve as potent catalysts for accelerating the progression of kidney disease. As such, prioritizing lifestyle choices that promote kidney health-such as smoking cessation, moderation of alcohol consumption, regular physical activity, and adherence to a kidney-friendly diet-holds immense promise in mitigating the burden of kidney diseases. A kidney-friendly diet, characterized by the consumption of nutrient-rich foods and avoidance of excessive salt and processed foods, is indispensable for both prevention and management of kidney diseases. Such dietary interventions not only support renal function but also facilitate repair and maintenance, nurturing a holistic sense of well-being and vitality. As we commemorate World Kidney Day, let us reaffirm our collective commitment to advancing kidney wellness for all. Let us harness the power of awareness, advocacy, and action to break the silence surrounding kidney diseases and pave the way for a future where equitable access to quality kidney care is a reality for every individual, irrespective of their circumstances.

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CONFIDENCE BUILDING MARCH



Children salute armed forces personnel during a confidence building march ahead of Lok Sabha polls, in Nadia, Wednesday, March 13.

Glittering Gold May Spoil the Wedding Ceremony Budget



ue to increase in the price of gold in the international market, there has been a significant increase in the price of gold in India also. On March 5, the price of 24 carat gold crossed the level of Rs.66,000 per 10 grams, which is the highest price of gold till date. Further, the price of 10 grams of 24 carat gold was Rs 66,051 on 10th March 2024. The price of gold continues to rise in the international market. On March 5, the price of ${\bf 1}$ ounce gold increased to \$ 2,126. Not only this, but the price of gold also increased by 2.5 percent in 2 months of 2024. Due to the high price of gold, during 14 to 18 February, Sovereign Gold equivalent to the price of 12.8 tonnes of gold was purchased, because by investing in it, investors got more profit than gold. The price of gold per 10 grams was Rs.62,600 on February 28, Rs.63,900 on February 29, Rs.64,250 on March 1, Rs.65,200 on March 4 and RS.66.100 on March 5. Even on March 10, the price of gold remained at Rs 66.021.

According to some of the world's leading rating agencies that estimate the price of gold, such as ABV AMRO, the price of gold may be \$ 2,000 per ounce in 2024, whereas, according to DBS, the price of gold in 2024 may be \$ 2,050 per ounce, while According to TD Securities, the price of gold may be \$ 2,133 per ounce in 2024, while according to Citi Group, the price of gold in 2024 may be \$ 2175 per ounce and according to UBS, the price of gold in 2024 may be \$ 2,250 per ounce.

Indications show that the Federal Reserve Bank of USA may cut interest rates in May. This may lead to reduce loan and deposit rates and people will invest in gold in the hope of higher returns, which will increase the demand for gold and increase its price. There is also Akshaya Tritiya in May, in which gold is purchased in large quantities, as doing so is considered auspicious.

Lok Sabha elections in India are going to be held in the months of May and June and there is a strong possibility of Modi government coming back to power. Political stability strengthens the economy. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures have also been better than expected. The GDP growth rate in the third quarter of the current financial year was 8.4 percent, which is better than everyone's forecasts. India's GDP, in amount, reached Rs.41.74 lakh crore in the third quarter, increasing India's chances of becoming the world's fourth largest economy. Even in the second quarter, the GDP growth rate was 7.6 percent.

The retail inflation rate declined to 5.10 percent in January 2024, which was 5.72 percent in the month of December. There will be further reduction in inflation. Having better condition of the economy, the employment situation in the country will be better and in the state of self-reliance, people may be motivated to invest in gold in the hope of higher returns. Investors benefit from the increase in the price of gold, but difficulties increase for those who wedding season, and this is the need of the people in India, because in the social fabric of India, gold ornaments are given to girls in marriage. Now even men are given gold ornaments.

Since 2024 is a leap year, this year is considered auspicious for marriage. Many marriages took place on 29 February. However, the months of April, May, August, November, and December are also considered auspicious for marriage. According to Mithila Panchang, there are a total of 32 auspicious days times for marriage in 2024.

In India, there has been a close relationship between marriage and gold jewellery since time immemorial. Marriage here is considered incomplete without gold jewellery. There is a tradition of giving jewellery to both the bride and groom during marriage. In marriage, many types of jewellery are given to the bride, while in India there is a tradition of giving gold chain, ring, bracelet etc. to

Gold is exchanged during the 16 rites of Hindu religion i.e. from birth to death. At the time of birth of a child, he or she is made to wear a gold pendant with a black thread around his waist. Even at the time of Yainopavit Sanskar. gold ornaments are worn on the child. When bride enters the house for the first time, the mother-inlaw gifts gold jewellery to her daugnter-in-law. Not only this, even at the time of death, gold is donated to a Brahmin. For Indian women, gold is not just a jewel, but a symbol of their well-being, selfrespect, and pride. Therefore, they buy gold but never sell it. Cases of selling gold jewellery are seen only

in situations of crisis. In marriage, rich and poor all give gold ornaments to their daughter as per their capacity, but now it has become a problem for the poor to give gold ornaments to their daughter in marriage, because in the last 17 years, the price of gold per 10 grams has increased. There has been a signifi-

need to buy it. Nowadays it is the cant increase in price. The price of gold per 10 grams was Rs.10,000 on 5 May 2006, which increased to Rs.50,000 on 22 July 2020 and crossed the level of Rs.62,000 on 20 March 2023 and crossed the level of Rs.66,000 on 5 March 2024. According to the National

Statistical Office (NSO), the per capita annual income in India was Rs.33,717 in the financial year 2006-07, while the per capita annual income in the financial year 2022-23 was Rs.98,118. If we convert this annual income into per month, then the average monthly income of an Indian in the financial year 2006-07 was Rs.2,810, which will increase to Rs.8,177 per person in the financial year 2022-23. However, these figures can be considered merely an indication, as it is a figure calculated by dividing the total income of the country by the total population.

According to an estimate, in the year 2006, an average of Rs.5 lakh to Rs.10 lakh was being spent on a wedding, of which the share of expenditure on jewellery was usually 20 to 30 percent. Today this expenditure has increased to Rs.10 lakh to 20 lakh, but the share of expenditure on jewellery is decreasing. Due to the unprecedented increase in the price of gold in the last 17 years, the wedding budget of the lower and middle class has increased significantly, but the income has not increased comparatively as expected. However, this comparison is meaningless because the exact data of everyone's income is not available.

In such a situation, the marriage will take place during the auspicious time of marriage this year, but not everyone will be able to give jewellery to their daughters and sons-in-law as per their wish, because the Federal Reserve Bank is expected to cut policy rates in the coming months, and loan and deposit interest rates will be reduced. The price of gold may increase further in the coming months due to the possibility of continued global geopolitical crisis, disruption of supply chains globally, etc.

Biomass exploitation

An essential resource for maintaining human civilization is biomass. However, humans are using it at a startling rate—26% of the global plant population's yearly production—that is. As a result, not much is left for the species, endangering our biosphere in the process. The University of Copenhagen's most recent study suggests that we shouldn't use more than 10% of the total biomass produced annually. According to the study, increased carbon dioxide levels cause terrestrial plants to create 66 gigatons of carbon dioxide annually, compared to a human intake of 17 gigatons. According to the research, 10% of pre-industrial plant biomass would be the safe limit for human exploitation of this resource.

Arka Goswami, Durgapur **Egoistic Mamata**

Fueled by triumphs, Mamata Banerjee, TMC leader, prioritizes personal power. History shows the Left's decline after dominance. To halt BJP's advance, Mamata must prioritize nation and alliance. As a key ally, she can bolster INDIA coalition and safeguard democracy. Unity among opposition leaders is vital for upcoming elections.

Ragesh Gupta, Korba

Unity Essential: INDIA Coalition

CM Mamata Banerjee's focus solely on West Bengal overlooks broader strategic implications. The TMC's decision to go it alone in the state undermines the unity of the INDIA bloc, creating an advantage for the BJP through opposition vote division. While Mamata's party's influence is confined to West Bengal, the INDIA coalition holds stakes across the entire nation. A flexible approach to seat allocation is necessary to maximize collective impact. It is imperative for the members of the opposition bloc to stand united in the face of the looming elections

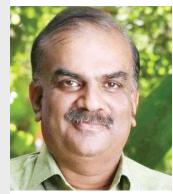
Shiv Kumar Mishra,

Democracy's Echo

The sudden resignation of election commissioner Arun Goel in a nation deeply devoted to democracy reverberates ominously. With the impending announcement of the General Election, Goel's departure leaves behind a void of uncertainty. Was it dissent, pressure, or a silent protest against institutional integrity erosion? India. home to around 98 crore registered voters, teeters on uncertainty. Goel's exit casts a shadow over our electoral foundation, urging greater transparency within the institution.

MK Nair, Raipur

Reforming the Indian Electoral System



Dr. Vasisht M.C.

he Indian electoral system stands at a crossroads, grappling with fundamental flaws that undermine the essence of democracy. As we dissect the intricacies of our electoral process, it becomes evident that substantial reforms are imperative to uphold the principles of fairness, representation, and accountability.

At the heart of the issue lies a discrepancy between the number of seats won by political parties

and the actual votes they receive. In the inaugural Lok Sabha elections of 1951-1952, a mere 48% of Indians possessed the right to vote, reflecting a stark gap in democratic participation. Fast forward to contemporary times, and while the electorate has expanded significantly, concerns persist regarding the correlation between votes cast and seats se-

Consider the striking example of the Indian National Congress in the 1950s. Despite garnering a substantial proportion of the popular vote, it secured an overwhelming majority of seats, underscoring the disproportionate influence of the electoral system. Similarly, in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress Party's electoral performance failed to translate into commensurate parliamentary representation, raising questions about the system's efficacy and fairness.

The disparity between votes cast and seats won not only undermines the democratic man-

date but also fosters disillusionment among voters. When the majority's voice remains unheard in the corridors of power, the very essence of representative democracy is compromised. It is imperative, therefore, to recalibrate our electoral framework to ensure a more equitable and transparent process.

One potential avenue for reform lies in reimagining the basis of representation in the Lok Sabha. Instead of solely relying on the first-past-the-post system, which often leads to skewed outcomes, a proportional representation mechanism could better reflect the will of the electorate. By allocating seats in proportion to the votes garnered by each political party, this approach would enhance the legitimacy and inclusivity of our democratic institutions.

Moreover, the issue of age-related retirement for politicians warrants careful consideration. While individuals in various professions are subject to retirement policies, politicians often evade

such constraints, perpetuating dynastic politics and stymieing the emergence of fresh talent. Establishing a retirement age, coupled with robust mechanisms for succession planning, would rejuvenate our political landscape and foster intergenerational dialoque and leadership.

Furthermore, the absence of term limits for elected representatives exacerbates the concentration of power and perpetuates incumbency advantage. Unlike countries such as the United States, where term limits restrict the tenure of elected officials, India lacks similar provisions. This absence not only stifles democratic renewal but also hampers the emergence of diverse voices and perspectives in governance.

In essence, the reform of the Indian electoral system is a multifaceted endeavor that demands concerted action from policymakers, civil society, and the electorate. By embracing proportional representation, instituting age-related retirement norms, and implementing term limits for elected representatives, we can chart a course toward a more vibrant, inclusive, and responsive democracy.

The journey toward electoral reform will undoubtedly encounter resistance and obstacles. However, the imperative to safeguard the integrity and vitality of our democratic institutions transcends partisan interests and short-term considerations. It is incumbent upon all stakeholders to rise above political expediency and embrace reforms that uphold the democratic ideals enshrined in our Constitution.

In conclusion, the time for electoral reform in India is ripe, and the stakes could not be higher. As we navigate the complexities of our political landscape, let us seize this opportunity to forge a more equitable, inclusive, and participatory democracy-one that truly reflects the aspirations and diversity of the Indian populace.

BRIEF

Foundation stone



Dholera (Gujarat): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said when India commits, it delivers, referring to his government's commitment to make the country a semiconductor manufacturing hub. Modi was virtually addressing people after laying the foundation stone of three semiconductor facilities of about Rs 1.25 lakh crore, which include two in Gujarat and one in Assam. "This is a historic day as we are taking a strong step towards a bright future," Modi said.

IPO launch

New Delhi: Rungta Greentech Ltd, a manufacturer of recycled and virgin plastic products, on Wednesday said it has filed its draft papers to raise funds through an initial public offer ing. The initial public offer (IPO) is only a fresh issuance of 38 lakh equity shares, each with a face value of Rs 10 and the company shares will be listed on NSE Emerge,

Groundbreaking ceremony

it said in a statement.



Dholera: Tata Electronics plants will gradually serve all sectors in a phased manner by supplying chips and generate around 72,000 jobs over the years, Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran said here. While speaking on the sidelines of the groundbreaking ceremony of Tata Electronics' Rs 91,000 crore chip manufacturing plant and Rs 27,000 crore chip assembly facility in Assam,

Chandrasekaran said there will be the expansion of projects but only after the company cross the early milestones.

Indian markets not in serious bubble territory: Uday Kotak

Mumbai, Mar 13:

Amid widespread con-

cerns over high stock valuations, including from the regulators, financial services industry veteran Uday Kotak on Wednesday said Indian markets are not in a bubble. There may be some "early froth", and it may be a "little bubbly" but the markets are not out of control, Kotak said, speaking in the presence of top officials from Sebi in a conference organised by the capital markets watchdog. The statement from Kotak, the founder and non-executive director of private sector lender Kotak Mahindra Bank, comes two days after Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch had said that there are pockets of froth in the small and mid-cap stocks and the regulator is looking into the same to come out with a possible consultation paper. "It may not be appropriate to allow the bubble to keep building, because' when it



who spoke about speculation to be not a bad activity per se and also mentioned about the bubble in Japanese stocks between 1980 and 1989, saying the benchmark Nikkei has been able to regain its peak, only 35 years later after the bubble burst. "I believe at this stage, we are nowhere near that risk and there are enough checks and balances in our sys-

selves in serious bubble territory," Kotak said. There may be "early froth" in the market and it may be a "little bubbly", Kotak said, pointing to Buch who was seated close by, but added that things are not out of control. "As long as we keep watch and manage it well, we can create sustained capital formation going forward," he said. Meanwhile, Kotak also pitched for greater quality on the taxation front between equity and debt, as asset classes to give more clarity for investors and incentivise the right set as per priorities. "In the context of the equity culture, I do believe that there has to be some streamlining of taxation across different classes, including double taxation on dividends," he said, pointing out that the highest marginal tax on debt is 39 per cent while the same on dividends effectively is 57

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LAKME FASHION WEEK



Models walk the ramp presenting the creations of the students of Inter National Institute of Fashion Design (INIFD) during the Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) X Lakme Fashion Week (LFW), in Mumbai,

Finmin asks PSU banks for comprehensive review of their gold loan portfolio

New Delhi, Mar 13: The finance ministry has directed all state-owned banks to review their gold loan portfolio as instances of non-compliance with regulatory norms have been noticed by the government. The Department of Financial Services (DFS) in a communication addressed to heads of public sector banks has asked them to look at their system and processes related to gold loan. "We have asked banks to undertake comprehensive review of the gold loan business," Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi told PTI. A directive in this regard was issued last month advising them to

terest and closure of gold loan accounts. The letter flagged various concerns, including disbursement of gold loans without requisite gold collateral, anomalies regarding collection of fees and repayment in cash. The DFS urged banks to undertake a thorough review of the last two-year period from January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2024 so as to ensure that all gold loans were disbursed in compliance with regulatory requirements and internal policies of

It is to be noted that the price of the yellow metal has surged to a record level. Price of 10 gm gold in the last one month has jumped from Rs 63,365 to

Found gross negligence by Byju's auditors: ICAI president

Mumbai, Mar 13:

Chartered accountants apex body ICAI has "found gross negligence on the part of the auditors" of the now-crippled edutech firm Byju's, said its president Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal on Wednesday. Besides, the top official also said the accounting body is also planning to inspect the books of payments major Paytm. "Our inspection has found gross negligence on accounting practices by individual auditors of Byju's and accordingly we have recommended to the Financial Reporting Review Board (FRRB) to take punitive actions on auditors concerned," Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal, the president of



the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), told PTI here. When asked whether the ICAI will inspect the books of the payments major Paytm group now, he said, "As we have taken a suo moto decision to look into the role of the auditors of Byju's, we are now thinking about looking to the role of the auditors of the payments major

Paytm now". Following a slew of regulatory breaches, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has barred Paytm Payments Bank from doing any business from March 15. The RBI action first

came in on January 31 when it asked the payments bank to stop nearly all its businesses except allowing already loaded payments from its wallets from March 1, but later extended the deadline till March 15.

On crisis-hit Byju's, Agarwal said, "The FRRB will review our report on the conduct of the auditors of Byju's both individually as well as at the group levels, apart from the role of the board of the company.

India performs better than China on key global integration parameters: DHL report

New Delhi, Mar 13: India has overtaken China on two-key parametres - export to GDP ratio and services export— with regard to integration into the global market, said a DHL Global Connectedness Report on Wednesday. India's exports-to-GDP ratio has exceeded China's since 2021 and also the country's services trade intensity far for both exports and imports, said the 'New DHL Global

Connectedness Report 2024' by DHL and New York University's Stern School of Business, released here. The report said that in 2021 and 2022, India's exports and imports as a share of GDP increased sharply. India exported goods and services was 23 per cent of the GDP (up from 19 per cent in 2020) and imported goods and services 26 per cent of GDP (also up from 19 per cent in 2020). India's services trade intensity far exceeds China's for both exports and imports, the report said. However, as regards the merchandise trade, India has larger imports relative to its GDP while China has larger exports. "While India's global connectedness ranking reflects its current economic standing, the report makes it clear: the world can expect to see India's international engagement increase manifold in the years to come," said RS Subramanian, Senior Vice President for South Asia at DHL Express.

Sensex tanks 900 points to slip below 73k amid broad-based selloff

Mumbai, Mar 13:

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benchmark Equity Sensex Wednesday crashed over 900 points to sink below the 73,000 level due to widespread selling pressure amid a sharp fall in smallcap and midcap indices. Besides, deep losses in utility, energy and metal stocks and recent selling by foreign investors added to the gloom, analysts said. Benchmark indices started the session on a positive note, but the selling intensified during afternoon trade, with all sectoral indices ending in the red.

The 30-share index tanked 906.07 points or 1.23 per cent to settle at 72,761.89. During the day, it dropped 1,152.25 points or 1.56 per cent to 72,515.71.

The Nifty plummeted

338 points or 1.51 per cent to 21,997.70. Power Grid was the biggest loser in the Sensex pack, sliding over 7 per cent, followed by NTPC, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, JSW Steel, Bharti Airtel, Titan, Reliance

trend, the unfavourable risk-reward balance of mid and smallcap stocks, fuelled by prolonged premium valuations, has aggravated the downfall. Meanwhile, FMCG and contrarian plays like gold are offering some refuge. Other than the premium valuation no fundamental issue is noticed to drawback the long-term growth image of domestic midcaps," said Vinod Nair,

Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services. In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge tanked by 5.11 per cent, while the midcap index declined by 4.20 per cent. All the indices ended in

the red, with utilities tumbling 7.21 per cent, metal dropping by 5.75 per cent, services (5.71 per cent), telecommunication (5.45 per cent), oil & gas (5.16 per cent), commodities (4.28 per cent) and industrials (4.23 per cent).

A total of 3,516 stocks declined, while 400 advanced and 60 remained unchanged on Meanwhile, industry veteran Uday Kotak on Wednesday said there may be some "early froth", and it may be a "little bubbly" but the markets are not out of control.

Coal Ministry will fulfill 874 mn tonnes coal requirement: Prahlad Joshi

■ For power sector in FY25

New Delhi, Mar 13:

The coal ministry is geared up to fulfill the 874 million tonnes coal demand for the power sector in financial year 2024-25, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said on Wednesday. For the financial year ending March 31, the Power Ministry had placed a requirement of 821 million tonnes, Joshi told PTI on the sidelines of the release 'PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan in Coal Sector' booklet. Their (power ministry's) demand has been met. They had asked for 821 million tonnes and it has fiscal compared to last fi-



supplied, Minister said. "For FY25, the power ministry has asked for 874 million tonnes of coal. We will fulfill this requirement also.

We are going to cross 1 billion tonne coal production by this March," he said. The share of imported coal for blending purposes has gone down this

nancial year, Joshi said. In FY24, coal import for blending was around 22.20 million tonnes, while it was at 30.80 million tonnes in the financial year 2022-23, he said. Savings to the tune of Rs 82,264 crores had been made through the reduction of coal imports in just one year, Joshi said.

The government is also aiming to make the import of coal to 'nil' by 2026. The coal ministry is also engaged with the Ministry of Railways for availability of rakes, Joshi said.

The average availability of rakes for transportation of coal has also improved from 369 rakes per day last fiscal to 392 rakes/a day till date, the minister said.

First chip from Tata's Dholera plant will be out in December 2026: Vaishnaw

Dholera (Gujarat), Mar 13:

The first set of semiconductors will start rolling out from Tata Electronics plant here in December 2026, union minister for communications and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Wednesday. Speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony of Tata Group and CG Power chip plants, Vaishnaw said India will be among the top five chip ecosystems in the world by 2029. "The first chip from Dholera plant will be out in December 2026 and chip from Micron plant will be out by December 2024," the minister said. He said Tata's Dholera plant will make chips in 28, 50, 55 nanometer node. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday laid the foundation of three chip



plants — two units by Tata Electronics and the third by CG Power — entailing total investment of Rs 1.26 lakh crore.

The three plants include the country's first hightech chip manufacturing plant of Tata Electronics which the company is setting up in partnership with Taiwan's Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp at Dholera's special industri-

al region. The plant will have the capacity to produce 50,000 wafers per month and involve an investment of Rs 91,000 crore. The Centre will contribute 50 per cent of the capex on pari passu basis. These chips driven by advanced technology will cater to multiple sectors power management chips for electric vehicles (EV), telecom, defence, automotive, consumer electronics, display, and power electronics. Semiconductor is a

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Unilever. In contrast, ITC,

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Bajaj Finance and HDFC

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"foundational" industry touching almost every aspect of life, powering everything from fridge to ACs and cars, aircraft to trains. PM also laid the foundation of another new assembly and test facility of Tata Electronics in Jagiroad, Assam.

Airtel celebrates Customer Day

Mumbai, Mar 13: Bharti Airtel, one of India's leading telecommunications service providers, on Wednesday celebrated Customer Day across all its office locations in the country. All Airtel employees who are in non-customer facing roles stepped out of their everyday role to join their frontline counterparts and directly interact with the customers. Employees across all Airtel office locations in the country worked with home delivery engineers, fiber executives and retail workforces in the markets. These employees include everyone from the topmost senior leadership team to the junior managers in all offices. The Customer Day is a part of Airtel's multiple initiatives that are centered on its core DNA of customer

obsession.

As part of its ESG initiatives, Bank of Baroda launches bob Earth Green

earmarked for environmentfriendly projects/sectors Raipur, Mar 13: projects and sectors. The BoB Earth Green Term

Term Deposits, the proceeds of which will be specifically

Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, on Wednesday announced the launch of the Earth Green Term Deposit Scheme, with the aim to raise deposits that will be deployed towards financing eligible environment-friendly

Deposits offer depositors the opportunity to earn attractive interest rates on a range of tenors and participate in India's transition to a green and sustainable economy. The Bank is offering interest rates of up to 7.15% p.a. The

Bank of Baroda launches BoB Earth Green Deposits India's leading banks, Public/Resident General Bank of Baroda is Indians, NRIs and High Net worth Individual (HNI) committed to fur-



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invest in the BoB Earth Green Term Deposit scheme.

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Chand, Managing Director & CEO, Bank of Baroda said, "The Bank has taken great strides in embedding sustainability into its operations, including our approach to risk management, governance, social responsibility and environmental impact. The launch of the BoB Earth Green Term Deposit Scheme offers depositors dual benefits of stable & secure financial returns and the opportunity to contribute to a greener planet. As one of thering its ESG mandate and enhancing its green financing portfolio.

Under the BoB Earth Green Term Deposit Scheme, Bank of Baroda has introduced some innovative tenures that act as a reminder of the planet's Climate & Sustainability goals, such as Tenure 1.5 years-signifying the aim to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and Tenure 1717 days - doubly emphasising the United Nations' 17 Sustainable **Development Goals.**

The funds raised through BoB Earth Green Term Deposits will be allocated to eligible green projects/sectors such as Renewable Energy, Clean Transportation, Sustainable Water and Waste Management, Energy Efficiency, Climate Change Adaptation, **Pollution** Prevention and Green Buildings, Biodiversity Conservation etc. Existing and new customers of Bank of Baroda can open a Green Deposit through any of the Bank's branches across India. On Bank of Baroda's 116th Foundation Day last year, the Bank launched a number of green initiatives under the name of "BoB Earth" to reaffirm its commitment and responsibility towards protecting & preserving the gifts of nature for our future generations. The launch of BoB Earth

Green Deposits is a step forward in this direction.

Anganwadi workers seek overdue honorarium Sagar Kumar secures spot in

Workers appeal to district collector amidst payment grievances

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Mar 13: Anganwadi workers and assistants in the district are grappling with unpaid honorarium, prompting them to appeal to District Collector Chandrakant Verma for resolution. Despite two months passing, including the strike period, these workers haven't received their due payments.

The workers, troubled by the delay, submitted a letter to the Collector highlighting their plight. It's been revealed Anganwadi workers and assistants haven't received their honorarium for January, February, and



even for the period of the

tion, there's a glaring discrepancy in the payment process within the district itself. While honorarium has been disbursed in the Chhuikhadan project, workers in Khairagarh are left empty-handed.

They emphasized the inconsistency within the district, questioning the disparity in treatment. Moreover, they lamented the perennial issue of debursement in Khairagarh, citing a recurring obstacle in timely payment.

Expressing frustration, they pointed out that officials often attribute the delay to unavailability of allotments, yet the promptness of payment in Chhuikhadan raises questions about this explana-

During their visit to the

Collectorate, workers lamented the lack of timely payments and various allowances, including travel allowances (T.A.) and mobile recharge allowances. They also highlighted the unavailability of essential resources like gas cylinders in certain sectors, hindering their

Demanding prompt action, the workers urged the Collector to ensure timely payment of honorarium from both Central and State Governments, along with other benefits such as hot food, fuel, and incentives. Additionally, they called for regular joint consultation committee meetings to address their grievances effec-

Anganwadi workers and assistants, including Lata Varsha, and Sadhna, were present during the appeal to the District Collector. Their plea remains for prompt resolution and fair treatment in terms of payment

Ir National Ball Badminton

Kurud, Mar 13: Sagar Kumar Nishad, a student of Government Higher Secondary School in Parkhanda Development Block, Kurud District, has achieved a remarkable feat by earning a spot in the Junior National Ball Badminton Competition. Principal Heera Ram Sah proudly announced that Sagar's talent will be showcased in the prestigious event scheduled to take place in Patna, Bihar, from March 10 to March 14.

The selection of Sagar Kumar Nishad for this esteemed competition marks a significant milestone not



only for him but also for the entire community. District Education Officer Brajesh Bajpai, along with Sports Officer Harish Dewangan, Development **Block Education Officer** Ravindra Kumar Mishra,

Block Education Officer Chandra Kumar Sahu, and other officials expressed their congratulations and best wishes to Sagar Kumar Nishad. The villagers, including

Sankul Sanmvak Toman Lal Dhruv, Exercise Teacher Gopal Kumar Sahu, and various wellwishers such as Pokhan Kumar Yadav, Prakash Chandrakar, Yogash Shubham Goswami, Ajit Nishad, and Mohit Sahu, joined in extending their heartfelt wishes for Sagar's success and a bright future

Tata Ace overturns, 4 seriously injured

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, Mar 13: An alarming incident unfolded near the Shivnath river bridge on the Khujji road as a Tata Ace, laden with labourers, veered out of control, resulting in serious injuries for four individuals. The accident underscores the perilous practice of transporting labourers in cargo vehicles, exposing them to

bearing registration number CG08AR 4805, was ferrying 17 women labourers from village Sambalpur in the Khujji area to their workplace in Tumdibod Bhansali Kelabari. The vehicle lost control on the Khujji bridge over the

The ill-fated Tata Ace,



overturning.

other occupants emerged unscathed, four women sustained severe injuries in the chaotic crash. Sarita, aged 55, suffered facial and ocular injuries, Kalabai Parbhotin Bai Kanwar sustained head injuries. Another woman faced grave finger injuries.

Following the accident, all the labourers and injured were promptly transported to Dongargaon

for urgent medical atten-While the driver and tion. The seriously injured victims received preliminary treatment before being referred for further medical care.

Driver Leelar Dhankar attributed the accident to the sudden loss of control at a turn near the river. The incident sheds light on the widespread practice of transporting labourers in cargo vehicles to reach their workplaces, illustrating the daily risks undertaken by these workers in pursuit of

Govt transfers Rs 114 cr to 19,654 farmers in Korea district

Under the Krishak Unnati Yojana

Central Chronicle News

Korea, Mar 13: In a sigdevelopment, nificant more than 19,000 farmers in Korea district have received a total sum of Rs 114 crore as part of the Krishak Unnati Yojana. This initiative, spearheaded by the Vishnu Deo Sai government, marks a substantial step towards supagricultural porting growth and prosperity in the region.

Under the Krishak Unnati Yojana, a staggering Rs 13,320 crore has been disbursed to over 24.72 lakh farmers across the state as input assistance. This milestone



Development Scheme witnessed the participation of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Union Minister Ariun Munda. Chhattisgarh Minister Ramvichar Netam, and other dignitaries, includMadhya Pradesh Mohan Yadav and Chhattisgarh Assembly Speaker Dr. Raman Singh, who joined the event in Balod via video conferencing.
In a district-level imple-

mentation of the Krishak Unnati Yojana, a program was conducted at the Government Adarsh Ramanuj Government Higher Secondary School in Baikunthpur, under the



total of 12,42,653 quintals of paddy were procured from 19,654 farmers in the district, with payments to-taling Rs 271,27,11,935 being disbursed.

Notably, farmers who sold paddy at support prices during the Kharif year 2023-24 received a subsidy of Rs 19,257 per acre. Through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT),

has been credited to the bank accounts of eligible Bhaiya MLA

Rajwade commended the Vishnu Deo government's swift action in fulfilling its ients to utilize the funds judiciously for the betterment of their households and families, in line with Prime Minister Modi's vi-

NSS camp at Columbia College of Pharmacy spreads awareness

Central Chronicle News

Kharora, Mar 13: The National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Columbia College of Pharmacy organized a seven-day camp at Mangal Bhawan, Tekari, aimed at raising awareness villagers. Throughout the camp, volunteers conducted activities focusing on the Swachh Bharat Mission and the eradication of plastic pollution. The inaugural ceremony witnessed the presence of Gram Panchayat Tekari Sarpanch Khilendra Verma, College Principal Dr. Surendra Saraf, and College Head of Department (HOD) Dr. Ashish Majumdar.

During the camp's routine activities, various community projects were undertaken as part of the free project work. Volunteers engaged in cleaning the village pond, tidying the primary school courtyard, maintaining the

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temple premises, and ensur- PhD in Food and Nutrition, ing the cleanliness of the discussed malnutrition and cremation ground surroundings. Intellectual discussions enriched the camp experience, covering diverse topics led by experts. Dr. Ashish Majumdar shed light on the new education policy, emphasizing its implications. Sneha Shukla, on the third day, focused on the conservation of birds, animals, and trees, highlighting environmental stewardship.

Manoj Sahu, President of Maitri Rural Institute Development Kurud Dhamtari, along with Vikas Sahu, Vice President, and Dr. Sarika Srivastava,

raising awareness about health issues prevalent in the community.

On the sixth day, the NSS team delved into the significance of colors in life and inspired youth with the teachings of Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi. They shared insights into the aspirations of "India of Dreams," instilling a sense of national pride among villagers. The camp saw enthusiastic participation from numerous students, contributing to its success and fostering a spirment and learning.

grams were organized every night, showcasing the talents of participating students. On the last day of the camp, volunteers, led by NSS officers of the college Manoj Verma, organized a free health check-up camp in collaboration with Bihan Hospital Saddu. Villagers benefitted from services including blood pressure, sugar, and eye check-ups.

Following the health camp, volunteers took to the streets of the village on the lines of "Apna Mat Apna Adhikar" campaign, raising

tance of exercising their rights and casting their vote in elections. In the closing ceremony of

the program, Chief Guest Khilendra Verma, Sarpanch Gram Tekari, presided over the event, alongside Dr. Surendra Saraf, Principal of Columbia Pharmacy, and Special Guest Harjeet Singh Janpragati Education Dr. Society. Ashish Head Majumdar, of Department, delivered a closing address.

Manoj Verma, Program Officer of National Service Scheme, extended a vote of thanks to all attendees, expressing gratitude for their participation and support. Volunteers of the college, including Alka Baghel, Bhaskar Sahu, Chanchal Sahu, Devwati Puri, and Omkar Pathak, were also present to mark the successful conclusion of the camp.

Teachers' federation raises concerns over unpaid honorarium for election duties

Khairagarh District executive meeting highlights grievances of education

Central Chronicle News

Khairagarh, Mar 13: The District Executive of Samagra Assistant. Teachers Federation was organized at the rest house in Chhuikhadan. District and block officials attended the meeting, which addressed various pertinent issues affecting education workers in the region.

One of the primary grievances brought forth during the meeting pertained to the non-disbursement of honorarium to employees who served in the 288 polling stations during the recent Assembly elections.

Despite their dedicated service, these workers have yet to receive their rightful compensation, sparking discontent among the education community.

In addition to the matter of honorarium, discussions also centered around the promotion proceedings for assistant and general teachers. Officials disclosed that while waiting lists for promotions have been issued in most districts across the state, Khairagarh district remains in the dark regarding this crucial information. The absence of clarity has left many teachers in a state of limbo regarding their career progression.

Further exacerbating the situation is the alleged reluctance of the District Education Officer (DEO) to grant necessary permissions for conducting higher examinations. Despite persistent appeals from the Federation, the DEO's inaction has hindered the timely addition of teachers to service books and impeded future promotional oppor-

tunities. Expressing deep dissatisfaction with the unresolved issues, the Federation issued a stern warning of an impending strike if the concerns were not addressed within a week. The meeting concluded with a collective resolve among attendees to push for swift resolutions to these pressing matters. Notable figures present

at the meeting included District President Sahu, along with Shiv Charan Verma, Sanju Dodeshwar Kanwar. Chandel, Bhikhend, Komal Kothari, and other prominent members of the education community

After 15 days of illumination, silence replaces bustle at famous confluence

Central Chronicle News

Rajim, Mar 13: The celebrated Rajim Kumbh Mela, a renowned event of the country, has drawn to a close. For 15 days, from March 24th to March 8th, the Triveni Sangam area was adorned with brilliant lights, transforming the atmosphere into a spectacle akin to daylight even during the night hours. Under this radiant glow, visitors thronged the fairgrounds, contributing to a recordbreaking attendance of lakhs of people, marking a historic turnout.

This year's Kumbh Mela witnessed extensive infrastructure development, with widened roads and newly laid stone pathways facilitating seamless transportation for traders and visitors alike. Notably, roads extending approximately seven kilometers were con-



self, illuminated by the glow of countless lights, imparting a milky hue to the thoroughfare.

Various amenities were meticulously arranged throughout the venue, including welcome gates, stages for spiritual congregations, platforms for Naga Sadhus from diverse Akharas, performance stages for artists, Mukta Kashi stages showcasing renowned talents from

bathing ghats such as the Triveni Mahanadi Aarti Ghat and Shahi Snan Ghat. Even the iconic Laxman Jhula gleamed from afar, adding to the grandeur of the event. However, with the conclusion of the fair, the lights have been extinguished, signaling the departure of contractors who meticulously adorned the area. Consequently, dark-

ness now envelops Triveni

Sangam, prompting shop-

keepers to swiftly dismantle their stalls and depart. While some remnants such as bamboo poles remain, efforts are underway to clear the grounds, albeit amidst the persistent challenge posed by mosquitoes.

As the buzz of activity fades and tranquility settles over the once bustling grounds, the echoes of this year's illuminated extravaganza linger as a testament to the grandeur of the Rajim Kumbh Mela.

Mosquito Menace: Post-Fair Predicament

Following the conclusion of the fair, the river area is plagued by a mosquito terror. The evening brings forth a swarm of mosquitoes, making even a simple step into the river a daunting task. Residents and visitors alike are greatly distressed by this sudden surge in mosquito activity. Adding to the woes is the pervasive filth strewn across the fairgrounds. Despite the festivity's end, paper, polythene, wrappers, and clothes litter the area with abandon. Regrettably, there seems to be no initiative from any cleanliness organization or administrative body to address this issue, leaving devotees struggling with significant inconvenience during their bathing rituals.

Rapid water depletion threatens Navagaon Anicut

The collected water of Navagaon Anicut is rapidly emptying, posing a grave concern for local communities. During the Kumbh Mela, this mini reservoir served as a vital source of water for millions of devotees, providing essential relief from water scarcity issues. However, due to alleged negligence from the Water Resources Department, the gate has been left open, resulting in a swift outflow of water. Local residents fear that if the gate remains unchecked, the anicut will be completely drained within the next two to three days, exacerbating water shortages during the upcoming four months of summer. According to reports, the gate was opened by a sand contractor for the purpose of sand transportation, raising suspicions of illicit activities. This development presents a significant challenge for the Water Resources Department, as they must urgently address the situation to prevent further depletion of the reservoir. With the Triveni Sangam relying on water from both sources, the impending depletion of the anicut heightens concerns about the availability of water for future needs. Residents are demanding immediate action to halt the water release from Navagaon Anicut, emphasizing the critical importance of preserving this vital water source at all costs.

Ashwin replaces Bumrah at top of ICC Test rankings

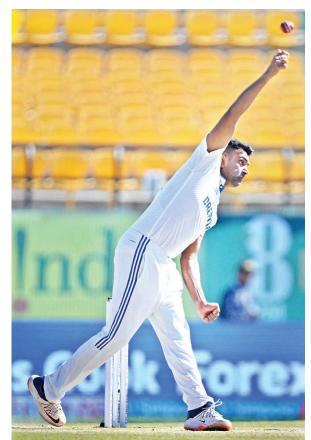
Rohit rises to 6th among batters

Dubai. Mar 13 (PTI):

A nine-wicket haul in his 100th Test match helped Indian off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin reclaim the top spot in the bowlers' list, while his captain Rohit Sharma was back in the top-10 at sixth in the batting charts of the latest ICC rankings on Wednesday.

Ashwin was at his best throughout contest against England as the experienced right-armer picked up four wickets in the first innings and then a 36th five-wicket haul in the second innings as India cruised to a dominant triumph in the fifth and final Test of their se-

The big haul helped Ashwin move past teammate Jasprit Bumrah into the premier position that he previously held earlier this year, the ICC said in a



hundred in Dharmsala, rose five places to sixth

Carlos Alcaraz advances to

quarterfinals at Indian Wells

as the top remaining seed

A day after "lucky loser"

Luca Nardi stunned No. 1

Novak Djokovic in the

third round at Indian

Wells, Alcaraz on Tuesday

has been missing in action

since the ODI World Cup

the architects of India's

stupendous World Cup

campaign, played through

pain as he had problems

with his landing but didn't

let it affect his perform-

ance. Shami, who was re-

cently conferred with the

Arjuna Award, has 229

Test, 195 ODI and 24 T20

wickets in his decade-long

Shami, who was one of

last year.

in the men's draw.

points of No.1 ranked Test batter Kane Williamson.

Shubman Gill (up 11 spots to equal 20th) reached new career-best ratings following excellent individual series against Ben Stokes' side.

Bumrah fell into a share of the second position with Australia seamer Josh Hazlewood following his six scalps in the second Test against New Zealand in Christchurch.

Ashwin's teammate Kuldeep Yadav earned a new career-high rating and jumped 15 places to 16th overall on the latest rankings following his seven wickets and Player of the Match heroics against England.

New Zealand's Matt Henry (up six spots to 12th) also moved up to a career-best mark.

India spinner Ravindra Jadeja remained well out in front of second-placed Ashwin in the updated list for Test all-rounders, with Australia skipper Pat Cummins (up two places to eighth) and Henry (up six spots to 11th) among the big

Rawalpindi and Lahore to host 5 **T20Is against New Zealand next month**

Islamabad, Mar 13 (AP):

Pakistan will host New Zealand in a five-match Twenty20 International series next month as part of its preparations for the T20 World Cup. The Pakistan Cricket Board on Wednesday said Rawalpindi will host three games on April 18, 20 and 21 and the remaining two will be played at Lahore on April 25 and 27. New Zealand will likely be missing several frontline players including Daryl Mitchell, Mitchell Santner and Lockie Ferguson, who will be playing in the Indian Premier League. New Zealand beat Pakistan 4-1 at home in Shaheen Shah Afridi's debut T20I series as skipper earlier this year. "This tour symbolizes the deep-rooted ties and mutual respect that define the relationship between our two cricketing nations," Usman Wahla, the PCB's director of international cricket, said. "Our avid cricket fans and the people of Pakistan will welcome the New Zealand team again. We hope to have yet another competitive series which is a key part of our buildup to this year's ICC T20 World Cup."

The June 2-30 T20 World Cup will be held in North America and the Caribbean.

It feels like I am going to make my debut again: Pant



New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI):

Rishabh Pant will soon be back on the field 14 months after surviving a life-threatening car accident and ahead of that moment, the wicketkeeperbatter is "nervous" like a debutant all over again.

Pant was cleared to play the IPL by the BCCI on Tuesday. His team Delhi Capitals will open its IPL campaign against Punjab Kings in Mohali on March

He met with a horrific car crash in December, 2022, while driving to his

India take series

lead with seven

wicket win

New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI):

India defeated Sri Lanka by seven wickets in the third T20

to take an unassailable 3-0

Samarth Championship for

Chandana Deshapriya (76)

to bat first at the Karnail

scored a fifty to help Sri Lanka

post 162/3 after being invited

Dinesh Rathva, Naresh Tumda,

Lokesh and Pankaj Bhue, who

was adjudged the Player of

the Match, then contributed

with the bat as India chased

down the target with 27 balls

to spare. India thus claimed

the bilateral series with two

Sri Lanka got off to a decent

start but lost two wickets

inside the power play. In a

Sandaruwan then started

must- win match, Deshapriya

Deshapriya scored 76 runs in

63 balls, Sandaruwan struck

46 in 47 balls. For India, Bhue

Chasing 163, India started off

well scoring 75 runs in the

first eight overs. Pankaj and

Dinesh laid the platform for

the chase as the Men In Blue

India lost Dinesh in the eighth

over an Pankaj in 12th but that

looked all set to claim the

didn't derail the chase.

more matches to go.

and skipper Damith

picked a wicket.

lead in the five-match

Blind Cricket here on

Wednesday.

Singh Stadium.

home in Roorkee. He suffered multiple injuries and a ligament reconstruction surgery had to be performed on his right knee. He was also left to nurse a fractured wrist and ankle.

"I am excited and nervous at the same time. It feels like I am going to make my debut again,' said Pant in a Delhi Capitals release.

The 26-year-old underwent an extensive rehabilitation and recovery process at the National Cricket Academy following the accident.

"To be able to play crick-

et again after everything I've been through is nothing short of a miracle. I'm grateful to all my wellwishers and fans, and most importantly, the BCCI and staff at NCA. All their love and support continues to give me immense strength," said Pant.

On joining the Delhi Capitals pre-season camp, Pant added, "I am excited to return to Delhi Capitals and the IPL a tournament I enjoy so much. Our team owners and support staff have been by my side throughout with their full support, guidance and cooperation at every step, for which I am deeply grate-

"I can't wait to re-unite with my DC family and play in front of the fans

Pant will be expected to bat as well as keep wickets with the BCCI declaring him fit as a wicketkeeper-

The southpaw was present at the Capitals table during the IPL auction last

The big-hitting player has appeared in 33 Tests, 30 ODIs and 66 T20

Ravindra becomes youngest recipient of Sir **Richard Hadlee Medal**

Christchurch, Mar 13 (PTI):

The biggest find of New Zealand's World Cup campaign in India, Rachin Ravindra on Wednesday became the youngest recipient of the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal after becoming the country's best male cricketer of the vear.

Among women, Melie Kerr grabbed the major prizes at the New Zealand Cricket Awards.

Kane Williamson was recognised for his outstanding form in the Test arena with the ANZ Test Player of the Year Award, and winning the Redpath Cup for men's first-class batting.

At 24, Ravindra is the youngest winner in the award's history, after a season that's seen him become a mainstay of New Zealand's red and white

ball sides. After breaking into the 50-over side in March last year, Ravindra shone in the ODI World Cup in India, scoring 578 runs at an average of 64, including three centuries and two half-centuries, including an unbeaten 123 in the tournament opener

Ahmedabad. As a result, Ravindra was named as the ICC's Emerging Player of the Year for 2023, and also secured a 350,000 Premier League contract with Chennai Super Kings. The Sir Richard Hadlee Medal capped off a breakout season for Ravindra on the international stage, on which he contributed for the Kiwis

Rayindra continued his meteoric rise in the Test arena, registering New Zealand's highest ever maiden Test century with 240 during the first Test against South Africa at Bay Oval, and playing a key role in the BLACK-CAPS first ever Test series victory over South

across all three formats.

of the BNP Paribas Open advanced easily over the Looking forward to next stage of my healing journey: Shami

New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI):

Indian Wells, Mar 13 (AP):

Second-ranked Carlos

Alcaraz avenged a previ-

Marozsan, winning 6-3 6-3

to reach the quarterfinals

His stitches removed after a surgery to fix an injured ankle, senior India pacer Mohammed Shami on Wednesday said he was looking forward to the next phase of his "healing journey".

The pacer, who took 24 wickets in the 2023 ODI World Cup, missed the five-match Test series against England recently and will also sit out of the IPL after having undergone surgery for an ankle

injury last month. "Hello everyone! I wanted to provide an update on my recovery process. It has been 15 days since my surgery, and I recently had my stitches removed. I am thankful for the advancements and looking forward to the next stage of my healing journey," Shami wrote on 'X' along

with three photographs. The 33-year-old Shami

Marozsan was a qualifier and the No. 135 player in the world when he upset

Hungarian who ousted him from the Italian Open

Alcaraz then on the verge of taking the top spot in the rankings 6-3 7-6(4) in the third round in Rome.

"Honestly, I was nervous before the match. I'm not going to lie," Alcaraz said.

"Playing against someone that beat you. ... Today I knew what I had to do." Australian Open cham-

pion Jannik Sinner beat Ben Shelton 7-6(4) 6-1 later Tuesday for his 18th consecutive victory. The thirdranked Italian has won 15 matches in a row to start 2024, claiming titles at Melbourne

Rotterdam. It was the 150th hard-court victory for the 22-year-old Sinner, who became first player born in the 2000s to reach that milestone. Sinner had a set point, up 5-4 and 40-30 in the first, before Shelton was saved by a net cord. It then took Sinner another 15 minutes to close out the first set; in the second, he went up 3-0 and coasted to the victory. Sinner advanced to the quarterfinals to play Jiri Lehecka, a 6-2 6-4 winner over Stefanos

There is sense of calmness

in this team: Ellyse Perry

New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI):

After guiding Royal Challengers Bangalore to the Women's Premier League knock-outs with a record breaking six-wicket haul, all-rounder Ellyse Perry said a calmer dressing room is behind the

team's success this season. Perry ended with sensational figures of six for 15 against Mumbai Indians qualify for Eliminator here Tuesday. "We started the game really well and that was probably our best bowling performance in the power play in the last three matches," said Perry in a media interaction on Wednesday.

When asked if there has been a shift in the attitude in the dressing room and

change in the mindset of the players compared to last season, Perry said, "There is a sense of calmness and the team is enjoying themselves

'In the dressing room and as well as on the field there has been lots of smiles and huge focus to just go out there and enjoy because it's a pretty special tournament and the crowd has been amazing from five matches which were super special and now being here in Delhi is just been a really great chance for the group to spend more time together." RCB finished fourth out of five teams in the inaugural season in 2023. Perry was all praise for RCB teammate and India international

Bairstow available for Punjab Kings for full IPL season

New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI):

England batter Jonny Bairstow will be available for the entire duration of Indian Premier League, beginning March 22, despite returning home only recently following a long Test tour of India.

On the sidelines of the Dharamsala Test, the BCCI officials were in talks with their England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) counterparts over the availability of their players for the IPL.

Test regulars like skipper Ben Stokes, Joe Root and Mark Wood had already made themselves unavailable for the lucrative T20 league as part of ECB's workload management following the five-Test series that ended in Dharamsala on Sunday.

"Bairstow is expected to arrive in India on March 18 or 19 and will be available for the team's first game against Delhi Capitals on March 23," said an IPL source.



Bairstow, who played his 100th Test in Dharamsala, had a forgettable time with the bat in India and would be looking to be back among the runs in the IPL. Sanjay Bangar, who

was appointed as cricket director at Punjab Kings ahead of the 2024 edition, will double up as the batting coach of the side. Bangar was previously with RCB and has also been India's batting coach. Considering that, the franchise has parted ways with Wasim Jaffer, who was the team's batting consultant last sea-

Kuldeep had inkling he will be my 700th Test scalp: Anderson

London, Mar 13 (PTI):

Veteran England pacer James Anderson has revealed that Kuldeep Yadav had a hunch about being his 700th Test wicket when the two came face to face during the fifth and final Test against India in Dharamsala.

Anderson became the first pacer and third bowler to take 700 Test wickets on March 9 with Yadav being his landmark scalp. It was Anderson's 187th Test appearance.

"Kuldeep edged one down to third man for a single. As he got to the non-striker's end, and as I was walking back to my mark, he said: 'I'm going to be you 700th wicket',' Anderson said BBC's Tailenders podcast.

"He wasn't saying he was trying to get out, he was just saying he had a feeling. We both laughed at



it." Anderson, however said the moment would have been more joyous had England finished on the winning side in the series which they lost 1-4. "I didn't celebrate, there

was nothing to celebrate. Obviously that was a nice moment to achieve the feat on a picturesque ground. I would have felt a bit more excited if we would have won," the 41-year-old pacer

"I don't play cricket for milestones, I play cricket to win matches for my

Wasn't satisfied with decision to bat at one down: Babar Azam

Karachi, Mar 13 (PTI):

Former Pakistan skip-Azam's public expression of his unhappiness at being asked to bat at number three in T20 Internationals indicates that all is not well in the national team's dressing

It all started after the top-order batter was forced to step down as the leader in all three formats by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB). Babar made his feelings clear at a media interaction during the Pakistan Super League on Tuesday that he was not satisfied with the decision to bat at number three during the New Zealand T20Is in January.

Pakistan lost the series 1-4 after the successful opening pair of Babar and Muhammad Rizwan was split, and the latter opened alongside a young Saim Ayub. "It was the Pakistan team's demand at the time.



'If I was asked individually, I wasn't satisfied with the decision to bat at one down position. However, I did that for Pakistan,' Babar said. He also clarified that he didn't take any pressure opening in the shortest format, either for Pakistan or his PSL franchise Peshawar Zalmi.

Earlier, Rizwan had also expressed his unhappiness at the change in the batting order and said that the management's decision was not fruitful and hurt the side. 'You can say that it

[breaking the opening pair] has hurt Pakistan. I can say that Babar bhai has a big heart.

'We don't have money to spend.....', says Kharge

Congress President M Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday indicated that the party is facing funds crunch alleging that bank accounts where money donated by people had been kept had been freezed by the BJP-led NDA government, while huge fines have been imposed on the party by Income-Tax department.

Targeting Minister Narendra Modi and BJP, Kharge also called upon the people to stand strong together and ensure his party's victory in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, to "save" the Constitution and democracy in the country.

Noting that everyone should have equal opportunity in election, Kharge accused BJP of freezing

New Delhi, Mar 13: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest pro-

ducer of aluminium, observed

International Women's Day this

year through a blend of online

and on-the-ground initiatives

that reaffirmed its commitment

to building an inclusive future by

expanding the opportunities for

advancement available to

women. With one of the highest

female-to-male employee ratios

Aluminium is now accelerating

efforts to ensure women com-

prise a third of all its employees

in the near future. In the leadup

to International Women's Day,

the company launched a ground-

#TheFutureOfMetAL, featuring a

fusion of generative AI videos

and captivating short films. The

campaign sought to transform

entrenched misconceptions of

the metals, mining and modern

manufacturing industries as a

male-dominated sector, by high-

lighting the determined women

professionals already excelling

within the industry as com-

pelling role models. Through

this, it seeks to inspire more

women to tap into the rewarding

careers emerging in these sec-

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breaking campaign

the industry, Vedanta



Congress' bank accounts and imposing huge fines on the party through Income tax, while "they are not ready to disclose thousands of crores of rupees they have got through electoral bonds, despite Supreme Court's directions.'

"It was our party money that you the people gave as donations.

As an equal opportunity

employer, Vedanta Aluminium

strives to drive meaningful

change and propel women's

empowerment, both in the work-

place and beyond. Towards this

end, the business units of

PM, said, "You are still alive, such namings are done after someone (passes away). When a person is alive, memorials are not erected in his name, it is to be done by followers of that person later."

He also claimed that people of Kalaburagi (Gulbarga), from where he unsuccessfully contested in 2019 elections, have decided to "rectify their mistake" and make Congress victorious in the coming polls.

Karge was defeated by BJP's Umesh Jadhav in Gulbarga by a margin of 95,452 votes in the previous elections. Popularly known as "Solillada Saradara", (a leader without defeat), that was the first electoral loss in his political life spanning



Two anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW SWC) 'INS Agray' and 'INS Akshay' built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) during the launch, in Kolkata, Wednesday.

Vedanta promotes equitable future across communities

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Accusing Modi of nam-

ing a cricket stadium in

Guiarat after himself.

July," he said.

Pakistani Hindus living in India get ready to file online applications

For citizenship

Nagpur, Mar 13 (PTI):

Vedanta Aluminium organized a myriad of activities to celebrate Delighted by Centre's move to notify the the achievements of its women employees and community implementation of the members, through both aware-Citizenship (Amendment) ness sessions and engagement Act, 2019 (CAA), nearly 2,000 Pakistani Hindus livactivities that promoted greater inclusivity in every aspect of life. ing in Nagpur are preparing to seek Indian citizen-On the occasion, John Slaven, CEO, Vedanta Aluminium said,

The migrants from the "The diversity of skills and perneighbouring country are spectives arising from the figuring out the nitty-gritincreased participation of ty of filing online applicawomen builds organisations that tions that will enable perform better and stay resilient them to live in India within the long-term. Vedanta Aluminium is therefore commitout the hassle of seeking visa extensions and other ted to developing an equitable paperwork. environment that fosters diverse and inclusive teams. As India's

Besides, some of their relatives who entered the country in recent years are seeking relaxation in the cut-off date to accommodate them.

The Centre Monday implemented the CAA, noti-

fying the rules four years after the law was passed by Parliament to fasttrack citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, **Bangladesh** Afghanistan who came to India before December 31,

Vinod Raheja from Ghotki town in Sindh province of Pakistan said he and seven of his family members crossed over to India through the Wagah-Attari border on a visit visa hours on December

Raheja said they hadn't even dreamt about the "life-changing" event that would unfold 10 years later, referring to CAA. He is among those who have already submitted their online applications for Indian citizenship.

A resident of Nagpur's Jaripatka locality, which has a sizable population

of Sindhis, Raheja said he was a cloth merchant in Pakistan when he came to India with his wife, two children, parents and two other relatives.

"We have been staying here on long-term visas. We are thrilled with the implementation of CAA as we will now become the citizens of India," said Raheja, thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for making CAA a

Raheja, who works with a private company, has requested PM Modi to relax the cut-off date for people like his mother-inlaw and her family who came to India six months after his entry.

"It will be a huge relief as they have to go through procedures like long-term visa and other paperwork." he said.

Sagar Wadhva came

with his family to India from Quetta in Pakistan's Balochistan province in 2012, when he was in Class 9th.

The 27-year-old businessman from Nagpur said he is excited that India will now be his permanent home. His online application too has been submitted, said Wadhva. Rajesh Jhambia, a local

social worker who works for the rights of such migrants, told PTI that they have already received 100 applications for online submissions. "The applications will be filed by Sunday. Around 2,000 citizenship applications will be filed from Nagpur," he said.

Like Raheja, Jambia also requested PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to consider the cases of such migrants who came to India after

HC RULING

'Grandparents should share custody of children caught in matrimonial disputes'

Nainital, Mar 13 (PTI): The Uttarakhand High Court has said grandparents should also share the custody of children caught in matrimonial disputes and directed family courts to follow law commis-

In a recent order on a PIL filed by advocate Shruti Joshi, a division bench Justices Ritu Bahri and Rakesh Thapliyal said the child's custody in cases of matrimonial disputes should be shared by both the parents as well so that the child's emotional growth is not affected.

sion recommendations in such

It has been observed that while dealing with the disputes of parents, a child's emotional needs and proper emotional growth are never examined and by the time the litigation reaches the high court, the children have already suffered much mental agony, the bench said.

ing the mental anguish suffered by such children during the legal proceedings of matrimonial disputes.

The Law Commission has recommended the amendment of the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956, to make it more fair to children of parents involved in matrimonial disputes.

Since the procedure of amendment in the Act is a lengthy one, the high court gave a direction that all the recommendations made by the commission should be mandatorily followed by fami-

The high court also asked the family courts to follow a letter dated 11.01.2024 issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice for the appointment of counsellors, who should be child psychologists, in such cases so that their report is scientific and can be taken as an evidence for granting cus-

Battle for Baramati: Pawar reaches out to old rival

Mumbai, Mar 13 (PTI):

NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar is leaving no stone unturned to ensure that his daughter Supriya Sule retains the Baramati Lok Sabha constituency, and has even reached out to his arch-rival Anantrao Thopte.

Sule, a three-time MP, is likely to face challenge from Sunetra Pawar, wife of Sule's cousin and president of the rival Nationalist Congress Party Ajit Pawar, in the coming election. Ajit, Chief deputy Minister of Maharashtra, wields as much clout in Baramati as his uncle, if

not more.

There was a time when Sharad Pawar would hold just one or two campaign rallies in Baramati, so sure he would be of his victory. But now, at 83, he is traveling the length and breadth of the constituency located in Pune district even before the elections are announced. On Saturday, Pawar

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met Anantrao Thopte, who was recuperating from a knee surgery, at his house in Bhor. Thopte, a nonagenari-

an, had won from the Bhor assembly seat a part of Baramati Lok Sabha constituency six times be-

SPIRITUAL PERFORMANCE

son Sangram Thopte is the current Congress MLA from Bhor. Anantrao, who was a cabinet minister in several governments in the state before 1995, was known as Sharad Pawar's arch foe within the Pune district Congress.

Ulhas Pawar, a senior Congressman from Pune, told PTI that the Pawar-Thopte rivalry often played out in elections to the district cooperative bank, sugar cooperatives and milk federations.

Sangram Thopte, a three-time MLA, is said to be at loggerheads with Ajit Pawar in the district politics, he noted.

Political alignments have changed drastically with Ajit parting ways with his uncle Sharad Pawar and joining the Shiv Sena-BJP government in the state last year.

Ulhas Pawar said the Pawar senior's meeting with Anantrao was "political compulsion."

"One needs to make compromises. In coalition politics, compromises are inevitable. This meeting was for Sharad Pawar's daughter's sake. But if the truce lasts, it will help the prospects of the Congress and NCP (SP) in Pune district, and also those of the Maha Vikas Aghadi coali-

53rd Safety Week concludes at PPA Paradip, Mar 13:

Focus Safety Leadership Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Excellence" as the theme, 53rd National Safety Week being observed by Paradip Port Authority today came to an end. P.L. Haranadh, Chairman, PPA lowered the National Safety week Flag, this afternoon at an event held at Gate No. 4, in presence of Dy.Chairman, Nilabhra Dasgupta, Shri Soma Sekhar Bajaramath, Addl. Asst. Director, Inspectorate Dock Safety along with other HODs and PPA officials and vari-

ous stakeholders. Chief Guest on the occasion, P.L. Haranadh, Chairman, PPA said that bad practices invite accidents and for this working culture must be improved. We must be aware about safe-

proper practical trainings. 23km wide arterial concrete roads has been developed inside harbour area. First time among Major Ports, one mechanised road sweeping machine has been engaged inside ty practices and for this he harbour on a trial basis.

National Safety Day/

ing improvement is being undertaken, so that it will be well lit within next two months. He hoped that, like previous year, this year will also be "least accident" year as far as Port working area concerned.

HC reserves verdict on plea against winding up MAEF

New Delhi, Mar 13 (PTI):

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday reserved its verdict on a petition challenging the Centre's decision to dissolve the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) which was set up in 1989 for promoting education educationally backward minorities.

The Centre has defended its decision, saying MAEF has become "obsolete" when there is a dedicated ministry holistically executing schemes for the benefit of the minorities.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Mini Pushkarna closed the hearing on the PIL by Syeda Saiyidain Hameed, John Dayal and Daya Singh after the lawyers representing the parties concluded their submissions.

Senior advocate Anand Grover, appearing for the petitioners, contended that the decision to dissolve MAEF was not as per the mandate of law and the funds allocated for the benefit of minorities cannot be diverted.

Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma defended the closure of the foundation, which was fully funded by the government, contending that it has become "obsolete" at a time when there was a dedicated Ministry of Minority Affairs holisti-

cally executing schemes

for the benefit of the minorities. He said the authorities concerned have taken a policy decision to dissolve the foundation as per law. "Arguments heard. Judgement re-

served," the bench said. Petitioners had approached the high court earlier this month against the February 7 order of the ministry which instructed the MAEF to carry out the closure process at the earliest and submit copy of the closure certificate issued by the Registrar of Societies of the Delhi government on completion of all procedures, as per ex-

tant laws. The ministry's order

was issued in reference to a proposal received from the Central Waqf Council (CWC) on January 21 to close the



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Artists from 'Birju Maharaj Parampara', Delhi, perform 'Katha Raghunath Ki' during the Nrita Sanrachna, a festival of choreographic works based on Ramayana organized by Sangeet Natak Akademi, in Guwahati, Wednesday.

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