

Modi Sarkar ki Guarantee fulfilling dreams of 140 crore indians

Means Guarantee of



Viksit Bharat BRIEF

Hamara Sankalp



Gujarat's resident Ganesh Baraiya, 3 feet tall and 23-year-old man, who has completed his MBBS degree.

Arrested

Ludhiana: Days after a lock was put on the main gate of the Ludhiana **Municipal Corporation** building near clock tower during a Congress' protest here, the police on Tuesday arrested Ludhiana MP Ravneet Singh Bittu, former minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu and two other party leaders. The police said they have arrested Bittu, Ashu, Congress Ludhiana city president Sanjay Talwar and former city senior deputy mayor Sham Sundar Malhotra.

Fine

New Delhi: The National **Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission** (NCDRC) has imposed a fine of Rs 30 lakh on Apollo Speciality Hospital in Chennai and its two doctors in a case of medical negligence. The NCDRC was hearing a complaint regarding negligence on the part of the hospital and the two doctors in providing postoperative care to a patient after a spinal surgery in April 2015.

ED action

PM launches development proj worth over Rs 19,600 cr

Chandikhole (Odisha), Mar 05 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday launched multiple development projects worth over Rs 19,600 crore in Odisha's Jajpur district.

Modi said the BJP-led central government was committed to the development of eastern India, which is filled with natural resources. "Our government works

for the present as well as for the future, with the aim of a Viksit Bharat' (developed India)," he said during a programme here.

The projects that were launched are related to different sectors, including Oil & Gas, Railways, Road, Transport & Highways

and Atomic Energy. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Union ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Bishweswar Tudu were also present on the occasion. Modi also paid tribute to former Odisha chief minister Biju Patnaik on

his birth anniversary. The PM said the Union government has con- such instance of negli-

(PTI): In a relief to Karnataka

Deputy Chief Minister DK



PM Modi being presented a memento by Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik during inauguration and foundation stone laying of various projects at Chandikhol, in Jajpur district, Odisha, Tuesday.

structed an additional 3,000-km national highway in the state and increased Odisha's rail allocation by 12 times since 2014.

"We have completed many projects that remained incomplete for The Paradip vears. Refinery project is one

gence by the previous government," he said. The projects inaugurat-

ed by the prime minister include the Indian Oil Corporation's mono ethylene glycol facility at the Paradip Refinery, which will further help in reducing India's import dependency, a 344-km product

'Cong, allies only focused on filling their coffers'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday attacked the Congress, alleging that the party and its allies only focused on filling their coffers before 2014, when they were in power at the Centre. Modi also charged the opposition leaders with making personal attacks on him as he worked for the 140 crore people of the country whom he considered his family. Addressing a rally at Benapur in Jajpur district which is considered a stronghold of the ruling BJD, the prime minister said the central government wants Odisha to become the gateway for Viksit Bharat' (Developed India).

pipeline from Paradip to Haldia in West Bengal, and a 0.6-MMTPA LPG import facility at Paradip.

the nation four-laning of the Singhara-Binjabahal section of National Highway-49, four-laning of the Binjabahal-Tileibani section of NH-49, four-laning of the Balasore-Jharpokharia section of NH-18, and four-laning of the Tangi-Bhubaneswar section of NH-16.

He also laid the foundation of the eight-laning of Chandikhole-Paradip Road. As part of the railway network's expansion, the PM launched the 162km Bansapani-Daitari-Tomka-Jakhapura rail line. "It will not only enhance the existing capacity, but also facilitate efficient transportation of iron and manganese ore from Keonjhar to the nearest ports and steel plants, significantly contributing to regional economic growth," an official statement said.

A CONCOR container depot in Kalinga Nagar was also inaugurated by Modi. Besides, he laid the foundation of an electric loco periodical overhauling workshop at Narla, a wagon periodical overhauling workshop at Kantabanji, and upgradation and augmentation of maintenance facilities at Baghuapal.



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Centre revises guidelines on recruitment, promotion of sports persons

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI): The Centre has revised its existing guidelines on recruitment and promotion of sports persons in order to include events which have gained importance in recent times and to provide greater incentives to the sports persons performing well in these games. The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) had issued consolidated instructions on recruitment and promotion and other incentives for sports persons in the government of India on October 3, 2013. "These instructions have been reviewed in consultation with the department of sports which is the nodal department for promotion of sports in the

ment moved separate ap-

peals challenging a single

bench order which on

January 17 ordered forma-

tion of a joint special in-

vestigation team (SIT) of

country in order to bring more clarity, inclusion of events which have gained importance in the recent times as well as to provide greater incentives to the sports persons performing well in these games," an order issued by the DoPT said. National championships and tournaments conducted by the recognised national sports federations in individual disciplines, national games conducted by Indian Olympic Associations and Khelo India University, Khelo India Youth Games, Khelo India Winter Games and Khelo India Para Games are recognised as events of national importance, it said.

Hand over Shajahan Sheikh, ED attack probe to CBI: HC

WB govt moves SC against transfer of probe

Kolkata, Mar 05 (PTI):

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday ordered transfer of the probe into an attack on Enforcement Directorate officials at Sandeshkhali on January 5 from the West Bengal Police to the CBI.

The West Bengal government on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court challenging an order of the Calcutta High Court to transfer the probe into an attack on Enforcement Directorate officials at Sandeshkhali on January 5 to the CBI. The matter was mentioned before a bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta by senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for the West Bengal government, seeking an urgent hearing. The bench refused an urgent listing of the plea and asked Singhvi to mention the matter before the Registrar General of the top court.

the CBI and the state police to probe the mob attack on the ED officials. While the ED wanted the probe to be transferred to the CBI only, the state praved that the investigation be given to the state police only. The TMC leader was arrested by the state police a day after the high court ordered that Sheikh, who is also the prime accused in alleged sexual atrocities on women and land grabbing at Sandeshkhali, can be arrested by the CBI, the ED or the West Bengal Police.

SC quashes money laundering case against DK Shivakumar New Delhi/Bengaluru, Mar 05

K'taka deputy CM thanks top court Shivakumar, the Supreme Court

Shivakumar thanked the top on Tuesday guashed a 2018 court for dismissing the money laundering case against money laundering probe against him, and said the cenhim and another accused in the tral agencies are planning to file an appeal against the order but he is equally prepared for it. "I got information about the relief from the Supreme Court, I learnt that the cases framed against me were found wrong.

of Karnataka High Court that refused to quash the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summons issued to him in an alleged case of money laundering. A bench of justices Surva Kant and K V Viswanathan set

Modi also dedicated to

Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday said it has attached property worth Rs 12.78 crore of suspended TMC leader Shajahan Sheikh including bank deposits, an apartment, and agricultural and fishery land in Sandeshkhali and Kolkata. A provisional order has been issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to attach these assets, the agency said in a statement.

Seized

Chennai: As many as 99 kg of hashish, said to be worth Rs 108 crore, was seized from a country boat near Mandapam coast in Tamil Nadu by the Directorate of **Revenue Intelligence and** Indian Coast Guard Mandapam, an official said on Tuesday. The country craft was heading toward Sri Lanka, and it was intercepted after a hot pursuit by the joint team of officials from the DRI, Chennai zonal unit, and ICG Mandapam.



matter. Snivakumar thanked the top court for dismissing the money laundering probe against him, and said the central agencies are planning to file an appeal against the order but he is equally prepared for it. The Congress leader had moved the top court against the 2019 order

aside the high court order and allowed the appeals filed by Shivakumar and Karnataka Bhawan (Delhi) employee A Hanumanthaiah. "Appeals are allowed, the proceedings initiated against the appellants under the PMLA are hereby quashed," the bench said.

The court also directed that the custody of TMC leader Shajahan Sheikh, who was arrested by the West Bengal police on February 29 in connection with the attack, be handed over to the central agency. bench division Α

presided by Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam directed that the directions be complied with by 4.30 pm on Tuesday. Both the ED and the West Bengal govern-

RELIGIOUS PROCESSION



An artist dressed as Lord Shiva takes part in a religious procession ahead of the 'Maha Shivratri' festival, in Jalandhar, Tuesday.

Cong poll manifesto

New Delhi: The Congress is likely to wind up internal deliberations for giving final shape to the party manifesto for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls and is likely to come up with some innovative measures like an apprenticeship scheme to deal with unemployment. The party's manifesto committee, which is headed by former finance minister P. Chidambaram and has senior leaders like Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Shashi Tharoor and Anand Sharma, among others, is likely to wind up discussions on the manifesto on Tuesday

14-yr-old girl can't be treated as 'chattel' in custody battle: SC

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

Observing that a 14year-old child cannot be treated as "chattel", the Supreme Court has set aside an order of the Orissa High Court allowing the biological father of a girl her custody, saying

she was living happily with her paternal aunt. The top court, while hearing an appeal by the paternal aunt (father's sister) against the high court order, said the stability of a child is of "paramount importance" It noted that the child,

born in March 2014, has been living with the sister of her biological father since she was around three months old.

"It is not a case in which any of the parties is claiming adoption which otherwise is not permissible under Mohammedan law. Guardianship is also not being claimed. It is only the dispute regarding custody of the child,"

a bench of Justices CT Ravikumar and Rajesh Bindal said.

In the judgment pronounced on Monday, the bench said it interacted with the child, who said she was happy living with the present family and that she did not wish to be "destabilised".

The apex court noted that when the child's custody was given to the man's sister, she was unmarried, but now she has two children.

India has never been a nation: A Raja

Chennai, Mar 05 (PTI): DMK MP A Raja has said that India has never been one nation, but is a subcontinent which is home to diverse practices and cultures even as the BJP slammed him and alleged that it was a call for 'balkanisation' of the nation.

In a video where he is seen addressing a party-organised meeting, Raja purportedly said, "India is not a (one) nation. Understand this well. India has never been one nation. One nation denotes one language, one tradition and one culture and only such characteristics make one nation."



Claiming that India is not a nation, but a subcontinent Raja "What's the reason? said. Here, Tamil is one nation and one country. Malayalam is one language, one nation and one country. Oriya is one nation,

BJP demands arrest...

The Bharatiya Janata Party lashed out at the opposition parties' INDIA bloc over A Raja's remarks and said insulting India's ethos publicly and humiliating Hindu gods has become the hallmark of their political agenda. Addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi, senior party leader and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said, "This is Maoist ideology." Prasad further quoted Raja who said in his speech "if this is your Jai Shri Ram, if this is your Bharat Mata Ki Jai, we will never accept that Jai Shri Ram and Bharat Mata.

one language and one country. All such national races constitute India. So, India is not a country, it is a subcontinent that has various practices, traditions and cultures. " In Tamil Nadu, there is a culture and in

Kerala, there is another culture. Similarly, in Delhi, there is a culture. In Odisha, there is vet another culture. In Manipur, dog meat is eaten, which is a cultural aspect. In Kashmir there is one culture.

Gangster duo's marriage becomes talking point in police circles

New Delhi. Mar 05 (PTI): A scheduled wedding, taking place between two alleged gangsters Anuradha Choudhary alias 'Madam Minz' from Rajasthan and Sandeep alias Kala Jathedi from Haryana - is being discussed in police circles. The gangster duo is going to tie the nuptial knot on March 12 at Sonipat in Haryana after a courtship of about four years. Sandeep will be out on bail for just six hours for his wedding. The court has granted parole to Sandeep for

his marriage. Anuradha is already on bail. Their marriage invitation card also went viral on social media. Anuradha, a closed confidante of slain gangster Anandpal Singh, is facing over half-a-dozen cases related to money laundering, abduction, giving threats and arms Act in Rajasthan and Delhi. Sandeep, who is a close associate of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, is facing over a dozen cases of robbery, murders, attempt to murder, extortions and arms Act in

Delhi. Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, according to Delhi police records. An officer said both were arrested by a team of Delhi Police Special Cell from near a dhaba on Yamuna Nagar-Saharanpur highway on July 30, 2021. They were staying together at that point in time. Then, Anuradha was carrying a reward of Rs 10,000 by the Rajasthan Police while Sandeep was carrying a reward of Rs 7 lakh for his arrest, the officer said.





Notorious thieves nabbed with Rs 3 lakh booty

Bhilai, Mar 05:

Police arrested two notorious thieves and recovered stolen booty worth Rs 3 lakh from their possession. Two vicious thieves arrested for stealing from different areas of Chowki Smriti Nagar area. Stolen property worth about Rs 3 lakh recovered from the possession of the accused.

ASP Abhishek Jha informed that Smriti Nagar Chowki had received complaints from Trilok Dhankar, Devendra Soni, Umesh Kumar, Pratibha Sahani and others of Deendaval Colony Khamhariya regarding thefts. The investigation team led by Chowki I/c Purshottam Kurre conducted crime scene investigation and collected the CCTV footage of nearby places. On the basis of

14 shops sealed in

Contractor Colony

and Smriti Nagar

Taking strict action against the property tax defaulters, the Revenue

Team of Bhilai Municipal

Corporation sealed six

shops of a person in

Contractor Colony Supela

and eight shops of a per-

son in Smriti Nagar. On

the instructions of BMC

Commissioner Devesh

Property Tax Department

had served notices to the

property owners for the

recovery of the outstand-

ing amount of property

tax. Later, BMC issued at-

tachments warrant and

thereafter the concerned

Kumar

Dhruv, the

Bhilai, Mar 05:



CCTV footage, a suspect identified as Nageshwar Chandel alias Nagesh was taken into custody. During interrogation, he confessed to committing the thefts with his accomplice Hemant Kumar Patel. Police recovered a 55 inch LED TV, Honda

BMC takes action

against tax defaulters

Activa scooter (CG07 BF 8150); eight batteries, two mobiles, home theatre and other household items total worth approximately Rs Three lakhs from the possession of the accused. The accused Nageshwar

Chandel alias Nagesh (19)

paid property tax to the

tune of Rs 6.82 lakh

while a resident of

Smriti Nagar had not de-

posited property tax out-

standing amount of Rs

3.25 lakh against his

eight shops. The team of

vear. the Commissioner

of

Selection Trials for BSP Basketball Team today Bhilai, Mar 05: SAIL-Bhilai

Steel Plant's Department of Sports, Cultural & Civic Amenities (SC&CA) is organizing Selection Trials to select players (Male) for BSP's Basketball Team, to take part in the Steel Plants Sports Board (SPSB) Basketball Championship 2023-24.TATA Steel Plant is organizing the Championship from March 15 to March 17, 2024. The Selection trial will be organised at the Basketball Court, Pant Stadium, Sector-01, Bhilai, on March 06, 2024, at 18:00 hrs to select BSP's regular employees and players, their wards, and other young players from Bhilai and nearby areas in Male Category, for BSP's Basketball Team. Registration for the Selection trial may be made with the selectors for BSP's Basketball Team, Parvinder Singh, RS Gaur and Sarjit Chakraborty, before March 06, 2024, at 18:00 hrs, at Basketball Court, Pant Stadium, Sector-01. Dennis Christy, Dy Mgr (SC&CA) will be in charge of

Two-day Refractory Operating Committee Meeting from today

the Selection Trial

Bhilai, Feb 05:

Refractory Engineering Department of Bhilai Steel Plant, in association with RDCIS, is conducting the 65th Refractory Operating Committee (ROCM) Meeting at Bhilai Niwas on March 06-07, 2024.

son of Toranlal Chandel a

resident of Ward 11,

Hemant Kumar Patel alias

Raja (23) son of Hemlal

Patel, a resident of Ward

11, Vaishali Nagar, were

produced before the court

and have been sent to jail

on judicial remand.

Nagar and

Vaishali

BMC Zone 1 Office led by This year's theme for COCM is "Role of ROCM is Revenue Officer sealed all the 14 Operating Conditions on Performance of Steel For convenience of Ladle Refractory Lining Future the property owners at and Lining the end of the financial Materials".

This 2-day meeting is aimed at sharing knowl-Refractory.

Refractory Various

Engineers from different Steel Plants in India shall get the opportunity to share their experiences and present their innovative practices, improvements in refractory life, reduction in specific cost & consumption of refractories, etc., in this two days meeting.

More than 60 delegates from different Steel Units of India and around 40 participants from BSP-RED, RDCIS, and SRU-Bhilai shall engage in this event to discuss, share, and learn newer concepts

in Steel Plant Refractories. 65th ROCM will help the whole Refractory fraternity of India to develop and adopt new practices to cut down the specific cost & specific consumption of refractories, in the cost matrix of Indian Steel Plants.

Police gear up for Lok Sabha elections



IGP chairs high-level virtual meeting with SPs Asks to launch preparations for upcoming elections Instructs to take action under Minor Acts and

Prohibitory Sections

Bhilai, Mar 05:

On Tuesday, Inspector General of Police (Durg Range) Ram Gopal Garg chaired a high level virtual meeting with the police officers of Durg Range.

Superintendents of Police from Balod, Bemetara and Durg virtually participated in the meeting. IGP gave guidelines for action under Minor Acts and Prohibitory Sections, serving warrants and inspection of polling stations.

The Inspector General of Police discussed important issues and directed the concerned officers. He instructed them to start preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and take necessary steps to strengthen the se-

curity cover for elections The Inspector General of Police called upon the officers to work in coordination to overcome the difficult situations, make the citizens feel safe and protect the values of democracy. Superintendent of Police (Durg) Jitendra Shukla, Superintendent of Police (Balod) SR Bhagat, Superintendent of Police (Bemetara) Ram Krishna Sahu, Panik Ram Kujur from IGP Office Durg Range and other gazetted officers were present.

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World Rare Disease Day observed at St Thomas College



Bhilai, Mar 05:

The PG Department of Microbiology and Biotechnology organised a program to observe 'World Rare Disease Day' in collaboration with Microbiology Society of India unit to increase the awareness about rare diseases by exploring rare disease reports that include information on

symptoms, causes, treatments and clinical trials. The department observed the day by arranging power point presentations on 26 different rare diseases and PG students of the department enthusiastically participated in the activity. Before the commencement of program, Dr V Shanthi; HOD, PG Department of and Microbiology

Biotechnology gave a brief introduction about the topic. She spoke about the importance of spreading awareness in the community. The program was appreciated by administrator Dr Joshi Varghese and Principal Dr MG Roymon. The program was followed by Certificate distribution ceremony at the hands of principal and all department staff.

Bhilai Mahila Mahavidyalaya celebrates glittering annual function

Shikshadeep Trust distributes Rs 2 crore scholarships

34 students secure



properties of the tax defaulters. The owner of six

shops in Contractor Colony Supela had not

grandeur. Bhilai Education

Trust Managing Trustee

and Shikshadeep Trust

Gupta, Bhilai Mahila

Trustee Vijay

Zone Offices sealed the on

Kumar

Corporation Head Office and Zone Offices open holidays also. Citizens can pay the due taxes at the designated counters even on the holidays.

counters

Assistant

shops on Tuesday.

has given instructions to the recovery agency edge on the latest trends in to keep the property tax refractory applications and the their use in Steel Industries in different areas of Steel Manufacturing in India. ROCM provides the platform for sharing such improvements in the field of

Power Supply affected due to JCB **Collision on Power supply line** ments of the girl students. It

is also a day of joy and pride Bhilai, Mar 05: for the teachers to witness their hard work firsthand.

The power supply was af-Dr Sandhya Madan Mohan said that this year fected in some areas of

for the construction of a new OHT. A Hiwa Vehicle being

place in the varsity merit list

Bhilai, Mar 05:

Bhilai Mahila Mahavidvalava celebrates its annual function, prize distribution and scholarship distribution ceremony recently under the guidance of Principal Dr Sandhya Madan BJP Mohan. National Vice President Dr Saroj Pandey graced the function as Chief Guest while Durg MP Vijay Baghel presided over. The celebration was organized with great enthusiasm and

Mahavidyalaya Chairman Arvind Jain and Secretary Surendra Gupta were specially present. In her address, Dr Saroj

Pandey, an alumnus of the college, praised the institution for its quality of education. Recollecting her college days, Saroj said that she learnt the basics of politics while working as Student Union President. She added that the Principal Dr Sandhya Madan Mohan was the professor in-charge of her student union at that time. "It is because of Dr Sandhya's guidance that

today I have achieved a posi-

tion in politics", Dr Saroj



said. She expressed her gratitude towards the Head of Hindi Department. Dr Nisha Shukla and other teachers

MP Vijay Baghel also remembered his student life and said that they used to enthusiastically participate in the annual function which developed leadership abilities. MP Baghel assured for all possible support from the Central and State Government.

Managing Trustee Vijay Kumar Gupta said that through this platform, Shikshadeep Trust is providing scholarships to the local needy students as well as students of other states for technical, medical, nursing and graduation in 1year, 3-year and 4-year courses. This scholarship is being given to those meritorious students from the deprived sections of the socie-

tv who are not getting any

former Governor General KM Seth. Vijay Kumar Gupta is currently serving as the Chairman of this trust. A total scholarship amount of Rs 2 crore was distributed by this trust to the meritorious students through their colleges. In her welcome address,

government scholarship to

continue their studies. He

said that Shikshadeep Trust

was constituted under the

guidance and chairmanship

Principal Dr Sandhya Madan Mohan said that colleges are the focal point for the all-round development of girl students. Not only their academics but also their extra-scholastic abilities are encouraged and honed here. The annual festival is a celebration of appreciating the achieve-

also the students of the college have enhanced the dignity, tradition and superiority of the college by capturing 34 positions in the merit list of Hemchand Yadav University including 3 gold medals (first place).

Meritorious students were felicitations with awards. Captivating, interesting and excellent presentations of cultural programs made the audiences spellbound. Dr Nisha Shukla, Professor in-charge, Student Union, proposed the vote of thanks. The program ended with the national anthem.

the township, due to damage to the HT power supply line on March 05, 2024, when a JCB Machine accidentally collided with an HT power supply pole in the Sector 5 area of Bhilai Township. The Town **Electrical Engineering** Dept (TEED) under SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Town Services Department immediately took action to normalize the situation.

Around 15:00 hrs on March 05, 2024, when NBCC Company was carrying out excavation work near Sector-5 Water Tank,

used to carry the excavat ed earth accidentally hit and thereby damaged 5 RCC poles, due to the failure of the hydraulic system of the vehicle. There have been no casualties in this accident. Electricity supply has been affected in the area, due to the accident. BSP's TEED is working on a war footing to reinstate the power supply in the affected area.

All the residents are requested to take note of the same. SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Town Electrical Engineering Dept. (TEED) has appealed to residents to cooperate.

function

An interesting play

Paathshala", and Songs on

Safety were also staged on

Citations of Certificates

for the Awards were read

out by Dr AR Sontake, GM

(SED), and Shovan Ghosh,

AGM (SED) outlining the

performance of Plant

Employees and contractu-

al workers in the area of

safety. Shovan Ghosh,

AGM (SED) administered

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named

this occasion.

Free makeup classes organised on IWD eve **Bhilai Steel Plant observes 53rd National Safety Day** Bhilai, Mar 05:



Bhilai, Mar 05

Under the joint aegis of Mirror Salon and Beauty Academy and Sri Sri Balaji Foundation, a twoday free make-up and hair style classes was organized on the eve of International Women's Day (IWD). It was a meaningful initiative towards women empowerment through self employment. The women learnt tricks of makeup and hair styling and enhanced their skills. Parineeta Chandrakar, director of Mirror Salon and Beauty



Academy, said that it has

always been our endeayour to provide opportunities to women and make them self-reliant. In this sequence, free classes were organised to enable the women to give a new identity to their skills. They could work confidently by doing self-makeup. About 100 women participated in this programme. The women were honoured with certificates. Parineeta Chandrakar gave training in this free makeup and hair styling camp.

The 53rd National Safety Day function was organised by SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Safety Engg Dept, with fervour at Mahatma Gandhi Kala Mandir on March 04, 2024 on the theme "Focus on Safety Leadership on ESG Excellence"

Ashutosh Pandey, Dy (Industrial Director Health & Safety, Durg) inaugurated the function by lighting the Ceremonial Lamp in the presence of Kumar. EDAniani (Works), S Mukhopadhyay, ED (Projects), BK Giri, ED (Mines), Dr Ravindranath M. CMO I/c (M&HS), Tapas Dasgupta, CGM I/c (Iron), PK Sarkar, CGM I/c (Services), Asit Saha, CGM I/c (M&U), Praveen Rai Bhalla, CGM (Safety & Fire Serv), along with CGM I/cs, CGMs, GMs, OA & Union Representatives,



and other Senior Officials, plant personnel, and award winners in large numbers.

Congratulating winners of various competitions and other awardees for different safety activities, Ashutosh Pandey, Dy Director (Industrial Health & Safety, Durg) encouraged the BSP Collective to adhere to the

safety standards in the Plant and all walks of life. Good Coordination and cooperation among all the departments and employees is the key to achieving accident-free production, said Pandey. Kumar, ED Anjani

(Works) in his address stated the importance of safety and appreciated the departments for organiz-

ing various safety awareness activities and competitions under their respective Departmental Safety Awareness Weeks and Safety Month 2024. On this 53rd National Safety Day, I appeal to all of you present here to always keep the spirit of safe and organized working alive in the Plant and your homes, and also motivate your colleagues, friends, and family members to abide by safety measures in their lives and work, Anjani Kumar said.

At the outset, Praveen Rai Bhalla, welcomed the guests and presented a detailed report highlighting safety activities, and urged the entire Bhilai Collective to achieve the target of Zero Harm.

The Hindi Edition of the Safety Electrical Standards Booklet, along with a Poetry collection at the Mill, while adhering based on safety standards

were released by the Dignitaries and Special Guests, on this occasion.

Prizes and awards for different competitions and categories including safety calendar and poster design, Safety Exemplary Award for Enhancing safety awareness, Best ZSO and DSO Award, Nearmiss reporting award, Best Safety Warrior Award, etc, were given away by the Dignitaries and other Special Guests. Various departments were awarded for the accident-free longest working days, Best accident reduction and sustenance award, the best

housekeeping awards, and awards for cross-functional teams. It is noteworthy that Plant's Plate Mill department was felicitated with a Special Award for completing the longestever 42-day capital repair

the Safety Oath, at the beginning of the programme. G Gauthaman, and Sumit Kumar, Assistant Mgrs (SED) compered the programme, while. SK Agrawal, GM I/c (SED) proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The 53rd National Safety Day function concluded with a collective recital of the National Anthem.





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Goal of environmental protection requires strategic action: Sai

Everyone should do their part in preserving greenery and nature: Kashyap

"Chhattisgarh State **Action Plan on Climate Change**" released: Dashboard launched

CM inaugurates twoday 'Chhattisgarh **Climate Change** Conclave 2024'

Raipur, Mar 05: In his inaugural speech at 'Chhattisgarh Climate Change Conclave 2024', Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said that climate change is posing as major threat for the entire world. We need more measures and efforts to save nature. greenery and natural resources now than ever. He emphasized the need to formulate strategies to address the global challenge of climate change, as it has led to severe repercussions in form of irregular rainfall. prolonged droughts, cyclonic rains, and seasonal variations, affecting both the nation and the world. Chief Minister inaugurated the 'Chhattisgarh two-day Climate Change Conclave 2024,' today.

event, Sai At the



launched the 'Chhattisgarh State Action Plan on Climate Change' and a book on traditional health practices titled 'Ancient Wisdom' at Bastar. Chief Minister said that the conclave would serve as a significant platform for sharing crucial information and experiences regarding the global challenges and adverse impacts of climate change. He underlined the importance of collective efforts to combat climate change for the well-being

of future generations. occasion, On the Minister of Forest and Climate Change Kedar Kashyap, MLA and Padma awardee Anuj Sharma, Padma awardee Shrimati Phoolbasan Yaday, Padma

awardee Hemchand and Padma Manihi. awardee Shri Jageshwar Yadav were present, along with the senior officials from the Forest Department. Chief Minister commended the efforts of the department and the Chhattisgarh State Center for Climate Change for organizing the conclave. In his address to the con-

clave, Chief Minister said that everyone needs to do their part for preserving nature and greener. Reckless consumerism and negligence towards the environment has led to this situation today. Acknowledging the challenges posed by climate change, Sai highlighted the 2015 Paris Agreement. signed by 196 countries, as a collective effort to protect the environment. He affirmed that concerted efforts on a global scale would lead to success in addressing climate change challenges.

Chief Minister concluded the speech by welcoming the experts, environmentalists, and representatives from tribal communities participating in the conclave. The event featured the screening of a short film focused on climate change.

Forest and Climate Change Minister Kedar Kashyap said that experts, public representatives, and tribal communities should come together to deal with the challenge of climate change. Principal

Chief Conservator of Forest and Chief of Forest Force Shri V. Srinivasa Rao also addressed the program. Additional Chief Secretary of Forest Department, Manoj Kumar Pingua said that to deal with this challenge, efforts should be made to bring experts, environmentalists, representatives of tribal communities and Vaidyarajas on one platform. Exchange of knowledge and expertise will help us all to move in the right direction in terms of environment conservation. British Deputy High Commissioner Dr. Andrew

Fleming highlighted various aspects of climate change. The workshop was organized by the Chhattisgarh State Center for Climate Change and the Forest and Climate Change Department with technical support from the Foundation for Ecological Security. Representatives

from 15 states and various

national-level institutions

participated in the conclave. The program aimed to bring together experts, environmentalists, and representatives from tribal communities, along with policymakers and health practitioners, to discuss and share knowledge on climate change challenges and solutions.



Women are getting their Aadhar card and other documents updated from authorities for availing benefits under Mahatari Vandan Yojana (MVY) as announced by the state government.

Art center to be inaugurated today

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai will inaugurate

Raipur, Mar 05: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo will inaugurate the art center located behind the Central Library on March 06. Ministers will also participate on this occasion. It is noteworthy that in the art center, training will be given to small children and youth. Separate training rooms have been prepared in the campus where training in musical instruments like drawing, sculpture, singing, classical dance, western dance, art and craft, tabla, harmonium, drum, keyboard etc.



and other arts will be given.

Artists will be able to get training in various genres. A recording room for recording songs has also been constructed in the Kala Kendra premises. There will also be a facility

to present cultural programs from time to time on the stage built in the campus. With the opening of the art centre, a platform will be available to the artists and the inherent talent of the children will also come to the fore.

Class 8 student attacked Govt employees should be ready to ensure adherence with knife after exam

• For talking to girlfriend

Raipur, Mar 05: Two students coming out after appearing exams at Holy Cross School, Kapa, Raipur were attacked with knives by students of another school on Tuesday over a dispute arising out of talking to a fellow girl student. One of the students attacked in the incident was studying in eighth class and he used to talk to a girl of his own class. Angered by this, students from another school attacked him with knives. The incident took place in the area falling under jurisdiction of Pandri police station According to the information received, a student studying in class 8th at Holy Cross School, Kapa, was going home after appearing the examination. Meanwhile, boys from

Galaxy Public School located in Gudhiyari came outside the school and surrounded the student. The student kept running for

protection, but boys from another school stopped him on the way, attacked him with a knife and ran away. His brother got hurt during the rescue. The injured was attacked with a knife on his neck, back, head and legs

According to the information received from the police, the student is out of danger.

According to the information received, there had been a dispute among the students earlier. The matter was calmed down after a minor fight, but after the dispute escalated on Tuesday, students of another school attacked a student studying in class 8 of Holy Cross. By the time the police reached the spot. attackers fled.

Lok Sabha Elections-2024 preparations

Raipur, Mar 05: Chief Electoral Officer Mrs. Reena Baba Saheb Kangale has instructed all the returning and assistant returning officers to complete the necessary preparations for the Lok Sabha elections soon. She said that the Model Code of Conduct comes into force with the announcement of elections and in such a situation, govern-

ment officials should be prepared at every level to strictly follow it. She was addressing the review meeting of the returning, assistant returning and district election officers of the state on Tuesday through video conferencing. Mrs. Kangale said that now is the time to finalize the preparations for the



elections in all the districts. She stressed on preparing a checklist of all the work to be done in the first 72 hours after the implementation of MCC (Model Code of Conduct). For this, she gave instructions to complete prepara-

the responsibility of the administration increases further. On this occasion, she mentioned the new amendment regarding postal ballot by the Election Commission of India and said that now voters of 85 years of age or above will be provided the facility to vote through postal ballot. Earlier this facility was provided to voters of 80 years of age or older. Apart from this, as before, the facility of voting through postal ballot will continue for disabled vot-

During the review meeting, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer Mr. US Agarwal threw light on issues like nomination process, model code of conduct, various permissions including rallies, vehicles, campaign materials during elections. During this, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Vinay Aggarwal gave a brief presentation on subjects like preparation of voter list, postal ballot, ETPBS (Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System), facility centers for postal voting, service voters, preparations of polling parties. During the video conferencing, Additional Chief Electoral Officer Mr. Nilesh Kumar Mahadev Kshirsagar, Collectors and Assistant Returning Officers of the districts were present.





Raipur, Mar 05: Raipur Police have got a big success in smuggling of silver from Odisha to Chhattisgarh. Police have seized more than 35 kg of silver jewellery from an Ertiga car. The value of the seized jewellerv is said to be Rs 27 lakh 52 thousand. Police found a large quantity of silver ornament during vehicle checking in the area falling under jurisdiction of Mandir Hasaud police sta-



Kumar Singh, on March 4 During checking, the police team found silver ornament kept in a bag in Ertiga car number CG/07/BU/8984. The team interrogated the person in the vehicle. The person in the vehicle told his name as Rajesh Soni, resident of Sadar Bazar Durg.

When inquired about the silver jewellery and asked for valid documents, Rajesh Soni did not present any document and started misleading the team members continuously. On this the team members seized a total of 35 kg 743 grams of silver jewellery worth approximately Rs 27 lakh 52000 from the possession of Rajesh Soni. Further action is being taken in the matter at Mandir Hasaud police station.

Avushman card for free treat

ment up to Rs 5 lakh was distrib-

uted to the beneficiaries and a

cheque of Rs 2 lakh was distrib-

uted to Ratan Baghel, resident of

Retavand, under the Social

Security Scheme on the sudden

Kashyap were also present.

to the Model Code of Conduct: Kangale





tions ranging from appointing nodal officers to forming various commit-Mrs. Kangale told the officials that the credibility and impartiality of the

election officer is the criterion of his qualification. In such a situation,

tion.

According to the information, a joint team of Anti Crime and Cyber ??Unit, Mandir Hasaud and Arang Police conducted a surprise checking of vehicles near the toll naka located under Mandir Hasaud in view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, as per the instructions of SSP Santosh

Trailer of 'Bastar: The Naxal Story' launched



Film to hit screen on March 15

Raipur, Mar 05: Since the announcement of 'Bastar: The Naxal Story' by Producer Vipul Amrutlal Shah. Director Sudipto Sen, and Adah Sharma has been dropped the huge excitement has been witnessed among the masses. With the extraordinary response to the two teaser and the attention, the posters of the film has drawn, the audiences were eagerly waiting for the trailer to drop. Vipul Amrutlal Shah unveils 'Bastar: The Naxal Story' Trailer alongside the team in Raipur on Tuesday here. The film will be released on March 15, 2024, in cinemas worldwide.

The trailer of the film directed by Sudipto Sen and starring Adah Sharma has all the elements to cater the audiences in the large chunk. Following the roaring success of 'The Kerala Story' team returns with anoth-

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er bold and impactful subject and trailer stays true to the expectations.

The trailer has spine chilling shots of naxalites killing CRPF Jawans and also takes us to the chapter of JNU students celebrating the death of Jawans. From the human chopping sequences as he sang National Anthem to the kids being burnt and the political figures shot dead and the killing of innocent peoples hanged to death, this trailer packs a solid punch. The trailer not only takes the excitement to another level but also makes us wanting more about the incidents that took place in real. The highlight of the trailer was character of IPS Neeria Madhvan, portrayed by talented actress Adah Sharma. The per-

fection and sincerity Adah brought to the character looks evident in her portrayal and no doubt that this is going to be another solid performance from the actress.

Tenant threatens landlady, demands ransom of Rs 2.5 lakh

• For safety of her both children

Raipur. Mar 05: A tenant threatened his own landlady to kill her children for money in the capital Raipur. According to information available tenant allegedly called the landlady and told her to pay Rs 2.5 lakh for safety of her both the children in the area falling under jurisdiction of Ganj police station. The police have arrested the

the tenant in connection with this incident. Seema Complainant

Sirke she lives in Pili Building Lane, Raipur. She told police that on March

lice station Ganj. After this the police

March 2. If she did not

bring the money, he threat-

ened to kill both the chil-

dren. On the report of the

complainant, crime num-

ber 131/24 section 384 IPC

was registered against the

unidentified caller in po-

2, she was sleeping at started searching for the home with her children caller. Efforts were also when she received a call being made to identify the from an unidentified numunidentified caller by colber at around 10:30 pm. lecting information re-Caller threatened saving garding the number used 'if you want the safety of by the caller. Meanwhile, your two children, you will with the help of technical assistance, the team memhave to pay Rs 2.5 lakh', said Seema in her report. bers got important infor-The caller asked her to mation regarding the come to VIP Road with the caller involved in the incident money on the night of

Police traced Tarun Chauhan, a resident of Kumhar Para Police Station Ganj and interrogated him strictly in connection with the incident. On strict interrogation he admitted to carrying out the incident by putting his aunt's SIM in his mobile

phone. Tarun Chauhan was arrested and one mobile phone and one SIM card were seized from his possession

To dodge the police, Tarun called the woman for ransom from the mobile SIM of his aunt living in Sarangarh. After making the call, Tarun broke the said SIM and threw it away. When the police inquired based on the call details, the SIM was found to be that of a woman from Sarangarh. After this, the police asked Seema for information about her relatives in Sarangarh, then Seema told the police that her tenant's aunt lives in Sarangarh.

CM inaugurates three-day Chitrakote Mahotsav-2024



Raipur. Mar 05: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Tuesday inaugurated the three-day Chitrakote Mahotsav-2024 organized in Bastar district. Sai blessed 340 newly married couples in the Chief Minister's Kanya Vivah program here and presented cash and materials worth Rs 21,000 each to the newly married couples as a gift.

children coming to Anganwadi,

Vishwakarma

death of his mother, tendupatta collector Khirobai. On this occasion. Forest and Cooperation Minister Kedar Sai distributed material and Kashyap, MLA Jagdalpur Kiran assistance to the eligible benefi-Dev, MLA Bastar Lakheshwar ciaries of various public welfare Baghel, Chitrakot MLA Vinayak schemes of the government. He Goyal, District Panchayat gave certificate of employment President Vedwati Kashyap, training under Pradhan Mantri **District Panchayat Vice President** Yojana Maniram Kashyap, Mayor Safira to Jaswinder Kaur, tractor, power District Sahu. Panchavat weeder, power sprayer, pack Padma Member Kashyap house to farmers, ice box, net District Panchayat Lohandiguda President Mahesh Kashyap and and supplementary food to fish farmers, caste certificate to six Sarpanch Chitrakot Butki

Congress objects removal of security from Rajiv Bhawan

Writes letter to SP to restore security

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 05: The police have removed the company engaged in security of Pradesh Congress Committee headquarters 'Rajiv Bhawan' since February. Keeping in mind the upcoming Lok

Sabha elections and the movement of special and VIP people in the party office, a demand has been made from the Superintendent of Police to deploy a security company without any delay.

Pradesh Congress General Secretary in-(Organization charge and Administration) Malkit Singh Gaidu said in a letter to the Raipur

Superintendent of Police that the security company deployed in the Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee headquarters 'Rajiv Bhawan' for the last several years had been completely withdrawn in February 2024. Referring to the im-

pending Lok Sabha elections, Gaidu said that in view of the election activ-

ities, workers from all the districts of the state as well as special and very special leaders of national and state level will keep visiting the headquarters. In such a situation, keeping in mind the security of the special and VIP leaders, a security company should be deployed in Rajiv Bhawan without any delay, he said.

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Entire cabinet will have Ramlalla's darshan soon: Sai

CM Sai flags off first special train for . Avodhva pilgrimage

Over 850 Shri Ram devotees from **Raipur division** began their spiritual journey today on this train

Raipur, Mar 05: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai flagged off a special train bound for Ayodhya from Platform 07 of Raipur Railway Station at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, under the Shri Ramlalla Darshan Yojana. The train, carrying 850 Shri Ram devotees from all 05 districts of Raipur division, departed amidst spirited chants of 'Jai Shri Ram'.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai expressed pride in the pilgrimage, stating, "This is a momentous occasion as the people of Chhattisgarh get on on a journey to seek the blessings of Shri Ramlalla. Prime Minister Narendra Modi promised the commencement of the Shri Ramlalla Darshan Yojana after our government's formation, and today marks the fulfillment of that pledge as the first

train departs from Chhattisgarh to Ayodhya. In the future, trains will also operate from Bilaspur and Raigarh to Ayodhya under this scheme, offering devotees a weekly opportunity to visit Ayodhya Dham. In addition to Ayodhya, tours to other religious sites will also be organized. Chhattisgarh is the first state in the country to facilitate the Darshan of Shri Ramlalla at government expense. In March, the entire cabinet will visit Ayodhya for Ramlalla's Darshan.' Following the flag-off,

the Raipur Railway Station resonated with echoes of 'Jai Shri Ram', continuing long after the train's departure. It is



worth mentioning that the 12-coach train can accommodate nearly 850 devotees from Chhattisgarh at once for the Darshan of Shri Ramlalla in Ayodhya. Commencing its operation on March 5, this special train is part of the Shri Ramlalla Darshan Yojana, offering devotees a comprehensive package. This package includes travel arrangements from Chhattisgarh to Ayodhya, accommodation, temple visits. breakfast, and meals.

In addition, the train will be facilitated with tour escorts, security personnel, and a team of doctors to ensure a smooth and safe journey for the pilgrims.

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, Agriculture Minister Ramvichar Netam, Food Dayaldas Minister Baghel, along with MLAs Rajesh Munat, Purandar Mishra, Anuj Sharma, Motiram Sahu, and other public representatives were present. Culture and Endowments Secretary P. Anbalagan, Tourism Board Managing Director Jitendra Shukla, Commissioner Public Relations Mavank Collector Srivastava, Gaurav Singh, SP Santosh Municipal Singh, Corporation Commissioner Abinash Mishra, and officials and employees of the Tourism Department were also

CM inaugurates exhibition at Ch'garh **Climate Change Conclave 2024**

solar cooking system was

installed. Officials told

Chief Minister that the sys-

tem has thermal batteries

installed to store solar ener-

gy, which can be later used

when there is no electricity

about 'Pradhan Mantri-

Surya Ghar Muft Bijli

Yojana' is also being provid-

Itwari Banjare, a farmer

Krishak Utpadan Sangh,

told Chief Minister that his

union is engaged in produc-

rice in Kartala block of

Korba district. They have

planted about 7500 cashew

trees and in the initial

Collector took

arrangements

time-limit meeting

to ensure upcoming

Lok Sabha elections

Raipur, Mar 05: District

Collector took time-limit

meeting in Collector Red

Cross meeting room. He

Information

available.

ed at the stall.

CREDA stall provides Information on 'Pradhan Mantri-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana

Raipur, Mar 05: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai inaugurated the exhibition organized at Chhattisgarh Climate Change Conclave 2024 today. After the inauguration, Chief Minister visited the stalls put up by various departments at the exhibition. Chief Minister carefully perused the models, herbs, equipment and herbal products displayed at the stalls. Forest and Environment Minister Shri Kedar Kashyap accompa-nied the Chief Minister

during the visit. Darpan Members of Society Jashpur welcomed Chief Minister at the stall with a bouquet of Sarai flowers. Lochan Yadav of Darpan Society told Sai that his team works for conservation of forests and forest produce. Darpan Society provides information and training to the villagers on conservation and processing of forest produce so that they may get fair price for their products.

stall of At the Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA), a unit of indoor



phase, 15 to 20 kg of cashew is produced per tree.

At the stall Chhattisgarh Herbal, Anjali Dahria told Chief Minister about the products to cook food even at night or available under the brand of 'Chhattisgarh Herbal'. She showed him the bottled Amla juice, Murabba, Candy, Mahua pickle, honey and other popular products of the brand. She informed that these prod-Korba Mahamaya ucts are made by the women of the state from the forest produce found in various districts of tion of cashew and black Chhattisgarh.

stall of At the Chhattisgarh State Biodiversity Board, B Rao Godbole told the Chief

Arrangements for electricity and water should

be ensured in polling booth: Collector

Minister about the herbal medicines he has discovered in the forests of Bijapur. He told the Chief Minister about black ginger and the trunk of the Bohar tree which is used to keep beverages cold in Tumba made in tribal areas.

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Upon his visit to the stall of Chhattisgarh Tribal, Local Health Tradition and Medicine Board, the officials presented essential oil of lemon grass and palmache to the Chief Minister. He told Chief Minister that the essential oils are used for fragrance cosmetics. Chief in Minister Sai appreciated the products shown at the stalls

Economically weak people should not be deprived of any govt scheme: Baghel

Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection **Department took** review meeting of departmental officers

Raipur, Mar 05: Minister of Food. Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department and Minister in-charge of Surajpur district, Davaldas Baghel took a review meeting of departmental officers of the district administration. He has instructed all the officers to perform their responsibilities with full devotion, so that the benefits of every scheme of the government can reach the eligible person the last row. Economically weak and poor people should not be deprived of any scheme of



the government. Women who were negligent in and Child Development their work. In the meeting, Women Lakshmi

Minister Rajwade was present. and Child Development The Food Minister has Minister, given instructions to pro-Rajwade said that being a public representative, the vide ration to eligible beneficiaries through all fair people of the area put price shops. It should be their problems before her, the priority of the adminwhich are brought to the istration to ensure that the notice of the concerned ofbasic needs of the comficials from time to time, mon people are fulfilled these problems are relike water, electricity, edusolved by the officials of cation and medicine. He the concerned departhas instructed the conment. It should be ensured cerned officials to continuto be completed within the ously monitor all the stipulated time period. She works and asked to take further said that coordinaaction against officers tion of governance and ad-

ministration is very important, if we move forward together then there will be positive development of our district.

Lakshmi In the review meeting, the Food Minister discussed in detail various points like MNREGA, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Gramin, Swachh Bharat Mission, NRLM, ration card renewal under Food Department, Mahtari Vandan Yojana under Women and Child Development, Ayushman Card. Instructions were also given to examine the survey list to ensure that

truly needy people get priority under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. Along with this, serious issues like schools with single teacher, the condition progressing works under Jal Jeevan and the condition of roads were also discussed in the meeting in which necessary guidelines were given to the concerned officers to tighten the work. In the meeting, Prem

Nagar MLA Mr. Bhulan Singh Marabi, Pratappur MLA Mrs. Shakuntala said that Lok Sabha elec-Singh Porte, Mrs. Ranjani Ravi Shankar, Mr. Rajesh tions will be held in the coming days, the code of Agarwal, Mr. Shashikant Garg, Mr. Alay Agarwal, Mr. Thaleshwar Sahu, Mr. Ram Kripal Sahu, Mrs. Shanti Singh and other public representatives, Collector Rohit Vyas, DFO Pankaj Kamal and other concerned officers were present.



will be held during summer, hence special arrangements for drinking water should be ensured. Also, in view of the possibility of increase in voting time, make arrangements for uninterrupted supply of electricity. The Collector said that all the departments working in the district should work towards solving the problems of the public. He said that along with handing over the residential colony to Municipal the Corporation, Raipur Development Authority should also take care of its maintenance and other arrangements. Collector said that CSPDCL should work fast by improving its

working style, so that the general public gets relief. Transformers are open at many places in the city, cover them immediately so that accidents do not happen, legal action should be taken if such electrical equipment is damaged by anti-social elements Regarding Mahtari Vandan Yojana, the project officer informed that the work of Aadhaar seeding is nearing completion. Collector gave instructions to complete it on time. Municipal Corporation Commissioner, Abinash Mishra, all revenue sub-divisional officers and district officers of all departments were present in the meeting.

conduct will also become effective in a few days. Officers and employees who are to be assigned duty should ensure basic facilities in polling stations. A list should be prepared after cross-examination. Lok Sabha elections

Faculty development program organized in Govt B.Ed College

Three-day workshop focused on techniques for effective teaching-learning process

Raipur, Mar 05: Government B.Ed College in Shankar Nagar, Raipur, hosted a transformative three-day faculty development program in collaboration with I.T.M. University. The initiative, spearheaded by the Internal Quality Assessment Cell, aimed at enhancing teaching quality through innovative techniques

Led by Principal Pushpa Kispotta and under the guidance of in-charge



University Professor solemn Saraswati Vandana. Gunjan Mishra, and Yasin Principal Kispotta empha-Shaikh. Notably, internationally renowned dialogue sized the importance of implementing the learnings at creator Hidde van der Pol, the grassroots level to en-CEO of Conscious Consulting, Netherlands, sure maximum impact on joined online to contribute valuable insights during a The program boasted an esteemed lineup of facilitaone-hour session.

With a focus on enhanctors, including Professor Deepthi Raghavendra from ing thinking skills, prob-ITM Business University lem-solving, communica-Mumbai, Director General tion, learning outcomes, of ITM University Raipur and mentoring, the work-

shop provided a comprehensive approach to professional development. Attendees, including college faculty and M.Ed. members trainees, actively participated, demonstrating a commitment to improving educational standards. The program's multi-dis-

ciplinary and innovative approach received commendation from all participants, promising a positive impact on teaching practices in the institution.

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IIM to host 6th BRICS Development & Governance conf from today

Raipur, Mar 05: The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur, a premier institution dedicated to advancing management education. research, and consulting, proudly announces the 6th International Conference on Development and Governance in the BRICS. Established as a beacon of excellence, IIM Raipur has consistently contributed to shaping future leaders and driving innovation in the field of management. 6th International The Conference, scheduled from March 6th to 8th, 2024, will be a significant milestone for IIM Raipur. The conference, themed 'Collaboration for

Innovation in the BRICS Public Sector,' is a testament to IIM Raipur's commitment to fostering intellectual discourse, knowledge sharing, and innovative solutions in addressing the challenges faced by the **BRICS** nations.

In the backdrop of this distinguished institution's commitment to academic excellence, the BRICS bloc, comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, stands as a testament to a formidable economic alliance. representing over 25% of the world's GDP and 42% of its population. As these nations are expected to constitute more than half of the global GDP by 2030, they confront unique governance challenges such as sustainable development, digital transformation, financial inclusion, and data privacy. The conference aims to unite academics, public and private sector leaders, and visionaries from the BRICS countries to engage in a profound dialogue. With a central focus on intertwining public administration with sustainable development, digitization, and ethical leadership, the ultimate goal is to promote prosperity, inclusivity, and sustainability in the **BRICS** nations.

such as the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad Young Scholars Initiative, Institute for New Economic Thinking, University of Western Cape, Cape Town, and others. Additionally, the Department of Administrative **Reform and Public Grievances** and the Central Warehousing Corporation (Government of India Undertaking) are proud sponsors of the event. As we embark on this intellectual iourney, this summit promises to be one of the many visionary endeavors by IIM Raipur. It will unravel a tapestry of innovative solutions, collaborative insights, and thoughtprovoking discussions.

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Raipur, Mar 05: In a spirited initiative led by Collector and District Election Officer Dr. Gaurav Kumar Singh and spearheaded by Vishwadeep, Chief Executive

Voter Awareness Rath educates cit voting

Officer and District Nodal



Officer SVEEP, the "Voter Awareness Rath" has taken to the streets of Raipur, igniting enthusiasm and awareness about the crucial role of voting in democratic processes.

Equipped with EVMs and vibrant posters, the Rath traversed through various squares and public spaces of Raipur city, captivating the attention of passersby. Dr.

Kamini Bawankar, an advocate for democratic participation, urged citizens to embrace the spirit of democracy by pledging to achieve "100 per cent voting" with the resonant slogan, 'Chunav Ka Parv-Desh Ka Garv'.

Hemdhar Sahu, a B.Ed. student teacher and a fervent advocate for voter awareness, took charge of the chariot, leading the charge with stirring slogans and melodies such as "Vot Dene Jaana Hai,-Apana Pharj Nibhana Hai", and "Mera Pahala Vot- Rashtra Ke Lie". The chariot made its mark at key locations including Jai Stambh Chowk, Ghadi Chowk. Pahadi Maina Chowk, and the Railway Station, rallying citizens from all walks of life to exercise their voting rights without inhibition or coercion. The "Voter Awareness

Chariot" garnered widespread attention, attracting curious onlookers who eagerly engaged in discussions about voter registration, obtaining Voter ID cards, and understanding the voting process. Vikas Bhaskar and Gayatri, the dedicated computer operators, played a pivotal role in disseminating crucial information and ensuring the success of the voter awareness campaign.





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Calcutta HC judge Gangopadhyay resigns, to join BJP

Kolkata, Mar 05 (PTI):

Abhijit Gangopadhyay announced on Tuesday that he is joining the BJP, hours after he resigned as a judge of the Calcutta High Court.

Addressing a press conference, he alleged that the TMC was "synonymous with corruption" and he would fight it till the end. "I will be joining the

BJP, possibly on March 7. I am joining the BJP as it is a national party, which is fighting against the corruption of the TMC in Bengal," he said.

Gangopadhyay, whose rulings on various educamatters tion-related

stirred political debates refrained from giving a direct reply on whether he would contest the Lok Sabha polls.

"It is for the BJP leadership to decide whether they want me to fight. Whatever they decide I will accept," he said.

Gangopadhyay said he would fight against the "injustice" and "corruption" of the TMC

"TMC leaders have been using derogatory language against me for quite some time. If they don't like a judgment, then they can't just verbally attack a judge. Such instigations only helped me to take the

decision to join politics

Calcutta High Court judge Justice Abhijit Gangopadhay at his residence after tendering resignation from his post, in Kolkata, Tuesday.

and fight the TMC, which is synonymous with corruption in Bengal," he said.

"The days of the TMC are numbered in West Bengal. The CPI (M)-led Left Front was decimated in the 2009 Lok Sabha polls, ultimately leading to their defeat in the 2011 assembly polls. The TMC will also face the same fate," he claimed.

On joining the BJP, he said the decision was taken over the last few days.

"I was on leave for the last few days and got in touch with the BJP. They also contacted me. I felt this is the right platform to fight against the TMC,' he said.

Asked about the allegations of corruption nent judge on July 30, 2020.

against Leader of the Suvendu Opposition Adhikari of the BJP, Gangopadhyay said it was "a cooked up case to frame him and other TMC leaders" to pave the way for a top TMC leader's accession in the party's power structure.

Gangopadhyay sent his resignation letter to President Droupadi Murmu with copies to CJI DY Chandrachud and the Chief Justice of the HC Calcutta TS Sivagnanam in the morning. He joined the Calcutta High Court as an additional judge on May 2, 2018. He was elevated as perma-



Union Home Minister Amit Shah being felicitated during the 'Yuva Sammelan', in Jalgaon, Tuesday.

'India targets 5-fold increase in its share of global space economy by 2030'

Ahmedabad, Mar 05 (PTI):

Union minister Dr Jitendra Singh on Tuesday said the Centre has set the target of increasing the share of the Indian space sector five-fold by 2030 from the current 2 per cent to 10 per cent.

Singh, the Union State Minister of (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, made the statement after inaugurating "IN-SPACe Technical Centre' at the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) in Bopal area of Ahmedabad city.

Addressing a gathering after the inauguration, he said there was a time when the world did not take India very seriously in the space sector, while it is the other way round now.

"Our target is to take the space economy from 2 per cent to 10 per cent by 2030, a five-fold increase. And as per our vision document, we have mentioned 15 per cent by 2047. That is 15 per cent share in the global space economy," he said.

"India's space economy today stands at a modest USD 8 billion, but our own projection is that by 2040 it will multiply manifold. But tools essential for mission a more interesting thing is planning and design that according to some in-



Dr Jitendra Singh

ternational observers, for example the recent ADL (Arthur D Little) Report mentions that we have the potential of USD 100 billion bv 2040." he said.

The report suggests that the Indian space sector can grab 20 per cent share by 2030, much higher than what has been projected by the government. "They now know that we can beat them in their own game," Singh said.

The newly-inaugurated facility is equipped with resources to support non-government entities (NGEs) in designing, development, simulation and testing of space technologies, said an official release.

These facilities are designed to rigorously test and validate space technology under conditions replicating the harsh environment of space. It also houses the Space Systems Design Lab (SSDL), offer-

analysis, it added.

Theatre director Ram Gopal Bajaj to receive **META lifetime achievement award**

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New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI):

Eminent theatre, film and television director-actor Ram Gopal Bajaj will receive the META Lifetime Achievement Award at the upcoming theatre festival here, organisers announced on Tuesday.

organisers, The Mahindra Group and

Teamwork Arts, also introduced the jury members for the 19th edition of the Mahindra Excellence Theatre Awards in (META) that includes directors and actors Dolly Thakore, Kulbhushan Kharbanda, Kusum Haider, Mahesh Dattani, Raghubir Yadav, Vinay Pathak and director of the Serendipity Arts Foundation Smriti Rajgarhiya.

The week-long festival will be held from March 14-20at Kamani Auditorium and Shri Ram Centre, where 10-shortlisted plays will be performed for the panel of jury members.

Bjaja, this year's lifetime achievement awardee, graduated from the National School of Drama (NSD) with specialisation in acting and has been associated with the drama school as an artist and a teaching fac-

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Bajaj will receive the lifetime achievement award at the closing ceremony on March 20 at Kamani Auditorium.

Kotwal" "Andha Yug", "Tughlaq' This year, the theatre and "King Lear". Later, he festival will see 10 plays also established himself compete across 13 cateas a director with producgories, including costume tions such as "Ajaat design, choreography, and Ghar", "Ashadh ka Ek original script in lan-Din" and "Surya ki Antim guages including Kiran se, Surya ki Pehli Bengali, Assamese, English, Hindi. "Bajaj is also credited Hindustani, Malayalam,

for having started the and Marathi. The theatrical produc-Bharat Rang Mahotsav, tions will focus on key Today it has become a narratives such as "retelling of epic tales, ophuge platform for perpression and authoritarianism, protest and rebellion, identity and gender, the sanctity of the artist, ethics, morality, adventure and grit".

"Our commitment to said here at a press connurturing theatre, the Bajaj was awarded the bedrock of numerous Sangeet Natak Akademi artistic expressions, has award in 1996 and the yielded remarkable re-Padma Shri in 2003 for his sults, with each passing contribution to theatre. year showcasing an unparalleled display of the-Lifetime atrical excellence. META serves as a vibrant re-

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flection of our nation's cultural mosaic, celebrating the richness of language, diversity of themes, and breadth of genres," Jay Shah, head, cultural outreach, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd, said.

The nominated plays are: "Agnisuta Draupadi" (Hindi), directed by Maisnam Joy Metei; Avalanche (Hindustani), directed by Dewan; Gandharv Bhoothangal (Malayalam), directed by OT Shahjahan; "Do You Know this Song?" (English), directed by Mallika Taneja; "Gagan Damama Bajyo" (Hindi), directed by Piyush Mishra; "Ghanta Ghanta Ghanta Ghanta Ghanta" (Marathi), directed by Mohit Takalkar; "Gopal Ure & Co." (Bengali), directed by Sujan Mukhopadhyay; "Hayavadana" (Hindi), directed by Neelam Mansingh Chowdhry: "Raghunath" (Assamese), directed by Bidyut Kr Nath; and "Siachen" (Hindi), directed by

'Only 76 of over 17,000 companies in NE opted for NPS so far'

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EDUCATION ACADEMY, vs

CHANDRAPRAKASH JAIN & 2

ORS., have filed a Revision

Petition no. 2945 of 2015 against

the order dated 07.08.2015 in First

Appeal No. 219 of 2014 of the

State Commission, Chhattisgarh

The abovementioned Revision

Petition is pending before the

National Commission, New Delhi

wherein you have been arrayed as

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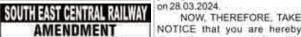
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Guwahati, Mar 05 (PTI):

panies in the Northeast. Only 76 of the over 17,000 regis-Mohanty, citing data from the tered companies in the north-Ministry of Corporate Affairs, eastern region have so far opted said the region has 17,000 registo enrol their employees under tered companies, of which only the National Pension System 76 firms have opted for NPS. (NPS), a senior government offi-"But we don't have the data on cial said here on Tuesday. He how many of these are still said, however, it was not clear active. how many of the registered companies were still active or fell in the category under which

firms were liable to extend pension benefits to their workers. Addressing a press conference here, Pension Fund **Regulatory and Development** Authority (PFRDA) chairperson Deepak Mohanty said, "A total of 85,000 employees of corporate and private sector firms, including 16,000 in Assam, have enrolled for NPS in the Northeast. The corpus fund under it is Rs 4,300 across the region, of which Rs 1.000 is in Assam." When asked about the



The following postponement has been carried out in Timder Notice No. E.R. 7-87-23-24. Existing Closing Date 21.03.2024. due to administrative reasons. The Closing Date may now be read as - 28.03.2024 All the other terms and conditio main the same. Divisional Engineer-II,

Dated New Delhi, on this 14th February, 2024 S.E.C.R., Raipur SECTION OFFICER

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hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest

[Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column (8) below on dates specified in Column (C) to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given

to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged

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Column ([E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance

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Finance Corporation Limited (SMHFC) have failed to pay Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) of their loan to SMHFC and that their loan account has been classified as Non-performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by National Housing Bank. The borrower(s) have provided security of the immovable property/les to SMHFC, the details of which are described herein below. The details of the loan and the amounts outstanding and payable by the borrower/s to SMHFC as on date are also indicated here below. The borrower(s) as well as the public in general are hereby informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Vehicle Auction - 10.04,2024 Notice is hereby given to effect that the vehicle described below will be sold by the undersigned on behalf of Union Bank of India EMD

Officer of SMHFC, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrower(s) under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the SARFAESI Act). If the following borrower(s) fail to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers conferred on the Secured Creditor under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. including power to take possession of the property/ies and sell the same. The public in general is advised not to deal with property/ies described here below

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset(s) (immovable property/ies)
Loan No : APP-011-236 Mr. Ghanshyam Chandrakar Mrs. Urvashi Bai Chandrakar	06-01-2024 Rs.5,96,857/-	Flat No. 78 (Plot Area 1033.00 sq. ft.), Atai Vihar LIG Type 1, CHB - Atai Vihar - Arang P.H.No. 60, Part o KH No. 3786 / 1, K, KH, 3786 / 3, Village: Arang, Tah Arang, District : Raipur - 493441, Chhattisgarh.
Loan No : APP-020-350 Mrs. Jyoti Kumar Mr. David Kumar	06-01-2024 Rs.2,62,464/-	Flat No. 705, G, Rda - Indraprastha Phase II EWS Indraprastha Colony, Raipura, Tehsil And Distric Raipur - 492013
Loan No : APP-027-744 Mr, Soman Kumar, Mr. Komal Kumar Kosre, Mr. Suman Mahilang	06-01-2024 Rs.6,53,193/-	Patwari Halka No 16, Khasra No 200/4 (Part), Mouja Khairidih, R.I.C. Khertha, Tehsil Dondilohara Kharidih, Balod, CG, 491771
Loan No : APP-046-354 Mr. Naved Khan Mrs. Shahnaj Shekh	06-01-2024 Rs.14,52,891/-	Khasra No. 835/334, PH No 106/52, Tahsii Raipur at Chirhuldih, Sardar Wallabh Bhai Patel Ward Ward No. 18, R.I.C. Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492099
Loan No : TOP-014-154 Mrs. Vijaya Laxshmi Rajaput Mr. Khilendra Singh Rajput	06-01-2024 Rs.2,44,960/-	Flat No. 54 (Plot Area 436 sq. ft.), Atal Vihaa Bemetara EWS, Chb - Atal Vihar Bemetara Housing Board Colony, Bemetara, Tehsil And Distric Bemetara - 491335
Loan No : APP-020-929 Mrs. Neetu Wadhwani, Mrs. Veena Wadhwani, Mr. Jai Kishan Wadhwani	06-02-2024 Rs.2,46,574/-	Flat No. 606. D (EWS), Rda-kamal Vihar Kama Vihar, Sector 4, Raipur, District : Raipur Chhattisgarh - 492015
Loan No : APP-041-473 Mrs. Kachra Bai Chandra Mr. Khemraj Verma Mr. Maniram Varma	05-02-2024 Rs.4,95,409/-	Flat No. 56 (Plot Area 559 sq. ft.), Atal Awar Dhansuli EWS, Chb - Atal Awas Dhansuli Housing Board Colony, Atal Awas Yojana, Village Dhansuli PO Nardaha, Tehsil Arang, District Raipur Chhattisgarh - 493111
Loan No : APP-044-080 Mrs. Upma Singh Mr. Ashish Kumar Singh	06-02-2024 Rs.5,15,161/-	Flat No. 706, F, Rda - Indraprastha Phase II EWS Indraprastha Colony, Raipura, Tehsil And Distric Raipur - 492013
Loan No : APP-047-132 Mrs. Sunita Naik Mr. Amit Naik	06-02-2024 Rs.3,06,824/-	Flat No. 10, Block-01, Rmc-Kachna-1044 Nea Classic Castle, Kachna, Ring Rd Number 3, Mair Road, Raipur - 492007
Loan No : APP-058-084 Mr. Neelam Sahu Mrs. Jvoti Sahu	06-02-2024 Rs.23,25,304/-	Khasra no. 496/93, P.H.No. 38, Kaurinbahata waro No. 44, At - Kaurinbhata, RIC-Kaurinbhata, Tehsil Rajnandgaon, Rajnandgaon, Chattisgarh-491441

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Higher education plays an important role in the overall development of youth : Guv

- ceremony of Shaheed Mahendra Karma University
- Gold medals were given to 93 students, PhD and an honorary degree were given to 43 students in the convocation ceremony.
- Facilities will be increased in the university with the grant of Rs 100 crore received under the **Central Project** "Meru".

Jagdalpur, Mar 05:

The fourth convocation ceremony of Shaheed Mahendra Karma University was organized in the university campus Tuesday here on Addressing the gathering Governor and Chancellor Vishwabhushan Harichandan said that higher education indeed plays an important role in the overall development of the youth. It provides advanced knowledge, skills and opportunities for personal and professional development. Through higher education, youth acquire critical thinking abilities, creativity and moral values, which prepare them to face complex challenges. It opens doors to better career prospects, contributes to economic



and develops growth strong leaders and active citizens in their communities. A literate youth represents the future of any society, state or country. In areas like Bastar, the Government

Chhattisgarh especially expects the youth to actively participate in the socioeconomic development of their communities while maintaining the values of peace, harmony and progress. In particular, they are encouraged to engage in education and skills development initiatives to enhance employability and contribute to regional development. Governor Harichandan

expressed his joy in being a part of the ceremony and extended his hearty congratulations to the students and researchers who received degrees and gold medals. He also appreciat-

ed the students' parents, mentors and friends, whose support helped the graduates achieve success. Gold medals were awarded to 93 students, PhD and an honorary degree were awarded to 43 students in the convocation ceremony by the Governor and Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai.

The Governor said in his address that in the session 2021-22 and 2022-23 together, 76 percent of the gold medals have been won by girls. Similarly, the number of female researchers is more than their male counterparts. Your achievements today are a shining testament to the remarkable capabilities of women. Equally encouraging is the inclusion of women from tribal and backward classes among the medal recipients, which underlines the diversity and inclusivity of

our academic community. Bastar is a land rich in natural abundance and vibrant cultural traditions. The story of Bastar is a tapestry woven over millennia, following in the footsteps of ancient civilizations and medieval empires. Nature has gifted Bastar with unmatched beauty. Its lush green forests, flowing rivers and mineral-rich soil are proof of its ecological richness. At the center of Bastar's attraction lies its vibrant cultural mosaic. Tribes like Gond, Madiya and Muria have nurtured unique languages, customs and art forms. Initiatives are being taken to promote sustainable development, cultural preservation and inclusive development by adopting Bastar modernity.

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Entrepreneurial activities among youth can en-

University students will play an important role in the development of Bastar: CM Sai Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai, forward in the race of develop-National Higher Education courses in 20 new departments while congratulating the stument. Our Prime Minister Shri Campaign. This grant will dents honoured with degrees in Narendra Modi has started usher in a new era of higher

the ceremony, said that Shaheed Mahendra Karma University has made a big contribution in promoting higher education in Bastar region. He said that 41 thousand 119 degrees have been awarded from this university. All the graduate and post graduate students who have received education from the university will play an important role in the development of Bastar. At this function, he met 93 gold medal winning youth in the last two seasons, which includes 71 women. The first priority of our government is the development

of Bastar and Surguia and the

tribal areas should also be taken

courage innovation, job creation and economic self-reliance within the region. As India celebrates its 75th anniversary of independence with the theme "Amrit Kaal" under the guidance of visionary Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the role of youth, often referred to as the "Amrit Generation", is crucial in shaping the development path of the country. Youth represent the enthusiasm, innovation and dynamism needed to lead India towards a prosperous future.

many schemes to bring these backward areas forward. Pradhan Mantri Janman Yojana has been started for the development of special backward tribes.

He said that it is very pleasant that daughters are studying in Bastar. The way change has taken place regarding education here is very pleasant. The professors of this university have a big contribution in bringing about this change in Bastar. The state government and the central government have jointly given a grant of Rs 100 crore under the Meru scheme of the Prime Minister's

The role of Amrit Biruwa in the development of the country extends beyond traditional boundaries. With access to modern tools, platforms and resources, today's youth have the ability to use technology and innovation to tackle pressing challenges such as poverty, inequality, climate change and health care. I am happy to learn that your University has received approval for a grant of Rs 100 crore under the Central Project "MERU". which will enhance the fa-

education in Bastar. You will find computer labs working at very fast speeds. You will be able to get study material online. The new research which is related to your subject will be available in the university. Currently the government has given a fund of Rs 100 crore to the university. If there is further shortage of funds for research or other needs, we will provide additional funds.

Our government is committed to taking the university forward. This commitment is also visible in our budget. The government has given approval to the university to start 33 new

cilities in the University, including the running of several departments.

Furthermore, Governor said that he is extremely happy to know about the active participation of the students of Shaheed Mahendra Karma University in the visionary program "Developed India". This initiative is not just about action; It serves as a platform to engage an entire generation, giving an open invitation to every young mind to share their strong ideas and contribution towards

from this year. There are many courses in these new courses which are very useful for the youth interested in entrepreneurship. These courses will be very useful in preparing the entrepreneurial youth of Bastar. On this occasion Padmashree Dharampal Saini, Forest Minister Kedar Kashvap Jagdalpur MLA Kiran Dev, Commissioner Shyam Superintendent of

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Dhawade, IG Sundarraj P., Collector Vijav Davaram K. Police Shalabh Sinha, Registrar Abhishek Kumar Bajpai and other dignitaries including medal winning students of the University were present. Students were present.

achieving the goal of a fully developed India by 2047. Let us all together continue to strive towards building a progressive and inclusive India. A society where the potential of every individual is nur-

tured and valued. The progress report was Vice presented by Chancellor Professor Manoj Kumar Srivastava in the program. Professor Ram Kumar Kakani, Director of Indian Institute of Management Raipur, delivered the con vocation address.

Governor and CM accorded warm welcome

At Jagdalpur airport

Jagdalpur, Mar 05

v e r n o r Vishwabhushan Harichandan, who arrived in the district for a one-day stay, was welcomed by Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai. Forest Minister Kedar Kashyap, MLA Jagdalpur Kiran Dev, Commissioner Shyam Dhavde, IG Sundar Raj P., Collector Vijay Dayaram K. warmly welcomed the Governor and the Chief Minister at the local airport Maa Danteshwari. Apart from this, former MLA Santosh Bafna and other distinguished public representatives were present.



YC informs villagers about failures of Modi govt

Through 'Panchayat chalo, Ward Chalo'

campaign Khairagarh, Mar 05:

Youth Congress has launched 'Panchayat Chalo, ward Chalo' campaign and there is lot of enthusiasm among YC workers for this campaign in Gram Udaipur of Khairagarh-Chuikhadan-Gandai (KCG) district. During this the YC workers are creating awareness among the villagers about non-fufillment of the promises made by the BJP government in earlier Vidhan Sabha polls. Apart from this they are also pointing out the failures of the BJP



government. Under leader-Chalo' Mahabhiyan: ship of the District President YC Gulshan workers are giving infor-Tiwari, it is by reaching mation about failures of the weekly market in Gram Modi-led government at Udaipur and taking out the Centre. In addition to this they distributed rally, they distributed pamhlets to the villagers, pahmplets to villagers about failures of Modi terming the promises made by PM Narendra government. YC office Modi as hollow promises. 'Rojgar se Nyay do, the year 2014, the promise Panchayat Chalo, Ward of providing 2 cr jobs

everv vear has not beer fulfilled. Apart from this withBJP government coming to power in the state this year, they have stopped payment of Rs 2500 as unemployment allowance to educated unmployed youth. Similarly no assistance has been given to married woman or those above 18 yrs under

Mahatari Vandan Yojana (MVY) till date and they also raised other issues.

In this programme, BCC President Gaukaran Janghel, Somlal Negi Tejram Verma,Sumrin Verma, Chatur Oagre Sanjay Janghel, Anil Vishwakarma, Devendra Sori, and others from YC were present.

One-day district level capacity building workshop held Choure, Tandekar to receive 'Rajya Alankaran' award

Jagdalpur, Mar 05:

A one-day district level capacity building workshop was organized by Deputy Director Prosecution RK Mishra and DSP Dilip Kosle in the presence and guidance of Superintendent of Police Shalabh Kumar Sinha at Shaurya Bhawan-Police Auditorium located at the district headquarters. In 2017, the Chhattisgarh High Court gave guidelines to the police officers related to the Unlawful Activities



Prevention Act. At present the investigator has to act one step ahead of the criminal. Under this, the importance of cyber forensics for

investigating cyber crimes and other crimes was pointed out. The guidelines of the Hon'ble Court in Arnesh Kumar v Bihar Rai

in crimes punishable less than 07 years were discussed in detail. The amendments made in the Unlawful Activities

Prevention Act and the precautions that the police should take in these cases were also discussed.

At the conclusion of the workshop, the Superintendent of Police advised the investigators to remain updated keeping in mind the current scenario and take legal action. A total of 100 officers/employees from Additional Superintendent of Police level to Head Constable level were present in the said workshop.

By BDSA on Feb 25

Khairagarh, Mar 05:

Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Academy (BDSA) every year honours the personalities for their remarkable performances in the social, cultural and educational activities with the 'Rajya Alankaran Award'. In this context, Satish Tandekar of KCG district will be felicitated with 'Ravidas Samta Samman' and Dr Prashant Choure with Moulana Azd Shiksha Ratna Samman by BDSA on Feb 25.



In the campaign, YC

bearers informed that in

This honour is being presented to them for running free of cost **Education Training and Career** Advisory Centre in Pandadah. Till date through this Centre, around 15 educated unemployed have got trained in Agra

and students are also receiving free of cost education. Last year, the training centre was inaugurated by ex-MLA Bhuneshwar Baghel and it is receiving huge appreciation from all sections of the society.

Congressmen Additional

Shukla, Dinesh Singh,

Senior

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Kavita Sahu,

Kashyap,

Complete works under JJM on priority: Jyotsna

Holds meeting with **DDCMC**

Korba, Mar 05:

In the meeting of District Development Co-ordina-Monitoring tion & Committee (DDCMC) held under the chairmanship of LS MP Jyotsna Mahant at the meeting hall of District Panchayat, she directed the officers to complete the workers under health, education and Jal Jeewan Mission (JJM) on priority basis. There is a youthful and energetic team of officers present in the district and it is by making effective implementation of the schemes of the state government, the district administartion should pass on the benefit of the schemes to the beneficiaries.

LS MP Jyotsna Mahant gave instructions to better the facilities related to post-mortem centre in remote areas; mortuary, movement of ambulances and improving the



health, education and electricity facilities as well. She also asked to fulfill the shortage of teach-

ers in the remote schools and provide hot and quality food to children in the schools in remote areas. She also asked to pay regularly the social security pension to beneficiaries of the villages. She also instructed to provide water to every house under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) and carry out the works under it on priority basis. During this Collector Ajeet Vasant

asked the officers to strictly adhere to the instructions given.

LS MP Mahant also reviewed about the instructions given in the earlier meetings of DISHA and she also conducted review of works under MNREGA, National Rural Livelihood Mission; Swachch Bharat Mission. She also took information about the PM Awas Yojana and JJM works and gave necessary instructions to the doctors to provide treatment facilities to patients in the remote areas.

Congmen protest against inflation

By keeping everyday items in protest

Jagdalpur, Mar 05:

On the call of State Congress Committee, **Bastar District Congress** Committee (DCC) Urban/Rural staged demonstration against the rising inflation in the country due to the failures and wrong policies of the Modi government at the Center and the huge increase in the prices of food items, vegetables, petrol, diesel, LPG, CNG/PNG by placing daily items at Sirhasar in the divisional headquarters of Jagdalpur city. DCC District President (urban) of Bastar Sushil Maurya said that ever since the Modi government has come to power, the backbone of the citizens of the country is being broken due to inflation. BJP leaders are running away from discussing



rising inflation and increasing unemployment. The people of the country are in bad shape due to inflation. The government at the Center is working to increase the income of only two people Adani and Ambani, he alleged.

MLA Former Rekhchand Jain charged that the public is troubled with rising inflation. The central government is not seeing inflation. Youth are troubled by unemployment. Steps are not being taken to provide employment to the unemployed. He alleged that corruption

is at its peak. BJP had promised to provide jobs to two crore unemployed people. Promises were made to reduce inflation but nothing happened. The former MLA said that today BJP is only trying to kill democracy.

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Rural District President

Balram Maurya, Mayor

Safira Sahu, Chairman

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State General Secretary Yashvardhan Rao said that inflation is at its peak after the double engine government came to power. He warned the government and said that if no decision is taken in favor of the public, this protest will intensify further. On the issue of infla-

Nirmal Lohra, Paramjeet Singh, Kalpana Meshram, Papiya Gain, Sarla Tiwari, Champa Thakur, Councilors Balram Yadav, Kamlesh Pathak. , Komal Sena, Surya Sukhram Nag, Nishad, Sushma Kashyap, Rozwin Das, Amarnath tion, Congress will reach Singh, Ravi Shankar out to the people and tell Tiwari, General Secretaries people how PM Modi has Hussain, Altaf Ullah not done any work for the interests of the countrymen during his tenure. During this meeting, Congressmen Sharma, Rao. Santosh Singh, national spokesperson Javed Khan, Yogesh Panigrahi, Neelam

Khan, Abhishek Naidu, Vijendra Thakur, Aseem Suta, Semiyal Nath, Yunka Vice President Sandeep Das, Shadab Ahmed, Vikram Lahare, Salim Jafar Ali, Sulo Kashyap, Upendra Bande, Dnyaneshwari Jadhav, Mahi Srivastava, Arun Gupta, Ram Baghel, Hardas Baghel, Manish Mandavi, Pradeep, Sheikh Ayaz, Manish Kashyap, Jankiram Bharti, Gopal etc were present.





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'Era when a few powers exercised influence over reshaping global order is behind us'

Seoul, Mar 5 (PTI)

The era when a few powers exercised "disproportionate influence" over the reshaping of the global order is a thing of the past so India and South Korea have a growing responsibility to actively contribute to the process, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Tuesday.

Speaking at the Korea Diplomatic National Academy, Jaishankar who is here on a two-day visit, said India's partnership with the Republic of Korea is acquiring a greater salience in a more uncertain and volatile world.

"India and South Korea have a growing responsibility to actively contribute to the reshaping of the global order. The era when a few powers exercised disproportionate in-

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar speaks during a session on the India-Korea partnership, in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday.

fluence over that process or Weapons of mass is now behind us," he said. Destruction proliferation Willy-nilly, it has beor indeed ensuring marcome a more collaborative itime safety and security and broad-based endeavmatter fundamentally to both nations.

our. That multilateralism has also stalled and being replaced in good measure by plurilateralism is a factor as well," he said. Jaishankar said issues curity. We have learnt to be like countering terrorism sensitive to changing cur-

be suited to our particular national circumstances, working together has always been to our common advantage," he said. The concept of the Indo-Pacific emerged as a consequence of geo-political shifts in the last few

rents of the global order. While our solutions may

decades, he said. 'India's stakes in terms of trade, investment, services, resources, logistics and technology in the Indo-Pacific are growing by the day. Ensuring the stability, safety and security of this region is therefore vital for us. We have an obligation to the global commons, just as we have a duty to do global good," he said

To realise their potential, Jaishankar said it is important that the two nations intensify their engagement in different spheres.

EU head office proposes plans to boost defence, joint procurement

coming ever clearer. "After decades of under-

spending, we must invest

more on defense, but we

Brussels, Mar 5 (AP)

Top European Union officials on Tuesday outlined ambitious plans to boost its defence industry at an unprecedented pace as the bloc seeks to respond to the threat posed Russia's war on by Ukraine and a trans-Atlantic partner that could be wavering on its commitments to Europe.

For decades, EU nations have slumbered under the protective nuclear cover of the United States through the NATO alliance while their defense spending and crisis preparedness withered. A first warning under Donald Trump's presidency highlighted a lack of coordination and supplies that would be needed if European nations would ever have to defend themselves without Washington's help. Now, with an increasingly assertive Moscow, the need to beef up defence is be-Europe.

Indian nationals advised to relocate to safe areas in Israel

Jerusalem, Mar 5 (PTI)

need to do it better and to-The Indian Embassy in gether," said EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell. Israel issued an advisory on "A strong, resilient, and Tuesday, urging its nationcompetitive European deals to move to safer areas in fense industry is a stratethe country, a day after a gic imperative." Russia's missile fired from Lebanon invasion of Ukraine has killed one Indian and inexposed glaring weakjured two others. "In view of nesses in Europe's arms the prevailing security situmanufacturing capacities ation and local safety advisories, all Indian nationals that were neglected in the wake of the 1989 fall of in Israel, especially those the Berlin Wall and the working in or visiting borpromise of a peace divider areas in the north and south, are advised to relodend in Europe. So when Kyiv was badly in need of cate to safe areas within Israel," the mission said in the most elementary aman advisory posted on varimunition to stave off Russian forces, European ous social media platforms. nations were caught out, 'The embassy remains in unable to deliver what touch with the Israeli auwas asked and even promthorities to ensure the safety of all our nationals." the ised. The realisation that former President Trump advisory added. At around might return to the White 11 am on Monday, an anti-House and undermine tank missile hit a plantation support for Ukraine has in Margaliot, a Moshav (colalso focused minds in lective agricultural community), in the Galilee region

in the north of Israel Patnibin Maxwell, 30 from Kollam in Kerala, was

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killed in the attack. Bush Joseph George, 31. from Vazhathope: and Paul Melvin, 28, from Vagamon in Kerala as well were in jured and taken to hospitals for treatment. The attack is believed to have been carried out by the Shi'ite Hezbollah faction in Lebanon, which has been launching rockets, missiles, and drones at northern Israel daily since October 8 in support of Hamas amid the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip. Israel Defence Forces (IDF) on Monday said they responded by shelling the launch site with artillery.

Avta ash-Shab.

The IDF also said it struck a Hezbollah compound where members of the group were gathered in the southern Lebanon town of Chihine, and another site belonging to Hezbollah in

A spokesman for the

Small plane with 5 people aboard crashes in Nashville

Nashville (US), Mar 5 (AP): Five people aboard a single-engine plane died when the aircraft crashed near an interstate high-Nashville, way in Tennessee. authorities

The pilot made an emergency call to John C Tune Airport around 7:40 pm Friday, reported engine trouble and was given clearance to make an emergency landing, Metro Nashville Police Department spokesman Don Aaron said. A short time later the pilot radioed that the aircraft would not reach the airport, he said.

Imran Khan's party announces nationwide protests on March 10 against 'stealing' of mandate

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vote rigging.

Islamabad, Mar 5 (PTI)

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March 10 against the "steal-

ing" of the mandate, nearly

a month after an inconclu-

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and Constitution," said for-

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"We will unite all politi-

general election

speaking to the media here. Jailed former prime min-He said that they are Khan's planning to take to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf streets in all provinces so (PTI) party on Tuesday antheir demands are met, Geo nounced that it will launch News reported nationwide protests on

"Our movement will continue and will bring together all political forces," he said, adding that they will ally with like-minded parties. The February 8 general election, marred by allegations of widespread rigging, in Pakistan, resulted in a hung Parliament with independent candidates backed by Imran Khan's party winning more than 90

"In recent years, chal-

lenges like terrorism and

WMD proliferation have

impacted our national se-

leader Asad Qaiser while

seats at the 266-member National Assembly. Ex-premier Nawaz Sharif's PML-N bagged 75 seats and former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto's PPP got 54 The Muttahida seats. Qaumi Movement Pakistan (MQM-P) won 17 seats.

Nawaz's younger brother Shehbaz Sharif was sworn in as prime minister on Monday, days after his Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and the Pakistan Peoples Party agreed on a power-sharing deal to form coalition government.Qaiser said that they would protest

against a petition by the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) to allot it reserved seats for women and minorities in

the national and provincial assemblies. Princess of Wales to appear

in June for royal ceremony

London, Mar 5 (AP)

British officials said on Tuesday that Kate, the Princess of Wales, will attend a Trooping the Colour ceremony in June. It is her first confirmed major official duty since the royal underwent ab-

Poland investigates 3 unidentified balloons found near the border with Kaliningrad

them. Emilia Plawska of

the objects.

Warsaw (Poland), Mar 5 (AP)

Polish media reported on Tuesday that three unidentified objects looking like weather balloons have been found in the country's northeast

and some of them had Cyrillic inscriptions. The objects were in

Poland's Mazury lake district, between 20 kilometers and 100 kilometers (12 miles and 60 miles) from the border with Russia's exclave of Kaliningrad.

Private radio RMF FM said none of the balloons had any special devices attached to

our the reigning monarch and usually draw huge

crowds each June to watch

the display. The tradition

dates back more than 260

years. The Ministry of

Defence said Kate, 42, will

inspect soldiers on parade

during the June 8 ceremony. Hundreds of foot

local police in Szczytno regional police, Rafal Jackowski, said there told the media that the military had been notihave been "many" incidents with meteorologified and would inspect cal balloons in the area. OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF DUDU IC WODKS DEDADTMENT

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speaker and senior PTI 'India-US relationship now can be as ambitious as we choose to be'

Washington, Mar 5 (PTI)

Highlighting the journev of change between India and the US, especially the significant progress made in the last 20 years, a top Indian diplomat has said the relationship between the world's two largest democracies now can be "as ambitious as we choose to be." India's Deputy Ambassador to the US, Sripriya Ranganathan also appealed to Indian and Indian-origin students at Stanford University to stay connected with India.



decades," he said.

Addressing the students' gathering, Deputy Ambassador Ranganathan said, "The broader India-US strategic partnership, I think, we have now reached a

come into its own. We

have achieved a lot over

peacefully as they don't believe in the Shehbaz Sharifled "fake government". 'You have no respect for our mandate and the 30 mil-

lion votes we got," he said, adding that "180 seats" have been stolen from the Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC), the party joined by PTI-backed lawmakers. A five-member panel of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Monday ruled

She was speaking at the Stanford India Dialogue, the Leaders of Tomorrow Conference organised by Stanford India Policy and

2 killed in midair

plane collision

Nairobi, Mar 5

(AP): Two planes col-

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the Nairobi National

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said

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soon after takeoff

from Wilson Airport

and decided to turn

back, the airline re-

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port said the Dash 8

collided with a sin-

gle-engine Cessna 172

operated by 99 Flying

School with two peo-

ple on board, who

were in a training

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Tuesday.

Sripriya Ranganathan, Deputy Ambassador at Embassy of India in USA, addresses Indian students at the Stanford University in California.

Economics Club (SIPEC) in partnership with the Motwani Foundation

Stanford Professor at its School of Medicine Dr Anurag Mairal, who was instrumental in organis-

ing the conference, said this is the first India conference of this size on the Jadeia West Coast. "The US-India partnership is

going to be the most defining partnership of its kind for the next three

the past 70 years. But what we have achieved over the past 20 years has been at a different level altogether." "And I would say that now we are at a stage where we can be as ambitious as we choose to be. We can decide to set our goals, set our sights on targets that were unimaginable a few years ago,

and we can," she said at

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Kate, Prince William's wife, has been out of the public eye since January, when palace officials announced that she was admitted to a private London hospital for planned surgery. At the time, they did not provide more details but said she would not return to public duties until after Easter. The ceremony is celebrated on June 8

guards, horse guards and members of military bands will participate in the spectacle at central London's Horse Guards and along The Mall, the promenade outside Buckingham Palace.

The royal family has been under intense media scrutiny in recent weeks because both Kate and King Chares III cannot carry out their usual puband the weekend that follic duties due to their lows. The events, annual health problems.

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Deputy Director,

Veterinary Services, District-Kabirdham C.G.



Executive Director

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Satellite Rivalry The Strategic Stakes

n an era marked by geopolitical complexities and shifting power dynamics, the rivalry between major Asian powers, namely India and China, is extending its reach into the domain of satellite technology. The proliferation of military satellites, orbiting approximately 500 kilometers above Earth, signifies a concerted effort by these nations to bolster their surveillance capabilities and assert dominance in the Indo-Pacific region. A recent report by the International Institute for Strategic Studies reveals a significant surge in China's reconnaissance satellite fleet, soaring from 66 in 2019 to 136 by 2022. This expansion encompasses not only satellites dedicated to imaging Earth's surface but also those focused on electronic and signals intelligence, enabling China to intercept electronic communications with unparalleled precision. The implications of China's satellite prowess extend beyond regional surveillance, as highlighted in a report by the U.S. Defense Department. The People's Liberation Army's intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance satellites are poised to monitor and target U.S. and allied forces globally, with a particular emphasis on hotspots like the Korean Peninsula, Taiwan, the Indian Ocean, and the South China Sea. Similarly, India is fortifying its radar imaging satellite constellation, known as RISAT, from 12 to 16 in response to heightened competition with China. Concurrently, Japan and South Korea are ramping up their satellite capabilities to monitor developments in the region, signaling a collective effort to counterbalance China's growing influence. The significance of military satellites in modern warfare cannot be overstated. These sophisticated tools, capable of detecting minute ground objects, play a pivotal role in combat operations and strategic decision-making. Satellite imagery reportedly aided Ukraine during the initial stages of the Russian invasion, underscoring the indispensable role of satellite technology in contemporary conflicts. However, the proliferation of military satellites comes with substantial financial implications. Japan, for instance, allocates a significant portion of its budget – approximately \$545 million annually - to develop and maintain its satellite network. Meanwhile, South Korea, despite its efforts to develop indigenous launch capabilities, opted for SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket for its satellite deployment to expedite the process. The availability of commercial launch services, albeit at a considerable cost, is democratizing access to space and encouraging developing nations to enter the satellite arena. Yet, as nations race to expand their satellite networks, there are growing concerns about the potential for an arms race in space and the associated risks of escalating tensions. To navigate these challenges, nations must pursue costeffective strategies to enhance their reconnaissance capabilities while mitigating the risk of an unchecked arms race. Concepts like satellite constellations, which involve linking smaller, more affordable satellites, offer a viable solution to achieve comprehensive surveillance without breaking the bank. Moreover, there is a pressing need to leverage advancements in space defense to foster academic research and industrial innovation. South Korea's recent legislation to establish a new space agency, inspired by NASA, underscores the importance of strategic investments in space exploration and defense

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The religious city of Badrinath covered in a layer of snow after heavy snowfall, in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand, Tuesday, March 5.

The Intricate Web of Politics and Media

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symbiotic relationship between politics and media in India has long been a subject of scrutiny and debate. Often touted as the fourth estate, the press and news media wield significant influence as the voice of the public, acting as a watchdog for democracy. However, the landscape of Indian media is far from monolithic, with a myriad of newspapers, television channels, and social media platforms shaping public discourse.

Historically, newspapers and radio were the dominant mediums for news dissemination in India until the advent of satellite television channels in the 1990s. This marked a significant shift towards visual media. ushering in a new era of information dissemination. Today, India boasts a diverse media landscape, encompassing a plethora of platforms such as television, newspapers, radio, and social media giants like Twitter.

the executive, legislative, and judicial

branches of government, its inde-

pieces for political parties, dissemi-

nating propaganda, influencing pub-

lic opinion, and promoting partisan

agendas. The biases and agendas of

media outlets are often reflective of

their owners, editors, or funders,

many of whom have vested political interests. In the realm of Indian politics, the nexus between politicians and the media is undeniable. Despite many media organizations branding themselves as "independent," overt political affiliations and biases persist. National media outlets frequently exhibit bias towards certain politicians and political parties, often at the expense of impartial reporting. Additionally, several media outlets are directly controlled or influenced by political parties, blurring the lines between journalism and political advocacy.

A notable example of this phenomenon is the ownership of newspapers that serve as mouthpieces for political parties.

. Desabhimani: Α popula Malayalam newspaper, is widely regarded as the mouthpiece of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) or CPI(M) Instagram, Facebook, and WhatsApp. Janmabhoomi: Serves as the offi-While the media plays a crucial cial newspaper of the Bharatiya role in holding power to account and Janata Party (BJP) in Kerala. serving as a check on the authority of

edited by Sanjay Raut, a Shiv Sena leader and a Rajya Sabha member

People's Democracy: This is an English weekly newspaper that is 2 the official organ of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), or CPI(M), which is one of the largest left-wing parties in India. The newspaper is known for its Marxist-Leninist views and its criticism of the BJP and the Congress.

The influence of politicians extends beyond print media to television channels, with several major networks controlled or influenced by political figures.

- 1. News 24: A Hindi-language news channel, is promoted by Anuradha Prasad, sister of former Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, who is affiliated with the Congress party.
- Zee News: A prominent Hindi 2. news channel, is owned by Subhash Chandra, a former independent Member of Parliament with ties to the BJP.
- Which Network 18 Group: encompasses various news channels, is owned by Reliance Industries, headed by Mukesh Ambani, known for his close ties to the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **NDTV:** A leading English news cognizant of potential biases. Transparency in media ownership channel, saw a significant ownerchange when Adani and editorial practices is essential for ship risas cla Fnte elv as ciated maintaining public trust and unhold

LETTERS

Judicial Integrity

The Supreme Court (SC) verdict, led by DY Chandrachud and Justices AS Bopanna, MM Sundresh, PS Narasimha, JB Pardiwala, Sanjay Kumar, and Manoj Misra, which overturned a quarter-century-old ruling in the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) bribery case. While it underscores our judicial system's commitment to democracy, it also raises concerns about past judgments undermining constitutional principles. In light of this, the SC must address issues like political party alliances and post-election party-switching, which undermine democratic stability. I urge the SC to enact laws to deter unethical practices by MLAs/MPs, ensuring the integrity of our democratic process. Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Girls at the receiving end

Existing issues like child marriage and gender inequality are largely influenced by nature's wrath. Extreme weather conditions, such as droughts, floods, and other natural disasters, place a strain on low- and middle-class families, and they have a negative impact on girls in particular. nder the direction of Fiona C. Doherty, **Ohio State University researchers** reviewed 20 publications that were published between 2010 and 2022 and found a link between extreme weather and child marriage. Girls in Bangladesh, Kenya, and Malawi marry young due to labor demands or the financial and food strain on their families. ccording to Doherty "child marriage is seen as a coping strategy to reduce economic vulnerability and food insecurity that a family is facing because of a disaster" .

Rina Roy Karmakar, Durgapur

Obesity scourge

The incidence of obesity, a major public health problem, has risen four times since 1990 and more than one billion people across the globe are hit by the scourge according to a study conducted by the journal " Lancet" in collaboration with WHO after recording height and weight of 220 million people in more than 190 countries. For the record, India had more than 135 million obese people in 2016 of which fifteen million were children. By 2030, the country is expected to have a whopping 27 million obese children. One aspect of the Lancet study highlighted increasing obesities in low income, less industrialised,



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India's Technological Triumph

ndia's foray into semiconductor manufacturing marks a pivotal moment in its technological evolution and economic trajectory. With the recent approval of three new manufacturing facilities under the government's flagship incentive program, spearheaded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration. India is poised to emerge as a formidable global manufacturing hub in this critical sector. The primary objective behind this strategic initiative is to reduce India's reliance on semiconductor imports, a vulnerability highlighted by the disruptions witnessed during the global COVID 19 pandemic. Currently, imports account for a staggering 95% of India's semiconductor supply, underscoring the urgent need for self-sufficiency in this crucial domain. The significance of this endeavor cannot be overstated, especially considering the exponential growth in electronics consumption projected to reach a market value of \$55 billion by 2026. By bolstering semiconductor manufacturing capabilities, particularly in industries like automotive, telecom, and medical devices, India aims to fortify its industrial resilience and insulate itself from global supply shocks. Moreover, this initiative aligns with India's broader vision of fostering economic growth and achieving strategic autonomy. By enticing international chipmakers to set up operations in India and leveraging global partnerships, the country seeks to establish itself as a self-reliant hub capable of driving technological innovation and economic prosperity. Undoubtedly, the road ahead is fraught with challenges. From navigating complex supply chains to ensuring the availability of skilled labor and adequate infrastructure, India must address various hurdles to realize its semiconductor ambitions fully. However, the government's proactive measures, including generous incentives and policy support, signal a strong commitment to overcoming these obstacles and propelling India towards semiconductor sovereignty. Indeed, the implications of India's semiconductor leap extend far beyond its borders. This transformative initiative not only augurs well for India's technological prowess but also elevates its global stature in the fiercely competitive electronics market. By demonstrating its capabilities in semiconductor manufacturing, India asserts itself as a key player in the global technology ecosystem, attracting investment, fostering innovation, and enhancing its geopolitical influence.

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- 3. Chandrika: Aligned with the Indian Union Muslim League.
- nendence is often called into ques-Janayugam: Official newspaper of tion. It's no secret that newspapers CPI in Kerala. have historically served as mouth-
 - Veekashanam: Malayalam newspaper owned by Kerala Pradesh Congress commiitte
 - Saamana: This is a Marathi newspaper that is the official organ of the Shiv Sena, a regional party in Maharashtra. The newspaper is
- with the BJP, acquired a substantial stake in the company. On 6 May 2023 Adani enterprises through its indirect subsidiary RRPR holdings acquired additional 1.76 crore shares of NDTV for 602 crore, from NDTV promoters Radhika and PrannoyRoy.

The interplay between media and politics is further evident in regional media outlets, with numerous TV channels directly controlled by political parties.

1. Sun TV Network: One of the largest media conglomerates in

ing the principles of democracy.

India, is owned by Kalanithi

Maran, a member of the Dravida

Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)

Jaya TV: Controlled by the All India

Kazhagam (AIADMK) party, is

another example of political influ-

Kalaignar TV: This is another

Tamil-language TV channel that is

Karunanidhi's family. It was

launched in 2007 as a rival to Sun

TV, after Karunanidhi's estranged

son M.K. Alagiri joined hands with

News J: Tamil TV channel run by

Network

Limited, founded by former chief

minister of Tamil Nadu Edappadi

These are just a few examples of the

The proliferation of media outlets

with political affiliations raises ques-

tions about journalistic integrity and

the role of the media in a democratic

society. While media ownership by

politicians and political parties is not

inherently problematic, it can poten-

tially compromise the independence

and credibility of news organizations.

As viewers and consumers of news, it

is imperative to critically evaluate

the sources of information and be

media-politics nexus in India.

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In conclusion, the intricate web of politics and media in India underscores the importance of a free and independent press in a democratic society. While media outlets may have political affiliations, it is imperative that they uphold journalistic ethics and serve the public interest above partisan agendas. As citizens, we must remain vigilant and demand accountability from both the media and political establishments to ensure a vibrant and robust

democracy.

nations in the Caribbean, Middle East and North Africa. Persons with too little physical activity coupled with excessive food intake are candidates for obesity. In other words, if calorie consumption surpasses calorie burnt then obesity may set in. It is important to know what not to eat than what to eat. Shunning "bad eating", has to be everyone's mantra.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

Supreme Court asserts fundamental right to affordable healthcare



reverberates across the nation. the Supreme Court of India has unequivocally declared that the right to health encompasses access to affordable treatment. This momentous decision, spurred by a Public

Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by the NGO Veterans Forum for Transparency in Public Life, casts a spotlight on the pervasive issue of exorbitant medical costs plaguing millions of Indian families. Through a series of poignant cases, including those involving Medanta Hospital in Gurgaon and Fortis Hospital, the court has underscored the urgent need for regulation and standardization of healthcare charges.

The case of Medanta Hospital paints a grim picture of the financial burden inflicted on unsuspecting families seeking medical care. A resident of Gurgaon found himself saddled with a staggering bill of Rs 15.88 lakh for a 21-day stint at the hospital, where his child bat-

tled severe dengue fever. Tragically, despite the exorbitant charges, the child succumbed to his illness, further compounding the family's anguish. It was only through the intervention of a government hospital that the exorbitant sum was refunded, highlighting the glaring disparities between private and public healthcare institutions.

Similarly, Fortis Hospital faced allegations of gross negligence and exploitation when it demanded Rs 16 lakh for a 15-day treatment regimen for a dengue patient. The Haryana government's subsequent investigation uncovered damning evidence of criminal negligence on the part of the hospital, prompting widespread outrage and calls for accountability. These egregious instances serve as a stark reminder of the dire consequences of unchecked profiteering in the healthcare sector.

The Supreme Court's intervention in this matter represents a beacon of hope for countless Indians grappling with the burden of exorbitant medical expenses. By affirming the fundamental right to affordable healthcare, the court has taken a decisive step towards rectifying the systemic injustices that have long plagued the nation's healthcare system. It has called upon the Centre to enact measures to standardize hospital charges, thereby ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all citizens, regardless of their socio-economic status.

India's healthcare landscape is characterized by a glaring imbalance between supply and demand, with a shortage of government hospitals and medical professionals exacerbating the challenges faced by patients. According to the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), the existing network of state and central government hospitals falls woefully short of meeting the burgeoning healthcare needs of the population. Private hospitals, therefore, play a vital role in bridging this gap, but their unchecked exploitation of patients' vulnerabilities has perpetuated a cycle of financial hardship and despair. The COVID-19 pandemic served as a stark reminder of the deep-rooted inequities within India's healthcare system. While government hospitals rose to the occasion, providing free vaccination and affordable treatment to those in need, private hospitals unabashedly profited from the crisis, charging exorbitant fees for essential services. The Supreme Court's scrutiny of this disparity underscores the urgent need for comprehensive reforms to ensure that healthcare remains a fundamental human right, rather than a privilege reserved for the affluent.

In response to the PIL filed by

the Veterans Forum for Transparency in Public Life, the Supreme Court has directed the Centre to take immediate action to standardize hospital charges or face the implementation of Central Government Health Services rates. This directive represents a watershed moment in the quest for affordable healthcare in India, signaling a departure from the status quo of unchecked profiteering and exploitation. The court's insistence on prompt action underscores the urgency of the situation and the imperative to prioritize public health over corporate interests.

The Supreme Court's unwavering commitment to justice and equality is reflected in its steadfast defense of the fundamental right to healthcare. By holding the government accountable for ensuring access to affordable treatment, the court has reaffirmed its role as a guardian of the people's rights. It is now incumbent upon the Centre to heed the court's directives and take decisive steps towards reforming India's healthcare system for the benefit of all citizens.

In conclusion, the Supreme Court's landmark ruling on the right to affordable healthcare represents a pivotal moment in India's quest for social justice and equity. By championing the cause of the marginalized and vulnerable, the court has sent a powerful message that access to healthcare is not a privilege reserved for the elite but a fundamental right enshrined in the Constitution. As the nation grapples with the enduring challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, the court's unwavering commitment to justice offers a ray of hope for a healthier, more equitable future.

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Joins Forum



Mumbai, Mar 05:

Shaktikanta Das

and there is no interoper-

ability, Das said while

speaking at the launch of

Awareness Week for 2024.

A bank is required to sepa-

rately integrate with each

PA of different online mer-

chants, he added.

New Delhi, Mar 05;

Electronics

Social media firms and

internet companies need

to take the onus of their

work, Union Minister for

Information Technology

Ashwini Vaishnaw said on

Monday, asserting that no

untested AI model can be

made public as it is not

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sory

Digital

Payments

Kumar S, the CEO of Cognizant, has joined the US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum as a member of its board of directors, it was announced on Tuesday. "Ravi is a doyen in the tech industry and is a foremost thought leader who has unparalleled insights on the dynamic and fast-chang ing nature of the tech sector," USISPF president and CEO Mukesh Aghi said in an announcement.

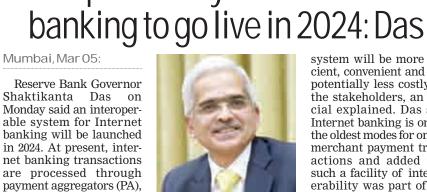
Boiler expo

Guwahati: The first 'Bharat Steam Boiler Expo 2024' was kickstarted on Tuesday in Assam, aiming to propel the growth and effi ciency of various sectors that use steam boilers. The three-day expo, inaugurated by state Labour and **Employment Minister** Sanjay Kishan, is being held jointly by industry giants like Indian Oil Corp (IOC), Oil India Ltd (OIL), Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL), Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Ltd (BCPL), Assam Petro Chemicals Ltd and NTPC Ltd.

Foundation stones



New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stones of seven SJVN projects worth Rs 5,515 crore. The projects are locat ed in Uttarakhand. Uttar Pradesh and Assam, according to a statement. The Prime Minister virtually dedicated four power stations, namely 60 MW Naitwar Mori Hydro Power Station in Uttarakhand, 75 MW Parasan Solar Power Station, 75 MW Gurhah Solar Power Station and 50 MW Gujrai Solar Power Station in Uttar Pradesh from Adilabad in Telangana, the statement said. He also laid the foundation stones of SJVN's projects -382 MW Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project, 15 MW Nangal Floating Solar Power Project in Himachal Pradesh and 70 MW solar project in Assam.



Interoperable system for Internet

Further, due to the lack of a payment system and a set of rules for these transactions, there are delays in actual receipt of payments by merchants and settlement risks," he said.

The central has given An arrangement beapproval for implementtween a customer's bank ing an interoperable sysand a specific PA is necestem to NPCI Bharat BillPay (NBBL), Das said. sary, failing which payment cannot be made to a We expect the launch of merchant, Das said, dethis interoperable payscribing the potential diffiment system for Internet culties which the current banking during the cursystem entails. "Given the rent calendar year. The multiple number of paynew system will facilitate ment aggregators, it is difquicker settlement of funds for merchants," the ficult for each bank to integrate with each PA. governor noted. The new

system will be more efficient, convenient and also potentially less costly for the stakeholders, an official explained. Das said Internet banking is one of the oldest modes for online merchant payment transactions and added that such a facility of interoperability was part of the RBI's payments vision for 2025.

He called it a "preferred channel" through which payments like income tax, insurance premiums, mutual fund payments, e-commerce, etc are undertaken. An official said even

after the huge success of the 2016-launched UPI, internet banking continues to account for over 10 per cent of overall transactions. The governor further said the flagship of the country's payment systems, the UPI, has become the most talked about fast payment system not only in India but across the world

New Delhi, Mar 05:

Veteran banker Uday

Kotak on Tuesday said

that too much regulatory

guardrails could impede

economic growth and halt

India's journey towards a

Regulators should not be

too conservative and cau-

tious but must respond

fast to "accidents" in the

respective sectors, he said

while addressing a two-

day event organised by

(NFRA). "I feel very very

optimistic for India's fu-

ture but I am also verv

conscious that...unbridled

focus on the opportunity

without having the

guardrails also runs the

risk, and also too much

nation.

Financial

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CARE ECONOMY



Union Minister of Women and Child Development Smriti Irani with Chairman of CII Maharashtra State Council and MD Blue Star Ltd. B Thiagarajan during a conference on Care Economy in India: Unlocking Opportunities organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in Mumbai, Tuesday, March 5.

Too much regulatory guardrails could impede growth rate: Kotak

guardrails will not get us there (developed nation)," he said. Observing that the aspiration of the fast growth of 7.5-8 per cent GDP over the next 20-25 years needs significant capacity building, he said, 'it also requires a sense of dreaming. It requires a sense of creativity, entrepreneurship, and professionals (need to be) ready to take risks without fear.'

If the Indian economy has to transform, he said, "we need to protect and nurture our entrepreneurial and creative spirits very much for India to achieve its ambitions and aspirations." At the same time, he added there is a need for significant capacity building to manage this transition and transformation in the system. In a fast developing economy, he said, risk would emerge but halting growth is not a solution, rather it has to be dealt with alacrity. Citing an example, Kotak said, 'we must encourage a lot more traffic, a lot more roads, have better signals. better regulation and most importantly fast resolution mechanism should an accident happen."

Business integrity important for growth, ensuring investors' confidence: NCLAT Chairperson

NEW DELHI, MAR 05:

Emphasising that business integrity is extremely important for economic growth, appellate tribunal NCLAT's Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan on Tuesday said companies have the first responsibility of preparing a set of accounts that can be trusted. He asserted that constant vigil needs to be exercised so that each element of the transparency and governance chain works properly and to its best capacity. The chairman of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) was speaking at the international conference on 'Transparent Financial Reporting and Audit Quality -Pillars of Corporate Governance', organised by the National Financial Reporting

Authority (NFRA) in the national capital. "Companies have the first responsibility of preparing a set of accounts that can be trusted. In several cases, weak accounting practices have led to financial scandals. If record keeping is not proper, financial results are not accurate, the entire business environment suffers," Bhushan said. If the financial position is not presented fairly, he said that raising money from institutions and investors becomes difficult. "Even though large investors do have better bargaining positions than small investors, we have seen instances where they have been misled into investing in companies where financials have been window-dressed and oversight mechanisms have not worked as effectively as expected," he noted.

Expect India to be third largest market Swiggy to provide food delivery services at 4 rly stations, extend it to more places among 118 countries: Mercedes-Benz

New Delhi, Mar 05:

carmaker German



in double digits for the last couple of years and expects the same to continue this year and beyond. She noted that the company will add 12 new models, including three battery electric vehicles, in the market this year. The company also plans to tap smaller cities as it looks to establish sales outlets in 10 new locations ranging from Jammu to Kottayam to scale operations, Sardien stated. Mercedes-Benz India reported its highest ever sales of 17,408 units in 2023. Sardien said the electrification journey in India is picking up slowly for Mercedes-Benz with 4 per cent of total sales in the country coming from EVs.

Sensex drops 195 pts; snaps 4-day

winning run on losses in IT, FMCG shares

New Delhi, Mar 05: Swiggy will offer food delivery services to passengers at Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar





zen's safety, democratic process.

Therefore, an advisory has been issued that any AI model should be properly tested before being made available. It is applicable on social media platforms (as well).

He was replying to a question on the government's AI advisory.

good for society. The minister also said that the government advi-Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not binding but it apprises firms that they should make their AI models public only after testing.

Not good for society to make

untested AI model public: Vaishnaw

Advisory on AI not binding

and

Deployment of AI models should be done responsibly, Vaishnaw said, adding, "It is important for citi-

Coal output

New Delhi: India produced 880.72 million tonne (MT) of coal in April-February this fiscal and is now just 119.28 MT away from its 1 billion tonne coal production target for FY24. In 2022-23, India's total coal out put was 893 million tonnes (MT). For the ongoing 2023-24 fiscal the government has a target to produce 1 billion tonne (BT) of coal. The cumulative coal production in April-February 2024 grew over 12 per cent to 880.72 MT (provisional) compared to 785.39 MT during the same period of FY23 the Ministry of Coal said in a statement on Tuesday.

Mercedes-Benz expects India to become its third biggest market in its 'Region Overseas' over the next 2-3 years with demand anticipated to remain strong for luxury products, according to a senior company executive. The Region Overseas for Mercedes Benz comprises 118 countries, excluding North America, Europe and China. India is the fifth largest market in the region after Japan, South Korea, Australia and Turkey. The sales gap between India and Turkey is around 8,000 units per "Our Region year. Overseas markets which

across the world and India happens to be market number five for us. So you can imagine the relevance and importance it serves not only today, but also for the future of the Mercedes Benz brand," Mercedes-Benz AG Head of Region Overseas, Sagree Sardien told reporters here. When encompass 118 markets asked about the expected

timeframe to achieve the target, she stated, "We are convinced that with the way the Indian market is developing, we should see this happening in the next two to three years." Terming India a strategic market for the brand, Sardien noted that the company has seen sales of its high-end models grow

Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada railway stations beginning March 12. The food delivery services will be extended to 59 more railway stations in the coming weeks, Swiggy said in a statement. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) for delivering pre-ordered food on trains was signed between Swiggy Food Marketplace and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) on Tuesday. Passengers can avail pre-ordered food services via Swiggy once they input the PNR on the IRCTC app and select the preferred station for food

Sanjay Kumar Jain, CMD, IRCTC, and Rohit Kapoor, CEO. Food Marketplace, Swiggy during signing of an MoU between Swiggy and IRCTC for food delivery services to train passengers, Tuesday, March 5.

delivery. "This partnership with Swiggy will bring more convenience and food options to our passengers, making their journeys more memorable," said Sanjay Kumar Jain, Chairman and Managing Director, IRCTC. Swiggy

CEO Rohit Kapoor said, "We are hopeful of a buoyant response from passengers and restaurant operators on this route, which will hopefully lead to us providing services on more stations and on newer routes.'

Bandhan Long Duration Fund launched for investors

Seeking Long-Term **Debt Investments with High-Quality Focus**

Mumbai, Mar 05: Bandhan Mutual Fund announced the launch of the Bandhan Long Duration

Fund, an open-ended, longterm debt scheme that invests in instruments such portfolio that the Macaulay duration will be over 7 years. The fund may offer a compelling opportunity for investors who are expecting a fall in the current near-peak interest rates, driven by structural improvements in the economy. The New Fund Offer (NFO) for the fund is set to open on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, and will close on Monday, March 18, 2024. Investment the in

Bandhan Long Duration Fund can be made through and

licensed mutual fund distributors and investment advisors, online platforms directly

https://bandhanmutual.c om/nfo/bandhan-long-duration-fund/ Talking about the new offering, Vishal Kapoor, CEO, Bandhan AMC said,

"Our macroeconomic environment is entering a unique phase. A combination of structural and cyclical improvements is likely to reduce deficits, ease inflation, and attract foreign investments in Indian bonds. These developments are expected to pave the way for a lower interest rate regime over the medium term, creating an enticing opportunity for bond investments.

Mar Mumbai, 05: Benchmark Sensex declined by 195 points while Nifty slipped below the 22,400 level on Tuesday, snapping the four-day gaining streak due to losses in IT and FMCG shares amid weak global trends and foreign fund outflows. Taking a breather after a record-breaking rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined by 195.16 points or 0.26 per cent to settle at 73,677.13 due to profit taking. During the day, the barometer tanked 460.04 points or 0.62 per cent to a low of 73,412.25. The broader Nifty declined by 49.30 points or 0.22 per cent to close at 22,356.30. Sensex and Nifty closed at lifetime high levels on Monday after a four-day winning run which saw the indices



rising by around 2 per cent. "The domestic market experienced rangebound movement post hitting new record high in the preceding day, influenced by cautious trend in global peers ahead of the Fed Chair's congressional testimony and key US jobs data. "The absence of significant stimulus measures from China further dampened sentiment,"

said Vinod Nair, Head of Research Geoiit at Financial Services. Among Sensex firms, Bajaj Finserv and Bajaj Finance fell by over 4 per cent each. Nestle, Infosys, Consultancy Tata Services. Wipro, UltraTech Cement, HCL Technologies, Larsen & Toubro and Hindustan Unilever were the other major laggards.

at 19% in 2023: Report

Loans to women grow

Personal loans jump fastest

Mumbai, Mar 05:

Loans availed by women grew 19 per cent in 2023, outpacing the overall loan growth of 17 per cent, a credit information company said on Tuesday. Personal loans and twowheeler loans portfolio showed the fastest growth at 26 per cent, the report released in the run-up to the International Women's Day by Crif High Mark said. In absolute terms, the overall portfolio to women stood at Rs 30.95 lakh crore in 2023 against Rs 26 lakh crore at the end of 2022.

From an active loans perspective, the number of loans availed by women borrowers grew by 19 per cent. All segments wit-

nessed growth excluding business loans and education loans which showed a decline of 19 per cent and 1 per cent, respectively. The growth in women borrowers by active loans was the fastest in the personal loan segment at 52 per cent, followed by loans against property at 39 per cent, the data showed. By portfolio outstanding, personal loan borrowings by women grew 26 per cent to Rs 12.76 lakh crore.

It can be noted that since 2023, the sector regulator RBI has been flagging concerns on unsecured loans like personal loans and also increased the risk weights to dissuade the lenders from such lending activities.

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Saras Mela brings art

Neighborhood Youth Parliament program organized



Bijapur, Mar 05:

District level Neighborhood Youth Parliament program was organized by Nehru Yuva Dantewada Kendra (Chhang), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India at Auditorium, Bijapur. This year, the main objective of the neighborhood youth parliament program was to organize a mock parliament in which the youth of different development

blocks of the district were given the opportunity to participate in the mock parliament like the parliament of the country. Through the program,

the youth had to understand the working system the country's Parliament and along with it they also had to take strong decisions in their lives. The topic of the mock parliament was the increasing poverty in the district in which both the party and opposition

groups presented their views before the youth. Along with this, sessions on topics like women empowerment and poor welfare were also organized by resource persons in the program. Chief guest Rahul Kaushik Poonam Sharma ASI Police Department, Sheela Bhardwaj Sakhi Sanstha. Shalini Singh, Sunita Tamdi, Pushpa Banjare, Lekhika Sahu UNICEF,

present.

Developmental works stuck due to resignation of Municipal Chairman culture and people together



Khairagarh, Mar 05: After the alleged resignaof Municipality President Shailendra Verma and then later his refusal to resign, administrative resistance has increased here in the region. Amidst the hustle and bustle in the municipality, MLA Yashoda Verma took information about the entire matter from the municipality's CMO Pramod Shukla. During this, Municipality President Shailendra Verma also showed the order of relief received from the High Court accusing CMO Pramod Shukla of not allowing him to work on the post of President and declaring

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the post of President vacant. MLA Mrs. Verma, while discussing the matter with CMO Shukla, asked Speaker Mr. Verma to fulfill his responsibilities and allow him to workon which the CMO directly cited that the matter was with the Urban Administration Department and said that action and guidelines would come from there. The MLA also directed the CMO to find a quick solution to the matter and conduct the municipal works in a normal manner. Meanwhile because of the issue, the common people are facing problem and at present the salaries of the employees are also stuck.

Kawardha, Mar 05:

In the ongoing Saras Mela in the region, hundreds of people are enjoying cultural presentations and many are terming it to be soulful and grateful that such programs are happening in the region.

As per information, a ten-day Saras fair is being organized at PG Ground in Kawardha and this event is being organized under the aegis of the Ministry of Panchayat and Rural Development with the efforts special of

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma.

As the closing date of Saras Mela is coming closer, people are flocking to the Mela. Collector Janmejay M a h o b e Superintendent Police Dr. Abhishek Pallav and District Panchayat CEO Sandeep Aggarwal are honoring, welcoming and congratulating the chief guests and artists who came on invitation of Saras Mela as per the tradition of Atithi Dev Bhava. On the seventh day of Saras Mela,

Chhattisgarh's famou Sufi singer Narinder Pal Singh Ninder, who arrived on the invitation of the district administration, forced the audience to sit till late with songs, music and ghazals.

On the seventh day. the chief guest of Saras Fair, Jasbinder Singh Satvinder Bagga, Pahuja, Savita Thakur, Raghunand Yogi and other guests along with District Panchayat Mr. Sandeep Aggarwal honored all the folk artists by presenting memen-

Literature and nature complement each other: Prof. Chakrawal

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Tree Plantation in the new 'Bharatendu Bhavan' of the Hindi Department held at CU

Bilaspur, Mar 05: Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (a Central University), Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal planted saplings in the premises of the newly constructed Bharatendu Bhavan given to the Hindi Department. On this occasion, he said that literature and nature are complementary to each other and are paramount for human civilization. As a first step in development of Bharatendu Bhavan on March 5, 2024, mango trees, adorned with the symbols of spring, mango florets, were planted by Honorable Vice-Professor Chancellor Chakrawal

He said that just as mango is the king of fruits,



similarly in Hindi litera-Bharatendu ture, Harishchandra is a name to reckon with, a pillar of modern Hindi literature. Expressing his affection for Hindi, Vice-Chancellor Professor Chakrawal said that Hindi is the representative language

Hindustan. There is immense potential in it to include evervone. Established in the name of Bharatendu Harishchandra, this Hindi building, Professor Chakrawal expressed hope, will certainly beof come a workplace for emi-

nent writers in the field of Hindi literature. He said that by planting as many trees as possible, everyone should play their important role in creating a natural environment and also imbibe the feeling of benevolence inherent in trees. On this occasion, the

University's Registrar Prof. Manish Shrivastava, Coordinator IQAC of Central University of Gujarat, Prof. Atanu Mahapatra, Head of Hindi Department Dr. Gauri Tripathi, Dean, Student Welfare Prof. Shailendra Kumar, Prof. Bharati Ahirwar, Prof. Anurag Chauhan, along with teachers and students of the Hindi Department also planted saplings. It is noteworthy that the

building in front of the Central Library has been provided to the Hindi Department, which has been named 'Bharatendu Bhavan' after the renowned literary figure, the pioneer of modern Bharatendu Hindi. Harishchandra.

Paralegal volunteer rescues mentally ill patient

Khairagarh, Mar 05: As per the orders of Devashish Thakur, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Rajnandgaon, and as per the orders of Chandra Kumar Kashyap, President, Taluk Legal Services Committee, Khairagarh, an unknown mental patient who was found near Gatapar forest police station, was rescued by ITBB and treated and safely handed to his family with immediate effect. Paralegal volunteer Chhabiraj Lajhankar and police station in-charge Anil Kumar Sharma, his team of police force and Constable Tejan Singh



Dhurve and constable Ashish Chandravashi rescued the patient and he was treated by Dr. Pankaj Vaishnav in Khairagarh and as his condition was said to be bad he was referred to the District Hospital, Rajnandgaon. Next day on 27th February, Taluk Legal Services Committee prepared a report as per the orders of Chief Judicial Magistrate Khairagarh, Vivek Garg, in which it was written that the terminally ill Kunu Majhi should be sent to his home.

Later he was released by the police force in Raipur on 28th February, to his elder brother.

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ects worth Rs 8.50 cr in

Sukma district, and 14

worth Rs 8.73 cr in

Narayanpur district,

Forest and Cooperation

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Free blood training camp 'Raktaveer' organized



Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati Ji Maharaj honored

On occasion of Chitrakote Mahotsav

CM inaugurates and lays stone for 643 devp projects worth Rs 208.32 cr opment projects worth Rs 10.45 cr in Bastar dis-

Rajim, Mar 05: A free blood training camp "Raktaveer" health education and awareness campaign is being run on a large scale by the youth associates of Nehru Yuva Kendra in the ongoing Rajim Kumbh Mela. On this occasion, the team of Dr. Priyanka Bissa Vyas and her team did the crusade of educating people for donating blood at Community Health Center Magarlod. In the inauguration of Virat Sant Samagam, Anant Vibhushit Astrologer Math Dwarka Peethadhishwar Sharda Jagatguru Shankaracharya Swami Sadanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj and Anant Shri Vibhushit Astrologer Math Badrinath Peethadhishwar Jagatguru Shankaracharya Swami Shri

bissa by appre ciating her "Raktaveer" campaign.

Dr. Privanka Bissa said that 69.6 percent of the people of the country do not have information about blood group, hemoglobin, sickling, HIV and other diseases.

Under this "Raktaveer" campaign, free blood test and blood test cards are being made available, besides, health education and other awareness programs are being conducted. She told that earlier in 2018, with the help of Minister Brijmohan Aggarwal, this campaign became India's first blood test card, in which blood test of 11,551 people was done and cards were made available to them.

Bastar, Mar 05:

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai participated in the 'Chitrakote Mahotsav' of Bastar district today.

During the event, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for 643 development projects, collectively valued at over Rs 208.32 cr, spanning across all districts of the Bastar division. Among these, 177 projects were inaugurated, totalling Rs 104.20 cr. while foundation stones were laid for 466 projects amounting to Rs 104.11 cr. Chief Minister Sai com-



menced the inauguration by unveiling 31 development projects in Bastar district, worth Rs 12.40 cr. Additionally, he inaugurated 8 projects in Sukma district, valued at Rs 10.27 cr, and 3 projects in

district, Narayanpur costing Rs 35.24 lakh projects in Bijapur district, totalling Rs 25.83 cr, followed by 15 projects in district Kondagaon amounting to Rs 1.08 cr. Furthermore, 14 projects

were launched in Kanker district, with a cumulative cost of Rs 47.10 cr, and 2 projects in Dantewada district, valued at Rs 7.15 cr. He also laid the founda-

Minister Kedar Kashyap, Jagdalpur MLA Kiran Deo, Bastar MLA Lakheshwar Baghel, Chitrakote MLA Vinayak Goyal, District Panchayat President Vedwati Kashyap, Vice President Maniram Kashyap, Mayor Safira Sahu, District Panchayat member Padma Kashyap, District Panchayat Lohandiguda President Mahesh Kashyap, and Chitrakote Sarpanch Butki Kashyap were also present on the occasion.

Senior Congress leader inaugurates new OPD building

Kurud, Mar 05:

The newly constructed OPD building of Civil Hospital Kurud was inaugurated here by senior Congress leader Prahlad Chandrakar along with the public and area residents. The newly constructed building of the out-patient department of Civil Hospital Kurud has separate chambers and cabins have been made for consultation of many serious diseases including specialist doctor and general medical.

After the construction of the new OPD building, BMO Dr US Navratan said that due to adequate cabins, there will be no delay in getting the patients checked up; all the doctors will be available in this

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new building. On this occasion, BMO Dr US Navratan, Pediatrician Dr JP Dewan, Dr BK Markam, Dr Hemraj Dewangan, Dr Saroj Dewan, Dr Shilarani Dewangan, Dr Neerja Gidwani and other staff were present.

Khairagarh University hosts inspiring yoga exhibition for scientific wellness

Khairagarh, Mar 05:

Indira Kala Sangeet University, Khairagarh, witnessed a remarkable showcase of yoga under Viksit Bharat Abhiyan, with a grand exhibition attracting over 100 enthusiastic student participants. Spearheaded by Dr. Ajay Pandey, incharge of the University's Yoga Center, and coordinated under the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor Padmashree Dr. Mamta (Mokshada) Chandrakar and Registrar Prof. Dr. Neeta Gaharwar,

the event extended its benefits beyond the university walls to the general public. This exhibition marks a

significant step towards fostering a scientific approach to yoga, aligning



with the overarching goals of the Viksit Bharat Campaign. Dr. Pandey highlighted the event's importance in enhancing research tendencies among students, thereby contributing to both project development and internal assessments within yoga classes

The program, presided over by Prof. Dr. Naman Dutt, saw active participa-

tion from esteemed faculty members including Prof. Dr. Rajan Yadav and Dr. Yogendra Choubey, alongside Assistant Registrar Rajesh Gupta, Dr. Ashutosh Chaure, Singh Prakhar Sharan Singh, and PRO Vinod Dongre. The university family, encompassing both students and faculty, joined hands to make the exhibition a

Bear's claws, nails and genitals cut for sorcery

tion stone for 108 devel-

Three arrested within 18 hours after incident died due to dog attack,

cials.

residents

rested.

Gourela-Pendra-Marwahi, Mar 05: Forest department has successfully arrested three persons in connection with the incident of cutting claws, nails and genitals of a dead bear.

The arrest came within 18 hours after the incident. Action is being taken under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972. Action is also being taken to present the challan in the court.

Just two days ago, information was received about the death of a male cub bear, aged about 5 months, on a hill in the forests of Latakoni Khurd complex of Marwahi forest range of Marwahi forest division. In the post mortem, the bear was found to have

they admitted to keeping while both its front toes, both the front toes, the the nail of its back foot nail of the back foot and and its genitals were the private parts of the found missing. After dead bear. The ax used in post-mortem, the bear the incident has been was cremated in the seized and suspects are presence of forest offibeing further interrogated. Action is being taken On the other hand, the forest staff had called against them under the Wildlife Protection Act dog squad from Jungle 1972. Further action is

Safari Raipur to arrest being taken to present the unidentified crimithe challan in the court. nals who were taking Teeth and nails of wild away the body parts of animals like bear and bears. Within 18 hours of lion are used for witchthe incident, suspects craft. As far as the bear Ayodhya alias Adesh (s/o is concerned, the super-Sakhan Yadav), Amrit stition that tying its Lal (s/o Ter Singh Gond) teeth and hair around and Bhav Singh (s/o the neck of sick children Dhirpal Gond) - all three to cure them still persists.

> This is the reason why people even kill bears for

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Rarity in cricket:

Ashwin on his most enjoyable on-field battles Lakshya Chahar knocked out of 'Have loved bowling to Smith, Root and Williamson' **World Olympic Boxing Qualifier**

Dharamsala, Mar 5 (PTI)

R Ashwin is always up for a challenge and two days from his landmark 100th Test, India's premier offspinner looked back at the on-field battles he has enioved in international and domestic cricket.

Ahead of the fifth and final Test against England, the visitors' batting mainstav Joe Root spoke glowingly of Ashwin and on Tuesday, the 37-year-old returned the compliment.

Besides Root, Ashwin said Steve Smith and Kane Williamson also brought the best out of him.

"I have loved bowling to Steve Smith, Williamson and Joe Root. They are some of the finest batters going around the world now," said Ashwin. "When I played first-

class, I had the privilege of bowling to some of the gun batters of spin - I have bowled to S Badrinath at the Tamil Nadu nets and



R Ashwin during a practice session ahead of the fifth Test cricket match between India and England, at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala, Tuesday.

IPL.

skills

sons," said Ashwin.

Ashwin is someone one

who has reinvented his

game across formats

through his career. He

made his white-ball debut

for India before playing

Test cricket largely due to

his exploits for CSK in the

However, Ashwin insist-

ed he got the opportunity

to play for India not only

because of his white-ball

he was one of the finest batters of spin, then Mithun Manhas, Rajat Bhatia (both from Delhi). "These are some of the

greatest batters of spin who I would have not wanted to encounter in international cricket. They were my finishing school before I went on to play international cricket.

"I'd like to take my hat out to them because they gave me some valuable les-

Ashwin, Bairstow set for century of Tests together

Dharamsala, Mar 5 (PTI)

Test cricket will see two players featuring in their 100th game together for only the fourth time when India offspinner Ravichandran Ashwin and England batter Jonny Bairstow take the field here on Thursday. The first such occasion was when former England captain Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart reached the landmark against the West Indies at Old Trafford back in 2000. The second instance involved three players as South Africa's Jacques Kallis, Shaun Pollock and Stephen Fleming played their 100th Test in the South Africa-New Zealand game in Centurion in 2006. The third was Alastair Cook and Michael Clarke in the England-Australia Ashes

contest in Perth in 2013. Ashwin and Bairstow will be representing their respective teams in the fifth and final Test here from Thursday. It will also mark only the second occasion when two players from the opposing teams will be playing their 100th Test in the same game. Just a day after the India-England game begins, New Zealand captain Tim Southee and his predecessor Kane Williamson will play their 100th Test together during the second match against Australia. Ashwin, who recently became only the second Indian after Anil Kumble to cross 500 wickets in the game's longest format, made his Test debut in 2011 and has enjoyed more highs than lows during a 13-year journey.

Reigning national champion Lakshya Chahar be-

came the fourth Indian boxer to crash out in the opening round of the first World Olympic Boxing Qualifier here.

Busto Arsizio, Mar 5 (PTI)

Competing in the men's 80kg event, Chahar was knocked out in the third round by 2021 Asian Championships silver Gheshlaghi medallist Meysam of Iran here on Monday.

Having lost the first round 2-3, Chahar got himself back in the game by taking the second round 3-2. He was level on three cards heading into the final three minutes.

However with 20 seconds left for the bout to end, Meysam, who was playing in close proximity, connected a powerful right hook to knockout the Indian.

All four Indian boxers, who have taken the ring

here, have failed to move to the second round.

World Championships bronze medallist Deepak Bhoria (51kg), Asian Games bronze medallist Narender Berwal (+92kg) and Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Jaismine Lamboria (60kg) all lost their respective first rounds.

Indian Five boxers, including world cham-

pionships bronze medal-Mohammed list Hussamudin and six-time Asian Championships medal winner Shiva Thapa, are still in the fray for earning Paris Olympic quotas here. A semifinal finish will ensure a quota here.

Thapa will open his campaign against reigning world champion Ruslan Abdullaev of Uzbekistan in the opening round of the men's 63.5kg

category, while Dev will go up against 2022 European Championships silver medallist Lewis Richardson of Great Britain in the 71kg divi-

sion. India have secured four 2024 Olympic quotas so far with Nikhat Zareen (50kg), Parveen Hooda (57kg) and

Preeti Pawar (54kg) Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) clinching their entry to Paris at the Asian Games last year.

Yadav said appreciation

and recognition for blind

cricketers have increased

team Shekhar Naik was con-

ferred with the Padma Shri

Shri. ex-captain Ajav Reddy

became Arjun Awardee in

January this year. "Hope the

BCCI would recognise blind

"Ex-captain of our blind

in recent times.

Satwik-Chirag, Treesa-Gayatri win opening round of French Open

Paris, Mar 5 (PTI)

Star Indian pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty advanced to the second round of French Open Super 750 badminton tournament with a hard-fought straight-game win against Malaysia's Ong Yew Sin and Teo Ee Yi here on Tuesday.

Satwik and Chirag, ranked world no. 1, had claimed the title in 2022. The Asian Games champions on Tuesday made a fine start to the tournament by outwitting the world no. 12 Malaysian combination 21-13 24-22 in 47 minutes for their fifth

win in last 8 meetings. Satwik and Chirag, who finished second best in their last three tourna-



Malaysian pair of Man Wei Chong and Kai Wun Tee in the next round.

Commonwealth Games bronze medallists Treesa Gayatri Jolly and Gopichand also progressed to the second round after claiming a 16-21 21-19 21-17 win over Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto in an all-Indian opening match in women's doubles.

ments, will face another

played a vital role in the Indian women's side epic win at the Badminton Asia Team Championships in Shah Alam, Malaysia last month.

stunned third seed Michika Japan 6-3 6-2 to qualify for the main draw of The two pairs are fighting to qualify for the Paris Tuesday. Olympics. While Tanisha-Ashwini are ranked 11th, Treesa-Gayatri are placed at 14th spot in the Olympic Games qualification ranking. Treesa and Gayatri are in red-hot form, having

and I want to continue growing from here," said the Roundglass Tennis Academy trainee.

Anjali will face World

Anjali Rathi stuns third seed Ozeki to qualify for main draw

Nagpur, Mar 5 (PTI)

South Korea in the first Qualifier Anjali Rathi round

the singles title in the AITA-CLTA National Ranking Championships and also was runner-up in the doubles.

ranked 572 in the ITF circuit and she has a career high rank of 409 which she had achieved last year.

She was also the winner of The Road to Wimbledon, The All England Lawn Tennis Club' prestigious junior tournament for players aged 14 and under, in

Anjali is currently

Indian blind cricket team wants BCCI's recognition

New Delhi, Mar 5 (PTI)

The Indian blind cricket team is banking on BCCI's support to take the game for the disabled athletes to the next level and wants the national board to treat the cricketers at par with

India blind cricket team coach Mohammad Ibrahim on Monday said in order to take blind cricket to the next level, BCCI's recognition is a must. He said not only BCCI's recognition but the blind players need to be given central contracts by

"If we look at Pakistan, a team that has done consistently well in blind cricket they are contracted players of the Pakistan Cricket Board. PCB has

supported them really well, players come under player contracts," he said. "Like what the BCCI has

for normal cricketers — A category, B category and C category, and all the players are getting paid every month so they play cricket all 365 days of the year, they have to play. In India that has to happen. "Now-a-days players are playing just before the series or domestic season like the Nagesh trophy, which is a big tournament here. In Pakistan they are playing round the year. Pakistan cricketers are contracted players and I have seen their fitness levels, their energy, their game," Ibrahim added. General Secretary of

cricket soon, just like other countries like Pakistan, Australia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, New Zealand England and Zimbabwe, he said. "Players are receiving financial grants from the Government of India and the state governments, some have got gov ernment jobs in Haryana, Kerala, Odisha. We are expecting government job announcements for some more players," he added.

Neil Wagner's retirement was forced: Ross Taylor

Wellington, Mar 5 (PTI)

New Zealand's former star batter Ross Taylor has suggested that fast bowler Neil Wagner's retirement



"And to see that he isn't selected I think I do like and you do need to plan for the future, but a one-off Test against Australia in a must-win situation. I

wouldn't be looking much

further than Neil Wagner.

India's Sumit Nagal wins on Indian Wells debut

Indian Wells (US), Mar 5 (PTI)

Ace Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal brushed past the challenge of American wildcard Stefan Dostanic

decade to advance to the second round of the Australian Open.

He also won the Chennai Challengers title, entering the top 100 rank-

No 475 Dayeon Back of Anjali had earlier won

the national board.

able-bodied players.

Cricket Association for the Blind in India Shailender

the W35 Nagpur tennis tournament here on

The win in the second qualifying round helped the 18-year-old secure her third point in WTA tour-

Ozeki of

naments to make debut in Women's Tennis Association rankings. "It is just a start for me.

was "forced", hinting at the possibility of unrest in the Kiwi camp.

Told that he would not be picked in the XI in the series against Australia, Wagner recently announced his retirement during an emotional press conference before the start of the first Test.

The 37-year-old Wagner, however, did take the field during the first Test as a substitute fielder and carried the drinks on occasions.

"I think it all makes

sense a little bit now. There's no sugarcoating it. I think it's a forced retirement. If you listen to Wagner's press conference, he was retiring, but podcast.

it was after this last Test match. So he did make himself available." Taylor said while speaking on ESPN's Around the Wicket And I'm sure the Australian batters are sleeping easy that he's not in the side," Taylor added. Wagner last week called time on his 64-Test career, bowing out as the country's fifth highest wickettaker with 260 victims.

Wagner was picked in the squad for the two home Tests against Pat Cummins's Australia but was told by head coach Gary Stead that he would not play in either match.

in straight sets in his first outing at the Indian Wells Masters here.

The India number one beat Dostanic in straight sets 6-2 6-2 in the first round of the qualifying on Monday.

Seeded eighth, Nagal took 68 minutes to emerge winner on his Indian Wells debut without facing a single break point in the entire match. By making the final

qualifying round, Nagal assured himself of 10 ranking points and USD

14,400 prize money. Nagal made history by

becoming the first Indian men's singles player in a

including Bengaluru recently.

Assam fouled the Manipur

Ngangbam Pacha Singh

made no mistake from the

spot kick, confidently slot-

ting the ball into the top

corner of the net to extend

Assam scored their only

goal from substitute

Joydeep Gogoi's brilliant

Sadananda then com-

pleted his hat-trick with a

header from inside the box

before Manipur's left full-

back, Deny Singh, calmly

found the back of the net

off a pass from Singam

Imarson Meitei then

Subash Singh.

Manipur's lead to 4-0.

inside the box.

finish.

Vidarbha close in on thrilling win over MP in Ranji semifinal

Nagpur, Mar 5 (PTI)

Vidarbha took command of their Ranji Trophy semifinal with the key wicket of Yash Dubey (94) late on day four as they inched closer to a thrilling victory over Madhya Pradesh here on Tuesday.

Heading into the final day on Wednesday, hosts Vidarbha are a mere four wickets away from setting up a date in the summit clash with Mumbai, while Madhya Pradesh, who still need 93 runs to win, will hope their tailenders can produce an inspired fightback.

The game tilted in favour of hosts Vidarbha in the penultimate over of the day when Aditya Sarwate (2/51) had Dubey caught by Aman Mokhade, dealing a body blow to Madhya Pradesh's hopes of making it to their second final in three years.

Chasing 321 to win, Madhya Pradesh reached 228 for six at stumps on the



Vidarbha's batter Yash Rathod celebrates his century during the fourth day of the Ranji Trophy Semi- final cricket match between Vidarbha and Madhya Pradesh, at Vidarbha Cricket Association (VCA) Stadium, in Nagpur, Tuesday.

with not much left in the fourth day with their last recognised batter in tank

Saransh Jain (16 not out) To his credit, Dubey battled hard for Madhya by Kumar Kartikeya, requiring a Pradesh with a fine knock huge effort with the bat even as wickets kept tum-

ioined

bling at the other end. The right-handed batter showed grit and composure in a tough chase with a long haul, consuming 212 balls to get his 94 runs with 10 fours.

Dubey forged a crucial 106-run stand for the second wicket with Harsh Gawali (67 from 80 balls, 11x4s), but once the pair was separated, Vidarbha kept making regular inroads to leave Madhya Pradesh in trouble.

Madhya Pradesh lost the first-innings' centurion Himanshu Mantri for a mere eight in the second essay, but it was the failure of their middle-order trio of Sagar Solanki (12), Shubham Sharma (6) and Venkatesh Iyer (19) which hurt the visitors the most.

Akshay Wakhare was the star for Vidarbha accounting for these three batters to bring his side back into the contest, while Sarwate's late strike to dismiss the dangerous Dubey put the two-time winners

in the pole position.

The day, however, began with Vidarbha needing as many runs possible to set a big target for MP. From 343 for six, the hosts managed 402 all-out with 59 runs coming for the last four wicket, thus setting up a target of 321 runs for the visitors to win here at the VCA Ground. Yash Rathod brought up his century on the fourth day and finished with a high

score of 141 off 200 balls, hitting 18 fours and two sixes in the process to lead the way. Rathod's late surge was

crucial in dragging Vidarbha as far as 402 in their second innings, which was certainly an improved performance from their first innings wherein they were bowled out for 170.

For MP. Anubhav Agarwal returned 5/92. Madhya Pradesh had taken a lead of 82 runs in

the first innings as they had responded with 252.

Manipur outclass Assam to clinch semi-finals berth in Santosh Trophy

Itanagar, Mar 5 (PTI)

Wangkheimayum Sadananda Singh slammed a hat-trick as former champions Manipur stormed into the Santosh Trophy semifinal with a resounding 7-1 win over Assam, here on Tuesday.

Sadananda struck thrice in 11th, 16th and 70th minute whereas skipper Phijam Sanathoi Meetei (4th), Ngangbam Pacha Singh (19th-penalty), Maibam Deny Singh (82nd) and Imarson Meitei (88th) were the other scorers for the Manipur.

Joydeep Gogoi scored the only goal for Assam in the 64th minute.

Meetei opened the scoring with an assist from Sadananda's pass outside

the box to sneak the ball was awarded a penalty past Assam goalkeeper after Urjoy Brahma of Abhinash Mech. captain, Sanathoi Meetei.

This was his 11th goal in this edition, making him the leading scorer in the 77th Santosh Trophy for the 2023 24 season.

The early goal set the tone for Manipur's dominance, with Meetei relentless in his attacks.

Sadananda scored with a diving header in the 11th minute, capitalising on a precise pass from Ngathem Imarson Meitei from the left flank.

Manipur continued to pound their rivals, with Sadananda securing his brace after a well-coordinated set-up from Sanathoi Meetei.

Assam's fortunes were completed the seven-goal further dented in the 20th rout with two minutes left minute when Manipur on the clock.

ings following the triumph. However, he suffered reverses in Pune and Dubai.

Nagal will take on Seong-chan Hong in the second qualifying round on Tuesday.

In a Korean derby, Hong got the better of Seongchan Hong 6-3 6-3 to set up a clash with Nagal for a place in the main draw.

Enjoying a good run of form, Hong made 2 ATP Challenger level finals this year,

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MAOIST LINK CASE

HC acquits ex-DU professor Saibaba

Says prosecution failed to prove charges

Nagpur, Mar 05 (PTI)

The Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court on Tuesday acquitted former Delhi University professor G N Saibaba in an alleged Maoist links case, noting the prosecution failed to prove the case against him.

The court also set aside the life sentence imposed on 54-year-old Saibaba.

A division bench of Justices Vinay Joshi and Valmiki SA Menezes also acquitted five others accused in the case.

"The prosecution has failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt the case against the accused persons," the HC said.

It also held as "null and void" the sanction procured by the prosecution to charge the accused under provisions of the Unlawful stringent Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

"The prosecution has failed to establish any legal seizure or any incriminating material against the accused," the HC said.

"The trial court judgment is not sustainable in the hands of law. We therefore allow the appeals and set aside the impugned judgment. All the accused



Former Delhi University professor GN Saibaba is seen with his wife Vasantha Kumari outside the Nagpur Central Jail.

stand acquitted," the bench said. The court noted that the

sanction procured to prosecute the accused under the UAPA was not legal and proper and hence, the sanction was "null and void".

Supreme Court. The bench, however, di-"The entire prosecution is vitiated on account of rected it to file an applicainvalid sanction to prosetion seeking stay. Saibaba, who is wheelcute all the accused. The trial held despite the viola-

chair-bound due to physical disability, is lodged in

sions of law itself

tice," the HC said.

amounts to failure of jus-

The prosecution later

orally made a request to

the court to stay its order

for six weeks so that it

could file an appeal in the

Maha moves SC against acquittal

The Maharashtra government on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court challenging the Bombay High Court verdict acquitting former Delhi University professor G N Saibaba in a case in which he was accused of having links with the banned CPI (Maoist).

Justice delivered after 10 years of struggle'

Former University professor G N Saibaba's wife Vasantha Kumari on Tuesday expressed huge relief on his acquittal in the Maoist links case, saying justice is delivered after 10 years of struggle.

The Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court acquitted Saibaba in the case, noting the prosecution failed to prove the case against him.

Kumari thanked lawyers and activists who supported Saibaba during the struggle, and said her husband's repu-

the Nagpur Central Jail since his arrest in the case in 2014. In March 2017, a ses-

court sions in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district convicted Saibaba and five others, including iournalist and a а Nehru Jawaharlal

tation was never at stake as people who knew him always believed in him. "It feels like a huge re-

lief but we don't know what to expect right now. In 2022 also, he was acquitted but the decision was challenged. So I feel that till the time he comes back home here

we will remain anxious,' Vasantha told PTI. "My husband's 10 years of incarceration has been both financially and emotionally chal-

lenging for us. It was a

difficult time for the fam-

ilv." she added.

University (JNU) student, for alleged Maoist links and for indulging in activities amounting to waging The trial court had held

under various provisions of the UAPA and the Indian Penal Code.

war against the country. Saibaba and others guilty

After loco-pilot, NR removes Kathua station master from service

New Delhi, Mar 05 (PTI)

The Northern Railways removed from service the station master of Kathua from where a driverless freight train rolled down for about 70 km to Punjab's Ucchi Bassi at 70 to 75 kmph speed last month.

The reason cited in the notice for "removal from service" is "negligence" which could have resulted in a "major incident" causing loss of lives.

The loco-pilot of the train has already been removed from services on the similar ground, as re-

SHREENATH VEER MHASKOBA



Devotees during the celebrations of the 'Shreenath Veer Mhaskoba' festival at Veer village, 50 km from Pune, Tuesday.

Women to comprise 30% of **Vedanta Aluminium's employees**

Vedanta Aluminium in-

Mumbai, Mar 05:

creasing the avenues for in-Ahead of International take of women employees Women's Day 2024. Vedanta and broadening the num-Aluminium, India's largest ber of opportunities availproducer of aluminium, anable to them, such as those nounced that it is on track in the night shift. This is in to achieving a ratio of 30% turn supported by genderwomen employees on its agnostic roles with rich job rolls by the end of FY25. content, a blend of progres-Notably, the milestone is set sive workplace policies, and to arrive 5 years sooner a slew of world-class amenithan the company's stated ties. Together, they have led target of 2030, with women to a substantial increase in professionals already comthe number of women professionals opting to join the prising 22% of the total number of employees at company, often in core func-Vedanta Aluminium. This tions such as smelting, minis significant as women are ing, power generation, civil most under-represented in infrastructure, logistics, fithe metals & mining indusnance, asset security, and try worldwide. materials procurement.

been actively working to address the gender gap in the metals and mining industry through equitable workplace practices. The sector is poised to become one of the prime drivers of India's economic growth. With the advent of Industry 4.0 technologies, digitalization, robotics and automation which have largely negated the need for physically demanding efforts, the sector has become increasingly appealing to job-seekers. It now offers high-growth opportunities in modern manufacturing, energy transition, sustainability practices and the development of 'green' solutions for lowcarbon economies.

Vedanta Aluminium has

DRIVERLESS TRAIN

suggest that both were re-

moved from services on

the very day of the inci-

railway officials involved

in the incident could not

failed to stabilise the train

by applying all the brakes

of engine as well as wag-

ons, the station master,

Triveni Lal Gupta too

overlooked norms and

"failed to fulfil his meant

duties" and "observe saved

practices", the notice said.

While the loco-pilot had

dent, on February 25. Action against other

be ascertained.

gine with the rail so that it

does not slide. Both the loco-pilot and the station master have been asked to appeal against the punitive action to the appellate authority within 45 days of receiving the copy of the order.

Earlier, a joint report of the incident said it was a divisional material train (DMT), which is used to carry railway materials for construction and other purposes. It was stationed at Kathua junction with 53 wagons and it had no brake van (guard's coach).

The report said at 5:20 am, the control room informed the station master to tell the driver to take the train to Jammu but the driver refused as the train did not have either a guard's coach or a guard.

Ex-Odisha deputy speaker Panda gets back stolen gold after 19 years

Berhampur, Mar 05 (PTI)

Former Assembly deputy speaker Rama Chandra Panda on Monday got back gold snatched from his wife in Maharashtra around two decades ago, officials said.

Government Two Railway Police (GRP) personnel from Kurduwadi railway station, where the 'mangalsutra' of Panda's wife was snatched in a moving train 19 years ago, visited the Berhampur residence of the BJD leader and handed him over the 1.6 gm of gold, al-

tion of mandatory provi-

about two decades. The Odisha value of the ornament might be small, but this gesture shows their accountability. It will strengthen the common man's faith in the police," he said.

The incident took place between Solapur and Pune on December 20, 2005, when Panda and his wife Sushama were going to Pune aboard the Bhubaneswar-Mumbai Konark Express.

He had lodged a complaint with the railway police in Maharashtra, alleging that his wife's 'mangal-

to the rightful owner after an investigation, the officials said.

During the probe, police had arrested a chainsnatcher from Solapur, who was allegedly involved in a series of snatching cases inside trains, on March 20, 2006. The looted gold ornament in a moulded form was also recovered from a goldsmith, they said.

After completing all the legal procedures, the police had on May 20, 2011 asked Panda to collect the snatched gold from Kurduwadi railway police station.

A Spanish woman, who was allegedly gang-raped in Jharkhand's Dumka district last week, said on Tuesday that she has no

Dumka, Mar 05 (PTI)

complaints against the people of India as she has safely travelled around 20,000 km across the country. Speaking to reporters before leaving for Nepal via Bihar along with her husband on their motorcycles, she said she would continue her world tour. "People of India are

nice. I don't blame the people, but I blame the criminals. People of India have

Dumka gang-rape victim area, around 300 km from state capital Ranchi, on

Friday when she was

spending the night in a tent along with her husband, police said. "We chose the place for

the night stay because it was calm and beautiful. We thought it would be okay if we lived there alone," she said. The woman said that

she has been travelling for more than six years. "We have been in India for the last six months and

travelled around 20,000 km. We did not have any problems anywhere. This has happened for the first

It comes on the back of No complaint against Indians:

ported by PTI on February

beit in a moulded form, worth Rs 10.000.

"I thanked the railway policemen from Maharashtra for recovering the snatched gold ornament and returning it

sutra' was snatched by some miscreants inside the train when it was moving slowly. Police had recorded his statement on March 7, 2006 and started

Panda, however, refused to cover such a long distance to get back the gold and requested the police to hand it over to the Maharashtra government.

treated me very well, and were very kind to me," she said.

The 28-year-old woman was allegedly gang-raped Kurumahat at in Hansdiha police station band.

time," she said. "I have good memories

from India," she added. The woman said that she would continue her tour along with her hus-

29. PTI accessed both the notices served to the locopilot and the station master by the concerned disciplinary authorities of Firozpur division. They

According to railway sources, once a loco-pilot stabilises an engine to call off his duty, the station master is supposed to recheck everything and chain the wheels of the en-

PM to inaugurate India's first underwater Metro rail section in Kolkata today

Kolkata, Mar 05 (PTI)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Wednesday inaugurate the Howrah Maidan-Esplanade section of the East-West Metro corridor, a part of which runs under a river - the Hooghly.

The Howrah Maidan-Esplanade section with the first transportation nuity.

tunnel "under any mighty river in India" will have the deepest Metro station in India at the Howrah Metro station.

Nestled under the River Hooghly, separating the twin cities of Kolkata and Howrah on its east and

west banks respectively, this feat stands as a testament to engineering inge-

Kolkata Metro touched a milestone in April 2023, as its rakes completed a trial journey under the bed of

river Hooghly through a tunnel 32 metres below water level for the first time in India.

"Although the inauguration will take place tomorrow, the passenger services will begin at a later

date," CPRO Metro Railways Kaushik Mitra. Spanning a 4.8-kilometer stretch between Howrah Maidan and Esplanade, this section forms a vital segment of the East-West Metro corridor, connecting key areas like the IT hub Salt Lake Sector V. Of the total 16.6 kilome-

tres of the East-West

Metro, 10.8 kilometres consist of an underground corridor, including the groundbreaking tunnel beneath the Hooghly River. The section of the metro, featuring six stations, three of which are underground, promises improved accessibility for commuters, catering to the city's bustling areas strategically.

Indian killed in Israel went there only 2 months ago Kollam, Mar 05 (PTI): A were injured and are hospiman hailing from Kerala

Yadav

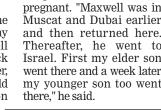
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talised. Maxwell's father who died in an anti-tank said that it was his elder son who informed him about missile attack on Israel's northern border had gone his younger son's death. there only two months ago

"My elder son called me to work in a poultry farm, around 4.30 pm on Monday his father said on Tuesday. and told me that Maxwell was injured in the attack While Nibin Maxwell, from and was hospitalised. Later, in the attack, two other at around 12.45 am, he told Keralites -- Bush Joseph me that my younger son

TV channel. He also said that Maxwell left behind a four-and-a-half year old daughter and his wife was pregnant. "Maxwell was in Muscat and Dubai earlier Thereafter, he went to Israel. First my elder son went there and a week later my younger son too went

George and Paul Melvin -had died," the father told a





EMERGENCY LANDING



Locals gather near a small aircraft of the Indian Army after it landed on a field, in Gaya district, Bihar, Tuesday.

Tejashwi defends Lalu over 'Modi's family' remark

Patna, Mar 05 (PTI)

RJD leader Tejashwi Tuesday Yadav on charged the ruling BJP at the Centre with diverting public attention by "Modi ka Parivaar" rhetoric, which came as a response to his father Lalu Prasad's attack on the Prime Minister a couple of days ago.

Yadav told reporters that BJP leaders suffixing "Modi ka Parivar" to their names on their social media profiles reminded him of "Main Bhi Chowkidar" rhetoric ahead of the 2019 Lok slogan "chowkidar chor hai".

"I am glad that the words of Lalu ji have so Delhi?" much impact," remarked

the former Bihar Deputy CM sarcastically, adding: "But what about issues like poverty and unemployment that he had raised? He spoke of so many things"

Prasad, who is the RJD's founding president, had on Sunday told a rally here that Prime

Minister Narendra Modi had "no family" of his own, in a bid to rubbish the latter's criticism of "parivarvad" or dynastic politics.

Yadav said, "The PM his government try to crush, so brutally, the re-

cent farmers' protests in

He also read out a short Hindi poem, a rough translation of which said: "The country has 80 crore unem-

Kollam in Kerala, was killed

ployed people and 120 crore citizens are reeling under price rise. All families are unhappy, yet they claim all are family".

Yadav also defended his father for the remark that Modi is "not a true Hindu" as he did not shave his hair and beard after the death of his mother.

"We are a devout formed every morning and evening. I got my

Sabha polls, when claims that he treats the Hindu family with a Congress leader Rahul entire nation as his famitemple at our home Gandhi had coined the ly. If that is so, why did where Aarti is per-

