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'J-K breathes freely after Art 370 abrogation'

Srinagar, Mar 07 (PTI):

Jammu and Kashmir is touching new heights of development and breathing freely after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Thursday.

Addressing a public rally, Modi also accused the Congress of misguiding not only the people of Jammu and Kashmir, but the entire nation on Article 370 for a long time.

The prime minister extended his "advance wishes" for the upcoming holy month of Ramzan and Maha Shivratri, which falls on Friday.

"Jammu and Kashmir is touching new heights of development after the abrogation of Article 370. Jammu and Kashmir is touching new heights of development today because it is breathing freely. Jammu and Kashmir has



PM Modi addresses during the 'Viksit Bharat, Viksit Jammu & Kashmir' programme, in Srinagar, Thursday.

broken the shackles after abrogation of Article 370," he said at the rally named as 'Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammu Kashmir' at the Bakshi stadium here.

This was Modi's first visit to Kashmir since the Centre abrogated the special status given to the erstwhile state and bifurcated it into two Union territories -- Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on August 5, 2019.

After inaugurating de-

velopment projects worth nearly Rs 5,000 crore for boosting the agri-economy in the Union territory, Modi said he was "elated to be among the wonderful people of Srinagar".

"The development projects being dedicated today will boost the development of Jammu and Kashmir. A developed Jammu and Kashmir is the priority for a developed India," he said. Describing Jammu and Kashmir as the crown of the country, the prime minister said the path to building a developed Jammu and Kashmir will emerge from tourism possibilities and empowerment of farmers.

"Jammu and Kashmir is not just a region but India's head. A head held high is the symbol of development and honour. That is why a developed Jammu and Kashmir is the priority of a developed India," he said.

4-year-old girl killed in fire at residential school

Bijapur, Mar 07:

A four-year-old girl was killed after a major fire broke out in a government-run residential school in Bijapur district in the wee hours of Thursday, officials said.

The deceased was not a student of the school. She was staying with her relative, who is a student of class 8 in the school, for the last few days, they said.

The blaze erupted, apparently due to a short-circuit, at around 1 am at the porta cabin (prefabricated portable structure) school for girls in Chintakonta village under Awapalli police station limits, Bijapur Collector Anurag Pandey said. Visuals of the spot showed the porta cabin structure was completely gutted in the fire. Porta cabins are used for setting up school infrastructure in some of the Naxal-affected areas of the state.

"At around 1 am, a female staffer of the facility



saw flames in the facility and informed her colleagues following which they evacuated the children from their rooms," said Pandey who along with other officials visited the spot to take stock of the incident.

The residential school has three blocks which were set up using bamboo. The fire rapidly spread in all the blocks and the structures were gutted, he said. As many as 308 children from classes 1 to 8 and some from classes 10 and 12 are there in the residential school. They all were evacuated by the staff members, Pandey said.

(More news on Pg-06)

Air India deboards woman after argument with crew

New Delhi, Mar 07 (PTI)

Air India deboarded Religare Enterprises Chairperson Rashmi Saluja from a London-bound flight at the Delhi airport for rude behaviour with crew members on March 5, sources said on Thursday. The incident happened on flight AI 161 before the scheduled pushback for take off and Saluja was deboarded following advice from the captain of the flight. In a statement, an Air India spokesperson said a passenger travelling in business class was offboarded on the advice of the captain following some argument with members of the crew before the scheduled pushback.

While Air India did not mention the name of the passenger involved in the incident, a source in the know said the passenger was Saluja. Another source said the passenger behaved in a rude manner with the crew members. A query sent to Religare Enterprises seeking comments on the incident involving Saluja did not elicit an immediate response.

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CBI conducts searches at 67 locations in Raj, Maha

In UCO Bank IMPS scam

New Delhi, Mar 07 (PTI)

The CBI has conducted searches at 67 locations in seven cities of Rajasthan and Maharashtra in connection with the Rs 820-crore IMPS scam in UCO bank, officials said Thursday.

The case pertains to over 8,53,049 IMPS (Immediate Payment System) transac-

tions that took place between November 10 and November 13 last year in the bank.

"IMPS inward transactions initiated from around 14,600 account holders of seven private banks were wrongfully posted in the accounts of over 41,000 UCO Bank account holders. This resulted in Rs. 820 crore being credited to UCO Bank accounts without actual debiting from the originating banks," the CBI Spokesperson said.

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Youth should work with dedication in interest of country: Governor

Raipur, Mar 07:

NCC Cadets of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh Directorate participated in the 'At Home' program at Raj Bhavan here on Thursday under the chief hospitality of Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan. 'At Home' program was organised for the cadets of the NCC. In this program, NCC Chhattisgarh Battalion were present. Cadets who participated in the Republic Day Parade this year in New Delhi also were present in the programme. Governor's Secretary Mr. Yashwant Kumar, Brigadier Mr. Vikram Singh Chauhan, YSM, Wing Commander Mr. Vivek Kumar, Colonel Mr. Pradeep and family members of the cadets were present in the program.



their excellent performance in the Republic Day Parade and securing 6th position in the entire country. He also congratulated the military officers who, through hard work and dedication, paved the way for

the cadets by training them and taking them to this level. Harichandan called upon the NCC cadets to work with dedication for the welfare of the country and always be proud of the country. He said that one

● **Cadets of Madhya Pradesh and Ch'garh, NCC Directorate's 'At Home' programme concludes at Raj Bhavan**

should always be ready to help the deprived sections. He said that NCC is a medium which gives military training to the youth and makes them aware of military activities and develops a sense of unity while maintaining discipline. Through the camps and programs organized by the NCC organization, the cadets from different parts of the country not only know about each other's cultural heritage but also get to know the Indian culture by going abroad, which is highly commendable. He especially appreciated the NCC Girls Battalion and said that similarly girls should be encouraged by their family members. Brigadier Vikram

Singh Chauhan YSM, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh NCC, giving information about the activities of the Directorate, said that it has 16 units working in the state, out of which 2 units are for girls cadets. More than 23,000 cadets are attached to various educational institutions in the state. The process of increasing it is underway. He said that under the 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' scheme, cadets go to other states and get acquainted with the culture there, which strengthens national unity.

Wonderful cultural presentations were given by the cadets in the programme. Governor Harichandan was presented with the Aero model of Mirage 2000, the model of INS Shivalik of the Indian Navy and the N.C.C.'s logo depicting the motto of was presented. The Governor rewarded the cadets for cultural presentations.

BJP for probe on injustice against the media persons

● **Media Department handed over letter to Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai**

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 07: BJP State Media Department on Thursday met Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and handed over a letter to him to investigate the injustice done to journalists during the Congress rule. The delegation said that the last 5 years of Congress rule in Chhattisgarh have been terrible from the point of view of freedom of expression. Harassment of journalists, false cases imposed against them merely for broadcasting/publishing news, etc. have seriously affected the fundamental rights of the citi-



zens. There are many journalists who are facing unnecessary cases etc. Repressive attitude was adopted in every way to suppress the voice of journalists. The so-called Journalist Protection Act was flouted, the memorandum stated. In such a situation, it is now necessary to provide them justice. Therefore, you are requested to kindly conduct an impartial investigation into all such

cases and provide justice to the journalists. BJP delegation was led by State General Secretary Sanjay Srivastava, BJP state media in-charge Amit Chinnani, co-in-charge Anurag Agarwal, state spokesperson Sandeep Sharma, Rasik Parmar. On this occasion, media advisor of CM and senior Journalist Pankaj Jha and Alok Singh were also present.

Sitting MP demands probe into ticket distribution

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 07: Kanker Lok Sabha member Mohan Mandavi has expressed his ire over denial of party ticket in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. Talking to a section of media persons, the senior BJP Parliamentarian said that high-level investigation should be carried out in the entire process of ticket distribution. He said that the Party President JP Nadra has appreciated his works but now denial of party ticket for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections is not proper for him. He alleged that lower level leaders have hatched a conspiracy against him which eventually resulted in denial of

● **Kanker MP expressed his ire over denied LS ticket**

party ticket to him. He said that he is ready to resign from the party if the image of party has been hampered due to him. He said that his image has been spoiled. It is notable that Mohan Madavi from Kanker is one of the four sitting MPs who have been denied party ticket in the upcoming polls. Apart from him, Sunil Soni from Raipur, Chunnilal Sahu from Mahasamund and Guharam Ajgale from Janjgir (SC) seat have been denied ticket this time.

Provide benefits of labour scheme to migrant, factory workers: Dewangan

Raipur, Mar 07:

Labour Minister Lakhn Lal Dewangan on Thursday in the meeting of the Board of Directors of Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board in the building of Labour Welfare Board located in Nava Raipur for the implementation of public welfare schemes for the welfare and protection of construction workers for the financial year 2024-25 approved the annual budget of Rs 524.06 cr.

The Labour Minister said that as per the intention of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, it has



been decided to register the construction workers of the state who migrate for better employment in other provinces and benefit them from the schemes run by the Board. This has been done so that the construction workers of the state in other states can be benefited from the public welfare schemes run by the Board. He said that it

should be ensured that 100 percent construction workers of the state get the benefits of the government's welfare schemes, so that the standard of living of the workers can improve.

In the meeting, while simplifying the process of registration of construction workers, instead of the earlier provision of

employment certificate being given through the employer or trade union for 90 days of construction work, now the workers are employed in the work themselves.

In connection with this, it was decided to submit the employment certificate on the basis of self-declaration certificate and take applications for registration and renewal. Secretary cum Labour Commissioner Alarmelmangai D., Special Secretary Finance Department Sheetal Shashwat Verma and Secretary BOC Savita Mishra were present in the meeting.

Advisory on selection trials

● **CSCS warns over unauthorized Cricket League trials**

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 07: Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh (CSCS) on Thursday issued a media advisory over the selection trials being conducted for reportedly unauthorized league with the consent from CSCS or BCCI in Chhattisgarh. According to the information re-

ceived, CSCS said that many unauthorized cricket trials in the name of trials are happening and publicize through various social media sources. It stated that those trials are not affiliated or concerned through CSCS and BCCI. In a press communiqué, the CSCS stated that several cricket players are contacting the Apex Body to clarify about those trials. It further stated that players should be mindful before participating in those trials.

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Women empowerment is top priority of our govt: Verma

Raipur, Mar 07:

Chhattisgarh Government's Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Tankram Verma and Women and Child Development Minister, Lakshmi Rajwade participated in the 'Shashakt Nari Samagam' program organised at Dussehra Ground Balodabazar here on Wednesday. On this occasion, about 184 women who did excellent work were felicitated with citations and mementos. This includes 10 from Health Department, 17 from Education Department, 21 from Women and Child Development Department, 7 from Social Service Sector, 7 from Empowered Women, 22 from Swachh Bharat Mission and about 100 from sports field. Along with this, under the distribution of material to the beneficiaries of various schemes and the Revenue Book Circular 6-4, a cheque of Rs 24 lakh was given to 6 people at the



rate of Rs 4 lakh each. Addressing the program as the chief guest, Minister Tankram Verma said that our government does whatever it says. As a result, everyone has confidence in us. Women empowerment is the top priority of our government, keeping this in mind, the work of strengthening women is continuously going on. He said that Modi's guarantee means the guarantee will

be fulfilled. To realize Prime Minister Modi's vision of India becoming developed by 2047, we all have to support Modi ji. He said that now Mahtari Sadan will be built in every village in which the women of the group will be able to easily hold meetings or other programs. In the first phase, Mahtari Sadan will be constructed in 40 villages of Balodabazar. He said that there is no dearth of

sports talent in Balodabazar. Soon the district will progress a lot in the field of sports. Women and Child Development Minister, Lakshmi Rajwade said in her address that women's groups have been formed to help women progress. Now women are becoming self-reliant by taking advantage of the schemes of the Central and State Government. Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakrawal meets the Governor

Bilaspur, Mar 07:

Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Central University), Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal paid a courtesy visit on Honorable Governor of Chhattisgarh, Vishwabhushan Harichandan at Raj Bhawan in Raipur on March 06, 2024. On the occasion of the courtesy visit, Vice-Chancellor Professor Chakrawal honored the Honorable Governor by presenting him a bouquet. Vice-Chancellor Professor Chakrawal expressed his gratitude to Honorable Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan ji for attending the inaugural ceremony of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) Central Zone Vice-Chancellors' Conference held on January 18-19, 2024. Prof Chakrawal provided detailed information about the two-day conference to Hon'ble Governor. Vice-Chancellor Professor Chakrawal said that Guru Ghasidas



Vishwavidyalaya is continuously getting projected on the national and international maps in the field of research & development and innovation as well as infrastructure development. The Central University is partnering with internationally renowned institutions of higher education in the areas of academics, research, innovation, startups and educational development. Vice-Chancellor Professor Chakrawal also highlighted the Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya Swabhiman Thali (GST) scheme, which, started by

providing nutritious food to 200 students in the year 2023, is now providing food to 1000 students. Keeping in view the upcoming Holi festival, herbal gulal prepared from flowers and leaves is being produced by the students. Under the Swavalambi Chhattisgarh scheme, along with mushroom production and bread, Chyawanprash, Triphala, honey etc. with various medicinal properties are being manufactured on experimental level. Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan expressed satisfaction over the ongoing development work under the able leadership of Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Central Vishwavidyalaya, Professor Alok Kumar Chakrawal and expressed hope that the university will set new standards in the coming years. On the request of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chakrawal, the Honorable Governor assured continuous guidance and cooperation for the overall development of the Central University.

NIT Raipur's students secure placements at TATA Steel

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 07: National Institute of Technology, Raipur's final year students Anjali Tiwari, 7th Semester, Mining Engineering, Surabhi Singh, 7th Semester, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, Vanshika Gupta, 7th Semester, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering and Vishakha Jha, 7th Semester, Electrical Engineering have received Pre-Placement Offers from the Indian multinational steel-making company TATA Steel. These students were selected through the Internships and competitions like "Women Of Mettle".



Anjali Tiwari



Surabhi Singh

presses eagerness for this new opportunity. Her journey commenced with active participation in the Women of Mettle competition by Tata Steel, culminating in her recognition as a top 10 finalist. This achievement led to a pre-placement offer (PPO) and a two-month immersive internship, ultimately confirmed in December. Surabhi Singh, appointed as a Manager Trainee at Tata Steel Limited with an impressive CTC of 13 LPA, expresses elation and gratitude for the pre-placement offer (PPO).

Vanshika Gupta, a final-year student from the Metallurgical and Materials Engineering branch, received a pre-placement offer (PPO) from Tata Steel long product limited in September 2023. Vishakha Jha, designated as a Graduate Engineer Trainee (GET) at Tata Steel long product Limited, expresses immense happiness and sees associating with TATA Steel as a significant start to her career.

For temptation-free, fair and fear-free elections.

Raipur, Mar 07:

Chief Electoral Officer Mrs. Reena Babasaheb Kangale held a meeting of all the enforcement agencies working in the state and gave necessary instructions for monitoring the election expenditure during the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. In a meeting held at the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer on Wednesday, she reviewed the work done by these agencies in monitoring election expenditure during the Assembly general elections held in the state in December 2023. In the meeting, officers were also given training to work on ESMS (Election Seizure Management System) app and portal for election expenditure monitoring. Additional Chief Electoral



Officer Mr. Nileshkumar Mahadev Kshirsagar and Joint Chief Electoral Officer Mr. P.S. Dhruv also attended the review meeting. In the meeting, Chief Electoral Officer Mrs. Reena Babasaheb Kangale directed the officers of all the enforcement agencies to work actively in mutual coordination for inducement-free, fair, uninterupted and fear-free elections in the state. She directed all the agencies to

effectively carry out the work of election expenditure monitoring by ensuring better coordination, communication and exchange of information among themselves. She directed for strict monitoring of transportation of cash, liquor, intoxicants, valuables and freebies during the Model Code of Conduct for Lok Sabha elections. She directed to send the report of seizure and action taken in this regard to the office of the

Chief Electoral Officer daily. Chief Electoral Officer Mrs. Kangale instructed all the enforcement agencies to remain alert and active after the model code of conduct for the Lok Sabha general elections came into effect in the state. She directed all the agencies to activate their toll-free numbers as well as deploy adequate human resources for election expenditure monitoring. She directed to install

cameras at all the check-posts of the Transport Department located on the inter-state border. Mrs. Kangale talked about taking care of the facilities of the citizens during the action of the teams formed by the enforcement agencies for monitoring the election expenditure. She said that people should also take care that they do not have to face unnecessary problems. In the meeting, she reviewed district-wise and agency-wise seizures made by enforcement agencies during the last assembly general elections. He directed all the agencies to review and study the seizures made during the last elections and the last six months, determine the sensitivity of the districts, prepare an action plan and monitor the election expenditure during the Lok Sabha elections.

Twenty one youth of district selected for Agniveer

Target of registration of 2 thousand youth of Raipur district

Raipur, Mar 07:

There is immense enthusiasm among the youth for Agniveer recruitment in the Indian Army. According to the results of Agniveer Recruitment for the year 2023 that have been declared recently twenty one youth from Raipur district have been selected. The selected youth were also felicitated by the district administration. They were urged to reach schools and gram panchayats to encourage the youth and to get more and more youth to submit the forms for recruitment in the online portal. The district administration had provided bus facility to the youth of the district for the recruitment process held in Janjgir-Champa. Guidance was



also given and they were provided complete information related to recruitment. Twenty-year-old Prashant Verma, resident of village Champa of Tilda tehsil of Raipur district, has been selected as Agniveer of the Indian Army. Prashant has achieved success in Agniveer recruitment at an early age. He tells that he was preparing for Agniveer recruitment for almost two years. It was the people of the village who encouraged and motivated him

to join the recruitment. Besides, he had a passion for serving the country by joining the army for a long time. The family members also had high expectations from Prashant and due to hard work and dedication, Prashant got success. Sunil Nishad, resident of village Sarphonga of Tilda block, has also been selected in the Indian Army in Agniveer recruitment. Sunil tells that he was working very hard for recruitment in the army for a long time. He used to practice

day and night for the physical test in the village itself and was also receiving guidance from a private institution. There is a lot of joy among the selected youth and their families. Prashant and Sunil thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Applications for Agniveer in Army have been invited through online portal. The last date to apply for youth is 22nd March. The government has set a target of registering 2 thousand youth for Raipur district. For registration of Agniveer in the Indian Army, all urban bodies, Municipal Corporations of Raipur and Birgaon, Chief Executive Officers of all Janpad Panchayats of the district, Principals of Polytechnics, all government and non-government colleges and all government and non-government ITIs have been given a target to get the youth to apply online in the portal.

IIM Raipur and HNLU collaborate for academic advancement

Raipur, Mar 07:

The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur and Hidayatullah National Law University (HNLU), Raipur, have formalized a strategic collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), signifying a significant leap in academic and institutional cooperation. Established in 2010, IIM Raipur is renowned for shaping ethical leaders with a strong commitment to national development and global recognition. On the other hand, HNLU Raipur, founded in 2003, has consistently been a trailblazer in legal education. The MoU solidifies a framework for joint academic endeavors, research initiatives, and knowledge dissemination between the two institutions. It en-



compasses the exchange of students, faculty members, and collaborative research programs, aiming to enhance the academic and research capabilities of IIM Raipur and HNLU, Raipur. This collaboration sets the stage for a transformative partnership beyond traditional academic boundaries. The MoU highlights the importance of intellectual property rights & confi-

dentiality and ensures a fair and equitable distribution of rights arising from collaborative projects. It emphasizes a non-binding nature, emphasizing a genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration without creating formal contractual or partnership obligations. The agreement is set to be effective for an initial period of five years, with the potential for extension upon mutual agreement.

IIM Raipur and HNLU express their commitment to nurturing a collaborative spirit, expecting to positively impact India's legal education and leadership development. This partnership signifies a concerted effort to create an intellectual collaboration that transcends disciplinary boundaries, fostering a dynamic and enriching academic environment.

100% workers should get benefits of govt schemes: Dewangan

Minister gave strict instructions to resolve pending applications within 15 days

Raipur, Mar 07:

Labour Minister Lakhman Lal Dewangan said that 100 percent workers of the state should get the benefits of government schemes. Work should be done with sensitivity, taking the interests of the

workers as priority, so that the standard of living of workers can improve. Labour Minister Dewangan said these things in the review meeting of departmental work. The meeting was held in the meeting room of Chhattisgarh Bhawan and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board located in Nava Raipur. In the meeting, Labour Commissioner and Joint Secretary Mrs. Alarmel Mangai D, Secretary of Chhattisgarh Building



and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board Mrs. Savita Mishra, Additional Labour Commissioner Mr. S. L Jangde, Labour

Department officials from the districts are present. Labour Minister Dewangan gave instructions in the meeting to resolve the pending cases

within 15 days. He said that negligence will not be tolerated in the implementation of public welfare schemes of the government. The registration

forms of workers have been canceled in some districts of the state. The registration process should be completed soon after collecting other necessary documents from the workers. Officials should ensure that the beneficiaries get the benefits of the government scheme. The beneficiary should not be returned on the basis of lack of documents. Complete the process of registering laborers by setting up mobile camps in labour dominated areas. Workers should not

work in any site without registration. Minister Dewangan said that the district wise plan should be reviewed within 15 days and if after this there is no progress in the implementation of the plan, then the concerned officers will be responsible for it. Dewangan said that Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Shram Anna Yojana is being operated at affordable rates for the workers. Officials should inspect the Annapurana Dal-Rice centers and go there and

taste the food themselves and test its quality. Officials said that at present pulses and rice centers are being operated at 22 places in the state. Apart from this, MoU has been signed to start pulses and rice centers at 22 other places. While reviewing Mahtari Jatan Yojana and Noni Babu Scholarship Scheme during the meeting, the Minister said that it should be ensured that all the eligible labour families are provided its benefits.

Bengal safest state for women: Mamata

Kolkata, Mar 07 (PTI):

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday accused the BJP of spreading canards about incidents at Sandeshkhali while asserting that the state is the safest place in the country for women.

Banerjee, also the Trinamool Congress supremo, also hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "lecturing" the West Bengal government on women's security, alleging that he keeps silence when women are tortured in BJP-ruled states.

In an apparent reference to former Calcutta High Court judge Abhijit Gangopadhyay, who joined the BJP during the day, she said, "We will ensure your defeat no matter from where you contest in the Lok Sabha polls."

Addressing people after leading a rally in Kolkata for women's rights, she said, "Many have given fake sandesh (message) on Sandeshkhali. The way a few incidents were shown is reprehensible. Some incidents may have happened and they have not reached us. But when we get to know something, we take action. I don't hesitate to arrest TMC workers if they are at fault."



WB CM Mamata Banerjee participates in a rally on the eve of International Women's Day, in Kolkata, Thursday.

Without naming the prime minister, the TMC supremo said, "Yesterday you came here and lectured us that atrocities on women are being committed here. In Uttar Pradesh, gruesome rapes are taking place. The BJP should be ashamed that our daughters were raped and burnt in Manipur."

"West Bengal is the safest state in the country for women," she said.

Banerjee's comment comes in the backdrop of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remark on Wednesday that the "storm of Sandeshkhali" will sweep Bengal and

'Nari Shakti' (woman power) will play a pivotal role in decimating the ruling party in the Lok Sabha polls.

Banerjee accused the BJP leaders of "spreading canards about the safety of women in West Bengal but they maintain a stoic silence when women are tortured in BJP-ruled states."

Hitting out at Gangopadhyay for "taking away jobs of thousands of youths" across the state through his judgments, Banerjee said, "The youths will not forgive you. All your judgments are under question. We will ensure your defeat."

Banerjee claimed that the BJP is angry with the TMC as the party doesn't allow divisive politics in Bengal.

"As we don't allow their divisive politics here, Pinto Babu ka gussa aata hai (Pinto Babu is angry). I refer to BJP as Pinto Babu. Why is Pinto Babu angry? They sent over 400 teams to Bengal but none in Manipur where women were assaulted and stripped," she said.

Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday led a rally in Kolkata for women's rights. The rally

themed 'Mahila Der Adhikaar, Aamader Angikaar' (women's rights are our commitment), was organised by the TMC a day ahead of International Women's Day.

Clad in her trademark white and blue bordered cotton sari with a shawl wrapped around her neck, Banerjee was seen greeting people and onlookers on both sides of the road with folded hands.

The Trinamool Congress supremo was seen waving at people as she marched from College Street to Dorina Crossing, around two kilometres away, in central Kolkata.

TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee was also present at the rally.

BJP's Ranaghat Dakshin MLA Mukut Mani Adhikari, who was not happy with BJP repeating its sitting MP from Ranaghat, Jagannath Sarkar, on Thursday switched over to the TMC and participated in the rally.

"I think TMC is the only platform where you can work for the masses. So I decided to join the TMC," he said. Since the 2021 assembly polls, seven BJP MLAs have switched over to the TMC but are yet to resign as MLAs.

NARI SHAKTI MAHOTSAV



Uttkhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami during the 'Nari Shakti Mahotsav' at Race Course, in Dehradun, Thursday.

'BJD-BJP forming alliance to loot natural resources of Odisha'

Bhubaneswar, March 07 (PTI):

With the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) hinting at a potential alliance with the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, Odisha Congress president Sarat Pattanayak on Thursday alleged that both the parties are teaming up to exploit the state and its natural resources, including mines.

He pointed out both the parties had formed a coalition government from 2001 to 2009 and had collaborated on various fronts. Pattanayak highlighted instances where the BJD had supported significant bills introduced by the BJP in

Parliament and had even allocated a Rajya Sabha seat to the BJP twice.

He accused the BJD government of being embroiled in corruption scandals, including chit fund and mining scams, and suggested that the BJD's alliance with the BJP stemmed from fear of exposure. "The BJD government is deep in corruption including chit fund and mining scams. So, the BJD has surrendered itself before the BJP," Pattanayak said.

He questioned the BJD's commitment to the state's interests, citing unfulfilled promises such as the in-

crease in paddy minimum support price (MSP) and the demand for special category status for Odisha.

"If the BJD is working for the interest of the state, the party should have asked the BJP to fulfill these demands of Odisha," Pattanayak said.

He asserted that the Congress is the only viable alternative in the state and claimed that the people are in support of the grand old party. He expressed confidence that the Congress would form the next government in the state, positioning the party as the true representative of people's interests.

IndianOil partners with FIM Asia Road Racing Ch'ship

New Delhi, Mar 07:

India's energy major IndianOil, is thrilled to announce the partnership with FIM (Federation Internationale De Motocyclisme), as the "Official Fuel Partner" for the prestigious Asia Road Racing Championship (ARRC) over a span of three years, from 2024 to 2026.

This collaboration entails IndianOil providing category 2 race fuel, "STORM-Ultimate Racing Fuel," across all ARRC events. "STORM," which is produced at IndianOil's Gujarat refinery, is a highlight of IndianOil's diverse and ambitious product range, which also includes AV Gas 100 LL and reference fuels, reflecting India's commitment to self-reliance (Atma Nirbhar Bharat) and technological advancement. The arrival of 'STORM,' in the international arena marks a significant stride towards bolstering the 'Make in India' initiative. This race fuel also showcases IndianOil's innovation and expertise in producing specialized fuels



that adhere to stringent international norms, receiving approval from the FIM approved M/s Intertek in Switzerland.

Speaking on the occasion, Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman IndianOil said "As we embark on this exhilarating partnership with FIM for the 'Make in India' initiative, IndianOil is proud to fuel the fast lanes of motorsport with our cutting-edge 'STORM-

"STORM" fuel from Nhava Sheva port in Mumbai on February 23, 2024, with a virtual flag-off by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs.

Furthermore, IndianOil's commitment to motorsport extends beyond the ARRC, as evidenced by its partnership with the inaugural MotoGP Bharat last year, reinforcing its dedication to fostering excellence and innovation in motorcycle racing on both national and international stages.

With its vast experience in supplying premium fuels and extensive presence especially in lubricants market across various countries, IndianOil is poised to contribute significantly to the success of the Asia Road Racing Championship, bolstering its position as a Trusted Fuel Partner in the motorsport domain.

IndianOil looks forward to an exciting journey ahead, fueled by innovation, excellence, and a shared passion for motor racing.

Ultimate Racing Fuel.' The fuel stands as a symbol of innovation and excellence, embodying our relentless pursuit of developing specialised fuels that meet stringent international standards. This collaboration marks a significant step in strengthening the 'Make in India' initiative on the global stage."

In preparation for the upcoming Thailand event scheduled from March 15-17, IndianOil has shipped off

BJP to field ex-CMs Jagadish Shettar & Basavaraj Bommai

In LS polls

Bengaluru, Mar 07 (PTI):

BJP that has plans to win big time in Karnataka in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, may field two of its former Chief Ministers — Basavaraj Bommai and Jagadish Shettar, who come from the dominant Lingayat community, counted by the party as its core vote-base.

Giving indications about this, veteran party leader B S Yediyurappa on Thursday said discussions have taken place regarding candidates for all 28 Lok Sabha seats in the state including Bommai and Shettar, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the party's national president J P Nadda, but no final decision has been taken.

The former Chief Minister, who is a member of BJP's Parliamentary Board and Central Election Committee, also hinted that BJP may allow two-three seats to its alliance partner JD(S) in Karnataka, on which party's national leadership including Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be taking a final decision.

BJP leaders from various States are meeting Shah and Nadda, ahead of the

party's Central Election Committee, which includes Modi and other senior leaders, holding its second meeting later this week for finalising the party's candidates for the Lok Sabha polls.

It has so far announced candidates for 195 Lok Sabha seats out of the total 543 across the country.

"Yesterday Amit Shah ji, Nadda ji and all of us together discussed candidates for all 28 Lok Sabha seats. Who should be given the ticket has not yet been finalised. All of that will be discussed with the Prime Minister, and we might get clarity in two-three days," Yediyurappa told reporters in the national capital.

He said: "Everything has been discussed, but who will be given a ticket from where has not yet been finalised. Discussions have happened about Bommai and Jagadish Shettar."

Speculations are rife within the state BJP circles that Bommai, who is currently MLA from Shiggaon, may be fielded from Haveri, with party's sitting MP Shivakumar Udasi announcing retirement from electoral politics after the current term ends.

Shettar may be fielded from Belgaum (Belagavi),

currently represented by Mangala Angadi, the widow of former Union Minister of State Suresh Angadi. She had won with a margin of over 5,000 votes in 2021 by-polls against the Congress strongman Satish Jarkiholi, when after the seat fell vacant due to her husband's death.

BJP wants to replace Mangala with a strong candidate to retain the seat, and Shettar's name is doing the rounds as he also happens to be a relative of the Angadi family and was the poll incharge of this seat when she faced the bypoll.

Shettar, who had quit the BJP to join the Congress ahead of the state assembly polls last year on being denied the ticket, rejoined his old party in January.

Both Bommai and Shettar are from the Lingayat community, which is seen as the strong vote-base of the BJP in Karnataka. According to party sources, the community "slightly moving away" from the saffron party in the Assembly polls last year is said to be one among the major reasons for its defeat. Yediyurappa is also a Lingayat.

According to Yediyurappa, there will be another round of discus-

sions with BJP's central leadership on Thursday at which some decisions may be taken. He also expressed confidence about winning at least 25 seats, and noted that efforts are on in this direction.

Regarding the seats that will be given to JD(S), he said the decision that will be taken by Modi and Shah is final.

"It is not yet finalised as to which seats will be given to them. Two to three seats may be given to them," he added.

BJP and JD(S) have had discussions on seat sharing. However, there is no official announcement yet.

As per information available so far, JD(S) may contest in three seats — Mandya, Hassan and Kolar.

There may also be possibility of a candidate from the JD(S) contesting on the BJP symbol, according to sources, and it is likely to be noted cardiac surgeon and former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda's son-in-law Dr C N Manjunath from Bangalore Rural segment, where sitting MP and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's brother D K Suresh is likely to be the Congress candidate once again.

'It's a wonder I came out of jail alive'



Former Delhi University professor G.N. Saibaba addresses a press conference after he was released from the Nagpur Central Jail, Thursday.

Nagpur, Mar 07 (PTI):

Former Delhi University professor G N Saibaba, who was released from the Nagpur Central Jail on Thursday after his acquittal in an alleged Maoist links case, said it's a "wonder that he could come out alive" despite suffering the "brutal" jail life.

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday set aside the life sentence of Saibaba, noting that the prosecution had failed to prove the charges beyond

a reasonable doubt.

"There was every chance that I would not have come out alive," Saibaba told media persons. He had earlier refused to talk to the press saying, "My health is very bad. I can't talk. I will have to first take medical treatment, and then only I will be able to speak." The former DU professor, who depends on a wheelchair for mobility, said he changed his mind after requests from lawyers and reporters. Saibaba said he would be visiting doctors soon.

Recalling his eight years of incarceration, which he described as "very rigorous and brutal", Saibaba said he had no accessibility inside the prison. "I couldn't pull up, I could not move out of my wheelchair. I could not go to the toilet (on my own), I could not take a bath. It's a wonder that I came out of the prison alive today," he said, stressing that there was every chance that he could not have made it.

Fresh western disturbance likely to hit Himachal

Shimla, Mar 07 (PTI): A fresh western disturbance is likely to affect the Western Himalayan region next week, likely triggering thunderstorms and rain in Himachal Pradesh, the meteorological department said. Meanwhile, over 400 roads, including four national highways, in the state remained shut for vehicular traffic on Thursday after heavy snowfall and rain lashed several areas recently. According to the meteorological department, a fresh western disturbance is likely to affect the Western Himalayan region from the night of March 10. The MeT has sounded a 'yellow' warning for thunderstorms accompanied by lightning at isolated places from March 11 to 13.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Dinesh Kumar Netam S/o Mehtar Ram Netam, R/o Village- Masora, Post Office- Masora/Girola, Tehsil Kondagaon, Distt. Kondagaon, C.G. PIN-494226 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-
1. That I am Indian Citizen by birth.
2. That in my army office records (Army No.14849144K) my name has been mentioned as Dinesh Kumar but in my Aadhar Card my name mentioned as Dinesh Kumar Netam (Aadhar Card No.8400 3057 1777)
3. That my 10th & 12th Marksheets my name is mentioned Dinesh Kumar Netam and 5th and 8th marksheets my name is mentioned Dinesh Kumar.
4. That my Date of Birth is 25/02/1985 (Twenty Five February Nineteen Eighty Five) is mentioned in my aadhar card.
5. That all document related to same person.
6. That what is stated above is true and correct to best of my knowledge and belief. Nothing material has been concealed there from.
VERIFICATION
That, the above deponent do hereby certified that the contents from para the above affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and no part of this is false and nothing has been concealed there from.
Verified at Kondagaon on this 28th Day of February 2024 DEPONENT

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I, Raimati Netam W/o Dinesh Kumar Netam, R/o Village- Masora, Post Office- Masora/Girola, Tehsil Kondagaon, Distt. Kondagaon, C.G. PIN-494226 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-
1. That I am Indian Citizen by birth.
2. That in my husband army office records (Army No.14849144K) my name has been mentioned as Raimati but in my Aadhar Card my name mentioned as Raimati Netam (Aadhar Card No.5580 0334 8700)
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4. That my Date of Birth is 18/02/1990 (Eighteen February Nineteen Ninety) is mentioned in my aadhar card.
5. That all document related to same person.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

(In Relation of Immovable Residential House bearing Plot No. 93 & 94, Block No. "D" Area 1500 & 1500 Sq. Ft. total Area 3,000 Sq. Ft. Comprising in Chhine Kharsia No. 6301/158 (869163) & 6301/158 (669172). Situated at Known as 'Wood-Land Annex' Mouja Amteshwar, P.H. No. 03 (Old 05), R.I.C. Amteshwar (Old Bhalai-3), Tansai Patan, District Durg (C.G.).
This is in relation to General Public Notice that the Original previous two Sale deeds duly executed by M/s Ask Realty and Developers Ltd. in favour of M/s Daulatram Rakesh Kumar (HUF) Karta Shri Daulatram Jadhavi Vide Book No. A-1, Document Sl. No. 3534 Document Sl. No. 3534, Dated 19.01.2012 registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Patan, District Durg (C.G.) of Plot No. 93 & 94, Block No. "D" Area 1500 & 1500 Sq. Ft. total Area 3,000 Sq. Ft. Comprising in Part of Kharsia No. 6301/1, 631/1, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 665, 666, 667/1, 667/2, 669/1, 669/2, 669/3 has been sold/Mapassed by Present Smt. Krishna Pandey W/o Shri Mithesh Kumar Pandey Written intimation duly given in the Police Station, Purani Basti, Raipur (C.G.) for Lot of above previous two sale deeds presented Owner.
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (Enforcement of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditors, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Indian Overseas Bank Secured Creditors, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on For Serial No. 1); 22.03.2024 & For Serial No. 2 & 3); 27.03.2024 for recovery of outstanding dues specified below (along with further interest at contractual rates and rests, besides costs/charges incurred till the date of repayment in full) due to The Indian Overseas Bank, Branch- Bemetara, Branch- Kharsia & Branch- Chikhalputi the Secured Creditors.
E-AUCTION DATE: 22.03.2024 & 27.03.2024, Time: -12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
S. No. Name of the Account & Branch Description of Immovable Properties Outstanding dues (as per Sale Notice) Reserve Price Rs. EMD Rs. Date & Time of E-Auction
1. Borrowers- Mr. Ghanashyam Tiwari s/o Mr Basant Prasad and Mrs. Priyanka Tiwari W/o Mr. Ghanashyam Tiwari, Add- Kh. No. 333/1-2-3 (Part), Block No. A-2, Plot No. 77, P.H. No. 31, Samridhi Vihar Colony, Phase-II, Near Allon Public School, Berla Road, Mouza, Village Fari, R.N.M. Bemetara, Tehsil- Bemetara, District- Bemetara (C.G.) 491335. Branch: Bemetara. All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Residential House at Bemetara, Kh. No. 333/1-2-3 (Part), Block No. A-2, Plot No. 77, P.H. No. 31, Samridhi Vihar Colony, Phase-II, Near Allon Public School, Berla Road, Mouza, Village Fari, R.N.M. Bemetara, District- Bemetara (C.G.), Area 1280 sq.ft. In the name of Mr. Ghanashyam Tiwari and Mrs. Priyanka Tiwari. Bounded: North by: Plot No. A-76, South by: Plot No. A-78, East by: Road, West by: Plot No. A-67 Rs. 20,60,000.00/ - + Interest & other Charges. Rs. 14,80,000/- Rs. 1,48,000/- 22.03.2024 Time: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
2. Borrower - Mrs. Indu Varma and Mr. Mukesh Varma; Residential Add: Plot KH No 542/1 'A', Thakurdiya, Ward No 17, Kharsia, Raigarh 496661. All that piece and parcel of Residential house - Plot KH No 542/1 'A', at Thakurdiya, Ward No 17, P. C. No. - 22, Kharsia, Raigarh 496661. (Rakba 0.016 Hectare) in the name of Mrs. Indu Varma wife of Mr. Mukesh Varma. Bounded: North by - Home of Pradeep, South by - Land of Ajay, East by - Land of Holsay, West by - Road Rs. 22,61,567.00/ - + Interest & other Charges. Rs. 2,00,000/- Rs. 2,00,000/- 27.03.2024 Time: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
3. Borrower - M/s T. S. Traders (Proprietor Mr. Vijay Ghosal) and Guarantor - Mrs. Anita Ghosal, Both of their Address: EWS-32, Housing Board Colony, Bandha Para, Kondagaon, Chhatisgarh, India. All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Land and Building situated at Survey No. 1106/4, Plot No. 32, House No. EWS/32, Bandha Para, Housing Board Colony, Kondagaon, Tehsil- Kondagaon and District- Kondagaon, Chhatisgarh, PIN: 494226, measuring area 717.26 sq.ft. owned by Mrs. Anita Ghosal W/o Mr. Vijay Ghosal. Bounded as per deed: North by: Road, South by: Boundary Wall, East by: EWS 33, West by: EWS 31 Rs. 21,61,567.00/ - + Interest & other Charges. Rs. 14,34,000/- Rs. 1,43,400/- 27.03.2024 Time: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the service providers link https://www.mstcecommerce.com/aucactionhome/ibapi and link provided in Indian Overseas Bank, Branch- Bemetara, Branch- Kharsia & Branch- Chikhalputi, Secured Creditors website i.e. www.iob.in [https://www.iob.in/TenderDetails.aspx?Tendertype=E_Auction]
This may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 6(2)/Rule 8(6)/Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrowers and guarantors of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above mentioned date.
Date: 07.03.2024, Place: Bemetara, Kharsia & Chikhalputi Authorised Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

Missing child recovered after twenty days

Two women nabbed with illicit Mahua liquor

Excise Deptt intensifies patrolling in view of upcoming elections

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the missing child.

ASP (City) Abhishek Jha informed that on February 16, Old Bhilai Police received a complaint from Radha Singh (28) a resident of Housing Board Colony Dadar Road, Charoda.

Her son Lokesh Singh (12) left home that afternoon to visit a friend's place on bicycle but did not return back. On her

complaint, Police registered an abduction case under Section 363 of IPC.

On the instructions of SP Jitendra Shukla, a joint team of Old Bhilai Police Station and ACCU was deployed to search for the child. Police examined about 400 CCTV cameras of nearby localities and found the child crossing the Kumhari Toll Plaza on his bicycle.

Police examined the CCTV footages of locations and found the child travelling alone towards New Bypass Bilaspor Road, Dilbagh Dhaba, Simga, Dharsiwa, Saddu, Tilda Newra, Damakheda, Bhatapara, Maro, Nandghat, Patharia Turning and Mungeli Turning.

The child was seen returning back towards Raipur on the same night. Police searched the child at hotels, dhabas, temples, orphanages, hospitals, night shelter, bus stand, railway station, lodges, chowpatty, gardens, gurudwaras etc but the child was not found.

On March 05, Police spoke to the child on mobile phone after which he was recovered from Kedia Godown in Tatibandh. The child has been handed over to the family.

Bhilai, Mar 07: Excise Department arrested two women from different places on charges of illegally selling Mahua raw liquor.

Assistant Commissioner (Excise) Rajesh Jaiswal informed that they had received a tip off regarding smuggling and sale of illegal liquor in village Ghorari located in Ranitarai Police Station limits.

Acting on this tip off, the Excise Team rounded up two women and recovered illicit Mahua liquor from them. In the first case, 15 bulk litres of Mahua liquor (market value Rs 2250) was seized from the possession of accused Sarita Bai Banjare, wife of NogendraBanjare. Cases were registered against Section 34 (1) B of the Excise Act and are being investigated by



Excise Sub Inspector Harish Patel. It needs to be mentioned here that Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary has given instructions to take action against illegal transporta-

tion, possession and sale of liquor in view of upcoming Lok Sabha Elections. Accordingly, the Excise Department has intensified the patrolling and expedited action on the cases. They are maintaining vigil on suspects and crowded areas like railway stations, bus stations, traditional criminal routes, hotels, dhabas, etc.

Excise Sub-Inspector Priyank Thakur, Geetanjali Taram, Anamika Toppo, Excise Head Constable Dayaram Gote, drivers Durgesh and Nohar played a vital role in arresting the bootleggers.

- Footages of over 1000 CCTV cameras examined
- Child travelled over 160 kilometres alone on bicycle

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Bhilai, Mar 07: A 12-year-old child, who was missing from Charoda, has been recovered safely after twenty days. Initially, Police considered it to be a case of abduction. Actually, the child had run away from home due to some problem.

The child travelled almost 150 kilometres on bicycle and had taken shelter near a factory in Raipur. Durg Police examined footage of more than 1000 CCTV cameras and finally succeeded to find

Hiteshwari to utilise MVY assistance for studies

Old lady and granddaughter axed to death

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Bhilai, Mar 07: State government's ambitious Mahtari Vandan Yojana (MVY) would not only meet the petty needs of women but it is also becoming a means of fulfilling their bigger dreams. Women are planning to make the best use of the amount received under the scheme.

One such lady is Hiteshwari Verma of Bhilai. She is planning to use the money received from the scheme in her studies. Hiteshwari lives with her husband and two children. She was unable to fulfil her dream of becoming a teacher due to household chores. However, she manages to spare some time and conduct tuition



classes for the children of the locality. With the earnings of tuition and husband's help, she completed her graduation and post-graduation.

Hiteshwari loves teaching and wants to pursue the Diploma course in Education. She said that her education fees would

have added additional burden on her husband. Now with the money of Mahtari Vandan Yojana, she would be able to purchase the books. The MVY assistance would also reduce the burden of fees. Hiteshwari stated that this scheme will fulfill her dream of becoming a teacher.

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Bhilai, Mar 07: In a gruesome incident, an old lady and her teenage granddaughter were axed at village Ganiyari of Pulgaon Police Station limits in Durg.

The incident occurred on the intervening night of Thursday. Police have launched an investigation and the top cops have claimed that the blind double-murder mystery will be solved soon.

CSP (Durg) Chirag Jain informed that the deceased were identified as Rajbati Sahu (62) and her granddaughter Savita Sahu (17). Rajbati, her sons and their families reside in four different houses in village Ganiyari.

The entire family is basically involved in farm-



ing. Rajbati resided alone at her home and any one member of the family used to accompany her in the night. On Wednesday evening, her granddaughter Savita had come to sleep with her.

On Thursday morning,

other members of the family reached Rajbati's house and found her body lying in a pool of blood in the veranda. The girl was lying dead in a room.

On information, a police team reached the spot and the scene of

crime was cordoned off. The forensic experts conducted crime scene investigation and collected the evidence. After preparing for the inquest, the bodies were sent for autopsy.

CSP Jain said that the

lady and her granddaughter have been axed to death. There were multiple injuries on their heads and other parts of the body. Prima facie it appears that the unknown assailant trespassed into the house in the night and attacked the duo with an axe.

The family members and villagers are being quizzed and some suspects have been taken into custody.

After retirement, Rajbati's husband started working on contract basis in the Chhattisgarh Government Secretariat in Raipur. He visits home only on weekends and holidays. One of her sons is serving imprisonment for an offence under the POCSO Act. Police are exploring all possible angles in the case.

Village Risama achieves ODF status

Free Health Camp organised at village Kargadih

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 07: Under the Prime Minister's Swachh Bharat Mission scheme, a cleanliness campaign is being run across the district. Under this campaign, Gram Panchayat Risama has been made clean and green. Tree plantation and gardening have been done here. CCTV cameras have been installed in the Gram Panchayat for monitoring of cleanliness.

A community toilet has been constructed at a cost of Rs 2.20 lakh. Similarly, a segregation shed was constructed at a cost of Rs 3.64 lakh. The garbage collection is being done under MGNREGA.

The SwachhataDidis are being

paid Rs 16000 for cleaning of public places.

Dustbins have been placed for garbage collection at public places. Gram Panchayat Risama had received a grant of Rs 20 lakh. Trash bins were installed and Utensils Bank was started with this amount. Utensils Bank is preventing the use of single use plastic.

Rural people have started using steel utensils instead of single-use plastic on social, religious and cultural events in the village. As a result, plastic waste has reduced significantly. Utensils are provided free to very poor families, and a nominal fee has been fixed for the general category.

Sarpanch Geeta Mahanandan said that



teenage girls and women are being given information about the use of sanitary pads and its safe disposal. Besides, vending machines and incinerator machines have been installed in Government Middle School Risama and Panchayat Bhawan, so that there is no inconvenience in the use and disposal of sanitary pads.

For garbage collection, two tricycles and one e-rickshaw are available for the

sanitation workers to collect the garbage. The process of waste segregation and vermin-compost production is being done in the segregation shed.

In Gram Panchayat Risama, 3000 saplings have been planted in the railway station through MGNREGA. Dustbins have been installed here by the Gram Panchayat. Appreciating the cleanliness and beauty of the railway station prem-

ises, the Railway Board has named it as Green Railway Station. Risama Railway Station has become a symbol of cleanliness.

In the last decade only, people used to defecate on both sides of the roads. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, toilets were built in every house and an awareness campaign was conducted to make people aware about its use.

Earlier, the village suffered the outbreaks of cholera, diarrhoea and water-borne diseases every year. Now, the use of toilets has curbed the outbreak of such diseases. People started understanding this change and today Risama has become an open defecation free village.

Bhilai, Mar 07: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts several public welfare activities as part of its organizational social responsibility towards the community in and around its areas of operations. The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the Plant organised a one-day free Health Camp, at Model Steel Village Kargadih on March 05, 2024.

A total of 118 villagers, from Kargadih, availed free health services at the day-long Health Camp. Free medicines were also distributed to villagers attending the camp.

The Medical Team from the CSR department, comprising Dr Mala



Chaudhary, Medical Consultant, Firoza Joseph, Nurse, for Blood-Sugar and BP examination, Shashi Bhushan Rai, Pharmacist, and Shambhu Dayal, for registration, volunteered their services for the Medical Camp at Village Kargadih. Budhelal from the CSR department was also present during the Health Camp.

It is noteworthy that conducting Health Camps is

one of the prime initiatives, through which BSP's CSR Department has contributed substantially towards Public Health and medicine. The CSR Department of Bhilai Steel Plant, conducts health camps from time to time in the adjoining areas or mines, with the aim of ensuring adequate Medical and health facilities to the communities within which it works.

Women of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant: A Journey from Aspirations to Opportunities

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Mar 07: SAIL, a Maharatna Public Sector Undertaking, is known, not only as the leading steel producer of India but is also known for empowering its employees in all walks of life. Owing to this, the 'Great Place to Work' Certification was accorded to SAIL, which is a testament to its sustained focus on fostering a workplace of trust, collaboration, and employee empowerment.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, let us know about the sensitive yet strong, innocent yet fearless, gentle yet mature women of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant who are examples of women empowerment, both at their home and at the workplace. Through their sheer dedication and management skills, such women have displayed their unique ability to inspire society and have developed their dis-

tinct identities as role models for other women in society. Women of SAIL-BSP are leading various departments of the organization including Medical, Engineering, Mining, Operation, Planning, Projects, Sports, Education, Finance, and even the hazardous departments such as the Blast Furnaces.

Let's talk about the journey of personal and professional development of one such women employee of BSP, Neeraja Sharma, AGM (INCOS), who not only participated in the Chairman's Trophy for Young Managers (CTYM) but also dedicated herself to learning the intricacies and complexities of the steel sector during the research process.

She says, the pinnacle of her remarkable journey was to represent Bhilai Steel Plant at the SAIL level, where not only did she represent her institution, but also emerged victorious in the prestigious competi-



Neeraja Sharma



Smita Jain



Leena Warathe



Khilanjali Temre



Rajni Khosla

tion, with her dedication and hard work. This revealed various aspects of her capabilities that contributed to her overall personality and her approach toward challenges.

"The mantra that resonated with me throughout this journey was to give my best, regardless of the outcome. This mindset allowed me to focus on continuous improvement, by accepting challenges as opportunities to learn and grow further" Neeraja Sharma says.

Smita Jain, AGM (F & A) is another example of an empowered Women from the Plant.

Jain was selected and trained under the SAIL-level AANYA program, aimed at empowering women in all facets of life and fostering an environment that encourages personal and professional growth. It is noteworthy that only 27 women executives were selected for this innovative program by the SAIL management, and five among them were from Bhilai Steel Plant.

Smita Jain says, "My journey at Bhilai Steel Plant till now, has been full of memorable moments in terms of gaining experience as an em-

ployee, as well as gaining a platform for learning opportunities, for both professional and intellectual development. I am grateful to BSP for providing a supportive workplace with learning opportunities. "I have learned to be patient, organized, and a good team member, to lead, and to take important decisions at Bhilai Steel Plant.

I am grateful for all the experiences that have shaped me into the person I am today. BSP has not only provided me with a platform to excel but has also developed and elevat-

ed me into a better version of myself. It is also noteworthy that the women of our department have come together to break stereotypes and demonstrate the strength that comes from collaboration", Smita Jain said.

Leena Warathe, Asst Mgr (RCL) says that in the present context, women are now working shoulder to shoulder with men throughout the world. Despite several challenges at work, it is very important for every woman to develop their self-confidence and the ability to take appropriate decisions.

Therefore, we need to work and test ourselves in every field, and become self-reliant.

Khilanjali Temre, JO (RCL) says I am proud that I am serving the institution which has been an inseparable part of my life, and in whose township I grew up as a daughter of a Plant employee. Somehow or other I have always been associated with BSP, sometimes as a relative of a plant worker, or as a wife of a BSP-Employee, I have always felt proud in every role I played. That's why I say, "Let us all join hands to achieve excellent steel production and bring prosperity to both the Plant and the nation."

Rajni Khosla, MOCT (Instrumentation) believes that women are the pillars of strength in our society. Let us always support them and respect them, so that everyone can get equal opportunities and contribute to the development of the society as well as the country.

Indeed, women are the embodiment of strength and today there is no field or achievement left where women haven't contributed. On the occasion of International Women's Day dedicated to these women and issues related to them, SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant is organizing a special programme 'Shakti-2024'- a celebration of womanhood, for the Plant's women employees, at HRD Centre, on March 09, 2024, from 13:45 hrs to 17:30 hrs.

Several interesting activities shall be organized on this occasion, including a two-member team-based Quiz, a Speech Competition (Hindi or English) on the topic 'Elevation of women is not about the decline of men' and a poetry competition (Hindi or English) on 'Abhivyaakti'. All women employees of Bhilai Steel Plant are requested to participate in the programme in large numbers and make it successful.

Pakistan court extends stay order on oath-taking for candidates allotted reserved seat

Peshawar, Mar 07 (PTI):

A Pakistani high court on Thursday extended till March 13 the stay order on the oath-taking of those candidates who were allotted reserved seats in the National Assembly that ex-premier Imran Khan's party-backed SIC has claimed should have been given to it.

A two-member bench of the Peshawar High Court was hearing the case filed by the 71-year-old former prime minister Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)-backed Sunni Ittehad Council (SIC) about the allotment of reserved seats to women and

minority.

On Monday, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) ruled that former cricketer-turned-politician Khan's PTI-backed SIC is not eligible for the reserved seats allotted to women and minorities in Parliament and their share of seats should be allocated to other parties.

In its ruling, the ECP stated that the SIC could not claim the share in the reserved seats for the women "due to non-curable procedural and legal defects and violations of mandatory provisions of the Constitution."

After the February 8 general elections, almost

all 93 independently elected candidates backed by the PTI joined the right-wing SIC to receive its share of reserved seats for women and minorities.

A total of 266 seats of the lower House of Parliament were up for grabs out of the 336, while 60 seats were reserved for women and 10 for minorities. The reserved seats are allotted proportionately to the winning parties based on their numbers.

Hearing the case on Thursday, the PHC bench adjourned the case till March 13 and summoned the Attorney General for Pakistan, Mansoor Usman Awan, to appear before the

court on the next hearing.

On Wednesday, the PHC issued a stay order preventing members from swearing in on the reserved seats and directed the top electoral body to submit its response by Thursday.

Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), which initially had 107 seats in the National Assembly, got 15 out of the remaining 20 reserved seats for women and one out of the three remaining seats reserved for minorities after the distribution of reserved seats denied to the PTI-backed SIC.

PUTIN TALKS WITH FOREIGN STUDENTS



Russian President Vladimir Putin talks with foreign students studying in Russia, participants of the World Youth Festival at the Sirius Park of Science and Art outside Sochi, Russia.

India & Japan seek to make UN structure more contemporary: EAM Jaishankar

Tokyo, Mar 07 (PTI):

Asserting that India and Japan are powers central to Asia's multipolarity, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday that the two countries seek to make the UN structure more contemporary for the balance to remain in favour of freedom, transparency, and a rules-based order.

Jaishankar, who is in Tokyo for the second leg of his four-day visit to South Korea and Japan, also said that the world will watch how the two nations support each other in the shared goal through various relationships and initiatives.

Addressing the first Raisina Roundtable here, the minister called the United Nations the "most



Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanya Jaishankar, left, and his Japanese counterpart, Yoko Kamikawa, shake hands at their meeting at Iikura Guest House Thursday, March 7 in Tokyo.

universal expression of global" while underlining the need for reform in the

global organisation. The UN's "reform is of paramount importance.

As fellow members of the G4 grouping, India and Japan seek to make the UN structures more contemporary," he said.

"This is clearly an uphill task, but one in which we must persevere as two powers that are so central to multipolarity in Asia. It is also in our common interest that the overall balance remains in favour of freedom, openness, transparency, and a rules-based order," Jaishankar said.

There has been a growing demand to increase the number of permanent members in the Security Council to reflect the contemporary global reality, with India, Brazil, South Africa, Germany and Japan being strong contenders.

He said that the global order, which was created by the accumulation of po-

litical and economic rebalancing and accelerated by globalisation, is now reflected in emerging multipolarity. He added that the global order's structure has also frayed in many ways, "becoming less predictable or even less disciplined".

Jaishankar pointed out that it has become more challenging to reach a consensus between more players on the global stage, given the disorder in the world, as they do not agree on their inter se position.

"What we see in multilateralism, especially the UN, is both an expression of this as well as a cause," he said, adding that, resultantly, countries are turning increasingly to like-minded partners who gather together for a particular purpose.

Pakistani Army can't command respect being political decision maker: JUI-F's Fazlur Rehman

Lahore, Mar 07 (PTI):

The Pakistani Army cannot command respect being a political decision-maker, Maulana Fazlur Rehman, the chief of JUI-F has said and questioned its role in the alleged rigging of the February 8 polls that brought the PML-N-led government to power in the Centre and Punjab province.

Speaking to reporters on Wednesday, Rehman, who heads Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazlur (JUI-F), said that the Pakistani Army should strictly stick to its role as the defender of the country.

"The Army as a defender of Pakistan is respected, but not as a political decision-maker. I don't accept the February 8 elec-

toral mandate because of massive rigging. I hold those (military establishment) responsible who have done it, not those for whom (PML-N of Sharif) it was done," the cleric said.

The powerful Army, which has ruled Pakistan for more than half of its 75-plus years of existence, has wielded considerable power in matters of security and foreign policy.

The military establishment is facing scathing criticism, especially from jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and the JUI-F for allegedly stealing its mandate to install a hybrid government led by Shehbaz Sharif.

Khan, who has been in jail since August last year

and sentenced to 31 years in three cases, has termed the election manipulation "mother of all rigging".

He even called the International Monetary Fund to link the release of its financial assistance to Pakistan to the audit of the February polls.

JUI-F's Maulana Fazlur Rehman, who was part of the Shehbaz-led government for 16 months after toppling Khan's regime in April 2002, has announced sitting in the opposition in the current parliament.

"The military establishment sabotages the electoral process and interferes in the democratic procedures. The resolutions of Corps Commanders' Conference cannot deter criticism of it," he said.

Pakistan's external public debt rises by USD 1.2 billion in six months

Islamabad, Mar 07 (PTI):

Cash-strapped Pakistan's external public debt sharply rose by USD 1.2 billion in six months to USD 86.358 billion as of September 30, 2023, with the World Bank and China emerging as the largest multilateral and bilateral contributors to total disbursement, a government report has said.

Pakistan received total foreign inflows of USD 3.5 billion in July-September 2023 against loan repayments of USD 1.5 billion, resulting in a net inflow of USD 1.97 billion.

As of September 30, 2023, the total external public debt of the government was USD 86.358 bil-

lion," the first quarterly report on Foreign Economic Assistance (FEA) of the current fiscal year released on Wednesday by the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MEA) said.

Around 64 per cent of the total external public debt was obtained from multilateral and bilateral sources having concessional terms and longer maturity, according to a report in newspaper The Dawn that quoted the MEA.

The external public debt as of March 31, 2023, amounted to USD 85.18 billion. In comparison, the country had received USD 2.2 billion in loans and repaid USD 2.06 billion during the same period last

fiscal year (July-September 2022), leading to a net addition of USD 142 million.

The report also said Pakistan had signed new agreements worth USD 642 million in fresh commitments during the first quarter of the year and all new commitments had been funded by multilateral development partners.

International bonds and commercial loans could not be secured because of adverse market conditions following poor credit rating and resultantly unaffordable interest rates, it said.

This USD 3.538 billion FEA is in addition to USD 1.2 billion released by the International Monetary

Fund (IMF) on July 13 as the first tranche of the USD 3 billion Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) and USD 1 billion by the United Arab Emirates that are separately accounted for by the State Bank of Pakistan.

The World Bank (USD 306 million) and Islamic Development Bank (USD 100 million) were amongst the largest contributors among multilateral development partners while on the bilateral side, China emerged as the primary contributor to the total disbursements during the period disbursing USD 509m, followed by USD 300m from Saudi Arabia for import of oil and petroleum products.

Women make gains in changing job market

Melbourne, Mar 07 (PTI):

Women have mostly benefited from the polarisation of the workforce but the challenge is to keep those gains.

Despite the extensive gender pay gaps exposed in the release of Australian data last week, women have mostly benefited from big changes to the workforce in recent decades.

The loss of middle-skilled jobs, such as technicians, sheetmetal trades workers and industrial machine operators, means workers are now concentrated more in either high-or low-skilled occupations.

This polarisation of work has been driven since the 1980s by technological and economic changes, which led to the



disappearance of manufacturing jobs in developed economies.

Because of that, there has been a renewed discussion on how to return middle-wage manufacturing jobs to developed economies.

In the US, Donald Trump campaigned on repeated promises of returning manufacturing jobs to

been winners. This is because middle-skill jobs used to be mostly male-dominated jobs in manufacturing, construction, and mining.

As women gained more education they benefited from a rise in high-skilled jobs. As these highly educated women entered the workforce, they also purchased more services, such as childcare, cleaning and food, that replaced their own domestic labour.

So, from a rise in high-skilled jobs, the demand for low-skilled typical female-dominated jobs followed.

Based on my calculations using Australia's Jobs and Skills Australia data, the largest middle-income occupation (at a 1-digit ANZSCO occupation classification) are technicians and trades workers.

BIHARI INDIAN RESTAURANT



The 'Bihari Indian Restaurant' in Capetown, South Africa.

Pakistan gets first Sikh minister in Punjab province

Lahore, Mar 07 (PTI):

Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora, a three-term legislator, was on Thursday sworn in as a provincial minister, making him the first Sikh to occupy such a position in post-partition Punjab. Arora has been allotted the portfolio of minorities of Punjab province in Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif's cabinet, a report in Dawn.com said. Belonging to the former prime minister Nawaz Sharif-led Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party, Arora has returned to the Lahore provincial assembly for the third term after winning the February 8 polls. Hailing from the district of Narowal, Arora was also the first-ever Sikh member of the Punjab provincial assembly taking oath in 2013. Another member representing the Christian minority community of Punjab, Khaili Tahir Sindhu, has also been inducted into the Punjab cabinet and has been assigned the portfolio of human rights.

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4	70	Sanitary Pad Incinerator Machine With Smoke Control Unit	08-05-2024	1,00,000/-	
5	63/137	Pre School Kit (ISI Marked)	08-05-2024	1,00,000/-	
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10	55/123	Multimedia Projector	08-05-2024	1,00,000/-	

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Exploitation of Dreams

Safeguarding Indian Workers Abroad

In recent times, a distressing trend has emerged where vulnerable individuals from India are being lured into joining armed conflicts abroad under false pretenses. Whether it's as fighters in Russia or serving as a civilian shield in Israel, these individuals are being exploited by unscrupulous travel agents who prioritize profit over human lives. The hard work and dedication of Indian migrant workers have played a significant role in building prosperous cities in West Asia, while also contributing immensely to the economies of Europe and North America. Their peaceful demeanor, strong work ethic, and prudent financial management have made them exemplary models for migration worldwide. However, these very qualities have made them targets for exploitation by those seeking to profit from their desperation. The recent tragic incident involving Nibin Maxwell from Kerala, who lost his life in a missile attack while working on a farm at the Israel-Lebanon border, highlights the dangers faced by these unsuspecting individuals. Maxwell's death serves as a stark reminder of the risks involved when individuals are misled into dangerous situations far from home. Furthermore, reports of Taiwan's Labour Minister Hsu Ming-chun's discriminatory remarks regarding Indian laborers from northeastern states raise additional concerns. Such prejudiced attitudes only exacerbate the vulnerability of Indian workers abroad and underscore the urgent need for robust government policies to protect their rights and safety. It is imperative for India's External Affairs, Home, and Labour ministries to collaborate on developing a comprehensive policy to prevent the exploitation of Indian workers abroad. This policy should include establishing government-to-government arrangements for the granting of work visas to ensure transparency and accountability in overseas employment opportunities. Additionally, foreign nations, such as Israel and Russia, must be held accountable for their roles in enticing Indian workers into perilous situations. Israel's practice of replacing Palestinian workers with vulnerable recruits from India's northeastern states and Russia's attempts to trap unsuspecting job seekers demand condemnation and diplomatic intervention. Indian workers should never be treated as expendable pawns in geopolitical conflicts or economic exploitation. It is incumbent upon the Indian government to prioritize the safety and well-being of its citizens abroad and take decisive action to prevent them from becoming mere cannon fodder in conflicts not of their making. Let us value human lives over profit margins and safeguard the dignity and rights of all Indian workers, both at home and abroad.

The Untouched Soul

Dr. Mahima Gautam

During my Prayer,
I felt blessed,
All of a sudden,
My Heart was Broken;

Never realized that,
I will get hurt soon,
As usual it always,
Happens one after another;

Sometimes no limit,
The Frequency of Happening,
But that day,
What happened to me;

I never Thought,
That Pain it will occur,
The First Day of Navratra,
I kept my Patience;

But then too I replied,
My Voice and I,
Put my words,
But I was asked;

To Keep Quiet,
Then Only the Life,
Living Together will continue,
The Other Meaning;

That Be Always Dumb,
Don't share your Feelings,
Whatever the issues,
Let it go;

The Family First,
Sacrifice Your Wishes,
Being a woman,
Made to realize;

Never I run away,
From my Duties,
From my Responsibilities,
But no Understanding;

At last,
Being a woman,
Touched my Heart,
Suffer but not to lead;

Now I am Unspoken,
Unheard or Ignored,
To Be Happy,
Blessed Always;
This Navratra !

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PEOPLE AT PM'S VENUE



People gather at the venue of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Viksit Bharat, Viksit Jammu & Kashmir' programme, in Srinagar, Thursday, March 7.

Women Leading the Way Towards the Economy of Equality



DHUWARAKHA SRIRAM



Over the last decade, India has made significant strides in enhancing Women's Labor Force Participation Rate (WLFPR). The transformative potential of increasing women's, and especially young women's participation in the workforce is immense, promising not only to bolster economic growth but also to catalyze societal change. Interestingly, the increase in WLFPR over the last decade might be more significant than the increase observed over the last century, reflecting broader socio-economic changes, policy interventions, and shifts in societal norms regarding women's work. The Defining Decade for Women's Labor Force Participation India has implemented numerous initiatives and policies to bolster women's employment, reflecting significant progress in promoting gender balance in the workforce. Key initiatives include Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, aimed at prioritizing women entrepreneurs by providing unsecured loans to start small businesses. Additionally, the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign has been instrumental in improving the educational status of girls, directly impacting their future employment prospects. These efforts, combined with corporate

policies to ensure workplace safety and diversity, illustrate a comprehensive approach to dismantling barriers for women in the labor market. The Periodic Labor Force Survey (PLFS) indicates an increase in women's workforce participation by 13.9 percent with 22 percent in 2017-18 to 35.9 percent in 2022-23. This promising trend is a testament of heightened political and bureaucratic (public), corporate (private), and young women's will. As the largest youth population in the world, here in India, gears up for economic opportunities, it is important to further strengthen this Public-Private-Youth ecosystem and include young women as equal partners to inform policy making at the highest level. The Catalytic Role of Ministry of Labor and Employment's (MoLE) Advisory In light of improving the WLFPR, MoLE's efforts towards bringing together a task force with representation from government, civil society, industry associations, and multilateral agencies is commendable. What emerged as a critical outcome from these taskforce discussions was compiled as an advisory for employers titled 'Ensuring Equality, Empowerment for

Women', which reinforces the power of a collaborative approach among stakeholders. It underscores the importance of creating conducive work environments, equitable wage practices, and ensuring health and safety standards specifically tailored to the needs of women in the workforce.

Breaking Barriers

By recommending measures such as flexible work hours and childcare facilities, the advisory aims to address some primary constraints that limit women's participation in the labor market. The importance of provisions for gender neutral creches and Women's working hubs has been emphasized equally for construction workers,

migrant workers and women working in micro, medium and small enterprises. Social barriers towards mobility and child-bearing are the two most important factors that deter young women from entering and re-entering the workforce. To fulfil the vision of women working hubs/hostels with attached creche and senior care facilities, as outlined in the advisory, collaborative efforts between the Government and private sector will be crucial.

This will involve building quality infrastructure with world-class facilities with provisions of safety, security, healthcare, nurturing young women as agents of change and choices, and strengthening abilities to take their own decisions. Support from civil society and multilateral agencies will bolster the behavioral shift for communities and families to consider these centers as a place for young women to pursue their aspirations towards economic empowerment. With COVID-19 changing the

way we perceive workplaces, and more jobs transitioning to hybrid and remote, technology can be a game changer in eliminating the nuances of a traditional workplace. Provision for flexible opportunities for all genders including teleworking facilities, has been highlighted in the advisory to reinforce the fact that caregiving should be a collective responsibility and women do not drop off from employment due to the disproportionate burden of caregiving falling on them.

These developments suggest a progressive, though challenging, path towards greater economic empowerment of women, highlighting the need for continued policy focus and social change to sustain and enhance these gains.

Women Will Score the Century

As India stands at the cusp of a demographic dividend, unlocking the potential of its female workforce is a matter of social justice and a strategic economic imperative. The advisory from MoLE, along with concerted efforts from all sectors of society, offers a blueprint for action. The journey ahead is challenging, but the rewards—economic resilience, societal well-being, and the fulfillment of human potential—are within reach, making the endeavor not just necessary but essential for India's ascent on the global stage. By embracing these recommendations and committing to sustained efforts to enhance WLFPR, India can chart a course towards inclusive social and economic equality, and a brighter future for all its citizens. The 'heroes' leading economic development for India@100 are indeed the Saksham Naaris.

(Writer is Chief of YuWaah at UNICEF India)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Corruption Immunity

In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled against immunity for corrupt lawmakers, citing the erosion of democracy's foundation. Overruling a 1998 decision, the court emphasized that Articles 105 and 194 of the Constitution, granting immunity, don't shield bribery. Notably, the judgment aims to curb money power in legislative practices, appreciated even by the Prime Minister. The court deemed bribery a criminal act, irrespective of subsequent legislative actions, underlining its adverse impact on public interest and parliamentary democracy. This verdict marks a pivotal shift, aiming to uphold probity and transparency in public life, signaling a significant step towards curbing legislative malpractices and ensuring accountability among lawmakers.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

Transparency Demand

Criticism mounts against the State Bank of India (SBI) for seeking an extension to compile data on electoral bonds, questioning its commitment to transparency. The delay, seen as detrimental to the Lok Sabha elections, sparks concerns about SBI's accountability to society. Critics argue that SBI's reluctance aligns with political interests, possibly shielding donor details and benefiting specific parties like the BJP. The contrast with swift data releases, such as GST collections, raises eyebrows, emphasizing the urgency for electoral transparency. Failure to comply with the Supreme Court's directive is deemed a threat to India's democratic fabric, urging strict enforcement to safeguard constitutional principles and democracy's integrity.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

Prioritizing progress

Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif faces criticism for his focus on Kashmir amid his second term, drawing comparisons with Gaza. His recent call in the National Assembly for Kashmiri freedom disappoints, as PM Narendra Modi's terse congratulatory message signals India's stance. Rather than perpetuating tensions with India, Shehbaz should prioritize Pakistani welfare over Kashmir rhetoric.

MK Nair Raipur

Terrorism Continues

Despite leadership changes, like 'Shehbaz in the saddle,' Pakistan's political turmoil persists, with the military wielding significant influence regardless of election outcomes. Rampant corruption and economic turmoil plague the nation, prompting leaders to rely on nationalism to divert attention from governance failures. Amidst this, hopes for curbing cross-border terrorism remain bleak, reflecting a concerning trend in the region.

Shiv Kumar Mishra

Significance of Mahashivratri in modern scientific era



Dr. Manmohan P. Shrivastava

The glory of Shiva is infinite in Indian culture. Many religious texts of Sanatan Dharma explain his glory in different ways. In fact, it is impossible to understand completely and describe the glory of Shiva. Shiva is Mahadev among the gods and is worshipped by every Sanatani. Every form of Shiva is an example of the art of living life happily for humans. Shivratri is the day to know the qualities of Shiva and follow them in life.

The festival of Mahashivratri is celebrated on Chaturdashi of Krishna Paksha of Phalgun month. It is believed that on the night of this day, Lord Shiva incarnates from

formless form to form of Linga, saves the universe from the poison of Halahal and got married with Goddess Parvati. Due to weeding anniversary of Parvati and Shiva this day is celebrated with joy, happiness, enthusiasm and chanting the Shiva's mantra. Shiva's marriage anniversary gives the message to every human being that marriage is such a sacred sacrament, a bond in which man and woman become partners in each other's happiness and sorrow and become the cause of creation. Science also says that both (male and female/hasband and wife) have equal contribution in creation (child birth). Child rearing is good only when both understand their roles, responsibilities and discharge them properly. The Ardhnanarishwar form of Shiva also considers man and woman as complementary to each other, propounds the importance of reciprocity, talks about equal responsibility, equal rights, emphasizes on gender equality and propounds the importance of family. They teach the children that in this world, it is the first responsibility of every son/daughter to respect and honor their parents and keep

them happy, considering them above all else. That is why Shiva considered the three circumambulation of Shiva-Parvati by his younger child Shri Ganesh as equal to the circumambulation of the three worlds. Through this incident, he also gave a specific message that a person must use his intelligence and discretion while performing the given work/duties. By using the same, a person can save both labor and time and generate the innovative ideas. He set an example for best selection by giving preference to intelligence and knowledge over seniority or age.

Lord Shiva, on the very day of Shivratri, took the Halahal poison released during the churning of nectar to protect the world and stopped it in his throat and was called Neelkanth. This incident gives the message that those who are capable and are seated at the highest level, consider themselves to be protectors of the needy people. Even if people use poisonous language i.e. indecent language.

Shiva is a benefactor, hence his message is that every human being should keep working for the welfare of the needy people as per his capacity and resources.

Mahadev talks about equanimity, social harmony and is also an equanimist himself. In today's era, having these three in the conduct and behavior of every human being is necessary for the progress of the country. That is why among the major devotees of Lord Shiva is the demon Ravana, the god Shani, and also the sage Kashyap. The Ganas include Bhairav, Veerbhadra, Manibhadra, Chandis, Nandi, Shringi, Bhagirithi, Shail, Gokarna, Ghantakarna, Jai, Vijay, Pishach, demons, snakes, animals etc. At the same time, Lord Vishnu and Brahma also appear to be devotees of Shiva. It is mentioned that the two divine incarnations born on earth, Shri Ram and Shri Krishna, worshiped Lord Shiva for the accomplishment of their work. This proves that where there is distribution of work, where tasks and those who perform them are defined, there is no small or big but coordination is necessary, it is important to achieve the goal.

Mount Kailash is considered to be the abode of Lord Shiva. Mountains are parts of nature. Which advises humans to live life in co-existence with nature. Co-existence also pro-

pounds the importance of natural balance along with the flourishing of all living beings (plants, animals). Nature can flourish by remaining balanced in its natural form only when there is no unnecessary human interference in it, that is, resources are not exploited more than necessary and they are kept pollution free.

Lord Shiva's attire gives the message of adopting simplicity in life and advises to avoid ostentation. The cremation ashes on Shiva's body point to the ultimate truth of the mortal body. It teaches both the poor and the rich to keep doing good deeds in his/her human life. At the same time, Shiva's meditation posture advises humans to do penance/sadhana/meditation so that the mind can be focused on the goal as well as remain focused, truthful and religious.

Therefore, celebrating Shivaratri with joy and happiness will be meaningful only when a person learns to live with limited resources while worshipping Mahadev, learns to live for others, learns to reduce wastage, gives importance to nature along with family, society and country.

BRIEF

Road inspection



Mumbai: Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Thursday inspected ongoing construction of the Mumbai coastal road here. Mumbai district guardian minister Deepak Kesarkar, suburban district guardian minister Mangalprabhat Lodha and municipal commissioner Iqbal Singh Chah al accompanied Shinde as he visited the stretch of the road between Worli and Marine Drive. Later, he reviewed cement concretisation of roads in Worli and Dadar areas, and directed officials and concerned agencies to complete the work before monsoon.

Unclaimed deposits

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank on Tuesday said 30 banks are facilitating people to search their unclaimed deposits/accounts through UDAM portal, and the remaining banks are in the process of getting on-boarded. UDAM - Unclaimed Deposits-Gateway to Access inforMation - is an online portal developed by RBI. It facilitates the registered users to search unclaimed deposits/accounts across multiple banks in one place in a centralised manner. All unclaimed deposits/accounts that are part of the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund of RBI can be searched in the UDAM portal.

Appointment

New Delhi: JSW Steel on Wednesday said that it has appointed Robert Simon as Chief Executive Officer of JSW, USA. In his role, he will lead the overall business in the USA, comprising slab, coil, pipe and plate production, and sales at Baytown and Mingo Junction, the company said in a statement. Before joining JSW USA, Simon consulted with several companies, including OmniTrax in Denver, Colorado, and also served as the chairman of the Steel Manufacturers Association in the USA, according to the statement.

Vaishnaw launches NITI Aayog's digital public infra platform

New Delhi, Mar 07:

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday launched government think tank NITI Aayog's platform 'NITI For States', a digital public infrastructure for policy and governance. Vaishnaw, the Minister of Communication, Railways and Electronics & IT, also inaugurated the 'Viksit Bharat Strategy Room' at NITI Aayog. The 'Viksit Bharat Strategy Room' will enable visualization and engagement with insights, sharing of information and knowledge to enable effective in-person decision-making.

A multi-sectoral live repository of 7,500 best practices, 5,000 policy documents, over 900 datasets, 1,400 data profiles, and 350 NITI publications will be part of the new platform, according to an official statement. The knowledge products on the platform



span 10 sectors, including agriculture, education, energy, health, livelihoods and skilling, manufacturing, MSME, tourism, urban, water resources and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) across two cross-cutting themes - gender and climate change. The platform will equip government officials with robust, contextually relevant, and actionable knowledge and insights, thereby enhancing the quality of their decision-making, the statement said. It will also support

port district collectors and block-level functionaries by giving them access to innovative best practices across various states and Union Territories, the statement added.

The 'Viksit Bharat Strategy Room' is an interactive space where users will be able to visualise data, trends, best practices and policies in an immersive environment and make a holistic assessment of any problem statement.

It also allows users to interact through voice-enabled AI, and connect to multiple stakeholders through video conferencing. It is designed to become a plug-and-play model to enable replication at state, district and block levels.

Various government organizations have collaborated in this initiative by NITI Aayog. It includes iGOT (Integrated Government Online

Training) Karmayogi - an online platform for skill training.

NITI Aayog's National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP), has also been integrated with the platform to make various datasets accessible to policymakers.

National E-Governance Division (NeGD) has extended support to develop the Viksit Bharat Strategy Room while the multi-lingual support has been provided by Bhashini. PM GatiShakti BISAG-N team, with the support of DPIIT, has also been integrated for providing the geospatial tool for area-based planning. Meanwhile Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday made a case for reforming economic laws to suit India's growth requirement as has been done through enactment of three new criminal laws to replace the colonial-era legislations.

Centre willing to procure jute and cotton crop if prices fall below MSP: Goyal

New Delhi, Mar 07:

The government is willing to procure the harvest of jute and cotton from farmers if the market price is lower than the Minimum Support Price (MSP), Union Minister Piyush Goyal said. The minister further said that the Centre is working towards increasing the production of jute and cotton and is willing to provide quality seeds and fertilisers for quality produce to fulfil the vision of farm to foreign exports. The Union Minister for Textiles, Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution and Commerce & Industry made the remarks during his interaction with beneficiaries of the Textile Sector here as he also urged them to be vocal for local. "Be vocal for local and take local to global. That's the clarion call from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to showcase our products on the world stage", Goyal said.

The minister further noted that ramping up tex-



tile production in the country will spur income, open up employment opportunities and play a vital role in making the country 'Atmanirbhar' as well. He urged the artisans to register their businesses on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM). Goyal also said he has instructed GeM to register all artisans and weavers connected with handicraft and handloom without any registration fee. "Registering on the e-marketplace will boost the visibility of artisans and help promote businesses enhancing their income," said Goyal. He further said

that the government would try to facilitate the GeM-registered businesses to be on-boarded on major e-commerce websites in the country and push for registering their businesses on foreign websites prioritising handicraft and handloom. The minister noted that the support of the officials to the handicraft and handloom businesses, especially small enterprises, would help them create an identity through their craft on the GeM website, the Textiles Ministry stated. With a special emphasis on promoting the 'Made in India' initiative, Goyal urged the officials to devise ways for the handicraft beneficiaries to gain from the 'Handmade in India' label and register greater income on their products. The Minister noted that businesses selling machine-made products under the 'Handmade in India' label should be penalised and said that the government would take firm action to protect the handicraft and handloom sectors.

PM Modi to present first ever National Creators Award



New Delhi, Mar 07:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will present the first ever National Creators Award at the Bharat Mandapam on Friday, his office said, noting that it has been envisioned as a launch pad for using creativity to drive positive change.

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in a statement said that the award is an effort to recognise excellence and impact across domains, including storytelling, social change advocacy, environmental sustainability, education and gaming. "The National Creator Award has witnessed exemplary public engagement. In the first round, more than 1.5 lakh nominations across 20 different categories were received. Subsequently, in the voting round, about 10 lakh votes were cast for digital creators in various award categories. Following this, 23 winners, including three international creators, were decided," it said. This overwhelming public engagement is testimony that the award truly reflects the people's choice, it added.

Sensex, Nifty edge higher to settle at fresh lifetime highs; metal, FMCG shares shine

Mumbai, Mar 07:

Benchmark Sensex and Nifty edged higher to close at fresh record highs on Thursday driven by gains in metal and FMCG shares amid firm global trends and foreign fund inflows. In a highly volatile trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex advanced 33.40 points or 0.05 per cent to settle at a new peak of 74,119.39. During the day, it jumped 159.18 points or 0.21 per cent to hit an all-time high of 74,245.17. The broader Nifty rose by 19.50 points or 0.09 per cent to close at a record 22,493.55. During the day, it climbed 51.6 points or 0.22 per cent to an all-time high of 22,525.65.



"Equity benchmark indices edged higher after hitting a record high amid a firm trend in the US market and FII inflows," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said. Faster-than-expected economic growth for the current fiscal year boosted sentiments for metal and capital goods stocks, Nair said. Among Sensex firms, Tata Steel rose the most by 3.9 per cent. JSW Steel gained 2.09 per cent, Tata

Motors by 2.14 per cent, Bajaj Finserv by 2 per cent, and Bajaj Finance by 1.71 per cent. Asian Paints, ITC and Nestle were also among the major gainers. Mahindra & Mahindra, Reliance Industries, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank and Power Grid were among the laggards. In the broader market, the BSE small-cap gauge climbed 0.70 per cent and midcap index spurred by 0.39 per cent. Among the indices, metal jumped 1.36 per cent, capital goods climbed 1.05 per cent. Commodities (1 per cent), FMCG (0.98 per cent), telecommunication (0.98 per cent) and industrials (0.93 per cent) also advanced.

Tata Motors to hike commercial vehicle prices by up to 2 pc from April



New Delhi, Mar 07:

Tata Motors on Thursday said it will increase prices of its commercial vehicles by up to 2 per cent from April 1, 2024. The price increase is to offset the residual impact of the past input costs, the auto major said in a state-

ment. While the price increase will vary as per individual model and variant, it will be applicable across the entire range of commercial vehicles, it added. Tata Motors is a leading manufacturer of commercial vehicles, including trucks and buses, in India.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Contestants of the 71st Miss World pageant pose for photos during celebrations of International Women's Day at Jio Convention Centre, in Mumbai, Thursday, March 7, 2024.

Passenger vehicles industry to grow up to nine per cent this fiscal: ICRA

Kolkata, Mar 07:

The domestic passenger vehicle (PV) market is estimated to grow by six to nine per cent in the current financial year over the preceding fiscal, according to ratings firm ICRA. In absolute terms, the PV industry will clock a sales figure of 4.2 million units in the current fiscal. The report said that dealer inventories remain high despite strong retail sales, and the pace of growth is expected to taper off in the coming financial year.

ICRA said that during the recently concluded festive season, retail sales grew six per cent year-on-year. The inventory levels in the industry remain high at 50 to 55 days at the end of



January 2024. The utility vehicle (UV) segment continued to expand led by a shift in customer preferences coupled with a slew of product launches. The demand for the entry car segment remained muted, the report said. The availability of alternative fuels like CNG and electricity is steadily on the rise aided by the introduction of new models. The capital expenditure outlay for the original equivalent manufacturers (OEM) is estimated to remain high over the next few fiscal, the report said.

Rupee jumps 10 paise to settle at 82.73 against US dollar

Mumbai, Mar 07:

Rising for the second straight session, the rupee climbed 10 paise to settle at 82.73 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, tracking a weak American currency against major crosses overseas and a positive trend in equity markets.

Besides, foreign fund inflows and falling crude oil prices boosted the local currency, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the domestic unit opened slightly up at 82.82 and gained further ground to touch the intraday peak of 82.72 against the greenback. The currency finally settled at 82.73 (provisional), up 10 paise from its previous close. On Wednesday, the rupee settled 7 paise higher at 82.83 against the US dollar.

MG Motor India strengthens its EV Portfolio

Mumbai, Mar 07:

MG Motor India announced the strengthening of its EV portfolio to make MG EVs more accessible in Wow value proposition. The carmaker introduces 'Excite Pro' - a new variant of its flagship EV - MG ZS with Dual Pane Panoramic Sky Roof at an attractive price of INR 19.98 Lakh. MG Motor India also launches MG Comet with fast charging* option in two new variants - Excite and Exclusive. The range of Smart EV - MG Comet starts at INR 6.98 Lakh.

The futuristically designed MG ZS EV offers a good on-road appearance,



driving convenience, spacious and luxurious plush interiors. It is available in Executive, Excite Pro, Exclusive Plus, and Essence, at a wow starting price of INR 18.98 Lakh (ex-showroom), making it the attractive value proposition for our EV enthusiast. The India's first Electric SUV offers a power-packed electric mobility experience with more than 75+ connected features and the largest in-segment 50.3 kWh

Prismatic cell IP69K Rated, ASIL-D & UL2580 battery, with 461 km certified range in a single charge, making it a cost-effective mobility solution. The ZS EV offers first in segment digital key locking, unlocking which allows the customer to start and drive the car without the physical key. It also comes with ADAS Level 2 to enhance the driving experience and safety of the passengers.

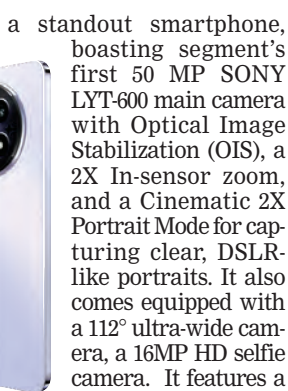
The newly introduced MG Comet variants Excite FC and Exclusive FC will come with fast charging options at an attractive price of INR 8.23 Lakh and INR 9.13 Lakh (ex-showroom) respectively.

Realme launches 12 Series 5G starting from Rs 16,999

New Delhi, Mar 07:

Realme, India's Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider, announced the launch of the realme 12 Series 5G today. The realme 12 Series 5G introduces two standout smartphones: the realme 12+ 5G and the realme 12 5G, and marks a significant milestone in realme's journey, aligning with its revamped strategy 'Make it real' and a refreshed brand identity that resonates with young users.

Offering the PLUS experience and raising the standard of mid-range smartphones, the realme 12+ 5G is



a standout smartphone, boasting segment's first 50 MP SONY LYT-600 main camera with Optical Image Stabilization (OIS), a 2X In-sensor zoom, and a Cinematic 2X Portrait Mode for capturing clear, DSLR-like portraits. It also comes equipped with a 112° ultra-wide camera, a 16MP HD selfie camera. It features a 120Hz Ultra-Smooth AMOLED Display, and 67W SUPER VOOC charging and a massive 5000mAh battery for long-lasting use. It also houses notable features like storage and dynamic RAM of up to 256 GB, and IP54 dust and water resistance.

Lord's Mark Industries, Unnat Bharat take off E Smart Clinic Project Pan India

Mumbai, Mar 07:

Lords Mark Industries Ltd, a leading manufacturer of IVD products, in collaboration with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, a National Programme by the Government of India, under the initiation of FITT (Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer) (Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer), IIT Delhi for the implementation of the ground-breaking E Smart Clinic project aimed at revolutionizing healthcare access in rural India. The project was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi at AIIMS Rajkot.

The initiative stems from an exclusive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)



signed between Lords Mark Industries, and Unnat Bharat Abhiyan at IIT Delhi on February 22, 2024.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. ManavTeli, Executive Director, Lord's Mark Industries Ltd, "I am thrilled to witness the culmination of our collaborative efforts with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan in introducing the ground-breaking E Smart Clinic project.

This initiative underscores our commitment to innovation and accessibility in healthcare, empowering individuals across rural India with cutting-edge diagnostics and expert medical consultations at an unprecedented affordability. We believe this marks a significant step towards realizing our vision of inclusive and equitable healthcare for all citizens."



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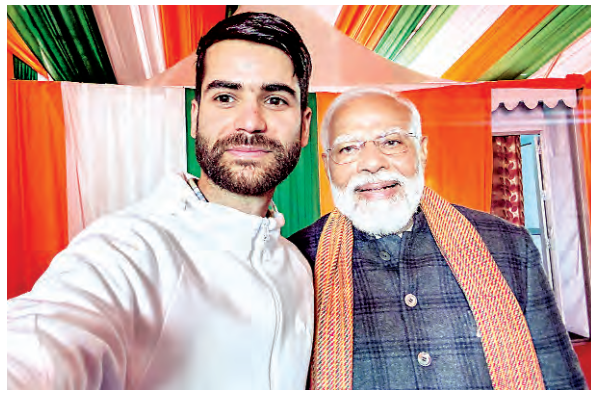
PM Modi takes selfie with Kashmiri youth, calls him 'friend'

Srinagar, Mar 07 (PTI):

It was a dream-come-true moment for Kashmiri youth Nazim Nazeer on Thursday as Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only took a selfie with him but also referred to him as a "friend".

Nazeer, who has set up a successful beekeeping unit, was one of the few achievers selected to interact with Modi after his public rally at the Bakshi stadium here. During their interaction, he expressed his wish for taking a selfie with Modi.

The prime minister later posted a tweet along with the selfie with Nazeer. "A memorable selfie with my friend Nazim. I was impressed by the good work he's



PM Modi with Nazim, a resident of J&K's Pulwama district, during the 'Viksit Bharat, Viksit Jammu & Kashmir' programme, in Srinagar, Thursday.

doing. At the public meeting he requested a selfie and was happy to meet him. My best wishes for his future endeavours," Modi wrote on X. While lauding the efforts of the

young boy from Pulwama district, Modi said he has brought a "sweet revolution" in the beekeeping sector. "We have heard of green revolution and white revolution but you

have brought about sweet revolution," Modi said after listening to Nazeer's story. Nazeer said he started his beekeeping venture with two boxes as a hobby but soon availed a government scheme to increase the number of boxes to 25.

"The first extraction was 75 kg which earned me Rs 60,000. I took a PMEGP loan of Rs 5 lakh and added 200 boxes. The yield was good and through online marketing, we sold around 5000 kg of honey," he said.

He said he has now increased the number of boxes to 2000 and added 100 more youths to his beekeeping venture. "We got FPO membership in 2023. Now we earn Rs 1 lakh per stall at different exhibitions," he added.

PROTEST OVER WATER CRISIS



Kannada actress Tara with residents of Bharathi Nagar area stages a protest over water crisis in the city, in Bengaluru, Thursday.

'Bengaluru blast suspect changed clothes, travelled by bus'

Bengaluru, Mar 07 (PTI):

Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara on Thursday said sleuths investigating into the blast at the city's popular eatery 'The Rameshwaram Cafe' last week have got certain "good leads", as the prime suspect changed his clothes after the incident, and travelled by a bus.

He said the suspect is said to have travelled towards the district headquarters town of Tumakuru by a bus after the explosion, and offi-



G Parameshwara

cial are following the leads and verifying his movement till Ballari.

Investigation into March one blast, caused

by an Improvised Explosive Device, at the quick-service eatery in Brookfield area in information technology corridor in east Bengaluru that left ten people injured, is being carried by the National Investigation Agency, which is being assisted by the Central Crime Branch of the Bengaluru police.

"We have got more important leads, as to the direction in which he (suspect) has gone and him having changed his clothes. Some information cannot be revealed.

RELECTIONS OF WOMANHOOD

Art exhibition to address women's rights on Int'l Women's Day

New Delhi, Mar 07 (PTI): A multi-disciplinary art exhibition, featuring works by the likes of Anjolie Ela Menon, FN Souza, Krishen Khanna, Ram Kumar, Biman Dasgupta, Shobha Broota and Rini Dhumal, aims to address issues faced by women across the world, including disparity in education, employment, and gender inequality.

Collectively organised by Pioneer Art Gallery, Divine Art Gallery with digital partner Ehsaas, the art exhibition, titled "Reflections of Womanhood", will open at the respective galleries on Friday to mark the 'International Women's Day'.

The show will feature paintings, sculptures, photography, installation and printmaking to put forward the imagery of "silent artworks narrating tales of millions of women across the globe". "The show celebrates not only women but also everything feminine from mother earth, to life and all the way to the inception of the universe with Shiva and Shakti," the organisers said in a statement. Curated by Manisha Gawade, the exhibition will feature works by 54 artists who have narrated "tales of courage, love and dedication of countless women on their canvases and sculptures".

'Commercial services in newly-launched Metro railway sections soon'

Kolkata, Mar 07 (PTI):

The Kolkata Metro Railway will start commercial operations in seven to 10 days in the three sections inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, including the Howrah Maidan-Esplanade section that boasts of the country's first underwater transportation tunnel, an official said on Thursday. Modi inaugurated on Wednesday Kolkata Metro Railway's Howrah Maidan-Esplanade, Kavi Subhash-Hemanta Mukhopadhyay and the Taratala-Majerhat metro sections. "Commercial services will commence in all the three sections within seven to 10

days," Metro Railway spokesperson Kaushik Mitra told PTI. The Howrah Maidan-Esplanade section of the East-West Metro corridor has the first transportation tunnel under "any mighty river in India". It passes under the River Hooghly, on the east and west banks of which are situated Kolkata and Howrah cities, respectively. The 4.8 km stretch between Howrah Maidan and Esplanade is the second section of the East-West Metro corridor between Howrah Maidan and Information Technology hub Salt Lake Sector V which will have commercial operations. With this, only the Esplanade-

Sealdah stretch of the East-West alignment is left to be completed.

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