

Taxiing IndiGo plane grazes Air India aircraft

Kolkata, Mar 27 (PTI): In a bizarre accident at the Kolkata airport on Wednesday, an IndiGo aircraft grazed the wings of an Air India Express plane, leading to both aircraft sustaining damage on their wings, officials said.

Launching a probe, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) de-

rostered the IndiGo pilots involved in the accident, they said. The accident occurred on the taxiway near the runway of the airport around 11 am, sources at the airport said.

The Air India Express aircraft was scheduled to fly to Chennai from Kolkata, while the IndiGo aircraft was supposed to travel to Darbhanga.

No interim relief for Kejriwal

HC to hear plea on Apr 03

New Delhi, Mar 27 (PTI): The Delhi High Court on Wednesday refused to interfere with the arrest of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a money laundering case linked to the excise policy 'scam'.

Justice Swaraj Kanta Sharma issued notice on the AAP leader's petition challenging his arrest and the subsequent remand to the ED's custody, and asked the agency to file its response to it as well as his plea for interim relief of release before

'Delhi govt will not be run from jail'

The Delhi government will not be run from jail, Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena said on Wednesday in the backdrop of statements by AAP leaders that Arvind Kejriwal will continue as chief minister even if he is behind bars. Replying to a query, the Delhi LG said, "I can assure the people of Delhi that the government will not be run from jail." Kejriwal issued his second work order from ED's custody on Tuesday instructing Health Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj to ensure that medicines and tests are available to people at all government hospitals and Mohalla Clinics.

April 2. The judge, in the order, clarified the matter would be taken up for final disposal on April 3 and no adjournment shall be granted.

"This Court deems it appropriate to issue notice of the main writ petition as well as application for grant of interim re-

lief, returnable on 03.04.2024," the court said.

"The Directorate of Enforcement will ensure that replies are filed to the main petition as well as the application for interim release of the petitioner by 02.04.2024 and copies of the same are provided in digitized

form as well as hard copy to the learned counsel for the petitioner," ordered the court. Kejriwal, who was arrested on March 21 and subsequently remanded to the ED's custody till March 28 by a Delhi court, sought his immediate release on the ground that the arrest was illegal.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Kejriwal, contended the arrest of a sitting chief minister on the cusp of elections was against the basic structure of the Constitution.

"Object of the arrest was not to find material but to disable me and my party. My prayer is, release me now," he argued.

Two boys drown in pond

Gariaband, Mar 27: Two boys drowned while bathing in a village pond in Gariaband district on Wednesday, the police said. Tushar Yadav (8) and Khilendra Yadav (13) and their three other friends, all residents of Dhawalpur village, entered the water body in the afternoon for a bath, an official here said. "Tushar and Khilendra apparently ventured deeper into the water and drowned," he said. After being informed by other children, locals launched a search for the two minors and informed the police. The bodies of the two boys were later fished out of the pond, he said. A case has been registered in connection with the deaths and investigations are underway, he added.

Jolt to AAP as its lone LS MP joins BJP



Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, BJP National General Secretary Vinod Tawde and others felicitate Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) MP Sushil Kumar Rinku and MLA Sheetal Angural after the AAP leaders joined BJP, in New Delhi, Wednesday.

New Delhi, Mar 27 (PTI):

The lone Lok Sabha member of the AAP, Sushil Kumar Rinku, joined the BJP on Wednesday along with Punjab MLA Sheetal Angural, dealing a blow to

the party that is already facing a crisis following the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Rinku, the MP from Jalandhar, said he decided to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for the

Punjab MLA join BJP

development of Punjab, especially Jalandhar; and accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in the state of not helping him in development endeavours in his constituency. Thus, he could not honour the promises he had made to the voters, Rinku added.

He said he was impressed by the working style of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah and lauded the BJP-led Centre for its development initiatives, including the boost in flight services and launch of new trains to Jalandhar.

Ex-IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt convicted

In 1996 drug seizure case

Palanpur, Mar 27 (PTI): A sessions court in Palanpur town of Gujarat's Banaskantha district on Wednesday convicted former IPS officer Sanjiv Bhatt in a drug seizure case dating back to 1996. The court is expected to pronounce the quantum of punishment on Thursday afternoon. The sessions court held Bhatt guilty of falsely implicating a Rajasthan-based lawyer by claiming that in 1996 police had seized drugs from a hotel room where the lawyer was staying. Bhatt, who was sacked from the Indian Police

Service in 2015, was then serving as the superintendent of police of Banaskantha district.

The district police under him had arrested Rajasthan lawyer Sumersingh Rajpurohit under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act) in 1996, claiming they had seized drugs from a hotel room in Palanpur where he was staying. However, the Rajasthan police later said Rajpurohit was falsely implicated by the Banaskantha police to compel him to transfer a disputed property located at Pali in Rajasthan.

EC slaps notice on BJP's Ghosh, Cong's Shrinete

For offensive remarks against women

New Delhi, Mar 27 (PTI): The Election Commission on Wednesday slapped show-cause notices on BJP leader Dilip Ghosh and Congress leader Supriya Shrinete for their offensive remarks against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Kangana Ranaut respectively. Ranaut has been fielded by the BJP from Himachal Pradesh's Mandi Lok Sabha seat for the parliamentary elections. Their remarks were "undignified and in bad taste", the Election Commission (EC) said. The poll panel said that prima facie, the two re-

marks were violative of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and its advisory to political parties to maintain dignity during electioneering. The MCC came into force on March 16 with the commission announcing the schedule for the Lok Sabha elections. The two leaders have been asked to respond to the show-cause notices by March 29 evening. The EC took action against Shrinete following a complaint by the BJP that alleged she had posted a picture of Ranaut along with "derogatory remarks" on social media platform X.

Suspended UPPL member's photo of sleeping with bundles of money stirs row

Kokrajhar (Assam), Mar 27 (PTI): A viral picture purportedly of a suspended United People's Party Liberal (UPPL) member sleeping with currency notes has triggered a controversy in Assam ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. The opposition grabbed the opportunity and slammed the BJP-led alliance, of which UPPL is a part in Assam, saying the ruling block is "wallowing in the quagmire of corruption".

Basumatary, identified in the photograph as a Village Council Development Committee (VCDC) member of UPPL, is seen sleeping on a bed wearing only a traditional towel with a heap of Rs 500 denomination notes.

"The photo that has gone viral is five year old. It has been made viral due to political conspiracy. We will find out who has done this. I don't know who has done this," he told reporters when asked about the picture.

Basumatary claimed that some people had blackmailed him then also

after he was clicked in that pose.

"Five years ago, I had taken a loan of Rs 3 lakh for some work from my sister. That particular night, some of us were having a party and my partner clicked the photo with the money I had borrowed in a fun moment," he added.

The UPPL sought to distance itself from the image, stating that Basumatary has been suspended and removed from the VCDC post.

UPPL chief and Bodoland Territorial Council Chief Executive

Member Pramod Boro claimed that the Harisingha Block Committee of the party had recommended disciplinary action against Basumatary on January 5 this year and accordingly, he was suspended on January 10 over the photograph.

"Additionally, the BTC government suspended and removed him from the post of VCDC Chairman on 10th February 2024. I urge all media outlets and social media users to refrain from linking Basumatary with UPPL," he said in a post on X.

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BSF celebrates Holi with enthusiasm

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Bhilai, Mar 27: All the officers, subordinate officers and jawans of the Border Security Force deployed in the Inspector General Frontier Headquarters in Risali Bhilai as well as in the naxal infested areas of District Kanker and Narayanpur, celebrated the festival of Holi with great enthusiasm. They applied colours on each other and shared the joy and happiness. The festival was celebrated with great fervour.



On this occasion, Inspector General of Border Security Force, Frontier Headquarters (Special Operations), Chhattisgarh, Bhilai, Anand Pratap Singh, IAS, extended hearty wishes to all the personnel and

their family members for a happy and prosperous Holi.

He said that Indian culture has always been based on unity in diversity. The festival of Holi is a festival which gives the

message of brotherhood to people beyond the boundaries of religion, sect and caste.

Along with this, he reiterated the commitment of the department to provide unwavering support

and resources to solve the problems of the jawans deployed in anti-Naxal operations in remote and highly sensitive areas and to enable the jawans to perform their duties effectively.

SUV-borne ruffians try to run over Corporator and five others

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Bhilai, Mar 27: Two ruffians, involved in illegal activities of betting, attempted to kill a Corporator and five others in Housing Board Colony of Bhilai on Monday evening. The accused moving in an SUV tried to run over the Corporator and his friends, who were sitting outside Corporator's office. A youth was fatally injured in this incident. Police have arrested the accused and further investigations are on.

According to information, a ruffian involved in illegal betting business tried to kill Congress Corporator Nitish Yadav near his office in Housing Board Colony. The accused Sunil alias Kundu and Amarendra



Singh reached the Corporator's office in their Toyota Fortuner SUV. They entered into an altercation with the Corporator Nitish Yadav. The argument grew violent and they allegedly manhandled the Corporator. Meanwhile, Corporator's friends intervened and persuaded Sunil and Amarendra to leave. The accused suddenly

was hit by the SUV. After hitting the bench, the car rumbled into the Corporator's office. The accused left their vehicle and escaped from the spot. Fatally injured Ajay was admitted to the hospital.

On information, a team of Jamul Police Station reached the spot and seized the vehicle bearing registration number CG07-BX-5092. A FIR was lodged on charges of attempt to murder. Police searched for the accused and managed to trap them within a couple of hours.

According to information, the accused Sunil Rao alias Kundu is a habitual offender and is involved in Mahadev Book Cricket Betting. Further investigations are on.

Three arrested with psychotropic drugs

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Bhilai, Mar 27: Police arrested three persons on charges of illegal trade of psychotropic drugs. A huge cache of drugs was seized from them. 7200 nos Alprazolam tablets worth Rs 14,400; 4320 nos Proxiohm-Spas capsules worth Rs 37800, cash Rs 6600 and vehicle Activa worth Rs 50000 were recovered from the possession of the accused. It was a joint action of Anti Crime and Cyber Unit Durg and Police Station Durg.



On the instructions of SP Jitendra Shukla, a campaign against illegal drug dealers is being run in the district. Police are tracing the drug dealers and strict action is being taken against them. Under the supervision of Additional Superintendent of Police (City) Abhishek Jha, Additional Superintendent of Police (Crime) Richa Mishra, Deputy

Superintendent of Police (Crime) Hem Prakash Nayak and City Superintendent of Police (Durg) Chirag Jain, a joint team was formed under the leadership of ACCU I/c Inspector Kapil Dev Pandey and Durg City Kotwali SHO Inspector Mahendra Dhruv.

The team continuously kept an eye on the drug dealers and informers were activated. Former habitual drug dealers released from jail were also monitored. Meanwhile, the police team received a tip off that two persons were going to purchase intoxicating tablets and capsules from Rakesh Medical Shop located in

Jeevan Rekha Complex, Durg. Acting on this tip off, the special team laid a trap at Rakesh Medical Shop, Jeevan Rekha Complex, Durg. After some time, two suspicious persons (customers) and shopkeeper Govardhan Prasad Banchhor were caught.

During further interrogation, the person wearing black half t-shirt revealed his name as Anish alias Sona Rajput. During the search, police recovered 01-01 box of intoxicating tablets from Rustam Netam and Anish alias Sona



Rajput. They had bought these psychotropic drugs from the shop. Police searched the shop and found 11 boxes of Alprazolam tablets hidden in a crate behind his shop. 17 boxes of intoxicating Proxiohm-Spas and sale cash amount of Rs 6600 were also seized from shopkeeper Govardhan Prasad Banchhor. The vehicle used in the incident, Activa Scooter, was also seized. Police arrested the accused identified as Rustam Netam (25) son of Late Shyamdas Netam, a resident of Ward 56 Baghera, Durg; Anish alias Sona Rajput (22) son of Manoj Singh Rajput, a resi-

dent of Shankar Nagar, Durg and Govardhan Prasad Banchhor (47) son of Late Ramcharan Banchhor, a resident of Ashish Nagar, Risali. Further action was taken at Police Station Durg.

ASI Rajesh Pandey, Head Constable Santosh Mishra, Pradeep Singh, Constable Dharendra Yadav, Tileshwar Rathore, Shaikat Hayat Khan, Balmund Sahu, Komal Rajput, Chitrasen Sahu, Sanat Bharti, Farooq Khan, Khurshid Khurram Baksh, Jagjit Singh and SI Naveen Rajput, ASI Kirendra Singh played a vital role in arresting the accused.

Graduation ceremony held at Bethany College of Nursing



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Bhilai, Mar 27: The Graduation Ceremony 11th Batch was organized by Bethany College of Nursing at St Alphonsa Bethany hostel. Rev Dr Mathew Jacob Thiruvail OIC provincial superior Bethany Navajeevan Province, Trivandrum, Patron Bethany College of Nursing; Chief Guest Durgawati Kunjam, Nursing Registrar, Chhattisgarh Nurses

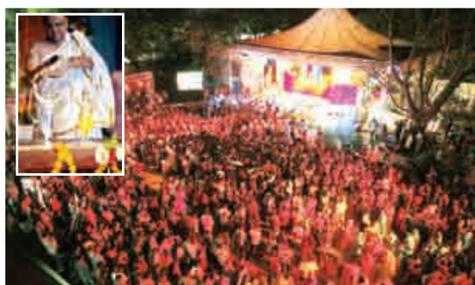
Registration Council, Raipur; Special Guest Captain Jyotsana David, Ministry of Defence, Govt of India; Rev Fr John Elias OIC, Director; Rev Fr Githin George OIC, Bursar; Prof Dr Beny Susan Chacko, Principal, were the dignitaries present on the occasion of Graduation ceremony. The programme was started by Rev Dr. Mathew Jacob Thiruvail OIC, Durgawati Kunjam, Nursing Registrar and Prof Dr Beny Susan Chacko,

Principal. The dignitaries distributed certificates to the graduation students. The dignitaries addressed the students and boosted the morale of the students and wished them a bright future ahead. The students who excelled in academics were awarded by the dignitaries. The ceremony concluded with cultural programmes followed by a vote of thanks which was proposed by Prof Sandhya Peyush, Vice Principal, Bethany College.

Hare Krishna Movement celebrates Gaura Purnima & Holi

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Bhilai, Mar 27: Hare Krishna Movement's Sri Sri Radha Krishna Chandra Mandir celebrated Gaura Purnima & Holi Mahotsav on March 25, 2024. The day being the auspicious appearance day of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu (who is also known as Gauranga due to His golden complexion), inaugurated the Sankirtana movement, hence all the devotees fasted till moon rise on this day.



The celebrations at the temple began in the evening with an Arati for Their Lordships Sri Sri Nitai Gauranga (Sri Nityananda Prabhu and Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu). After this, an elaborate abhishekam was performed to Their Lordships. Their Lordships were bathed with various items such as milk, curd, ghee, honey, jaggery water, fruit juices and sacred water of 7 holy rivers from 108 kalashas. The abhishekam ceremony

also includes a special arati accompanied by the Gaura Arati song. This was followed by 56 varieties offering of food stuff.

A grand flower bedecked pallaki carrying The Deities of Sri Sri Nitai Gauranga were taken for a processional journey within the temple precincts accompanied by devotees performing a grand sankirtana. The atmosphere re-sounded with the loud chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra accom-

panied by musical instruments.

As soon as the procession of the pallaki started the whole atmosphere reverberated with the fun and frolic celebrations of Holi. Different colored flowers were showered on the deities and all the devotees who had assembled in the temple were dancing and singing in ecstasy. Colors of different shades were being pumped into the air and the whole spectacle was a sight to behold.

CSVТУ holds workshop on content creation for Swayam courses

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Bhilai, Mar 27: Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekananda Technical University organised a two-day workshop on Content Creation for Swayam Courses. During the workshop, the experts in the Audio Video Lab of the University introduced all the course coordinators on the technique of intro video recording.

The course coordinator recorded his lecture, after which the recording video was analyzed. It needs to be mentioned here that this workshop was organized under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof MK Verma. The objective of this workshop was to enhance the capacity of teachers in preparing quality material for the courses themselves, so that stu-



dents can get quality practical knowledge in the respective subject area.

Dr Shikha Rai, Associate Professor at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, provided detailed information about the related topic through a powerpoint presentation. Dr Rai explained in detail all four important parts of the courses namely video

lectures, specially designed reading material which can be downloaded / printed, platform for self-assessment tests through tests and quizzes and doubt resolution with an online discussion.

In the closing ceremony of the workshop, Vice Chancellor Prof Verma said that the online education platform is a means of study for students living in

remote areas. All course coordinators should ensure that the course material and video lectures prepared for the students should be very informative and attractive so that the participants can benefit.

At the end of the program, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Sanjay Agrawal presented a memento to the subject expert.

Elaborating on the New Education Policy (NEP), Professor Agrawal said that it is important to ensure that everyone has access to good quality learning material as we move towards online education.

He also highlighted the importance of the Swayam courses in education for all students. CSVТУ Vice Chancellor Prof MK Verma, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Sanjay Agrawal, coordinator of the course, Dr Harish Ghritalhare, all the coordinators and co-coordinators of the course were present.

The organizers were appreciated for providing a platform to enhance their skills and knowledge in content creation for this online course. The university will organise such workshops in future as well for the benefit of students.

BSP-OA honours retired officers for outstanding contribution

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Bhilai, Mar 27: BSP Officers Association organised a felicitation ceremony for the long service and excellent contribution of officers who retired in the month of March 2024. The ceremony was organised at Pragati Bhawan, Civic Centre. Present in this ceremony were SEFI Chairman and Officers Association President Narendra Kumar Banchhor and General Secretary Parvinder Singh along with Treasurer Ankur Mishra, SEFI nominee Ajay Kumar, Vice President Tushar Singh, Akhilesh Mishra, Secretary JP Sharma and Sanjay Tiwari.

Those honoured were Amalendra Kumar

Pandey, AGM (CED), Suryakant Fating, AGM (T&D), Manoj Patil, Sr Manager (WMD), Amio Kumar Ghosh, Sr Manager (RSM), Dayaram Aggarwal, Senior Manager (EMD), Ravindra Kumar Maharana, Senior Manager (Personnel).

The officers and their spouses present at the felicitation ceremony were honoured by the Officers Association with saplings and cheques. Retired officers shared the unforgettable moments of their service period. While appreciating the successful efforts made by OA, they appealed to continue taking necessary initiatives on the pending demands in future also and stressed on earning more profits by increasing production

as much as possible by focusing on environment and safety.

All the new officers present in this felicitation ceremony were welcomed with diary and providing information about various activities of OA. These new officers include Ajay Kumar, Ashish Kumar Chaudhary, Ankur Verma, Akshay Kumar, Abhishek Kumar Singh, G Gautaman, Venkatpati Raju, Sumit Kumar, Ashutosh Pradhan, Al Fahad Khan, Shashank Sharma, Girish Shobhawani, Deepak Paryya, Navneet Singh Chauhan, Sanat Kumar Mahapatra, Suraj Verma, and AdvathNagendhar.

In his address at the SEFI Chairman and OA President Narendra Kumar Banchhor wished



the retiring officers a healthy life and said that this ceremony is an honour for long and excellent contribution made by them to the company. These officers have played an important role in Bhilai Steel Plant winning the Prime Minister's Trophy 11 times. OA Chairman assured that no stone will be left unturned to enhance the medical facilities and requested all the retired officers to always give their suggestions to improve

the safety, production, productivity and maintenance of the plant and township medical facilities.

Welcoming the new officers, Banchhor said that experienced new officers like you will help in strengthening the working system of BSP. The creative thinking of all of you will provide new heights to SAIL and BSP. BSP Officers Association has always been conscious of the issues of officers and has

made continuous efforts to provide them better facilities. As a result, success has been achieved in important issues like respectable pay revision, implementation of SAIL pension scheme, increasing the limit of leave encashment on retirement to Rs 25 lakh, paving the way for higher pension under EPS 95, better designation, freeing Bhilai from illegal encroachment etc.

Also, OA has been determined to provide ex-

cellent service to the steel fraternity through various insurance schemes and through its service centers and social work. OA always stands with officers in happiness, sorrow and problem solving, and will always stand with them.

At the end of the ceremony, OA General Secretary Parvinder Singh extended warm wishes for Holi, described the excellent work done by the retired officers during their service period, expressed his gratitude and wished for their bright future and good health for the bright future of the new officers. Expressing gratitude he said that the Officers Association has always taken the problems of the officers seriously. As a result, we have

been able to achieve success on many major issues. Our committee has made continuous efforts, especially on various problems of junior officers, as a result of which it has succeeded in solving challenging issues like pay structure and entry level scale. We were always ready to serve you and will remain ready. He thanked all the officers present. The program was conducted by Vijay Deshmukh.

OA zonal representatives Remi Thomas, Santosh Singh, MAR Sharif, Pijus Sen, Nikhil Pethe, Radhakishun, NK Gupta, Abhishek Kochhar, SC Sahu, Vivek Gupta, Rajendra Mantri, PC Raul, Milind Kumar Bansod, SK Borkar, and a large number of officials were present.

BJP had done more of devp works in Bastar than Cong: Sai

Bastar, Mar 27:

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai charged that Congress has only used tribals as their vote bank and have never carried out their development. CM Sai was addressing at the Bastar Lok Sabha (LS) seat before the filing of nomination rally by the party candidates here on Wednesday. He said that for five years Congress government has openly looted people of Chhattisgarh and have stopped development works in Bastar and Surguja and now it is the time to teach right lesson to Congress.

CM Sai addressing at the nomination rally in Bastar said that there will be special focus of his government on Bastar and Surguja. So long as it is case of development in Bastar, it is the gift of former CM Dr Raman Singh.



Entire development in Bastar region and Chhattisgarh has actually been carried out by BJP government. Discussing on the mal-governance of Congress, he said that as to what happened in last 5 yrs is known to all. All the development works in Bastar during first 15 yrs of BJP rule under leadership of the then ex-CM Dr Raman

Singh were stopped by the Congress led ex-CM Bhupesh Baghel. All the schemes of the Centre for the poor were stopped by the Congress government only and they snatched the very rights of the poor.

BJP State President Kiran Singh Deo said that in the last VS polls, the people of Chhattisgarh have blessed the BJP can-

didates and by ensuring the victory, BJP formed its government and he urged all the voters to ensure same victory for BJP in this year's LS polls. This election is that of PM Narendra Modi and we all have to ensure that Modi becomes country's PM for the third time, because it is only if 'modi hein to mumkin hein'. All the

Centre's public welfare schemes are reaching out to the people through PM Narendra Modi's decision, he added.

Dy. CM Arun Sao addressing the gathering said that at one place BJP has fielded a son of a farmer Mahesh Kashyap as party's candidate and Congress has fielded Kawasi Lakhma as its candidate and who has snatched the very rights of Bastar people and facing many corruption charges.

Dy. CM Vijay Sharam said that in the last LS polls, we missed the chance and it should have been 'Lotus' which should have been sent to Centre from Bastar region. The MP Modi led Central government is having lot of concern specially for Bastar region and the country under leadership of PM Narendra Modi has brought paradigm shift on all fronts.

LONG WAIT



Passengers had to wait for long for the buses to different routes, as only limited few buses were started after Holi celebrations.

BJP announces names of star campaigner for LS polls

Raipur, Mar 27:

With the objective to further speed up campaign for the Lok Sabha elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday announced names of 40 leaders as star campaigners for 11 Lok Sabha seats from Chhattisgarh.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP President JP Nadda, Amit

Shah, Nitin Gadkari, Rajnath Singh, Smriti Irani and Arjun Munda are among the prominent campaigners for the Parliamentary polls. Apart from them, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, State BJP President Kiran Deo, Deputy CMs Arun Sao and Vijay Sharma, Pawan Sai, Lata Usendi, Ramvihar Netam, Kedar Kashyap, OP Choudhary, Dharmal Kaushik, Vikram Usendi, Mohan Mandavi, Shivratna Sharma, Ajay Chandrakar, Dinesh Kashyap, Mahesh Gagda, Madhusudan Yadav, Guru Balas and Shrinivas Rao Maddi are among senior leaders from Chhattisgarh who have been entrusted with the responsibility to campaign in favour of the BJP candidates in the upcoming polls.

Eight students from NIT Raipur secure placements at VISA

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Raipur, Mar 27: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's final year (7th semester) students, Apoorv Mathur, Gaurav Patel and Mohd Harris Qureshi from the Department of Information Technology, Soumyak Panigrahi, Amit Dey, Sumit Kumar from the Department of Computer Science Engineering, Ketan Rambhau Puyad and Arvind Kumar from the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, successfully grabbed PPOs (Pre-Placement Offers) at the acclaimed company VISA Inc. which stands



as a global leader in digital payments, facilitating secure and seamless transactions for individuals, businesses, and financial institutions worldwide.

Harris Qureshi has been offered the position of Software Engineer (SWE) with a PPO of 32 Lakhs CTC. Reflecting on his journey he mentioned about the impactful summer internship in Global Business Intelligence at Visa, leading to another promising

6-month internship offer. Gaurav Patel has been selected for the post of Software Engineer (SWE) with a PPO of 32 Lakhs CTC. He attributed his success to the pivotal role of projects, particularly in the realms of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, which he pursued during college and curated various real-life projects.

Apoorv Mathur has been offered the post of Software Development

Engineer (SDE) with a PPO of 32 Lakhs CTC. His journey involved a strategic approach, commencing DSA preparation in his second year. His success story stems from a disciplined focus on logic-building through hands-on projects and competitive programming. Notably, he secured a summer internship with Visa's cyber security team, leading to a PPO and a permanent role.

Arvind Kumar has been offered the position of Software Development Engineer (SDE) with a PPO of 32 Lakhs CTC. His journey commenced with a fruitful Visa internship, yielding valuable experience and a route to a full-time role.

Raipur, Mar 27:

The Congress on Tuesday declared its candidates for the remaining four Lok Sabha seats in Chhattisgarh and the list features an MLA who is facing an Enforcement Directorate (ED) probe, and two women.

With this, the main opposition party has announced candidates for all the 11 Lok Sabha seats in the state, which will vote in three phases in April-May. The BJP has also announced all its candidates in the state.

The four Congress candidates are Devender Singh Yadav (Bilaspur), Biresh Thakur (Kanker Scheduled Tribe reserved), Shashi Singh (Surguja-ST) and Dr Menka Devi Singh

(Raigarh-ST).

Yadav, a second-term legislator, represents the Bhilai Nagar seat in Durg district in the assembly.

Yadav is an accused in the alleged coal levy scam-linked money laundering case being probed by the ED. The state's anti-corruption bureau (ACB) in January this year also registered a case in the alleged coal levy scam based on a report submitted by the ED in which Yadav has been named as accused.

Thakur had unsuccessfully contested Lok Sabha elections from Kanker in 2019. He had then lost to BJP's Mohan Mandavi by a thin margin of 6,914 votes. Thakur's father late Satyanarayan Singh Thakur was the Congress MLA from 1972-1977 from

Bhanupratappur in a sitting MP, are among the 11 candidates of the Congress.

The Lok Sabha polls will be held in three phases in the state on April 19, April 26 and May 7 and votes will be counted on June 4.

The Naxal-hit Bastar (Scheduled Tribe) constituency will alone witness polling on April 19 in the first phase of general elections and filing of nominations for the phase started on March 20.

Three constituencies - Kanker (ST), Rajnandgaon and Mahasamund - will vote on April 26 in the second phase, while the remaining seven - Surguja (ST), Raigarh (ST), Janjgir-Champa (SC), Raipur, Durg, Korba and Bilaspur will witness polling on May 7.

GGP releases first list of 10 LS candidates in Ch'garh

Raipur, Mar 27:

The Gondwana Gantantra Party (GGP), a regional outfit with pockets of influence in Chhattisgarh, on Tuesday released its first list of candidates for 10 of the 11 Lok Sabha seats in the state, a party leader said.

Candidates for 10 Lok Sabha seats in Chhattisgarh have been announced and discussion on the nominee for the remaining one seat Kanker (Scheduled Tribe reserved) was underway, the party's president and MLA Tuleswar Singh Markam told PTI.

As per the list, Dr LS Uday has been fielded from Surguja (ST) seat, Madan Gond from Raigarh (ST), Manharan Lal Bhardwaj from Janjgir-Champa (Scheduled Caste re-

served), Shyam Singh Markam from Korba, Nandkishore Raj from Bilaspur, Naresh Kumar Motghare from Rajnandgaon, Manharan Singh Thakur from Durg, Lalbahadur Yadav from Raipur, Mohd Fareed Kureshi from Mahasamund and Tikam Nagvanshi from Bastar (ST), he said.

The GGP has not yet won a Lok Sabha seat in the state. Polls will be held in three phases in the Naxal-affected state on April 19, April 26 and May 7 and votes will be counted on June 4.

The GGP contested the last year's Chhattisgarh assembly elections in alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), but the outfit is going it alone in the Lok Sabha polls. It managed to win just one

seat - Pali Tanakhar — its first victory since the formation of the state in November 2000, in the last assembly polls, while the Mayawati-led party drew a blank.

The BSP has so far announced candidates for two Lok Sabha seats - Janjgir-Champa and Bastar.

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Fake voter issue heats up in Ch'garh



● **MP Sunil Soni complains to EC, demands action against Lakhma too**

Raipur, Mar 27:

The issue of fake voters has started heating up just before Lok Sabha elections in Chhattisgarh. Raipur MP Sunil Soni reached the Election Commission on this issue and complained about fake voters in Kawardha and alleged distribution of money

by Kawasi Lakhma. Soni demanded the Election Commission to delete the names of fake voters and take action against Kawasi Lakhma. The Chief Electoral Officer assured to take action on this. Regarding star campaigners, MP Sunil Soni said, party's senior leaders will come from time to time to campaign in the Lok Sabha elections. A strategy will be decided on how to win all the Lok Sabha seats, he said.

NIT, RMC to ink pact for determining urban development activities

Raipur, Mar 27:

Raipur city planning including the use of modern technologies in overcoming challenges like waterlogging and drainage system in the urban area was discussed in an important meeting held on Tuesday between Raipur Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abinash Mishra and National Institute of Technology (NIT) Director NV Ramanna Rao and professors. A detailed discussion was held on issues related to assessment. NIT and Raipur Municipal Corporation will work together to give a new direction to urban development, for this an MoU will be executed between the two soon.

According to Corporation Commissioner Mishra, the



help of National Technical Institute experts will be taken in the city development plan including many issues like disposal of waste in the urban area, water logging during rainy days, availability of proper drinking water. In the important meeting organized in this regard, the challenges of city development were discussed in detail. NIT Director Ramanna along with Professor Dr RK Tripathi, Dr GD Ramtekar, Dr Sameer Bajpai, Prof. Sanyal, Superintendent Engineer of Municipal Corporation Rajesh Sharma and Executive Engineer Imran Khan attended the meeting. Future work plan and road map were also discussed in the meeting. An MoU will soon be signed between NIT and the Municipal Corporation, after which a guidance-based action plan related to urban development plans will be determined under the supervision of the subject experts of the institute.

Cash of Rs 2.5 lakh stolen from house

● **In Kaushalya Vihar Colony**

Raipur, Mar 27: An incident of theft has come to light in Kaushalya Vihar Colony of Muzgahan police station area of the capital Raipur. Unidentified thieves stole Rs 2.5 lakh in cash after breaking into a house. House owner had gone to village with his family to celebrate Holi when the incident of theft took place.

After the information, the police reached the spot and started investigating the matter. House owner who is a civil engineer told police in his complaint



that he had gone to his village with his family to celebrate the festival of Holi. When he returned home, he found the cupboard in one of the rooms of the house open and all the stuff was scattered inside the room, he said.

Two and a half lakh rupees in cash were missing from the cupboard, he

said. Police said that information about theft had been received from a house in Kaushalya Vihar Colony. According to the complainant unidentified thieves stole Rs 2.5 lakh in cash from the house. The CCTVs installed around the house are being checked. The matter will be revealed soon.

Ananya-Avani into semis of Under 18 Tennis tournament

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 27: Ananya Choubey from United States of America (USA) and her partner Avani defeated the pair of Raja Sarvagna and Prisha with the score of 6-3, 6-4 to enter into the semi-final of the Girls Double in the ITF Junior Under 18 tennis tournament being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association at Jora-based International Tennis Academy.

Similarly, the pair of Meghna and Shaivy as well as Inshiya and Tamanna also entered into the semi-final in the above



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category. Earlier, Shrinidhi defeated Arushi Rawal, Pahal Khadkar defeated Devanshi Gohil, Jaya Kapoor defeated Swasti Singh, Mahika Khanna defeated Avani Chitle,

Ananya Choubey defeated Prinshi Madgala, Alina Farid defeated Sheri Sharma, Pal Upadhyaya and Shavi Gavray also won their matches to advance into the quarters of the Girls single category. Meanwhile, Vajra Goel defeated Adhiraj Thakur, Vishal Prakash defeated

Shrekar, Lithashis win Double U-16 championship

Pair of Shrekar Doni and Lithashis Kambla won the Junior Tour Under 16 Boys tournament being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association (CSTA) here by defeating the pair of Ruth Botham and Om Patel with the score of 7-6, 6-4 in the final match.

Similarly, the pair of

Avipsha Dehuri and Avyakatha Ravarrupu defeated the pair of Nandini Kansal and Ridhi Shinde with the score of 3-6, 6-4 and 10-4 to win the girls title.

Meanwhile, Arunshi Rawal defeated Deepshikha Vijaymurti with the score of 7-5, 6-7 (4), 7-5 to advance into second round in Single's category.

Saksham Shah from Nepal, Adoitya More defeated Om Patel, Shanker Hensam defeated Okas, Pranil Sharma defeated

Om Verma, Ashvajiit Sejam and Dheraj Reddy also won their matches to enter into the quarter final.

Six Naxals including 'deputy commander' killed

● In encounter with security personnel

Bijapur, Mar 27: Six Naxalites, including "deputy commander" Punem Nagesh, his wife, and another female cadre, were killed in an encounter with security personnel in Bijapur district on Wednesday, a police officer said.

Many other Naxalites were believed to have been injured in the gunfight and a search operation was underway in the area, he said, adding that no security personnel was injured.

The six slain Naxalites collectively carried a bounty of Rs 14 lakh on them, the officer said.

The slain deputy commander of Maoists' PLGA platoon no. 10 Punem Nagesh was instrumental in carrying out several deadly attacks on security forces in the past.

"The gunfight took place at around 8 am in



jungles along the Talperu river near Chipurbhatti village under Basaguda police station area, when a joint team of security personnel was conducting an anti-Naxal operation," Inspector General of Police (Bastar Range) Sundarraj P told PTL.

The operation was launched based on inputs about the presence of cadres belonging to Maoists PLGA platoons no. 9 and 10, who were involved in the murder of three civilians near Basaguda during the Holi festival celebrated on Monday, he said.

The personnel belong-

ing to the District Reserve Guard (DRG), Central Reserve Police Force's 229th and 168th battalions and 205th and 210th battalion of CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action- an elite unit of CRPF) were involved in the operation, the police officer said.

The patrolling team came under fire near the Talperu river, he said, adding that the exchange of fire continued for about an hour after which bodies of six Naxalites were recovered from the spot.

Security personnel found arms and ammunition from the spot of the



encounter.

"A carbine gun, factory-made 9 mm pistol, country-made 9 mm pistol, 12 bore gun, muzzle-loading gun, 10 live cartridges of SLR, two tiffin bombs, gelatin sticks, safety fuses, Maoist bags, medicines and other items of daily use were also seized from the spot," the IGP said.

The killed Naxalites were identified as Punem Nagesh, his wife Vetti Soni (30), Aaytu Punem (28), Sukka Oyam (40), Nuppo Moka (30), and Kovasi Gangi (27), said Bijapur Superintendent of Police Jitendra Kumar Yadav.

Nagesh was active as the

Deputy Commander of Maoists' PLGA platoon no. 10. His wife was also a member of the same formation. The couple carried rewards of Rs 5 lakh and Rs 2 lakh on their heads, respectively, he said. Gangi was an area committee member of Maoists and carried a reward of Rs 5 lakh on her head, the SP added.

Aaytu Punem was an active member of PLGA platoon no. 10, who was carrying a reward of Rs 2 lakh on his head. Oyam was a small action team commander while Moka worked as a militia section commander, he said.

Municipal Corporation Commissioner visits various areas of city

● Instructions for intensive monitoring of drinking water, sanitation and other basic facilities

Raipur, Mar 27: Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abinash Mishra today visited various areas of the city and took stock of drinking water, sanitation and other basic facilities. He asked the Public Works Department and Corporation officials to prune the haphazardly growing trees on the main road and also do white marking of the road, so that the traffic remains orderly. He told to expand the facility of Water ATM in Labhandi area and give it an attractive look by using paver blocks and painting as per requirement in the vacant land on Gaurav Path.

Commissioner Mishra



today visited Vidhan Sabha Road, GE Road, Gaurav Path along with officials of the Corporation and Public Works Department. Superintending Engineer of Municipal Corporation Rajesh Sharma, Zone Commissioner Santosh Pandey, Jasdev Bambara, Deputy Engineer Sohan Gupta, Arjita Diwan etc. were also present. Mishra also inspected Karbala

Talab and Katora Talab. He has said that before the summer season, the quality of drinking water should be continuously checked and the pipeline laid for water supply should be supervised to ensure regular quality water supply. He gave instructions for regular monitoring by identifying the areas that had reported jaundice, vomiting and diarrhoea.

Silver worth Rs 2 lakh seized from car

● Action taken during vehicle checking

Raipur, Mar 27: Police on Tuesday seized 7.5 kg silver from a car during vehicle checking near Mandir Hasaud Toll Plaza of Raipur. The seizure was made after no valid documents regarding the silver could be produced. Suspicious persons along with vehicles are being continuously checked in all the police station areas in view of elections.

Rs 40 lakh seized from businessman
Earlier last Thursday, a person got nervous after seeing the police team and started trying to run away in the street in front of Sadar Bazar Amba Devi Temple under Kotwali police station area.

The team stopped him and checked the bag in his hand and found Rs 40 lakh. The person could not produce valid documents re-



garding the amount.

The team seized the money and sent it to the committee constituted by the Election Commission for further action.

Rs 6.78 lakh cash seized during investigation in Mandir Hasaud

Cash amounting to Rs 6 lakh 78 thousand has been seized during checking of vehicles by the joint team of Mandir Hasaud police station and Anti-Crime and Cyber Unit near the toll plaza located under Mandir Hasaud police

station area on Thursday. Meanwhile, when a car was checked, cash was found in it.

When the team members interrogated the person traveling in the car in this regard and demanded valid documents, no document of any kind was presented by him.

On this, cash amounting to Rs 6 lakh 78 thousand 580 was seized by the team from his possession. After recovery it was sent to the committee constituted by the Election Commission.

Govt BEd College leads voter awareness campaign

● After COVID hiatus Students and faculty take voter awareness pledge

Raipur, Mar 27: In a stirring display of civic duty and democratic spirit, Government BEd College in Shankar Nagar, Raipur, took steps towards enhancing voter awareness. Under the esteemed guidance of Principal Pushpa Kishpota of Government BEd College, Shankar Nagar, Raipur, and Dr. Lata Mishra, Assistant Nodal Officer of SVEEP, the student teachers pursuing M.Ed and B.Ed degrees orchestrated a dynamic voter awareness campaign. They not only engaged in the performance of the patriotic song "Main Bharat Hoon Bharat Hai Mujhmen" but also delivered impactful theatrical enactments.



Kicking off the initiative, Principal Pushpa Kishpota administered the "voting oath" to both academic staff and student teachers, instilling the commitment to exercise their voting rights. The event commenced with the

resonant slogan "Loktantra Ka Parv, Desh Ka Garv," echoing the sentiment of pride in democracy.

Dr. Lata Mishra urged the youth to embrace the ethos of "My first vote, for the country," emphasizing

the significance of individual contributions to the democratic process. She also encouraged people to participate in the celebration of democracy by "voting 100 per cent" with the slogan "Festival of Elections - 'Pride of the

Nation". Yogeshwari Mahadik passionately advocated for the celebration of democracy and universal participation in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Under the enthusiastic guidance of the faculty, including Assistant Professor Dr. Vijay Lakshmi and Lecturer Satish Kumar Tiwari, the student teachers fervently engaged in the campaign.

Through spirited performances and impactful slogans like "Vot Dene Jana Hai Apana Phari Nibhana Hai" and "Hamara Aahvan Karen Matadan Karen," the B.Ed student teachers Hemdhar Sahu, Lalit Bijora, Neeraj Baghel, Lalit Lahere, Parvati Dhruv, Sapna Badonia, alongside M.Ed. student teachers, exhibited remarkable enthusiasm, underscoring the collective commitment to democracy.

Gracefilled Palm Sunday celebrations held



● At Saint Joseph's Church Bachel

Bachel, Mar 27: Biblically, Palm Sunday commemorates the Christian belief of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches placed on the ground in his path.

This year Palm Sunday fell on March 24. Devotees of Lord Jesus Christ along with the parish priest and religious sisters took out a

procession inside the church premises in a very beautiful manner with palm leaves in their hands. The entire sacred sacrifice was performed in a very graceful manner. The priest gave a wonderful sermon and he said that we have to prepare for Holy Week in the same way as the example set by Lord Jesus Christ. We should fast and pray, love and care for the poor and needy. We have to surrender everything to the Supreme Creator.

Young man stabbed to death

Raipur, Mar 27: In a horrific incident of brutal murder that has come to light in Bhatagaon area of Raipur on Monday, the day of Holi, a young man was stabbed to death.

The attacker stabbed the young man with knives about 12 times and fled after throwing his body over a fence. Police have registered an FIR in the murder case.

The information, the police reached the spot and started investigation by taking the youth into custody.

During investigation, the deceased has been identified as Mohit Sonkar, who is a resident of BSUP Colony, Bhatagaon. Police said that the young man was brutally murdered by being stabbed with a knife. The attacker killed the young man by stabbing him more than 12 times. Reasons for the murder of the youth have not been known. Police have started investigating the matter.

HNLU to organize Int'nl conference on April 14

Raipur, Mar 27: On the subject 'Facets of Social Justice in the Vision of a Developed India @2047: Harnessing Dr BR Ambedkar's legacy Hidayatullah National Law University will be organizing a one-day International Conference (virtual mode) commemorating the Birth centenary on 14th April 2024 of the architect of the Constitution of India Dr.

B.R. Ambedkar on 14th April 2024 on the theme of "Facets of Social Justice in the Vision of a Developed India @2047: Harnessing Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Legacy".

The conference is designed to disseminate the multifaceted dimensions of social justice as envisioned by Dr. Ambedkar and explore how his principles can guide us in our journey towards building a

truly developed and equitable India by 2047. The programme is open to academicians, scholars, and professionals around the globe to contribute to the participate and present their papers on the stated theme to contribute to the repository of academic resources. The programme is being organised by the Centre for Law & Public Health, Centre for Infrastructure Laws,

Centre for Law & Indigenous People, and Centre for Law & Language of the School of Law & Public Policy, and School of Law & Humanities established under Research Hub and Spoke (R-Has) Model. The timeline for the submission of the Abstracts and a full working paper are April 2 and 12 respectively. The participant needs to register online on or before April 10.

Collector inspects rooms constructed for LS election work

Raipur, Mar 27: Collector Dr Gaurav Kumar Singh today inspected the branches operated for election work in the Collectorate premises and gave necessary instructions. Singh inspected the control room, MCMC room and complaint room. On his visit to MCMC cell, he got information about Social Media Wing, Print Media Wing, Electronic Media Wing, Video Media Wing, District Panchayat CEO and SVEEP Nodal Officer Vishwadeep, Deputy District Election Officer US Bande and ADM Devendra Patel were present.



From near death to life: Ch'garh patient story now part of 'InsidER'

● India's First Medical Docu-Series by Narayana Health

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Mar 27: In Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, a hardware shop owner, encounters a life-altering accident during a routine work trip. He navigates through multiple hospitals, including a government facility as his survival hangs in the balance. Facing numerous fractures, haemorrhage, and organ damage, the patient's situation appears dire. Yet, with tremendous determination and expert medical care at MMI Narayana - A Unit of Narayana Health, Raipur, he perseveres through multiple surgeries and prolonged ICU stay, defying the odds stacked against him. His journey underscores the vital role of Emergency care, showcases the resilience of the human spirit, and exemplifies the unwavering dedica-



tion of healthcare professionals. Overcoming around 9-10 fractures, including a severe rib fracture, the patient defies the grim prognosis, emerging triumphant through meticulous treatment. Now back in his shop, he attends to customers, embodying resilience and hope. The patient Vikas Agarwal's inspiring saga from despair to recovery is now spotlighted in "InsidER". Narayana Health's pioneering medical docu-series, marking India's first venture into such impactful storytelling about

emergency medicine and Critical care.

In a groundbreaking move, Narayana Health, one of India's leading healthcare providers, unveiled its powerful new medical docu-series, "InsidER." This first-of-its-kind series offers an honest look at medical emergencies and care, sharing the stories of patients, their families, and treating doctors who faced incredible challenges. It highlights the importance of the golden hour of those critical moments in the ER, showing the deep impact these ex-

periences have on patients and their families.

With 10 gripping episodes premiering exclusively launched on Jio Cinema, Jio TV, and TV+, "InsidER" brings to life the true stories of patients facing life-threatening emergencies.

Viewers will witness their struggles, the urgency of the situations, and the amazing efforts of medical teams fighting to save lives. Each episode features accounts from patients and their families, giving a deeply personal perspective on these powerful stories.

Inspired by the powerful stories in "InsidER," Narayana Health also announced a revolutionary initiative - the Narayana Emergency Ambulance Response - NEAR. This initiative was born from the understanding that in an emergency, every second counts. NEAR uses technology to speed up emergency response by finding the user's location and sending the nearest ambulance team right away. With a single pan-India emergency number, NEAR provides support and expert guidance until help arrives.

"With 'InsidER,' Narayana Health brings the heart of emergency care directly to viewers. These are stories of struggle, resilience, and the unwavering dedication of our healthcare teams. We believe this series will inspire people and highlight the importance of acting swiftly during the 'golden hour' - those crucial moments when rapid intervention can make all the difference in an emergency",

said Dr Devi Shetty, Founder & Chairman of Narayana Health

"With 'InsidER,' Narayana Health goes beyond awareness to empowerment. This series brings the realities of medical emergencies to life, showing what bystanders, ER doctors, and specialists do to save lives. Together with our NEAR initiative, 'InsidER' is a powerful tool. We want people to feel prepared with both the knowledge to act in those critical moments and the comfort that rapid help is always within reach through NEAR" added Dr Emmanuel Rupert, Managing Director & Group CEO at Narayana Health.

Narayana Health embarks on this enlightening journey with "InsidER," streaming now. Tune in to Jio Cinema, Jio TV, and TV+ to witness real-life stories, learn essential emergency care tips, and discover the true meaning of timely intervention.

Enchantment of Rahas dance spreads festive cheer

Supernatural dance delights city and villages alike

Rajim, Mar 27:

A mystical spectacle of Rahas dance has captivated both urban streets and rural landscapes, infusing the atmosphere with a sense of enchantment. At 4:00 pm on Saturday, Rahas dance troupes adorned every square, intersection, and lane, accompanied by the melodious tunes of cymbals, manjira, mridang, and other musical instruments. Dancers, portraying



roles ranging from Radha to Krishna and their friends, swayed gracefully with sticks in hand, drawing an ever-growing audience who showered them with praise and rewards.

The Rahas dance holds profound significance during the festival of Holi, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and synchronized movements. The rhythmic clattering of sticks against each other

adds to the fervour, creating an immersive experience for spectators. Esteemed personalities such as litterateur Nutan Sahu and Jageshwar Sahu, District President of Divyang Sangh, graced the occasion, offering words of encouragement and appreciation.

Meanwhile, the city streets buzzed with youthful energy as children took to the roads, stopping drivers with ropes and charming them into contributing to the festive spirit. Former students adorned school premises with vibrant colors and gulas, eliciting awe from

parents who marveled at the joyous spectacle unfolding before them.

In anticipation of Holi, bustling markets sprung up at various intersections, offering an array of traditional items including masks, jewelry, and colorful attire. As liquor shops prepared to close for the occasion, throngs of revellers flocked to distilleries, stocking up on spirits to elevate their celebrations.

Amidst the festivities, authorities reiterated the importance of peaceful celebrations, ensuring adequate preparations for safety and security.

Collector celebrates birthday with rural students

Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Mar 27: A heartwarming celebration unfolded today as Collector Leena Kamlesh Mandavi commemorated her birthday with primary school children in a remote rural area. Embracing the spirit of camaraderie and compassion, the Collector shared moments of joy and togetherness with the young students.

Indian Overseas Bank

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES (Under Proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the 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 30.04.2024, 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-Pandri, Raipur. The Secured Creditors.

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(Under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
SUBSTITUTED NOTICE OF NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the borrowers as mentioned below that since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited (ABHFL), their loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of the Company as per RBI guidelines thereon. Thereafter, ABHFL has issued demand notices under section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to repay the entire outstanding amount together with further interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the demand notice is also being revised by way of publication, as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules):

Sl. No.	Name and Address Borrower/ Co-Borrower and Guarantor / Co-Guarantor / Loan A/c.	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice	Amount due as per Demand Notice as on Date
1.	P. PUSHPA SINGH Part Of Kh. No. 119/1-3, Ph. No. 53, Radha Florence, Mouza-Dhanek, Tah. & Dist. Raipur (C.G.)-492015. 2. M/S NEW BALAJI METADOR TRADE & EXPORT Part Of Kh. No. 119/1-3, Ph. No. 53, Radha Florence, Mouza-Dhanek, Tah. & Dist. Raipur (C.G.)-492015. 3. PUSHPA SINGH Ring Road No. 01, Infront Of Prakash Swimming Pool, Laxmi Nagar, Raipur. (C.G.)-492001. 4. M/S NEW BALAJI METADOR Ring Road No. 01, Infront Of Prakash Swimming Pool, Laxmi Nagar, Raipur. (C.G.)-492001. 5. M/S NEW BALAJI METADOR Infront Of Shri Ram Holesal Vegetables Market, Behind Gundwada, Raipur. C.G.-492001. 6. APOORVA SINGH PARIHAR Part Of Kh. No. 115/1-4 & 114/2, Ph. No. 53, R.N.M. Mouza-Dhanek, Part Of Kh. No. 115/1-4 & 114/2, Ph. No. 53, R.N.M. Raipur. Tah. & Dist. Raipur. (C.G.)-492015. 7. M/S NEW BALAJI METADOR Ring Road No. 01, Infront Of Prakash Swimming Pool, Laxmi Nagar, Raipur. (C.G.)-492001. 8. APOORVA SINGH PARIHAR Anni Deori, Sahu Para, Purania Tildandhara, Ravagam, Gondwara, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492006. 9. DIGVIJAY SINGH, Plot No. 31 & 32, 'Radha Florence', Mouza-Dhanek, Part Of Kh. No. 115/1-4 & 114/2, Ph. No. 53, R.N.M. Raipur. Tah. & Dist. Raipur. (C.G.)-492015. 10. DIGVIJAY SINGH Ring Road No. 01, Infront Of Prakash Swimming Pool, Laxmi Nagar, Raipur. (C.G.)-492001. 11. DIGVIJAY SINGH Ring Road No. 01, Infront Of Prakash Swimming Pool, Laxmi Nagar, Raipur. (C.G.)-492001. 12. PUSHPA SINGH (In The Capacity Of Available Legal Heir Of Late Chandra Shekhar Singh) Part Of Kh. No. 119/1-3, Ph. No. 53, Radha Florence, Mouza-Dhanek, Tah. & Dist. Raipur. (C.G.)-492015. 13. PUSHPA SINGH (In The Capacity Of Available Legal Heir Of Late Chandra Shekhar Singh) Ring Road No. 01, Infront Of Prakash Swimming Pool, Laxmi Nagar, Raipur. (C.G.)-492001. Loan Account No. LNRHFL-12170629795 & LNRHFL-12170641378	04.03.2024	22.03.2024	Rs. 22,43,881/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Forty Three Thousand Eighty One Only) by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 05.03.2024.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES MORTGAGED: Property 1: Part Of Residential Converted Land Bearing Kharsa No. 119/1-3, Admeasuring 10209 Sq. Ft. Within Mouza Gann Dhanek, Ph. No. 53/53, R.N.M. Raipur (1), Tehsil & District Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492015. And Bounded By: North- Rasta East - Rasta West-Land Of Shrivastav South-Land Of Ganendia. Property 2: Plot No. 31 & 32, Part Of Kharsa No. 114/2 & 115/1-4, Admeasuring 3000 Sq. Ft. Within Mouza-Dhanek, Ph. No. 53, R.N.M. Mandal Raipur. 1-Tehsil & District Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492015. And Bounded By: North- Plot No. 30, East - S.M. Wide Road West- Plot No. 17-18 South- Plot No. 33
NOTE: That apart from the above mentioned loan facility, you the borrower has also availed another loan facility from ABHFL for an amount of Rs. 11,58,545/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty Eight Only) vide loan account number LNRHFL-12170032451 & LNRHFL-12170040764 and executed the loan documents vide loan application form dated 25.10.2017, sanction letter dated 13.12.2017 and loan agreement dated 30.12.2017. However, you failed to adhere to the repayment schedule and committed breach of the terms and conditions of the said loan agreement by inter alia defaulting in payment of equated monthly instalments due and payable to ABHFL. In view of the same, the said instalments of principal and interest has remained overdue for a period of more than 90 days and as such said loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset (NPA) on 04.03.2024 in accordance with the Master Direction/Regulations issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
We hereby call upon the borrower/ secured person to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount (together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. therein) falling which we shall be at liberty to enforce the security interest including but not limited to taking possession of and selling the secured asset entirely at your risk as to the cost and consequences.
Please note that as per section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consent of the Company. Any contravention of the said section by you shall invoke the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard.
Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of ABHFL, together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by ABHFL are tendered to ABHFL, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by ABHFL, and no further step shall be taken by ABHFL or transfer or sale of that secured asset.
Date: 28.03.2024
Place: RAIPUR
Sd/- Authorised Officer (Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited)

Festive frenzy causes traffic hassle in Rajim



Holi celebrations draw crowds, resulting in road congestion

Rajim, Mar 27:

The spirit of Holi brings joy and celebration to Rajim, but it also brings along some unexpected challenges. As the festival fervour grips the town, a surge of visitors, some travelling over 100 kilometers, floods the streets for shopping and festivities.

bus stands and bypass roads exacerbates the situation, leaving commuters grappling with inconvenience and safety concerns. Pedestrians navigate the streets in a haphazard manner, increasing the risk of accidents. Despite its rich history, Rajim lags behind in development, evident from its inadequate infrastructure and unresolved civic issues. The longstanding demand for district status remains unmet, along with appeals for essential amenities like bypass roads and bus stands.

The absence of these facilities forces passengers to embark and disembark from buses directly on the roads, further contributing to the traffic woes.

Notice of missing document

Be it known that my party Manish Agrawal Director Earthnet Resource Pvt. Ltd. Registered Office Dhanusa Tida Road Village Kapaswala, Tahsil and P.O. Dhanusa, District Raipur (Chhattisgarh). The original copy of the previous sale deed related to the company's land was kept in the registered office of the company. During the renovation of the office, on 28.02.2024, the said document was kept at some other place by me (Manish Agrawal). Despite extensive searching, the original document cannot be found. Therefore, the missing document has been reported separately to the concerned police station in charge and there is a need to publish this information. It is also declared that the said document has not been held hostage anywhere. Nor is there a contract for the transfer or transfer of the said property. Therefore, if the said document is otherwise in the possession of any other person or institution, then please send it to me at the address mentioned below or Mail No. But please inform. The second copy of the said document will be valid as a second document under the provisions of the Evidence Act. So, Get information contact Raipur (C.G.) Date: 27/03/2024
Mr. Siddharth Daga (Advocate)
D-2, ground floor, Opposite Taha Office, Bajrang Market, old R.O.A. Building, G.E. Road District Raipur (Chhattisgarh) Mobile No. 98269-02911

Colorful extravaganza enlivens Kurud during Holi



Innovative Holi celebrations mark a first in Kurud

Kurud, Mar 27:

In a pioneering move reminiscent of metropolitan cities, the eastern city of Kurud witnessed a vibrant burst of colors like never before, thanks to a series of innovative Holi programs organized by the dynamic team led by Pramod Sharma "Dabhu," along

with Shivangi Sahu, Kirti Sharma, Robin Singh, and other enthusiastic youth. Departing from traditional celebrations, the event featured unique activities such as musical color blowing, rain Holi, fogging Holi, and dancing Holi.

These creative concepts infused the atmosphere with energy and excitement, setting the stage for a joyous and memorable experience for the residents of Kurud. The resounding success of this initiative not only

transformed Kurud into a kaleidoscope of colors but also brought the community together in celebration, fostering a sense of unity among the youth.

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, Radhey Shyam Upadhyay S/O Khedu Upadhyay resident of Block-3, Flat No.8E, Kota Gudhiyari Road, Singapur City, VTC: Raipur, PO: Raipur, Sub District: Raipur, District: Raipur, State: Chhattisgarh, PIN Code: 492001 have changed my old name Radhey Shyam Upadhyay S/O Khedu Upadhyay so in future I should be recognised by my new name that is Radhey Shyam Upadhyaya S/O Khedu Upadhyay in all government and other documents.
Radhey Shyam Upadhyaya S/O Khedu Upadhyay Block-3, Flat No. 8E, Kota Gudhiyari Road, Singapur City, VTC : Raipur, PO : Raipur, Sub District : Raipur, State : Chhattisgarh, PIN Code : 492001

Notice

Notice is hereby given to all concern that 'M/s AMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY Registration no. 22220232778. (Written Partnership Deed Dated:-24.07.2023 has undergone the following changes:-
1. PAYAL CHANEKAR D/o Deepak chanekar resident of 990 modal town Nehru nagar bhilai dist. Durg 490020 c.g.
Retires on 13.02.2024 and ceased to be partner w.e.f 13.02.2024.
Total partners in the firm after such changes are 2. Following are the details of partners:
1. BHARTI BANPURIYA D/O BRAJNANDAN BANPURIYA resident of Clo Hanari rathore Nihilswaram colony sarkanda chandit road Bilaspur 495001 (C.G.)
2. MADHU VERMA D/o Bhamlal resident of 31-1 dharmad gadaghat dist. Durg 491001 C.G.
FOR: M/s AMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. PLACE: BHILAI (C.G.) DATED: 13.02.2024 PARTNER

DEMAND NOTICE

EDELWEISS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD. CIN: U67100MH2007PLC174759
Retail Central & Regd. Office: Edelweiss House, Off CST Road, Kalina, Mumbai 400099
Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. ("The Act") read with rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

The undersigned is the Authorized Officer of the Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited ("EARC") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. In exercise of powers conferred under the Section 13 (2) of the Act read with rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer has issued a Demand Notice under section 13 (2) of the Act, calling upon the following borrower(s), in connection with the above, Notice is hereby given once again, to the Borrowers to pay, within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice, on the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/pledges, if any, availed by the said borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following asset/funds have been mortgaged to EARC by the said borrower(s) respectively:

Sl. No.	Name Of The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower (a)/Loan Account Number	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Details of the Trust & Assignor
1.	AASTHA SINGH SENGAR (Borrower) SHARDA SINGH SENGAR (Co-Borrower) LAN: HL90222H19100006	01/03/2024 & Rs. 22,91,742.09	EARC TRUST SC 438 - Grluhum Housing Finance Limited
2.	UDAY DAS RATRE (Borrower), BEBIKUSUM/Co-Borrower LAN: HL90222H12100029	01/03/2024 & Rs. 74,54,225.43	EARC TRUST SC 438 - Grluhum Housing Finance Limited

Description Of Property:- PROPERTY 1: All That Part And Parcel Of Mouja-Mathpura, Chantasthakar Azad W.No-052, Old Kh. No.-65/6, K.No-65/25(New)/P.H.No-105/61, R.N.M.-Raipur-01, Tehsil-Raipur, District-Raipur(C.G. Adm-1200 Sq.Ft.Mathpura Road -Lalit Karna Pin Code:-492015 Bounded By:-East- 20' C/Road, West- H.Of Dubeey Jee & Other House, North- H.Of Jyoti Kamear, South- H.Of Old Madkai
01/03/2024 & Rs. 74,54,225.43
EARC TRUST SC 438 - Grluhum Housing Finance Limited
Description Of Property:- PROPERTY 1: All That Part And Parcel Of Plot No. E-43/2, Sector-2, Part Of Kh.No. - 353, Ph.No.-108/38, Rnm Raipur/ Raipur Vikas Pradhikaran Scheme No. 32, Devendra Nagar/ Ward No.23, Laxmi Bar Ward Adm-1520 Sq.Ft.Mandi Road Pin Code -492001 Bounded By:-East-Plot No. 44/2; West- Road, North-Plot No. E 60/2, South- Road
If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to EARC as aforesaid, EARC shall proceed against the above secured assets under the section 13 (4) of the Act and applicable rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrower(s) as to costs and consequences. The borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of EARC. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.
Date: 28.03.2024
Place: MUMBAI
Sd/- Authorized Officer For Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.: CPM-GSU-R/PMS-DURG Dated: 15.03.2024
Name of Work: Appointment of Authoritative Engineer for providing project management services for major up-gradation of Durg Railway Station of SECR on Engineering, Procurement & Construction on (EPC) mode
Tender Value: ₹ 7,32,86,549/- EMD: ₹ 5,16,400/- Submission of Tender: Up to 15:00 Hours of 29.04.2024, Opening of Tender: At 10:00 Hours on 29.04.2024. For further details/purchase of tender document, eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Dy. CSTE/GSU/Raipur or refer/download tender document which is available on our website www.irps.gov.in.
Dy. Chief S&T Engineer - GSU South East Central Railway, Raipur
PRR/GSUDY/CSTE/FL280 @secrail

न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी न्यायालय कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपुर

नोटिस
क्रमांक/83/ए-121/2020-21/420 रायपुर, दिनांक 08 मार्च 2024

- मेसर्स पैसिफिक वेस्टर्न कॉमोडिटिस प्रो. अजय रजा शरीरक व अब्दुल गफ्फार
- एच.एच.आर. हर्बल (गारंटर)
- गुलाम गौस जिलानी शरीरक (गारंटर) म.न. 21/252, वार्ड नं. 14 शाय नं. 05, ग्राउण्ड प्लेसर कमला सुपर मार्केट केलकरपारा तेलघानी नाका रायपुर

आवेदक प्राधिकृत अधिकारी एच.डी.एच.सी. बैंक लिमिटेड कार्यालय सदर नामपुर की ओर से अंतर्गत सूची अधिनियम में आवेदन पत्र/अग्रपत्र, मय दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत कर, आवेदन पत्र से आयुक्तों 11,00,000.00 रुपये का बैंक डिपॉजिट मांगा था, और अग्रपत्र काली शरीरक के स्वामित्व की अग्रपत्र संश्लिष्ट बैंक के पत्र में बंधक रखी गयी थी। आवेदक द्वारा कथन की अग्रपत्र गयी की जा रही है। विवरण के कारण बैंक द्वारा आप को अधिनियम की धारा 13 के तहत नोटिस जारी किया गया कि आप कथन की अग्रपत्र मय अग्रपत्र एवं अन्य सुलोक कथना 11,04,323.00 अग्र कर, अन्यथा आपके द्वारा लिये गये बैंक के पत्र में बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति बैंक अपने हक में प्राप्त कर लेगी कि जानकारी दी जायेगी, बैंक के पत्र में बंधक रखी संपत्ति का कब्जा दिवसों जाने का निवेदन किया है।
2/ अपने प्राधिकृत अधिकारी एच.डी.एच.सी. बैंक लिमिटेड कार्यालय सदर नामपुर से 11,00,000.00 रुपये का बैंक द्वारा कथन मांगा स्टेशन रुक नामुर नाम निमम म.न. 21/252 दुकान नं. 05 रस्ता 11 व 8 नुम्बर में निर्मित दुकान बैंक के पत्र में बंधक रखी है।
3/ आता: आपके द्वारा लिये गये बैंक के पत्र में अग्रपत्र रजा शरीरक के स्वामित्व की बंधक रखी गई अग्रपत्र संश्लिष्ट की विधीय अधिनियम और पूर्णतः और पूर्णतः और पूर्णतः और पूर्णतः और पूर्णतः अधिनियम 2002 की धारा 14 में प्रवर्तन अधिनियम का प्रयोग करते हुए वहाँ न अधिनियम में लेने की कार्यवाही की जाये। आप स्वयं अपना अपने निम्न अधिनियम के माध्यम से कथन से संबंधित एवं बंधक रखी गई संपत्ति से संबंधित दस्तावेज लेकर पत्र प्रस्तुत करने हेतु दूर न्यायालय में पेशी दिनांक 29.04.2024 को ठीक 3.00 बजे उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। निवृत्त तिथि में उपस्थित नहीं होने की दशा में आपके सिविल एवं पब्लिक कार्यवाही की जायेगी, प्रकल्प में निर्णय ले लिया जायेगा। आज दिनांक 08 मार्च, 2024 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर एवं न्यायालय की मुहर से जारी किया गया।
कलेक्टर एवं जिला दण्डाधिकारी, रायपुर

NAME CHANGE

It is informed to the general public that I, Pulina Mohanty, Resident of Flat No. 304, B2B, Golden Tower, Amlidih, PO-Ravigram, Dist-Raipur (C.G.), I have changed my old name Pulina Parida W/o Gajendra Parida So in future I should be known by my new name that is Pulina Mohanty W/o Gajendra Parida, in all government, semi government and other documents.
Pulina Mohanty Flat No. 304, B2B, Golden Tower, Amlidih, PO-Ravigram, Dist-Raipur (C.G.)

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

Registered Office: W-41/63A, Manappuram House, P.O. Valad, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India
GOLD AUCTION NOTICE
The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/04/2024 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.
List of pledges:-
DURG CHOUHAN ESTATE, 115880700024522.
Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders) by way of Cash on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact: 8089292353.
Authorised Officer For Manappuram Finance Ltd

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

Registered Office: The Fairway, Gaudal & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Dhamra, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Chhallaghatta, Bangalore-560071.
Branch Office: Krishna Complex, Opp. Aurobindo Netralaya, Main Road, Sadar Bazar, Raipur-492001

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower(s), Co-Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) and Mortgagee have availed loans from Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you, your loan account has been classified as Non Performing Asset, whereas Jana Small Finance Bank Limited being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand notice calling upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagee as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due In Rs. / as on
1.	1) Mr. Chandan Singh Yadav, S/o. Manharan Lal Yadav, 2) Mr. Manharan Lal, S/o. Khorbakhara Ram Yadav, 3) Mrs. Sukhvanti Yadav, W/o. Manharan Lal, 4) Mrs. Rani Yadav, W/o. Chandan Singh Yadav	Loan Account No. 451199430000058 Loan Amount: Rs.30,10,000/-	Immutable Property: All that piece and parcel of land bearing part of Kharsa No.182, total admeasuring area of 1100 Sq.ft. (102.2 Sq.mtrs.), together with RCC construction thereon, situated at Mouza Nakti, Ph. No.15, R.N.M. Mandisatour, Tehsil Arang & District Raipur (C.G.). Bounded By: East by: Gali, West by: House of Manharan, North by: House of Pathak and South by: House of Jay Sahu.	02.03.2024 & 12-03-2024	Rs.29,95,647.80 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven and Eighty Paise Only) as on 04-03-2024
2.	1) Mr. Shiv Anjoriya, S/o. Samayal Anjoriya, 2) Mr. Samay Lal, S/o. Kanhaiya Anjoriya, 3) Mr. Dhansukh Lal, S/o. Samayal Anjoriya	Loan Account No. 45089420000830 & 45089410000369 Loan Amount: Rs.12,15,000/-	Immutable Property: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Kharsa No.48 (Part), total admeasuring area of 0.024 Hectare (243.122 Sq.mtrs.), together with construction thereon, situated at Bhusrotala, P.H. No.38, R.N.M. Bhusrotala, Janpad Panchayat & Tehsil Kharisgarh, Dist. Rajnandgaon (C.G.). Bounded By: East by: Rajkumar, West by: Remaining Land of Donor Samay Lal, North by: Road and South by: Remaining Land of Donor Samay Lal.	02.03.2024 & 15-03-2024	Rs.10,23,390.90 (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and Ninety Paise Only) as on 04-

Dy. CM celebrates Holi along with villagers

During his two-day stay in Kawardha



Kawardha, Mar 27:

Dy. CM Vijay Sharma celebrated Holi with the residents of Kawardha city during his two-day Holi celebrations. During this he visited Gram Birkoni, Lakhanpur and Gadaikhurd and celebrated the festival along with the villagers. On Monday, he enjoyed local dishes like 'bhajiya', sweets at the local Gandhi Maidan and 'faag geet' as well. In the

'Holi Milan' programme organised at local Gandhi Maidan, LS MP Santosh Pandey, former District Panchayat President Ramkumar Bhatt, District BJP President Ashok Sahu and large number of party workers and local people were present.

During this the party workers who reached the venue from rural areas, made the moment more enthusiastic by singing 'faag geet', 'Kar le Vada la

Nibhay Kare Vada na ...'. The DyCM Vijay Sharma stayed the whole day with party workers and people of the region.

During this Vijay Sharma said that Holi is one of his favourite festival and it is the one which fill one's mind with good energy. On Holi, one forgets all the differences and all celebrate it along with seniors and young ones alike. Extending greetings to all from Kawardha and Chhattisgarh people on occasion of Holi, Vijay Sharma hoped that it comes as blessings for all the residents of Kawardha and rural areas.

On this occasion senior BJP party office bearers, party workers, leaders and celebrated Holi throwing 'gula' and colours on each other and extended greetings as well.

SP inspects various points on the day of Holi



Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Mar 27: To ensure that the Holi celebrations pass off peacefully and without any controversies, the Police Department had installed fix pickets and put police force on patrolling duty, so that full vigilance is maintained.

SP Bhawana Gupta in order to ensure that the Holi celebrations end on happier note, took a stock of the security arrangements made and boosted the morale of the policemen posted at different places. It was under guidance of SP to ensure that no untoward incident took place and it remains a festival filled with happy memories, had put suffi-

cient police force at all places. During this SP also met the people passing on the roads and inquired about their well-being and wished them happy greetings on Holi. She also stopped three on bike and advised them not to travel three and use helmet always while driving the two-wheeler.

SP Bhawana Gupta made an appeal to all the residents of district saying that model code of conduct is already enforced and in such conditions do not take any such action, which disturbs peace and harmony and contribute your level best to celebrate the festival in peace, happiness and mutual brotherhood.

Holi Milan event on educational campus violates Code of Conduct: Khabari

Jagdalpur, Mar 27:

The Bastar District chapter of the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) convened a press conference to address concerns regarding the Holi Milan ceremony organized by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in the Government Kakatiya College campus, Dharampura premises.

Expressing his views, Vishal Khabari, the city district president of NSUI, emphasized that the timing of the Holi Milan event coincides with the election notification period, thus constituting a violation of the Model Code of Conduct. Khabari highlighted that the District Collector has already issued directives under the Noise Control Act, specifically regulating sound devices in educational institutions for the ongoing examination session of 2023-2024. The installation of



noise-generating equipment within the college premises during this crucial period could disrupt the examination process, creating unnecessary hindrances for candidates.

Neelam Kashyap, the Rural District President of NSUI, echoed these concerns, citing past incidents where government functions during examinations led to disruptions and subsequent relocation to college premises. Kashyap emphasized the need for activities to be temporarily suspended in designated examination areas until the conclusion of examinations, ensuring

an environment conducive to academic pursuits. During the press conference, several key NSUI members including State General Secretary Jyoti Rao, Manohar Sethia, Ankit Singh, Sheikh Ayaz, Lokesh Chaudhary, Kartavya Acharya, Akshist Bist, and Anas Ali, voiced their support for upholding electoral guidelines and maintaining the sanctity of the examination process. Their unified stance underscores the commitment of NSUI to promote fairness and adherence to democratic principles during the electoral period.

Holi celebrated with fervour and enthusiasm

Birkoni, Mar 27:

The villagers of Birkoni performed 'Holika Dahan' (combustion ritual on Holi) at Nandishwar ground at Chandi Gate on Sunday and as per tradition, five or seven cow dung cakes were brought from every house and prayers were performed. On Monday, the villagers celebrated the Holi with vibrant colours.

The villagers celebrated Holi in traditional style and during this the children applied colours to each other and the senior citizens applied 'gula' to each other and it was celebrated with peace and harmony. During this the youth celebrated Holi as per the tradition of protecting the environment and people were advised not



to use chemical based colours which causes injuries and allergies to

the skin and eyes. On this occasion the children sprayed water

colours and gula in the lanes and used 'nagadas' and danced on the tunes. The girls seemed to be busy in traditional religious style. It was since morning itself, the youths were enthusiastic to use their colours and water-guns and they celebrated it by moving around in groups and applying colours and throwing water colours from water-guns on each other. This continued till the afternoon hours and later the people were busy in removing the colours from their skin.

In the homes the senior sang 'faag geet' and applied 'gula' on each other and tried hands on 'nagadas'. There was 'rass-gaan' at the Chowk at Holi Milan programme and this continued till the evening hours.

51 farmers affected by hailstorm and rain to receive compensation

Khairagarh, Mar 27: The administration has announced compensation for 51 farmers who bore the brunt of unseasonal rain, hail, and storms in the district. Director in-charge of the Horticulture Department compiled and forwarded a list of affected farmers to the Indian Agricultural Insurance Company, facilitating the provision of aid to those grappling with crop failure. The roster includes farmers cultivating vital produce such as tomatoes, cabbage, bananas, papayas, and chili peppers.

The recent bout of adverse weather, including heavy rains and hailstorms, wreaked havoc on crops in Salhewara area, encompassing Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, resulting in substantial losses for the agricultural community. Recognizing the urgent need



for support, the administration has prioritized compensating farmers for their incurred losses.

In line with this, officials have outlined the provision for compensating insured farmers

Administration steps in to support affected agriculturalists

under the insurance scheme. If crop loss exceeds 25 percent in the notified unit, all insured farmers will receive compensation. For losses below this threshold, damage assessments will be conducted, and compensation will be provided accordingly. To initiate the claims process, farmers are instructed to report crop losses within 72 hours to the insurance company. They can do so by calling the toll-free number 1800-419-0344 or 14447, or by submitting written notifications to local revenue or agriculture authorities, or the relevant bank.

CMO urges officers and employees to prioritize city's water crisis



Mahasamund, Mar 27: Chief Municipal Officer Tomson Ratre held a review meeting with officers and employees of the Water Department regarding the arrangement for drinking water supply in the city. In a meeting convened on Saturday, Ratre rallied officers and employees from the Water Department to strategize and implement robust measures for ensuring

a consistent drinking water supply across Mahasamund. Under his dynamic leadership, Ratre emphasized the immediate resolution of drinking water challenges and the prompt repair of faulty motor pumps. Ratre emphasized to the employees of the water department the imperative of ensuring that the municipality's water tanker is not utilized

for personal purposes. He sternly warned that strict action would be taken against any employee caught supplying water without proper documentation or receipt.

Ratre instructed the Water Department's flying squad to conduct surprise inspections in the wards every morning and evening. Additionally, he directed them to take action against individuals filling water through Tullu pumps. Present at the meeting were Water In-charge Sitaram Telak, Deputy Engineer Dilip Kashyap, and other key personnel including Durgesh Kunjekar, Naushad Baksh, Balmukund Verma, Vishram Sinha, Tech Ram Sahu, and Subelal.

Two persons apprehended with Ganja



Jagdalpur, Mar 27: Police have successfully apprehended two individuals involved in the illegal trafficking of ganja.

Acting upon credible information, a dedicated team, led by the diligent Bodhghat police station in-charge, Leeladhar Rathore, swiftly moved into action.

The suspects, identified as Salamat Aili and Ved Prakash alias Gokul, were intercepted

in Rain Basera Gali Jagdalpur, where they were attempting to transport a significant quantity of ganja. The authorities wasted no time in apprehending the accused, ensuring that the illegal substance weighing 5.300 kg was seized from their possession.

The accused have been charged under Section 20 (B) of the NDPS Act, and judicial proceedings are underway.

Navagaon Kala school students celebrate Water Day

Khairagarh, Mar 27: Vibrant celebrations marked Water Day at Government Primary School Navagaon Kala, as students and educators united in a spirited campaign for environmental stewardship. Led by Headmistress Sunita Thakur, the school launched an impactful initiative to instill in students a sense of responsibility towards safeguarding the environment. Joined by dedicated teachers including Naina Verma, Ganga Yadav, Lalita Yadav, America Verma, Yasheshwari Verma, and former students, the event served as a rallying point for promoting water conservation.



In a display of creativity and passion, students conveyed powerful messages through colorful artwork, urging people to conserve water and maintain the cleanliness of water

pledge to prioritize water conservation efforts and embarked on activities to clean water sources. Children led a spirited rally, adorned with vibrant posters, to inspire the community towards water conservation.

This year's World Water Day theme, 'Water for Peace,' resonated deeply, highlighting the urgent need for global cooperation in the face of climate change-induced challenges such as erratic rainfall, droughts, and heatwaves.

MLA Rohit Sahu celebrates Holi with great enthusiasm

In Gandhinagar ward

Rajim, Mar 27:

In a vibrant celebration of Phagun Purnima, MLA Rohit Sahu of Rajim spread the colors of joy and camaraderie as he joined the festivities of Holi with fervour in Gandhinagar Ward.

His first stop was at the home of Bidula Bai, an esteemed devotee of Lord Ram and a cherished resident of Ward No. 1 Gandhinagar. With utmost respect, Sahu applied gula and sought blessings from the 84-year-old Bidula Bai, commencing the day's celebrations with a gesture of reverence.



immersed himself in the spirit of Holi, spreading laughter and merriment as he played with the residents of Dewar Basti. The joyous occasion was heightened by the presence of Bidula Bai, whose recent recognition at the consecration ceremony of the newly constructed Ramlalla temple in Ayodhya had brought immense pride to Rajim.

Bidula Bai's selfless contribution to the Ram temple construction, wherein she donated a significant portion of her earnings despite her humble circumstances, earned her nationwide acclaim and an invitation to the prestigious event in Ayodhya. Although unable to attend initially, she was later granted the opportunity, courtesy of Vishwa Hindu

Parishad and Bajrang Dal, to witness the darshan of Ram Lalla, bringing her immense happiness.

MLA Sahu's gesture of honoring Bidula Bai upon her return symbolized the community's appreciation for her noble deeds. Grateful for the support and blessings she received, Bidula Bai expressed her joy, attributing her fortunes to the grace of Lord Ram and the kindness of her fellow citizens.

The event was graced by the presence of esteemed dignitaries including District Panchayat member Chandrashekhar Sahu, Kisan Morcha District President Manish Harit, and several prominent local leaders, highlighting the unity and spirit of camaraderie that defines Rajim's community.

Pandariya's Dabri School embraces bagless day

Pandariya, Mar 27: Dabri Primary School in Pandariya Block witnessed a day filled with meaningful activities and celebrations as it observed Bagless School Day on Saturday.

To kick off the event, teachers and students united in a collective effort to clean the school surroundings, demonstrating their commitment to environmental stewardship. Following this, a poignant tribute was paid to the valiant heroes of India's independence struggle, Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru, underscoring their remarkable contributions to the nation.

Headmaster Horilal Gabel, in his address, highlighted the bravery and sacrifice of these revered figures, inspiring



the students to uphold their legacy of patriotism. The event continued with the performance of Bharat Mata Aarti, symbolizing reverence for the motherland. Adding a creative flair to the festivities, a thali decoration competition engaged the students, fostering a spirit of creativity and camaraderie.

Prizes were awarded to the top performers, encouraging their artistic endeavors. In the spirit of Holi, teachers joined the students in colorful celebrations, spreading joy and laughter throughout the school. Gabel took the opportunity to impart valuable lessons on environmental conservation, urg-

ing the children to refrain from cutting green trees and plants for Holika. Principal Horilal Gabel, along with teachers Sanjay Kumar Chaturvedi and Faguram Sahu, extended warm wishes to all the students, emphasizing the importance of embracing eco-friendly practices in daily life.

All 6 workers missing after Baltimore bridge collapse presumed dead



A container ship rests against wreckage of the Francis Scott Key Bridge on Wednesday, March 27 in Baltimore. Recovery efforts resumed Wednesday for the construction workers who are presumed dead after the cargo ship hit a pillar of the bridge, causing the structure to collapse.

Baltimore, Mar 27 (AP):

The Latest on the ship crash that collapsed the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore (all times local):

All six workers missing after a Baltimore bridge collapsed Tuesday are presumed dead and the search for them has been suspended until Wednesday morning.

Col. Roland L. Butler Jr., superintendent for Maryland State Police, said Tuesday evening that the search and rescue mission was transitioning to one of search and recovery. He said divers would return to the site at 6 a.m. when challenging overnight conditions were expected to improve.

The six people unaccounted for were part of a construction crew repairing potholes on the bridge. Police had stopped traffic

on the bridge just before the crash and said there is no evidence that anyone went into the water other than the workers.

The pilot of the ship that caused the Baltimore bridge collapse tried to slow it down before the crash, the head of a trade association for maritime pilots said.

Clay Diamond, executive director of the American Pilots' Association, said he has been in close contact with officials from the Association of Maryland Pilots who described to him what happened as the ship approached the bridge. He said when the ship was a few minutes out, it lost all power, including to its engines.

The pilot immediately ordered the rudder hard to port to keep the ship from turning right and ordered the port anchor be

Biden praises prompt action of Indian crew of ship

US President Joe Biden hailed the prompt action of the 22-member Indian crew of the cargo ship that struck and demolished a key bridge over the Chesapeake Bay. Biden said the crew's actions were "impressive" and "saved lives."

Remarks at the White House, Biden praised the ship's crew, saying the alert they sent before the collision saved lives. "Personnel on board the ship were able to alert the Maryland Department of Transportation that they had lost control of their vessel...As a result, local authorities were able to close the bridge to traffic before the bridge was struck, which undoubtedly saved lives," Biden said. He stressed that "everything so far indicates" that this was a terrible accident. "At this time, we have no other indication -- no other reason to believe there was any intentional act here," Biden said.

dropped, which it was, Diamond said. The pilot also contacted a dispatch office to get the bridge shut down. Diamond said widely circulated images show the ship's lights turning off and then back on, sparking questions about whether the vessel had regained power. But, he said, the emergency generators that kicked in turned the lights back on but not the ship's propulsion.

Every foreign-flagged ship entering US waters must have a state-licensed pilot on board. Pilots board the ships before they enter local waterways and take "navigational control" of the ship, Diamond said, meaning they give orders for the ship's speed and direction. "These are among the most highly trained mariners in the world," he said.

ISRAELI AIR STRIKE



People gather on the rubble of a paramedic center that was destroyed by an Israeli airstrike early Wednesday in Hebbariye village, south Lebanon, Wednesday, March 27. The Israeli airstrike on a paramedic center linked to a Lebanese Sunni Muslim group killed several people of its members. The strike was one of the deadliest single attacks since violence erupted along the Lebanon-Israel border more than five months ago.

Jaishankar meets Malaysian counterpart, discusses 'multifaceted' bilateral ties

Kuala Lumpur, Mar 27 (PTI):

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday held a "productive and frank" discussion on the "multifaceted" bilateral ties between India and Malaysia and regional and international issues with his Malaysian counterpart Mohamad bin Haji Hasan here, the Malaysian foreign ministry said.



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with his Malaysian counterpart Mohamad bin Haji Hasan during a meeting, in Malaysia, Wednesday, March 27.

Jaishankar is in Kuala Lumpur on the third and last leg of his three-nation tour to Singapore, the Philippines and Malaysia. He met the Malaysian Foreign Minister Hasan here and held a "productive and frank discussion, including exchanging views on the multifaceted dimensions of Malaysia-

India bilateral affairs as well as regional and international issues of mutual interest," the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in an official statement.

The ministers also discussed the exchange of

high-level visits and the convening of the 7th Joint Commission Meeting of Malaysia and India on a mutually agreeable date.

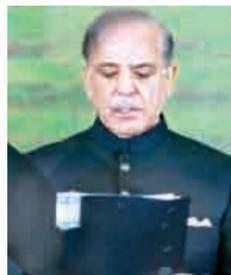
This was the first meeting between Jaishankar and Hasan since the latter took office in December

2023, the statement said. Jaishankar will call on Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim later in the day and is scheduled to meet Minister of Digital Gobind Singh Deo, the foreign ministry said. His visit aims to strengthen cooperation between India and Malaysia and enhance understanding of shared challenges and opportunities, it said. Malaysia and India share a long-standing and substantive relationship bound by robust economic partnerships and close people-to-people ties. In 2023, India was Malaysia's 12th largest global trading partner, with total trade amounting to RM 77.76 billion (USD 16.53 billion), according to the statement.

Pak PM Sharif orders joint investigation into terrorist attack on Chinese nationals

Islamabad, Mar 27 (PTI):

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday ordered a thorough joint investigation into the deadly terrorist attack on Chinese nationals, as Beijing pressed Islamabad to speed up the hunt for the perpetrators and take effective steps to protect Chinese personnel working in the country.



Five Chinese nationals were among six persons killed on Tuesday when an explosives-packed vehicle rammed into their bus in the troubled province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, in the second suicide attack on the personnel working on the China-backed hy-

dropower project since 2021. The Chinese were working on the Dasu hydropower project, which is about 300 km to the north of Islamabad. The 4,320 MW project is being constructed by China Gezhouba with funding from the World Bank.

According to Radio Pakistan, Prime Minister Sharif gave the instructions for a joint investigation, while chairing an emergency meeting in Islamabad, a day after the Besham terrorist attack on Chinese nationals working on the Dasu Hydel Power Project.

The meeting was attended by the federal ministers, Army chief General Asim Munir, the chief ministers, the chief secretaries and the Inspectors General of Police of respective provinces.

The participants of the meeting discussed the heinous attack on innocent civilians working on a development project,

meant to contribute to the energy and water security of Pakistan. The Prime Minister offered deepest condolences to the families of the victims of the attack and assured them that the "perpetrators of this barbaric act would be brought to justice swiftly".

He underscored the enduring bond of brotherhood between the people of Pakistan and China and conveyed that the whole nation was saddened by the loss of Chinese lives. Sharif appreciated the alacrity with which the security agencies and local people responded to the attack, saving many precious lives which could have been lost.

Islamabad, Mar 27 (PTI):

In an unprecedented move, six judges of the Islamabad High Court sought intervention by the Supreme Judicial Council against the alleged interference in the working of the judiciary by Pakistan's powerful intelligence agencies.

A letter signed by six Islamabad High Court (IHC)

judges demanded the SJC initiate a judicial convention against such interference in judicial affairs. The six judges who signed the March 25 dated letter include Justice Mohsin

Akhtar Kayani, Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri, Justice Babar Sattar, Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq Khan, Justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir, and Justice Saman Rafat Imtiaz. The letter also advocated adopting a stance to ensure the judiciary's independence through the convention.

The SJC is the highest body authorised to take action against judges of high and supreme courts.

"We are writing to seek guidance from the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) with regard to the duty of a judge to report and respond to actions on

part of members of the executive, including operatives of intelligence agencies, that seek to interfere with discharge of his/her official functions and qualify as intimidation, as well

as the duty to report any such actions that come to his/her attention in relation to colleagues and/or members of the courts that the High Court supervises," the letter stated.

Six Pak high court judges allege intelligence agencies' interference in judicial matters

China sends 1,500 tonnes of drinking water from Tibet to Maldives

Male, Mar 27 (PTI):

The Maldives government Tuesday announced that 1,500 tonnes of drinking water donated by China from the glaciers in Tibet has reached the archipelago nation amidst an acute water shortage.

The decision to provide Maldives with drinking

water was reached during the official visit of China's Tibet Autonomous Region's Chairman, Yan Jinhai to the Maldives, where he met President Dr Mohamed Muizzu last November, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said. The 1,500 tonnes of drinking water shipment has been brought into the country, Edition.mv, a news

portal said, quoting an announcement by the Ministry.

At the time (in November), it was deliberated to donate water that is produced out of frozen water procured from glacial regions which are highly clean, clear and rich in minerals. Moreover, Tibet (Xizang in Chinese)

Autonomous Region is known to produce high-cost premium brands of water, the ministry said.

This is the latest aid from China that has promised to help the Maldives on multiple fronts, especially since Mohamed Muizzu took over as the President in November 2023.

Chinese EV makers challenging market leaders at auto show in Bangkok

Bangkok, Mar 27 (AP):

Chinese electric vehicle makers are showcasing their latest models, including a flying car, as they take on global rivals at the Bangkok International Motor Show.

Companies like BYD, XPeng and Great Wall Motors are quickly growing their sales in Thailand, challenging longstanding market leaders like Toyota, Isuzu and Ford, as they expand exports across the globe. And Thailand, one of the biggest markets in Southeast Asia, a region of more than 600 million people, has made developing its EV market a priority.

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Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated in Line no: Siding-2, Coal Empty yard/PP Yard Bhilai for energization of 25,000 Volts, 50 HZ, A.C. OHE of Raipur division of S.E.C. Railway after the date specified against all times and no un-authorized person shall approach works in the proximity of the Over Head Line.

Location	Division	Date
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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 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public general and in particular to the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited the same shall be referred here in after as Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "What ever there is" basis through E-Auction. It is hereby informed to General public that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through <https://bankauctions.in>.

Account No. and Name of borrower, co-borrower, Mortgagors	1. Date 2. Demand Notice Amount 3. Total Loan Outstanding 4. Possession Date	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price	E-Auction Date and Time, EMD Submission Last Date, Inspection Date
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Loan Account - HE02RRH0000001778 X0HERRH0000137391 1. Sheikh Shaib Mohammad (Applicant), 2. Naziya Kausar Sheikh (Co. Applicant), 3. Najamunnisha (Co. Applicant) All of Add.- 373, Chourasiya Colony, Mathpura Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001 - 4. Najamunnisha (Co. Applicant), 14/259, Moudaha para Raipur, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001, 7. Attar Traders (Co. Applicant), Shop No. 40, First Floor, Ravi Bhabani, Jaistambh Chowk, Raipur, Chhattisgarh-492001.	13.12.2023	All that Part and Parcel of the Residential Property Bearing Khasra No. 1460/85, Area- 0.007 Hec. Or 780 Sqft. Situated at Kailash Nagar, Kumhari, Ward no. 11, PH. No. 46/53, R.I.C.- Kumbhari, Tehsil- Bhalai-3, Dist- Durg (C.G.) Bounded as: North- Gali, South- Property of Sheikh Nazmunnisha, East- Property of Nanji Bhai, West- Property of Sheikh Nazmunnisha as on 23.03.2024 together with further interest, penal interest, costs and charges thereon till the date of payment, 15.03.2024 (Symbolic Possession)	₹ 15,10,000/-	03.05.2024 at 11:00 am to 1:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 min each), 01.05.2024 (up to 5.30 P.M) 19.04.2024 and 20.04.2024 (10.00 A.M to 1.00 P.M.)
	Totally ₹ 21,43,935/- as on 13.12.2023		₹ 1,51,000/-	
	Totally ₹ 22,51,766/- as on 23.03.2024		₹ 50,000/-	

1. All interested participants/bidders are requested to visit the website <https://www.bankauctions.in> and <https://www.cholamandalam.com/news/auction-notices>. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact Mr. Muhemmad Rahees 8124000030, Ms.4 Closure., Mr. Jaya Prakash Reddy, Phone No. 8142000064, Email: info@bankauctions.in.

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Date: 27.03.2024, Place: Durg (C.G.) Authorised Officer/ M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited

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Branch Office: Telibandha, Raipur (C.G.)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)
(Under Rule-8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the UCO Bank, Telibandha, Raipur (C.G.) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under section 13(2) read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice on the dates, mentioned against each Account (given below) calling upon the Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagors to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of notices / date of receipt of the said notices. The Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on the dates mentioned below.

The Borrower's / Guarantors' / Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers/ Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of UCO Bank for the amounts and interest thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower/ Guarantors & Mortgagor	Description of the Property	Date of Demand Notice Possession Notice affixed on	Amount outstanding as on the date of demand notice
1.	Borrower- Mr. Vinod Khemani and Mrs. Rekha Khemani.	All that part and parcel of the property: Land and Building in the name of Mr. Vinod Khemani S/o. Mr. Jashram Khemani at Kh. No. 462/1, PH No. 113, Plot No. P-4, Ward 28, Avanti Vihar, Telibandha, Raipur (C.G.)- 492001. Bounded: On the North by- Bhukhand Kramank 17, On the South by- 30 feet Road, On the East by- Bhukhand Kramank P-5, On the West by- Bhukhand Kramank P-3.	09.1.2024	₹ 51,35,805.86/- + interest & Other Charges.
2.	Borrower- Mr. Dharam Singh and Mrs. Lakhvinder Kaur.	All that part and parcel of the property: Land and Building standing in the name of Mr. Dharam Singh S/o. Mr. Nirmal Singh and Smt. Lakhvinder Kaur at Kh. No. 238/1, 579/2, 482/4, 475, 481, 482/7, House No. LIG-1/724, LIG-1/725, CG Housing Board, Vihar Savarkar Nagar, Hirapur, Raipur (C.G.) Bounded: On the North by- Road, On the South by- Plot No. 718, On the East by- LIG-1/723, On the West by- LIG-1/725.	18.12.2023	₹ 21,03,200.79/- + interest & Other Charges.

Date: 27.03.2024 Place: Raipur (C.G.) Chief Manager, Authorised Officer / UCO BANK



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Strengthening Bonds

PM Modi's Bhutan Visit

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi returns to India following his recent visit to Bhutan, it's opportune to reflect on the significance of this diplomatic endeavour in fortifying bilateral relations between the two neighboring nations. Despite initial setbacks caused by adverse weather conditions, the rescheduled visit underscored India's unwavering commitment to nurturing a robust partnership with Bhutan. From the moment Prime Minister Modi set foot in Bhutan, the warmth of the reception and the conferment of the nation's highest civilian honor spoke volumes about the mutual respect and understanding shared between the two countries. This gesture exemplified a shared recognition of the strategic importance of fostering strong bilateral ties in today's ever-changing geopolitical landscape. At the heart of this diplomatic endeavour lies India's steadfast dedication to supporting Bhutan's developmental aspirations. Prime Minister Modi's announcement of increased aid and financial assistance for key initiatives underscores India's role as a reliable ally and partner in Bhutan's journey towards progress. By doubling assistance for Bhutan's upcoming Five-Year Plan and pledging support for initiatives like the Gyalshing Initiative, aimed at empowering Bhutanese youth, India demonstrated tangible solidarity with Bhutan's socio-economic advancement. Moreover, India's endorsement of transformative projects such as the Gelephu Special Administrative Region and the commitment to finance a railway line signifies a shared vision for regional connectivity and economic development. These initiatives not only stimulate economic growth but also deepen the fabric of bilateral relations, fostering enhanced cooperation and collaboration. Beyond the realm of economic assistance lies India's deeper engagement with Bhutan, rooted in mutual respect and trust. The recalibration of the India-Bhutan Friendship Treaty to respect Bhutan's sovereignty underscores India's commitment to honoring its neighbor's autonomy and independence in shaping its foreign policy. This diplomatic gesture holds profound significance, particularly against the backdrop of complex geopolitical dynamics in the region. The memory of the Doklam standoff serves as a reminder of the delicate balance of power in the Himalayan region. India's unwavering support for Bhutan's territorial integrity underscores a shared commitment to regional stability and security. By facilitating Bhutan's diplomatic endeavors on the global stage, India has played a pivotal role in shaping Bhutan's emergence as a respected member of the international community. The camaraderie witnessed between the leaders of both nations during Prime Minister Modi's visit exemplifies the depth of mutual trust and understanding. It signifies a shared resolve to navigate the complexities of the contemporary geopolitical landscape hand in hand, with shared interests and aspirations. The visit by PM to Bhutan stands as a testament to the enduring strength of the India-Bhutan relationship. It reaffirms the shared commitment to building a future characterized by cooperation, prosperity, and mutual respect. As both nations traverse this path together, the bonds forged during this visit will undoubtedly serve as the foundation for deeper collaboration and understanding in the years to come.

Political Vendetta Undermines Democracy

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee



In the recent turn of events, the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) marks a disturbing trend in Indian politics. This unprecedented move comes after Kejriwal failed to appear before the ED despite repeated summons, raising questions about the impartiality of investigative agencies and the state of democracy in our country. The timing of Kejriwal's arrest, just months before the upcoming elections, raises suspicions about the motives behind it. Kejriwal's arrest follows closely on the heels of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren's detention earlier this year, painting a troubling picture of the ruling government's tactics to stifle opposition voices. This pattern of targeting opposition leaders only reinforces the perception that the Modi government is using its power to suppress dissent and eliminate political rivals. One cannot overlook the significance of Kejriwal being the first sitting Chief Minister in India to face such an arrest. This unprecedented move not only undermines the authority of state governments but also sets a dangerous precedent for future political discourse. It sends a chilling message to opposition leaders that they are not safe from arbitrary action, even in their official capacities. The manner in which investigative agencies have been weaponized to target political opponents is deeply concerning. The Supreme Court's observation about the misuse of agencies like the ED highlights the need for urgent reforms to safeguard the independence and integrity of these institutions. The practice of 'jail without trial', as aptly pointed out by the apex court, is a blatant violation of democratic principles and the rule of law. It is imperative to question the role of probe agencies in a democracy. Instead of serving the interests of justice, they seem to have become pawns in the hands of the ruling party. The arbitrary use of power to intimidate and silence opposition voices undermines the very essence of democracy, which thrives on the free exchange of ideas and the ability to dissent without fear of retribution. The Modi government's relentless pursuit of its political opponents through underhanded tactics raises serious doubts about its commitment to upholding democratic values. By freezing the bank accounts of political parties and arresting leaders on flimsy grounds, the government is not only subverting the democratic process but also eroding public trust in the institutions meant to protect their rights. Moreover, these arrests raise questions about the government's priorities. Instead of focusing on pressing issues like economic revival, social welfare, and healthcare, the ruling dispensation seems more intent on consolidating power through coercive means. This diversion of attention from real governance issues to political vendetta is detrimental to the progress and development of the nation.

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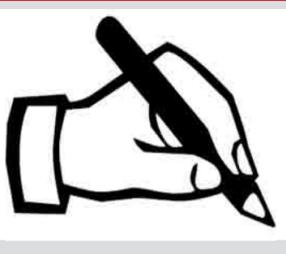
HOLI CELEBRATIONS IN PURI



Devotees celebrate Holi at the Jagannath temple in Puri.

Is the South Ready for a Lotus Blossom?

DR. DUGGARAJU SRINIVASA RAO



The 2024 parliamentary elections are considered as historic by many for many reasons and one such reason being the likely victory of BJP in the southern states. The lotus bloom in their states is discounted by the southern regional leaders as their very political culture based on the regional pride is anathema to the philosophy of the saffron party. However BJP top leadership is so confident, sometimes bordered on over confidence, of its lotus harvest this time even in Kerala, the hitherto barren state for that party, and that being expressed by no less than chief campaigner PM Modi in many meetings in that state. The well-known political strategist Prashant Kishore comment that entire south as anti-BJP is not acceptable as that party was either in the ruling or the prime opposition party in Karnataka for the last 30 odd years. Though the strategist is not ready endorse the blooming confidence of BJP, he is ready to see some surprising results in the south in favour of that party. The south based political observers say the perpetual campaign mode of BJP is what going to fructify in the coming elections across the country and south is no more terra incognita for saffron surge. The reports emanating from the southern states say the climate is favourable for BJP to breach the regional political forts of south. They already succeeded, though not directly, in eliminating one regional party, BRS, in Telangana. The party which led the agitation for the formation of separate state is now struggling to find candidates to contest in 17 Lok Sabha constituencies. Thus making it largely a straight fight with Congress. Wherever BJP was in straight contest with Congress its winning chance are better and Telangana may not be different. Since BJP won 4 Lok Sabha seats in 2019 elections facing both BRS and Congress this time it is hoping to improve its numbers in Telangana. Andhra Pradesh is the only state in the south which is having simultaneous elections for assembly and Lok Sabha elections and ruling YSRCP headed by Jagannadh Reddy (Jagan) is confident of coming back to power basing on the freebies he offered during the last four years. This situation is cleverly used by the BJP to its advantage. Chandrababu Naidu of TDP was compelled to join NDA and concede 6 Lok Sabha seats to the BJP in Andhra Pradesh where saffron party never had 1% vote share. For his political survival Chandrababu Naidu has bear the burden of getting the BJP candidates to win, as any loss of BJP in the allotted seats means that many seats are a gift his political rival and current CM Jagannadh Reddy. Thus the BJP chose the piggy ride on

Naidu and the cine star turned politician Pawan Kalyan and his JSP to have successful lotus harvest.

Tamil Nadu which kept the national parties at bay ever since Dravid parties came to power in 1967 has thrown up a surprising political situation where BJP became the main challenger for the DMK hegemony. Tamils who were swayed by the Hindu-Hindi rhetoric for the last five decades are now ready to welcome BJP into their state. All those staunch Hindus and the communities which were excluded by the DMK in power sharing have now joined hands with BJP. One man, the former IPS officer turned politician and presently state BJP chief, Annamalai is credited in laying the field for the lotus bloom. Under his leadership BJP won four assembly seats in 2021 elections and this time the party is confident of winning a minimum of four Lok Sabha seats. This is made possible as BJP could attract Tamil Manila Congress, founded by Moopanar and present Congress leader P. Chidambaram, and PMK, another community based party with influence in the coastal areas. By the time results are out many observers see the decimation of once powerful, MGR-Jayalalithaa led, AIADMK. With Congress lost its will to make a political come back in Tamil Nadu and its leaders remained satisfied to play a secondary role to DMK, the bloom of BJP is made possible. As BJP state chief Annamalai states 25% vote share in 2024 elections and to be in power in the state after 2026 assembly elections may not be that difficult if the same tempo is maintained by BJP in Tamil land.

Perhaps Kerala is the toughest state for BJP and Left parties take pride in keeping BJP away from their God's own Country. The high literacy and

better social indices achieved by Kerala is stated by Left leaders as the reason for rational thinking of voters and not accepting 'communal' BJP, though the Left runs blatantly run Minority communal politics under the garb of secularism. That pseudo secular nature of both Left and Congress politics is evident in their competitive issuance of secular certification for Muslim league and how Hindu voters are divided on the caste lines. This 75 year old pseudo secular narrative is on the verge of breaching. The Hindu consciousness was successfully aroused through the judicial verdict on Sabarimala and the Left government handling of temples which is being cashed by BJP besides the grass root work of RSS cadre. Though not many seats are given to BJP by the political observers but none of them are ruling out the rising political graph of saffron party in red Kerala. The Left fort of Kerala may not be breached in 2024 but certainly BJP is going to be a game in 2026 assembly elections.

Karnataka is boasted as the southern gate way by BJP and since the last 30 years that party remained relevant in state politics with consistent 33% vote share. In the last Lok Sabha elections it conceded only one seat to Congress and one seat to JDS. Now it could drive JDS into NDA fold. Out of the 25 Lok Sabha seats of Karnataka, the BJP is confident of winning at least 25 seats despite Congress scoring a impressive victory in the recent assembly elections. The figures may vary from survey to survey but BJP winning seats in Karnataka is never in doubt.

The target of 370 seats for BJP may or may not be achieved but target of having at least one MP from all the 29 states is going to be a possibility, with predicted southern lotus blooming.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kejriwal's Dilemma

Arvind Kejriwal's recent arrest sparks scrutiny over timing. Despite ample warnings from the Enforcement Directorate, Kejriwal remained elusive. His predecessor, Manish Sisodia, faced similar charges a year prior. If Sisodia's arrest was unjust, why is he still detained? The ED must hasten its inquiry. Kejriwal's determination to govern from behind bars raises eyebrows. While his reforms in education and healthcare are commendable, reliance on vote-baiting undermines governance. Kejriwal's commitment to Delhi's development is overshadowed by this controversy. It's time for clarity and accountability in the realm of governance.

MK Nair, Raipur

Political Ploy

Arresting Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal risks martyring him, fueling sympathy and rallying the Opposition. Targeting opposition leaders may unify them, amid fears of government overreach. PM Narendra Modi must recognize that fair elections demand opposition participation, free from incarceration or financial constraints. Misusing central agencies undermines BJP's electoral integrity.

Shiv Kumar Mishra, Raipur

ED's Burden

Arvind Kejriwal, once a symbol of anti-corruption, now faces arrest in a money laundering case. Yet, doubts linger over the timing, suggesting political motives behind the Enforcement Directorate's actions. Kejriwal's repeated defiance of ED summonses hints at exploiting the situation for political mileage. Amidst the political heat, the core issue shouldn't be overlooked. The burden lies on the ED to substantiate its case against the Delhi CM.

Rakesh Gupta, Korba

Congress Crisis

The Congress, a longtime ruling force, faces mounting woes. Recent electoral setbacks coupled with reports of frozen accounts ahead of the General Election compound its woes. Financial constraints severely hinder its ability to contest. The looming question: how will this affect the BJP-Congress dynamic in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls?

Kishan Lal, New Delhi

Diplomatic Betrayal

Moscow and Beijing's veto of the US-led UN resolution for a Gaza ceasefire isn't just a diplomatic failure; it's a monumental tragedy. Innocent lives are at stake, yet the veto demonstrates a chilling indifference to human suffering. While the world cries out for peace, Russia and China prioritize political gamesmanship over urgent calls for a truce. Their actions underscore self-interest at the expense of a humanitarian crisis. True leadership must rise, prioritizing humanity above political agendas.

Sebastian George, Goa

Religion Shines Through Humanity

Kajal Chatterjee

Religion is not only an intense personal matter, but most importantly it must link an individual to fellow human beings. When a frail old man braves the dawn deluge to provide monetary aid (as much as possible according to means) to an unknown dying girl on pavement and leaves off with his umbrella without caring to advertise his noble deed; when a set of humanitarians rush towards the collapsed cyclist at the height of the second wave of the pandemic, rejuvenate him and send him off to hospital in an ambulance with an assistant sub-inspector taking care of him there and thereby ensuring the diabetes patient's safe return home; when Muslim villagers donate blood to a Hindu lady in critical situation and save her life or a Bengali Hindu lady offers sehri and iftar to the

Kashmiri Muslim traders who got stranded during lockdown - Religion shine at its divine best as individuals link with their fellow human beings by transcending all petty barriers of religion caste and creed.

This light of divinity resembling heaven has again come to the limelight.

No congratulations is enough for the residents of Subhrajpur village of Nadia district for rushing to the home of Manjushree Mandal following her death due to cerebral attack.

In these blatant selfish times when cooperative attitude towards fellow human beings itself are turning rare in today's society, the warmth displayed in Subhrajpur attains greater significance as the Mandals were the only Hindu family among the 370 Muslim families in the village.

The news of death of

Manjushree at a hospital arrived just before the break of dawn when the residents were preparing for sehri in this ongoing Ramjan month.

Immediately Abu Sufian - Imam of the local Jama Mosque - advised the villagers, during morning prayers, to rush to the Mandal household and organise the last rites of the deceased lady by taking her to crematorium. After the faithful prayed for soul of Manjushree, they duly completed all arrangements for the last rites. The Imam has also appealed to all to help the Mandal family for the shradhho rituals (in honor the deceased soul) as well which take place after almost a fortnight.

The overwhelmed widower Sanat Mandal strikes the nail hard upon our conscience - "Such kindness is part of Bengal's tradition. It is sad that this has now become a talking point, given all the ha-

tred across the nation".

Indeed a very natural and desirable act of lending cooperative hand towards individuals in distress form the very basic essence of humanity. Yet these incidents are being called for attention just due to the context of religious hatred cutting across the Bengal Indian and global society.

The merchants of hatred are in urgent need of drawing lesson as well as inspiration from the divine acts of the humanitarians of Subhrajpur.

No wonder why that much far-sighted visionary came up with the lyric "Bishwasathe Joge Jethay Biharo, Seikhane Jog Tomar Saathe Aamaro" ("I too remain connected to you in the same way you move around connected to the universe"). Through this song, Rabindranath Tagore had urged all to unite with the human beings of the whole world according to the

spirit of the divine. Wherever all would align themselves with each other, we would meet the divine in that very place. So by discarding the narrowness of personal interest, one would have to work for the welfare of the fellow citizens of the country and world with such charity beginning at home or immediate neighbourhood.

Hope the global society, plagued by silly divisions of religion, race, language, colour, caste, nationality, politics, gender, class and economy; would learn the essence of religion ie humanity and try to uplift themselves to another level by lending cooperative hands towards all specially the deprived marginalised vulnerable people.

(The views expressed above are the author's own. They do not necessarily reflect the views of Central Chronicle.)

BRIEF

Appointment



New Delhi: Waaree Energies arm Waaree Solar Americas Inc. on Tuesday announced the appointment of Gordon Brinser as its chief operating officer. In his role as Chief Operating Officer (COO), Brinser is expected to play a significant role in leading Waaree Solar Americas Inc's operational functions, and executing strategic initiatives to enhance the company's market position, according to a statement. With extensive experience, he has been working towards advancing US manufacturing capabilities, the statement said. Waaree Solar Americas Inc.

New branch

Malappuram (Kerala): Leading private sector lender Federal Bank has opened its 600th branch of the state in Tanur in this district. Tanur Block Panchayat president K Salmath inaugurated the new branch recently, a release from the bank said. Shalini Warriar, Executive Director, Federal Bank, participating at the inaugural function said that the management was delighted to reach the significant milestone of 600 branches in Kerala.

Fresh milk



New Delhi: For the first time, Amul fresh milk will be available outside India, with the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) launching four variants of milk in the US market within a week, to cater to Indian diaspora and Asian population. "We have been exporting dairy products for many decades. This is the first time we are launching fresh milk outside India," GCMMF MD Jayen Mehta told PTI.

Second term

New Delhi: Pallavi Shroff, the Managing Partner of leading law firm Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, has refused a second term as an independent director of Asian Paints, amidst concerns raised by a proxy firm. Shroff has informed the Board of Asian Paints that "she will not be able to continue for a second term of appointment as an independent Director of the company, on account of several new projects that her firm has undertaken leading to enhanced professional and time commitments," said a recent regulatory filing by the leading paints maker. When contacted, Shroff told PTI she had already stated the reasons for not going for a second term as an independent director at Asian Paints in her letter to the board.

India can push growth close to 9 per cent: Panagariya

By implementing a few more reforms in next 5 years

New Delhi, Mar 27:

India can realistically push its economic growth close to 9 per cent from the current 7 per cent or so, by implementing a few more reforms in the next five years, Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission Arvind Panagariya said on Wednesday.

Panagariya said Prime Minister Narendra Modi worked hard over the past 10 years to make India a friendly place for businesses, so investment is coming in. "Today, the economy is open. In the next 2-3 decades, we can sustain a very rapid growth," he said, while speaking at the Times Now Summit. India's economy grew at better-than-expected 8.4 per cent in the third quarter of FY24 - the fastest in the past one-and-a-half years. "India is currently growing in real rupees at about 7 per cent or so per year. "Certainly



with a few more reforms in the next five years, we can realistically push it to close to 9 per cent, certainly somewhere at 8-9 per cent and that can be sustained easily for a couple of decades," the economist said. Responding to a question on former chief economic adviser Arvind Subramanian saying India's latest gross domestic product (GDP) numbers are 'absolutely mystifying' and difficult to comprehend, Panagariya said, "If you are mystified, then first you have to check, (whether) mist is on your

own glasses... or somewhere else."

Panagariya said the methodological change for calculating GDP during the Modi government was recommended by bodies appointed by the previous administration (UPA government). "Nobody has questioned the integrity of those who actually do these (GDP) numbers. This is a new kind of phenomenon, which I don't understand," he said. Panagariya said if critics are saying there is some fault with the methodology of calculating GDP, "they have to come in and point out the fault so that we can talk about how to make the improvements". Subramanian had recently said India's latest GDP numbers are "absolutely mystifying" and difficult to comprehend. "I want to be honest with you that the latest GDP numbers, I just simply can not understand them.

Wagh Bakri Foundation enhances support for child nutrition

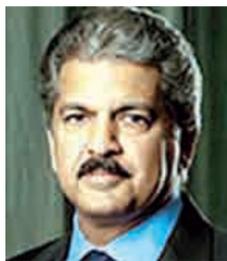
Ahmedabad, Mar 27: In a significant contribution to child nutrition, Wagh Bakri Foundation has donated a new delivery vehicle to The Akshaya Patra Foundation's Bhilai kitchen, reinforcing their commitment to combating child malnutrition in India. This generous donation will facilitate the transportation of hot, nutritious mid-day meals to over 2,200 children across 16 government schools in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh. The handover ceremony of the vehicle took place at Akshaya Patra's Bhilai kitchen on the 22nd of March, 2024. Distinguished guests included Rajesh Deolalkar - GM Sales, Shri Ajay Ciciliya, Head - CSR, Mandep Shukla - Sr ASM - Raipur of Wagh

Bakri Tea Group alongside key members of the sales and distribution teams, and from Akshaya Patra, Vyomapada Dasa, President of Akshaya Patra, Bhilai. This initiative is part of a broader collaboration between Wagh Bakri Foundation and Akshaya Patra, which spans over a decade and includes various efforts to provide nutritious meals in government schools, distribute essential supplies during the Covid-19 pandemic, and more. Paras Desai, Executive Director of Wagh Bakri Tea Group and Trustee of Wagh Bakri Foundation, expressed "Right from inception, Wagh Bakri Tea Group believes in giving back to society, from where the profit has been earned.

Anand Mahindra commits over Rs 500 cr for Mahindra University

New Delhi, Mar 27:

Industrialist Anand Mahindra and his family on Tuesday pledged over Rs 500 crore for Hyderabad-based Mahindra University. The capital, to be invested over the next five years starting FY25 till FY29, is being put in by Anand Mahindra and his family to add new disciplines and to make the university a centre of excellence. The Mahindra Group Chairman has also pledged a separate Rs 50 crore in his personal capacity for Indira Mahindra School of Education, a part of Mahindra University, in FY25. Named in memory of Indira Mahindra, a teacher and Anand



Mahindra's mother, the school aspires to be a centre of excellence in educational research, practice, and innovations. In an interaction with PTI, Mahindra said the university has set up multiple schools at the university campus in a very short time under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Yajulu Medury. "Now the goal is

BANGKOK MOTOR SHOW



A model stands next to Changan's electric vehicle 'Deepal L07' during the 45th Bangkok Motor Show in Nonthaburi, Thailand.

Axis Bank introduces digital opening of US Dollar Fixed Deposits

● For NRI customers

Bhopal, Mar 27:

Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India today announced the introduction of Digital US Dollar Fixed Deposit for NRI customer at Axis Bank IBU - GIFT City. With this introduction, Axis Bank becomes the first bank to offer a digital journey for GIFT City Deposits.

NRI customers of Axis Bank can now open US Dollar Fixed Deposits at GIFT City through 'Open by Axis Bank'; the mobile banking application of Axis Bank. This offering simplifies the process of

booking US dollar Fixed Deposit for NRI customers, by providing them end-to-end digital paperless solution and eliminating the need for physical documentation. Besides seamlessly opening an FD account anytime from anywhere, customers can also track and manage their FD digitally.

With attractive interest rates, Axis Bank provides NRIs with one of the best investment opportunities. The US Dollar fixed deposit also offers a wide range of investment tenures from seven days up to ten years. Customers can also request partial or full pre-mature closure of the FD from the Axis Bank mobile application.

Renault Nissan to launch four new products, expand product portfolio

Chennai, Mar 27:

The Renault Nissan Alliance, a joint venture between automakers Japan-based Nissan and France headquartered Renault would launch four new products in the near future, a top official said here on Wednesday. Renault Nissan Alliance Chairperson Jean-Dominique Senard said India is at the heart of the alliance and every part of car manufacturing happens at the India plant.

Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt Ltd is a joint venture company between Nissan and Renault in India and currently



Chairman of the Board of Directors at Renault Group Jean-Dominique Senard with Nissan Motor Company Ltd, President and CEO Makoto Uchida and Renault Group CEO Luca de Meo address a press conference at the joint manufacturing facility of Renault-Nissan Automotive India Pvt, near Chennai, Wednesday, March 27.

retails five products with two being sold under the Nissan platform and three with the Renault badge. On a short visit to the city, Senard, flanked by

Nissan Motor Corporation President and CEO Makoto Uchida and Renault Group CEO Luca de Meo, said March 27th marks the 25th anniversary of the alliance

in India. "This is our first visit to India and India will continue to have a major role in our alliance. The alliance has invested USD 1.8 billion so far", he told reporters. "India is at the heart of the alliance and Tamil Nadu is chosen for its dynamism and the potential it offers", he said. According to company officials, the Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt Ltd facility produces 2.7 million cars per year of which 1.2 million are shipped to over 100 countries. The Chennai plant at Oragadam located about 45 kms from here, operating in two shifts, produces 480 cars per day.

LIC world's strongest insurance brand: Brand Finance Insurance Report

New Delhi, Mar 27:

Insurance behemoth Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has emerged as the strongest insurance brand globally, according to a report Brand Finance Insurance 100 2024. The report said that LIC's brand value remains steady at USD 9.8 billion, accompanied by a brand strength index score of 88.3 and an associated AAA brand strength rating. Following LIC, the rankings highlight Cathay Life Insurance as the second strongest brand, experiencing a 9 per cent increase in brand value to USD 4.9 billion, closely followed by NRMA Insurance, which saw an 82 per cent rise in brand value to USD 1.3 billion, according to a statement by Brand Finance Insurance. Notably, Chinese



insurance brands maintain dominance in the global rankings, with Ping An leading with a 4 per cent increase in brand value to USD 33.6 billion, followed by China Life Insurance and CPCIC defending their 3rd and 5th positions, respectively, it said. Allianz from Germany and AXA from France retain their spots in the 2nd and 4th positions to complete the Top 5, it said. Among the brands experiencing significant growth in brand value, NRMA Insurance from Australia stands out with an 82 per cent increase to USD 1.3 billion, along with Denmark's Tryg,

which saw a 66 per cent rise to USD 1.6 billion. Additionally, LIC India achieved the highest first-year premium collection of Rs 39,090 crore in FY23, while SBI Life Insurance and HDFC Life Insurance led the private sector with new business premium collections of Rs 15,197 crore and Rs 10,970 crore, respectively.

In recent developments, the government approved a 17 per cent wage revision for LIC employees, effective from August 2022, benefiting over 110,000 employees. LIC's shares also reached an all-time high of Rs 1,175, making it India's most valuable PSU company and reclaiming its status as the fifth most valuable Indian listed company, surpassing SBI in market valuation.

IndiGo to fly more intl routes, destinations: CEO Pieter Elbers



New Delhi, Mar 27: IndiGo aims to double in size by 2030 with new domestic and international routes as well as destinations, its chief Pieter Elbers said as the airline pursues soaring global ambitions to match India's economic growth potential. The country's largest airline with a domestic market share of little over 60 per cent is also betting big on A321 XLR

aircraft that are expected to be part of its fleet "somewhere in 2025", to further expand its overseas presence.

Seeking to consolidate as well as expand its position on the global scale, Elbers told PTI in an interview that the next big jump for IndiGo will be to double its size by the end of the decade. For the next financial year starting April 2024, the IndiGo chief said the capacity guidance in terms of seat capacity is "early double digits" and one plane is coming in every week.

Amid supply chain as well as Pratt & Whitney engine woes, Elbers also emphasised that the airline is taking a lot of mitigating measures that are bearing fruits, and that the Aircraft on Ground (AOG) situation is "stable". In February, the airline said the number of AOGs was in the mid-70s.

'RBI showing serious commitment to improve governance, transparency in finance cos, banks'

New Delhi, Mar 27:

S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday said India's financial system regulator, the RBI, is showing serious commitment to improving governance and transparency in the sector. The recent measures by the RBI will curtail lenders' over-exuberance, enhance compliance culture, and safeguard customers, but the drawback will be higher capital costs for institutions. RBI's measures include restraining IIFL Finance Ltd and JM Financial Products Ltd from disbursing gold loans and loans against shares, respectively, and asking Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) to stop onboarding of new customers. In December 2020, the RBI

suspended HDFC Bank from sourcing new credit card customers after repeated technological outages, S&P said. These actions are a departure from the historically nominal financial penalties imposed for breaches, it added. "India's regulator has underscored its commitment to strengthening the financial sector," said S&P Global credit analyst Geeta Chugh. "But the increased regulatory risk could impede growth and raise the cost of capital for financial institutions." According to S&P, the RBI has diminishing tolerance for non-compliance, customer complaints, data privacy, governance, know-your-customer (KYC), and anti-money laundering issues. India's

financial system regulator, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), is showing a serious commitment to improving governance and transparency at finance companies and banks, it said.

Governance and transparency are key weaknesses for the Indian financial sector and weigh on our analysis. The RBI's new measures are creating a more robust and transparent financial system," Chugh said. The RBI has decided to publicly disclose the key issues that lead to suspensions or other strict actions against concerned entities. The central bank has also become more vocal in calling out conduct that it deems detrimental to the interests of customers and investors.

Housing sales in Jan-Mar rise 14 pc in top 7 cities: Anarock

● Avg prices up 10-32 pc

New Delhi, Mar 27: Housing sales have risen 14 per cent, while average prices are up 10-32 per cent across seven major cities during the January-March period of this year, as demand continues to be strong, according to Anarock. The sales of residential properties increased in Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), Pune, Bengaluru and Hyderabad, but declined in Delhi-NCR, Chennai and Kolkata. On Wednesday, real estate consultant Anarock released its data for the top seven primary (first sale) residential markets in the country. As per the data, housing sales rose 14 per cent to 1,30,170 units during



January-March quarter this year across top seven cities, from 1,13,775 units in the year-ago period. "The quarter has recorded the highest ever sales in the last decade amid a significant rise in demand for high-ticket homes priced Rs 1.5 crore and above," Anarock Chairman Anuj Puri said. Among cities, the housing sales in MMR rose 24 per cent to 42,920 units during January-March, from 34,690 units in the year-ago period.

Holi celebrated with enthusiasm

Central Chronicle News

Kurud, Mar 27: Holi, the great festival of colors, was celebrated with great enthusiasm in the city and on this occasion, citizens and children enjoyed the colourful display and applied colour on each other.

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak also extended their wishes to people of the region along with public representatives and dignitaries of the city who instilled love and goodwill among the common people in their respective homes.

At the same time, common people started going to each other's houses and applying the colours of harmony and brotherhood, while the youth remained engrossed in their fun. People started dancing to Holi songs



with DJ and sound system at various places.

A Holi Milan program was organized at the residence of former minister MLA Ajay Chandrakar and on this occasion, all the leaders from the assembly constituency and

various areas, officers, employees, unions and social organizations were present.

Nagar Panchayat President Tapan Chandrakar also met at various places in the city and gave the message of

Holi festival of peace and brotherhood and joy. The festival was remarkably celebrated in village Charra, Mongra, Bangar, Khaira, Kokadi, Katalbod, Navagaon, Gaadih, Parkhanda, Gobra and Rakhi.

Second centenary celebration organized

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Dongargaon, Mar 27: Second centenary celebrations and Phalgun Mahotsav 2024 and All India Sadguru Kabir Acharya Conference was successfully organized in the nearby village Kabir Math Nadia. In the three-day program organized in the holy presence of Nad Vansh Acharya Mangal Saheb, Acharya Dharmendra Saheb Prayagraj Uttar Pradesh, Acharya Brijesh Muni Saheb Fatuhamath Bihar, Dharmadhikari Sudhakar Saheb Kharsia Chhattisgarh, Sant Amohi Saheb Burhanpur Madhya Pradesh, Sant Bhagirathi Saheb Kabir Chaura Varanasi Uttar Pradesh, Sant Ratan Swaroop Saheb Purnia Bihar provided his dignified presence.



On the first day, Bhupesh Baghel, former Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Government arrived as the chief guest in the program and on the second day, Vishnu Dev Sai, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Government arrived as Chief Guest. On this occasion, the souvenir of the program was also

released by Chief Minister Vishnu Sai.

The program was graced by the presentation of singers Raju Pardesi Bihar and Devendra Das Dev Kabir Chaura Uttar Pradesh, while Secretary of Kabir Saheb Math Trust Committee Girwar Das expressed his gratitude and said that the

trust, organizing committee and all the villagers organized the event under the aegis of Kabir Math Nadia. Directly and indirectly, all the saints of the ashram, guest saints and politicians, all the members of the trust and the villagers had a special contribution in making this grand function successful.

Historic crowd of devotees reach Rajim on Holi Festival

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Rajim, Mar 27: On the occasion of festival Holi, there was a historic crowd of devotees to play Fagua with Lord Rajivlochan in the famous temple courtyard of the city. The crowd of devotees started gathering from 3:00 pm onwards, which kept on increasing.

At 6:00 pm, when the child form of Lord Rajeev Lochan came down the stairs from the sanctum sanctorum via the Mahamandap to play Holi. With white coloured turban on the head, necklace around the neck, girdle around the waist, earrings, sacred thread, armlets etc.

were visible and the smiling face of the Lord was attracting the devotees and drenched in devo-



tion, the crowd applied colour to each other and sprinkled it in the open sky.

The sprinkling of gular and the chanting of Lord Rajivlochan were happening simultaneously due to which the entire complex echoed and no one wanted to miss the opportunity to play Holi with the deity,

who is to return to the sanctum sanctorum on Rang Panchami.

Sarvarakar of the temple Chandrabhan Singh Thakur, Sanat Singh Thakur, Baikunth Singh Thakur, Harsh Singh Thakur, Puran Singh Thakur, Naresh Singh Thakur, Bharat Singh Thakur and others were

present. MLA Rohit Sahu also played the drum to enthral the devotees and singer Jagannath Patel was presenting one song after another.

On this occasion, many people including District Panchayat member Chandrashekhar Sahu, Jitendra Raju Sonkar, Kamal Singha, Rahul Sen,

Manoj Dewangan, Kishore Sahu were prominently present. According to the information, many public representatives including Abhanpur MLA Inder Kumar Sahu, former minister Chandrashekhar Sahu, former Rajim MLA Amitesh Shukla, Gariaband District Congress Committee President Bhavsingh Sahu reached the temple. There was a crowd of devotees in the middle of Triveni Sangam, P a n c h m u k h i Kuleshwarnath Mahadev Temple, Lakshmi Narayan Temple, Ramchandra Deval, Adishakti Maa Mahamaya Temple, Dattatreya Temple, Small Rajivlochan Temple, Baba Garib Nath Temple and Someshwar Nath Mahadev Temple.

Voter awareness prog organized on the occasion of Holi



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Korba, Mar 27: Under the direction of Collector and District Election Officer Ajit Vasant, voter awareness programs are going on regularly in the district under SVEEP activities to increase the voting percentage in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and achieve the target of 100 percent voting.

In this series, on the occasion of Holi, NSS and ELC Club of Government EVPG College made people aware about voting by making attractive rangoli and mehndi that motivate them to vote, under the voter awareness program.

Similarly, a door-to-door voter awareness campaign was conducted by the members of ELC Club of Kamala Nehru

Mahavidyalaya during the festival of colours. Through the campaign, the general public is being informed about the usefulness of voting and being motivated to contribute to the strengthening of democracy.

During this, the college students administered voter awareness oath to the general public for compulsory voting.

Various activities organized under SVEEP voter awareness

Lok Sabha Election 2024

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Korba, Mar 27: Under the direction and guidance of Collector and District Election Officer Vinay Kumar Langleh, as per the scheduled program under the SVEEP Voter Awareness Program under the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024, on 26 March, NRLM in the Janpad Panchayat Baikunthpur meeting room under Assembly Constituency No. 03



Baikunthpur, various programs were organized in the presence of members of self-help groups registered under it to identify new voters and take oath to motivate voters to vote.

Under the campaign being run at the Panchayat level under the new voter

identification and voter honor program, the members of the self-help groups, while working at the grassroots level at the Gram Panchayat level, are connected to the last person of the society, hence the voting is done by the district administration, therefore, the

effect of awareness can reach every person through these.

Under the awareness program for voting, various competitions were organized among the women group members on the basis of sweep like Mehndi or Rangoli competition etc. The positive impact of the various programs being run for voter awareness by the District SVEEP Committee was seen among the voters. Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat, SVEEP Nodal Mahesh Shivhare and other district level officials were present in the program.

CRS reviews Vilayatkalan-Rupond electrified third line

Central Chronicle News

Bilaspur, Mar 27: Under the purview of South East Central Railway Bilaspur Division, construction activities are in full swing for a 165.52 km electrified third line between Anuppur-Katni stations. This mammoth project is being executed in phases, with the completion of the 8.7 km new electrified third line between Vilayatkalan Road and Rupaund stations marking a notable achievement.

The meticulous execution of railway projects mandates thorough inspection by the Commissioner Railway Safety before trains can commence operations on newly laid tracks. As part of this imperative process, SE Circle



Commissioner Railway Safety, B.K. Mishra, conducted an inspection of the 8.7 km electrified line between Vilayatkalan Road and Rupaund stations on March 27. Arriving at Vilayatkalan Road station accompanied by an inspection team, Mishra meticulously scrutinized the station premises and the entire yard.

Subsequently, he proceeded to inspect the motor trolley of the new line, examining standards of interlocking, crossing, points, curves, signaling equipment, and all safety-related aspects. Engaging in discussions with officials, Commissioner Mishra ensured adherence to safety protocols. Following these inspections, a speed trial

was conducted from Rupaund station to Vilayatkalan Road station using an observation car. Safety inspections were also carried out at Rupaund station to guarantee compliance with safety standards. Upon obtaining approval from the Commissioner Railway Safety, train operations will commence seamlessly on the new third line, facilitating smoother train operations within the division. The inspection team, comprising the Chief Administrative Officer (Construction), Divisional Railway Manager, and various officers from concerned departments of the Division and Headquarters, collaborated to ensure the thoroughness and efficiency of the inspection process.

Vedanta Aluminium's BALCO achieves ASI's Performance Standard V3 certification

The iconic aluminium producer is the first Indian company to be awarded this certification

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Korba/ New Delhi, Mar 27: Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India's iconic aluminium producer and a unit of Vedanta Aluminium, has achieved the Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI) Performance Standard V3 Certification for the manufacture and supply of a wide range of primary aluminium products at its facility in Korba, Chhattisgarh.

This includes a smelter with two potlines for producing molten aluminium (hot metal), three cast houses for shaping the aluminium, a rolled product plant and a power generation plant. Together, they contribute to an annual production capacity

of 575,000 tonnes at BALCO. BALCO produces aluminium wire rods, ingots, primary foundry alloys and rolled products, as well as India's first low carbon aluminium range Restora. They find applications in several sectors including automobiles, infrastructure, insulations, power projects, electrical and packaging.

It has emerged as the first Indian company to achieve the ASI Performance Standard V3 Certification. Previously, Vedanta Aluminium has also achieved the ASI Performance Standard V2 Certification for its smelter and captive power plant located within the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Jharsuguda, Odisha, India.

The ASI Certification program was developed through an extensive multi-stakeholder consultation process and is the only comprehensive voluntary sustainability standard initiative for the global alu-



minium value chain. The ASI Performance Standard V3 (2022) was launched in May 2022 following a multi-year revision process.

It defines 11 principles and 62 criteria under three sustainability pillars - Environment, Social, and Governance - with the aim to address sustainability areas in the aluminium value chain, such as biodiversity, indigenous peoples' rights, circularity, and greenhouse gas emis-

sions. The independent, third-party audit of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) was carried out by CETIZION Verifica.

John Slaven, CEO, Vedanta Aluminium, said, "We welcome BALCO's inclusion in the esteemed ASI membership and its Certification against the ASI Performance Standard V3, which includes the production of our low-carbon 'green' aluminium Restora and Restora Ultra

brands. As India's iconic aluminium producer, BALCO has pioneered sustainable processes across every step of the aluminium value chain, establishing itself as a benchmark within the global industry.

The certification comes as a reiteration of our continuous commitment to responsible production practices, and ignites in our teams a renewed focus on exploring new ways to harness aluminium's boundless potential towards building a sustainable world."

Dr. Fiona Solomon, CEO, Aluminium Stewardship Initiative, said, "We congratulate Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) on achieving Performance Standard Certification V3 (2022) for its integrated aluminium production facilities in Chhattisgarh.

As a large aluminium producer in India and a part of Vedanta Limited - Aluminium Business, BALCO plays an im-

portant role in the global aluminium industry. This certification marks a notable milestone in BALCO's sustainability journey and demonstrates its commitment to adopting practices that meet a broad range of environmental, social and governance criteria."

Vedanta Aluminium, of which BALCO is a part, is adopting a multi-pronged approach to achieve Net Zero by 2050, by setting clear timelines to mitigate emissions, deploying cutting-edge carbon reduction technologies, greater usage of renewables, and supporting grassroots climate resilience initiatives among local communities.

Striking a balance between ecological needs and business requirements, the company achieved an impressive 28% reduction in its greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity in FY23 from a FY12 baseline, while also enhancing production three-fold during the same period.

Holi Milan organized in Bhainsatara School



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Rajim, Mar 27: A Holi Milan ceremony was organized in Government Pre-Secondary School, Bhainsatara and the chief guest of the program was Chhattisgarh Teachers Association's divisional president and organization head Ramnarayan Mishra. Senior teacher Rooplal presided and special guests were NR Sahu and

Purushottam Sahu. The Chief Guest told in detail about the ancient story of devotee Prahlad and Holika on Holi festival and said that God took the incarnation of Narasimha and killed Hiran Kashyap. He further said that the festival of Holi is the festival of victory of good over evil and it is the festival of victory of truth over untruth and righteousness over unrighteousness.

Pant aims to shake off rustiness as DC eye maiden win of season vs Royals

Jaipur, Mar 27 (PTI):

Skipper Rishabh Pant will look to overcome his rustiness as Delhi Capitals aim for an improved batting display in their bid for a first win of the IPL season when they take on Rajasthan Royals here on Thursday.

Pant's much-anticipated return to action 453 days after he suffered grievous injuries in a horrific car accident, lasted just 13 balls (18 runs) with Punjab Kings winning by four wickets at their new home ground in Mullanpur.

Pant, though, displayed his usual lively demeanour behind the stumps and also effected the stumping of Jitesh Sharma.

Having overcome the early jitters and nervousness in his first game, Pant would be eager to regain his mojo quickly as his match-up against the likes of Trent Boult, Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal would be the highlight of the contest.

"It's exciting to have your captain back in the team. He is our leader and heartbeat of this franchise and having him back is going to make this team a lot stronger," head



coach Ricky Ponting had said of Pant ahead of the IPL. Ponting chose David Warner and Mitchell Marsh to open the innings in the hope that the duo would score enough runs to take the pressure off Pant lower down the order. But the two failed to capitalise on good starts and the pressure soon came on Pant.

Wicketkeeper-batter Abhishek Porel's unbeat-

en 32-run cameo was the only bright spot in DC's batting, which lifted them to a respectable 174/9 from a precarious 138/7 at one stage. Porel was used as an impact player as Delhi were a bowler short. The problem was worsened further after Ishant Sharma twisted his ankle. The lanky pacer could miss a few matches as well. Delhi's spin duo of Kuldeep Yadav and Axar

Patel will have a bigger role to play after what was witnessed on a dry surface at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium the other day when Rajasthan Royals' opening duo of Jos Buttler and Yashasvi Jaiswal faced some early hiccups against Lucknow Super Giants.

However, Sanju Samson struck an unbeaten 82 as the Royals won by 20 runs. By scoring a fifty in his team's first match of the season for the fifth successive time, Samson has become an early contender for the hotly-contested spot for the wicketkeeper-batter's slot in the upcoming T20 World Cup.

With Riyan Parag also among the runs, the Royals top-four will pose questions to the Delhi bowling lineup, and here's where Kuldeep and Axar's overs will be crucial in the middle.

The Royals' bowling has also hit the right notes with Trent Boult leading the charge with the new ball. Sandeep Sharma has also been superb in the death overs.

The rookie Indian dismissed KL Rahul at 58 in the 17th over and also stymied Nicholas Pooran in the penultimate over as RR restricted Lucknow Super Giants to 173/6.

Dhoni advised me to play my natural game: Rizvi

Chennai: Chennai Super Kings batter Sameer Rizvi has credited Mahendra Singh Dhoni for his brief but impactful knock in his first IPL match, saying the talismanic former India skipper advised him to play his natural game when he went out to bat against Gujarat Titans.

Against GT here on Tuesday night, Rizvi played a cameo of six-ball 14-run knock, which included two sixes against Rashid Khan. "Bhaiya (Dhoni) told me to play how I generally play since it is all about the actual gameplay. He (Dhoni) said, 'There is nothing different. Skills remain the same, and it's all just about mindset. Never take any pressure or be nervous, and play as per the situation,'" he said in a video on IPLT20.com. Rizvi recalled the moment he was picked up by the franchise during the auction ahead of the season for a whopping Rs 8.4 crore, as he felt that his dream of meeting Dhoni will eventually come true.

"When I was picked up during the auction by CSK, my greatest happiness was my dream to meet Bhaiya (MS Dhoni) would be fulfilled. We also had net sessions together and got to learn a lot from him and the (support) staff. I intend to learn more and perform to the fullest."

Dube no longer ducks and defends against short ball, thanks to Dhoni

Chennai, Mar 27 (PTI):

Chennai Super Kings batting coach Mike Hussey is in awe of Shivam Dube for transforming into a batter who no longer ducks or defends when faced with the short ball, an improvement that has been monitored personally by former captain and team talisman Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

The 30-year-old Dube was the top-scorer for CSK on Tuesday, striking a 23-ball 51 that included two fours and five sixes at a strike rate of 221.74. The side won by 63 runs against Gujarat Titans.

"Got to give a lot of credit to Dube for working tirelessly against the short ball, an area he needed to improve on. Hats off to him, and he is playing with confidence now. He is also dangerous against the spin.

"As the teams bowled short balls at him a few years ago, he would only duck and defend. Now, not only he can play the short ones, but he is also able to find boundaries.

"So, that's a testament to the work that he has put in and has given it back to the bowlers, forcing them to try something new. It will benefit him in the IPL, and also if he gets a



chance to play for his country, it will do him a lot of good," said Hussey.

Dube's improvement has a lot to do with Dhoni personally working with the beefy Mumbai man, his skipper Rituraj Gaikwad revealed after the match.

Early in his career, short ball had become his shortcoming but this sea-

son Dube has managed it well.

"Just confidence. When he came here, the management worked with him personally, Mahi bhai worked with him personally. He knows what role he is playing and which bowler to take on. A big plus for us," Gaikwad praised his big-hitting game-changer.

'Impact Player' rule has allowed Dhoni to come in at No.8: Hussey

Chennai, Mar 27 (PTI):

Chennai Super Kings batting coach Michael Hussey said that the 'Impact Player' rule has lengthened their batting order, allowing former skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni to come in as late as number eight during this IPL.

The 'Impact Player' rule, introduced from 2023 edition, allows each franchise to name five substitutes, one of whom could come on as a substitute during the course of the match.

Playing against Gujarat Titans here on Tuesday, CSK managed to post a match-winning total of 206 for six.

However, with seven batters coming out to bat, there were no signs of Dhoni coming in even as his fans got a bit impatient.

"It's definitely been a directive from head coach (Stephen) Fleming to keep pushing the game forward. The 'Impact Player' has lengthened the batting order, with MSD at number eight, which is crazy,



and he is batting well (in the nets) at the moment," Hussey told reporters during the post-game media interaction.

"Because of this, the batters up the order can take the positive (attacking) route. They certainly have the backing from the coaches and the captain. Even if they get out doing so, it's fine, and they won't be criticised. We want to keep playing fast."

'Stimac oyster cry' grows after shock India defeat

Kolkata, Mar 27 (PTI):

Former India footballers feel there is 'discord' in the changing room and demanded the ouster of head coach Igor Stimac following India's shocking 1-2 defeat to Afghanistan in the World Cup qualifiers.

Talismanic Sunil Chhetri struck in his landmark 150th international fixture but the 117th-ranked India squandered the one-goal advantage at halftime to let in two second-half goals by the world No 158 Afghanistan in their return leg clash in Guwahati on Tuesday.

Former India defender Gourmangi Singh feels something is "amiss" in the Indian dressing room, while former forward Dipendu Biswas slammed Stimac's skewed team selection for the disastrous show and demanded his immediate ouster.

Echoing similar views, veteran Subrata Bhattacharya said that foreign coaches never



brought laurels to the Indian team and called for an Indian coach to produce players of the calibre of "five-six" Sunil Chhetri. "Remember that these are the same players who got praise for their historic draw against Qatar (in World Cup qualifiers 2022)," Gourmangi told PTI.

"Last year, they achieved greater heights, winning three tournaments including the SAFF Championships. For one year they were performing, earning everyone's praise so suddenly what

happened? It was the same team, same players, so what happened suddenly?" he asked.

"Even though I have been part of the Indian changing room there must be something missing somewhere. We're not privy to what's happening there. I'm unsure about the players' relationship with Stimac."

The All India Football Federation under Kalyan Chaubey has also made headlines for wrong reasons in the recent past since the sacking of its secretary general Shaji

Prabhakaran for "breach of trust" in November last year.

This has coincided with India's Asian Games fiasco and a disastrous show in the Asian Cup. India struggled to make a team for the Hangzhou showpiece and reached just hours before the continental showpiece.

And, at the Asian Cup early this year, India failed to score a single goal from three outings, and extended their goalless run to six successive matches till Chhetri ended the drought in his 150th International appearance on Tuesday.

Pandya will be booed louder in Mumbai but his temperament is impressive: Manoj Tiwary

Mumbai, Mar 27 (PTI):

Former India cricketer Manoj Tiwary expects Mumbai Indians captain Hardik Pandya to be booed a "bit louder" when the team plays its first home IPL game here on April 1 but he feels that the flamboyant all-rounder has the temperament to deal with it.

Pandya, who replaced Rohit Sharma as MI captain before the start of the season, was booed by fans in Ahmedabad when the side played against his former franchise Gujarat Titans on Sunday.

MI lost the match by six runs and will take on Rajasthan Royals in their first home game at the Wankhede Stadium here on Monday next week.

"...you have to see how he gets welcomed here in Mumbai because I think he is going to get booed a bit louder here...Because as a fan, Mumbai fan or a



Rohit Sharma fan, nobody expected that captaincy will be given to Hardik," Tiwary told PTI Videos in an interview.

"And despite Rohit giving five trophies to Mumbai Indians, he has to lose the captaincy. I don't know what are the reasons but I think it has

not gone down well with the fans. And that is the reaction which you see on the field," he explained.

Tiwary is, however, impressed with how Pandya has dealt with fan backlash.

"...knowing him, whatever I have been observing of late through television, that despite getting booed, he kept his calm, he kept his nerve, which is the sign of a good temperament," he said.

The 38-year-old, who is the sports minister of West Bengal, said Pandya will have to cut out the noise and focus on his performance so that he is in good shape for the T20 World Cup starting June 1 in the Americas.

"I believe even if he was not booed, he has to perform well to get into the Indian team to play the World cup. Because it is important for all the players to perform well and be fit as well to be available for selection.

Bopanna-Ebden reach Miami Open semifinals



Miami Gardens (USA), Mar 27 (PTI):

Indian tennis stalwart Rohan Bopanna and his Australian teammate Matthew Ebden advanced to their third men's doubles semi-final this year, defeating Dutchman Sem Verbeek and Aussie John-Patrick Smith at the Miami Open here. The duo, who had won the Australian Open earlier this year, overcame several unforced errors in the first set to win the gruelling quarterfinal 3-6 7-6 (4) 10-7. The victory for the 44-year-old Bopanna, currently ranked No. 2 in the world, will help

him stay in the in top-10 in the ATP doubles ranking and ensure direct qualification for the Paris Olympics in July-August. The cut-off date for rankings to be considered for direct Paris qualification is June 10. The Bopanna-Ebden pair, seeded No.1 here, didn't enjoy a dominant first and second-serve percentage but came up with breaks at crucial junctures in the second set to take the match into the tie-breaker before winning it and drawing level. Bopanna, who won his maiden grand slam at the Australian Open this year, had attained a career-high world No. 1 ranking following the success but has slipped to second spot after a quarterfinal loss at the Dubai Championships and a round-of-32 exit at the Indian Wells Masters. The Indo-Australian pair will meet the winners of the match between Marcel Granollers (Spain)/Horacio Zeballos (Argentina) and Lloyd Glasspool (UK)/Jean-Julien Rojer (Netherlands) in the last-four.

Any team is bound to miss a bowler like Shami: Mohit Sharma

Chennai, Mar 27 (PTI):

Gujarat Titans pace bowler Mohit Sharma conceded it was hard to replace a bowler of the calibre of Mohammed Shami as his team succumbed to a massive 63-run defeat at the hands of reigning IPL champions Chennai Super Kings here. India's premier pacer Shami is sitting out of the IPL as he is recuperating from an ankle surgery. He is expected to



with anyone. But injuries are uncontrollable, and you must see how to move ahead with it," said Sharma, who played for CSK between 2013 and 2015 and has been with the Titans since 2022, during

the post-match press conference. "As for GT, it's the first year for Spencer (Johnson) and Azmatullah (Omarzai). They haven't played much cricket yet. Therefore, we must be patient with them and not become too result-oriented. "We must not bother about the runs leaked or the result of the contest, but how successful we are with our plans and how we are working on it backstage. These things would come in handy in the second half (of the event)," opined Sharma.

CSK posted a huge 206 for six, with openers Rituraj Gaikwad (36) and Rachin Ravindra (46) being the stars alongside Shivam Dube (51). GT bowlers took a lot of beating with Umesh Yadav going for 27 in two overs, while the crafty Afghanistan ace spinner Rashid Khan went for 49 in four overs although he took a couple of wickets. Sharma added that CSK milking runs in powerplay also contributed to the big loss.

Polling officials to trek 39 km for lone voter in Arunachal village

Itanagar, Mar 27 (PTI):

On April 18, a team of polling officials will trek nearly 40 kilometres on foot through treacherous terrain to set up a voting booth in a remote corner of Arunachal Pradesh near the China border - all for the sake of Malogam village's lone voter, a 44-year-old woman, Sokela Tayang.

"It is not always about numbers but it is to ensure that every citizen gets his or her voice heard. Sokela Tayang's vote is a testament to our commitment to inclusivity and equality," said Chief Electoral Officer Pawan Kumar Sain.

According to election of-

ficials, very few families reside in Malogam, and all but Tayang are registered voters in other polling booths. But she is not willing to shift to any other polling booth.

For Tayang to cast her vote, a polling team, including officials, security personnel and porters, will embark on the arduous journey through inhospitable hilly terrain amid unpredictable weather from Hayuliang, officials said.

The village is in the Hayuliang assembly seat and in the Arunachal East Lok Sabha constituency where the contest will be between Bosiram Siram of the Congress party and Tapir Gao of the BJP.

In the last elections in 2019, Gao won the seat - one of the two constituencies in Arunachal Pradesh - garnering over 1.5 lakh votes. He defeated Lowangcha Wanglat of the Congress party who got 83,935 votes.

"The journey from Hayuliang to Malogam takes a full day on foot," Joint Chief Electoral Officer Liken Koyu told PTI. Everyone has the right to cast his or her vote no matter how remote the location is, Koyu said.

"The polling team might have to be in the booth from 7 am to 5 pm on the voting day as we don't know when Tayang would come to cast her vote," Koyu said. Tayang doesn't

live in the village and her connection to Malogam is tenuous as her daughter and son study in colleges elsewhere.

"I hardly stay in my village... usually I come here for some work or during elections. I usually stay at Wakro in Lohit district, where I have farmlands," she said.

In the 2014 elections, the polling booth at Malogam had two voters. The other was Tayang's estranged husband Janelum Tayang, who, however, transferred his name to another booth in the constituency.

"We have been separated for the last 15 years. I don't know where he lives at present," she said.

Tayang said she would

reach her home by April 18 evening to cast her vote on April 19, the first day of the first phase of the Lok Sabha elections. Assembly elections for the state will also be held simultaneously on April 19.

Of the total 2,226 polling stations in the state, 228 can be reached only by foot. Of these, 61 will require a two-day walk, while seven would need three-day trekking.

Nominations will be scrutinised on March 28 and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is March 30. Counting of votes for assembly polls would be held on June 2, while votes polled for Lok Sabha would be counted on June 4.

HURANGA HOLI



People celebrate 'Huranga Holi' at Dauji temple, near Mathura, Wednesday.

Sharad Pawar-led NCP's poll symbol hits wrong note with 'tutari' players

Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, Mar 27 (PTI): With the NCP faction led by Sharad Pawar being allotted man blowing 'tutari' as its election symbol, the players of this traditional instrument fear that they may lose their business this year as the general elections and the marriage season are coinciding. They are apprehensive that since the model code of conduct is in force, they may not be hired to play tutaris at weddings or other events this year.

Tutari, a crescent or C-shaped instrument, is played on occasions as a sign of welcome. Earlier, it used to be played to announce the arrival of kings. Talking to PTI, Jaisingh Holiye, who is in the business of providing tutari players for functions here, said it is a traditional instrument and is played during marriage ceremonies

and other events. "But this year, the Lok Sabha elections and the marriage season are coinciding. We fear that we may lose business this year," he said. Baburao Gurav, a tutari player residing in Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar city, said, "Political parties have different election symbols made of objects or articles used in our daily lives. We can't avoid those things. But we are not sure where a tutari should be played at marriages and other family events due to its connection with a prominent political party." "So we may lose business at political events. Tutari players are generally called at election rallies by all political parties. But since our musical instrument has now become a symbol of one political party, we fear that we may lose orders from political parties. As the model code

of conduct is in place, people may also think of not calling us for cultural and family events," he said. There is no clarity about the places where it should be played, Gurav added.

"If both the parties in marriage ceremonies are ready, we will play. If anyone raises objections we will stop playing the instrument," he said. The NCP split in July 2022 after a group of party leaders led by Baramati MLA Ajit Pawar, nephew of party founder Sharad Pawar, joined the Eknath Shinde-led Maharashtra government. The Election Commission later recognised the Ajit Pawar faction as the real NCP and allotted it the clock symbol. The Sharad Pawar-led camp was given the poll symbol of man playing tutari and NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar) as its name.

CPCB REPORT TO NGT

'80 % environmental funds remain unutilised'

New Delhi, Mar 27 (PTI):

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has spent only 20 per cent of the environment protection charge and environmental compensation collected so far for mitigating air pollution in Delhi-NCR and protecting the environment.

The CPCB receives compensation broadly under two heads - environment protection charge (EPC) and environmental compensation (EC).

According to a CPCB report submitted to the National Green Tribunal on March 20, the central pollution control body has disbursed only Rs 156.33 of the total Rs 777.69 crore

collected under the two heads. The dealer/manufacturer is required to pay one per cent environment protection charge on the ex-showroom price of new diesel vehicles with engine capacity of 2000cc and above, registered only in Delhi and NCR. This is called 'environment protection charge'.

The EPC is received as per an order of the Supreme Court and is utilized for air quality improvement and related work in Delhi-NCR such as research and development activities and vehicular pollution control, health impact studies and specific projects to control pollution in Delhi-NCR and Punjab. The CPCB

also receives 25 per cent of the environmental compensation collected by state pollution control boards. It also collects environmental penalties directly from polluters/defaulters in various matters. The environmental compensation is received as per the orders of the NGT and is utilized to rejuvenate and protect the environment through strengthening of laboratories/monitoring network, projects and studies/monitoring in compliance of NGT orders, capacity building of pollution control boards, payment of travelling allowance/dearness allowance/honorarium etc. to the chairman and members of

NGT-constituted committees.

According to the CPCB report submitted to the NGT, the central pollution control body has collected a total of Rs 383.89 crore as environment protection charge until January 3. Of this, only Rs 95.4 crore has been disbursed for construction and repair of roads, conducting scientific studies, clean air campaigns, inspection drives, procurement of laboratory equipment and air quality monitoring stations.

The CPCB has also received Rs 126.64 crore from states as its share of environmental compensation and Rs 267.16 crore directly from polluters till November 30, 2023.

BJP TO EC

'Similar approach against poll code violations everywhere'

New Delhi, Mar 27 (PTI):

The BJP on Tuesday raised the issue of differing approaches of poll officials in different states to similar infractions by politicians and urged the Election Commission to take stringent measures at the right time.

A BJP delegation, including Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and its general secretary Vinod Tawde, met the poll watchdog to highlight this "discrepancy".

Tawde later told reporters that while action was recommended against Union minister Shobha Karandlaje, who is contesting the Lok Sabha polls from Karnataka, for her controversial comments against

Tamil, objectionable remarks of a Tamil Nadu minister have not drawn any censure.

In this context, Tawde also highlighted Shiva Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut's comparison of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Mughal king Aurangzeb, considered by many a religious zealot.

While action was called for in the case of Shobha Karandlaje but poll officials are seen to have a different stand in states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, all of which are ruled by opposition parties, he said.

"We urged the Election Commission to take stringent action at the right time and we were assured that it will look into the issue," he said.

Money-laundering case against Kerala CM's daughter

Kochi, Mar 27 (PTI):

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed a money-laundering case to probe charges that a Kochi-based private firm made illegal payments to an IT company owned by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's daughter Veena Vijayan and some others, official sources said on Wednesday.

The federal agency has registered the case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and is expected to summon the alleged beneficiaries of these funds and others involved, the sources said.

The ED case has been booked after taking cognisance of a complaint filed by the Serious Fraud Investigation

Office (SFO), an investigative arm of the Union corporate affairs ministry, they added.

The case came to light after the income-tax department found that Cochin Minerals And Rutile Limited (CMRL) made an alleged illegal payment of Rs 1.72 crore to Veena Vijayan's company - Exalogic Solutions - in 2018 and 2019, even though the information technology (IT) firm had not provided any service to the private company.

The Karnataka High Court last month dismissed a plea filed by Exalogic Solutions against the probe initiated by the SFO.

According to reports quoting the Income Tax Interim Board for Settlement, the Kochi-based company previ-

ously had an agreement with Veena Vijayan's firm for consultancy and software support services.

Despite the fact that no service was rendered by Veena Vijayan's firm, the amount was paid on a monthly basis "due to her relationship with a prominent person", the reports have claimed, citing the deposition of the minerals company authorities before the income-tax department.

However, the chief minister has rubbished the charges, saying they were made to tarnish his image and defame him.

The sources said the ED will probe all the alleged illegal payments made by the private company to "influential and politically-linked persons".

'Do or Die election on the idea of India'

Thiruvananthapuram, Mar 27 (PTI): Veteran Congress leader A K Antony on Tuesday called the Lok Sabha polls a "Do or Die election" that will "decide whether the idea of India should exist", and said that if his health permits, he would campaign for UDF candidates, including against his son who is a BJP candidate.

"Everything will depend on my health condition," Antony told reporters here when asked whether he would go to Pathanamthitta to campaign for the UDF candidate in the Lok Sabha polls.

The pointed query was posed to the veteran leader as his son Anil K Antony is being fielded by the BJP in the



A K Antony

Pathanamthitta constituency, where he is challenging sitting UDF MP Anto Antony, and the ruling LDF candidate, the senior CPI(M) leader and former minister T M Thomas Isaac.

Anil had joined the BJP in April last year after quitting the Congress,

criticising the party's stand on the controversial documentary film of the BBC on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Modi had visited Pathanamthitta last week to campaign for Anil.

A K Antony, who is the former chief minister of Kerala and the longest-serving defence minister of the country, is currently living life away from politics in his home in the Kerala capital.

Having refrained from active politics for the last two years due to age-related factors, the veteran leader said he had ventured out of Thiruvananthapuram only twice for political purposes to campaign for the Congress's Uma Thomas and Chandya

Oommen (late Congress stalwart Oommen Chandy's son) when they contested the assembly by-elections in the Thrikkakara and Puthuppally constituencies, respectively.

Antony said he would consider participating in the Congress's poll campaign by sitting in the KPCC office here.

A widely respected politician known for his simplicity, Antony said the upcoming poll battle is going to be a "do or die election" as it determines whether the idea of India should exist.

"This is a do-or-die election. This election will decide whether the idea of India should exist," he said, attacking the BJP's political ideology.

EC asks state poll officers to ensure facilities at polling stations

HARSH SUMMER

New Delhi, Mar 27 (PTI): The Election Commission has sought "strict compliance" of its directive of providing assured minimum facilities at polling stations, including drinking water, shade and medical kit, for the Lok Sabha elections in the backdrop of the IMD predicting a harsh summer.

It has also shared with its state chief electoral officers a set of 'dos and don'ts' issued by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to minimise the impact of the impending heat wave. In a letter sent out to its CEOs on March 16, the day it announced schedule for the Lok Sabha elections, the EC reminded them about its earlier set of instructions on assured minimum facilities at polling stations.

According to the June 2023 instructions on assured minimum facilities, which have been circulated afresh, during summer, every polling party shall be supplied with oral rehydration salts (ORS) for their own use as well as for any voter needing the same due to heat-stroke.

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS



BSF of India and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) of Bangladesh exchange sweets during celebrations of the 53rd Independence Day of Bangladesh, on the outskirts of Siliguri, West Bengal, Wednesday.

ORIGIN OF BUTTER CHICKEN

Daryaganj moves HC against 'defamatory' remarks by Moti Mahal

New Delhi, Mar 27 (PTI):

Restaurant chain Daryaganj has moved the Delhi High Court against certain allegedly defamatory remarks made by the proprietors of Moti Mahal in an interview on the issue of the origin of "butter chicken". The Moti Mahal owners, who have filed a lawsuit claiming that their predecessor, Late Kundan Lal Gujral, invented "butter chicken" and "dal makhani" while Daryaganj is "misleading people" on the origin of the two dishes, have asserted that the remarks in question were an "editorial perspective" and cannot be attributed to them.

Justice Sanjeev Narula asked the proprietors of

Moti Mahal to submit an affidavit, affirming their effort to distance themselves from the statement in articles that have been published. In an application filed in the lawsuit, Daryaganj has raised concerns regarding the "defamatory" statements in the article - first published in the "Wall Street Journal" and then further circulated and replicated by other websites - saying they cause substantial negative impact on the restaurant's reputation. The statements, it has been alleged, not only disparaged their business but also prejudiced a fair adjudication on the lawsuit, and immediate corrective action should therefore be taken by the other side to retract and re-

move those. The proprietors of Moti Mahal have sought to dissociate themselves from the remarks attributed to them, suggesting that the expressions found in the article were not reflective of their direct communications or intentions. "Plaintiffs (Moti Mahal owners) are directed to submit an affidavit, elaborating on the assertions and affirming their effort to distance themselves from the disputed statement in the published articles.

Let the same be filed within two weeks from today," Justice Narula said in a recent order. For several years, the two restaurant chains have claimed that they invented "butter chicken" and "dal makhani".