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BJP Ka Sankalp Modi Ki Guarantee Manifesto 2024



Helping the poor

- Free ration will continue for the next 5 years.
- Becoming self-reliant in production of pulses, edible oils and vegetables.
- Clean drinking tap water for every house and reduction of electricity bill to zero through PM Surya Ghar Yojna.



Honouring the farmers

- Continuation of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and Crop Insurance Scheme.
- Timely increase in MSP. Increasing farmers' income in every aspect.
- Establishment of Shri Ann (Millets) as super food, Expansion of PM Matsya Sampada Yojana and dairy cooperative societies.



Women empowerment

- Three crore rural women will become Lakhpati didis.
- Expansion of piped gas connection to households. Ensuring availability of Hostels and Creches for working women.
- Integrate self help groups with the service sector to increase their income.
- Ensuring representation of women in Lok Sabha and State assemblies by implementing Nari Shakti Vandan Act.



Focus on the middle class

- Home ownership for middle class families.
- Ensuring accessible and affordable healthcare at district hospitals, Ayushman Arogya Mandirs and other secondary healthcare centres.
- Expansion of health services, new educational institutes and improvement of infrastructure for ease of life.



Investment to provide better employment opportunities for youth

- Increase in employment opportunities by investing in infrastructure, investment, manufacturing, high value services and start-ups.
- Loan amount under MUDRA Yojna will be doubled to ₹20 Lakh for encouraging employment/ self employment.
- Government recruitment will become more transparent by implementation of law regarding paper leaks and establishment of new institutions of higher education.



Prosperous India through good governance

- Guaranteed strict action against corruption.
- Implementation of Bharatiya Nyay Samhita.
- Introduction of "One Nation, One Election" and "Common Voter List".
- Implementation of Uniform Civil Code according to Article 44 of Constitution.



For labourers

- New scheme to develop modern facilities for truck drivers on the highways.
- Empowerment of gig workers, domestic workers, street workers and other labourers through the e-Shram portal.



Becoming global hub for manufacturing

- Will make India a global hub for manufacturing, this will create lakhs of jobs.
- Guarantee of increasing manufacturing in steel, cement, aluminium, railway, defence, pharmaceutical, electric vehicle, mobile, semi conductor and other sectors.



Priority to the deprived

- Expansion of PM-SVANidhi and Vishwakarma schemes for expanding employment opportunities for OBC, SC, and ST communities.
- Ensuring scholarships for talented students from marginalised sections.
- Special focus on all things related to fishermen such as boat insurance, fish processing unit, timely information through satellite, etc.



Virasat aur Vikas

- All-round development of Ayodhya city and development of other religious places on the lines of Kashi Vishwanath Corridor.
- Providing training in Yoga, Ayurveda, Indian languages, and classical music by establishing Thiruvalluvar Cultural Centres across the world.



Strengthening economy through infrastructure

- Making India the world's third-largest economy.
- Expanding the expressway network to 15,000 kms and enhancing services of new airports, highways, and water metros.
- Build new rail lines, new Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat, and Namo Bharat trains, and world-class stations. Minimising the waiting list of rail tickets.
- Dedicated Purvodaya Masterplan for infrastructure development of Eastern India and its coastal and hilly areas.



Senior citizens

- Free health facilities to senior citizens by including them under Ayushman Bharat.
- Special programme for pilgrimage tours of senior citizens.

Press the lotus button



Make BJP win

Phir Ek Baar



Modi Sarkar

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17 अप्रैल 2024, बुधवार

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दोपहर 1 बजे से

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शाम 7:15 बजे

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29 Naxalites killed in encounter with forces

The encounter took place at around 2 pm in forest between Binagunda and Koronar villages

Press Trust Of India

KANKER: Ahead of the first phase of polling in Chhattisgarh, security personnel gunned down 29 Naxalites, including some senior cadres, in Kanker district on Tuesday in the biggest encounter ever in the state, police said.

Three security personnel suffered injuries in the fierce gun-battle and a large quantity of weapons was also recovered from the spot, the state police said. The gunfight took place at around 2 pm in Hapatola forest between Binagunda and Koronar villages under Chhotebethiya police station limits, when a joint team of the Border Security Force (BSF) and the state police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) was out on an anti-Naxal operation, a statement issued by the BSF said. The BSF has been extensively deployed in Kanker



Security personnel engaged in operation. | Photo: File photo

district for counter-insurgency operations. "Bodies of 29 Maoist cadres were recovered from the encounter spot. Seven AK series rifles and three Light Machine Guns were also recovered from the spot," the statement said.

HIGHLIGHT

● Bodies of 29 Maoist cadres were recovered from the encounter spot. 7 AK series rifles and 3 Light Machine Guns recovered



This is biggest anti-naxal operations in the area

P Sundarraj
IG Bastar

UPSC Civil Services 2023 results declared

NEW DELHI: The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on Tuesday declared the results for the Civil Services Exam 2023, with Aditya Srivastava securing the top rank.

Animesh Pradhan and DonuruAnanya Reddy secured the second and third ranks respectively, it said.

A total of 1,016 candidates cleared the examination and have been recommended for different central government services, the UPSC said. The Civil Services Exam is conducted annually in three stages - preliminary, main and interview - by the UPSC to select officers of Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS), among others. Aditya Srivastava has topped the prestigious civil services examination 2023, with Animesh Pradhan and DonuruAnanya Reddy getting the second and third ranks respectively, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) announced on Tuesday.



Message

I extend my best wishes and congratulations to the entire management and editorial team of Central Chronicle for its re-launching with a fresh layout and design and wish them all the best for maintaining editorial ethics and upholding the highest editorial standards and remain a formidable force as the fourth pillar of democracy. Central Chronicle has long been a stalwart in Chhattisgarh's media landscape, rooted deeply in Raipur. Renowned for its excellence, it has earned a distinguished reputation as a premier daily newspaper in the region. Seamlessly blending local, national, and global news, it serves as an indispensable



source of information for the readers. Raipur, with its rich history and cultural significance, finds its stories beautifully captured within the pages of Central Chronicle. As Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, I commend their dedication and wish them continued success in their noble endeavour.

Warm regards,

Vishnu Deo Sai
Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh

TRAGEDY |

Boat capsizes in Jhelum river in Jammu and Kashmir

Press Trust of India

Incessant rains have led to an increase in the water levels in Jhelum

SRINAGAR: A boat carrying mostly school children capsized in the Jhelum river on the outskirts of the city on Tuesday, leaving six people dead and many others missing, officials said.

Three people were rescued after the incident in GandbalNowgam area.

Officials said many others are missing and a rescue operation is underway. It was not clear as to how many people were travelling in the boat. Incessant rains over the last couple of days have led to an increase in the



Rescue operation underway after a boat capsized in the Jhelum river, Tuesday. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

● It was not clear as to how many people were travelling in the boat

water levels of several water bodies, including

Jhelum. Senior officials from police and civil administration, including Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and Senior Superintendent of Police

Srinagar, were at the spot at GandbalBatwara monitoring rescue operations. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and many other leaders expressed grief over the loss of lives in the incident.

Get Rs 5 lakh reward, jobs for information on Naxalites

Press Trust Of India

Naxalites have been making efforts to set up their new base in the tri-junction forest of Maha,MP and Chh'garh

KABIRDHAM: The police have announced Rs 5 lakh cash reward and jobs to persons who provide information leading to the arrest or killing of Naxalites in Chhattisgarh's Kabirdham district, a senior official said on Tuesday.

Pamphlets with the announcement "suchna do inaampao" (give information, receive a reward) were distributed in the Naxalite-affected villages of the district, which shares a border with Madhya Pradesh. "Anyone who helps in



FASTFACTS

● Villages identified as more Maoist affected

● The effort is to seal the border to prevent Maoist movement

the arrest of Naxalites or provides inputs leading to their killing in encounters will be given a cash reward of Rs 5 lakh and a job in the police force. Cash rewards will also be given to persons who help in the surrender of Maoists," the pamphlets stated.

Talking to PTI, Kabirdham Superintendent of Police (SP) Abhishek-Pallava said, "We have distributed pamphlets and stuck posters of our new offer in Maoist-hit villages in the last two days. We have also sent messages on WhatsApp to mobile phone users in these villages." Villagers will receive an instant cash reward of Rs 5 lakh for providing information that leads to the arrest or killing of Maoists, and this amount is in addition to the bounty declared by the state or Central governments on any Naxalite, he said.

"Informers will also be recruited in the district police as constables without any test. However, the concerned person will have to fulfil the educational and physical standards," he said.

NEWSLINE



COMMENT

Putting trust in science by design

Warmth, vulnerability, improved communication, and an openness to admit errors - these are some of the things being demanded of scientists as a way to build greater public trust.

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NUMBERS

361

IPL top Run-getters

Virat Kohli leads with 361, followed by Parag, Samson, Sharma, and Gill in the Top IPL 2024 run getters list.

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SPORT

Nadal to play his last in Barcelona Open

Rafael Nadal is "ready enough" to play on Tuesday in what he expects to be his last Barcelona Open.

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BENEFICIAL SCHEME |

No motive behind linking CGHS IDs to ABHA

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: The health ministry on Tuesday said the government has no ulterior motive behind linking the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiary IDs to the Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) numbers.

"ABHA isn't some sneaky way for the gov-

ernment to track money. In fact, it is not linked to any monetary or fiscal scheme of the government. It is being rolled out across government health programs, such as Reproductive and Child Health (RCH), Non-Communicable Disease (NCD), Nikshay, U-win (Universal-immunisation), E-Sanjeevani (teleconsultation), PMJAY,



Poshan (Anganwadi), etc," the ministry said in a statement. It added that a lot of misinformation is

NUMBER

June 30

● The deadline for linking of the ABHA number with the CGHS ID for 120 days or four months with effect from June 30

being spread around its recent move to link CGHS

records to ABHA numbers and clarified that ABHA is a unique health ID based on Aadhaar.

The need for ABHA arose because Aadhaar details cannot be saved on systems without implementing Aadhaar vault and other security systems, the ministry said adding that ABHA is a proxy of Aadhaar in the sphere of health.

Firing outside Salman Khan's home: 2 arrested

Press Trust of India

BHUJ: Two persons including a man who allegedly opened fire outside Bollywood actor Salman Khan's residence in Mumbai have been arrested from Gujarat, police said on Tuesday.

The two persons - Vicky Gupta (24) and Sagor Pal (21) - who were on the run after firing

outside Khan's house on Sunday, were nabbed late Monday night from a temple premises at Mata No Madh village in Gujarat's Kutch district, Deputy Inspector General of Kutch-West, MahendraBagadiya, said.

Both the accused are natives of West Champaran in Bihar, he said, adding the two have admitted to the crime.

Raipur



Terrorist released to Kandahar by BJP gov't carried out 26/11 attack

Radhika Kheda
Congress Spokesperson

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

Crime

Youth escapes from clutches of abductors

RAIPUR: A case of abduction of a youth has come to light from Kamal Vihar area of Raipur. Abductor allegedly demanded ransom of Rs 25 lakh in cash and Fortuner car from the youth's family. However the youth somehow escaped from the clutches of the miscreants.

He has given a written complaint about the matter in Tikrapara police station. According to the information received, the abducted youth Nikhil Kosle is the director of NLIT Finance Company. Some people called him under Kamal Vihar Chowk overbridge on the pretext of getting a home loan, abducted him in the car and then fled. The victim Nikhil Kosle somehow escaped from the clutches of the abductors and narrated his entire ordeal to his father. He has filed a report in the police station accusing youths named Irfan Khan, Zuber, Raju, Sunil Sahu, Daga and Bittu and Parvez of abducting.

Trade Fair

Jain Trade Fair inaugurated



RAIPUR: A 3-day Jain trade fair was inaugurated at 11 am on, Monday, April 15th as part of Shri Mahavir Janam Kalyanak Mahotsav. The trade fair is organized by Samarpan Sakhi Mahila Mandal and Mahila Mandal Raipur. The theme of the fair is "From Self-Respect to Self-Reliance". Today, on the occasion of the inauguration of the fair, the women of Mahila Mandal started the program with invocation by lighting the lamp in front of the photo of Lord Mahavir. Manju Sethia of Mahila Mandal told that in this Jain trade fair, 100 stalls have been made for the fair and 10 stalls have been allotted for the food court.



Police officials monitoring the security check ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. | Photo: Chronicle

Raipur Police's intensive checking campaign

This heightened vigilance and checking is being done to ensure security, maintain law and order and comply with the Model Code of Conduct.

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS

RAIPUR: In view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the local law enforcement authorities in compliance with the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and to maintain law and order, have initiated intensive checking drives in various locations of the city/district under the instructions of Senior Superintendent of Police, Santosh Kumar Singh, Additional Superintendent of Police City, Lakhan Patle, Additional Superintendent of Police, West, Daulat Ram Porte

and Additional Superintendent of Police Traffic. Intensive checking is being carried out continuously from 9:30 PM onwards. It is under the supervision of O.P. Sharma, City Superintendent of Police, Civil Line, Azad Chowk, Kotwali, Urla and Deputy Superintendent of Police, Traffic, check points have been set up by police forces and traffic police at multiple locations - Bharat Mata Chowk, Ram Mandir, NIT, Shastri Chowk, Lakhe Nagar Chowk and areas under the jurisdiction of police

HIGHLIGHT

● Check points have been set up by police forces and traffic police at multiple locations

● Intensive checking are practices followed by law enforcement during major elections to prevent any untoward incidents

stations - Saraswati Nagar, Maudhapara, Gudhiyari, Telibandha and Purani Basti.

This heightened vigilance and checking is being done to ensure

security, maintain law and order, and comply with the Model Code of Conduct guidelines issued by the Election Commission during the Lok Sabha election period. The Model Code of Conduct is a set of rules and guidelines issued by the Election Commission to regulate the conduct of political parties, candidates and authorities to ensure free and fair elections. Heightened security measures like check points and intensive checking are practices followed by law enforcement during major elec-

tions to prevent any untoward incidents.

Senior Superintendent of Police Santosh Kumar Singh is monitoring the checking of vehicles to prevent the illegal transportation of banned election-related materials such as liquor, cash, gold, silver, and to address issues like motorcyclists under the influence of alcohol, speeding bikers, tricycles, and miscreants. Police administration is particularly focusing on checking bikers and motorcycles without number plates to ensure compliance with the law.

Women's SVEEP voter awareness Car Rally on April 21

RAIPUR: As per the instructions of District Returning Officer and Collector Dr Gaurav Singh, a car rally has been organized on April 21 under the SVEEP voter awareness program. The above women's SVEEP car rally has been organized from Raipur Shankar Nagar BTI Ground to Science College. The rally will begin at 4 pm. Attractive prizes will be given for attractive decoration. For this, the participants will have to decorate their cars with attractions and also paste slogans and messages for voter awareness. First prize will be given in Rs 21,000/-, second prize in Rs 11,000/- and third prize in Rs 51,00/- respectively.

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS

Congress demonstrated near Shitala Mandir Market of Purani Basti.

RAIPUR: Mahila Congress workers held a unique demonstration against price rise under the leadership of Raipur Lok Sabha candidate Vikas Upadhyay. Upadhyay showed the magic box of Modi-BJP to the general public in Purani Basti of Raipur.

Congress demonstrated near Shitala Mandir Market of Purani Basti in which Congress workers had kept a magical box releasing expensive food items one by one in front



Congress candidate from Raipur Lok Sabha seat Vikas Upadhyaya during demo against Centre. | Photo: Chronicle

FACTFILE

● Prices of food items, domestic gas, petrol diesel are touching the sky showing difference between the prices of all such items.

of the general public.

A cylinder worth 1100, edible oil worth 190, sugar 45 kg, rice 60 kg, flour 60 kg were taken out of the box and shown to the general public. The difference between the prices of all such items

during the time of UPA government of Congress and the increased prices during the time of BJP government was displayed through banner posters. 'If there is a real magician in this country then it is the BJP Modi government.

| INDO-CANADA TENSIONS |

Congress shows magic box of Modi-BJP to people of Raipur

| MOTIVATION TO STUDENTS |

Continuous effort is key to achieving one's goals: Karve

RAIPUR: IAS Mahadev Kavre while addressing the function organised on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti by Unity for Social Justice at Vrindavan Hall emphasized the importance of understanding the Constitution as a tool to combat superstition, evil practices, and hypocrisy in society. He highlighted that buying a copy of the Con-

stitution and keeping it at home can be instrumental in teaching children about its significance and principles. Kavre's remarks underscore the transformative power of the Constitution in guiding individuals towards a society free from regressive beliefs and practices. Additionally, he motivated the youth by emphasizing the values

Buying a copy of the Constitution can be instrumental in teaching children about its significance
Mahadev Kavre
IAS OFFICER



of hard work and perseverance, stating that there are no shortcuts to success, and continuous effort is key to achieving one's goals.

Parents were asked to send their children away from their hometown to study or learn some skill. This increases self-confidence in the child and develops the ability to learn.

From around the city

Collector launches 'First vote, then Shop' campaign of Chamber of Commerce and Industries



RAIPUR: Collector and District Election Officer Dr. Gaurav Singh, while addressing the Chamber of Commerce and Industries voter awareness campaign "First Vote, Then Shop" program on Monday, appealed to the traders to participate in voting as much as possible. He also administered oath to the traders for 100 percent voting. Collector congratulated the traders for this campaign.

Giving information, he said that this time the voting time will start from 7 am in the morning and will

continue till 6 pm. Dr. Singh said that we have to vote for ourselves and for the implementation of public interest works. Collector Dr. Gaurav Singh said that people of every class come to the shops and business establishments every day to buy their essential items, due to which the business class can easily motivate them to vote. With voting percentage in Raipur, we will give a message to the entire country that how strong is democracy in Chhattisgarh and how deep are the roots of democracy here.

The Day's NUMBERS

NUMBER OF VOTERS HAVE GONE UP IN 11 LS SEATS OF CHHATTISGARH

Year	Number of Voters
2024	2,05,13,252
2019	1,89,16,285
2014	1,76,64,520

Source: MoS&I

Political switch

Village Sarpanch of Nardaha with 35 people join BJP

RAIPUR: More than 35 people including the Nardaha Sarpanch Dr Narendra Sharma and Darbari Banjare on Tuesday joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) here.

All of them joined during the election campaign conducted by the party candidate Brijmohan Agrawal in the Aarang Legislative Assembly constituency. Speaking on the occasion, the local MLA Guru Khushwant said that victory of BJP candidates is essential to make Narendra Modi as Prime Minister for the third time. Raipur Parliamentarian Sunil Soni, District President Shyam Narang were also present during the campaigning held at Nardaha, Shemariya, Pacheda, Chandrakhuri, Nagpura, Sakri, Tekari and Bhansoj area under the Aarang constituency.

Interacting with the first time voters, the BJP candidate urged them to take a pledge to make Narendra Modi as PM.

Board Exams

Ch'garh Board 10th, 12th results to be declared by April 30



RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE). Chhattisgarh Board might declare class 10th results by May 10 and class 12th results by April 30. Evaluation of copies will be completed on April 14. After completing all formalities, it may take 10 days to prepare the results. As per the sources the results of both the classes can be declared by CG Board on April 30, 2024.

Students who appeared for class 10th and 12th board exam 2024 will be able to check their results on the official websites cgbse.nic.in and results.

Bhilai



“Modi’s guarantee means the guarantee of fulfillment of the guarantee.”

Arun Sao
Dy.CM Chhattisgarh

‘25 yrs vision with 10 yrs track record in BJP’s manifesto’

The soul of BJP manifesto is ‘Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas’. It is a reflection of 15 lakh suggestions

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS

BHILAI: Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao has described the Bharatiya Janata Party’s manifesto as a resolution for a developed India. It is a reflection of 15 lakh suggestions received from common people.

The vision has been divided into ten social groups including poor, youth, middle class, fishermen, deprived class, senior citizens, backward and weaker sections. Further, the governance has been divided into 14 sectors. Sao said that the manifesto includes India’s foreign relations, internal and external security, prosperous India, ease of living, heritage, good governance, healthy India, education, sports, development of all sectors, Innovation and Technology as well as environment. While addressing a press conference here at Durg District BJP Headquarters on Tuesday, Deputy CM reiterated that “Modi’s guarantee means the guarantee of fulfillment of the guarantee.” Sao asserted that the BJP’s “Sankalp Patra”



Deputy CM Arun Sao addressing media persons

is the guarantee to make a developed nation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the absolute majority achieved in 2014 and 2019 to villages, poor, deprived, Dalits, women, youth and farmers. Modi is completely dedicated to the development of the nation and the welfare of the poor, Sao said.

Arun Sao said that the potential of tourism in our country is yet to be unlocked. BJP is strengthening three types of infrastructure.

Manifesto empowers all four strong pillars of developed India

Deputy Chief Minister further explained that the manifesto empowers all the four strong pillars of developed India - youth power, women power, farmers and the poor. Our focus is on Dignity of Life, Quality of Life and Jobs through Investment. The manifesto emphasises on both quantity and quality of opportunities.

HIGHLIGHT

● Now BJP has resolved that every elderly person above the age of 70 years will be brought under Ayushman scheme

● Sao said that today India is showing direction to the world

On one hand, it speaks about creating a large number of jobs through infrastructure development; while on the other hand, it focuses on high value services by promoting start-ups and global centres.

Sao promised that his government will ensure that the food of the poor is nutritious, satisfying and affordable.

Administration on high alert to prevent child marriages

Considering the high probability of child marriages the district administration is going to take all appropriate measures

can be punished and any person who encourages or knowingly allows a child to take part in a child marriage can also be punished. The Act further states that no woman can be punished with imprisonment.

Child marriage is a social evil and a legal crime. It can be prevented only with the support of aware citizens. The concerned

FASTFACTS

● Child marriage is a social evil and a legal offence

● Contact Child Helpline 1098, police department 112 / 100 or Women Helpline 181

BHILAI: Due to illiteracy and misconceptions, child marriages are secretly performed in rural areas as well as certain urban areas on the occasion of Ram Navami and Akshaya Tritiya. To completely ban the solemnization of child marriages in the district, a joint team of Women and Child Development Department, Police Department, Panchayat Level Child Protection Committee and Child Line has been formed.

District Program Officer of the Women and Child Development Department informed that under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006, marriage of a boy below 21 years of age and a girl below 18 years of age is prohibited. If a man below 21 years of age marries a girl below 18 years of age, he can be punished with rigorous imprisonment up to 02 years or a fine which can be up to Rs 1 lakh or both. Any person who arranges, performs or assists a child marriage

department has taken several initiatives to make the general masses aware of the ill effects of child marriage. The administration has urged the common people to convey information about child marriages to the Department of Women and Child Development (Phone No - 0788-2213363, 2323704), Child Helpline (1098), project office, police department (112, 100), women’s helpline (181), ward level and panchayat level child protection committee.

Appointment

Probationary IAS Dr M Bhargava joins as Asst Collector



Probationary IAS Dr M Bhargava had assumed charge as Assistant Collector in Durg. Dr Bhargava hails from Telangana and is a 2023 batch IAS officer. He is a BDS degree holder from Mamata Dental College, Telangana. Collector Richa Prakash Choudhary followed the administrative tradition and welcomed Dr M Bhargava. She congratulated and extended best wishes to Dr Bhargava for embarking on a new path of duty

LOK SABHA ELECTION

Shri Shankaracharya Engineering College, Junwani campus acquired

Collector and District Election Officer Richa Prakash Choudhary, using the powers conferred under Section 160 of the Representation of the People Act 1951 for the smooth functioning of the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, has acquired the entire campus of Shri Shankaracharya Engineering College in Junwani for election works. For the smooth functioning of the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, distribution / return of the election materials; arrangements of vote counting; strong rooms, etc will be established here. The campus will remain acquired till the completion of elections. The Collector has instructed the concerned department to reserve the college premises in an organized manner; provide information about the officer-in-charge as well as the name and designation of the responsible officer.

Gayatri Yajna every month at Ramsheela old age home



Divya Bharat Yuva Sangh, the youth wing of Gayatri Parivar is organising Yajna on every first Sunday of the month of 2024 in the old age home run by Kalyani Nasha Mukti Kendra located in Bhilai. Director Ajay Kalyani informed that last year this program was being done in the Drug De-addiction Center, which had a positive impact on the drug addicts and many of them also took a pledge to quit drug. After that, ever since Ramsheela Ki Kutiya Old Age Home was started in Junwani, from the inauguration till now all the elders and workers participate in the Yajna every Sunday.

BSP enhances production of Value Added Steel Grades

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS

Plant has in last fiscal year 2023-24 produced 3.85 million tonnes (MT) of value-added special steel grades as against 3.54 MT in previous fiscal year 2022-23.

BHILAI: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant produces a wide range of value-added special steel grades for its customers and for various applications. Enhancing its special steel production, the Plant has in last fiscal year 2023-24 produced 3.85 million tonnes (MT) of value-added special steel grades as against 3.54 MT in previous fiscal year 2022-23. Production of special steel grades in 2023-24 was 73.8% of total Saleable Steel production. Loading of special steel for despatch in 2023-24 was also higher

at 3.83 MT as against 3.48 MT in 2022-23.

Special Steel production from the Plant’s Plate Mill in 2023-24 included 2,54,045 Tonnes of High Tensile / Sailma grade plates, 95,948 T of Boiler Quality grade, 17,661 T of Plates with thickness above 40 mm with Non-destructive Testing, 65,970 T of Normalised Rolled and 25,812 T of Normalised Mild plates, 8466 T of Sail Hard grade plates, 3155 T of Copper Bearing plates and other grades.

The Mill also loaded 1358 T of naval grade DMR 249 Grade A plates for despatch during the year. Special steel grades rolled out by the Plant’s Modex unit Bar & Rod Mill in 2023-24 include 23,550 T of TMT HCR grade, 3,32,698 T of SAIL SEQR 550 D grade, 3,88,430 T of Fe500 D grade and 2,13,862 T of Fe550 D. Special steel grades of angles.

Free Health Camp at Village Ghughwa

BHILAI: The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the Plant organised a one-day free Health Camp, at Village Ghughwa on Tuesday. Several villagers, from Ghughwa, availed free health services at the day-long Health Camp. Free medicines were also distributed to villagers attending the camp. The Medical Team from the CSR department, comprising, Dr Minz, Medical Consultant, Nurse for Blood-Sugar and BP examination, and a Pharmacist volunteered their services for the Medical Camp at Village Ghughwa. Budhelal from the CSR department was also present during the Health Camp. It is noteworthy that conducting Health Camps is one of the prime initiatives, through which BSP’s CSR Department has contributed substantially towards Public Health and medicine.

Free travel facility for PwDs, elderly for voting

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS

District Administration is working on an elaborate plan to provide free transport facility to the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and elderly voters

BHILAI: Collector and District Election Officer Richa Prakash Choudhary informed that the Election Commission of India has given certain directions regarding free transportation of elderly (80+) and PwDs on the day of voting i.e. May 07, 2024. In compliance with the ECI orders, polling booth-wise disabled and senior citizens will be identified and if they demand, vehicles will be arranged for their travel to the polling station. After voting, they will be dropped back to their residence. Collector has instructed the officials



District Election Officer giving instructions to officials

to make micro plans for better implementation of this facility. The officials have been instructed to

FASTFACTS

● Eligible voters can contact the helpline no 1950 and telephone no 0788-2210180

● Names can also be registered through concerned BLO

prepare a list of senior citizens and PwDs. The RTO will arrange small passenger vehicles for this purpose. Arrangements

for voter chariots will be made in rural areas along with urban bodies in the district. In urban bodies, e-rickshaws will also be used to transport senior citizens to polling stations.

Collector sought information from all the AROs about the identified senior citizens from the concerned area and asked them to finalize the preparations as per the plan by April 20. The Collector said that this facility will be provided on demand by senior citizens. They can call the election helpline number 1950 or the

telephone number 0788-2210180 of the District Election Control Room. Apart from this, names can be registered through the BLO of the concerned area.

The Collector has instructed all AROs, officials of urban bodies and district CEOs to pay serious attention to the voter chariot. The Collector has asked to ensure shade, cooler, water, wheelchair and all other necessary arrangements in the polling stations. Special attention should be paid to ensure that no one faces any problem.

FINANCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS |

TSD annual revenue collection exceeds target for FY 2023-24

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS

BHILAI: The Town Services Department (TSD) of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant concluded the past financial year with several accomplishments. The TSD has set a record by collecting revenue of Rs 100.55 crore in the financial year 2023-24, thereby surpassing its Annual Revenue Collection Target of Rs 97 crore. Anirban Dasgupta, Director I/c (SAIL-BSP) accompanied by Senior Officials

visited the Town Administration Dept recently and met a cross-section of executives and personnel, congratulating them for their performance and motivating them to perform better in the current Financial year 2024-25. On this occasion, Dasgupta stated that we must set higher goals for the current Financial Year and put efforts from the very beginning to achieve those targets. The department has



achieved as much as 10% enhancement in revenue collection in the year 2023-24, as compared to the collection of Rs 91.75 crore made in the financial year 2022-23.

The revenue collection of TSD has witnessed a constant rise in the past years, wherein revenue collections in the financial year 2021-22 was Rs 86.26 crore, Rs 80 crore in the financial year 2020-21, and Rs 66.49 crore in the financial year 2019-20. Despite



We must set higher goals for the current Financial Year and put efforts from the very beginning to achieve targets”

Anirban Dasgupta
Director Incharge, BSP

the COVID-19 pandemic in these Financial Years, the Town Services Department of Bhilai Steel Plant achieved significant rise in revenue collections.

The Town Services Department has made special endeavours to collect maximum revenue and exceed its annual target before March 31, 2024, which includes disposal of pending matters, with the aid of the Enforcement Section of the Department.

Battle-2024



Electoral bond is a "form of extortion" and "intimidatory tactics" against targeted businessmen.

Rahul Gandhi
Congress leader

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

Nominations

Dhairyasheel Mohite-Patil files nomination from Madha LS seat

Dhairyasheel Mohite-Patil, who quit the BJP and joined the NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar) recently, filed his nomination for the Madha Lok Sabha seat in Solapur district of Maharashtra as a candidate of the Sharad Pawar-led party on Tuesday. Mohite-Patil joined the NCP (SP) on Sunday, a couple of days after quitting the ruling saffron party. He was immediately fielded as a candidate of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) from Madha constituency.

"People from Madha Lok Sabha seat have shown trust in me and their blessings are with me. I took the blessings from the elderly members in my family. People of my constituency are with me and I am confident of winning the upcoming polls," Mohite-Patil said on Tuesday. PTI

Politics

'What has DMK given apart from family rule, corruption'



Krishnagiri (Tamil Nadu): Senior BJP leader Rajnath Singh on Tuesday sought to know from the DMK what it has done for Tamil Nadu apart from "delivering family rule and dispensing corruption." Alleging the DMK was not capable of providing corruption-free and development-oriented governance, he said the sole aim of the DMK and its ally- the Congress- was to capture power at the Centre. PTI

BJP using unfair tactics

Congress candidate Digvijaya Singh files his nomination papers



BHOPAL: Congress Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh on Tuesday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of resorting to unfair tactics to breach his party's bastion of Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh.

Singh on Tuesday filed his nomination papers for Rajgarh Lok Sabha seat as the Congress candidate.

Before filing his nomination at the Rajgarh collectorate, he offered prayers at the Jalpa Mata Mandir in Rajgarh.

Talking to PTI in Rajgarh, Singh said the Congress has been winning Chhindwara Lok Sabha seat since

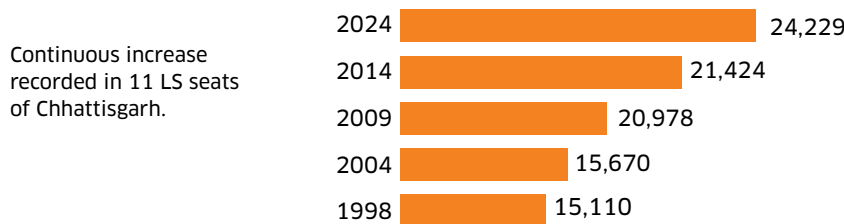
1977. "Chhindwara, under the leadership of (former MP chief minister) Kamal Nath is the Congress citadel. Therefore, the BJP and (Union Home Minister) Amit Shah ji are resorting to unfair tactics to break it," he claimed.

"We strongly condemn this," he added. Asked about the BJP campaigning in Chhindwara with full strength, Digvijaya Singh said, "Kamal Nath ji's base is strong."

Kamal Nath's son Nakul Nath is seeking a second term from the Chhindwara Lok Sabha seat this time.

The Day's NUMBERS

NUMBER OF POLLING BOOTHS IN CHHATTISGARH



Source: MoS&I

Elections

Former Union Minister Venugopalachary joins Congress

HYDERABAD: In a shot in the arm for the ruling Congress in Telangana, BRS leader and former Union Minister S Venugopalachary joined the party on Tuesday. Venugopalachary joined Congress in the presence of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy who is also the president of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), party sources said. Venugopalachary had served as MLA and a minister in undivided Andhra Pradesh and also as Union Minister (MoS) on behalf of TDP in the government headed by then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Meanwhile, former MLC and BRS leader Rajeshwar Rao also joined the Congress, the sources added. The BRS has seen a number of leaders leaving the party to join either the Congress or BJP in recent weeks. While BRS MLAs Danam Nagender and Kadiam Srihar and Hyderabad Mayor Vijaya Laxmi R Gadwal joined Congress, BRS MPs BB Patil and P Ramulu joined the BJP.

Media

'RLD joining BJP won't impact Muzaffarnagar LS polls'



MUZAFFARNAGAR (UP): Samajwadi Party leader Harendra Singh Malik, who is contesting the Lok Sabha election from Muzaffarnagar as INDIA bloc nominee, said the RLD aligning with the BJP will not have any poll impact in the constituency. The former Rajya Sabha member is pitted against BJP's Sanjeev Balyan, whom he described as an "accidental leader". Both Malik and Balyan belong to the influential Jat community of western Uttar Pradesh. Balyan won from Muzaffarnagar in 2014 and 2019 and served as Union minister in the Narendra Modi-led government.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah waves at supporters during a public meeting ahead of Lok Sabha elections on Tuesday. | Photo: PTI

'Modi has given 'guarantee' to bring UCC in country'

"Kharge says reservation would go away if Modi becomes PM for a third time. We would neither withdraw reservation nor let anyone do it," Shah said.

Press Trust of India

KOTDWAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a "guarantee" to bring uniform civil code in the country on the same lines as Uttarakhand, Union Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday.

Addressing an election rally here, Shah said right from the inception of Bharatiya Jana Sangh, its leaders had made a promise that there would be

no law based on religion in this country and that there would be a Uniform Civil Code (UCC).

"For the first time in the country, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Dhama has introduced UCC in the state. Modi has given a guarantee in our 'Sankalp Patra' (manifesto) to introduce UCC in the whole country on the same lines," the BJP leader said.

He also attacked Congress president Mallikar-

FACTFILE

- Opposition party's culture allowed it to insult a brave warrior like former CDS Bipin Rawat

- Modi has given a guarantee in our 'Sankalp Patra' to introduce UCC

jun Kharge for questioning the "relevance" of Kashmir issue for other

states. "Congress national president Kharge says what do the people of Uttarakhand and Rajasthan have to do with Kashmir.

"Kharge does not know that the soldiers of Garhwal shed maximum blood to save Kashmir," Shah said at the poll rally here in favour of BJP candidate for Pauri Garhwal Lok Sabha seat Anil Baluni. He said during Congress-led UPA anyone would come from Pakistan and return

after setting off explosions but after Narendra Modi took over, Pakistan got a fitting retaliation for its dastardly attacks in Uri and Pulwama through surgical and air strikes which eliminated terrorists on their turf.

Shah also accused the Congress of using "abusive words" against former CDS Bipin Rawat, saying the opposition party's culture allowed it to insult a brave warrior like him.

| ELECTION CAMPAIGNING |

'Congress will raise tea workers' wages in Assam'

AAP announces final list of 4 more candidates in Punjab

CHANDIGARH: The Aam Aadmi Party on Tuesday announced its final list of four more candidates in Punjab for the Lok Sabha polls, fielding three legislators and a turncoat.

With this announcement, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has declared its candidates for all 13 parliamentary seats in Punjab. The announcement regarding the names of candidates was made by the party's national general secretary Sandeep Pathak in a post on X. From Jalandhar (reserve) constituency, AAP named former Akali MLA Pawan Kumar Tinu, who joined the party a few days back. Tinu will be facing Congress candidate and former chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi and BJP's Sushil Rinku.

Press Trust of India

"Farmers, workers, students, poor and all other people have one important right -- voting right, which is given by the Constitution. Please use it wisely," she appealed to the cheering crowd.

TITABOR (ASSAM): Leading a roadshow in support of party candidate Gaurav Gogoi in Jorhat district of Assam, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday said daily wages of tea garden workers will be hiked if the opposition alliance wins the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Addressing a huge



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra during an election campaign rally ahead of Lok Sabha elections | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

- "When BJP leaders come to campaign, they talk about irrelevant issues to deviate your attention from real issues."

crowd while taking part in a roadshow here, she claimed the ruling party also wants to "change" the Constitution and if that happens, the common people of the country will suffer the most.

"When I came to

Assam and visited tea gardens before assembly polls 2-3 years ago, I had promised to raise the wages if Congress formed the government. But you chose BJP and the wages were not raised from around Rs 250.

| ELECTION CAMPAIGN |

'EC 'silent' when Congress' bank accounts frozen'

Press Trust of India

KATHUA: Congress leader Sachin Pilot hit the campaign trail here on Tuesday as a star campaigner and attacked the Election Commission (EC) for "remaining silent" when the accounts of the main opposition party were frozen and elected chief ministers were sent to jail.

Campaigning for his party's candidate Choudhary Lal Singh from the Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency, Pilot accused the BJP government of playing "religious politics to divert attention from its failures" on the development front.

"The Election Commission is watching as a mute spectator. In connection with the Chand-

"I want to tell you that elections in J and K will be held before September. It is not the government saying so but the order of the SC"

Sachin Pilot
Congress leader



garh mayoral elections, we had to move to the Supreme Court for justice, and we got it. They sealed the accounts of the Congress, put elected chief ministers in jail, and tried to muzzle the opposition," Pilot said while addressing a rally. Pilot claimed that there is a wave of change sweeping the entire country.

Due to pro-capitalists policies of BJP govt hundreds of youth are unemployed.

Vinod Chandrakar
Ex-MLA Mahasamund



Chhattisgarh



Devotees in large number thronged the Maa Chandi Mandir on Navratri.

Huge crowd of devotees throng 'Maa Chandi Mandir'

Aarti had taken the form of 'Maha-Aarti' during evening as lots of devotees visited the temple and also Khallai Mandir Devi Dharmo.

Central Chronicle News

BAGBAHRA: There is religious atmosphere prevailing in the famous Goddess temple at 'Dhamo Nahar' during the 'Navratri' festival with villagers and devotees singing 'Jass Geets' (bhajans & religious songs) in the temple of Goddesses and the devotees are offering prayers and oblations to the Goddess in the temple in large number and seeking Her blessings and 'prasadi'.

At the Maa Chandi Mandir Ghunchapali in Bagbahra block and at Maa Khallari Mandir Devi Dharmo, there is long

queue of devotees right from morning till evening to offer oblations. The evening prayers at the nearest Maa Chandi Mndir in Ghunchapali is taking the form of 'Maha-Aarti' and here there is also 'Kaal Bhairav' and Lord Hanuman's temple and all these remains jam-packed with scores of devotees present from morning till evening. During evening the crowd is so much that it becomes difficult to reach even near the temple on time.

Giving information about the programmes to be held at Maa Chandi Mandir, President of Trust Nandkumar and

HIGHLIGHT

● Every Navratri, there is free of cost Bhandara' (Mahaprasadi) organised in the morning and evening by the Trust.

● During nine days of Navratri, programme on 'Mata ki Bhakti' and in the evening 'Mata Ka Jagrata' and others are organized.

Secretary Dhanveer Sharma informed that during every Navratri, there is free of cost Bhandara' (Mahaprasadi) organised both in the morning and in the evening

by the Trust and donors for all nine days. In addition to this on all the nine days, there are presentation of songs related to 'Mata ki Bhakti' and in the evening there is 'Mata Ka Jagrata' for services to the Goddess and apart from this there is 'Manas Gaan', 'Jas Jhanki', 'and other cultural programme organised for all the nine days. In this all efforts are made to give priority to the local artist and participants, so that they also get a chance to exhibit their talent and hone the same. The devotees here enjoyed the same for last 8 days of the 'navratri' in large number.

President of Trust informed that during this nine-day festival, the prayers performed in the evening has turned into 'Maha-Aarti' as there are devotees in large number present and entire premises is jam-packed and they can be seen chanting prayers with clapping and entire atmosphere here become completely religious. He informed that this strength of crowd during aarti is probably not present anywhere else in the region. After this the night 'Bhoj-Bhandara' is organised apart from 'Sanskritik Jagrata' and 'Jaas Jhanki' and others, to which the devotees enjoy the most.

Total 50 persons cast their vote thru postal ballot

KHAIRAGARH: As per instructions by EC, as per direction of Collector and DRO Chandrakant Verma, the officers and employees deployed for the Lok Sabha election work 2024 and for the voters coming under essential services category, a facility for exercising franchise has been provided through Postal Ballot through convenience centres. In this centre, a total of 50 persons delayed in the election duty have cast their votes through postal ballot. On Monday, a total of 35 persons cast their votes. It is notable here that convenience centres have been opened at two places for postal ballot and this includes Central School, Khairagarh and SAGES Girls School, Khairagarh.

Rally passed through main thoroughfare in city and late paid tributes to Baba Saheb at Ambedkar Chowk.

KHAIRAGARH: The 135th birth anniversary of founder of India's constitution and Bharat Ratna recipient Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar was observed in Khairagarh and the youths took out a massive bike rally. The programme was held jointly under the aegis of Khairagarh Mahabodhi Vihar Samiti (KMVS) and Bhim Regiment District Khairagarh on April 14 and the youths remembering Baba Saheb started their bike rally from Boudha Vihar at Dua-



Youth on Ambedkar Jayanti took out massive bike rally.

choura in the morning, raising slogans 'Jai Bhim', 'Jab Tak Suraj Chand rahenga, Baba Tera Naam Rahega' and 'Boudha dharm ki kya penchan, Manav Manav ek Samaj' and 'Nele Jai Bhim' and with 'Panchsheel flags' thousands of youths took part in the rally including elders, women and children. The rally passed through 'Dauchoura to Tempo Stand Chowk to State Highway and reached Sadar Bazar, Kilepara, Amlipara, Sone-sarar and returned via Bakshi Marg, Gole Bazar, Masjid Chowk, Haspatal Chowk, Vishwavidyalaya Raj family marg to Civil Lines State highway to Collector premises and then reached Ambedkar Chowk at New Bus Stand.

| AGRICULTURE |

Rajim's watermelon legacy: A bittersweet tale

Central Chronicle News

RAJIM: Once a thriving hub of watermelon production, Rajim now finds itself in a nostalgic reverie, reminiscing about the bygone era when its sandy riverbanks flourished with the crimson bounty of watermelon crops. Parry, Sondhur, and Mahanadi riversides were once adorned with lush watermelon fields, attract-

ing brokers from metropolitan cities and offering locals a seasonal livelihood filled with abundance. The fertile riverbanks, which once sustained thriving communities for months on end, are now barren, devoid of the vibrant watermelon harvests that once defined the region's prosperity. Instead of indulging in the sweetness of locally-grown melons, residents

● **'Roadside stalls selling watermelons serve as a poignant reminder of the enduring legacy of Rajim's agricultural heritage'**

Mohanlal Sahu
Farmer



now resort to purchasing watermelons from outside sources, a stark reminder of the shifting landscape of agricultural production.

Despite the construction of five anicuts aimed at ensuring water availability, the region continues to grapple with water scarcity, exacerbated by questionable practices and collusion with sand mafia elements.

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TELECOMMUNICATION

IPL fans face network woes, strain impacts daily life

ANWARI: As the IPL fever grips the nation, Jio SIM users find themselves grappling with frustrating network disruptions. The surge in viewership of IPL matches via smartphones has resulted in significant strain on network bandwidth, particularly affecting Jio subscribers. Complaints abound regarding call disconnections and the inability to download videos and photos, highlighting the extent of the issue.

In today's digital age, where smartphones are integral to both entertainment and productivity, the slowdown in network connectivity is disrupting the daily routines of the younger generation and the working class.

Tasks ranging from communication to remote diagnosis are hindered by sluggish network speeds, underscoring the pressing need for infrastructure improvements.

FESTIVAL

Tohal Nishad keeps 'Akhand Jyoti' atop his chest



BIRKONI: A devotee of Goddess Kali from Gram Achridih of Nayapara Tohal Nishad had lighted Akhand Jyoti along with 'Jawara' at the Maa Chandi Mandir in the heart of city. There are many forms of one's faith and loyalty towards Goddess during Navratri festival. During 'Chaitra Paksh', either some devotee travel bare foot from their house to the temple and other show their dedication and faith moving their entire body on the road upto the temple.

From around the web

Care and health of safe motherhood discussed on occasion of 'Rastriya Matritv Diwas'



KORBA: It was in the presence of CHMO Dr SN Keshari that Rashtriya Surakshit Matritv Diwas (RSMD) was observed. On this occasion, Master trainers, Mitaniins, SHG members, Sarpanch and Panchayat representatives were present. In this programme, State Head of Centre for Catalysing Change (C-3) Dilip Sarvate gave detailed information about 'Surakshit Matritv Diwas'. He informed that the objective behind celebration of 'Surakshit Matritv Diwas' (SMD)

include safe care and respectful life of 'Matritv' and this include both safety from verbal abuse or physical misbehaviour and differences. He said that it is by creating awareness about the safety rights of would be mothers that it can be made even better. It is in order to reduce child mortality rate of girls during pregnancy and to strengthen healthy motherly services and make it qualitative that the health department and C-3 are observing 'RSMD'.

17 Manokamna Jyoti Kalash lighted on Navratri

ANWARI: The festival of Navratri is celebrated with fervour at Maa Vaishnav Devi Mandir in Nagar Panchayat Bhakhara, Bhateli ward No. 14 and this year total 17 Manokamna Jyoti Kalash were lighted in the temple.



Chandi Mandir

Road to Chandi Mandir illuminated with streetlights

BAGBAHRA: The new short-cut from Maa Chandi Mandir Ghunchapali from the under-bridge to weekly market has been lighted with the streetlights and now the lane with darkness has got illuminated with good lights and people are free to pass from this road during night-hours. This will benefit both the pedestrians and those driving small vehicles in order to reach upto the Bagbahra main road. Specially during Navratri, this will also help in streamlining the traffic.

It is notable here that in the last 'Basanti Parv', the work that of laying of soil from Gurudev Rai's 'badi' to Chandi Road was completed and facility was provided. But after rains, the culvert in the middle of the farms could not be started and due to which the farmers faced lots of problems. Seeing the problem the water was diverted and due to which it was not used during Sharadiya Navratri.

Competition

Slogan writing competition held in SAGES



KORBA: As per instructions by Collector and DRO Korba Ajeet Vasant and under guidance of SVEEP Nodal Officer Sambit Mishra, CEO District Panchayat, 'nukkad natak', 'rally', slogan writing, essay, speech, Mehandi, Poster competitions and others are being organised to create awareness among the voters including youth, women, and students of Schools and Colleges, in order to ensure cent percent polling. In this series, for voter awareness, slogan and poem writing competition was organised at Swamy Atmanand English Medium School, Darri and in this the students took part enthusiastically.

Awareness created through earthen lamps on Navratri

By spreading earthen lamps in the letter 'Har-Ghar Deep, Har-Ghar SVEEP' awareness was created.

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS

Gaurela - Pendra - Marwahi : The SVEEP programmes are being held in the district regularly in order to strengthen the democracy by ensuring cent percent polling from all sections of the voters for LS polls 2024. In this series, on occasion of 'Navratri', thousands of earthen lamps were lighted at Durga Mandir on Marwahi Road, Pendra and by forming it in the shape of 'deeps' and letter 'Har-Ghar Deep, Har-Ghar SVEEP' and created awareness among the voters. On this occasion Collector and DRO Leena Kamlesh Mandavi administered pledge for cent percent polling. Along with this through online link also around 1.25 lakh voters of the district were administered pledge virtually. In this district-level programme, Collector asked the people present to have full faith in democracy for the next LS polls and maintaining democratic traditions and keeping free and fair polls, exercise one's franchise without getting influenced by any allurements. In the voter awareness programme, Upper Collector Namrata Anand Dongre, Dy.DRO Anandroop Tiwari, Asst. RO Amit Baik, Jt. Collec-



Earthen lamps were formed in special way to create awareness.

tor Priyanka Goyal, SDM Marwahi Dileram Dahire, SVEEP District Nodal Office Kaushal Prasad Tendulkar, DSP Nikita Tiwari, and officers and employees from various departments were present. In addition to this through online link, the members of Women Self-Help Group, Sachivs of Gram Panchayats, Rojgar Assistants, Anganbadi workers, Mitans and voters from almost all sections of the society were also administered pledge for cent percent polling.

Voter awareness campaign being run continuously under SVEEP

KORBA: Voter awareness campaign is being run extensively in the urban and rural areas of the district to create awareness about voting among the common people for the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024. A voter awareness rally was organized by women of self-help group in village Kasaipali of District Panchayat Katghora and the

HIGHLIGHT

- Canada is a top destination for tens of thousands of Indian international students each year.
- Canada have given no indication that they intend to stop granting visas to Indian citizens.

women folks are visiting squares, intersections, colonies and villages, giving information regarding the use of their franchise and motivating them to vote impartially on May 7. Under the SVEEP program, a Rangoli competition was organized in Government High School Syahimuri to increase voter awareness and voting percentage.

Collector encourages polling parties to vote properly

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS
"On the polling day, after getting ready early in the morning and completing the mock poll process, voting will begin at the scheduled time."

JAGDALPUR: Collector and District Election Officer Vijay Dayaram K witnessed the third phase training program of polling parties at Vidya Jyoti School under the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 here on Monday. Encouraging the officers and employees of the polling parties to conduct the voting smoothly, he said that everyone has taken complete training on voting and everyone is full of confidence. Now everyone will come together to conduct uninterrupted and fair voting in a peaceful manner.

Collector Vijay, while meeting the officers and employees included in the polling parties on Monday, said that as per the polling duty, they will be present in the strong room on the scheduled day and time and will leave after receiving the EVMS and voting material. On the polling day, after getting ready early in the morning and completing the mock poll process, voting will begin at the scheduled time. All the members of the

polling team will return on time after completing the voting process and will deposit the EVMS and other voting materials in the strong room after matching. He inspired the polling parties to conduct vigorous voting in their respective areas. Emphasizing on exercising their right to vote at the respective polling stations through the election duty certificate issued to them, they

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- Collector inspired the polling parties to conduct vigorous voting in their respective areas.

said that wherever they are going, they will vote at the same polling station. On this occasion, CEO District Panchayat Prakash Survey, Joint Collector Sunil Sharma and other officials were present. It needs to be noted here that the last two decades in the Indian election scenario has seen a remarkable rise in women participating in voting as well as contesting and in Chhattisgarh State.

NEWSLINE

OUTCOME

Maoists' bandh backfires as life goes normal



A closedown called by Maoist failed as the region remained calm and normal with no untoward incident being reported. A call to foil the red plans was made by Bijapur Collector Anurag Pandey by holding a meeting of business organizations, private educational institutions, community heads and transporters to keep life normal in the district and thwart the nefarious plans of the Maoists. On the appeal of Collector and Superintendent of Police, on 15th April, life remained normal in Bijapur like other days, no effect of the bandh was seen and the officials expressed their gratitude and the Collector himself inspected the city and encouraged the traders.

KORBA

Voter awareness rally taken out in Balco Zone

A voter awareness campaign is being continuously run in the district under the guidance of Collector and District Election Officer Ajit Vasant. In view of Lok Sabha Elections 2024 drama, rally and numerous other activities will be organized to make women, men, youth and elderly including students aware about voting. In the same series, a voter awareness rally was organised under Balco Zone to make the voters aware about the mandatory use of their franchise. Additional Commissioner of the Corporation Vinay Mishra, while administering the Voter's Oath to the voters, urged them to vote compulsorily and to make other voters aware about the procedure.

TRAINING

Second phase training given to polling personnel's



For the successful conduct of Lok Sabha Elections 2024, training is being given to polling personnel in all the development blocks of the district under the direction of Collector and District Election Officer Ajit Vasant. The second phase of training was organized for polling personnel today at Vidut Griha Higher Secondary School, Korba, which includes Presiding Officer, Polling Officer Number 01, 02 and 03 and this training was conducted in two shifts.

Birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Ambedkar celebrated

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS

The rally concluded with garlanding of the statue of Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar installed near the new bus stand.

BIJAPUR: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of the one of the founders of the Indian Constitution Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, a grand bike rally was organized in Bijapur city. Before the bike rally, riders gathered at Gondwana Bhavan after offering prayers at the Chiktraaj Guddi headquarters. After that, decorating the motorcycles with blue and tricolor flags, the rally passed through main thoroughfares in the city passing through the Collectorate road and reached the new bus stand. Exten-

sive arrangements were made by the traffic police throughout the route so that commuters did not face any inconvenience. The rally concluded with garlanding at the statue of Baba Saheb installed near the new bus stand. The committee and the Muslim community had arranged sweet squash at the new bus stand. The President Pandurang Telam and Secretary Kamaldas Jhadi of the organizing committee said that the program was to be celebrated more grandly, but due to the preoccupation of government officials, employees, and civilian groups in the Lok Sabha election preparations, significant changes had to be made to the scheduled program. Still, Baba Saheb's birth anniversary was celebrated enthusiastically by all communities residing in the Bijapur district.

KMC lags in revenue collection

KHAIRAGARH: The Municipality here in district is down road in revenue collection as per targets, owing to the Model Code of Conduct, for the forth coming Lok Sabha Elections. Though the Municipal team is fully engaged in the recovery work, as per data in the current financial year, the Cooperation was able to collect only 65 percent of the revenue, which is a stake, as it is already struggling with old dues to compensate. As per data available, the municipal administration had to collect revenue tax of Rs 2 crore 44 lakh from the city residents in the financial year ended 23-24, in lieu of which the municipality has been able to collect only Rs 1 crore 60 lakh, which also includes property tax, consolidated water tax, user charge and other taxes. In the last financial year the scenario was different, as the Cooperation was successful in collecting 72 percent.

Special initiative to ensure spike in women voting

TRAINING

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS

In all 37 Sangwari polling stations, voting will be conducted

Gaurela - Pendra - Marwahi : Special initiatives have been taken to ensure participation of women in the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, by the District Election Office. Under this in urban areas, in all 37 Sangwari polling stations, voting will be conducted only by women polling teams on May 7, of these, 16 Sangwari polling stations have been made in the urban area Gaurela, 11 in Pendra and 10 in Marwahi. Apart from this, there will be only women officers in polling officer number 03 in the polling teams of all 306 polling stations of the district. All sector officers of Sangwari



Sector officers of Sangwari polling station being imparted training.

EASTFACTS

- All sector officers of Sangwari polling stations will also be women and have been trained by muster trainers at SAGES Semra and SAGES Pendra.

polling stations will also be women and have been trained by muster trainers at SAGES Semra and SAGES Pendra. Collector and District Election Officer Mrs. Leena Kamlesh Mandavi observed the ongoing training at SAJES SEMRA and voted in a dummy polling station set

up to explain the voting process practically. Additional Collector Namrata Anand Dongre, Presiding Officer, Deputy District Election Officer, Anand Roop Tiwari, Polling Officer Number 01, Assistant Returning Officer, Amit Beck and others were present.

LOK SABHA ELECTION

Election campaign not taking place in dozens of Bastar villages !

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS

JAGDALPUR: There are 8 assembly seats under Bastar Lok Sabha seat in Chhattisgarh, out of which only Jagdalpur assembly seat is partially affected by Naxalites, whereas except the district headquarters of all the remaining 7 assembly seats, a significant influence of Naxalites is seen in the interior areas. These days, TCOC month of Naxalites is going on, in which

Naxalites demonstrate their influence/ existence for the whole year by carrying out major incidents. But this year, during the TCOC month of Naxalites, the security forces have prevailed over the Naxalites. In the last 3 months of TCOC, security forces have killed 50 Naxalites of a big cadre and have broken the back of Naxalites. As a result, a large number of lower cadre Naxalites have started surrendering. Despite



this, underestimating Naxalites is considered a big mistake. But after the killing of 50 Naxalites, the Central Committee of Naxalites has issued a leaflet threatening to take revenge for the blood. Despite the weakening of the Naxalites, there are dozens of villages in the Naxal affected interior areas of Bastar Lok Sabha constituency like Abujhmad of Narayanpur, Karcholi, Lendra, Markamguda of Bijapur



Members of polling parties were asked to conduct voting smoothly as everyone has taken complete training

Vijay Dayaram K
Collector Jagdalpur

where there is zero publicity. Same is the situation in Sukma and Dantewada districts. There are only a few villages in Kondagaon district where campaigning is not going on, in other places there is some rumblings going on. The election campaign in the entire Bastar Lok Sabha is dependent on the meetings of big leaders, public relations campaigns of the candidates and street meetings.



QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow.

[A.P.J. Abdul Kalam]

Comment

Independents are not favourites any more: Shifting Landscape

OUR VIEW |

BJP's Sankalp Patra charts a course for national renewal

The BJP's Sankalp Patra, unveiled amidst fervent anticipation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and esteemed party dignitaries, transcends the mere contours of a traditional manifesto. Termed as 'Modi ki Guarantee' by the Prime Minister himself, this document emerges as a testament to the collective ethos and aspirations pulsating within the heart of our nation. As the political landscape unfurls, the Sankalp Patra navigates through the labyrinth of promises and omissions, evoking scrutiny and introspection in equal measure. With a steadfast gaze fixed upon the horizon, the BJP reaffirms its steadfast commitment to the cornerstone principles of 'one nation, one election' and the enactment of a Uniform Civil Code, echoing the resonant chords of continuity from its antecedent in 2019. Amidst the cacophony of public discourse, wherein the symphony of concerns crescendos around the twin specters of unemployment and inflation, the Sankalp Patra emerges as a beacon of hope, illuminating the pathway towards holistic development and societal welfare. Against the backdrop of grim revelations delineated by the Lokniti-CSDS survey and the somber findings echoed in the India Employment Report, the BJP pledges an unwavering resolve to address the exigencies of our time. With an astute understanding of its electoral bedrock, the BJP extends an olive branch to the middle class, vowing to fortify the edifice of prosperity with the promise of employment avenues, quality habitation, healthcare provisions, and educational access. The extension of the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana stands as a testament to its commitment towards the marginalized, epitomizing the ethos of inclusive governance. In charting the trajectory towards a third consecutive mandate, the BJP eschews the allure of populist measures, opting instead for a judicious balance between pragmatism and idealism. The conspicuous absence of tantalizing inducements and the deliberate silence on contentious agendas such as the National Register of Citizens underscore the party's resolve to chart a principled course.

GUEST VIEW |

Dynamic Display: Dhoni's Dazzling Decimation

In a riveting clash between Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Mumbai Indians (MI) in the IPL tournament, the indomitable Mahendra Singh Dhoni (MSD), at 42 years young, scripted a captivating chapter in cricket folklore. Amidst the backdrop of CSK's innings at 186, MSD's entry onto the crease infused the stadium with electric anticipation. With characteristic finesse, the venerable finisher launched a spectacular assault on MI's bowling arsenal, unleashing three colossal sixes against Hardik Pandya. His whirlwind knock culminated in an unbeaten 20 off just 4 balls, propelling CSK to a commanding total of 206 for 4. Yet, amidst the frenzy of his exploits, Dhoni's gracious gesture of gifting the match ball to a young fan encapsulated the essence of his enduring legacy. While Indian skipper Rohit Sharma's heroic century echoed in vain against CSK's formidable performance, it was Alitiz Pathirana's pivotal double strike and the collective brilliance of CSK's ensemble, including Dhoni's blitz, that sealed a resounding 20-run victory over MI. As the echoes of Dhoni's brilliance resonate, his enduring impact transcends mere statistics, embodying the spirit of cricketing excellence and camaraderie.



BK Chatterjee

The country is currently experiencing a noteworthy shift—a gradual decline in the number of Independents participating in elections and their subsequent victories. Whether this change bodes well for our democratic system is a matter deserving of separate discussion. Two primary factors contribute to this trend: the escalating costs associated with campaigning and the electorate's inclination towards candidates affiliated with established political parties. The forthcoming Lok Sabha results will serve as a vivid illustration of this transformation, presenting a stark contrast to previous elections. In the inaugural Lok Sabha elections, a significant 36 Independents secured victory, including illustrious figures like V. K Krishna Menon, Acharya Kripalani, S M Banerjee, and Karni Singh. These individuals, renowned in various fields, likely influenced voters with their credentials and contributions.

However, contemporary dynamics differ markedly.

Previously, even mafia figures found electoral success as Independents, particularly in states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, often receiving backing from political parties like SP and BSP. Despite the demise of these individuals, their influence continues to linger to some extent, highlighting the intricate nexus between politics and crime.

Yet, history paints a different picture. In the inaugural Lok Sabha, Independents constituted the second-largest group after the Congress, surpassing all non-Congress parties. Fast forward to 2019, and their representation dwindled to a mere three members. The cost of contesting elections has soared, rendering independent campaigns increasingly unfeasible.

Today, an Independent victory carries significant weight, signifying exceptional popularity or distinctiveness from rivals through unique achievements or platforms.

Reflecting on history, the number of Independent winners gradually declined after the inaugural Lok Sabha



R.K. Sinha

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elections. Despite occasional fluctuations, their representation diminished significantly over time. While money power undoubtedly influences elections, personal influence and perception also wield considerable influence. Figures like Acharya Kripalani and Laxmi Mall Singhvi exemplify this, prioritizing principled politics over monetary gains.

Kanpur serves as a testament to Independent success, electing labor leader S.M. Banerjee four times as an MP. Many such individuals, despite their origins, formed deep connections with constituents, becoming integral parts of their communities.

Personalities like Inderjit Singh Namdhari and Karni Singh similarly left indelible marks on Indian politics, bridging divides and championing the people's causes. Singh's extraordinary electoral victories underscored his widespread popularity and appeal. As campaigning intensifies and polling commences, winners and losers will emerge, with expenses tallied and analyses con-

ducted. The outcome will determine the fate of Independents in the new House, with hopes that deserving candidates, whether Independent or affiliated, will contribute meaningfully to our democratic process.

The contemporary political landscape underscores the need for adaptability and innovation among Independent candidates. While the traditional avenues of campaigning may pose challenges, embracing new strategies and leveraging digital platforms could offer viable alternatives. By tapping into the power of social media and grassroots organizing, Independents can effectively engage with voters and amplify their voices in the democratic process.

In conclusion, while the decline of Independents in elections may symbolize a shift in our political landscape, it also underscores the evolving nature of our democracy. As we navigate these changes, it is imperative to uphold the principles of transparency, integrity, and inclusivity to ensure a vibrant and repre-

Putting trust in science by design

As a scientist, I advocate for warmth, vulnerability, integrity, and transparency to build trust, while graphic designers enhance communication effectiveness. | by Rebecca Green



March for Science | Photo: AP

Warmth, vulnerability, improved communication, and an openness to admit errors – these are some of the things being demanded of scientists as a way to build greater public trust. It's a big ask of people who spend their days working to the rigorous standards set by scientific institutions, in jobs that require highly specialised training and intense focus. Trying to solve some of the world's biggest problems can already put individuals under enormous pressure. Climate change is one of these challenges.

Trust in science and scientists can increase pro-environmental behaviour, which is critical for taking action on climate change. Efforts to deny the reality of man-made climate change have relied heavily on discrediting science and scientists.

But scientists have an unlikely ally in the quest to gain public trust: graphic designers. The people who make professional decisions on design elements like colour, images, logos, typography and visual layouts – any of which can convey unintended meanings and lead to distrust, even when the

viewer already believes the message – hold tremendous power as translators of scientific communications. There is a well-known expression in the scientific community: "Science isn't finished until it's communicated."

How it is communicated also matters. There is plenty of research around strategic scientific messaging, focusing on those who are delivering the messages and the content of the messages themselves.

However, there is lit-

tle research into what these messages should look like, and how influential the visual aspects of these messages can be. Considering that so much of the information people receive is visual, this is a big oversight.

News reports, newspapers, social media, advertisements, scientific websites and video content are all produced by designers for mass consumption and quick comprehension. People are exposed to thousands of these messages

every day. Studies have shown graphic design is a powerful tool in enhancing trust in scientific communication.

Consciously or not, readers look for visual cues in messages, like a recognisable logo or specific colours to make rapid judgements about the credibility of the source. These judgements contribute significantly to the perceived trustworthiness of the message.

Public trust in scientists has been wavering in many

parts of the world. A staggering 41 percent of Americans in 2020 believed that scientists adjusted their findings to suit their own agendas, driven by funding needs or personal career ambitions.

Surprisingly, many of that 41 percent stated a high level of deference to scientific authority in general – just not to individuals. The news is worse for climate scientists, who were the least trusted among their scientific peers.

Seemingly in solidarity with this 41 percent, scientific institutions themselves are already sceptical of their own scientists. But there is good reason for this.

Stringent ethical standards, peer reviews, and the demand for replicable results (where any study must be explained so well that another scientist could perform the same experiment and achieve the same results) are hallmarks of scientific institutions.

These organisations are extremely conservative and maintain high levels of scepticism about the work their own scientists produce. Deep scepticism is built into the DNA of scientific processes and institutions.

YOUR LETTERS

World can't afford a bigger conflict

The drone and missile attack by Iran on Israel late on Saturday night has sparked fears of the six-month-old Israel-Hamas war spilling over. The big question now is: How will Israel respond to the attack? Iran has described its move as an act of self-defence and just a response to the attack on its consulate in Damascus. Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, on the other hand, has warned: "Whoever harms us, we will harm them". It is very unlikely that Israel will take the attack lying down. But it would be in the best interest of the world to ensure a de-escalation of the situation.

RK Arora, Mohali

Lessons learned from Aus test series

The Indian men's hockey team faced a tough 5-0 defeat against the Kookaburras in the recent test series, highlighting challenges on Australian turf. Coach Craig Fulton's experimentation with forwards failed to yield results, but the experience serves as a valuable learning curve. Looking ahead to Paris, clarity on team composition is crucial. Despite past disappointments, the team's recent Olympic bronze in Tokyo signals progress. Adaptation to synthetic turf has been a hurdle, but current form suggests a promising outlook for future competitions.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

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India to achieve debris-free space missions by 2030

S. Somanath
ISRO Chairman



NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha being produced in the court PTI photo

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

Excellence

200-km green corridor created to transport kidney of brain-dead

INDORE: A green corridor of about 200 km was created between Bhopal and Indore in Madhya Pradesh to transport a kidney harvested from a brain-dead man, officials said on Tuesday. The police are roped in to create green corridors by clearing traffic for ambulances to transport organs. Talking to PTI, Dr Rakesh Bhargava, a member of the State-Level Authorisation Committee for organ donation, said Harishankar Dhimole (56), a teacher at a government primary school in Sagar district, had suffered a brain haemorrhage and was brought to Bansal Hospital in Bhopal on April 12. "Dhimole was declared brain dead during treatment, and after his family agreed to donate his organs, his kidneys were harvested on Monday," he said. One of the kidneys was transplanted to a needy patient at Bansal Hospital, and the other kidney was transported through a green corridor for a patient. **PTI**

Politics

United States NSA's visit to India postponed this week

NEW DELHI: US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan has postponed his visit to India this week in view of the evolving situation in West Asia following escalating hostilities between Israel and Iran. The senior Biden administration official was scheduled to hold wide-ranging talks with his Indian counterpart Ajit Doval on the progress in implementation of the US-India Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) besides other issues. It was the second time this year that Sullivan has postponed his trip to India. "Due to ongoing events in the Middle East, NSA Sullivan has postponed his trip to India this week," a US embassy spokesperson said. "NSA Sullivan looks forward to holding the iCET annual review at the next earliest possible date and remains personally committed to advancing our deeply consequential and multifaceted partnership with India," he said. **PTI**

From around the web on India

India for expansion of both permanent and non-permanent membership of UNSC



India has emphasised that the only way to achieve "genuine reform" of the UN Security Council to make it legitimate, representative, responsive and effective is through the expansion of its membership in both the permanent and non-permanent categories.

India has been at the forefront, especially leading the Global South, demanding reforms in the United Nations and seeking a place as a permanent member of the 15-member UN Security Council.

"India is in favour of the expansion of UN Security Council membership in both the permanent and non-permanent categories, as this is the only way to achieve genuine reform of the Security Council and make it legitimate, representative, responsive and effective," Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj, India's permanent representative at the UN, said in her remarks in the General Assembly at the sixth round of the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on Security Council reform late on Monday.

The Day's NUMBERS

Exports in March 2024 -8.67% against 2023

PASSENGER CAR SALES FIGURE

Maruti Suzuki	82263
Hyundai	16784
Toyota Motor	4551
Honda	3794
Volkswagen	1847
Skoda Auto	1374

Source: SIAM

Mishap

Three workers injured in explosion at firecracker factory

INDORE: Three workers sustained burn injuries in an explosion at a firecracker factory in a forest area of Madhya Pradesh's Indore district on Tuesday afternoon, police said. As per preliminary information, the explosion occurred when the workers were making 'sutli' bombs in a shed-like structure at the factory, about 5 km from Amba Chandan village, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Umakant Choudhary said. The trio have been admitted to Choithram Hospital in Indore, he said. One of the injured labourers is from Indore, while the others were from Yavatmal district in neighbouring Maharashtra, the official said. Officials from the police and local administration have reached the spot and started a probe, he said, adding that the cause for the explosion is yet to be ascertained. The DSP said the initial investigation has revealed that the factory was run by one Shakir Khan, a resident of Rau town.

Success

UPSC 9th rank holder Nausheen attributes success to friends

NEW DELHI: Nausheen, who has secured the 9th rank in the UPSC Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2024, got third time lucky after two previous attempts as she managed to realise her dream of becoming a civil servant. She is among the 31 students from the JamiaMillaIslamia's Residential Coaching Academy who qualified the 2024 Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination. The Jamia topper in the coveted examination attributed her success to her coaching institute while also thanking her friends for contributing to making her dream come true. "I would like to give the credit for my success to Jamia RCA. I was there since November 2021 after two attempts. The institute played a major role in my success because already selected people where there who helped me a lot. My friends also helped me through notes, answer writing and everything else and made this possible," she said.

Requisite sanction procured to prosecute Prabir Purkayastha under UAPA

According to the FIR, a large amount of funds to the news portal came from China to "disrupt the sovereignty of India" and cause disaffection against the country

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NEW DELHI: Requisite sanction has been procured to prosecute NewsClick founder and Editor-in-Chief Prabir Purkayastha under anti-terror law UAPA in a case where the news portal has been accused of having received money to spread pro-China propaganda, Delhi police told a court here on Tuesday. The prosecution told Additional Sessions Judge Hardeep Kaur that the

sanction documents have been filed as a part of a supplementary charge sheet in the case. The judge posted the matter for further hearing on April 30. Under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, an independent authority makes a recommendation to the competent authority (central or state government) about prosecuting an accused after reviewing the evidence gathered by the investigating agency. It is for the

HIGHLIGHT

- Purkayastha conspired with PADS to sabotage the electoral process
- The judge posted the matter for further hearing on April 30

competent authority to decide whether or not to grant sanction. The court had in January allowed NewsClick HR Head Amit Chakrav-

arty to turn approver in the case. The judge had pardoned Chakravarty, also arrested in the case, on his application claiming he had "material information" which he was willing to disclose to Delhi Police. The Special Cell of Delhi Police had arrested Chakravarty and Purkayastha on October 3 last year. They are currently in judicial custody. According to the FIR, a large amount of funds to the news portal came from China to "disrupt

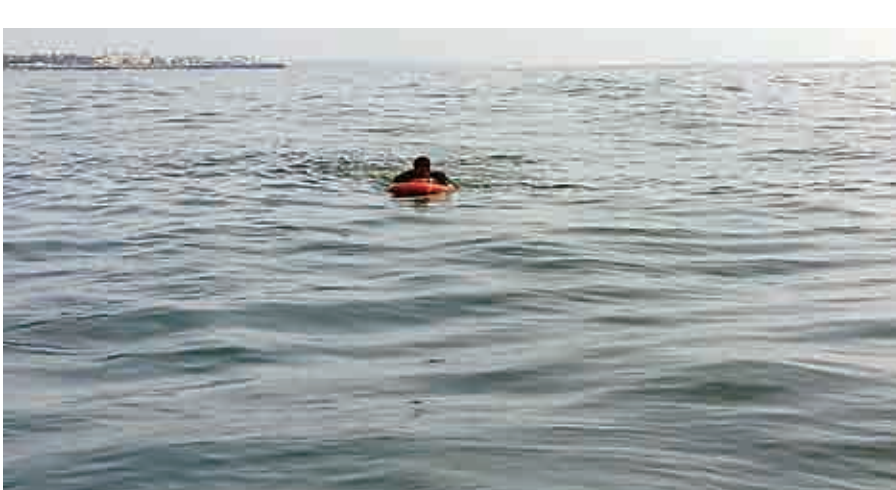
the sovereignty of India" and cause disaffection against the country. It also alleged Purkayastha conspired with a group -- People's Alliance for Democracy and Secularism (PADS) -- to sabotage the electoral process during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Raids were conducted at 88 locations in Delhi and seven in other states on October 3 on the suspects named in the FIR and those that surfaced in the analysis of data, police said.

Navi Mumbai man cheated of Rs 45.69 lakh to cyber fraudsters

THANE: A 44-year-old man from Navi Mumbai lost Rs 45.69 lakh to cyber fraudsters who lured him to invest in share trading, an official said on Tuesday. Based on a complaint, a first information report has been registered against five persons under sections 420 (cheating), 406 (criminal breach of trust) and other relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Information Technology Act, an official from the cyber police station said. The complainant has alleged that the accused contacted him on different social media platforms and lured him to invest in share trading, assuring good returns, the official said. The complainant invested Rs 45.69 lakh between March 2 and April 14, and has claimed that he did not get any returns.

ICG rescues stranded fishing boat off Karwar in K'taka

CENTRAL CHRONICLE NEWS
The ship rescued 'Rosary', which had encountered engine failure approximately 215 nautical miles from Karwar



Fisherman Balamurugan before he was rescued by the Indian Coast Guard off the Pudukcherry coast PTI PHOTO

NEW DELHI: An Indian Coast Guard ship on Tuesday rescued a fishing boat, which had encountered engine failure nearly 215 nautical miles from Karwar in Karnataka, officials said. ICG Ship Savitribai Phule had swiftly responded to a distress call from Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) 'Rosary' on April 13, and, soon, established communication with the boat amid adverse sea conditions, they said. The ship successfully rescued 'Rosary', which had encountered

FACTFILE

- Boat encountered engine failure near Karwar
- engine failure approximately 215 nautical miles from Karwar, the Defence Ministry said in a statement. "Upon its arrival,

the boarding team of the ICG ship made efforts to fix the seized engine, before the boat was rendered immobile," it said. "The fishing boat was, then, towed towards Karwar with the help of Coast Guard District Headquarters, in collaboration with the fisheries department," the state-

ment said. It was handed over to IFB Shree Laxmi Narayan, which safely escorted it to Karwar port, officials said. "The fishing boat was, then, towed towards Karwar with the help of CG District Headquarters, in collaboration with the fisheries department," the statement said.

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No regulations to curb protests

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NEW DELHI: DU Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh said the varsity does not require stringent measures like the Jawaharlal Nehru University to regulate protests on campus, while adding that the character of both the universities is different. In an interview with PTI,

the DU VC said regulations at the moment are not required in the university. "We are very different from JNU. It is a small size but reputed campus university. We, on the other hand, provide education to the masses. We have 6.5 lakh students and our impact and reach all are very different (from JNU).

"Regulations will not help us right now, although we have required guidelines in place for protests. The students have to take permission and there is a place for any 'dharna pradarshan'. DU in coordination with Delhi Police is managing everything and we are not facing any problem," Singh said.

I'm always eyeing new scripts. Whether judging a reality show or hosting a documentary series exploring India, I seek variety.

Tisca Chopra
Actress



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Embrace the essence of Spring 2024 with eclectic styles and vibrant colors to breathe new life into your home.

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Embrace the essence of spring 2024: Top interior design trends

Spring 2024 Interior Design Trends: Embrace Eclectic Styles, Vibrant Colors, and Sustainable Living to Renew and Refresh Your Home Spaces with Creativity and Renewal.

Step into the vibrant world of interior design as Spring 2024 unfolds its palette of creativity and renewal. This season, we're breaking free from the mundane and embracing a symphony of colors, textures, and styles that awaken the senses and breathe new life into our homes. Eclectic Styles take the spotlight, inviting us to play with contrasts and blend different aesthetics to curate spaces that are uniquely ours. From bold and saturated hues to the plush embrace of velvet and chenille, every element tells a story of individuality and expression.



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Drawing inspiration from nature's bounty, fruity tones burst forth, infusing our interiors with the freshness and vitality of spring. Citrusy zest and luscious berry shades invite us to indulge in the essence of blooming gardens,

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Fruity tones, natural elements, sustainability blend in interiors, creating a sanctuary of creativity, renewal, reflecting personal values.

while natural elements like wood, stone, and rattan ground us in the



beauty of the outdoors. But it's not just about aesthetics; it's about values too. Sustainability

takes center stage as we incorporate eco-friendly practices and artisanal craftsmanship into our design ethos. Hand-crafted ceramics, woven fabrics, and energy-efficient lighting not only add character but also reflect our commitment to a greener, more conscious lifestyle.

So, let your imagination run wild and embrace the spirit of Spring 2024 in your interior design adventures. Dive into a world where every color, texture, and element speaks to your personality and values, and watch as your home transforms into a sanctuary of creativity and renewal.

Experts warn: Properly wash grapes for your safety's sake



Improperly washed grapes may pose health risks. Recent studies highlight the importance of thorough cleaning to remove pesticide residues and harmful bacteria. Neglecting this step could endanger consumers. Health-conscious individuals prioritize meticulous washing to mitigate contamination concerns. Adhering to recommended cleaning methods ensures safe consumption.

Myth or Truth: The curious case of curd: Cooling elixir or summer?

During scorching summers, we all crave cooling foods to beat the heat. From juicy fruits to hydrating concoctions, our choices abound. Among them, curd holds a special place in Indian households. Laden with nutrients like calcium and vitamins, it seems like the perfect summer treat. However, delving into ancient wis-

dom, Ayurveda reveals a surprising truth: curd possesses heating properties. According to Dr. Bhawesh, a nutritionist, consuming curd during the hot months might lead to digestive issues and skin problems. To balance its effects, Ayurveda suggests diluting curd with water or opting for substitutes like buttermilk.

Wellness:

Lifestyle diseases: Prevention and Wellness education

Modern lifestyles pose evolving health challenges, notably lifestyle diseases stemming from sedentary habits, poor diet, stress, and inactivity. Tackling these requires promoting healthy behaviors, emphasizing prevention through regular exercise, balanced nutrition, stress management, and screenings. By fostering wellness culture and empowering individuals to adopt positive lifestyle changes, we can combat these diseases, fostering a healthier future.



Divas on Insta



@deepikapadukone

Deepika glowing during her pregnancy
Actress Deepika Padukone, glowing during her pregnancy, enjoys a fabulous haircut day, exuding elegance and charm.



@taapsee

Taapsee's announcement
Actress Taapsee Pannu shared her marriage news on Instagram, spreading joy and garnering warm wishes from fans across the globe.

Unveiling the Dawn of Ethnic Fashion Trends 2024: A Fusion of Tradition and Innovation

Central Chronicle News

Enter the dynamic realm of ethnic fashion in 2024, where tradition and modernity converge to create a captivating fusion of style. This year, ethnic wear experiences a renaissance, blending artisanal embroidery, eco-friendly fabrics, and bold prints into a mesmerizing array of trends. As we traverse the paths of ethnic fashion, we witness a resurgence of artisanal techniques and innovative designs. Traditional garments are infused with vibrant hues and intricate pat-



terns, exuding elegance and sophistication. Neon accents inject a youthful energy, seamlessly marrying tradi-



tion with contemporary flair. Beyond aesthetics, a commitment to sustainability takes center stage, with eco-con-

scious fabrics and ethically sourced materials reshaping the industry. From handwoven textiles to jewelry crafted

HIGHLIGHT

Explore upcoming trends, embrace cultural heritage with fresh perspective

from recycled metals, each piece tells a story of ethical fashion, imbuing grace while advocating for responsible practices. Whether drawn to the allure of ruffles or the vibrancy of prints, embrace the harmony of tradition and modernity in ethnic fashion's latest narrative. Let your style journey reflect the beauty of cultural heritage reinvented for the modern era.

Sports



Australia's hard press can be countered, high level of coordination is required.

Rupinder Pal Singh
Hockey player

Gukesh draws with Ian to stay in joint lead at top



Indian GM D Gukesh during match against Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi. | Photo: PTI

Gukesh and Nepomniachtchi hold joint lead; Praggnanandhaa, Caruana, and Nakamura trailing closely; Nepomniachtchi remains unbeaten in solid play.

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TORONTO: Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh held on to the joint top spot with Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi after they played out an easy draw in the 10th round of the Candidates chess. The all-Indian duel between R Praggnanandhaa and Vidit Gujrathi also ended in a draw

while Fabiano Caruana and Hikaru Nakamura defeated Firouza Alireza and Nijat Abasov respectively to come back within striking distance. With just four rounds to come in the biggest event of the year, Gukesh and Nepomniachtchi have an identical six points each with Praggnanandhaa, Caruana and Nakamura close on their heels half

HIGHLIGHT

- Caruana outplays Alireza in Sicilian Najdorf; Nakamura dominates French exchange.
- Humpy is a distant fifth on 4.5 points, a half point ahead of Salimova and Muzychuk and Vaishali.

a point behind. Gujrathi, on six points, is sole sixth while for all practical purposes, Alireza and Abasov are out of the race with 3.5 and two points. Nepomniachtchi has not been taking many risks in the event with either colour and his solid play makes him the only player who is unbeaten after 10 rounds. The Ruy Lopez as white

gave the Russian just an optical advantage after the opening and the 17-year-old Gukesh ensured parity with some timely exchanges leading to a rook and pawns endgame. The contest was almost uneventful, the players exchanged another pair of rooks and a few pawns to reach a theoretically drawn position.

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BEST OF THE REST

Porsche Grand Prix

Sabalenka to face good friend Badosa in Stuttgart opener

STUTTGART: Paula Badosa battled past Diana 6-3, 6-4 to set up a match with friend and world No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka at the Porsche Grand Prix. Shnaider fended off four match points before former No. 2 Badosa took her fifth opportunity at the clay-court tournament. Badosa's 10 double faults allowed Shnaider eight break point opportunities. The 20-year-old Russian was unable to take any of them on the center court in Stuttgart. Sabalenka has finished runner-up on her last three appearances in Stuttgart, losing the final to former No.1 Ashleigh Barty in 2021 and current No.1 Iga Swiatek in 2022 and 2023. Sachia Vickery of the United States defeated Aliaksandra Sasnovich of Belarus 7-6 (2), 7-5 and will next face compatriot Coco Gauff, the world No. 3. Veronika of Russia outlasted Barbora Krejčíková 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 for a second-round meeting with No. 4 Elena Rybakina. **PTI**

World Cup

Bautista Agut earns 399th tour-level win at Barcelona Open

BARCELONA: Roberto Bautista Agut earned his 399th tour-level victory by defeating Roman Safiullin 6-3, 7-6 (8) in the first round of the Barcelona Open. Bautista Agut, a former No. 9 in the world, saved a set point in the tiebreaker before triumphing after nearly two hours on the Rafa Nadal center court.

Bautista Agut, who turned 36 on Sunday, will have his first opportunity to reach the milestone 400th win against seventh-seeded Karen Khachanov on Tuesday. Bautista Agut is trying to win his 12th ATP Tour title. Rafael Nadal, a 12-time champion in Barcelona, will face Flavio Cobolli in his opening match on Tuesday following another injury layoff. Qualifier Nick Hardt became the first Dominican to win an ATP match in six years after defeating Martin Landaluce 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. "It was a crazy day, obviously a very special day," Hardt said. **PTI**

SRH-RCB battle

Faf du Plessis acknowledges low confidence as Royal Challengers Bengaluru's defeats pile up



BENGALURU: A crestfallen Royal Challengers Bengaluru skipper Faf du Plessis conceded that a string of defeats had taken a toll on the team and the confidence had hit an all-time low after losing by 25 runs to Sunrisers Hyderabad in a match where a plethora of batting records were eclipsed.

SRH posted an all-time IPL record total of 287 for 3 and then restricted RCB to 262 for 7 as 38 maximums were hit across two innings. The match also entered the record books for the highest cumulative match total of 549

scored by both teams. "It's crazy the amount of runs scored today, a world record. I wouldn't say 270 is par, Danny. It's tough (to bowl on a day like this), we tried a few things and they weren't quite working," Du Plessis said at the post-match presentation ceremony. Just like winning provides a lot of confidence, back-to-back defeat can also rob teams off it, feels the former Proteas skipper. "There's no way to hide when your confidence is low. The fast bowlers found it quite difficult out there.

Palmer scores four in 6-0 demolition of dismal Everton

LONDON: Cole Palmer put on an unstoppable display with a perfect first-half hat trick and a fourth in the second half as Chelsea demolished Everton 6-0 in the English Premier League. Palmer scored with his left foot, head and right foot in the 13th, 19th and 29th minutes on Monday to become the first Chelsea player to score in seven successive home games. "It all happens so fast," Palmer told Sky Sports. "We started well and I scored another hat trick - buzzing. First one was my favorite, my right foot was a bit of a swinger." The Manchester City reject stroked home a superb first from just outside the box and nodded in the second from close range.

We want to attack Power Play, says Travis Head

Press Trust of India

Sunrisers Hyderabad revolutionizes T20 batting, focusing on Power Play dominance.

BENGALURU: Sunrisers Hyderabad have taken T20 batting to the next level with sustained range-hitting in the Indian Premier League, and Travis Head said maximising Power Play segment was central to their aggressive approach. Head, whose 39-ball 100 led SRH to a record-setting 287/3 against Royal Challengers Bengaluru on Monday, underscored that approach with a fifty inside the Power Play. It was also the second



FACTFILE

- Travis Head praises Sunrisers Hyderabad's aggressive batting strategy, emphasizing their focus on maximizing Power Play.

time Head completed a half-century within the first six overs. "We've definitely got a lot of power through our top and middle-order and I think we've sort of got to tailor the way we want to play around that power

that we've got, especially in power play," said Head in the post-match press conference. "I guess Abhi and I at the top of the order try to maximise that (Power Play) as much as we can. It may be fours, it may be sixes.

The Day's NUMBERS

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2024: HIGHEST RUN GETTERS

Virat Kohli RCB	361
Riyan Parag RR	284
Sanju Samson RR	264
Rohit Sharma MI	261
Shubman Gill GT	255

India

Mohun Bagan pip Mumbai City to win maiden ISL League Shield

KOLKATA: A dominant Mohun Bagan defeated Mumbai City FC 2-1 to win their maiden ISL League Shield here on Monday. Liston Colaco (28th), Jason Cummings (80th) struck for Mohun Bagan, while Lallianzuala Chhangte struck for Mumbai City FC against the run of play in the 89th minute when he converted a freekick from Yoell Van Nieff.

This was Mohun Bagan's first victory over the two-time Shield Winners across four seasons as the Mumbai heavyweights were also unbeaten over them in previous eight matches, winning six of them. The win also sealed their berth in the AFC Champions League 2 for the first time as 60,000 chanted 'Mohun Bagan, Mohun Bagan' reverberated across the Salt Lake Stadium stands.

This marked the conclusion of the League stage as the competition now moves to playoffs of six teams that begin from April 19.

Spain

Nadal says he's 'ready enough' to play in his last Barcelona Open



BARCELONA: Rafael Nadal is "ready enough" to play on Tuesday in what he expects to be his last Barcelona Open. Nadal on Monday confirmed his participation in his first clay-court tournament this year. "It was a positive week of training and I'll be on the court," said Nadal, who will face Flavio Cobolli in his opening match. "It's a gift to be here. I have a feeling that it will be my last time here and I want to enjoy it." Nadal, a 12-time champion in Barcelona, had hip surgery last summer and this year has played only three competitive matches.

IPL

Maxwell takes mental and physical break IPL 2024

Press Trust of India

BENGALURU: Royal Challengers Bengaluru all-rounder Glenn Maxwell has decided to take an indefinite "mental and physical" break from the Indian Premier League, blaming his wretched batting form for the decision. Maxwell's absence from RCB's match against Sunrisers Hyderabad

here on Monday was initially attributed to a finger injury he suffered during the previous match against Mumbai Indians. But he later admitted to dropping himself from the squad. "It was a pretty easy decision. I went to Faf and the coaches after the last game (vs Mumbai Indians) and said it was probably time we tried some-

It's actually a good time to give myself a bit of a mental and physical break, get my body right.

Glenn Maxwell
Australian cricketer



one else (in his place)," Maxwell said in the post-match press meet. "It's actually a good time to give myself a bit of a mental and physical break, get my body right. If I'm required to get in during the tournament, I can, hopefully, get back into a solid mental and physical space where I can make an impact," he added.

Business



Company will invest over Rs 5,000 crore to more than double its bed capacity to over 8,000 beds in the next four to five years.

Abhay Soi, Chairman and MD
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BEST OF THE REST

Fuel sale

Petrol sales up 7%, diesel declines 9.5% in April ahead of summer

NEW DELHI: India's petrol consumption soared 7 per cent in the first half of April but diesel sales were down 9.5 per cent ahead of the onset of a harsh summer season that is set to crank up fuel demand, preliminary data of state-owned firms showed on Tuesday. Petrol sales of three state-owned firms, which control 90 per cent of the fuel market, rose to 1.22 million tonnes during April 1 to 15 when compared to 1.14 million tonnes of consumption in the same period last year. Diesel demand dropped 9.5 per cent to 3.14 million tonnes. While petrol sales were up mostly due to an increase in use of personal vehicles on the back of a price cut, crop harvesting season as well as the onset of summer which will increase the demand for air conditioning in cars is likely to reverse the trend in diesel demand. Petrol and diesel prices were last month reduced by Rs 2 per litre.

Indicators

Share MARKETS

Market	Close	%chg
Sensex	72,943.68	-0.62
Nifty	22,147.90	-0.56
Nifty, MidCap	49,236.65	-0.09
Nifty SmallCap	16,332.75	+0.75
Nifty Bank	47,484.80	-0.60

Closing rates as on Apr 16, 2024 at 5:30p.m. (IST)

Forex RATES

Foreign currency Vs Rupee

US Dollar	83.60	↗
Euro	88.92	↗
Chinese Yuan	11.55	↘
UAE Dirham	22.76	↗
Pakistan Rupee	0.30	↘
Sri Lanka Rupee	0.27	↘

On Apr 16, 2024

World INDICES

Stock	Value	% chg
Dow Jones (US)	37,735.11	-0.65
FTSE 100 Index	7,851.30	-1.43
Nikkei 225 (JPN)	38,471.20	-1.94
CSI 300 (CHN)	3,511.11	-1.07

Index at 05:30 p.m. (IST, April 16, 2024)

Markets slump for third day on fears of escalating tensions in Middle East

MUMBAI: Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty continued to slump on Tuesday dragged down by heavy selling in IT stocks amid weak global trends and fears of escalating tensions in the Middle East. Outflow of foreign fund also dented investors' sentiment. Continuing its downtrend for the third day running, the 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 456.10 points or 0.62 per cent to settle at 72,943.68. During the day, it slumped 714.75 points or 0.97 per cent to 72,685.03. The NSE Nifty declined 124.60 points or 0.56 per cent to finish at 22,147.90. From the Sensex basket, Infosys, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Finserv, Wipro, HCL Technologies, Bajaj Finance, Tech Mahindra, Tata Consultancy Services, and Larsen & Toubro were the major laggards. Titan Company, Hindustan Unilever, HDFC Bank, Maruti, ITC, Power Grid and Reliance Industries were the gainers.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addresses a press conference ahead of Lok Sabha elections, in Jaipur, Tuesday, April 16. PTI

India fastest growing economy during last 3 financial years: FM

In the financial year 2023-24, India witnessed a growth rate of eight per cent in three quarters and is expecting a similar level of growth in the fourth quarter

Press Trust of India

JAIPUR: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said here on Tuesday that India has been the fastest growing economy in the last three consecutive financial years and this growth can continue in the coming years as well. She said the next 25 years will be critical for

India. In the financial year 2023-24, India witnessed a growth rate of eight per cent in three quarters and is expecting a similar level of growth in the fourth quarter, she said, adding it has been a sustainable growth. "India has been the fastest growing economy in the last three consecutive financial years and this growth can continue in the

NUMBER

25 Years

Foreign investors are coming to invest in India due to the credibility of its economy

coming years as well. The next 25 years will be very critical for India," Sitharaman said in a dialogue programme with industrialists and businessmen. She said that foreign investors are coming to invest in India due to the credibility of its economy. "Due to the economic policy, larger macroeconomic stability, stable government, stable tax-

ation policy, transparent tenders and procurement, there has been immense credibility of India's economy abroad. So, the investors are coming here to invest," she said. The Union finance minister said Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only launched numerous welfare schemes, but also reviewed the implementation.

SMALL ANNUAL FEE |

New X users may have to pay to like, post; Musk posted on X

NEW DELHI: In a bid to restrict the onrush of bots and fake accounts, new users on social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter) may now be required to pay a small annual fee to be able to like, post, bookmark, and reply. Users can still follow accounts and browse X for free, the company said.

After an upgrade on Monday, the website said new accounts are



required to pay a small annual fee before they are able to post, like, bookmark, and reply. "This is to reduce spam

and to create a better experience for everyone," it said. The new users, however, will be able to use all usual fea-

tures for free after three months, Elon Musk, the owner of American technology company X Corp, which owns X, said. However, whether the new norms will be rolled out in select locations or worldwide is not clear. "Unfortunately, a small fee for new user write access is the only way to curb the relentless onslaught of bots. Current AI (and troll farms) can pass 'are you a bot' with ease,"

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Actor



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CLOSE UP

Sonali Bendre: Embracing depth, redefining beauty through artistic evolution

From battling cancer to redefining beauty standards: A personal and inspirational journey of self-acceptance and artistic fulfillment

Central Chronicle News

Sonali Bendre's comeback high-lights substance in roles like 'Broken News,' inspiring with resilience and depth.

Ever since Sonali Bendre's triumphant return to the fiction realm following her courageous battle with cancer, she's been inundated with offers. Bendre's approach to her comeback is marked by discernment rather than sheer volume. Known for her iconic roles in Bollywood films such as "Diljale" (1996) and "Duplicate" (1997), Bendre took a hiatus from acting to focus on her health. Her return to the screen with the web series "The Broken News" in 2022 marked a significant milestone in her career. In selecting "Broken News," Bendre prioritized substance over superficiality, aiming to portray characters and stories that held personal significance and conveyed meaningful messages. For Bendre, aging gracefully isn't about defying the inevitable; it's about embracing it with pride and acceptance. She sees the lines on her face and the scars on her body as badges of honor, symbols of the battles she's fought and the life she's lived.



Sonali Bendre pairs white saree with sneakers, proves she is coolest fashionista in town.



Sonali's return: Embracing Depth Over Glamour

After her resilient fight against cancer, navigates a flood of offers with discerning grace. Renowned for Bollywood classics like "Diljale" and "Duplicate," she prioritizes quality over quantity in her come-

back. Opting for substance, she chose "The Broken News," a web series, for its personal resonance and meaningful narratives. Embracing her journey, Bendre views aging as a testament to her strength, seeing her scars and lines as marks of valor.



Bhuvan returns as Vasya in 'Taaza Khabar 2'

Bhuvan Bam returns as Vasya in 'Taaza Khabar 2,' joined by Shriya Pilgaonkar, Mahesh Manjrekar, and Deven Bhojani, sparking anticipation with the announcement video for the series' comeback.



Mamla Legal Hai Season 2: Ravi Kishan returns!

Join Ravi Kishan and an ensemble cast in Netflix's 'Mamla Legal Hai' Season 2 for courtroom chaos and comedic brilliance. Brace for odd cases, uproarious moments, and legal antics in Patparganj District Court.



Unveiling Silence 2

Manoj Bajpayee and Prachi Desai reprise their roles in 'Silence 2' trailer, promising a suspenseful journey directed by Aban Bharucha Deohans.



Lee Jong Suk's Potential Global OTT Debut

Lee Jong Suk eyes global OTT debut with '1 Second,' a webtoon-inspired K-drama, sparking buzz and anticipation. The actor's potential collaboration with Disney for this supernatural series marks a significant move in his career trajectory.



Dune 2: Digital Release, Bonus Content

Dune Part Two, the highly-anticipated sci-fi adventure by Denis Villeneuve, hits digital platforms on April 16, offering bonus content and a thrilling cinematic experience. Timothée Chalamet and Zendaya lead this futuristic epic, available for streaming, bringing the Dune universe home.

CineBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

Bollywood

Yash on Ramayana: Deep Resonance, Universal Connection Explored

Actor Yash delves into his decision to co-produce Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana alongside Namit Malhotra's Prime Focus Studios. Exploring the timeless narrative's universal appeal, Yash expressed a personal connection to the epic. He emphasized the project's ambition to present a visual spectacle while remaining faithful to its emotional core. Despite the story's familiarity, Yash believes in the filmmaker's unique perspective, offering fresh insights. With speculation surrounding the cast, including Ranbir Kapoor as Ram and Sai Pallavi as Sita, anticipation mounts for this cinematic retelling. As Ranbir prepares rigorously, the project promises to captivate audiences with its grandeur and authenticity.

OTT Release

Anushka Sen to Lead 'Dil Dosti Dilemma': Release Date Revealed

Actress Anushka Sen gears up to headline the eagerly awaited 'Dil Dosti Dilemma', set to premiere on Prime Video Original series. Adapted from Andaleeb Wajid's beloved novel 'Asmara's Summer', the show promises an enchanting journey into Asmara's world. Sent to her grandparents' neighborhood as punishment, Asmara's summer takes an unexpected turn as she pretends to be in Canada to uphold appearances. With themes of personal growth, family bonds, and first love, the series navigates Asmara's path of self-discovery amidst the picturesque Tibri Road. As the release date approaches, anticipation grows for this captivating tale of friendship and adolescence.

The Bollywood hot pair

Rekindling chemistry: Emraan Hashmi and Mallika Sherawat's iconic reunion



Emraan Hashmi and Mallika Sherawat's recent reunion at a star-studded Mumbai bash stirred waves of nostalgia and sparked rumors of reconciliation, igniting the hearts of fans who had long awaited a glimpse of their cherished on-screen chemistry, nearly two decades after their sensational collaboration in the iconic film "Murder" (2004). Despite their undeniable on-screen magnetism, Mallika's revelation of a subtle rift during promotional

activities shed light on the complexities of their off-screen relationship, inviting speculation and intrigue from both fans and industry insiders alike. Reflecting on past interviews, Emraan's candid admission of Mallika being his "worst on-screen kiss" added layers to their dynamic, leaving admirers pondering the true nature of their interactions and the possibility of a renewed bond amidst the glitz and glamour of Bollywood's ever-evolving landscape.

Travel

Sara Ali Khan's boho airport style: Effortless chic, comfortable

Sara Ali Khan showcases her love for travel with her recent airport appearance, bringing bohemian vibes and everyday comfort effortlessly. Fresh from a family getaway in Goa, her electric white jumpsuit exudes carefree vibes, perfectly matching her free-spirited persona. Let's unravel her refreshing, boho-inspired ensemble.



| HYPER SERIES |

Anupamaa's turbulent love triangle: Jealousy at play

Central Chronicle News

In the upcoming episodes of Anupamaa, jealousy rears its ugly head as Shruti plots to drive a wedge between Anu and Anuj, exploiting Aadhya's animosity towards Anu. With Rupali Ganguly and Gaurav Khanna leading the cast, Anupamaa continues to dominate TRP charts with its gripping storyline. As Anuj prepares to marry Shruti due to Aadhya's influence, Anupamaa grapples with lingering feelings for him. However, her pain intensifies as Aadhya harbors deep-seated resentment towards her, fueled by



HIGHLIGHT

● Shruti's Schemes Imperil Anu-Anuj's Bond in Anupamaa's Drama, Tensions Rise.

past misunderstandings. Shruti, fueled by envy, schemes to usurp Anupamaa's place in Anuj's heart, leveraging Aadhya's disdain for her advantage. Will Shruti's malevolent intentions succeed in tearing apart Anu and Anuj's bond, or will love conquer all in this tumultuous saga?

Trending on Insta



@deepikapadukone

Sun-Kissed shot: Deepika's fan bante

Deepika Padukone's sun-kissed Instagram photo, clicked by Ranveer Singh, sparks fan curiosity about sunscreen, prompting playful banter online.

@anitahassanandani

Anita Hassanandani's slow & stunning transformation

Anita Hassanandani opts for a gradual, two-year transformation instead of drastic weight loss measures, sharing her journey on Instagram and making a remarkable comeback.

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