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10 police personnel injured as bus overturns in Bastar

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JAGDALPUR: At least 10 personnel of the Madhya Pradesh police were injured when a bus ferrying them for poll duty overturned in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district on Sunday, a senior official said. A local police official earlier said the injured personnel belonged to the CRPF.

Later, a senior police official from Jagdalpur said those injured belonged to the Madhya Pradesh police.

The incident took place near Raikot village on Geedam-Jagdarpur road under Geedam police station limits, the official said.

After the poll duty in Bastar Lok Sabha seat, where voting was held on April 19, the security personnel were heading from Faraspal (Dantewada) to Gariband in Mahasamund parliamentary constituency which will go to polls on April 26, he said.

Cong known for scams, terrorism and Naxalism

Under the leadership of PM Modi, people have seen the country changing in the last 10 years

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RAIPUR: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday hit out at the Congress, claiming the grand old party is a synonym for scams, terrorism and Naxalism.

Addressing an election rally in Chhattisgarh's Kabirdham district, he said the wait of 500 years for Ram Lalla (installation of his idol) in Ayodhya ended because of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Kabirdham district comes under the Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha constituency. "Congress is a synonym for scams,



UP CM Yogi Adityanath during a public meeting | Photo: PTI

terrorism and Naxalism. At the age when a tablet and a good book should be in the hands of youth and they should have the spirit to take the world ahead, the Congress handed over pistols in the



Cong instigated youth to fight against the country

Yogi Adityanath
Chief Minister, UP

HIGHLIGHT

- Adityanath asked the gathering whether the Cong could have given free ration to the people

hands of those youth. The Congress instigated them to fight against the country in the name of Naxalism and terrorism," Adityanath claimed. Under the leadership of PM Modi, people have seen the country changing in the last 10 years, the senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader said. "Modi ji has said that this country has to be made a big power in the world.

Honouring the Farmer

Before (2014)	After (2014)
Farmers were dependent on loans for seeds and fertilizers	Direct transfer of ₹6,000 annually in the accounts has made farmers free from worries of seeds and fertilizers
No financial protection in case of crop loss	Payment of ₹1+ thousand crore through Fasal Bima has guaranteed security
Very few farmers had credit cards	7.4 Crore farmers are getting financial support from Kisan Credit Card
No facility for soil testing	Soil Health Card has made soil testing easier for 23+ Crore farmers
Farmer were struggling while procuring fertilizer	Subsidy of ₹2+ lakh crores has ensured availability of cost effective and accessible fertilizers
The scope of purchase at MSP was very small	MSP being paid at maximum number of crops, and 1,063 Lakh MT foodgrains procured at MSP
No proper plan for irrigation	Irrigation water reached the fields of 2.7 Crore farmers through irrigation scheme.

This is just a trailer...

In the next 5 years, many more facilities and income opportunities from seed to market will open up for the farmers.

Phir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar

Press the lotus button Make BJP win

Civil servants role vital in public welfare

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday wished all civil servants on Civil Services Day, saying they play a pivotal role in furthering governance and public welfare.

"Warm wishes to all civil servants on Civil Services Day. Their commitment and hard work in serving our nation are deeply appreciated," Modi said in a post on X.

"They play a pivotal role in furthering governance and public welfare. They are also at the forefront of implementing policies, overcoming challenges and driving social change," he said.

BJP-led Union govt wants to change Constitution

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RAIPUR: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Sunday said the BJP-led Union government wants to change the Constitution and curtail the rights of people.

Addressing a rally in Chhattisgarh's Balod in support of the Congress' Kanker Lok Sabha candidate Biresh Thakur, she also decried the use of religion in politics and said this was never the tradition of the country.

"Several BJP leaders in their speeches say give them 400 Lok Sabha seats and they will



Cong leader Priyanka Gandhi during an election campaign rally. | Photo: PTI

change the Constitution. Why are they saying this? While their small leaders and many ministers say they will change the Constitution, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior party leaders say they will not change it.

Do you think BJP leaders can say such a big thing without Modi ji's permission.?" she asked. "This is a conspiracy. The Constitution has given you the right to vote, given you reservations, ensured protection of tribal cul-

FACTFILE

- Imposition of GST on farm implements has made cultivation difficult.

ture and facilitated the development of Dalits. The BJP-led Union government wants to change the Constitution and curtail people's rights," she claimed. She said any change in the Constitution will impact everyone and people would not be able to lead a respectable life since their rights would be lost, including that of asking questions.

4-year graduation, 75% marks can directly pursue PhD

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Now, a candidate for the National Eligibility Test (NET) needed a master's degree with a minimum of 55 per cent marks

NEW DELHI: Students with four-year undergraduate degrees can now directly appear for NET and pursue PhD, according to University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Jagadesh Kumar.

To pursue a PhD with or without a Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), the candidates will require a minimum of 75 per cent marks or equivalent grades in their four-year undergraduate course.

So far, a candidate for the National Eligibility Test (NET) needed a master's degree with a minimum of 55 per cent marks.

"The candidates with four-year undergraduate degrees can now directly pursue PhD and appear for NET. Such candidates are allowed to appear in a subject in which they want to pursue a PhD irrespective of the discipline in which they have obtained the four-



FASTFACTS

- Relaxation of 5% marks allowed for those belonging to SC, ST, OBC
- Candidates can select subject of their choice for PhD

year bachelor's degree," Kumar told PTI.

"The candidates having passed a four-year or eight-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75 pc marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed," the UGC chairman said.

A relaxation of five per cent marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC, ST, OBC (non-creamy layer), differently-abled, economically weaker sections and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time, he added.

NEWSLINE

CHHATTISGARH

Identification of 29 Naxalites in Apatola completed

On April 16, an encounter took place with the joint force of DRG Kanker and BSF 94th Corps in the forest of Hapatola under Chhotabethiya police station of the district.

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SPORT

Two-time major champion Muguruza retires



Two-time major champion Garbiñe Muguruza announced she's retiring from professional tennis at age 30 after an extended time away from the court.

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NATION

Nine dead in road crash in Jhalawar, 3 of them brothers

Nine men returning from a wedding died in a road incident in Rajasthan's Jhalawar when the car they were in collided head-on with a truck early Sunday, an officer said.

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Heatwave grips parts of India; no relief

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NEW DELHI: A searing heatwave gripped parts of India on Saturday, with maximum temperatures ranging from 40 degrees Celsius to 46 degrees Celsius in many areas.

According to the India meteorological department, heatwave to severe heatwave conditions

prevailed in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, and Gangetic West Bengal during the day. This ongoing heatwave affecting parts of Odisha, Jharkhand, and Gangetic West Bengal is the second heatwave spell this month. The first spell scorched parts of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat. On Satur-



NUMBER

46°C

- Heatwave are expected in the entire April-June period

day, maximum temperatures at some places were recorded seven to eight degrees above normal.

Baripada and Boudh in Odisha recorded a maximum temperature of 45.2 degrees Celsius, Midnapore and Bankura in West Bengal recorded 44.5 degrees Celsius and 44.6 degrees Celsius, respectively. Daltonganj and Jharkhand registered 43.6 degrees Celsius and 43.5 degrees Celsius,

Raipur



I want to ask whether Rahul Gandhi has counted his seats.

Vijay Sharma
Dy CM Chhattisgarh

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

SAFETY TRAINING

Training on the operation of security equipment for police personnel

The training on the operation of security equipment HHMD/DFMD for police personnel from Raipur range districts was held on Sunday at the meeting room of Traffic Headquarters, Raipur in the presence of Amresh Kumar Mishra (I.P.S.) Inspector General of Police, Raipur Area Raipur, and Santosh Kumar Singh (I.P.S.) Senior Superintendent of Police, Raipur. The training aimed to enhance security measures for VIPs/important persons during their stay. Districts covered in the training included Raipur, Gariaband, Dhamtari, Mahasamund, and Balodabazar-Bhatapara. The training was conducted by GN Pradhan, Deputy Superintendent of Police, VP Singh, Sub Inspector, PR Dinesh Rathore, Sumeet Agnihotri from the Special Branch Police Headquarters in Raipur and the BDS team were actively involved in providing this training.

FOUNDATION DAY

79th Foundation Day of AIBEA celebrated with visually impaired children



To commemorate the 79th Foundation Day of the All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA) on April 20th, the Chhattisgarh Bank Employees Association (CGBEA) organized a charitable event. They provided food to over 50 blind girls and employees of the National Association for the Blind, Raipur Branch "Prerna," and also distributed fruits to the girls as part of their social work efforts. During this event, all the officials of the Chhattisgarh Bank Employees Association (CGBEA) shared a meal with the blind girls and employees.



A massive Shobha Yatra was taken out from the Shri Adinath Digambar Jain Bada Mandir Malviya on occasion of Mahavir Janam Kalyanak Mahotsav-2024.

Massive procession mark Mahavir Janam Mahotsav

Various events were organized by the Shri Mahavir Janam Kalyanak Mahotsav 2024 Committee to mark this auspicious occasion, showcasing the unity of all Jain followers.

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RAIPUR: The Jain community celebrated the 2623rd birth anniversary of Lord Mahavir, the 24th Tirthankar of Jainism, on Sunday, April 21, 2024 with great devotion and festivity. Various events were organized by the Shri Mahavir Janam Kalyanak Mahotsav 2024 Committee to mark this auspicious occasion, showcasing the unity of all Jain followers. On the day of Janma Kalyanak Mahotsav on April 21, members of the entire Jain community took out a procession together. Jitendra Golchha, Chairman of the Mahotsav

Committee, and Praneet Jain, the media in-charge, provided details about the celebrations. The festivities were conducted in a deeply religious atmosphere, commemorating the birth of Lord Mahavir, who propagated the principles of non-violence, truth, and enlightenment. Mahavir Jayanti, also known as Mahavir Janma Kalyanak, is one of the most significant festivals in Jainism, celebrated with great fervor and enthusiasm by Jain communities worldwide.

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HIGHLIGHT

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through several areas like Sadar Bazar, Sattibazar, Tatyapara, Badhaipara, Ramsagar Para, Rathod Chowk, back via Gurunanak Chowk, and ended at Jain Dada

Bari on GE Road. In Jain Dada Bari, a series of events occurred, including complete health check-up camps throughout the day. The community members gathered to celebrate Mahavir Jayanti and worship Lord Mahavir together. Additionally, a 15-day social and religious event was organized by the committee, with active participation from all community members, Mahila Mandal, and various committees, showing great enthusiasm and involvement. Starting at 6.30 in the morning, Prabhat Pheri has organised to bind the society together by becoming a symbol of

social unity for the last many years. In this event, Shri Sadhu Margi Samta Yuva Sangh has been receiving special support every year. Through Mahavir Prasadi Bhandare, pure food has been provided to about 30,000 people this year. Materials like clothes, stationery, copies etc. were distributed daily by Mahila Mandal to the needy. About 500 people did service work by donating blood through blood donation camp. During medical check-up, many big doctors organized camps and made people aware about health. And also provided free treatment to sick people.

FROM AROUND THE CITY

154-year old Banke Bihari temple to be rebuilt



The 154 years old Shri Banke Bihari Temple, located in Nayapara Sadar Bazaar, Raipur, will soon be seen in a new 3D design. The temple, known for its rich history and significance, will undergo a transformation with this unique architectural endeavor. The unveiling of the new temple design took place on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami. It is anticipated that upon completion, this temple will stand as a remarkable example of archaeological and architectural excellence, thereby presenting a wonderful gift to the residents of the area. The estimated

cost for the construction of this temple is expected to be around Rs 1 crore 51 lakh.

The temple mentioned has a historical significance as it has been a witness to the struggles of freedom fighters. The Chairman of Shri Banke Bihari Mandir Trust, Dr. Ashok Agarwal, highlighted the impressive architectural design of the temple, emphasizing its future renown for its exceptional beauty. He acknowledged the creative contribution of engineer Neeraj Gajjar, known for designing the external adornments of the Chandkhuri Kaushalya Mata Temple.

Shah to hold public meeting at Kanker

RAIPUR: Just before the campaigning ends for the Kanker ST LS constituency, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah would be holding a public meeting in favour of the party candidate Bhojraj Nag at Kanker on Monday afternoon. It is notable that the polling of votes for tribal-dominated Kanker would take place on April 26. With insiders terming it to be a close contest, the BJP heavy-weight Amit Shah would try to change the scenario in favour of BJP through his public meeting. Apart from him, the BJP President JP Nadda would be hold three public meetings including Chandrakhuri under Raipur LS segment on Monday afternoon. Nadda would be hold separate meetings at Lormi for Bilaspur LS candidate Tohan Sahu and at Bhalai for Durg LS candidate Vijay Baghel to create atmosphere in favour of party.

Yogi charges Cong with having understanding with Naxalism

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The Congress has an "internal understanding" with Naxalism as part of an "evil attempt" to divert youth from the mainstream of society, UP CM Yogi Adityanath said.

KORBA: Addressing a rally in Korba Lok Sabha constituency, he also said while India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was giving free rations to 80 crore citizens, 23 crore people were fighting hunger in neighbouring Pakistan.

India's prestige and standing in the world have risen due to the leadership of PM Modi, he added. "The Congress has



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressing public rally in Korba

FACTFILE

● India's prestige and standing in the world have risen due to the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

an internal understanding with Naxalism. It is not hidden from anyone. Youth should have had tabs in their hands but Congress governments handed them pistols. They (Congress governments) made an evil attempt to

divert youth from the mainstream of society," Adityanath alleged. "The Congress plays with the future of youth and works towards dividing society. When they can't do anything, then they start abusing PM Modi.

TAX COLLECTION

State Tax Dept: GST collection crosses Rs 20000 cr

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RAIPUR: The state tax department crossed the milestone of tax collection of Rs 20,000 crore in the last financial year 2023-24.

The department deposited a total of Rs 20,361 crore in GST and VAT. Compared to last year, GST has registered an increase of 22 percent,

which is much higher than the national average.

In the last three months alone, the Enforcement Branch has deposited Rs 32 crore through investigation of 45 businessmen, busted 14 bogus firms and collected tax and penalty of Rs 8 crore 61 lakh through e-way bill investigation. Advanced IT tools

Five of the subordinate officers have been suspended for negligence in work.

Joint Commissioner
Raipur Division-2

are being used by the State GST Department to prevent tax evasion.

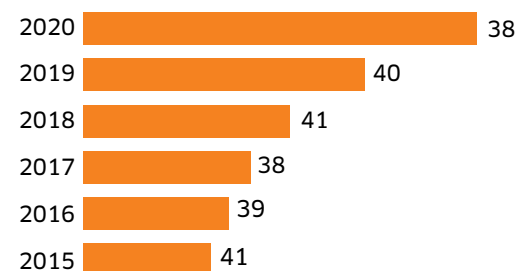
Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Cell has also been constituted by the department for the convenience of taxpayers and for quick resolution of GST related problems in the state. In this sequence, GST toll free helpline has also been started. The State Tax

Commissioner has also announced an outreach program for continuous communication with the Chamber of Commerce, Tax Bar Association, Chartered Accountants and all other professional organizations and small traders, under which the State Tax Commissioner himself will meet with these organizations thrice a month.

The Day's NUMBERS

From 2015 to 2020 (per 1,000 live births)

INFANT MORTALITY RATE IN CHHATTISGARH



ELECTIONS

Modi asking for votes wearing army uniform is undemocratic: Baij

Deepak Baij, the State Congress President, criticized the BJP's approach in the Lok Sabha elections, stating that the party lacked the confidence to seek votes based on the 10-year performance of the Modi government. He highlighted that the BJP resorted to using large hoardings featuring Narendra Modi in military uniform to appeal for votes, which he viewed as a strategy born out of insecurity. Baij regarded this tactic as a significant failure on the part of Modi and the BJP, suggesting that the reliance on military imagery for electoral gain was both a sign of weakness and an insult to the armed forces, a sentiment that resonates across the nation where the armed forces are held in high regard.

India has indeed built a strong and capable military force since independence, exploiting the army for political gains and votes can be detrimental to the country's democracy, he alleged.

CONTEST

Ch'garh's Geet Sone becomes Mrs India Classic-2024



Mrs. India Classic 2024 contest was organized in Jaipur by Glamanand organization which organizes fashion shows in the country. Thousands of women and girls from different states participated in different rounds of the competition. Chhattisgarh was represented by Geet Sone in this competition. After passing through various stages, Geet among 20 women reached the final round. Geet Sone won the title of Mrs. India Classic 2024 in the final round held on 16th April. Geet told that the inspiration to enter the competition came from daughter Anushka Sone.

Summer vacation in schools from Apr 22 due to extreme heat

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HIGHLIGHT

RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh government has declared summer vacation in schools ahead of schedule due to scorching heat. According to the order issued by the School Education Department, now there will be summer vacation in schools from 22 April to 15 June. It has been clarified in the order that scorching heat and heat wave for the last few days in the month of April were adversely affecting health of the students. Children are falling ill due to changing weather. In

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view of this situation, parents had demanded summer vacation in schools, after which the School Education Department has



mer vacation in schools, after which the School Education Department has issued an order for summer vacation in this regard. This order will be appli-

cable with immediate effect for all government, private, aided and non-aided schools of the state.

According to the order of the state government dated October 11, 2023, summer vacation was scheduled from May 1 to June 15, 2024. Schools were to operate till 30th April but due to heat Chhattisgarh Private School Management Association had also written a letter to Raipur Collector demanding that holidays should be declared in schools as soon as possible as the mercury was crossing 42 degrees in the district.

BJP's jibe thru poster at Priyanka's Ch'garh visit



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RAIPUR: Apart from other means of campaigning, poster war is going on in the internet media between BJP and Congress in Chhattisgarh during the Lok Sabha elections. Chhattisgarh BJP on Sunday took a jibe at Congress National General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi by shar-

ing a poster on her visit to Chhattisgarh. The poster is titled "Bhagel ji is saying... Priyanka ji, the flowers were spread after looting, now they have become thorns..." BJP's poster on Priyanka Gandhi's arrival in Chhattisgarh depicts scams instead of rose petals. This poster has a picture of Priyanka Gandhi and Bhupesh Baghel. Priyanka is

shown asking the question that Bhagel ji, last time you had spread rose petals on the roads. Bhupesh Baghel's answer is written in the poster- Priyanka ji rose petals were spread after looting Chhattisgarh. Now they have become thorns. When Priyanka Gandhi last visited Chhattisgarh, rose petals were spread to welcome her.

'Priyanka trying to seek votes by showing fear of changing the Constitution'



Soni addressing a press conference at Ekatma Parishad.

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BJP MP Soni claimed that Congressmen are apprehensive over corruption which has prompted her to create fear of change in Constitution.

RAIPUR: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Lok Sabha member from Raipur constituency Sunil Soni on Sunday alleged that the Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi is trying to seek votes by showing fear of changing the Constitution.

Soni made the above statement while addressing a press conference at party office here. He said that the Congress leader Priyanka was invited by the Congress candidate from Rajnandgaon seat Bhupesh Baghel to once again get bundle of lies from her mouth during the public campaign. Had the schemes of Bhupesh Baghel been so good why the people

ousted him within five years of rule, he asked.

Soni further said that the former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is holding his erstwhile MLAs responsible for defeat of Congress in recently held Legislative Assembly polls whereas he himself had ignored the various issues raised by his Ministers on corruption issues during his tenure as CM. Soni said that several Congress leaders quit party recently only to expose the wrong deed of Bhupesh Baghel and said the Priyanka Gandhi should apologize for the Emergency imposed by her Grand Mother in the country to create obstacle on path of democracy.

Soni alleged that Congress is speaking lie on NYAY patra which people know very well and added that the Congress regime in Chhattisgarh had even failed to deliver promise of Rs 500 pension to women and now speaks of providing Rs 1 lakh annually which is a lie, he added.

Young man found dead on the bed in a rented house

HIGHLIGHT

A rope was tied around his neck, police expressed suspicion of murder

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RAIPUR: A young man was found dead in a suspicious condition in the room of a house located at Rajtablab Jhanda Chowk in the capital Raipur. The dead body of the young man was found on the bed with a rope tied around his neck. Police and FSL team reached the spot and

are investigating the matter. Based on the preliminary investigation, the police are suspecting murder. The incident took place in the area falling under jurisdiction of Civil Line police station. According to the information, the dead body of a youth was found in the second floor of Pintu Kumar Kumawat's Radhey Shyam Kumawat Bhanwan located at Jhanda Chowk Satnami Para, Pandri. People of the house informed the police about the incident.

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Richa Prakash Chaudhary
District Election Officer

Excise Department steps up vigil before Lok Sabha polls

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BHILAI: On the instructions of Excise Commissioner R Sangeetha and District Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary, the Excise Department has intensified inspections before the Lok Sabha polls in Durg District to prevent the smuggling and illegal trade of illicit liquor.

Excise Assistant Commissioner Rajesh Jaiswal informed that they are taking continuous action to prevent inflow of liquor in the district. A joint team of Bhilai and Durg Control Rooms of the Excise Department, Durg, conducted a search operation at hotels / dhabas the other day.

During this operation, a case has been registered under Section 36 (C) of the Excise



Excise Department team during inspection at a dhaba

Act against Raju Dhaba, operating in Kumhari on the National Highway. This place was illegally allowing its customers to consume liquor.

The teams also inspected Royal Khalsa Dhaba, Brothers Dhaba, Kanha Dhaba, Sandhu Dhaba, Apna Dhaba, Punjab Dhaba, Navneet Dhaba, Payal Restaurant (near Railway Station Durg), Avon Dhaba and Restaurant, Prince Dhaba (on Rajnandgaon Highway), Dhaba CG 07 and Shri Sai Dhaba.

Excise Department seeks public support to curb illegal trade

The Excise Department of Durg has introduced a dedicated telephone complaint line to engage citizens in combating the illicit liquor trade. Now, common citizens can play an active role in law enforcement by reporting instances of illegal liquor sale, possession, and transportation.

The hotline, operational round the clock,

HIGHLIGHT

● Surprise raids at bus stands, railway stations, hotels and dhabas

● People can share info about illegal activity on 0788-2325836

empowers individuals to dial 0788-2325836 and lodge complaints against

those involved in smuggling, peddling, or distributing illicit alcohol. This initiative marks a significant step towards enhancing community participation in maintaining law and order.

By providing a direct channel for citizens to voice their concerns, authorities aim to curb the menace of illegal liquor trade effectively.

Online cricket betting racket busted; seven people held

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Police claimed to have busted an online cricket betting racket with the arrest

BHILAI: With the arrest of seven ruffians, police claimed to have busted an online cricket betting racket. SP Jitendra Shukla informed that they received a tip off regarding some suspicious people, who were staying at a room in Hotel Heritage, Supela. Acting on this tip off, a joint team of Anti Crime and Cyber Unit and Supela Police Station conducted a raid and caught seven persons red handed while accepting bets on an IPL cricket

ident of Chandrakhuri, Durg; Durgesh Mande (20) son of Raju Mande, a resident of Jewra Sirsa, Durg; Tikam Pal (21) son of Budhram Pal, a resident of Mana Basti, Raipur; Rishabh Patel (23) son of Kesari Patel, a resident of village Sirsha, Gunderdehi, Balod; Rahul Chandrakar (22)

FASTFACTS

● Accused were operating from a room at Hotel Heritage in Supela

● Mobiles, laptops, tablet, chargers worth Rs 2 lakh seized

son of Santaram Chandrakar a resident of New Krishna Nagar Supela;



match. They were using mobile phones, laptops and a tablet to operate the online cricket betting racket. Police arrested the accused identified as Neeraj Nirmalkar (18) son of Sohan Lal a res-

Uday Singh Rajput (22) son of Amar Singh Rajput, a resident of New Krishna Nagar Supela; and Chetan Nishad (22) son of Ramesh Nishad, a resident of village Koliha-puri, Durg.

One day free Health Camp organised at Ghughwa



Villagers at the health camp

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BSP's CSR Department has contributed substantially towards Public Health and medicine through such camps

BHILAI: The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department of the Plant organized a one-day free Health Camp, at Village Ghughwarecently. Several villagers, from Ghughwa, availed free health services at the day-long Health Camp. Free medicines were also distributed to vil-

lagers 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.

Assistant Professor commits suicide

BHILAI: An Assistant Professor of a private engineering college allegedly committed suicide by hanging self at home on the intervening night of Sunday. Police informed that the deceased was Manish Sharma (32) son of Pt Dhanesh Sharma, a resident of Ramnagar. He worked as Assistant Professor at Rungta Engineering College.

Manish was found hanging in his room on Sunday morning. Police recovered a suicide note from the room. In the suicide note, Manish wrote about his love for a girl student of the same college.

Manish was upset as the girl had affairs with some other boys also. He took this extreme step after failure in love. Police conducted the crime scene investigation and the body was sent for autopsy after preparing an inquest. Further investigations are on.

Election observers review preparations for LS Polls

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Election observers said all AROs, nodal officers and enforcement agencies should work in mutual coordination and discharge their duties to ensure peaceful, free and fair election

BHILAI: The Observers appointed by the Election Commission of India for Durg District reviewed the preparations for the Lok Sabha polls in Durg Parliamentary constituency. General Observer SB Shettanvar (IAS) and LathkarShrikeshBalajirao (IAS), Police Observer Anupam Sharma (IPS) and Expenditure Observer Prasanna V Patanashetty (IRS) jointly chaired a meeting of all the Assistant Returning Officers of the district and other concerned officials in the Collectorate meet-



Election Observers meeting to review preparations for Lok Sabha polls in Durg constituency.

FASTFACTS

● Total number of voters is 14,21,188, which includes 7,05,874 male voters, 7,15,261 female voters and 53 third gender voters.

● The number of 80 plus voters is 4887, disabled voters is 8929 and service voters is 1970

ing room. They reviewed the election preparations in the district and sought latest information from the nodal officers appointed for various works. Collector and District Election Officer Richa Prakash Chaudhary and Superintendent of Police Jitendra Shukla also attended the meeting. Collector and District Election Officer Richa Prakash Choudhary shared the basic information about the district and gave

information regarding the election preparations. The Collector said that the number of sensitive polling stations in the district is 320. The number of critical polling stations is 4 while the number of women managed polling stations is 60. The number of polling stations managed by disabled personnel is 06, the number of polling stations managed by youth personnel is 30 and the number of model polling stations is 30.

| BIRTH ANNIVERSARY |

Mahatma Hansraj's birth anniversary celebrated at DAV IPS

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BHILAI: DAV Ispat Public School Sector-02 celebrated 160th birth anniversary of Mahatma Hansraj with great fervour and enthusiasm the other day. The celebration commenced with the regular practice of the school, chanting of the Gayatri Mantra followed by prayer and DAV anthem.

After this Principal Priyanka Shukla enlight-

ened the students and teachers with the contribution of Mahatma Hansraj which came in the form of social upliftment and moral regeneration through his efforts.

The students of class 9 Ayesha Panda, Raman Preet also paid tribute to Mahatma Hansraj by sharing his ideologies and his profound appeal to revitalize Aryan Hinduism through Vedas. Students of both primary and middle wing under



Students reciting prayers on Mahatma Hansraj Jayanti

the guidance of the music teacher Vivek Kumar presented melodious Bhajan like "Veda Wale oo Veda Wale", "Dhanya Hain tujhko Aae Rishi".

This was followed by a magnificent skit on the life of Mahatma Hansraj and his devotion towards mankind. Through these activities other stu-

dents were also highly inspired. A "PanchkundiyeMahaygya" was organised in the school premises where a total of approximately 750 students participated along with Principal and other teachers.

Principal emphasized on the contribution of Mahatma Hansraj. The school is already following the Vedic ideologies like chanting shlokas, Gayatri Mantra and Shanti Path along with



"Mahatma Hansraj's choice was English-oriented Science-based education with a blend of Vedic ideals"

Priyanka Shukla
Principal, DAV IPS Sector 2

Hawan in regular intervals of time. Mahatma Hansraj's choice of English-oriented Science-based education with a blend of Vedic ideals was one component of his approach.

The main motto of his teachings were to make an individual a good human being and achieve two-fold development, namely spiritual and social upliftment. The program concluded with the Shanti Path.

Election Rally

B7P National President in Bhilai today

BHILAI: Bharatiya Janata Party National President Jagat Prakesh Nadda will address a public meeting in support of the BJP candidate Vijay Baghel at ITI Ground in Power House, Bhilai on April 22. To ensure maximum participation of BJP workers in the rally, District BJP President Mahesh Verma chaired meetings at mandal level, assembly level, at Shakti Kendra level and at Booth level. Mahesh Verma said that during the meetings at booth level, the slum dwellers hailed Prime Minister Modi as he provided pucca houses for the poor. The under privileged sections of the society have expressed their full support to Modi. Verma further asserted that the Ujjwala scheme, construction of toilets, construction of Ram Mandir, revocation of Article 370 from J&K, etc have created a strong public support for BJP in the country.

CRIME

Chain snatched from lecturer in Civic Centre

BHILAI: Two bike-borne ruffians snatched a gold chain from a school lecturer at Civic Centre on Saturday evening. Inspector Rajkumar Lehre (SHO, Bhilai Nagar) informed that the victim is Vinva Sahu (43) a resident of village Karela (Patan). She works as a lecturer in Govt Girls High School at Ranitarai. She had come to the Civic Centre for shopping with family. Her husband and kids had gone to take some snacks and she was walking towards a garments store when two bike-borne ruffians snatched a gold chain from her neck. According to the victim, the gold chain weighed around 25 grams worth Rs 1.5 lakh. On receiving the complaint, police patrolling parties were alerted to trace the accused. Police have lodged an offence and investigations are on.

One youth dies

KORBA: Two youths who had gone for a picnic near Koda river under Katghora police station in the suburban area of Korba district were washed away in the strong current of water. One was somehow saved but the other youth drowned in the water.

Obituary

Sunaina



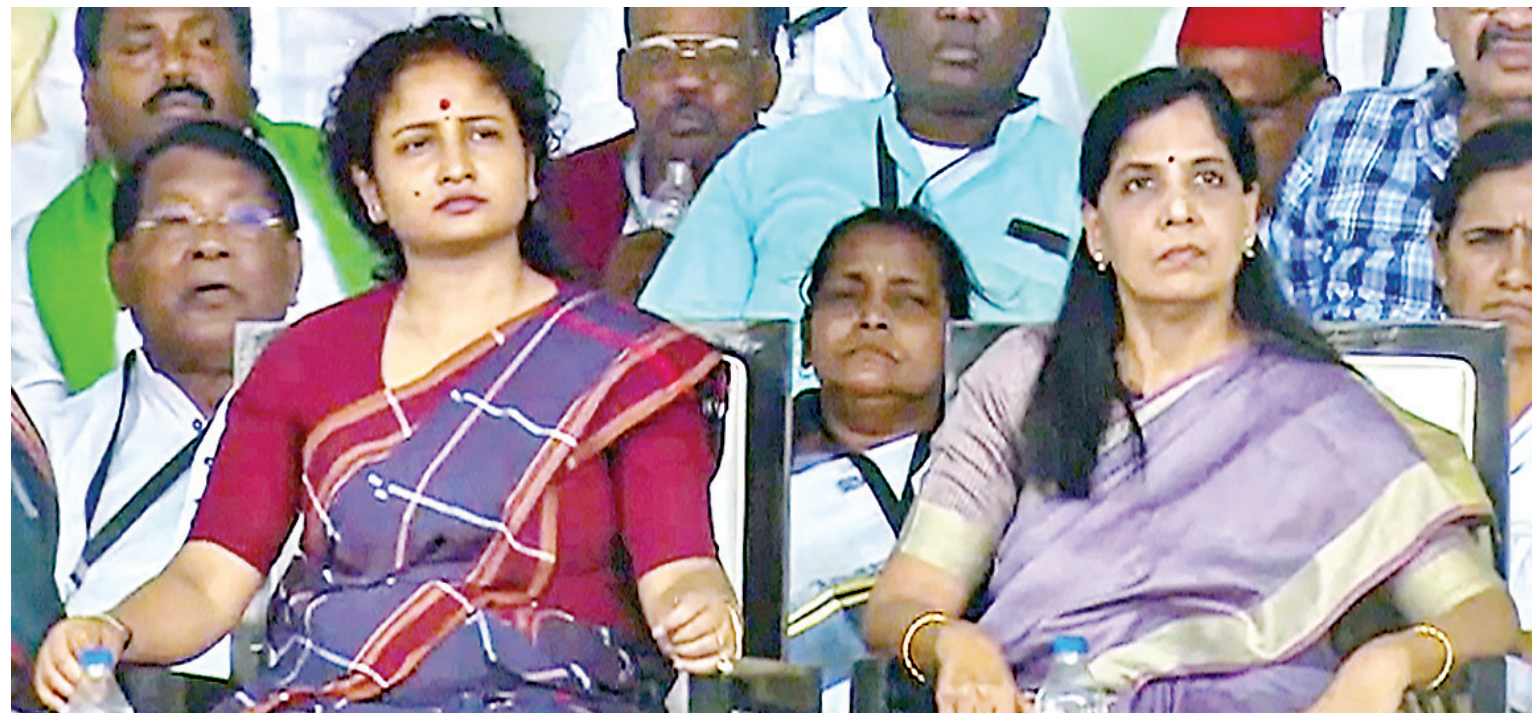
BHILAI: Sunaina, wife of BSP employee Sudama, left for heavenly abode at the age of 54 years on Saturday. Funeral procession was taken out from her residence situated at Quarter No 22A, Street NPA, Sector-5, Bhilai, and last rites of the mortal remains were performed at RamnagarMuktidham. She was the mother of Rakesh, Rajesh and Saurabh Sah.

Battle-2024



Won't abide by ECI notice to remove 'Hindu', 'Jai Bhavani' from party anthem

Uddhav Thackeray
Shiv Sena UBT chief



Jailed Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita and jailed former Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren's wife Kalpana during 'Ulgulan Nyay Maharally'.

Empty chairs on stage for jailed Hemant Soren, Delhi CM in INDIA mega rally

The workers assembled for the 'Ulgulan Nyay Mahrally' braving scorching heat as the Jharkhand capital's temperature was hovering around 40 degrees Celcius.

Press Trust of India
RANCHI: Two empty chairs - one each for jailed Delhi Chief Minister Kejriwal former and former Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren - were kept on stage as the INDIA bloc organised a mega rally in Ranchi on Sunday. The 'Ulgulan Nyay Mahrally' was organised mainly by the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha

(JMM) and a large number of its workers wore Soren masks. Soren was arrested on the night of January 31 by the ED in a money laundering case linked to an alleged land fraud. The same central agency also arrested Kejriwal on March 21 associated with a liquor policy scam. Though chairs for the JMM executive president and AAP supremo

HIGHLIGHT
• A total of 28 political parties are taking part in the rally, which is being held at the Prabhat Tara Ground.
• The word 'Ulgulan', which means revolution, was coined during Birsa Munda's fight against the British for the rights of the tribals.

were kept empty, their wives Kalpana Soren and Sunita Kejriwal were seated on the dais. They are apparently set for their larger political role following the arrest of their spouses. The crowd raised slogans like "Jail ka tala tutega, Hemant Soren chutega" (The jail lock will be broken, Hemant Soren will be released) and "Jharkhand Jhukega Nahi" (Jharkhand will

not bow down)." Besides Kalpana and Sunita, JMM supremo Shibu Soren, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah, RJD leader and former Bihar deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann and others attended the rally in a mega show of strength for the opposition bloc.

Locals pin hope for Sudama temple facelift

PORBANDAR: Standing barely a kilometer away from Mahatma Gandhi's birthplace, which now forms a part of the Kirti Mandir located in the heart of the city, is perhaps the country's only temple dedicated to Sudama, who is remembered in lore as Lord Krishna's childhood friend. Hitherto neglected, the temple is looking for a facelift with locals hoping that it matches the grandeur and popularity of the Dwarka and Somnath temples in Gujarat. For the task, they have their hopes pinned on Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, who is contesting from Porbandar Lok Sabha constituency. The Sudama temple, built around 1902-1907, is situated in the middle of a bustling market area and is a stone's throw from Sudama Chowk.

Mehboob Ali Kaiser joins RJD

Press Trust of India
It was not immediately known whether the RJD, which has announced candidates for all but one of the 23 Lok Sabha seats it is contesting, will be fielding Kaiser in the ongoing elections.

PATNA: LJP MP Mehboob Ali Kaiser, the lone Muslim to have been elected to the Lok Sabha from the BJP-led NDA in Bihar, joined the RJD on Sunday, in a shot in the arm for the opposition party amid the elections. Kaiser, who sided with former Union minister Pashupati Kumar Paras when the latter split the LJP, and was denied a ticket this time by Chirag Paswan despite efforts to seek rapprochement, joined the RJD in the presence of its leader



RJD leader Tejashwi welcomes former MP Ali Kaiser as he joins the party. Tejashwi Yadav. "Kaiser-sahab is joining us after a meeting with party president Lalu Prasad-ji. We stand to gain from his experience. It is a development that will send across a strong message in favour of our fight to protect the Constitution, which is facing threat from the ruling dispensation," said Yadav. Born into the family that ruled the erstwhile princely state of Simri Bakhtiyarpur in Saharsa district, Kaiser started his

political career with the Congress and headed the party's state unit till 2013. He joined the LJP in 2014 and won the Khagaria seat, which he retained five years later. His relations with Chirag Paswan, the then LJP president, began to sour when the party denied a ticket to his son Yusuf Salahuddin in the 2020 assembly polls. Salahuddin went on to contest and win the Simri Bakhtiyarpur seat on an RJD ticket. security personnel went across the border with Pakistan and the terrorists were bumped off in their own hideouts," said Shah. He also slammed Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for taking exception to raising the issue of abrogation of Article 370 in poll rallies outside Jammu and Kashmir, saying "it is a matter concerning the whole country".

AMIT SHAH SPEAKS

'If Congress and allies win, there will be riots, atrocities'

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KATIHAR: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday charged the Congress-led opposition with being soft on terror and indifferent towards the uplift of deprived castes, and alleged that their return to power could cause "riots, atrocities and poverty". Addressing an election rally in the Katihar

Lok Sabha constituency of Bihar, the former BJP president also credited his party with having given the nation, in Narendra Modi, its "first OBC prime minister" who has "put an end" to dynasty politics. "Modi wiped out Naxalism and reined in terrorism. In contrast, the attacks in Uri and Pulwama were followed quickly by surgical strikes and Balakot airstrikes. Our

When the Congress was in power, terrorists struck at will and nobody could muster the courage to retaliate.
Amit Shah
Home Minister



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BEST OF THE REST

DURING CONG RULE
State saw rampant regional bias, favouritism in jobs: Haryana CM

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Sunday slammed the Congress, alleging there was regional bias and favouritism in jobs while corruption was rampant in all spheres when the party was in power in the state.

At a poll rally in Bahadurgarh under the Rohtak parliamentary constituency, he claimed the Narendra Modi government initiated many schemes in the last 10 years for the benefit of the poor and farmers, bringing smiles to their faces.

On the other hand, the Congress in the six decades it was in power did nothing for poverty alleviation in the country other than raising the "garibi hathao" slogan, he alleged. In a veiled jibe at Rahul Gandhi, the senior BJP leader said, "Now, the Congress' 'yuvraj' says he will eradicate poverty in one stroke. Which 'Aladdin Ka Chirag' (magic lamp) has he got now?"

ELECTION
Congress must rethink its alliance with NC: Mehbooba Mufti



KOKERNAG (JK): PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday said National Conference leader Chaudhary Mohammad Akram equating the Congress with the BJP should make the workers of the country's oldest political party think about their support to the oldest regional party in Jammu and Kashmir. "Chaudhary Akram could not have said anything worse than equating the Congress with the BJP while joining the National Conference. He said that there was no difference between the Congress and the BJP," Mufti told reporters while campaigning in the Larnoo area of Anantnag district.

Grand old party leader calls them 'betrayers'

Omar Abdullah accuses PDP of benefiting BJP

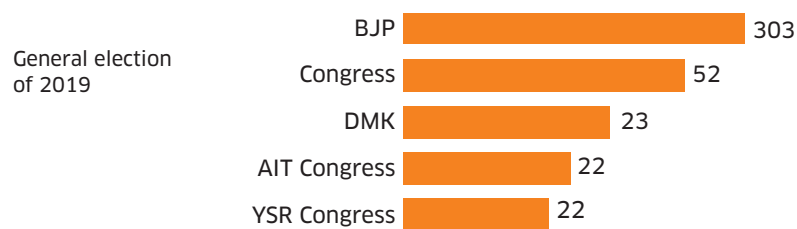


SRINAGAR: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Sunday accused Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP of benefiting the BJP by contesting elections against the INDIA bloc in Jammu and Kashmir. Despite being regional rivals, the PDP and the NC had joined the opposition alliance but failed to arrive at a seat sharing agreement. "It is they (PDP) who were selfish. They had tied up with the INDIA bloc with the only aim of getting this (Anantnag-Rajouri) seat. "The INDIA alliance is fighting the BJP, and the INDIA alliance is here on this stage. Those who are not on this stage

are trying to benefit the BJP. This is a fact," Abdullah said at an election rally at Bijbehara in Anantnag district, the native place of Mehbooba Mufti. He said the objective of forming the alliance was to counter the communal forces "especially the BJP". "In Jammu and Kashmir also, we joined the INDIA bloc with the same aim. The aim was not to look for seats or our own benefits. We were looking at the interests of Jammu and Kashmir and the rest of the country. "Unfortunately, especially in this Lok Sabha constituency, our contest is with another member of the INDIA bloc.

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP PARTIES AND SEATS



ECI COMPLAINT

BJP files complaint against Congress for 'assassinating' character

SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh BJP Sunday filed a complaint against the Congress and the Hamirpur Youth Congress Club for allegedly portraying actor and BJP Lok Sabha candidate from Mandi, Kangana Ranaut, in a negative light by using pictures from her films.

The BJP urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to initiate appropriate legal action against them for using objectionable, scandalous and offensive language on social media.

In its complaint to the ECI, with copy to the Himachal chief electoral officer, the BJP alleged that the Congress has directed its various wings to assassinate the character of Kangana on social media. The Hamirpur Youth Congress Club has used a picture of Kangana from her "artistic pursuits" to portray her as a negative character and posted "derogatory double meaning remarks".

CONG CHIEF KHARGE

'Democracy will end if 'Modi-Shah sarkar' comes back to power'



SATNA (MP): Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday claimed that if "Modi-Shah sarkar" comes back to power, then the democracy will end in the country. Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah while addressing a public meeting in Madhya Pradesh's Satna, Kharge further claimed that they will also scrap the Constitution made by Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar. "If you want to keep alive the Constitution, then vote for the Congress and its 'panja' (hand) symbol," Kharge told the gathering.

Statement by UP CM
Yogi Adityanath is
baseless and false.
Sushil Anand Shukla
President PCC Media Cell



Chhattisgarh

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BEST OF THE REST

WATER KIOSK

Cool water outlet inaugurated by Ward Councillor in Bus Stand

KHARORA: A cool water outlet was inaugurated here in Interstate Bus Stand, by District Union Raipur with the cooperation of Deputy Leader Municipal Corporation Manoj Verma, Councillor Ward No. 64. The opening of the Pyau Ghar was done under the guidance of Bharat Scouts and Guides Chhattisgarh State Chief Commissioner, Dr. Somnath Yadav and State Secretary Kailash Kumar Soni, in view of the increasing heat. This work is being done as per the orders of Bharat Scout Guide District Association Raipur District President G Swami, District Chief Commissioner Dr. Suresh Shukla and District Commissioner/District Education Officer Vijay Khandelwal. In the said inauguration, District Vice President Gayatri Singh, District Secretary Mrityunjay Shukla, District Organization Commissioner Scout Balak Das Raut and others were present.

ALLEGATIONS

Devvrat Singh's wife Vibha makes allegations against former CM

KHAIIRAGARH: Vibha Singh, wife of former MLA and MP Late Devvrat Singh, has made serious allegations against former Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh and Lok Sabha candidate from Rajnandgaon Bhupesh Baghel. Making allegations in a video footage, Vibha along with Bhupesh Baghel has also made serious allegations against Padma Devi Singh, the divorced wife of late Devvrat Singh and mother of his two children. In the viral video footage, Vibha has alleged that it was because of Bhupesh Baghel that her husband left Congress and Bhupesh Baghel is calling Padma Singh as Devvrat's current wife, whereas Padma Singh is his divorced wife.



The oldest and historical heritage government training institute of the region.

Government Training Institute in poor condition

The entire college is being run by the head of the only govt training institute of the state and there are eleven posts vacant of which only one post is filled.

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GAURELA-PENDRA-MARWAHI: The plight of the only government physical college since the time of undivided Madhya Pradesh is crying over its plight today. The oldest and historical heritage government training institute of the region, where students from remote rural areas receive physical training and talented players from nearby villages take their sports skills to the next level, is currently in ruins

as both maintenance and academic positions are with held, due to lack of funds.

As per information, there is just one regular post and teacher for about 200 students studying in BPEd and DPED courses conducted in the Physical Training Institute, and the rest is a attached teacher and exercise teacher. The entire college is being run by the head of the only government training institute of the state and there are about eleven

HIGHLIGHT

● The oldest and historical heritage government training institute of the region is crying over its plight today

posts vacant in the only government training institute where there is only one regular post and the remaining 10 posts are vacant.

The transfer and posting in Physical Training

Institute is conducted by DPI Public Education Directorate, Raipur and since 2016, not a single new appointment has been made by the Directorate of Public Instruction nor has any new principal been appointed. The gymnastics hall of the Government Training Institute was constructed at a cost of crores and hope was raised for many records to be anchored, but as a result of the collusion and negligence of the officials the gymnastics hall

was completely banned for the students of Physics and the hall was given to a private Kabaddi association where the said private association arbitrarily started the activities without any order.

Recently, work worth Rs. 42 lakh 76 thousand was approved for the renovation of the college in the Government Training Institute with the amount of DMF, but allegedly a scam was born of the funds used, as the construction work done is of a very poor cost.

From around the region

Scorching heat along with humidity makes life miserable for common men



KHARORA: The scorching heat along with humidity is causing life to a stand still and many markets and public areas are going without much hustle as people are choosing to remain indoors between 12 noon to 5 PM. Due to the temperature rising up to 42 degrees in the afternoon, people's uneasiness due to heat and humidity has increased and the heat is also having adverse effects on people's health. People have already geared up with towels and many people were walk-

ing with the help of umbrellas trying to protect themselves from the sun. Due to extreme heat and humidity, fans and coolers in homes are not giving results and in government offices, officers and employees are troubled too by the heat. Meanwhile there is a spike in demand for sugarcane juice, cold drinks and other cold beverages. Doctors have opined that due to sudden exposure to 40 degree strong sunlight, it is having adverse effects on the body.

Voter awareness program organized

KORBA: Under the direction of Collector and District Election Officer Ajit Vasant and guidance of Sweep Nodal Officer Sambit Mishra, a variety of programs are being carried to create voter awareness, which includes street plays, rallies, slogan-writing, essays, speeches, mehndi competition, poster making etc. In the same series, under the guidance of Principal Sandhya Lakra, essay writing and quiz competition was organized under the well-organized Voter and Election Participation Program (SVEEP) in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 04 Gopalpur. SVEEP in-charge Amit Kumar Pandey said that under the SVEEP program, various competitions and activities are being organized in the school.

Bike rally organised for Voter Awareness under SVEEP

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Efforts are being made to motivate citizens for 100% voting

RAJIM: To create Voter Awareness among the mass, under SVEEP, a variety of programs are being introduced and organised under the mentorship of Collector and District Election Officer Deepak Aggarwal and District Education Officer A.K Saraswat. In the same sequence under the leadership of Sub-Divisional Election Officer Arpita Pathak, efforts are being made to motivate citizens for 100% voting.

Recently, under the leadership of Nodal and Cluster Principal of Rajim, Sanjay Ekka, a unique campaign was run



Sanjay Ekka, coordinator of this program and nodal and cluster principal, flagged off the bike rally.

FACTFILE

● Teachers from all the government and private schools of the city participated in a large number

by the children of all the government and private schools of Rajim Nagar by writing letters to their parents to motivate them to vote, while under the SVEEP program, giving

more momentum to the voter awareness campaign, on 20th April, teachers from all the government and private schools of the city participated in a large number and took out a bike rally.

Rajim's nodal and cluster principal Sanjay Ekka along with BRC Fingeshwar Subhash Sharma, cluster principal A.K. Yadu and cluster coordinator Dharmen-

dra Singh Thakur made this much awaited program successful. More than expected, about 250 teachers from all the government and private schools of the city participated in this bike rally. Sanjay Ekka, coordinator of this program and nodal and cluster principal, flagged off the bike rally. The rally stopped at all the busy places and intersections of the city.

| AWARENESS |

| HAPATOLA ENCOUNTER |

Identification of 29 Naxalites in Apatola completed

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JAGDALPUR: On April 16, an encounter took place with the joint force of DRG Kanker and BSF 94th Corps in the forest of Hapatola under Chhotabethiya police station of the district. After that, the bodies of 29 Naxalites along with sophisticated weapons

were recovered. The process of identification of Naxalites killed in the encounter was being carried out continuously for the last 4 days. The police has completed the identification and other actions of all the killed Naxalites. While identifying the Naxalites killed in the Apatola encounter, it was found that apart

For the first time, a large number of active and important cadres suffered casualties

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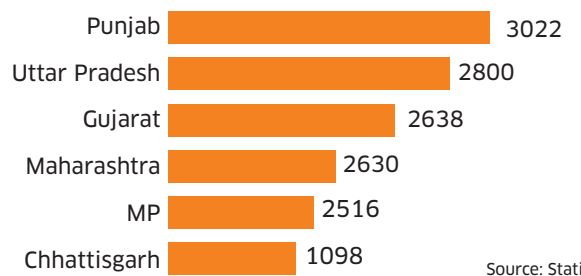


from the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee, there was presence of Naxalite cadres of Madhya Pradesh-Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh (MMC) Zonal Committee in the Apatola forest. It is noteworthy that out of 29 Naxalite cadres, Shankar Rao and his wife Area Committee member Rita are from Warangal.

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Sourceswise, Statewise, estimated potential of Renewable energy in India

WHAT IS STATEWISE ESTIMATED POTENTIAL OF BIOMASS POWER IN INDIA (AS ON 31/03/2023) (IN MW)



Source: Statista

CAMPAIGNING

Wife and daughter of Bhupesh Baghel doing door-to-door campaigning

KHAIIRAGARH: In the women's meeting organized in Pipariya, Daudhara ward of the city regarding Lok Sabha elections, Mukteshwari Baghel and daughter Smita Baghel, wife of Congress candidate Bhupesh Baghel of Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha constituency, did door to door extensive public relation campaigning and appealed to make the Congress Candidate from the constituency victorious. Also Khairagarh MLA Yashoda Nilambar Verma and Padma Devi, applied to vote for former Chief Minister of the state and Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha candidate and appealed to vote in support of Bhupesh Baghel while giving information to the women about various pro-people announcements of the Congress Party including 5 Justices of the Congress Party. On this occasion, Aarti Rinku Mahobia District President Mahila Congress, Meera Chopra, and a large number of Congressmen were present.

NEW JOINING

Brother of senior Congress leader Pt Mihir Jha joins BJP



KHAIIRAGARH: As days in number are left for the Lok Sabha Elections, migration of people from one political party to another is continuing, and in one jolt to the Congress, Dr. Prashant Jha, younger brother of the senior Congress leader Pt. Mihir Jha, has entered the BJP fold in the presence of MP candidate Santosh Pandey and Shadow MLA of the assembly constituency, Vikrant Singh. According to information, with the entry of Dr. Prashant Jha in BJP, it is being speculated that BJP will get a good lead in the forest areas of Pandadah.

'Good governance of BJP has begun after 5 yrs of Cong rule'

Congress had made 36 promises and even after running for full five years, they did not fulfilled it, rather turned the peaceful Chhattisgarh into a den of corruption

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KAWARDHA: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai addressed a mammoth gathering in Gram Kodvagodan of Pandaria Vidhan Sabha here on Sunday and campaign in favour of the party's candidate for Lok Sabha polls 2024. During this Dy. CM Arun Sao, MLA Pandaria Bhavana Bohra also addressed the gathering and spoke about big achievements of PM Modi's government at the Centre and that of BJP in the state.

CM Vishnu Deo Sai addressing the gathering said that the PM Narendra Modi's family is 140 cr people of the country and about whose happiness and concern he spends day and night. Dedicated to work for 18 hours a day, in last 10 years he has carried out development of all the poor, labourers, youth and women by following upon the formulae 'Sabka Vikas, Sabke Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas'. Therefore on April 26, we all have to fulfill the commitment that PM Modi has to be made as PM of nation for the third time and had to remove the ineffective and failed



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government which ruled and looted the state for five years. In the 2018 polls, Congress had made 36 promises and even after running for full five years, they did not fulfilled it, rather turned the peaceful Chhattisgarh into a den of corruption and crime. They were deep in corruption in coal, liquor, sand, cow-dung, 'gau-than', DMF and others. Today all the Congress leaders and officials who supported them are behind the bars.

People of Ch'garh are with development policy of BJP: Sao

KAWARDHA: Dy. CM Arun Sao said that this election is the make the son of that poor family as the PM of nation who is rendering services honestly and with dedication to the 140 cr people of the country. He is serving the poor, labourers and farmers and this is the election to appoint the son of the poor mother as the PM of nation. Speaking to people he said, we all have

HIGHLIGHT

● All schemes for poor reflect Modi's true intentions as he hails from a poor family

● Congmen creating rumours about Mahatari Vandana Yojana and it will continue till govt lasts

seen his hard work and exuded confidence on him and it is through vote to him, toilets were constructed in the houses of poor. MLA Bhavana Bohra said that what all schemes PM Modi prepares for the poor he always ensures its effective implementation. Taking 'Sabka saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Prayas' into practice, he always surged ahead on path of development.

Citizens can lodge complaint through C-VIGIL App

Central Chronicle News

C-VIGIL helps in preventing the activities related to model code of conduct

KORBA: The Election Commission of India in order to ensure transparency and credibility in the election has provided C-VIGIL mobile application. The meaning of C-VIGIL is Citizen Vigilance in other words vigilance of the citizens. Through C-VIGIL, prompt report of cases of violation of model code of conduct can be presented promptly. This helps in preventing the activities related to model code of conduct and in ensuring transparency and accountability in the election procedure. This C-VIGIL app can be downloaded from Google Play store and Apple Store. This application helps to connect with the citizen and increases his participation in its enforcement procedure. In order to execute the election procedure, there is need for confidence based partnership and this mobile App helps in making this partnership increase awareness, faith and self-confidence. The Collector has directed all the Returning Officers (ROs) appointed in the district and other officers to

ensure proper promotion of C-VIGIL mobile application.

Under the C-VIGIL Mobile Application, any citizen can sign-in through an application within a voter's electoral area and it is by taking photos, audio and video through his mobile, it grants permission to report about violation of model code of conduct. The App by recognising the individual's detail and

FASTFACTS

● Application helps to connect with the citizen and increases his participation in its enforcement procedure

● App grants permission to an individual to lodge complaint remaining anonymous

without its disclosure, also grants permission to lodge complaint remaining anonymous. When the user starts his C-VIGIL App in his mobile camera to report any violation, then this App automatically activates a GEO-tagging facility and this helps in identifying the actual site of incident to the field unit. App can reach out to all the violators and complainants of the model code of conduct and can check the real-time progress as well.

NEWSLINE

CARELESSNESS

100 % attendance ensured

RAJIM: To ensure 100% teacher attendance, Cluster Principal One and Two Cluster Coordinator Dharmendra Singh Thakur as well as BRG Subhash Sharma had issued special instructions and appeals to the teachers. In this successful event, Santosh Suryavanshi, Shikha Mahadik, Kamal Sonkar, Anju Markandey, Narayan Lal Sahu, Jamil Ahmed Jitendra Sahu etc. of Swami Atmanand School made field arrangements like route chart, slogans, flex, sound and mice arrangement, photography and videography etc.

RECRUITMEN

Army Agniveer recruitment exam will be held between April 22 to May 3



JAGDALPUR: Under the Agneepath scheme of the Indian Army, the Army Agniveer Recruitment Examination is starting from 22nd April. For which the admit card has been issued. Retired Army officer Commander Sandeep Murarka said that the candidates will have to appear in an online computer-based written examination. Admit cards have been released on the Indian Army website. This examination will be conducted between April 22 to May 3. Candidates will be required to carry two passport size photographs, identity card with original photo, ball point pen and transparent water bottle along with the admit card to the examination. Photocopy/scan copy/soft copy of identity card will not be accepted. Commander Sandeep Murarka also told that the online examination will be of 60 minutes. It will have objective type questions with 04 multiple choice

INSPECTION

General Observer PS Meena inspects strong room

KOREA: General Observer of Korba Lok Sabha constituency, Prem Singh Meena here made a surprise inspection of the strong room built in IT College, Jhagarha, Korba and Mukutdhara Pandey Government College, Katghora for the preparations for Lok Sabha elections 2024.

He instructed to keep the EVMs kept after voting safely in the strong room and to make sure arrangements for their monitoring. While inspecting the said places, the General Observer took stock of the proper arrangements of the entire complex including the strong room, control room, material matching, parking, vote counting room, ballot counting room and gave necessary directions to the officers.

Naxal encounter took place in the forest of Keshkutul region



Central Chronicle News

Pile of weapons, explosives and Naxalite material recovered

JAGDALPUR: On the information about the presence of Naxal division supply team commander Kawasi Pandaru and 15-20 other Naxalites in the forest of Keshkutul-Keshamundi under Bhairamgarh police station area of Chhattisgarh, DRG Bijapur soldiers had gone on a searching operation. A Naxalite was killed in an encounter that took place at 5.30 am on Sunday in the forest of Keshkutul, whose body has

been recovered. The soldiers have recovered weapons, explosives and other Naxalite material from the spot. The encounter is over.

According to the information received from the police, after the elections were over in Bastar, the soldiers were once again on a searching operation in Bhairamgarh Keshkutul area. There was information about the presence of Naxalites here. As soon as the soldiers reached the core area of the Naxalites, the Naxalites opened fire. After which the soldiers also took charge and responded with bullets, a Naxalite was killed in this encounter.

Rs 3 cr withdrawn from CSCP account through forged signature

RAIPUR: An amount of Rs 3 crore was withdrawn from the account of State Power Distribution Company through fake signatures on cheques. On the complaint of the senior accountant of the distribution company, the police have registered a crime against three people and are investigating the matter.

Meanwhile police have arrested one person in connection with this matter, while two are still absconding.

According to the police, on the complaint of Mandar Shiledar and two others, the police have registered a crime against M/s Bugs Soft Tech Pvt Ltd director Buddha Bhagwan Sahu, finance agent Rajesh Yadav and another person.

Political teams arrive, EVMs deposited in Strong Room

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The total strength of voters in the district is 1,70,449 and out of which 43-42% polling was held

BIJAPUR: In the Vidhan Sabha electoral area No. 89 (ST) under Bastar Lok Sabha parliamentary constituency, the polling teams were dispatched three days prior to the polling centres in the hyper-sensitive polling centres for Lok Sabha polls on April 19 and their return has started from April 19 and 20.

Outside the strong room, the Election Officers took information about the polling from the polling teams. In the elections here, total 245 polling centres were formed and out of which 10 were 'Sangwari' polling centres; 5 Yuwa and 1 for differently able and 5



All the polling team members reached cultural bhavan and deposited the EVMs

FASTFACTS

● Successful return of the polling team from Bijapur Vidhan Sabha area completed

● Teams deposited EVMs in the presence of Collector and reps of political parties

Model Polling Centres. The total strength of voters in the district is 1,70,449 and out of which 43-42% poll-

ing was held.

There was successful return of the polling team from Bijapur Vidhan Sabha area through Helicopter. After this all the polling team members reached cultural bhavan and deposited the EVMs in the presence of Collector and DRO and representatives of the political parties in the Strong Room and after which it was sealed. Collector and DRO Anurag Pandey extended greetings

to all the polling team for successful and peaceful polling. On this occasion Dy. DRO Naryan Prasad Gavel, Dy. Collector Uttam Singh Panchari; District Treasury Officer Mahavir Prasad Tandon; Asst. Commissioner Tribal Development KS Mashram; Dy. Director Geet Kumar Sinha and as representatives of the political party, Deepak Bhatt from BJP and Jitendra Hemla from Congress were present.

LACK OF CONCERN

Condition of roads in city, rural areas deteriorating each day

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MUNGELI: The condition of roads in the district headquarters and in rural areas is in deplorable condition and the road, be it from the National Highway to those in the rural areas are full of potholes. Due to this the passers-bys are facing lots of problems due to rise of dust and pollution and potholes becoming holes filled with

water. With NH getting closed on daily basis, the people are also facing problems on daily basis. So during summer at one place where the residents are facing problem of dust, on the other, there is fear of muddy terrain developing just after light rains.

The roads outside the city have developed big holes and due to which there is threat of accidents on daily basis. The people in



order to travel on the roads have to face lots of inconveniences. The Mungeli main road has changed into road full of potholes, posing threat to accidents. The people are left with no option, but to travel

taking all risks. The road from Daupara to near District Co-operative Bank and from Pulpara to Bada Bazar, is now with big potholes and it is posing problems to both pedestrians and vehicle riders as well. All the two-three roads to District Hospital too is just with lot number of potholes. Prominent among the roads to reach Hospital is either from Raipur road to Kharraghat

bridge or from Daupara to Ramgarh and last is the Bilasur road main road to by the side of the small culvert that one can reach upto the District Hospital.

In the same way the 3 km repaired road of National Highway from Mungeli to Pandaria to Kawardha and ahead of the St. Xavier High School is still in dilapidated condition and full of potholes.

For solution to these

Road from Pahad Chowk to Lormi by-pass has been repaired. In the same way, road from Daupara to old Bus stand will be repaired soon. -

Mamta Patel
EE PWD, MUNGELI

problems the concerned officer and public representatives have been informed many a times. After this the road from Pahad Chowk to Lormi By-pass road has been repaired by the PWD. But the roads in city and nearby areas were already in bad condition and with lack of repair it has become equally unmotorable. The potholes are full of water even after some rains.



QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

My job is not to be easy on people. My job is to take great people and push them to make them even better.

[Steve Jobs]

Comment

Indian Economy: Growth Momentum and Global Perspectives

OUR VIEW |

New Criminal Laws: CJI Commends a Historic Shift

The enactment of three pivotal criminal laws marks a profound shift in India's legal framework, as heralded by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud. Termed a "watershed moment," these laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam—are poised to revamp the nation's criminal justice system, replacing archaic statutes dating back to the colonial era. CJI Chandrachud's address underscores the significance of these legislative reforms, emphasizing their potential to streamline criminal trials and uphold the rights of both victims and accused. The BNSS, in particular, mandates expedited trial timelines and prompt delivery of judgments, offering a ray of hope amidst the perennial challenge of case backlog. However, the efficacy of these provisions hinges on adequate infrastructure and resource allocation, lest they remain mere aspirations on paper. Acknowledging the dynamic nature of legal systems, Justice Chandrachud advocates for an adaptive approach, urging stakeholders to embrace constructive critique and iterate upon existing frameworks. Central to this ethos is a commitment to justice and civil liberties, ensuring a delicate balance between victim welfare and the presumption of innocence. Incorporating provisions tailored for the digital age, the BNSS embodies a progressive stance towards combating contemporary crimes. Section 532's endorsement of electronic proceedings signifies a leap towards efficiency and accessibility in the legal sphere. Yet, amidst this digital transformation, safeguarding privacy rights emerges as a paramount concern, warranting meticulous attention to due process and data protection. The reforms prioritize victim empowerment, offering avenues for active participation and informed engagement throughout the judicial process. By facilitating access to case updates and digital evidence, the laws seek to restore agency and dignity to those affected by crime, fostering a culture of accountability and transparency. As India embarks on this transformative journey in justice administration, it is imperative to uphold the foundational principles of fairness and equity.

GUEST VIEW |

Green Building: A Sustainable Solution for a Greener Future

In the contemporary era, where individuals spend the majority of their lives indoors, the ethos of Green Building emerges as a vital strategy to combat climate change and environmental degradation. Green Buildings prioritize water and energy efficiency, waste reduction, and pollution minimization, offering occupants healthier living and working environments while curbing carbon emissions. In India, rapid urbanization exacerbates resource depletion and water scarcity, underscoring the urgency of embracing Green Building practices. By employing sustainable materials, implementing water management systems like rainwater harvesting, integrating energy-efficient designs, maximizing natural daylight, and promoting indoor greenery, Green Buildings not only mitigate environmental impact but also enhance occupant well-being. Through governmental support and community engagement, widespread adoption of Green Building principles can pave the way for a more sustainable future, preserving our planet's precious natural resources for generations to come. Green Building stands as a beacon of hope, guiding us towards a harmonious coexistence with nature.



Er Prabhat Kishore

India's economic landscape reflects a dynamic interplay of growth momentum, inflation dynamics, and global economic trends, shaping the trajectory of the nation's development. A multifaceted analysis of key indicators sheds light on the current state of the Indian economy and provides insights into its future prospects. The recent decline in the inflation rate, reaching a 10-month low of 4.85 percent in March 2024, marks a significant achievement in the nation's efforts to stabilize prices. This downward trend, from 5.09 percent in February and 5.1 percent in January, can be attributed to strategic interventions by the Central Government. Ahead of the general elections, the government reduced prices of essential commodities such as LPG and petrol, resulting in a notable 3.24 percent decrease in fuel and electricity prices compared to March 2023. Despite this positive development, retail inflation continues to hover slightly above the Reserve Bank of India's target of 4 percent, prompting cautious monetary

policy decisions. The central bank has opted to maintain interest rates unchanged at 6.5 percent for the seventh consecutive time in its bi-monthly monetary policy reviews, aiming to ensure stability while closely monitoring economic indicators.

Food inflation remains a persistent concern, albeit showing a marginal decline to 8.27 percent. The fluctuating prices of food items continue to impact consumers, with certain categories witnessing notable price increases. While edible oils experienced a significant decline of 11.72 percent, the prices of vegetables, pulses, spices, grains, eggs, meat, fish, and milk surged, underscoring ongoing challenges in managing food inflation.

On the industrial front, February 2024 witnessed a commendable 5.7 percent growth in industrial production, marking the highest growth rate in four months. Although slightly lower than the 6 percent growth recorded in February 2023, this uptick reflects renewed momentum in economic activities. Notably,



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mining production surged by 8 percent, indicating increased extraction activities, while the production of consumer durables witnessed a remarkable growth of 12.3 percent, signaling improved consumer demand and confidence.

Looking ahead, the monsoon forecast presents a ray of hope for sustained agricultural output and economic stability. Private weather forecasting agency Sky met predicts a normal monsoon season for India, with rainfall expected to be 102 percent of the long-period average (LPA). This favorable outlook, coupled with the transition from El Nino to La Nina, holds promising prospects for agricultural productivity and rural livelihoods.

The World Bank's upward revision of India's growth rate estimate for the financial year 2023-24 underscores the nation's resilience and potential for economic expansion. With the growth rate projected at 7.5 percent, up from the earlier estimate of 6.3 percent, India's industrial and service sectors are poised for robust performance. The anticipated increase

in GST revenues is expected to further bolster fiscal stability and government investments in key sectors.

In the global economic context, India stands out as a beacon of growth and opportunity amidst uncertain times. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecasts India's growth rate to outpace other major economies, with projections of 6.5 percent growth in fiscal years 2024 and 2025. In comparison, China's growth rate is estimated at 4.6 percent and 4.1 percent, while the USA's growth trajectory lags behind at 2.1 percent and 1.7 percent, respectively.

As India navigates through various economic challenges and opportunities, the nation's resilience, coupled with strategic policy interventions, is expected to sustain its growth momentum. With concerted efforts to address inflationary pressures, promote industrial growth, and leverage global economic trends, India is poised to emerge as a formidable player on the world stage, driving inclusive and sustainable development for its citizens.

Bitcoin Halving: Impact and Uncertainties

Bitcoin's latest halving event has brought significant changes to the cryptocurrency landscape, affecting miners and investors alike. by Wyattte Grantham- Philips



Bitcoin miners face uncertainty as the latest halving event reduces rewards | Photo: AP

Bitcoin's latest halving event has sent ripples through the cryptocurrency world, as miners face a 50% reduction in rewards, effectively slowing down the production of the world's largest digital currency. This highly anticipated event, occurring roughly every four years, has long-lasting implications not only for bitcoin's price but also for the day-to-day operations of miners and the broader cryptocurrency market. The halving process cuts the fixed income received by miners in half, thereby reducing the number of new bitcoins entering the market. With bitcoin's limited supply — only 21 million will ever exist — and more than 19.5 million already mined, the remaining supply dwindles, potentially leading to increased demand and upward price pressure. However, experts caution that past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results, and the impact of halving on bitcoin's price remains uncertain.

Following previous halvings, bitcoin's price experienced mixed reactions in the short term but ultimately saw significant gains one year

later. For instance, after the halving in May 2020, bitcoin's price surged from around \$8,602 to nearly \$56,705 by May 2021. However, experts emphasize that various market conditions contributed to these returns, and the correlation between halving events and price movements is complex.

The recent halving comes after a year of substantial growth for bitcoin, with its price reaching \$63,907 at the time of the event. While

down from the all-time high of approximately \$73,750, this price represents a significant increase compared to a year ago. The emergence of spot bitcoin exchange-traded funds (ETFs) has played a crucial role in driving investor interest and inflows into the cryptocurrency market.

Analysts anticipate that persistent ETF demand, combined with the supply shock resulting from halving, could further propel bitcoin's price. Some predictions sug-

gest gains reaching as high as \$400,000, although more conservative estimates range from \$100,000 to \$175,000. However, caution is advised, as JPMorgan analysts argue that the post-halving price increase may already be priced in, especially considering overbought conditions in bitcoin futures markets.

While investors speculate on price movements, miners face the challenge of adjusting to reduced rewards while managing operational costs.

The halving event can significantly impact a miner's profitability, particularly if bitcoin prices fail to rise sufficiently. Better-prepared miners may have already taken steps to improve energy efficiency or secure additional capital. However, less-efficient operations could face financial strain, leading to industry consolidation. The environmental impact of bitcoin mining, exacerbated by halving events, remains a concern. Crypto mining consumes substantial energy, and operations reliant on pollutive energy sources have drawn criticism. While definitive data on the environmental effects of halving is scarce, the broader issue of crypto's energy consumption underscores the need for sustainable mining practices.

In conclusion, bitcoin's halving event marks a significant milestone in the cryptocurrency's journey, with implications for miners, investors, and the environment. While the long-term effects remain uncertain, stakeholders must navigate the challenges and opportunities presented by this pivotal event in the ever-evolving world of digital currencies.

YOUR LETTERS

Administrative backbones

The Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS), and Indian Foreign Service (IFS) form the backbone of India's civil service, embodying principles of impartiality and non-partisanship. The NDA government's introduction of "lateral entry" has shown promise, but addressing bureaucratic challenges requires comprehensive solutions. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel hailed civil servants as the "steel of India" on April 21, 1947, marking the significance of National Civil Services Day observed on the same date.

Dr Ganapathi Bhat, Akola

Rupee's slide and inequality

Over the last decade, India's rupee has steadily depreciated against the dollar, plunging from Rs 59.44 in May 2014 to Rs 83.44 presently. Despite the country ranking third globally in billionaire count, a vast majority grapple with inaccessible quality education and healthcare. This stark socioeconomic disparity mirrors the rupee's diminishing value, portraying common people as increasingly undervalued compared to their affluent counterparts. As the rupee's worth erodes, so too does the purchasing power and well-being of the ordinary Indian citizen.

Sujit De, Kolkata

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Business



Role played by India during G-20 presidency appreciated at IMF and WB

Ajay Seth
Economic Affairs Secretary

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BEST OF THE REST

Q4 RESULTS

HDFC Bank posts Rs 17,257 cr profit for Q4; sets aside Rs 10,900 cr

MUMBAI: HDFC Bank reported a Rs 17,257.87 crore net profit for January-March on a consolidated basis, over 2 per cent higher than that in the preceding quarter. Its consolidated net profit for FY24 came at 64,060 crore. On a standalone basis, the country's largest private sector lender reported a net profit of Rs 16,511.85 crore in the January-March quarter as against Rs 16,372.54 crore in the October-December quarter. In July 2023, the bank merged its home loan-focused parent HDFC into itself. The city-headquartered bank set aside over Rs 10,900 crore in floating provisions towards any setbacks in the future, courtesy Rs 7,340 crore gain on the sale of education loans focused Credila to private equity majors. HDFC Bank chief financial officer Srinivasan Vaidyanathan told reporters that floating provisions are created during benign times like the current phase, and stressed that it is not done in anticipation of any event. **PTI**

PASSENGER SAFETY

Digi Yatra users' data safe; info stored only in individual's mobile device

NEW DELHI: Digi Yatra does not store the personally identifiable information of passengers and the personal data of the Indian users are safe and secure, the Digi Yatra Foundation said amid persisting concerns over the privacy of user data. "Digi Yatra technology infrastructure is being scaled up with intention to expand coverage from 15 airports to 28 airports by the end of April 2024," the foundation said in a detailed statement. Based on Facial Recognition Technology (FRT), Digi Yatra provides for contactless, seamless movement of passengers at various checkpoints at airports. Emphasising that Digi Yatra is built on the concept of Self Sovereign Identity, the foundation said the Digi Yatra Central Ecosystem (DYCE) never stores any of the ID credentials data, which has Personally Identifiable Information (PII) anywhere in any central repository. **PTI**



Apple CEO Tim Cook observes student activities during a school visit in Hanoi, Vietnam.

'India becoming a hub for travel between SE Asia & Middle East'

IndiGo Airlines started off as a low-cost airline in 2006 and has made the largest single order in the aviation industry by ordering 500 aircrafts in France.

Press Trust of India

CHENNAI: India is slowly becoming a convenient hub for travel between Southeast Asia and the Middle East as airlines prefer to transfer people by connecting through Indian cities, a top industry official said. There is huge growth in India and many domestic routes are used by airlines for connectivity, V Sumantran, the Chairman of the Board of Directors

of InterGlobe Aviation Ltd (IndiGo Airlines) said here.

Delivering his address at the 65th Institute Day of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, he said that IndiGo Airlines started off as a low-cost airline in 2006 and has made the largest single order in the aviation industry by ordering 500 aircrafts in France.

"India is slowly becoming a convenient hub for travel between South East Asia and the Middle East."

NUMBER

220%

• We have about 140 operating airports now and that would become 220 by 2030

• An order of 500 aircraft that is the single largest aircraft order ever made in aviation history

"So, there is huge growth that we can see coming out of this which has boldly allowed us to place an order of 500 aircraft that is the single largest aircraft order ever made in aviation history," he said.

"India needed an airline that will provide affordable travel for many of us and the net result we can see. Even now we see India really moving forward with a lot more speed on infrastructure develop-

ment. We have about 140 operating airports now and that would become 220 by 2030. We are seeing a huge increase in regional travel," Sumantran, an IIT-Madras alumni, said. IndiGo is a very young airline by global airline standards.

But the entire platform of IndiGo has been affordable fares, courteous service, on-time performance, and a "very well networked" route system which India needed, he said.

| AUTO SALES |

Expect rural sales contribution at record levels this fiscal: Hyundai

Press Trust of India

We are confident that contribution from rural markets to our total sales will grow further to around 20 per cent

NEW DELHI: Hyundai Motor India expects sales contribution from rural areas to remain at record levels in the current fiscal as well on account of various factors including anticipation of a favourable monsoon, according to a senior company executive.

The country's second-largest automaker, which sells models like Creta and Venue, reported 11 per cent growth in rural areas last fiscal as compared to 4 per cent in urban centres. "We are confident that the contri-



Actor Shah Rukh Khan with Hyundai's all-electric SUV 'IONIQ 5'.

FASTFACT

• Reported 11 per cent growth in rural areas last fiscal

• Automaker plans to further expand its presence in smaller towns as it firmly believes that for the nation to prosper

but from rural markets to our total sales will grow further to around 20 per cent this financial year," Hyundai Motor India COO Tarun Garg told PTI.

The automaker plans to further expand its presence in smaller towns as it firmly believes that for the nation to prosper, both rural and urban regions must grow

in tandem, he added. Garg noted that rural sales accounted for an all-time high of 19 per cent of the company's total sales in FY23.

Hyundai Motor India registered its highest ever total sales of 7,77,876 units in 2023-24 with a year-on-year growth of 8 per cent over the 2022-23 fiscal.

Direct tax collections exceed estimates in FY24; jump 18 per cent

NEW DELHI: India's net direct tax collections surged by a massive 17.7 per cent year-on-year to Rs 19.58 crore in the fiscal year ended March 2024, surpassing even revised estimates by a wide margin, the tax department said on Sunday. Net collections of income and corporate taxes, which make up for most of the direct taxes, in 2023-24 financial year exceeded the Budget estimates by Rs 1.35 lakh crore (7.40 per cent) and the revised estimates by Rs 13,000 crore. The government had raised the target for direct tax collection in FY24 (April 2023 to March 2024) to Rs 19.45 lakh crore in the interim Budget presented on February 1. With this, the gross tax collection target as per the revised estimate stood at Rs 34.37 lakh crore for FY24.

| JEWELLERY EXPORT |

Gems, jeweller exports in FY24 dip by 12.17 pc

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Gems and jewellery exports in FY23 stood at Rs 3,01,925.97 crore (USD 37,646.17 million), according to GJEPC data. "The last financial year was very challenging for all product categories. This was mainly due to slowdown in the US, India's biggest export market in the segment, due to high interest rates.

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Also, slow recovery in China post Covid-19," GJEPC chairman Vipul Shah told PTI. Meanwhile, the overall exports of Cut and Polished diamonds declined by 25.23 per cent during FY24 to Rs 1,32,128.29 crores (USD 15,966.47 million) compared to Rs 1,76,716.06 crores (USD 22,046.9 million) for the same period of previous year.

Market Analysis

Q4 earnings, global trends major triggers for markets this week: Analysts



NEW DELHI: Worries related to the Iran-Israel conflict, quarterly earnings and foreign investors' trading activity are the key factors that would dictate stock markets this week, analysts said. Besides, trends in Brent crude oil and movement of the rupee against the dollar will also be crucial factors. This week will be crucial for the market amid ongoing worries about the conflict between Iran and Israel, said Praveesh Gour, Senior Technical Analyst, Swastika Investmart Ltd. "If tensions escalate significantly, there's a risk of panic sell-

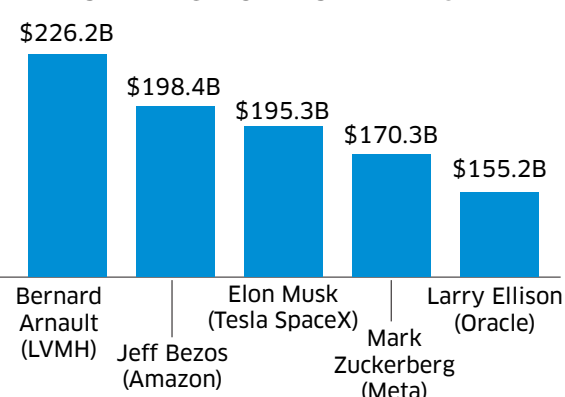
ing and increased volatility across global stock markets. Moreover, the market will be keeping a close eye on fluctuations in crude oil prices, as geopolitical events frequently impact them. "Investors will also be watching for important earnings of Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Nestle, Bajaj Finserv, HCL Technologies and Maruti," Gour said. HDFC Bank on Saturday reported a 2.11 per cent growth in consolidated net profit to Rs 17,622.38 crore for the March 2024 quarter against Rs 17,257.87 crore in the preceding December quarter.

The Day's NUMBERS

Net Worth of the world's richest people

Source: Statista

WORLD RICHEST PEOPLE IN 2024



NEW PRICES

Ola Electric announces new prices; enters mass-market segment

BENGALURU: Ola Electric announced new prices for its S1 X portfolio along with the delivery details of the scooters. The S1 X is available in three battery configurations; 2 kWh, 3 kWh, and 4 kWh and would now be priced at Rs 69,999 (introductory price), Rs 84,999, and Rs 99,999, respectively. The deliveries of S1 X will begin starting next week. The company also announced new prices of S1 Pro, S1 Air, and S1 X+, which would now be available at INR 1,29,999, INR 1,04,999, and INR 84,999. Additionally, all S1 scooters come with 8-year/80,000 km complimentary battery warranty at no extra cost. Announcing the new prices, Ola spokesperson said: "We believe India's EV industry has reached an inflection point with the EV penetration in the 2W segment at an all-time high last month. Our S1 X portfolio now addresses the high upfront cost of EVs which is one of the major barriers to EV adoption.

PRICE CUT

Tesla cuts US prices for 3 of its electric vehicle models



WASHINGTON: Tesla knocked USD 2,000 off the prices of three of its five models in the United States late Friday, another sign of the challenges facing the electric vehicle maker led by billionaire Elon Musk. The company cut the prices of the Model Y, a small SUV which is Tesla's most popular model and the top-selling electric vehicle in the US, and also of the Models X and S, its older and more expensive models. Prices for the Model 3 sedan and the Cybertruck stayed the same. The cuts reduced the starting price for a Model Y to USD 42,990 and to USD 72,990 for a Model S. **PTI**



'Won't allow
democracy to fail'
Ex J'khand CM
Hemant Soren

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

APOLOGY

Hubballi murder: Accused's father apologises to Neha's family

HUBBALLI: Demanding maximum punishment for his son, the father of 23-year-old Fayaz, who allegedly killed the daughter of a Congress councillor inside a college campus in Hubballi, has apologised to the victim's family and said his son should be given strict punishment.

Baba Saheb Subani, a school teacher and Fayaz's father told media on Saturday that he came to know about the incident around 6 pm on Thursday and was completely shocked and shattered with his son's act. "He (Fayaz) should be punished in a way that no one dares to do such a thing in future. With folded hands, I apologise to Neha's family members.

PROTEST

PCMSA announces strike on Apr 22 against assault on doc

HOSHIARPUR: The Punjab Civil Medical Services Association on Saturday announced that it will hold a statewide strike on April 22 to protest against the recent assault of a senior medical officer here.

Dr Sunil Bhagat, Senior Medical Officer, ESI (Employees State Insurance Scheme) Hospital, Hoshiarpur was allegedly assaulted by the attendant of a patient on Thursday.

President of PCMSA, Dr Akhil Sarin, said the strike intends to convey resentment and concern within the medical community following the attack, which has resulted in Bhagat being hospitalised in a critical condition.

From around the web on India

104 roads blocked in Himachal after widespread rain, snowfall; MeT sounds yellow alert



SHIMLA: Normal life was disrupted in Himachal Pradesh on Saturday as higher reaches received snowfall and rain lash mid and lower hills, blocking 104 roads and three national highways, officials said.

The vehicular movement to Keylong was suspended due to a massive landslide at the Selfie Point near Sissu on Manali-Keylong highway, they said.

As many as 104 roads, including 99 in Lahaul and Spiti, are closed due to snowfall, according to the state emergency operation centre.

Movement on Gramphu-Losar, Darcha-Sarchu and Rohtang Pass were

blocked in Lahaul and Spiti, it said.

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has deployed men and machinery to clear the blockade and traffic is expected to resume in next two to three hours, a spokesman of BRO said.

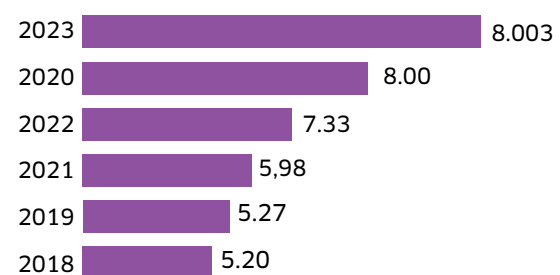
The local meteorological station has issued a yellow warning of thunderstorm at isolated places on April 22 and 23.

It has forecast rain in mid hills and rain and snowfall in higher reaches for the next six days from April 21 to April 26 as a fresh western disturbance is likely to affect northwest India from April 22.

The Day's NUMBERS

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) IN INDIA

GRADUAL INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BARRING 2020



MISHAP

Minor among four killed in wall collapse in Gurugram

GURUGRAM: Four people, including a minor girl, were buried alive after a wall of a cremation ground collapsed on them in the Arjun Nagar area here on Saturday, police said.

Two people were injured in the incident that took place at around 6.20 pm, they said. The caretaker and management committee members of the Madanpuri cremation ground are on the run, police said, adding a case of death by negligence has been lodged. The incident was captured on a CCTV camera installed near the ground. In the footage, some residents of the Arjun Nagar colony, whose houses are behind the cremation ground, can be seen sitting on chairs near the boundary wall when suddenly, it comes crashing down. The six people, including two minor girls, were buried under the debris of the 20-foot by 15-foot wall as some people standing nearby came to their rescue and also called police, they said.

REVIEW

LG reviews underground cabling proj for Amarnath cave shrine

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday chaired a meeting of the Power Development department and reviewed among other things the progress on the underground cabling project for grid connectivity of the Amarnath cave shrine, an official spokesman said. The meeting was attended among others by Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo, Principal Secretary Finance department Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary Power Development department H Rajesh Prasad and Principal Secretary to Lt Governor Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, the spokesman said. They also discussed various matters pertaining to power supply during the summer months, he said. The spokesman said that they discussed the progress on underground cabling project for the Grid connectivity of the 3,880 meter high holy cave shrine of Amarnath (from Rayil Pathri to Holy Cave along Baltal route and from Sangam top to Panjtarni along Pahalgam route).



Jain devotees take part in a religious procession, in Nagpur

JNU has problem of 'freeloaders', overstaying students, illegal guests

Herself an alumna of the university, the 61-year-old Vice Chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Panditsaid the issue was there even when she was a student but it has increased now.

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has a problem of "freeloaders" -- both overstaying students and illegal guests -- and the administration is now tightening the noose on them, according to its Vice Chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit.

In an interaction with PTI editors at the agency's headquarters, Pan-

dit said she has issued strict instructions to the hostel administration not to allow any student to stay in hostels beyond five years.

In response to a question on allegations of JNU having seen freeloaders stay on campus at the cost of taxpayer money, Pandit said, "You are absolutely right, we have a problem of freeloaders."

Herself an alumna

HIGHLIGHT

● JNU is making push for CCTVs on campus and make carrying IDs compulsory

● Students will not allow to stay in hostels beyond five years

of the university, the 61-year-old said the issue was there even when she was a student but it has increased now.

"When I was there, we had many students who stayed over but the number of such students was very low... JNU creates certain illusions too... certain students... want everything free and subsidised... even the Lok Sabha canteen is costlier than the JNU canteen but in our times, teachers were very strict," she said. "The professor supervising my research told me if you don't com-

plete it in four-and-a-half years, you are out. I knew he wouldn't sign my fellowship extension... I think this has changed over the years. Certain professors permitted such extensions and that's how the number has gone up today," Pandit said. Pandit pursued her MPhil and PhD from JNU from 1985-1990 after finishing her master's degree from Presidency College in Chennai.

| CLASH OF THOUGHTS |

Won't abide by ECI to remove 'Hindu' from party anthem

Press Trust of India

MUMBAI: Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday said he has received a notice from the Election Commission of India (ECI) to remove the words "Jai Bhavani" and "Hindu" from his party's new anthem, but he won't abide by it.

Addressing a press conference here, Thackeray said asking for the removal of "Jai Bhavani" from the anthem was an insult to Maharashtra. Thackeray said his party has come up with an anthem to popularise its new poll symbol, "mashal" (flaming torch), and the ECI has asked for the removal of the words "Hindu" and "Jai Bhavani" from it. "Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj founded Hindavi Swaraj with the blessings of goddess Tulja Bhavani. We are not asking for votes in the name of the goddess or Hindu religion. This is



Uddhav Thackeray during a press conference. PTI PHOTO

FACTFILE

● Uddhav Thackeray was barred from contesting polls for he campaigned for Hindutva

an insult and will not be tolerated," Thackeray said. The Sena UBT chief said he will continue the practice of saying "Jai Bhavani" and "Jai Shivaji" in his public meetings. "If the poll body takes action against us, they

will have to tell us what they did when Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who while campaigning for the Karnataka assembly elections, had asked people to say Jai Bajrang Bali and press the button on EVMs.

| WEDDING TRAGEDY

Nine dead in road crash in Jhalawar, 3 of them brothers

Press Trust of India

KOTA: Nine men returning from a wedding died in a road incident in Rajasthan's Jhalawar when the car they were in collided head-on with a truck early Sunday, an officer said.

The men, all of them aged 16-30, were



Among the victims were Rohit, Sonu, and Deepak, all of them brothers

Sandeep Vishoni
Eklera Police Station SHO

returning from a wedding in Dungri village of Madhya Pradesh. Among the victims were Rohit, 22, 16, Sonu, 22, and Deepak, 24, all of them brothers, Eklera Police Station SHO Sandeep Vishoni said. The other victims were identified as Ashok, 24, Hemraj, 33, Ravishankar,

25, and Rahul, 20, all of them from Bagari Mohalla of Jhalawar's Eklera village, he said. Rohit, 22, and Ramkishan, 20, who too died in the incident, were from Khanpur area of Jhalawar and Harnawda in Baran district. Manish Bagari, 18, is undergoing treatment in a critical state.



I want to run London like a 'seasoned CEO'
Tarun Gulati
 Candidate for Mayor of London

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

HELICOPTER CRASH

Two Japanese navy helicopters crash in Pacific Ocean during training

TOKYO: Two Japanese navy helicopters carrying eight crew members crashed in the Pacific Ocean south of Tokyo during nighttime training in a possible collision, leaving one dead while rescuers on Sunday searched for seven others missing, the defence minister said. The two SH-60K choppers from the Maritime Self-Defence Force were carrying four crew each and lost contact late Saturday near Torishima island, about 600 kilometres south of Tokyo, Defence Minister Minoru Kihara told reporters. The cause of the crash was not immediately known, but officials believe the two helicopters "highly likely" collided before crashing into the water, Kihara said. The navy chief of staff, Adm. Ryo Sakai, said training involving the SH-60s will be suspended until the cause of the crash is determined and preventive measures are adopted. **PTI**

MIGRATION-POLICIES

Why many policies to lower migration actually increase it



LONDON: Every spring and summer, when the weather improves, the numbers of people trying to cross the Mediterranean to Europe drastically increase, sometimes tripling. Distressing photos and headlines dominate front pages, and politicians stoke negative narratives about migration. People migrate for many reasons: safety, work, education, family or adventure. Even though politicians like to divide migrants into neat categories, such as refugees and economic migrants, the messy reality is that most people moving fit into several categories at once. **PTI**

From Around the World

Massive avalanche triggers overflow in Birendra lake, prompts precautionary measures



KATHMANDU: A massive avalanche descended from the slopes of Mt Manaslu on Sunday morning, cascading into Birendra Lake situated below the peak in northern Nepal, triggering its overflow.

There is no report of any damage or casualty as the site is situated away from human settlement, officials said. However, the resultant surge has led to a significant rise in the water levels of the river, Home Ministry spokesperson Narayan Prasad Bhattarai said.

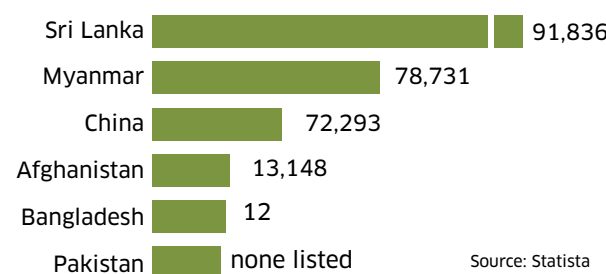
The Home Ministry has issued a precautionary notice to residents living near downstream areas of the river and also issued a warning to the people residing in the vicinity of Budhigandaki River in Gorkha to remain alert due to the potential ramifications of heightened water flow, he said.

Bhattarai said the flood may result in a significant loss and "amidst this possibility, we have appealed to the people in the affected areas to take preventive measures on time".

The Day's NUMBERS

Refugee/asylum-seeker populations in India from most common countries and CAA countries of origin

INDIA SEES RELATIVELY FEW REFUGEES FROM CAA COUNTRIES



ELECTIONS

Polish voters choose mayors in hundreds of cities in runoff election

WARSAW (POLAND): Polish voters are casting ballots on Sunday to choose mayors in hundreds of cities and towns where no candidate won outright in the first round of the country's local elections two weeks ago. Mayors will be chosen in a total of 748 places, including in the cities of Krakow, Poznan, Rzeszow and Wroclaw. Those are places where no single candidate won at least 50 per cent of the vote during the first round of elections on April 7.

The local and regional elections are being viewed as a test for the pro-European Union government of Prime Minister Donald Tusk four months after it took power at the national level. Tusk's party did well in big cities including Warsaw, where his party's candidate, Rafal Trzaskowski, easily won re-election as mayor two weeks ago. However, Tusk failed to win a decisive victory overall. **PTI**

ACCIDENT

Tram accident: 15 people suffer minor injuries



LOS ANGELES: A tram accident at Universal Studios Hollywood in Los Angeles injured 15 people on Saturday night, authorities and the company said. Los Angeles County Fire Department units were dispatched to the theme park on Lankershim Boulevard shortly after 9 p.m., the department said in a social media post. The victims taken to area hospitals had minor injuries, the department said. A Universal Studios Hollywood spokesperson emailed a statement to The Associated Press confirming there were "multiple minor injuries" from an accident involving a tram at the theme park. **PTI**



Competitors climb the Tsena Refien pass during the 24th Glacier Patrol race in the Swiss Alps between Arolla and Verbier, Switzerland | Photo: PTI

Ukrainian and Western leaders laud US aid package

US House of Representatives swiftly approved \$95 bn in foreign aid for Ukraine, Israel and other allies in a rare Saturday session as Democrats and Republicans banded together

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HIGHLIGHT

● **Kremlin warned that passage of bill for aid would "further ruin" Ukraine and cause more deaths**

● **Democrats, Republicans banded together after months of hard-right resistance over renewed American support**

hard-right resistance over renewed American support for repelling Russia's invasion. With an overwhelming vote, the \$61

billion in aid for Ukraine passed in a matter of minutes. Many Democrats cheered on the House floor and waved Ukrainian flags. Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who had warned that his country would lose the war without US funding, said that he was grateful for the decision of US lawmakers. "We appreciate every sign of support for our country and its independence, people and way of life, which Russia is attempting to bury under the rubble," he wrote on

social media site X. "America has demonstrated its leadership since the first days of this war. Exactly this type of leadership is required to maintain a rules-based international order and predictability for all nations," he said.

The Ukrainian president noted that his country's "warriors on the front lines" would feel the benefit of the aid package. One such "warrior" is infantry soldier Oleksandr, fighting around Avdiivka, the city in the Donetsk region that Ukraine lost to Russia in

February after months of intense combat.

"For us it's so important to have this support from the US and our partners," Oleksandr told The Associated Press. He did not give his full name for security reasons. "With this we can stop them and reduce our losses. It's the first step to have the possibility to liberate our territory."

Ammunition shortages linked to the aid holdup over the past six months have led Ukrainian military commanders to ration shells.

IRAN-ISRAEL CONFLICT

Oil, LNG prices may shoot up

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Oil and LNG prices are likely to shoot up if Iran is to block Strait of Hormuz, through which countries like India import crude oil from Saudi Arabia, Iraq and UAE.



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The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow sea passage between Oman and Iran. It is about 40 km wide at the narrowest point, with 2 km of navigable channels for incoming and outgoing ships. It is the key route through which crude oil is exported by Saudi Arabia (6.3 million barrels per day), the UAE,

million bpd) and Iran (1.3 million bpd). Oil flow via the Strait was 21 million barrels per day or 21 per cent of global oil consumption in 2022. Also, about 20 per cent of global LNG trade moves through it, including almost all LNG exports from Qatar and the UAE.

Unlike oil, for which alternative routes via the

FASTFACTS

● **Iran first launched drone and rocket attacks on Israel, which retaliated by firing a missile**

● **Crude oil prices have hovered around USD 90 per barrel since the conflict**

Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq (3.3

Red Sea are available, no alternative routes are available for liquefied natural gas, it said.

India, which is more than 85 per cent dependent on overseas suppliers to meet its crude oil needs, imports oil from Saudi, Iraq and UAE as well as liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Qatar through the Strait of Hormuz.

In the event of blockade of the Strait, "we anticipate materially higher crude oil prices, refining margins, and spot LNG prices", it said.

While alternative routes do exist, they may only be able to accommodate a fraction (around 7-8 million bpd of crude oil/refined products) of the volume currently passing through the Strait (21 million bpd), and that too at elevated freight costs.

HAITI-SURVIVAL-MODE

Haitians scramble to survive, seeking food, water

Press Trust of India

PORT AU PRINCE: As the sun sets, a burly man bellows into a megaphone while a curious crowd gathers around him. Next to him is a small cardboard box with several banknotes worth 10 Haitian gourdes - about 7 US cents.

"Everyone give whatever they have!" the

man shouts as he grabs the arms and hands of people entering a neighbourhood in the capital of Port-au-Prince that has been targeted by violent gangs. The community recently voted to buy a metal barricade and install it themselves to try to protect residents from the unrelenting violence that killed or injured more than 2,500 peo-



ple in Haiti from January to March. "Every day I wake up and find a dead body," said Noun-Carme Manoune, an immigration officer. Life in Port-au-Prince has become a game of survival, pushing Haitians to new limits as they scramble to stay safe and alive while gangs overwhelm the police and the government remains largely absent.



Wellness

WELLNESS

Why Home Gyms Prevail Over Traditional Gym Memberships

Home gyms are effective than traditional gym, Unparalleled Convenience, Comfort



Convenient Anytime Fitness, Personalized Fitness Spaces, Home Gyms Privacy and Savings, Empowering Fitness Journeys



You have the freedom to choose equipment that aligns with your workout routine

found in public gym environments. Financially, investing in a home gym offers long-term savings and flexibility. While traditional gym memberships often come with recurring monthly fees, a home gym allows you to make a one-time investment in equipment tailored to your preferences and fitness goals. You have the freedom to choose equipment that aligns with your workout routine, whether you're focusing on strength training, cardio, flexibility, or a combination of disciplines, without being limited by the offerings of a commercial gym. Additionally, the sense of ownership and empowerment that comes with customizing your home gym fosters a deeper commitment to your fitness journey, creating a space that is uniquely yours to pursue your health and wellness goals.

2024's Gemstone Duo Trend: Elevating Elegance with Mesmerizing Harmony!

Discover the allure of gemstone duos, where the marriage of two vibrant gems creates exquisite pieces that mesmerize with their harmony of colors and textures. Take, for instance, the Oval Ruby and Diamond Pendant—a true masterpiece that effortlessly blends elegance and style. Its captivating contrast of hues draws the eye, making it the perfect accessory for any occasion, elevating your look with timeless grace and sophistication.



INTERIOR DESIGN

Revolutionizing office design with cutting-edge trends: Interior 2024



Step into the future of workplace design with the trends poised to redefine interiors in 2024. From biophilic elements bringing the outdoors in to flexible spaces encouraging collaboration, these trends promise to set the gold standard for office aesthetics. Embrace the fusion of functionality and style as ergonomic furniture meets sleek, modern design, creating environments that inspire creativity and productivity.

Health Tips

Summer sizzles with our zesty Indian recipes, taste the season's bold flavors and beat the heat in style!

Mango Lassi

ingredients
Ripe mango, yogurt, milk, sugar (optional), cardamom powder, ice cubes.

How to make it:
Blend ripe mango, yogurt, milk, sugar (if desired), and a pinch of cardamom powder until smooth. Add ice cubes and blend again until frothy. Serve chilled.



Cucumber Raita

ingredients
Grated cucumber, yogurt, roasted cumin powder, chopped mint leaves, salt, roasted cumin seeds for garnish.

How to make it:
Mix grated cucumber, yogurt, roasted cumin powder, chopped mint leaves, and salt in a bowl. Garnish with roasted cumin seeds before serving. Serve chilled as a refreshing side dish.



chickpea Salad

ingredients
Boiled chickpeas, chopped tomatoes, chopped onions, chopped green chilies, chopped coriander leaves, chaat masala, lemon juice, salt.

How to make it:
Mix boiled chickpeas with chopped tomatoes, onions, green chilies, and coriander leaves. Season with chaat masala, lemon juice, and salt. Toss well and serve chilled.



Minty Lemonade (Pudina Shikanji)

ingredients
Fresh mint leaves, lemon juice, sugar, black salt, roasted cumin powder, chilled water, ice cubes.

How to make it:
Blend fresh mint leaves with lemon juice, sugar, black salt, and roasted cumin powder until smooth. Strain the mixture and mix with chilled water. Serve over ice cubes for a refreshing drink.



Spicy Corn Chaat

ingredients
Boiled corn kernels, chopped onions, chopped tomatoes, chopped green chilies, chopped coriander leaves, chaat masala, lemon juice, salt.

How to make it:
Mix boiled corn kernels with chopped onions, tomatoes, green chilies, and coriander leaves. Season with chaat masala, lemon juice, and salt. Toss well and serve immediately.



Paneer Tikka

ingredients
Paneer cubes, yogurt, ginger-garlic paste, lemon juice, garam masala, turmeric powder, red chili powder, salt, chopped bell peppers, onions, cherry tomatoes.

How to make it:
Marinate paneer cubes in a mixture of yogurt, ginger-garlic paste, lemon juice, garam masala, turmeric powder, red chili powder, and salt. Thread marinated paneer cubes onto skewers with chopped bell peppers, onions, and cherry tomatoes. Grill until paneer is golden brown and vegetables are tender. Serve hot with mint chutney, an almost noiseless operation with less than 45 dB. It helps in treating ortho pains also.



| WOMAN SELF-BEING |

The Hidden Health Crisis of Women's Self-Silencing

Beyond the surface of smiles and stoicism lies a silent epidemic silently ravaging the health of women worldwide.

Despite significant progress in the realm of gender equality, a troubling reality persists: women continue to bear a disproportionate burden of health challenges, ranging from autoimmune disorders to mental health issues, when compared to men. This concerning trend highlights a pervasive issue deeply ingrained in societal dynamics: the habit of self-silencing.

women frequently find themselves stifling their voices, suppressing their needs, and burying their emotions. This habit of self-silencing exacts a heavy toll on their overall well-being, often leading to profound consequences. This silent struggle reveals itself through staggering statistics. Nearly 80% of autoimmune disease cases are diagnosed in women, while they experience double the rate of depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) compared to men. These disparities underscore the urgent need to address the underlying factors contributing to women's health challenges. Amidst the clamor for change, it is essential to recognize the insidious nature of self-silencing. This phenomenon not only



Despite strides in gender equality, women face disproportionate health challenges due to self-silencing. It's time for change. #BreakTheSilence #GenderEquality

perpetuates gender inequalities but also exacerbates health disparities, hindering women from seeking the support and resources they need. Join us in acknowledging the silent struggles that many women endure, and let us work together to create a future where every voice is heard, every need is validated, and every woman can thrive.



We are not getting too far ahead of ourselves. It is very enjoyable. It is nice to be here and play well.

Travis Head
SRH cricketer

Gukesh takes sole lead after outwitting Alireza



Grandmaster D. Gukesh shot into sole lead at the FIDE Candidates 2024 chess tournament. | Photo: PTI

If the 17-year-old from Chennai emerges victorious at the Candidates, he will take on China's Ding Liren for the world champion's crown.

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TORONTO: Teenaged Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh shot into sole lead after defeating Firouzja Alireza of France in the 13th and penultimate round of Candidates' Chess tournament here, his quest for the extraordinary placing him on the cusp of becoming the youngest ever world championship contender.

If the 17-year-old from Chennai emerges victorious at the Candidates, he will take on China's Ding Liren for the world champion's crown. In the women's event, Humpy Koneru drew with Anna Muzychuk while Vaishali Rameshbabu got the better of Lei Tingjie. The 22-year-old Vaishali has now registered four consecutive wins in her last four games. Needing a win

HIGHLIGHT

● In the women's section, Zhongyi Tan took a full point lead over nearest rival and compatriot Tingjie Lei following a draw with top seed Russian Aleksandra.

● Gukesh took his tally to 8.5 points out of a possible 13.

to go ahead after the other overnight leaders, Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi and American Hikaru Nakamura played out a quick draw, Gukesh was awarded for his perseverance as he capitalised on a late blunder by Alireza in a difficult situation. Gukesh took his tally to 8.5 points out of a possible 13 to emerge a half point ahead of Nepomniachtchi, Nakamura and

Fabiano Caruana of the United States.

R Praggnanandhaa and Vidit Gujrathi share the fifth spot on six points apiece with Firouzja on 4.5 and Abasov has 3.5 points. Of the three players in pursuit, Caruana defeated Praggnanandhaa in a hard-fought game while Gujrathi could only get a draw with Nijat Abasov of Azerbaijan.

Ramit Tandon stuns Croin in squash qualifiers

NEW DELHI: India's Ramit Tandon notched up a stunning 3-1 win over French world No 11 Victor Croin in the second round of the El Gouna International Open, a USD 198,000 prize money PSA Platinum squash event, in El Gouna, Egypt. The world No 40 Tandon, who has a direct entry to the World Championships to be played in Egypt next month, won 11-9, 12-10, 8-11, 11-5 in 52 minutes for his second victory in five meetings over the Frenchman. Tandon will meet Peruvian World No 3 Diego Elias in the third round. Elias has won both his previous meetings against the Indian. Tandon had beaten Egyptian world No 62 Aly Hussein 11-6, 11-9, 11-5 in the first round of the 48-player draw.

Balraj Panwar secures India's first quota in rowing

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India will thus have a solitary entry in rowing at the quadrennial extravaganza slated for July 26.

NEW DELHI: Balraj Panwar secured India's first Paris Olympics quota in rowing by finishing third in the men's single scull event of the 2024 World Asian and Oceanian Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Regatta in Chungju, South Korea on Sunday.

The 25-year-old Indian Army rower, who narrowly missed out on a bronze in his maiden appearance at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China last year, clocked 7:01.27 minutes to finish



Balraj Panwar finishing third in the men's single scull event. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

● Arjun Lal and Arvind Singh represented the country in men's lightweight double scull at Tokyo Olympics and returned with an 11th place finish.

third in the 2000m race and seal the quota. In the men's single scull, the top five make the Olympics cut. In the men's lightweight double sculls, where India participated at the last Olympics in Tokyo, the country failed

to qualify. In an event where the top-two earn the quota, the Indian duo of Ujjwal Kumar and Arvind Singh finished third. India will thus have a solitary entry in rowing at the quadrennial extravaganza slated from July 26.

TENNIS

Two-time major champion Muguruza retires

Press Trust of India

MADRID: Two-time major champion Garbiñe Muguruza announced she's retiring from professional tennis at age 30 after an extended time away from the court. "I feel that it is time to retire and open up a new chapter in my life," the former world No. 1 told a news conference in Madrid

on Saturday. Muguruza beat Serena Williams in the 2016 French Open final and Venus Williams in the 2017 Wimbledon final, making her the only player to defeat each Williams sister in a Grand Slam title match. The Spanish player earned 10 career titles and was also the runner-up at 2015 Wimbledon and the 2020 Australian Open.

I am proud of what I have achieved, for having stuck to reaching my goals even through the tough times.

Garbiñe Muguruza
Tennis player



She earned nearly \$25 million in prize money – 13th on the all-time list – and finished with a win-loss record of 449-238. Her last important victory was the 2021 ATP Finals. "The word retirement" sounds very harsh to be because I am only 30 years old, but I have achieved so much since I started playing 25 years ago," she said.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

CRICKET

You cannot always rely on Virat Kohli, says Varun Aaron

NEW DELHI: It's high time India's domestic players step up for Royal Challengers Bengaluru this IPL season and reduce the dependence on Virat Kohli, former India pacer Varun Aaron said on Sunday. Kohli has been the standout performer for RCB this IPL season and is the current Orange Cap holder with 361 runs in 7 innings. His strike rate is 147.34, with the highest score being 113 not out. Speaking to Star Sports, Aaron said, "It's just that RCB are not finding the rhythm, the domestic players are just not stepping up." The 34-year-old Aaron, who announced his retirement from first-class cricket earlier this year, added, "If you have to be anywhere at the top of the table or the middle of the table at this point of the table, you have to have domestic players who are firing and you cannot always rely on Virat Kohli. **PTI**

PARIS GAMES

Flop show by India's Greco Roman wrestlers at Asian Qualifiers

BISHKEK: India's Greco Roman wrestlers cut a sorry figure at the Asian Olympic Qualifier here on Sunday as none of them could secure a berth for the Paris Games. Sunil, competing in 87kg category, was the only Indian who managed to win a bout while others were eliminated after losing their first rounds. Sunil beat a tough Japanese rival Soh Sakabe 5-1. The Indian got the opportunity from 'Par Terre' position and logged four points with two gut wrench moves.

In his quarterfinal against Uzbekistan's Jalgasbay Berdimuratov, the Indian saved himself brilliantly after being lifted by his rival from ground position, and even led the bout for some time. Twice the points awarded to him were taken back after the Uzbek camp successfully challenged the referee's decisions. Eventually, Sunil lost 2-4 to bow out of the race for qualification. **PTI**

IPL battle

Watched a lot of Kuldeep Yadav's videos, did simulation, says Abhishek Sharma



NEW DELHI: Thoroughly dissecting Kuldeep Yadav's bowling videos and doing match simulation by facing left-arm wrist spinners in the nets went a long way in helping Abhishek Sharma annihilate the India international during Sunrisers Hyderabad's 67-run victory over Delhi Capitals in an IPL game here. Abhishek smashed 46 off just 12 balls with half a dozen of sixes and four of them came off Kuldeep's deliveries. Kuldeep has been DC's most consistent bowler with his guile

and variations troubling the batters, but Abhishek went back and forth to disturb his length and forced him to go flatter. So what was his preparation like for Kuldeep? "Personally, I always try to plan really well for the spinners and the main bowlers of the other team and this year... this match also, I was very careful with Kuldeep because I know he is their main bowler and I've been watching his videos," the Punjab state team skipper said after the match. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

LA LIGA TOP SCORERS FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON TILL 12.10.23

Lionel Messi	28
Karim Benzema	25
Luis Suarez	21
Gerard Moreno	20
Youssef En-Nesyri	19

OLYMPIC HOCKEY

HI names 28-member core probable group for men's camp ahead of Olympics

NEW DELHI: Hockey India on Sunday announced a 28-member core probable group for the men's national coaching camp to iron out the flaws ahead of the Paris Olympics. The camp commenced on Sunday and will last till May 13 at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru. The team returns to camp after suffering a 0-5 loss in a five-match Test series in Australia.

After this camp, the team will travel to Belgium and London for their next two legs of the FIH Pro League, where they will be up against Argentina, Belgium, Germany and Great Britain. "We are looking to begin an important block of training in this camp, and we need to make sure that we are in the best shape possible ahead of the Paris 2024 Olympics. We have an exciting group of experienced players along with some young players," chief coach Craig Fulton said in a HI release. **PTI**

LA LIGA

Girona secures first ever European berth after caning Cadiz in La Liga



BARCELONA: Girona ensured it will earn its first ever berth in a European competition next season after routing Cadiz 4-1 in the Spanish league. Girona solidified its hold on third place and guaranteed it cannot finish lower than seventh, the spot that is rewarded with a trip to the Europa Conference League. A fifth- or sixth-place is good for the Europa League, and the top four get the biggest prize of the Champions League. Girona opened up a 10-point gap over fifth-placed Athletic Bilbao with six more games remaining. **PTI**

Sports News



Kolkata Knight Riders' Venkatesh Iyer celebrates with teammates. Photo PTI.



Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Will Jacks celebrates his half century. Photo PTI.

KKR sneak home by one run against RCB

Press Trust of India
KKR now have five wins from seven matches and climbed to second spot with 10 points, two behind leaders Rajasthan Royals.

and Patidar (52, 23b, 3x4, 5x6) kept RCB in hunt for but they could not chase down a daunting 223 target set by the KKR. RCB ended up at 221 all out despite a last over blitz by Karn Sharma (20, 7b, 3x6). Andre Russell grabbed three wickets (3/25) while Sunil Narine and Harshit Rana grabbed two wickets apiece for the home side. However, in a match with more twists and turns than a hilly road, it was KKR who first snatched the initiative making 222 for six around opener Phil Salt's aggressive

SCORECARD		Kolkata Knight Riders		Royal Challengers Bengaluru	
Phil Salt c Patidar	48 (14)	Virat Kohli c & b Harshit Rana	18 (7)	Faf du Plessis (c)	7 (7)
b Mohammed Siraj		VR Iyer b Varun		Will Jacks c Raghuvanshi	55 (32)
Sunil Narine c Kohli	10 (15)	b Russell		Rajat Patidar c Harshit Rana b Russell	52 (23)
b Yash Dayal		Angkrish Raghuvanshi	3 (4)	Cameron Green c Ramandeep Singh b Narine	6 (4)
c Green b Yash Dayal		Venkatesh Iyer	16 (8)	Suyash Prabhudessai c Raghuvanshi b H Rana	24 (18)
c Lomror b Green		Shreyas Iyer (c)	50 (36)	Mahipal Lomror c & b Narine	4(3)
Shreyas Iyer (c)	50 (36)	c du Plessis b Green		Dinesh Karthik c Salt b Russell	25 (18)
c du Plessis b Green	24 (16)	Ferguson		Karn Sharma c & b Starc	20 (7)
Andre Russell not out	27 (20)	Andre Russell not out	24 (9)	Mohammed Siraj not out	0 (0)
Ramandeep Singh not out	24 (9)	Extras: (b 4, lb 7, nb 2, w 7)	20	Lockie Ferguson	1 (1)
TOTAL	222/6	TOTAL	221	Extras: (b 1, lb 4, w 4)	9
BOWLING		BOWLING			
Mohammed Siraj 4-0-40-1, Yash Dayal 4-0-56-2, Lockie Ferguson 4-0-47-1, Karn Sharma 4-0-33-0, Cameron Green 4-0-35-2.		Harshit Rana 4-0-33-2, Mitchell Starc 3-0-55-1, Varun Chakravarthy 4-0-36-1, Sunil Narine, 4-0-34-2, Suyash Sharma 2-0-33-0, Andre Russell, 3-0-25-3.			

14-ball 48 and skipper Shreyas Iyer's composed 36-ball 50. KKR now have five wins from seven matches and climbed to second spot with 10 points, two behind leaders Rajasthan Royals. This was RCB's sixth loss on the trot, and seventh in eight matches, as their campaign is as good as over, lying on 10th with just two points. But RCB had their moments as Jacks was at his furious best against Starc, spanking him for 22 runs in an over en route his 29-ball fifty, his second in four matches.

Mumbai Indians eye revenge against RR in reverse fixture

JAIPUR: Resurgent Mumbai Indians will need to address their bowling woes as they look to exact revenge on table-toppers Rajasthan Royals in their reverse fixture of the Indian Premier League here on Monday. With three wins in last four games, MI have hit the recovery road to reach sixth spot in the points table after a poor start this season, while RR are on a rampaging run as they occupy the



top spot with 12 points. The five-time champions survived a late onslaught from Ashutosh Sharma to eke out a nine-run win over Punjab Kings in the last game. It was once again Jasprit Bumrah, who was left to do the heavy lifting as he stood out with his three wickets. A huge positive for MI is Suryakumar Yadav's return to form. His 53-ball 78 against PBKS was the cornerstone of MI innings and on his day he can destroy any attack.

| OLYMPICS SELECTION TRIALS |

'Maintaining weight will be a challenge'

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Vinesh, 29, lost crucial mat-time for one and a half years due to the protest against former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.



BISHKEK: Locking the Olympic quota would put Vinesh Phogat at ease for a few days but the fiery Indian wrestler says maintaining weight having dropped to the lowest class of 50kg will be a huge challenge in the build-up to the Paris Games. Vinesh dished out an impressive show at the Asian Olympic Qualifiers, where she did not concede a single point in an easy draw and sealed her third consecutive Olympic quota. Vinesh, 29, lost crucial mat-time for one and a half years due to the protest against former Wrestling Federation of India

HIGHLIGHT
● I have brought myself down to 50kg after so long so I will try and maintain this as much as I can. It's not easy for me not to put on weight because my muscle mass is very high. (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and in that period, Antim Panghal secured a quota place in 53kg category -- a pet weight division of Vinesh. The most successful woman wrestler from the country had no option but to switch the weight category to ensure that she does not miss the bus to Olympics. "I will have to manage my weight a lot better. I have brought myself down to 50kg after so long so I will try and maintain this as much as I can. It's not easy for me not to put on weight because my muscle mass is very high," Vinesh said after winning the 50kg quota for India. "Because of that, I gain weight easily. It doesn't matter how fit I am, I still gain weight because I have a lot of muscle mass. I just want to control my weight. I have four months left, and every day is very important," she was quoted as saying by official UWW website.

Arsenal back on top of English Premier League

Arsenal moved back to the top of the English Premier League by beating Wolverhampton Wanderers 2-0 at Molineux. Late goals in each half by Leandro Trossard and Martin Odegaard secured the win. Mikel Arteta's team rose one point ahead of second-placed Manchester City, which beat Chelsea 1-0 in an FA Cup semifinal. Victory ended a painful week for Arsenal, which lost ground in the title race after defeat at home to Aston Villa and was then knocked out of the Champions League by Bayern Munich. City has a game in hand on the London side, but the win should settle nerves after those recent setbacks. Arsenal went ahead in the 45th minute when Trossard lashed a right-foot shot off the post and into the top corner from just inside the box.

Chelsea beats Barca and Lyon tops PSG in Women's Champions League semis

Press Trust of India
Midfielder Erin Cuthbert's 40th-minute goal was enough for Chelsea to win 1-0 and inflict Barcelona's first home loss in five years. **BARCELONA:** Chelsea handed defending champion Barcelona a rare home defeat and Lyon

produced a stunning comeback to down Paris Saint-Germain 3-2 in the first leg of the Women's Champions League semifinals. Midfielder Erin Cuthbert's 40th-minute goal was enough for Chelsea to win 1-0 and inflict Barcelona's first home loss in five years. Striker Marie-Antoinette Katoto put PSG 2-0 up against eight-time champion Lyon, but the home side scored three late

goals in a six-minute spell through forward Kadidiatou Diani, midfielder Melchie Dumornay and Amel Majri. The second legs are next weekend and the final is on May 25. Chelsea and PSG have never won the competition. In its only final appearance, Chelsea was routed by Barcelona 4-0 in 2021. PSG has been runner-up twice. Things looked good for

PSG when Katoto scored either side of halftime after PSG goalkeeper Constance Picaud made three fine first-half saves. Katoto scored her first on halftime from Sandy Baltimore's cutback, and the second goal came in the 48th after a blocked effort from Tabitha Chawinga fell to her. Chawinga set her up again in the 77th but veteran Chile goalkeeper Christiane Endler thwarted her.

Messi scores twice, Inter Miami wins

Press Trust of India
LAUDERDALE: Lionel Messi scored twice to increase his Major League Soccer-leading total to seven and also had an assist to lead Inter Miami over Nashville SC 3-1.



Messi had his second two-goal game in MLS after scoring two against Orlando on March 2. He has a goal or assist in each of the six league matches he's played, missing four because of injury. Sergio Busquets scored his first goal with Miami since joining former Barcelona teammate Messi last summer. Luis Suárez, another ex-Barcelona teammate, assisted on Messi's first goal.

"Very happy that the goal helped the team win the match," Busquets said in Spanish. "What matters is the team and the victory. Today, I managed to score but the ultimate accomplishments are the positive results for our team." Miami (5-2-3, 21 points) is unbeaten in five matches against Nashville since Messi's arrival. Miami also remained in first place in the Eastern Conference.

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Godzilla Minus One hits Prime Video in May

"Godzilla Minus One" is set to premiere on Prime Video in May. Winner of the 2024 Oscars for Best Visual Effects, the film brings the iconic Kaiju back to screens.



Do Aur Do Pyar: A tale of romance and relationships

Releasing on April 19 in cinemas, "Do Aur Do Pyar" stars Vidya Balan, Pratik Gandhi, Ileana D'Cruz, and Senthil Ramamurthy. The film follows couples navigating late 20th-century relationships, with Vidya Balan's household journey altering everything.



Brotherly Banter

Bollywood actors Vicky Kaushal and Sunny Kaushal grace Kapil Sharma's Netflix show, "The Great Indian Kapil Show," in a hilarious promo.



'Ranneeti' trailer reveals high-stakes drama

The trailer for 'Ranneeti: Balakot and Beyond' dropped, featuring stars like Jimmy Shergill, Lara Dutta, and Ashutosh Rana. This web series delves into modern warfare, where battles extend beyond borders to social media.



Unexpected twists in 'DilDosti Dilemma' trailer

Prime Video unveils the trailer for 'DilDosti Dilemma', based on Andaleeb Wajid's book 'Asmara's Summer'. Directed by Debbie Rao, the series follows Asmara's journey from Bengaluru to Tibbri Road, revealing the importance of relationships and self-discovery.

Alia Bhatt graces Time's 100 most influential list: Honoured to be a part

Heart of Stone director said Alia Bhatt shines brightly as an actor, and her down-to-earth confidence and creativity make her a real global star.

Central Chronicle News

Explore the remarkable journey of Alia Bhatt, as she transcends borders from Bollywood to global acclaim, earning her well-deserved recognition on Time's prestigious list.

Alia Bhatt's inclusion in Time magazine's prestigious 100 most influential people of 2024 list marks a pinnacle moment in her illustrious career. Renowned for her dedication and humility, particularly evident during her collaboration with British writer and filmmaker Tom Harper on "Heart of Stone," her Hollywood debut, Alia effortlessly blends movie-star magnetism with authentic sensitivity.



Alia Bhatt: A Rising Star's Gratitude and Commitment to Excellence



| HOLLYWOOD |

Sydney Sweeney slams Hollywood producer for calling her 'not pretty'

Central Chronicle News

Actor Sydney Sweeney has fiercely responded to Hollywood producer Carol Baum's disparaging remarks, labeling her as "not pretty" and criticizing her acting abilities. Baum's comments, made during a discussion with New York Times film critic Janet Maslin, targeted Sweeney's performance in the rom-com "Anyone But You" and questioned her rising popularity.

Sweeney's representatives swiftly issued a statement to Variety, condemning Baum's behavior as detrimental to women in the industry and expressing disappointment in her misuse of experience and authority to attack another woman. Despite Baum's critique, Sweeney's accomplishments in hit series like "Euphoria" and "White Lotus" have solidified her status as a breakout star, earning her widespread acclaim and recognition. The incident has



HIGHLIGHT

● Sydney Sweeney confronts Hollywood's beauty bias, defends talent against Carol Baum's remarks sparking conversation.

● Response ignites dialogue on sexism and bias.

ignited debates about sexism and bias in Hollywood, with Baum's remarks drawing widespread criticism for perpetuating harmful stereotypes and undermining

Sweeney's achievements. As an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California, Baum's comments have raised concerns about the influence of such attitudes on aspiring filmmakers and actors.

However, Sweeney's resilience and the swift backlash against Baum's comments underscore a growing movement within the industry to challenge outdated standards and promote inclusivity and respect for all performers, regardless of gender or appearance.

TRAVEL

TriptiiDimri's Fashion Flair: Setting Trends with Christian Dior Poncho

Actress TriptiiDimri sets fashion trends, opting for a Christian Dior poncho. Known for her roles in Qala and Animal, she captivates with her chic style, from pantsuits to sultry beachwear. Her recent social media post flaunting the poncho ignites style envy, showcasing her effortless elegance and impeccable taste.



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BOLLYWOOD

Malaika Arora navigates Son's curiosity life's choices on dumb biryani

In an intimate exchange on Arhaan Khan's vodcast, Dumb Biryani, Malaika Arora gracefully sidesteps her son's probing question about her impending nuptials, humorously remarking, "I'm better off eating a mirchi." While Arhaan mirrors his father, Arbaaz Khan's curiosity, Malaika remains resolute in her present, navigating questions about her past with Arbaaz and her present with actor Arjun Kapoor. With a blend of wit and warmth, Malaika emphasizes her contentment in living her best life, unperturbed by societal expectations or inquiries into her personal affairs. Malaika's graceful evasion of personal queries reflects her admirable commitment to privacy.

WEB SERIES

Record-Breaker: 'Queen of Tears' tops 'Goblin' in K-Drama Ratings Race

Actress Anushka Sen gears up to hQueen of Tears reigns supreme, surpassing "Goblin" in ratings to claim second place among tvN dramas. The Kim Soo-hyun and Kim Ji-won starrer hits a record 20.7 percent rating, according to Nielsen Korea. With only "Goblin" and "Crash Landing on You" ahead, fans eagerly anticipate if "Queen of Tears" will clinch the top spot. Meanwhile, the show's success prompts the release of two special episodes post the finale on April 28. Centered on Baek Hyun-woo and Hong-hae's tumultuous marriage, portrayed by Kim Soo-hyun and Kim Ji-won, the drama continues its victorious streak.

THE BOLLYWOOD HOT PAIR

Vijay Varma charmed by Tamannaah Bhatia's beauty: Bollywood's adored pair

Bollywood heartthrob Vijay Varma is smitten by the enchanting beauty of Tamannaah Bhatia, sparking rumors of their romance. While the pair hasn't confirmed their relationship, they've neither dismissed it. Frequently spotted together at social gatherings, their magnetic chemistry delights fans. Recently, they made a striking entrance at a Bollywood affair, with Tamannaah stunning in a crimson bodycon dress and Vijay exuding suave charm in casual attire. Their captivating presence continues to fuel speculation, leaving admirers eagerly anticipating further glimpses into their blossoming connection.



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