

If you have two houses, Congress will take one: Modi

Vote bank-hungry Cong wants to implement quota on basis of religion and impose inheritance tax in the country and snatch the assets.

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AMBIKAPUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hit out at the Congress, saying the "vote bank-hungry" party wanted to implement reservation on the basis of religion.

Addressing a poll rally in Ambikapur, the headquarters of Surguja district in Chhattisgarh, he also alleged that the Congress wanted to impose inheritance tax in the country and snatch the assets and rights of people and their children.

Some forces want a "weak" government of the Congress and "INDI" alliance to be in power in the country as they thought that if India becomes 'atmanirbhar' (self-reliant), their shops will be shut, he said.

"Today, when I have come to Surguja, I want to present the Muslim League thinking of the



PM Modi during a public meeting in Surguja district. | Photo: PTI

HIGHLIGHT

● As a result of Congress' misrule and negligence, the country was being ruined

Congress in front of the country. When their manifesto was released, on the same day I had said, and saying today also that the Congress manifesto has the imprint of Muslim League," Modi said.



When the Constitution was being drafted, intellectuals and great personalities under the leadership of Babasaheb

Cong' history has been to destroy the country for sake of power

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Ambedkar decided that there would be no reservation on the basis of religion in India, he said.

| SURRENDER |

18 Naxalites surrender in Chh'garh's Dantewada

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With this, 738 Naxalites, including 177 of them carrying rewards on their heads, have so far joined the mainstream

DANTEWADA: As many as 18 Naxalites, including a militia platoon section commander and three women, surrendered on Wednesday in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada, a senior police



The three women are identified as Sambati Oyam (23) who was working as a deputy commander of HPMP, Gangi Madkam (28), the vice president of Kakadi Panchayat Krantikari Mahila Adivasi Sangthan (KAMS) of the banned CPI (Maoist), and Hungi Oyam (20), a member of

FACTFILE

● Naxals laid down arms in front of police and CRPF officials

● Surrender was as part of government's rehabilitation policy

Hurrepal Panchayat.

"The 18 Naxals laid down arms in front of police and CRPF officials. They were part of Bhairamgarh, and Malanger area committees of the Maoists in south Bastar," Rai said.

3 women critically injured in acid attack

SAHIBGANJ: Four members of a family, including three women, were critically injured in an acid attack on them in their sleep in Jharkhand's Sahibganj district early on Wednesday, an official said. Three accused have been arrested, while the injured, aged between 15 and 60 years, were admitted to a hospital, he said. The incident took place on a terrace of an under-construction market complex, in Rajmahal police station area, where the four members of the family were sleeping on Tuesday night.

| 2ND PHASE |

Campaign for 3 Lok Sabha seats ends

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RAIPUR: The high-decibel campaign for the second phase of Lok Sabha polls covering three seats in Chhattisgarh, where voting will take place on Friday, ended on Wednesday evening, marked by acrimonious exchanges



between the main rivals BJP and the Congress over issues like corruption, the Constitution and pre-poll

NUMBER

41

● 3 women are also in the fray in the second phase

promises. The saffron party's electioneering

for the second phase saw rallies by prominent leaders like Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath, while for the Congress, its general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra led the campaigning.

SC for Justice Pandey as permanent judge

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court collegium headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud on Wednesday recommended to the Centre the name of Justice Rakesh Mohan Pandey for appointment as a permanent judge of the

Chhattisgarh High Court. According to the resolutions uploaded on the apex court website, the collegium also recommended the names of justices Sachin Singh Rajput and Radhakishan Agrawal for appointment as additional judges of the Chhattisgarh High Court.



Last 10 years

✓ Miniscule mobile manufacturing to the world's second largest mobile manufacturer

✓ From Fragile 5 to the world's top-5 economic power

✓ 4+ crore pucca houses made

✓ 10+ crore housewives were given LPG cylinders

✓ 2.8+ crore families were given free electricity connection

✓ Mangalyaan, Chandrayaan and Aditya L-1 mission proved Bharat's strength

✓ Indian Railways became world class with 100+ cities connected through Vande Bharat trains

✓ Introduced free treatment scheme up to ₹5 lakhs for 50+ crore citizens

Next 5 years

✓ Will make Bharat a global hub of manufacturing

✓ Will make Bharat the third largest economy in the world

✓ 3+ crore more pucca houses will be made

✓ Will deliver affordable cooking gas through pipelines to every home

✓ PM Surya Ghar Yojana will bring electricity bill to zero

✓ Will create a new benchmark in space technology with the success of Gaganyaan

✓ Will introduce bullet train

✓ Will provide free health services to all senior citizens above 70 years of age by including them in Ayushman Bharat Yojana

Right Intent
Right Results



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Modi Sarkar

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Raipur



In total seizures by 20 enforcement agencies, total liquor, drugs, precious metals and freebies & other items worth Rs 114.26 cr were seized.

Apoorva Priyesh Toppo
Dy. DRO Chief Election office

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

CRIME

Police raiding a flat nabbed 8 bookies involved in IPL 'satta'

RAIPUR: The Raipur police by conducting raid in a flat in Kolkata and nabbed 8 bookies (Satoriyas) playing online satta on IPL matches. Acting on tip of an information from an informer, the Ganj police along with Anti-crime and Cyber Unit raided the flat and nabbed the accused. When the team members checked the mobile phones with the bookies, they found they playing online 'satta' in IPL matches.

When the police came down against them strongly, they disclosed that they take line from mobile phone owners and make them play 'satta' and informed that all those playing 'satta' are from Kolkata (West Bengal). Since the Raipur Cyber team was present in Kolkata, they raided a flat in Kolkata New Town Golabari, 24 Parghanas and nabbed 8 persons present. They were offering online 'satta' through mobile phones, laptops taking rates from the participants. On strict questioning, they informed police that they are using Reddy Anna App and accepted to play online 'satta' through it.

CG TENNIS LEAGUE

Team Henry, Bholu and Dipesh won inaugural matches of CTPL



RAIPUR: Team Henry defeated Team Suraj and Team Bholu to register a strong beginning in the Chhattisgarh Tennis Premier League (CTPL) being organized under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Tennis Association (CSTA) in association with Vishnu Playfit Sports Academy and Tennis Familia at Union Club here on Wednesday.

Similarly, Team Bholu also defeated Team Familai with the score of 3-2 in the Pool A. In the Pool B matches, the Team Dipesh defeated Team Ajay and Team Mahesh whereas Team Ajay defeated Team Michael whereas Team Mahesh also defeated Team Micael with the score of 3-2.

Boys Single and Girls Singles as well as Double for both would be held in every League match.

World Table Tennis Day celebrated

Former Players felicitated for their contribution



RAIPUR: Chhattisgarh Table Tennis Association organized the World Table Tennis Day function at Sapre School-based TT Hall on April 23 evening by cutting the Cake to mark the event. Senior players were felicitated for their outstanding contribution in the field of Table Tennis. Former MLA Kuldeep Juneja was chief guest of the event whereas Chhattisgarh Olympic Association Vice President Sharad Shukla presided over the function.

Providing the above information, the RTTA Secretary Vinay Baiswade said that senior players including Rajesh Agrawal, Vinod Pateria, Pramila Thakur, Pawan Shaduja, Rakesh Yadav and Sushant Borvanker were felicitated with a shawl and shreefal and certificate for their contribution in the field of sports.

CTTA's Senior Vice President Kishore Jadwani and Chairman of Chhattisgarh Veteran Table Tennis Committee Pradeep Janwade, Pradeep Joshi and Vinay Baiswade were also present on the occasion.

The Day's NUMBERS

Total candidates analysed: 1192 and candidates with declared criminal cases- 250



NARCOTICS

Three nabbed with 39 Kg 'Ganja' worth Rs 3.95 lakh

RAIPUR: It was on tip from an informer, the Ganj Thana seized 39 Kg 'Ganja' from near Railway Station gate No. 2 and nabbed three drug smugglers in this case. The Ganj police reached the site and identified three persons based upon their details. On asking about their details, they disclosed their names as Vishnu Tomar, Abhimanyu Behara and Arun Mishra. When the team conducted search of the trolley bag with them, they found 39 Kg 'Ganja' packed in plastic bags and it was costing around Rs 3.95 lakh. A case under section 20 B of Narcotics Act was filed against all three accused and entire lot of 'ganja' was seized. The three accused are Vishnu Tomar (19) R/o Pajapur, Dhoulpur Thana, District Agra (UP); Abhimanyu Behara S/o Arjun Behara (19), Thana Marubasant, Thana Mahakalpada District Kendrapada (Odisha) and Arun Mishra, S/o Tulsi Mishra (23), R/o Tadhari, Sumimra Testmart Colony, Thana Kangawal, Ludhiyana, Punjab.

CRICKET

Ayush Pandey selected to attend U23 camp at National Cricket Academy



RAIPUR: The All-India Junior Selection Committee has selected Ayush Pandey from Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh to attend U23 (Men's) high performance camp organized by National Cricket Academy (NCA) from 21st May 2024 to 9th June 2024 held at Zonal Cricket Academy Surat.

He has been selected on the basis of their performance in Col. C. K.Nayudu Trophy 2023-24 organized by BCCI. Ayush was 3rd top run getter in Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy.

'Modiji has increased the honour and respect of tribals'

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said that his government is committed to fulfill all the promises made under 'Modi-ki-Guarantee'.

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AMBIKAPUR: PM Narendra Modi introduced PM Janman Yojana for the backward tribes of tribals viz. 'Korvas', 'Birohar', 'Baiga', 'Kamar', 'Abhujmadia'. By introducing 'Van-Dhan Yojana', the work of giving higher rates for the forest produce to tribals was granted. The government made arrangements to extend all possible amenities.

tribal has become the CM of the State. CM Vishnu Deo Sai welcoming PM Narendra Modi in the Ambikapur rally said that it is an honour that the PM who has brought name and fame to entire country is in Surguja. He said that PM Modi is the most popular public leader in the country and entire world and he treats the entire 140 cr people of nation as his family, he is always concerned about them.

CM Sai said that his government is committed to fulfill all the promises made under 'Modi-ki-Guarantee' and it is on the second day of my government taking

HIGHLIGHT

- Ch'garh govt committed to fulfill promises under 'Modi-ki-Guarantee'
- Appeals voters to ensure Congress party's clean-sweep from Surguja LS seat

oath, sanction for 18 lakh 'pucca' houses under PMAY was granted. A total of 12 lakh farmers were paid balance bonus of Rs 3716 cr for two years and have purchased paddy on MSP of Rs 3100 from farmers from total 21 quintal per acre.

Sai said that his government not only transferred the difference of amount of MSP into farmer's account in one-go, but also transferred the amount of two months under Mahatari Vandana Yojana into the accounts of the women in the state. He said that his government has started 'Ramlalla Darshan Yojana' and has issued orders to purchase Tendupatta at Rs 5500 per standard sack and has started the bonus as well. CM Sai urged the massive public present in the meeting to ensure resounding victory to BJP LS candidate Chintamani

Maharaj from Surguja and ensure making PM Modi as the PM of nation for the third time. In this Vijay Sankalp Shanknaad rally, State Ministers Ramvichar Netam, Shyam Bihari Jaiswal, Laxmi Rajwade, BJP LS candidate Chintamani Maharaj, MLAs Renuka Singh, Amar Agrawal, Prabodh Minj, Rajesh Agrawal, Shakuntala Singh Porte, Ramkumar Toppo, Bhulan Singh Marawi, Uddheshwari Paikra, former organizational secy Rampratap Singh, ex-MP Kamalbhan Singh and other senior office bearers and local public representatives were present.

'Cong fearing defeat are passing wayward statements'

RAIPUR: CM Vishnu Deo Sai commenting upon terming of the regular election campaigning by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and other top BJP leaders in Chhattisgarh as fear on part of BJP by Congress said that the Congress is clearly seeing its defeat and therefore they are passing wayward statements. Speaking to media persons, CM Vishnu Deo Sai said that Congress in 2018 made 36 major declarations for Vidhan Sabha (VS) polls, but never fulfilled a single promise. In entire five years they just cheated the people of Chhattisgarh and they faced its outcome in the 2023 VS polls. Now they (Congress) have nothing to say and are without any issues.

Symposium on developing a Sustainable Strategy held

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The program was inaugurated with the gracious presence of SN Pandey, Additional Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission.

RAIPUR: National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur's Department of Civil Engineering organizes one day Induction Program for a UNICEF sponsored project on Developing a Sustainable Strategy for Programme Monitoring, Institutional Strengthening, and Capacity Building for Climate Resilient and Energy Efficient Initiatives in Rural Areas of Chhattisgarh State on 24th April 2024. SN Pandey from Jal Jeevan Mission addressed



Induction Program for a UNICEF sponsored project held.

FACTFILE

- The role of PHED and various types of schemes employed in the mission along with source sustainability.

the gathering and talked about the role of consistent monitoring of Water quality and Nal Jal Mitra and various components of the project. Ms. Shweta Patnaik, briefed about the operation and maintenance of the work

for further sustainability. Kailash Madharyia explained about the Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC), capacity building and the importance of developing a feeling of ownership among the community.

MP SPEAKS |

Congressmen always engaged in filling their coffers

RAIPUR: Countering the statement of Congress Rajya Sabha member Ranjit Ranjan MP Sunil Soni said that Congressmen were always engaged in filling their coffers by looting the country. Dismayed by its defeat in Chhattisgarh and the entire country Congress leaders are losing their

mental balance and making unrestrained comments on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Soni said. Soni termed Congress' objection regarding Prime Minister staying at Raj Bhavan at night as ridiculous. Congress, which practices appeasement politics, has no vision today, Soni said. According to Soni the Congressmen who praise former Prime Minister

Congress leaders are losing their mental balance and making unrestrained comments on Prime Minister Modi

Sunil Soni
MP Raipur LS



Manmohan Singh do not feel ashamed. Congress may have forgotten, but the people of the country know how the UPA Congress government looted the country in the last 10 years, he said. He said that Prime Minister empowered women power through his schemes. PM Modi praises and congratulates women power, he said.

Raipur News

PM Modi has brought about many alterations: Arun Sao

Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao stated that PM Modi has brought many alterations to the country in the last 10 years.

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RAJIM: Addressing a press conference on Wednesday, Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao has stated that because of the situations and circumstances that have emerged in this year's Lok Sabha elections, it is certain that BJP will win all 11 seats in Chhattisgarh without a doubt.

He further stated that the reasons this prediction will come true in the state is because PM Modi has worked in manifold areas to ensure the progress and emancipation of the people in the country for the last 10 years.

His main mottoes that everyone has abided by brought fruition for the country in all aspects whether it be internal or external safety or economy. Additionally, he has also stated that India's global image has also prospered in these 10 years. During the Corona pandemic, India's self-reliance or 'Aatmanirbharta' was at its peak and BJP has given the country a strong, decisive and stable government as well. Stating further, Sao said that because of the many big and strong decisions taken by the government, the country



Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao addressing a press conference.

has progressed towards a strong foundation that has proved beneficial so far. Everyone in the country is highly elated and excited to see PM Modi become the Prime Minister for the 3rd time as well. He has also stated that everyone is now coming forward voluntarily to work under his able guidance. Even his rallies have brought in huge numbers of people wherever he has gone because of his work and his charisma.

Every village in Chhattisgarh is chanting various slogans such as 'Iss Baar 400 Paar', 'Phir Ek Baar Modi Sarkaar'.

Congress's arbitrarily loot plan will never be fulfilled: BJP

School Education Minister and Raipur Lok Sabha candidate Brijmohan Agrawal has said that Congress's dangerous plan to arbitrarily loot people of the country by making a new law will never be fulfilled. The dangerous intentions of Congress Party are coming to the fore one after the other. Sam Pitroda, who was once Rajiv Gandhi's advisor, today Rahul Gandhi's advisor, even before coming to power, has expressed his views of

HIGHLIGHT

• The dangerous intentions of the Congress Party are coming to the fore

• Congress's mantra is that they will snatch from you, loot you

imposing arbitrary taxes on the middle class of the country, who earn through hard work and usurping public properties through

government means. He said that Congress's mantra is that they will snatch from you, loot you. The mantra of Congress is not only during living but even after life, the Congress will put burden of inheritance tax on your children. Those who gave the entire Congress Party to their children considering it as ancestral property, do not want common Indians to give their children property earned through their life's earnings.

Blood donation camp by IIT Naya Raipur

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RAIPUR: "On April 20th, the NSS (National Service Scheme), Red Ribbon Club, and Student Activity Centre of IIT Naya Raipur orchestrated a noble initiative—hosting a voluntary blood donation camp. This philanthropic endeavor aimed to underscore the institution's commitment to serving humanity and fostering a sense of social responsibility among its students and staff. The event at the institute's auditorium witnessed the convergence of generous souls eager to contribute to the noble cause. With the esteemed presence of the Director and Registrar, the ambiance was charged with enthusiasm and a spirit of giving. Highlighting the occasion's significance, the Dr. Pradeep Sinha, Director IIT-NR said, "We are not merely an academic

institution; we are a community dedicated to positively impacting society. Through initiatives like this blood donation camp, we strive to instill in our students a sense of empathy and responsibility towards their fellow beings." Echoing these sentiments, the Prof. K. G. Srinivasa, Registrar (I/C) emphasized the critical role of such

FASTFACTS

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initiatives in addressing the perennial shortage of blood units. "We grapple with a persistent scarcity of blood units due to various factors such as lack of awareness and prevalent myths. By organizing events like this, we endeavor to bridge the gap and contribute to the well-being of our community," remarked the Registrar.

NEWSLINE

LIQUOR SCAM

Pappu Dhillon in EOW custody under liquor scam



RAIPUR: EOW has detained liquor businessman Trilok Singh Dhillon alias Pappu Dhillon in the liquor scam case in Chhattisgarh. ACB can produce EOW Dhillon in the court and take him on remand. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) had seized Rs 52 lakh cash found during the investigation along with a fixed deposit of Rs 27.5 crore deposited in the bank accounts of Bhilai liquor businessman Trilok Singh Dhillon alias Pappu Dhillon.

According to ED Dhillon took the illicit liquor money as a loan and deposited it in his accounts as a fixed deposit.

Apart from being allowed to deposit the money earned from illegal business in his bank accounts, he was also allowed to use it in his firms. According to ED Dhillon is the main beneficiary of the illegal liquor trade.

HEALTH

Unhygienic oral conditions, tobacco cause oral cancer

Central Chronicle News

All India Institute of Medical Sciences has organized a CME to create awareness about oral cancer

RAIPUR: All India Institute of Medical Sciences has organized a CME to create awareness about oral cancer. Experts from different departments red flagged the growing use of tobacco and chemicals in food and urged for coordinated efforts by different medical disciplines to provide holistic treatment to patients. Experts said that unhygienic oral conditions, the growing use of cigarettes and gutkha, and an increase in pollution levels are also causing oral cancer in the country.

Prof. Renu Rajguru, Medical Superintendent and HoD, ENT Department, explained the different types of oral cavities and said that sometimes one small cavity can be a symptom of oral cancer. She



Participants in Oral Cancer CME by ENT department of AIIMS-R.

FASTFACTS

• A lip or mouth sore that doesn't heal, a white or reddish patch in the mouth, loose teeth, a growth or lump inside the mouth, mouth pain, ear pain, or difficult or painful swallowing can all be mouth cancer

explained the symptoms of mouth cancer and said that a lip or mouth sore that doesn't heal, a white or reddish patch in the mouth, loose teeth,

a growth or lump inside the mouth, mouth pain, ear pain, or difficult or painful swallowing can all be mouth cancer. One should immediately consult an ENT expert, she added.

According to Dr. Ripu Daman Arora, AIIMS is receiving daily 20 to 25 oral cancer patients referred by other medical institutions. On average, 10 of them are new oral cancer patients. Most of them can be cured with chemotherapy and radiotherapy, and around 20 cases per month need

surgery. "If patients contact us at an early stage and get check-ups, it can be treated in the first stage, said Dr. Arora.

Dr. Sidhartha Nanda explained the importance of external beam radiation therapy in oral cancer treatment. Dr. Amit Agrawal discussed neoadjuvant chemotherapy. Dr. Avinash Tiwari talked about pain and palliative care for head and neck cancer. Dr. Ashish Gupta said that molecular tests in pathology can be helpful in identifying cancer type and stage.

Blood donation on Human Unity Day


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RAIPUR: A blood donation camp was organized in Raipur and Tilda on Wednesday on the occasion of Human Unity Day under the joint aegis of Model Blood Bank Center located at Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Hospital and Sant Nirankari Mission.




As many as 209 units of blood were collected in Raipur and 97 units of blood were collected in Tilda.

The special thing about the blood donation camp was that 84 units of blood were donated in Raipur alone and 23 units of blood in Tilda, especially by female blood donors.



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"Teams deployed for election work should be well aware of the guidelines of the Election Commission of India"

Richa Prakash Chaudhary
District Election Officer

FSTs and SSTs instructed for thorough vehicle checking

Monitoring teams asked to remain alert all the time and discharge their responsibilities

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BHILAI: Collector and District Election Officer Richa Prakash Chaudhary chaired a meeting of the team in-charges of Flying Squad Team (FST) and Static Surveillance Team (SST) formed under Durg district for Lok Sabha Elections at Kala Mandir, Civic Center, Bhilai.

Collector Richa Prakash Chaudhary asked all the officers deployed in the monitoring teams to remain alert all the time and discharge their responsibilities with promptness. She gave instructions to compulsorily check every vehicle passing through their route. She added that the teams deployed for election work should be well aware of the guidelines of the Election Commission of India, which will make it easier to work and make decisions. In case of negligence, action will be taken against the concerned officials. She said that it should be ensured that vehicle checking may not cause traffic jams. She directed to increase the number of static surveillance teams for prime locations as per the need.



Collector and District Election Officer Richa Prakash Chaudhary chaired a meeting.

Collector Chaudhary said that all the members of the monitoring team should understand their responsibilities very well. It is an important responsibility of all of us to conduct free, fair and peaceful elections in the district. Any kind of carelessness and negligence will not be tolerated. All SSTs will be deployed in their designated check posts and will keep a strict vigil on the movement of huge amounts of cash, illicit liquor, suspicious items or weapons etc in their area.

FSTs & SSTs should work with complete transparency

Police Observer Anupam Sharma said that during the Lok Sabha election process, the teams formed to keep an eye on the movement of anti-social elements etc in the constituencies should work with complete transparency. If any election related activity is found suspicious, the FSTs and SSTs must investigate it. He asked to videograph

HIGHLIGHT

● Ensure vehicle checking does not cause any traffic jams and no person should be harassed unnecessarily

● Get videography of suspicious items | done and take action as per rules

every activity affecting the election work and record the vehicle number, driver's name, mobile number etc in the register. Expenditure Observer Prasanna V Pattanasetti said that while doing videography during checking of vehicles, the name of the driver, vehicle number and date wise entry of necessary information in the register must be done.

10 skip poll training; Collector issues suspension orders

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District Administration has started cracking down on government employees who skipped mandatory election training.

BHILAI: The first training of polling party officers under Lok Sabha Elections-2024 was organized at Bhilai Institute of Technology, Durg on 12th and 13th April. 10 officers and employees remained absent from the training. As they skipped this significant training, the Chief Executive Officer and Nodal Officer (Training) of the District Panchayat issued show cause notices to them. As they did not give a clarification / satisfactory reply, the Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat and Nodal Officer (Training) sent the proposal for suspension of the absent officers and employees to the Collector and District Election Officer Richa Prakash Chaudhary. Considering the absenteeism as a gross negligence in the election work, Collector and District Election Officer Richa Prakash Chaudhary has issued suspension orders to ten officers and employees under Section 20 (A) of

the Representation of the People Act 1951 and the Civil Services Conduct Act. They have been suspended with immediate effect. They will be eligible for subsistence allowances during the suspension period. Also, the headquarters have been fixed for their suspension period. According to the information, suspension orders have

FASTFACTS

● Suspended officers and employees were assigned as Presiding Officers and Polling Officer number one, two and three.

● Action taken on the recommendations of Nodal Officer (Training)

been issued for Savita Kukreti (Employee Code 590475, Lecturer E, LB) Higher Secondary School, Dargaon. During the suspension period, her headquarters will be Development Block Education Officer Dhamdha. Prerna Arora (Employee Code 658631, Lecturer Class-2) of Government Higher Secondary School, Jamgaon-M will report at her headquarters in the office of Development Block Education Officer, Patan.

NABBED

Bootlegger nabbed with illicit liquor, weapon



BHILAI: In view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections 2024, Police are taking strict action against people involved in smuggling and peddling illicit liquor and narcotics. ASP Sukhnandan Rathore informed that all the police stations are carrying out special campaigns to curb illegal activities. The network of informers has been activated. In this sequel, police received a tip off regarding a man who was possessing illicit liquor. Team of Kumhari Police Station swung into action and rounded up the suspect Mohan Thakur (44) son of Late Latelu Thakur, a resident of village Parsada, Kumhari. On searching, 90 quarters of illicit liquor and a sharp knife were recovered from him.

SPORTS

BSP to organise Summer Sports Training Camp-2024

BHILAI: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Department of Sports, Cultural & Civic Amenities (SC&CA) is organizing a Summer Sports Coaching Camp for school-going children from May 10 to June 09, 2024. Training will be provided at the Camp for 25 sports and games in various sports complexes, school halls, and playgrounds. These 24 sports and games include Athletics, Badminton, Ball Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Chess, Cricket, Football, Handball, Hockey, Karate, Judo, Tennis, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Yoga, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Powerlifting, Cycle Polo, Gymnastics, Fencing, Netball, Weight-lifting and Wrestling.

OBITUARY:

Satyawati Dwivedi



BHILAI: Senior member of Gayatri Pariwar, Satyawati Dwivedi, wife of Pt Pawan Kumar Dwivedi, left for heavenly abode at the age of 78 years on April 17. Last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham. She is survived by Sanjay Dwivedi (son), Savita Tiwari (daughter) and family.

YA Sathwane



BHILAI: Harshil Royals Colony, Katulbod resident retired HSC executive Yashwant A Sathwane left for heavenly abode at the age of 84 years on April 22. Last rites of the mortal remains were performed at Ramnagar Muktidham.

Voter-slip distribution in full swing in district



Central Chronicle News

BLOs in Vaishali Nagar assembly constituency have so far distributed voter information slip in about 70 houses visiting door-to-door

BHILAI: As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi and Chief Electoral Officer, Raipur, the door-to-door distribution of voter-slips has begun in the district. Under the guidance of Collector and District Election Officer Richa Prakash Chaudhary, voter slips distribution commenced from April 24

in Vaishali Nagar Assembly Constituency for Lok Sabha Elections-2024. The Voter Information Slip was distributed door-to-door by Tehsildar and Assistant Electoral Registration Officer Panoram Salame. He was accompanied by BLOs and Sector Officers. Electoral Registration Officer and Assistant Returning Officer Harvansh Miri informed that voter information slips are being distributed by all the BLOs in Vaishali Nagar assembly constituency. So far, voter slips have been distributed in about 70 houses. Sector Officers are checking and inspection the distribution process.

Five arrested for attempt to murder

BHILAI: Police arrested five ruffians who tried to kill a youth at Kumhari on Tuesday.

ASP Sukhnandan Rathore informed that the victims are Vicky Gond and his relative Abbu Netam, residents of Ramnagar Kumhari. Owing to some old rivalry, five ruffians attacked them with rods and knives with intention of murder.

Vicky Gond suffered fatal injuries and is recuperating in the hospital. On information, police lodged an FIR and nabbed all the five accused identified as Aman Beldar (21) son of Late Munna Beldar; Pawan Beldar (20) son of Late Pratap Beldar.

Raju Beldar (20) son of Dara Beldar; Bittu Beldar (21) son of Late Pratap Beldar and Sameer Beldar (21) son of Suraj Beldar, all residents of Beldarpara, Ramnagar, Kumhari.

Critical patient gets a new lease of life after surgery

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Shankar Lal Dewangan was suffering from severe stomach pain for the last five days

BHILAI: 53-year-old Maroda resident Shankar Lal Dewangan was suffering from severe stomach pain for the last five days. He was seeking treatment from a nearby clinic, yet the pain was increasing day by day. Finally, his relatives took him to the District Hospital Durg in a critical condition on April 21, 2024. After giving first aid to the patient, the experts found out that the patient's intestine had ruptured. HOD (Surgery) Dr Sarita Minj decided to operate immediately and the patient was taken to the operation theatre in emergency at night. The patient was given anes-



Complex surgery of Shankar Lal Dewangan was successfully performed for three hours by the expert surgeons.

FASTFACTS

● At District Hospital the experts found out that the patient's intestine had ruptured

● A complex surgery was performed for three hours by surgeons Dr Sarita Minj and Dr Kamendra Thakur

esthesia by the OT Incharge and Anesthesia specialist after which a complex surgery was successfully performed for three hours by the expert surgeons Dr Sarita Minj and Dr Kamendra Thakur. After the operation, the patient was treated in the ICU under the guidance of Dr Anil Vivek Sinha. In the OT Team, Ramesh Mahilange, Shaini,

Mayuri, Nazreen and Shindani played a vital role in the entire treatment. Dr Praveen Agrawal got the blood arranged immediately from the blood bank. The patient is currently out of danger. Civil Surgeon Dr AK Sahu, RMO Dr Akhilesh Yadav and Hospital Consultant Dr OP Verma have appreciated the team for saving a precious life.

EMBROIDERY TRAINING

Women learn embroidery to contribute to family's livelihood

Central Chronicle News

BHILAI: The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Department, of SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant, in association with the Chhattisgarh Handicraft Development Board, organised a 3-month long 'Embroidery Training Camp' at CSR Office Complex, Sector-5. Valedictory Ceremony for the same was organized at CSR Complex Sector-5 on Wednesday.

Under this initiative, 30 women underwent Embroidery Training for three months, which was aimed at making them self-reliant so that they may contribute to their family's livelihood. Sheeja P Mathew, GM (Pers.-Works) was the chief guest at the Valedictory Function, while Shivrajan Nair, GM (CSR) was present as Special Guest.

In her address, chief guest stated that the



Women with certificates after successful completion of 3-month long training in embroidery

embroidery camp shall not only empower the women, financially but will inspire several other women to become employed and self-reliant through this work. She wished the trainee women a bright future and encouraged them to contribute to the country's economy.

Trainer Nisha Goyal, a registered trainer under the Chhattisgarh Handicrafts Board, gave training in various forms

of embroideries including Zardozi, Gotapatti, Mirror, Phulkari, Chikankari, Kantha, Kasuti, etc.

Women learned to do embroidery on cushion covers, bed sheets, table cloth, frameworks, dupattas, hoop art, kurteis, and cotton sarees. Also, the stitching arts of states like Karnataka, Lucknowi, Kathawork, Chain, Ulti Bakhiya, Applique work, etc were taught at the camp.

Sheeja P Mathew
GM (Pers.-Works), BSP

Battle-2024



Congress has promised religion-based quota even though it is unconstitutional
Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

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GANDHI FAMILY BASTION
Poster supporting Robert Vadra surface in Amethi

AMETHI (UP): As suspense continues on whether Congress leader Rahul Gandhi would fight the Lok Sabha elections from Amethi, posters supporting his brother-in-law Robert Vadra's candidature have surfaced in the constituency that was once regarded as a Gandhi family bastion.

On Tuesday night, posters in support of Vadra, the husband of Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi, were seen at many places, including the Amethi Congress office, with the slogan "Amethi Ki Janata Kare Pukar, Robert Vadra Abki Baar".

Roughly translated, it says the people of Amethi want Robert Vadra this time. While the local unit of the Congress blamed its opponents for putting up the posters to create confusion, the district administration has started removing them.

RAHUL DREAMING OF A EVOLUTION
Deve Gowda slams Gandhi over wealth redistribution promise



BENGALURU: Former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda on Wednesday slammed Rahul Gandhi's "wealth redistribution promise", stating that only someone with no practical knowledge can speak like that. The 90-year-old JD(S) supremo ridiculed the Congress manifesto claiming that only a party that is sure of never coming to power can make as many promises.

Priyanka Gandhi on campaign against her brother
BJP uses money, media for smear campaign against Rahul



WAYANAD: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday alleged that the BJP used money and media to carry out a campaign against her brother Rahul Gandhi to vilify him.

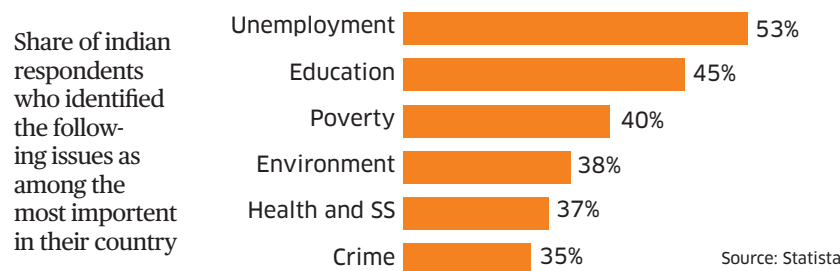
Intensely campaigning for Rahul in the Wayanad Lok Sabha seat where he is seeking re-election in the April 26 polls, she said the former Congress chief reacted to such "worst kind of abuse" with "grace and dignity and forgiveness and humility."

"No other politician in this country or any other leader has been vilified, abused, and lied about in the same

manner as my brother," she said, addressing an election corner meeting organised in Nilambur in Wayanad LS constituency. She alleged that the BJP carried out a campaign against Rahul "with all its money and media and all its force" to malign him and show the country all sorts of things about him that were not true.

Vadra said that despite facing a severe knee problem, Rahul walked from Kanyakumari to Kashmir during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, solely to shed light on the country and to remind its people that "we are one".

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LS POLLS:
Sajad Lone seeks support of former J-K deputy CM Muzaffar Hussain Baig

SRINAGAR: People's Conference chief and party's candidate from the Baramulla parliamentary constituency, Sajad Lone has sought the support of former Jammu and Kashmir deputy chief minister Muzaffar Hussain Baig for his candidature.

Lone called on Muzaffar Hussain Baig and his wife Safina Baig, who is the District Development Council (DDC) chairperson, Baramulla, at their residence here on Tuesday.

"It was a pleasure to call on @Muzaffar_Baig sahib and @SafinaM-Baig ji. As the conversation predictably veered towards elections, I stressed that I have a right. And seeking their support is my right," Lone said on X on Wednesday.

Muzaffar Hussain Baig was the deputy chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir from 2005 to 2008 when Ghulam Nabi Azad was the chief minister and the Congress and PDP shared power.

DMK CONFIDENT
INDIA bloc govt will uplift OBCs, SCs, STs, says Stalin



NEW DELHI/CHENNAI: DMK President and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Wednesday expressed confidence of the INDIA bloc winning the Lok Sabha polls and said the new dispensation will fulfill the pledge to uplift Other Backward Classes, the Scheduled Castes and Tribes. Tamil Nadu has played a pivotal role in championing social justice, Stalin said in his address at the social justice conference (Samajik Nyay Sammelan) held by Samrudha Bharat Foundation in the national capital on Wednesday.



BJP leader BS Yediyurappa addresses the media.

BJP veteran challenges Cong to name PM candidate

As BJP and JD(S) are in alliance, they (Congress) have realised the alliance will win every seat with a huge margin, so Congress leaders are saying whatever they want.

Press Trust Of India

TUMAKURU: Veteran BJP leader B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday challenged the Congress to name its prime ministerial candidate and reveal the names of at least three to four constituencies in Karnataka where they will win in the Lok Sabha elections.

Yediyurappa, member of BJP's Parliamentary Board and former Chief Minister, was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the campaign for party candidate from Tumkur V Somanna. "Everyone knows about the cordial

bonding between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and JD(S) patriarch and former PM H D Deve Gowda," he said.

"My question to Congress is -- name your prime ministerial candidate, and secondly say the name of three to four constituencies where you will win. They are unable to reveal it so far. Defeat is certain for them. We (BJP-JD(S)) will win all the 28 seats," he added.

Rejecting Congress' allegations that BJP on coming to power once again will change the Constitution, Yediyurappa termed it a "foolish

HIGHLIGHT

● He asserted that his party along with alliance partner JD(S) will be victorious in all the 28 Lok Sabha constituencies in the state.

● There is no value for such false propaganda

statement." "No one can touch the Constitution written by Ambedkar. It is sacred and it needs to be saved and taken forward for future generations. Modi has also said the same thing. There is

no value for such false propaganda," he said.

Responding to a Congress leader's claim that for BJP, Modi is the only PM face, but for Congress that has democracy within-- any one can become the PM, Yediyurappa sarcastically said, "let them do it, we will see."

Noting the situation in the state is "very good", Yediyurappa said, "we (BJP) are getting public support beyond our expectations, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's wave is everywhere...our expectation is to win all the 28 Lok Sabha seats

(along with JD(S)) in the state and I'm confident that we will be successful in it."

In the Tumkur seat too, it is certain that Somanna will win and the question is about the victory margin, he said.

Asked about current MP Sumalatha Ambareesh, who recently joined the BJP, not campaigning in favour of JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy in Mandya Lok Sabha segment where he is contesting, the senior party leader said she has said she will campaign if called. "She will go, there is no confusion."

| THAKUR AT PC |

'What 'nyay' Cong can do, when its own doesn't get it'

Press Trust Of India

The election manifesto of Congress is known as 'Nyay Patra'.

HYDERABAD: Attacking Congress over the murder of student Neha Hiremath in Karnataka, senior BJP leader Anurag Thakur on Wednesday asked what 'nyay' (justice) Congress can ensure when the daughter of the party's councillor is killed and the victim's family had to seek a CBI probe. In Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, 'sab ka sath, sab ka vikas' is ensured, he said.

"In Rahul Gandhi's 'nafrat ka dukaan' (shop of hatred), bazar of hatred is opened. What 'nyay' (justice) they will



Union Minister Anurag Thakur addresses a press conference in New Delhi.

FACTFILE

● He can count the names of many "daughters of Hindus" who were killed, the BJP leader said no family member of Gandhi-Nehru stood up in support of them.

get, when in Karnataka, where Congress govern-

ment is there, Neha, the daughter of Congress councillor, ... does not get justice. They had to ask for a CBI probe," the union minister told PTI videos here. The election manifesto of Congress is known as 'Nyay Patra'. "Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi ji, Priyanka Gandhi ji, wake up. You talk about getting justice for whom," he asked.

In a shocking incident, Neha Hiremath (23), was stabbed to death on the campus of BVB College at Hubballi in Karnataka last Thursday. The accused Fayaz Khondunai, who fled from the scene, was arrested by the police subsequently.

Saying that he can count the names of many "daughters of Hindus" who were killed, the BJP leader said no family member of Gandhi-Nehru stood up in support of them. The Congress kept quiet and it was interested in appeasement politics, he alleged. Observing that surgical strikes against terror could happen due to the strong leadership of PM Modi, he charged that Rahul Gandhi talks about weakening the country and "ending nuclear weapons".

| THACKERAY SPEAKS |

Uddhav fires 'Bogus Janata Party' barb at BJP

Press Trust Of India

SAMBHAJI NAGAR: Uddhav Thackeray on Wednesday hit back at BJP and dubbed it a "Bogus" Janata Party, days after the ruling party termed the Shiv Sena (UBT) led by him as a "nakli" (fake) Sena. Campaigning for Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) candidates in Marathwada

region, Thackeray raked up the Adarsh Housing Society scam to target the BJP over the induction of former Congress leader Ashok Chavan into the party fold. "The ruling party has also become a part of the multi-crore Adarsh Housing Society scam," he said. Addressing a campaign rally in Hingoli for MVA nominee Nagesh Ashtikar,

Modi doesn't know that BJP has become a Bogus Janata Party (BJP).

Uddhav Thackeray
Shiv Sena (UBT) chief

who belongs to Shiv Sena (UBT), Thackeray said



"thieves" (a reference to MLAs who rebelled against him) have stolen the original Shiv Sena but he will not stay quiet until he settles the score. Ashtikar is pitted against Baburao Kadam Kohalikar of Shiv Sena led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. "(Prime Minister Narendra) Modi says our Shiv Sena is 'nakli' (fake) Shiv Sena.

Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain and ACS Subrat Sahoo were distributed voter slips by ADM Nidhi Sahu.

Nidhi Sahu
ADM



Chhattisgarh



The birth anniversary of Lord Hanuman was celebrated with full devotion throughout the district and processions were taken out

Hanuman Janmotsav celebrated with devotion

Processions were taken out and reverence and devotion continued from morning till late evening in small and big Hanuman temples all across the district.

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KHAIRAGRH: The birth anniversary of Lord Hanuman was celebrated with full devotion throughout the district and processions were taken out as per tradition. In areas of Chhuikhadan, Gandai, Salhewara, Jalbandha, Thelkadih, Udaipur, Bazar Ataria, Pandadah and Mudhipar, also processions were taken out and reverence and devotion continued from morning till late

evening in small and big Hanuman temples all across the district. In the famous South facing Hanuman temple located in Singarpur, as per tradition, various events were organized on the occasion, while at the famous Banke Bihari-Bombay Baj temple of the district headquarters, Gol Bazar, Bajrangbali temple located at PWD Colony, ancient temple located at Killapara, various rituals puja and Prasad distribu-

HIGHLIGHT

- Worship was also done in various villages of the rural area including Hanuman temple
- In all these temples Hanuman Chalisa recitation was done and worship in different ways was done as per tradition

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of the rural area including Hanuman temple, Shri Ram temple Barfani Dham located at Tikrapara, Radha Madhav temple located at New Tikrapara, Hanuman temple located at Itwari Bazaar, Bajrangbali temple located at Dauchaura and Hanuman temple located at University Campus-2. In all these temples Hanuman Chalisa recitation was done and worship in different ways was done as per tradition for the

fulfilment of desired wishes, due to which the atmosphere of the area remained devotional and Bhandara Prasad was organized throughout the day. Late in the evening, in conjunction with Veer Hanuman Seva Samiti, Turkari-para, the grand procession of Lord Hanuman reached Gupteshwar Mahadev Temple where Maha Aarti was performed as per the tradition of Lord Hanuman worship rituals.

District Police conducts Flag March in city

KHAIRAGRARH: For the smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha General Elections 2024 in a free, peaceful and fair manner in KCG district, on the instructions of SP Trilok Bansal, under the leadership of Additional SP Neha Pandey, a flag march was taken out from Pipariya on April 22 in Khairagarh, Thelkadih, Jalbandha, Chhuikhadan, Gandai areas. The SP appealed to the citizens to exercise their franchise in the Lok Sabha elections in a fair and peaceful manner without any kind of pressure or inducement. Anti-social elements were checked and suspicious people were interrogated so that an atmosphere of fear would be maintained among the anti-social elements and confidence in the police would be maintained in the minds of the general public.

Training given to employees engaged in EVM and VVPAT

In the training, the master trainer gave detailed information about the preparation of EVM

KORBA: Officers and employees attached for EVM, VVPAT commissioning work in the district under the Lok Sabha Election 2024 were given training under the directions and guidance of General Observer Prem Singh Meena and Collector Ajit Vasant. Training on EVM commissioning was given by District Master Trainer Dr. M.M. Joshi and the training was organized in two shifts, under which in the first shift, the master trainers and sector officers of assembly Katghora



Officers and employees attached for EVM, VVPAT commissioning work in the district were given training.

FACTFILE

- Master trainer gave detailed information about the preparation of EVM and VVPAT
- Training is being provided for the commissioning of EVM

and Pali-Tanakhar were given training on EVM commissioning from 11 am to 2 pm and the officers of assembly Korba and Rampur were given training on EVM commissioning from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. given. In the training, the master trainer gave

detailed information about the preparation of EVM and VVPAT machines along with the need for commissioning for the voting process. On this occasion, Observer Prem Singh Meena said that EVM and VVPAT commissioning work is a very responsible work.

INSPECTION

Collector inspects health arrangement at Hospital

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JAGDALPUR: Collector Vijay Dayaram K inspected the arrangement of health facilities of Maharani Hospital. He took cognizance of the number of patients in OPD, the type of patients examined and also discussed with the doctors. After this, he inspected the infant ward, newborn ward, psychiat-

ric ward, pathology lab arrangements, blood bank and Ambak Eye Hospital branch. He discussed with the doctors of the pediatric ward the causes and treatment of the common symptoms of most of the child patients.

He also took stock of the staff in the pathology lab and the arrangement of the blood bank and gave instructions to

Taking stock of staff in the pathology lab and arrangement of the blood bank, gave instructions to improve the system

Vijay Dayaram K.
Collector, Jagdalpur



improve the system. During the inspection, Civil Surgeon Dr. Prasad gave information regarding the activities of the hospital and informed about the development works of the hospital complex. During the inspection, the Collector gave instructions to complete the pending works of the kitchen under construction soon.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

PLEDGE

Students pledge oath for 100% voting

KHAIRAGRARH: Students of Rashmi-devi Mahavidyalaya and Naveen Kanya Mahavidyalaya here took a pledge to vote 100%, in the presence of Principal in-charge Jitendra Sakhre and Student Union in-charge JK Vaishnav, in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

In-charge Principal Jitendra Sakhre asked the students to vote themselves and also to motivate the nearby voters to vote, whereas student Union in-charge JK Vaishnav, underlining the importance of each vote in the world's largest democracy, asked for 100 percent voting to be mandatory on the voting date in the Lok Sabha elections.

A large number of students and college staff members including Prof. RL Dewangan, Suresh Dhangar, Homan Sahu, Dharampal Verma, Narendra Verma were present.

CAMPAIGN

Markam appeals to save constitution, campaigns in Kanker LS



KANKER: In a press release issued, Bhavani Singh Markam, the district president of Adivasi Congress in Raipur city, campaigned for Congress candidate Biresh Thakur in the Lok Sabha elections. Bhavani Singh Markam said, "RSS is completing 100 years in 2025, and their main agenda is to end the Constitution of India and abolish the constitutional rights and reservation policies of SC, ST, and OBC to implement their supremacist ideology."

From around the region

Hanuman Jayanti celebrated with pomp



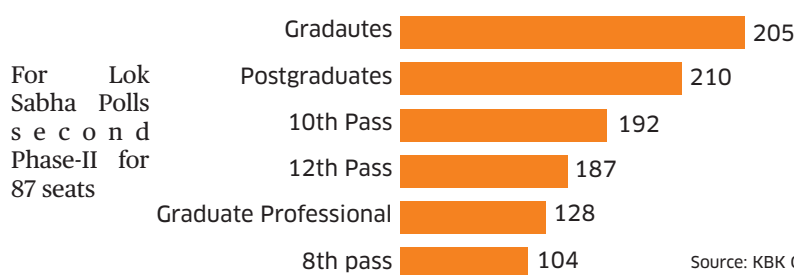
RAJIM: On the occasion of Chaitra Purnima, Hanuman Janmotsav was celebrated with great pomp in the city and rural areas, for which preparations were underway for the last three-four days. On the occasion Hanuman temples were decorated with lights and special worship was performed along with distribution of Prasad at many places.

Lord Hanuman was consecrated with Havan puja and there was a steady flow of devotees from morning till late evening. Prasad of one quintal was made in Govardhan Para, while at

the same time 2 quintals of kheer and one and a half quintals of khichdi were prepared and distributed among the devotees throughout the day by Shri Hanuman temple located at the bus stand. Similarly, Kheer and Puri were distributed by Nagar Panchayat Chairman Pushpa Goswami in Hanuman Temple located on VIP Marg, Ward No. 14 Patharra and the celebrations continued with great tradition and joy at many places including in Ward No. 15 Nawadih Rajeev Bhakti Mandir Committee President Lal Sahu and social leader Bodhan Sahu.

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WHAT IS THE PROFILE OF CANDIDATE WITH EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND



TRAINING

District-level officers conduct inspection

JANJGIR-CHAMPA: As per instructions by the Collector and DRO Aakash Chikara, in order to ensure free & fair LS elections 2024, the District-level officers conducted inspection of the training being imparted to the polling officers. Instructions were given to the officers and employees understand the intricacies of the training and also gave information about the entire polling procedure to the polling officers. All the trainees were given information about every procedure related to elections and about the proforma as per guidance and instructions of the election Commission.

Upper Collector SP Vaidh, CEO District Panchayat Gokul Kumar Rawate, Upper Collector Laveena Pandey, Dy.DRO Nisha Netam Madavi, Joint Collector Aradhya Rahul Kumar and other district-level officers conducted inspection of the training being imparted to the polling teams in Jai Bharat English Medium School, Janjgir and DIET Janjgir and others.

MOTIVATIONAL

'Chunai Tihar Amantran' team motivating voters



JANJGIR-CHAMPA: As per instructions by the District Returning officer Aakash Chikara and under guidance of CEO District Panchayat Gokul Kumar Rawate, the voters are being motivated to exercise their franchise both in the urban and rural areas by reaching to the Polling Centres on May 7 for LS polls 2024.

In the district, the 'Chunai Tihar Amantran team' of Anganbadi workers, assistants, Mitanins and women from Self-Help Group and BLO went door-to-door and gave voter's slip along with 'haldi-chawal' (tumeric-rice) and motivated them to exercise their franchise.

BJP has made a true tribal as the CM of Ch'garh: Sai

Gheraoing Congress and Bhupesh Baghel, Sai said that Congress is the party neck deep in corruption and cheating the people

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MANPUR: The tribals of Chhattisgarh were having a long pending demand that a tribal from state should be its CM and to which the PM of Nation Narendra Modi fulfilled and made a true tribal as its CM. Congress in its first term had made a fake tribal Ajit Jogi as its CM, as he turned out to be fake tribal after investigations. It is a true tribal CM who has now come before all to seek their blessings and all should favour the party's candidate and be rest assured about the development of the region, he added.

CM Vishnu Deo Sai was addressing a massive public meeting in Manpur under Rajnandgaon Lok Sabha area here on Monday. He charged that Congress is a corrupt party and therefore Congress PM Rajiv Gandhi used to say that when they send Re 1 from Centre, it is only Paisa 15 which reaches to the public and this means that Congress is creator of corruption.

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the people. They have not even fulfilled a single promise out of total 36 promises made. Under Baghel's leadership, Chhattisgarh had turned into centre of crime and it was Congress who had carried out liquor, coal, sand, govt, land, DMF scams and emptied the coffers of the state. By introducing 'Narwa, Ghurwa...' scheme, they had eaten up the money meant for cow-dung and it is for this reason that the people of the state ousted them from power.

The election itself is a challenge, no one can deny this: Baghel

On PM Narendra Modi's statement, former Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel said that, "these statements are being made continuously in the manner in which the manifesto came and he (PM Modi) spoke on Manmohan Singh's statement, so it can directly be said that Prime Minister Modi's mental state has been

HIGHLIGHT

● Certainly Congress will win. Everyone is fighting together and will win by a huge margin.

● There is no mention of the Muslim League in the Congress manifesto

disturbed. You're only picking one word from the speech of Manmohan Singh, you must read the full sentence at least. In that he mentioned everyone and you're only talking about one section of the society. So, it means you have nothing to say.

There is no mention of the Muslim League in the Congress manifesto.

Sector, polling officers imparted training for Home Voting

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General Observer Meena asked the sector and polling officers to take the training seriously

KORBA: The sector and polling officers were imparted training for the Home Voting for the senior citizens above 85 and those having 40% and above disability and it was given in the presence of General Observer Prem Singh Meena in the Collectorate here on Monday. During this Collector and DRO Ajeet Vasant, CEO District Panchayat Sambit Mishra, all Returning Officers and officers and employees from different departments were present.

General Observer Meena asked the sector and polling officers to take the training seriously and directed to ensure secrecy of the polling. Collector Ajeet Vasant asked the polling teams to take full benefit of training and added that all curiosities should be solved and there should not be any doubts. Collector asked them to understand the importance of all the papers and complete the voting process by getting all information filled from the person voting.

In the training, master trainer Dr MM Joshi gave

information about filling of different papers and its importance to all the officers and employees of the voting team. He informed that the polling team by visiting the house of the voter, get the polling done through postal ballot. It is by ensuring the identity of the voter through Voter ID card or other alternative document, the voter should be given complete information about polling and the voters would cast his vote

FASTFACTS

● Collector Ajeet Vasant asked the polling teams to take full benefit of training

by putting the symbol in front of the candidate's name. In this training the Master Trainer Dr Joshi sorted out all queries of the trainees.

It is notable here that a total of 132 applications of persons have been received for the Home Voting and for their voting, a total of 14 polling teams have been appointed and 3 teams are in the reserve. He informed that it is by visiting the house of the senior citizens above 85 yrs and those with above 40% of disability who presents the format 12 G, the home voting will be carried out by going to their residence.

NEWSLINE

EARTH DAY

Earth Day celebrated at Allons School

BEMETARA: The Earth Day celebration was celebrated under the supervision of Principal Mrs. Neetu Singh, Allons Public School (formerly New Sainik School) conducted a vibrant and impactful Earth Day celebration on April 22, 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about environmental conservation and the importance of sustainable living among students and staff. The celebration began with a special assembly led by Mrs. Neetu Singh, emphasizing the significance of Earth Day and urging everyone to take action to protect our planet. Students presented thought-provoking speeches, poems, and skits highlighting various environmental issues.

ELECTROCUTION

Two laborers die of electrocution

JAGDALPUR: The work of installing new electricity poles is being done in village Lendra under Darbha police station area of the district. During this period, two laborers got injured due to electric shock. After which other working colleagues got him admitted to Mecos for treatment and they are reported to be out of danger. The laborers who came with the injured told that on Monday morning, 09 laborers were doing the work of installing electricity poles in village Lendra. During this time, old electric wires were being removed, new wires were being laid and new poles were being installed. Meanwhile, Sonu Ram, S/o of Deu, 45 years, resident of Chidpal, Baman, father of Pandu, 39 years, got electrocuted.

SECURITY CAMP

Naxalite are on the verge of collapse due to 200 security camps



JAGDALPUR: If the Naxal network is understood broadly, the Naxalites of Andhra Pradesh have created two areas to organize their activities. There is a plain area, which includes the districts of Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, Bhendak, Hyderabad, Nalgonda. The second is Dandakaranya region, which includes Seemandh/Adilabad of Telangana, Khammam: East Godavari, Visakhapatnam, Koraput of Odisha, Bhandara of Maharashtra, Chandrapur, Gadchiroli, Bastar of Chhattisgarh, Rajnandgaon and Balaghat and Mandla districts of Madhya Pradesh.

43rd Annual Day of Maitri Mahila Samiti celebrated

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The annual day was a riot of colourful costumes, drama, melodious music, and vibrant dances by the members of MSS

KORBA: NTPC Korba's Ladies Club, Maitri Mahila Samiti celebrated its 43rd Annual Day on April 21. Sarit Maheshwari, BUH, NTPC Korba, was the Chief Guest.

The members of the ladies' club performed a Ganesh Vandana to start the 43rd Annual Day which was welcomed by a Chhattisgarh welcome song. Smt. Rakhi Maheshwari, President of the Maitri Mahila Samiti addressed the gathering and extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries. The annual day was a riot of colourful costumes, drama, melodious music, and vibrant dances by the

members of the Maitri Mahila Samiti. 'Sanskriti,' dance forms of Seven different states of India were performed, encapsulating the diversity of the nation along with voices from different corners of the nation were also heard.

The spouses of the club members were invited to the annual day programme and they also enthusiastically participated in the event. Fun games were conducted, and the audience and participants actively participated and enjoyed the evening. Shri Sarit Maheshwari, BUH, NTPC Korba in the felicitation address congratulated the MSS club and its members for their outstanding performance on the annual day and wished them the best for the coming days.

All the seniors and members of the ladies' club, families and employees of NTPC Korba were also present during the function.

Priest of Kurenga temple meet water grave

JAGDALPUR: Sada Baghel, the priest of Shitala temple of the village, drowned while taking bath in the pond of village Kurenga under Parpa police station area of the district on Monday morning, due to which he died. The body of the deceased priest was sent to Mecos for post-mortem.

Rupendra Baghel, nephew of the deceased priest, told that late Sada Baghel's father, who was working as a priest for many years in the Shitala temple located in the village. Paklu, 35, had gone to take bath in Sonamunda pond, located about 600 meters from his house, at 6 am on Monday morning. While bathing, he went into deep water, due to which he died due to drowning. After taking out the body from the pond, it was identified as Sada Baghel, the priest of Shitala temple.

Time has come to remove the 'missing' MP: Baghel

CAMPAIGNING |

Central Chronicle News

The political parties in order to woo the voters for the polling are trying all sorts of tactics

KHAIRAGARH: With hardly three days to go for the polling for the second phase, the heart beats of the candidates and their supporters too has increased. The political parties in order to woo the voters for the polling are trying all sorts of tactics through different means of campaigning and leaving no chance for their opposition to score above them. On Sunday, Bhupesh Baghel reached Khairagarh along with his supporters late at night and alighting from car took to bike riding in the bike rally organised with the youth and toured entire



Baghel addressed a public meeting at Rajiv Chowk

FASTFACTS

● People of Rajnandgaon had elected Santosh Pandey as MP, but right after that he has not shown his face

● Baghel took out a bike rally with youth and toured entire Khairagarh city area

Khairagarh city area and made an appeal to vote in his favour. After the rally Baghel addressed a public meeting at Rajiv Chowk and came down heavily against the BJP LS candidate Santosh Pandey, PM Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP CM duo Yogi Adityanath and Vishnu Deo Sai. Baghel address election rally at Rajiv Chowk:

Bhupesh Baghel in his address to people at Rajiv Chowk charged that being the Lok Sabha MP Santosh Pandey has not even showed her face to people.

He said that in 2019 the people of Rajnandgaon had elected him and sent him to Lok Sabha, but right after that he has not shown his presence in the region.

NOBLE SERVICE |

Muktidham Seva Samiti performs free last rites of unclaimed dead bodies

Central Chronicle News

PITHORA: They say giving the dead their final rest is the most noble of tasks for humanity, going true to this saying a group youths, who cremate the dead bodies with respect

for consecutive years, has given birth to a new thought in the society. Years ago, Muktidham of the city was filled with filth and no arrangements in specific were available, but for the last

8-10 years every social person of the city is praising the endeavor of the youths who have changed the very shape of the Mukti Dham.

They rejuvenated Muktidham by arranging water tank, tap water scheme, providing wood for burn, carpet, bucket and other facilities with public support. A new message was given to the society by planting trees and fountains along with electric lights at the main gate. In



the beginning, there were some problems and people ridiculed them, but these friends took the core of Nar Seva Narayan Seva in their hearts and moved ahead in the development of Mukti Dham.

Donors of the city also provide full support to Janm Muktidham Seva Samiti and aid is not limited to just wood, it provides all the things for cremation free of cost to the poor families of the city in times of sorrow



The Muktidham Seva Samiti also performs the last rites of unclaimed dead bodies free of cost

Members

Muktidham Seva Samiti



QUOTE FROM THE QUOTABLE

Don't see others doing better than you,
beat your own records every day because
success is a fight between you and yourself.
[Chandrasekhar Azad]

Comment

Social entrepreneurship can enable NEPs and SDGs Goals

OUR VIEW |

Gukesh's Victory: Elevating Indian Chess to New Heights

In the illustrious realm of chess, where strategy and intellect converge, D Gukesh has indelibly inscribed his name in the annals of history. At a mere 17 years of age, this prodigious talent from Chennai has electrified the global chess community with his awe-inspiring victory at the FIDE Candidates tournament in Toronto. By clinching the crown, he has ascended to the pinnacle of chess excellence, etching his legacy as the youngest-ever victor of this esteemed event. Gukesh's journey to this triumphant moment has been nothing short of extraordinary. Throughout the arduous 14 rounds of classical chess, he displayed an unwavering resolve and a remarkable blend of composure and maturity, defying all odds to emerge victorious against seasoned adversaries. His mettle was tested against the crème de la crème of chess, including luminaries like Hikaru Nakamura, Fabiano Caruana, and Ian Nepomniachtchi, yet he stood tall, undaunted by the challenges that lay before him. Under the tutelage of the venerable Viswanathan Anand, Gukesh epitomizes the pinnacle of Indian chess on the global stage. His humility and dedication to the craft exemplify the ethos of a true champion, driven not by the pursuit of records, but by an unwavering commitment to playing the best chess possible. As he sets his sights on the World Championship title showdown against China's Ding Liren later this year, the entire nation stands behind him, rallying in support of his quest for glory. This momentous triumph also signifies a watershed moment for Indian chess. With a record five players qualifying for the Candidates tournament this year, including Gukesh, Praggnanandhaa, and R Vaishali from Anand's academy, India's dominance in the global chess arena has never been more apparent. As the nation rejoices in their remarkable achievements, it is incumbent upon us to seize this momentum and propel the game to even greater heights. By fostering a nurturing environment and organizing more elite tournaments, India can ensure that Gukesh's victory heralds the dawn of yet another golden era for Indian chess, inspiring generations of budding chess enthusiasts to follow in his illustrious footsteps.

GUEST VIEW |

Fight Against Malaria - A Global Perspective

World Malaria Day, observed annually on April 25th, highlights the ongoing battle against malaria worldwide. Despite progress, many remain vulnerable to this disease. The recent World Malaria Report reveals improved access to malaria services, yet numerous at-risk individuals still lack essential prevention, detection, and treatment. Challenges such as climate change and humanitarian crises exacerbate the struggle for a malaria-free world. This year's theme, "Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world," underscores the need to address health disparities, promote gender equality, and uphold human rights in malaria control efforts. India has set an ambitious target to eliminate malaria by 2030 through its National Framework for Malaria Elimination 2016-2030. Despite a global increase in malaria cases in 2020, India has made remarkable strides, with a 60% reduction in reported cases compared to 2017 and a 46% reduction compared to 2018. Among the top 11 countries burdened with malaria, India stands out as the sole nation making substantial progress, bringing zero malaria closer to reality.



Dr. Krishna Kumar vepakomma

Social entrepreneurship program is being seen all over the World as an opportunity for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to contribute to achieving the New National Education Policy's (NEPs) and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs). For achieving this, young people – tomorrow's leaders – need to (re)discover empathy.

Several HEIs are working on an approach to prioritise education in 'social entrepreneurship' that cultivates problem-solving skills to address societal issues. Research studies suggest that educating young people via a sustainability-aligned approach, through socially responsible work, could have a substantial impact on advancing the NEP, and UNSDGs. It's high time now for Indian HEIs to invest campus-wide in social innovation and build the spirit of social entrepreneurship by offering at least one related course. There is a need to restore the social capital that has been eroded by relentless competition

and individualism. Instilling empathy or understanding other people's predicaments is a starting point. However, without empathy, one can't even get to that starting point to solve social problems nor to understand the NEP and SDGs. Several studies emphasise the increasing need for problem-solving skills based on empathy. A recent research study undertaken by Prof. Sunil Goyal, Dean under the guidance and directions of Dr. Ramdas G. Atram, Vice Chancellor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Madhya Pradesh, have identified the "breakdown of communities" as an underlying issue and found that accelerated digitalisation and the lack of face-to-face interactions have left the younger generation in India relatively deficient in communication skills and empathy. The study further suggested that in such a context, the rapid evolution of the social entrepreneurship mindset holds dual significance for both Indian society and HE. Firstly, it



Prof. Sunil Goyal

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aims to equip individuals with an active mindset, capable of recognising societal problems, and exercising empathy to take action towards resolutions. Secondly, it promotes the acquisition of various problem-solving skills, encouraging creativity in envisioning strategies applicable to non-profit campaigns, business ventures, policy development and more. Study also revealed that some Indian HEIs, who have recently established department of social entrepreneurship and humanistic future studies, also underscore the role of empathy and community-centred social entrepreneurship. These programs are anchored in the 'learning by doing' philosophy, where students directly engage in identifying real societal issues and participate in resolving them by applying various business methods.

Now, more than ever, India needs to foster collaborative and collective experiences in its youth. The emphasis should be on nurturing moral and emotional growth. This growth, intertwined with

technical education and channelled towards community problem-solving, is imperative for both individual and societal progression. The study suggested that efforts should be initiated by HEIs so that students gain a better understanding of social issues and the importance of solving them together. Students should be exposed to how other people in different cultures and socio-economic categories live and how global challenges, such as those the NEP and SDGs aim to address, are affecting lives.

An ultimate goal of social entrepreneurship or social innovation education is to enable students to act as 'changemakers' in society, even if it takes time. Experts regard social isolation and the breakdown of social networks as significant contributors to crime, depression and an increase in suicide rates in Indian students. To fundamentally address this, it's essential to restore the social capital that has been eroded by relentless competition and individualism.

Learn from Gukesh and Chess

Gukesh's actions on and off the board reflect his determination. Chess, a spiritual teacher, fosters concentration and steering children away from harmful distractions. By *Sujit De*



PGrandmaster D. Gukesh of India during his match against Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura of USA at the FIDE Candidates chess tournament, in Toronto | Photo: AP

nanandhaa.

All these actions show that this young man is good at heart. Another great aspect of his character is his ability to bounce back. In the press conference after becoming the youngest Candidates chess champion, he said it was his seventh-round defeat to Iranian-French Grandmaster Alireza Firouza that actually motivated him to win the title.

He said, "The loss kind of provided me with the energy and motivation. After the

loss, I really felt that if I continue doing the right thing, and I am in the right mental state, then I can really go for the wins." In the 2022 Chennai Olympiad, he won all in the first eight games. It was an unprecedented feat in the history of Chess Olympiads. However, his graph showed a decline in 2023. But he bounced back at the end of 2023 when he won the 2023 Chennai Grand Masters tournament which was his last chance to get a passport for competing in the Candi-

dates.

After Viswanathan Anand who became the FIDE world chess champion on five occasions (in 2000, 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2012), India will get another FIDE world chess champion, the youngest ever in the world, in Gukesh if he can defeat the World Champion Ding Liren of China.

Let us now move from one teacher in Gukesh to another teacher in chess. Chess is a spiritual teacher. It gives us the feel of infinity. The 64-square game unfolds

never ending possibilities. When we play chess, we find ourselves composed. It is a game that magnets all our being to a particular point of finding which move will be a better one.

Our children should be advised to play chess instead of cruel, silly, bang-bang video games. Chess will increase their IQ; power of imagination and concentration. It will also rescue them from sadistic video games that can turn innocent, impressionable minds into trigger-maniac, insensitive brutes. Indeed, the World Health Organisation is now preparing a draft to classify persistent video gaming as an addictive health disorder.

A study shows that four months of chess instructions have, significantly, raised the IQ scores of both boys and girls of 4000 Venezuelan students. According to a study, those people of 75 years or more who engage in brain-games like chess are less likely to develop dementia. A German study says that when chess players are asked to identify chess positions and geometric shapes, both the left and right hemispheres of the brain become highly active.

YOUR LETTERS

Earth's Cry for Help

World Earth Day serves as a stark reminder of our planet's peril. Melting icebergs, plastic pollution, and dwindling water levels threaten ecosystems. Rampant AC use without tree replenishment exacerbates environmental woes. Ongoing conflicts, like the Russia-Ukraine war and Israel-Hamas clashes, perpetuate violence, hindering peace efforts. In India-Pakistan tensions over Kashmir, militant support fuels bloodshed. China's actions in Arunachal worsen river systems. With Earth's health at stake, humanity must unite to safeguard our only home.

Rathin Kumar Chanda, Hooghly

Brilliant Gukesh

Dommaraju Gukesh, aged 17 years, 10 months, and 24 days, achieved history as the youngest winner of the Candidates chess tournament. His remarkable victory in Toronto, defeating esteemed players like Caruana and Nakamura, underscores India's rising prominence in chess. Already a grandmaster at 12, Gukesh now sets his sights on challenging China's Ding Liren for the world chess title. His triumph not only ignites hopes for a new world champion but also showcases India's burgeoning talent and passion for the game, inspiring future generations of chess enthusiasts.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee, Faridabad

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Business



Congress party's plan to impose inheritance tax is aimed at hitting the middle and aspirational classes as they will not be able to pass on their savings to their children.

Nirmala Sitharaman
Finance Minister

BizBriefs

BEST OF THE REST

DIGITAL PAYMENT SERVICE

PayU gets RBI's in-principle nod to operate as payment aggregator

NEW DELHI: Fintech firm PayU has received an in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank to operate as a payment aggregator, the company said on Wednesday.

In January 2023, RBI had returned applications of Prosus Group firm PayU and asked it to resubmit them within 120 days.

With in-principle approval in place, PayU can now onboard new merchants to provide them digital payment services. "This license is pivotal in our mission to establish a globally renowned digital payment infrastructure rooted in India.

Aligned with the government's Digital India initiative and the RBI's forward-thinking regulations, we are dedicated to driving digitisation and financial inclusion, particularly for small merchants," said Anirban Mukherjee, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), PayU. **PTI**

RUPEE-CLOSE

Rupee settles on flat note, up 1 paise at 83.30 against US dollar

MUMBAI: The rupee consolidated in a narrow range and settled for the day higher by 1 paise at 83.30 against the US dollar on Wednesday, as the support from positive domestic equities was negated by rising American currency. Forex traders said elevated crude oil prices and significant foreign fund outflows in the international market dented investors' sentiments. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.29 against the greenback. The unit hit an intra-day high of 83.26 and a low of 83.33 against the greenback. The domestic unit finally settled at 83.30 (provisional) against the dollar, 1 paise higher from its previous close. On Tuesday, the rupee closed at 83.31 against the American currency. Forex traders said the rupee is expected to trade with a slight positive bias on improved global risk sentiments and easing of geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. **PTI**



Tamilnadu Petroproducts is India's leading petrochemical facility, manufacturing an array of products. | Photo: PTI

TN appoints firm to drive its carbon-neutral goals

The collaboration with EY-Parthenon highlights Company's proactive approach to addressing environmental challenges and reinforces its commitment

Press Trust Of India

CHENNAI: Industrial chemicals manufacturer Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd has roped in strategic consultancy firm EY-Parthenon to support its carbon-neutral goals, the company said on Wednesday.

By leveraging EY-Parthenon's expertise in sustainability strategy formulation and execution, Chennai-based

Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd aims to develop an integrated carbon-neutral roadmap aligned with its long-term sustainability goals.

"Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd is taking proactive steps to contribute to climate change objectives. Our collaboration with EY-Parthenon, signifies a deliberate move towards this objective with a sci-

NUMBER

60%

• Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd produces industrial intermediate chemicals including Alkyl benzene, Caustic Soda and Propylene Oxide

entific, measurable and time-bound approach,"

said its Vice-Chairman Ashwin Muthiah. Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd produces industrial intermediate chemicals including Alkyl benzene, Caustic Soda and Propylene Oxide.

"We are pleased to partner with Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd on their journey towards carbon neutrality. Leveraging EY-Parthenon's deep knowledge of value led carbonisation,

we aim to assist Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd in reaching its emission reduction targets," said EY-Parthenon India Partner and Leader of Industrial Decarbonisation Kapil Bansal.

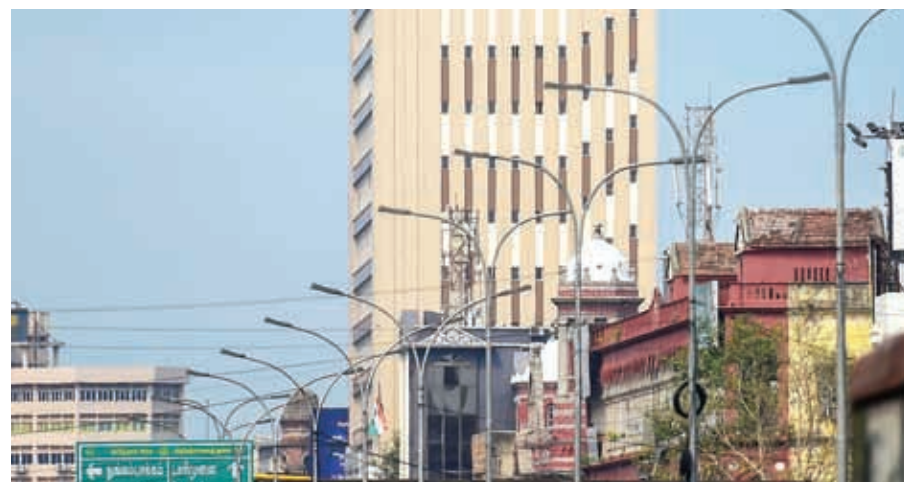
Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd aims to establish internal reduction targets consistent with the Science-Based Targets initiative (SBTi) and devise an emission reduction plan.

India's pharma exports rise 10 pc to USD 27.9 bn in FY24

NEW DELHI: NEW DELHI: The country's drugs and pharmaceuticals exports increased 9.67 per cent year-on-year to USD 27.9 billion in 2023-24, even as the total exports dipped by 3 per cent in the last fiscal. According to the commerce ministry data, pharma exports in March grew by 12.73 per cent to USD 2.8 billion. In 2022-23, the exports stood at USD 25.4 billion. The top five export markets, for the sector during the last fiscal, are the US, the UK, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, South Africa and Brazil. The US accounts for over 31 per cent of India's total pharma exports, followed by the UK and Netherlands (about 3 per cent each). In 2023-24, the outbound shipments also entered new geographies like Montenegro, South Sudan, Chad, Comoros, Brunei and Latvia.

LIC warned against misleading ads on social media platform

NEW DELHI: Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) on Wednesday cautioned the public against certain individuals/entities engaging in fraudulent advertising practices on social media platforms by misusing the image of senior officials and the brand name and logo of the company. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), LIC asked its policyholders and the public to exercise caution and verify the authenticity of any such advertisements. "It has come to our attention that certain individuals and/or entities are engaging in fraudulent advertis-



File photo of LIC office. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

• It also asked the public to report URL links of such fraudulent advertisements on LIC's official social media accounts

• Appropriate legal action against those found engaging in fraudulent activities

ing practices on various social media platforms by misusing the image of our senior official/s or ex-officials, our brand logo, and our brand name without our consent in an unauthorised manner. We wish to alert the public in regard to such deceptive activities," LIC said in a public caution notice. It asked the public to report URL links of such fraud-

ulent advertisements on LIC's official social media accounts. "We will pursue appropriate legal action and those found engaging in fraudulent activities using our brand without authorisation," LIC said, adding that it is committed to ensuring that policyholders and general public are not misled by such deceptive advertising practices.

CARD LAUNCH

SBI chief Dinesh Kumar warns of unsecured asset risks

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MUMBAI: SBI chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara said poor risk assessment is the root of asset quality concerns on the unsecured lending front. In comments that come amid increased regulatory discomfort and efforts to dissuade banks from increasing exposures to segments such as credit cards and

personal loans, the chairman of the country's largest lender said there is no challenge if a bank is able to manage risk. "The unsecured lending becomes a problem if the assessment is not done properly," he told reporters on the sidelines of an event where the bank's credit card subsidiary SBI Cards launched a travel segment-focused card. It



SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara with SBI Card MD & CEO Abhijit Chakravorty during the launch of SBI card in Mumbai.

can be noted that late last year, the RBI increased the risk weights on unsecured lending to dissuade the lenders from undertaking more exposures to such riskier products which come without any collateral. Khara asserted that the 25-year-old SBI Cards has been able to manage the asset quality well because of its focus on risk assessment.

How markets behaved today? Sensex, Nifty climb on firm trend in global markets



MUMBAI: Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ticked higher for the fourth straight session on Wednesday, helped by buying in metal and commodity stocks amid a positive trend in global equities.

However, intense selling pressure on telecom, IT and tech counters capped the upside, traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 114.49 points or 0.16 per cent to settle at 73,852.94. During the day, it jumped 383.16 points or 0.51 per cent to 74,121.61. The NSE Nifty advanced 34.40 points or 0.15 per cent to 22,402.40. The indices witnessed some selling pressure towards the

fag-end of the session that erased some initial gains. From the Sensex basket, JSW Steel, Tata Steel, Power Grid, Kotak Mahindra Bank, UltraTech Cement, NTPC and Bajaj Finance were the major gainers.

Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, Maruti, Reliance Industries and Titan were among the laggards.

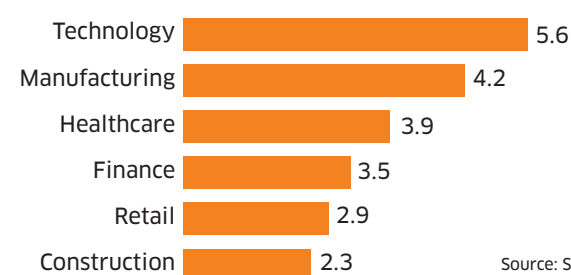
In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled in the positive territory.

European markets were trading mostly with gains. Wall Street ended with gains on Tuesday. Global oil benchmark Brent crude declined 0.35 per cent to USD 88.11 a barrel.

The Day's NUMBERS

NATIONAL AVERAGE: 3.8

INDUSTRY-WISE EMPLOYMENT GROWTH (IN %)



Source: Statista

RESULT

HUL reports 1.53 pc dip in net profit to Rs 2,561 cr in Q4

NEW DELHI: FMCG major Hindustan Unilever on Wednesday reported a 1.53 per cent decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 2,561 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31.

The company had posted a net profit of Rs 2,601 crore in the year-ago period.

Total income during the quarter under review stood at Rs 15,441 crore in the fourth quarter as against Rs 15,375 crore in the corresponding period a year ago, Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) said in a regulatory filing. For the fiscal ended March 31, 2024, the company reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 10,282 crore.

HUL had posted a net profit of Rs 10,143 crore in the 2022-23 fiscal year. Its total income rose to Rs 62,707 crore in FY24 as against Rs 61,092 crore in FY23. Shares of the company ended 0.16 per cent down at Rs 2,259.15 apiece on the BSE. **PTI**

PRICE RISE

Gold, silver prices rebound after falling for two sessions



NEW DELHI: Gold and silver prices rebounded on Wednesday after falling in the past two sessions, with the yellow metal rising Rs 410 to Rs 72,610 per 10 grams in the local market due to strong trends in the global markets. Silver prices also jumped Rs 250 to Rs 83,750 per kg. According to HDFC Securities, gold prices bounced Rs 410 to Rs 72,610 per 10 grams in Delhi. The precious metal had closed at Rs 72,200 per 10 grams on Tuesday. Silver prices also rose Rs 250 to Rs 83,750 per kg. In the previous close, it had settled at Rs 83,500 per kg. **PTI**



Def minister shouldn't lower his dignity
P Chidambaram
Congress leader



Students measure shadow length at a demonstration on the 'Zero Shadow Day', at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, in Bengaluru.

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

CRIME
12-yr-old tribal girl raped, murdered in Maharashtra's Gondia

GONDIA: A 12-year-old tribal girl has been allegedly raped and murdered in Maharashtra's Gondia district, police said on Wednesday.

The incident took place on April 19, they said, adding that efforts were on to nab the unidentified culprit.

Some tribal organisations staged a demonstration on Tuesday and Wednesday outside the Deori sub-divisional magistrate's office and warned of intensifying the stir if the culprit was not arrested at the earliest.

The victim, a class 6 student, accompanied her parents to a relative's marriage ceremony in Gotanpar village of Deori tehsil on April 19.

She was allegedly abducted from there by an unidentified person, a police official said.

After being unable to trace the girl, her parents launched a search.

DEMAND
Protesting Tamil Nadu farmers try climbing mobile tower



NEW DELHI: Few farmers from Tamil Nadu, including a woman, on Wednesday tried to climb onto a mobile tower as they protested at Delhi's Jantar Mantar over demands of better prices for their crops and the river interlinking issue, officials said.

Scores of Tamil Nadu farmers gathered at Jantar Mantar, some of who tried to climb nearby trees and a mobile tower, police said.

SC for clarification from EC on functioning of EVMs

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta, which has reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas seeking complete cross-verification of votes cast using EVMs with VVPAT.

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought clarification from the Election Commission on certain aspects regarding the functioning of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), including whether the microcontrollers fitted in them are reprogrammable, and summoned a senior poll panel official at 2 pm.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta, which has reserved its verdict on a batch of pleas seeking complete cross-verification of votes cast using EVMs with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT), said it needs clarification on certain aspects as there was some confusion in answers given by the EC in its 'frequently asked questions' (FAQs) on EVMs. "We went through the FAQs. We just wanted three-four clarifications. We don't want to be factually wrong but doubly sure in our findings and hence we thought of seeking the clarification," the bench told Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati who was appearing for the EC.

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HIGHLIGHT

- Clarification needed is whether microcontroller is installed in VVPAT

- Need clarification on storage and securing of EVMs

It flagged some points on which the court wanted clarification which relates to storage of EVMs, microchip in the controlling unit of EVMs and other aspects.

"First clarification needed is with regard to microcontroller. Whether it is installed in controlling unit or in the VVPAT. We were under the impression that the microcontroller

is the memory installed in the control unit (CU). One of the questions in the FAQs indicates that it is also installed in the VVPAT," the bench said.

The bench said that the court was informed that VVPAT has a flash memory.

"The second thing which we wanted to know is whether the microcontroller is one-time programmable. It is because there are different types of microcontrollers. It is a stand taken by the EC that the microcontroller is one-time programmable. Just confirm that," the bench told Bhati. Justice Khanna said that third clarification relates to symbol

loading units as to how many are available with the poll panel.

"We want to know how many are available with you (EC)," the bench said, adding that the fourth clarification is with regard to storage of EVMs for 45 days.

The bench said that it was told that the limitation period for filing of election petition is 30 days and hence the EVMs are stored for 45 days.

"When we checked section 81 of the Representation of People Act, we found that the limitation period for filing of EVMs is 45 days. So please confirm us because it is 30 days or 45 days storage.

SC stays construction of 4 dams inside Sanctuary

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday stayed the construction of four proposed dams inside Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary in Haryana's Yamunanagar district.

A bench of justices B R Gavai and Sandeep Mehta issued notices to the Centre, the Haryana government and others while seeking their replies. The top court noted that the construction of dams would not only be detrimental to wildlife and population in Kalesar but also to the ecosystem and even the purpose for which the dams are proposed would not be achieved. "Issue notice. We further direct that no steps shall be taken for construction of dams unless an order is passed by this court," the bench said.

Apart from the above, 13 pairs of long distance Special Trains are also running through ECoR jurisdiction through important destinations of the country

BHUBANESWAR: Considering the demands from the passengers towards different destinations and in various routes and to clear additional rush of passengers in regular trains during summer, it has been decided to run Special Trains from East Coast Railway jurisdiction towards different destinations of the country during the summer. 08471/08472 Puri-Udhna-Puri Summer

PASSENGER DEMAND

Five more pairs of Summer Special Trains from ECoR

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Summer Special Trains

FACTFILE

- ECoR has earlier notified for running of 20 pairs of Special Trains

Special Train from Puri will leave at 0630hrs on every Monday & Thursday between 25th April to 27th June 2024. In the return direction, this train from Udhna will leave at 1700hrs on every Tuesday and

Friday between 26th April to 28th June 2024. 08479/08480 Puri-New Delhi-Puri Summer Special Train from Puri will leave at 0845hrs on every Tuesday between 30th April to 25th June 2024.

POLL TALK

Is 'Modi ki Guarantee' only 'chunavi jumla'?

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NEW DELHI: The Congress on Wednesday claimed that the BJP had "conveniently forgotten" its promise to increase the amount transferred to women under the 'Ladli Behna Scheme' in Madhya Pradesh after the assembly polls and asked whether the 'Modi ki Guarantee' is just a euphemism for

"chunavi jumla". Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh posed questions for the prime minister ahead of Modi's election rallies in Madhya Pradesh.

"Today's questions for the PM as he heads to MP: Why has the BJP denied Adivasi community their rights to forest produce in MP? MP has the highest crime rate against Dalits. Why is it increasing? Why

PM feel no shame for atrocities faced by Dalits in Madhya Pradesh

Jairam Ramesh
GS, Congress



did the PM lie to MP's women about the Ladli Behna Scheme before assembly elections?" Ramesh said in a post on X. Elaborating on what he said were "jumla details", Ramesh said in 2006, the Congress passed the revolutionary Forest Rights Act (FRA) which granted Adivasi and forest-dwelling communities legal rights to manage their own forests.

The Day's NUMBERS

OUTWARD REMITTANCES FOR TRAVEL (IN USD \$ MILLION)

Jan 2024	1549.97
Dec 2023	1548.85
Nov 2023	1180.42
OCT 2023	1368.98
SEP 2023	1765.07
AUG 2023	2039.72

Source: Statista

PASSENGER CONVENIENCE

Central Railway makes budget-friendly meals available on 15 stations

MUMBAI: The Central Railway along with IRCTC has made "budget-friendly" meals available for train passengers considering the heavy rush during summer on some of its stations.

In a release issued on Tuesday, Central Railway said that budget-friendly meal options are available on 15 major railway stations where long-distance trains halt.

The facility is available at Igatpuri, Karjat, Manmad, Khandwa, Badnera, Shegaon, Pune, Miraj, Daund, Sainagar Shirdi, Nagpur, Wardha, Solapur, Wadi and Kurduwadi stations. The initiative is launched particularly for passengers travelling in unreserved compartments, it said.

A railway official said that an "economy meal" can be purchased for just Rs 20. It will contain seven puris and potato bhaji, whereas for Rs 50, one can buy "snack meals" with rice dishes.

MYSTERY

Dead body of a operator found inside a coal ship in Paradip



PARADIP: Dead body of a excavator operator was found inside a foreign coal ship namely MV. ULUSOY-II which is anchored in SQ berth for unloading coal at the Paradip Port in Odisha under mysterious circumstances on Tuesday.

The deceased was identified as Bibhuti Barik, a resident of Badamba Narsinghpur in Cuttack district.

Though the reason behind the death of the worker is yet to be ascertained, it is suspected that the person might have died due to suffocation inside the hatch of the ship.

World



Modi has done an unbelievable job in India

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CEO Jamie Dimon

Briefs

BEST OF THE REST

MIGRATION
Tunisia recovers bodies of 19 migrants crossing Mediterranean to Europe

TUNIS (TUNISIA): The bodies of 19 people were recovered Tuesday off the coast of Tunisia, one of the primary points of departure for those seeking to traverse the Mediterranean Sea to Europe. The Tunisian coast guard said in a statement that it had recovered the bodies near the port cities of Mahdia and Sfax, the country's second largest city where migrants have in recent weeks clashed with law enforcement. Despite risks, migrants continue to attempt the treacherous voyage from North Africa to Europe, traveling in boats from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya to Italy, Greece, Malta and Spain's Canary Islands. More than 49,000 people have come to Europe by sea this year, including more than 7,000 from Tunisia to Italy. Many more have attempted the journey.

FAIRBANKS
No survivors found after plane crashes in Alaska River



ALASKA: A Douglas C-54 Skymaster airplane carrying two people crashed into the Tanana River near Fairbanks on Tuesday and burst into flames, authorities said. No survivors have been found. The plane took off in the morning from Fairbanks International Airport. It crashed about 7 miles (11 kilometers) from there and "slid into a steep hill on the bank of the river where it caught fire," according to Alaska State Troopers.

From around the world

Doctors combine a pig kidney transplant and a heart device in a bid to extend woman's life



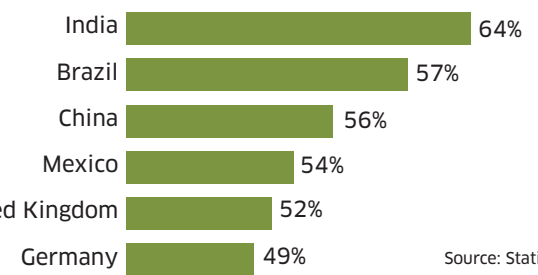
NEW YORK: Doctors have transplanted a pig kidney into a New Jersey woman who was near death, part of a dramatic pair of surgeries that also stabilised her failing heart. Lisa Pisano's combination of heart and kidney failure left her too sick to qualify for a traditional transplant, and out of options. Then doctors at NYU Langone Health devised a novel one-two punch: Implant a mechanical pump to keep her heart beating and days later transplant a kidney from a genetically modified pig. Pisano is recovering well, the NYU team announced Wednesday. She's only the second patient ever to receive a pig kidney -- following

a landmark transplant last month at Massachusetts General Hospital - and the latest in a string of attempts to make animal-to-human transplantation a reality. This week, the 54-year-old grasped a walker and took her first few steps. "I was at the end of my rope," Pisano told The Associated Press. "I just took a chance. And you know, worst case scenario, if it didn't work for me, it might have worked for someone else and it could have helped the next person." Dr Robert Montgomery, director of NYU Langone Transplant Institute, recounted cheers in the operating room as the organ immediately started making urine.

The Day's NUMBERS

Share of respondents saying that eco-friendly packaging is an important aspect of sustainable consumption

Consumers See the Need for Eco-Friendly Packaging



MILITARY AID
Ukrainian officials thank US for latest military aid

KYIV: Ukrainian officials on Wednesday expressed thanks for a fresh batch of US military aid that threw Kyiv's armed forces a lifeline in their more than two-year war with Russia, even though the vital new supplies aren't expected to have an immediate impact on the battlefield. Ukrainian troops have faced acute shortages of shells and air defense systems as political quarrels in Washington held up the aid for months, allowing the Kremlin's forces to edge forward in some parts of eastern Ukraine by sheer weight of troop numbers and firepower in what has largely become a war of attrition. The US decision came as the Kremlin's army extended its bombardment of the Kharkiv region and Ukrainian long-range drones struck more fuel and energy facilities inside Russia. Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy thanked the US Senate for approving the \$61 billion aid package late Tuesday.

SAFE LANDING
Smoke seen as ANA flight lands safely in northern Japan



TOKYO: Smoke was seen coming from an All Nippon Airways plane as it landed safely at Shin Chitose airport in northern Japan on Wednesday, public broadcaster NHK reported. The ANA flight from Tokyo was carrying about 200 people and no injuries were reported, NHK said. The smoke, coming from the wing area, subsided when the engines stopped, it said. In January, a Japan Airlines flight and a coast guard plane collided and burst into flames at Tokyo's Haneda Airport. All 379 passengers and crew members were evacuated from the JAL plane and survived.



People lay flowers as they attend the commemorative ceremony marking the 109th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide at the Armenian Genocide Memorial complex in Yerevan, Armenia.

Australian police arrest 7 alleged teen extremists

Seven teenagers, aged 15 to 17, were part of a network that included a 16-year-old boy accused of the stabbing of a bishop in a Sydney church on April 15

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SYDNEY: Australian police arrested seven teenagers accused of following a violent extremist ideology in raids across Sydney on Wednesday to protect the community from a potential attack, officials said. The seven, aged 15 to 17, were part of a network that included a 16-year-old boy accused of the stabbing of a bishop in a Sydney church on April 15, police said.

Five other teenagers were still being questioned late Wednesday by the Joint Counter-Terrorism Team, which includes federal and state

police as well as the Australian Security Intelligence Organization, the nation's main domestic spy agency, and the New South Wales Crime Commission, which specialises in extremists and organised crime.

More than 400 police officers executed 13 search warrants at properties across southwest Sydney because the suspects were considered an immediate threat, New South Wales Police Deputy Commissioner David Hudson said.

"We will allege that these individuals adhered to a religiously motivated, violent extremist ideology," Hudson told report-

HIGHLIGHT

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ers. "It was considered that the group ... posed an unacceptable risk and threat to the people of New South Wales, and our current purely investigative strategies could not adequately ensure public safety," Hudson added. Australian Federal Police Deputy Com-

missioner Krissy Barrett said investigators found no evidence of specific targets or timing of an intended "violent act". She said the police operation was not linked to Anzac Day on Thursday, a public holiday when Australians remember their war dead.

It has been a potential target of extremists in the past. A 16-year-old was charged on Friday with committing a terrorist act, a crime that carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, following the knife attack in which an Assyrian Orthodox bishop and priest were injured.

An Australian Federal Court judge on Wednes-

day extended an order banning social media platform X from showing videos of Bishop Mari Emmanuel being repeatedly stabbed. Justice Geoffrey Kennett extended the ban, which the court put in place on Monday, until May 10.

X, formerly called Twitter, announced last week it would fight in court Australian orders to take down posts relating to the attack. Australia's eSafety Commission, which describes itself as the world's first government agency dedicated to keeping people safer online, applied to the court for the temporary global ban.

RUSSIA - PRIEST

Russian priest suspended for 3 years

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A priest who oversaw a memorial for late Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny has been suspended for three years by the head of the country's Orthodox Church



Priest Dmitry Safronov at the grave of Alexei Navalny.

MOSCOW: Dmitry Safronov held a memorial service by Navalny's grave in Moscow on March 26 to mark 40 days since the politician's death, an important ritual within Russian Orthodox tradition. An order published Tuesday on the Moscow diocese website publicly demoted Safronov from his position as priest to that of a psalm-reader and stripped him of the right to give blessings or to wear a cassock for the next three years. He was also transferred to

another church within the capital. No reason was given for the decision, which was signed by Patriarch Kirill, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church and a key ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Navalny died suddenly on Feb 16 in the remote Arctic penal colony where he had been serv-

FAST FACTS

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ing a 19-year sentence on extremism charges widely seen as politically motivated. The cause of Navalny's death remains unexplained, although the politician's allies have blamed the Kremlin for his demise. Russian authorities initially refused to release Navalny's body, citing the need for further investigations.

The politician's team later said that they had struggled to find a hearse to transport Navalny's body after funeral directors had received threats from unknown individuals.

Safronov was among the clergymen who previously signed a public letter calling for Navalny's remains to be returned to his family. During his more than two decades in power, Putin has massively boosted the Russian Orthodox Church's standing, increasing its prestige, wealth and power after decades of oppression or indifference under Soviet leaders. In turn, its leaders, like Patriarch Kirill, have supported his initiatives. The church has thrown its weight behind the war in Ukraine and it has been commonplace to see its clergymen blessing

WIND POWER

Biden admn plans to lease federal offshore tracts

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NEW ORLEANS: The Biden administration is preparing to announce plans for a new five-year schedule to lease federal offshore tracts for wind energy production, with up to a dozen lease sales anticipated beginning this year and continuing through 2028.

announced Wednesday in New Orleans by Interior Secretary Deb Haaland. Three of the anticipated sales would be for Gulf of Mexico tracts to be offered this year, in 2025 and in 2027. Central Atlantic area leases would be sold in 2024 and 2026.

Other anticipated sale areas include the Gulf of Maine (2024 and 2028); Oregon waters (2024); an



area of the Atlantic known as New York Bight (2027); and California, Hawaii, and an as-yet unspecified U.S. territory (2028).

The sales will be coordinated by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. "As we look toward the future, this new leasing schedule will support the types of renewable energy projects needed to lower consumer costs.



Art & Culture

INTERIORS

Transform your bedroom into a 5-star retreat

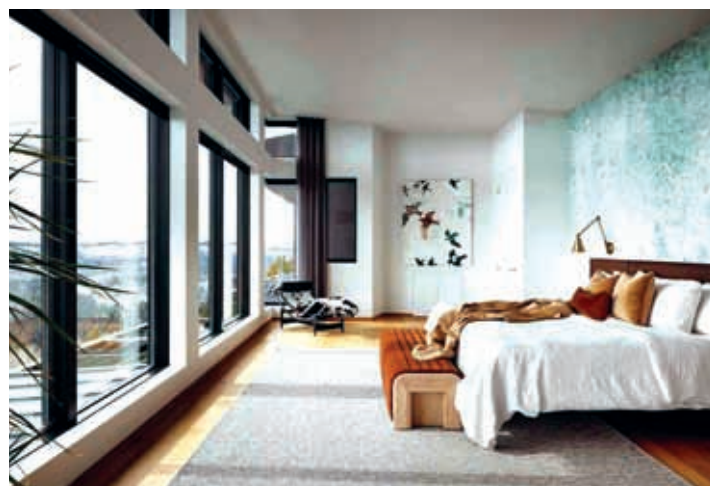
Transform any Bedroom into a Haven of Modern Sophistication with Essential Pieces from Home Decor and suggested by Interior Design Specialists

Step into the world of luxury and functionality with the secrets to crafting a 5-star worthy bedroom. Imagine a space where opulence meets practicality, where every detail is carefully curated to create a sanctuary of comfort and style.

Interior design experts unveil the key elements that transform ordinary bedrooms into extraordinary retreats. Picture this: a free-standing bedroom layout that redefines spatial dynamics.

Your bed takes center stage, surrounded by versatile arrangements including a study nook or a chic dressing table strategically placed behind it. Embrace walking wardrobes over bulky in-room storage for a more open and streamlined aesthetic, while a statement bed back adds a touch of visual allure, setting the tone for luxury.

But that's just the begin-



Where luxury meets functionality, with opulent accents, bespoke lighting, and sculptural furniture pieces.

ning. Bespoke lighting fixtures, from elegant pendant lights to dazzling chandeliers, infuse the space with warmth and ambiance, while sculptural furniture pieces add character and depth. Think unique nightstands, artful dressers, and seating arrangements that double as functional art.

And let's not forget the importance of clean lines throughout the design, ensuring a seamless flow that enhances visual coherence. As your bedroom transforms into a haven of indulgence, luxurious accents like opulent bedding, a statement headboard, and personalized artwork elevate the space to new heights of refinement.

But it's not just about aesthetics - focus on sleep comfort, relaxation corners, entertainment experiences, and seamless connectivity to promote psychological well-being.

HIGHLIGHT

● Unlock the secrets to a 5-star bedroom: Bespoke lighting, sculptural furniture, opulent bedding, and seamless connectivity elevate comfort and style. From chic layouts to personalized artwork, create a sanctuary where luxury meets functionality.

Cultural Hues

Century-old book returns: Colorado library waives \$14,000 fine

Overdue book returned to Colorado library after 105 years, with a waived \$14,000 fine.

Ivanhoe, checked out in 1919, was found in Kansas. Fort Collins library system considers displaying the long-overdue Ivanhoe in a local history museum or special space, joining other overdue returns including one book that came back 40 years later.



Scrabble Together: A new twist on the classic word game

Scrabble Together, the first major update in over 75 years, introduces a new mode for less competitive play. Now available in Europe, the game features collaborative gameplay and helper cards, aiming to make the classic word game more accessible to everyone, despite criticism that it makes the game too easy.



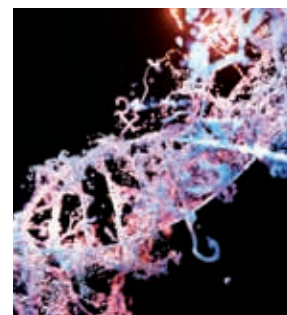
Massive snake fossils unearthed in Kutch, Gujarat

Fossils discovered in Kutch, Gujarat, suggest the presence of one of the largest snakes ever. Researchers from IIT Roorkee found 27 well-preserved bones forming the snake's spinal column, indicating a length of 11 to 15 meters, comparable to the extinct Titanoboa. The findings, published in Scientific Reports, suggest it was a slow-moving ambush predator akin to an anaconda.



New genetic study reveals heritability of PTSD across diverse populations

A new genetic study reveals that post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is highly heritable, with 95 regions on the human genome linked to the disorder. The study, analyzing diverse ancestry, found that both men and women are genetically at similar risk for developing PTSD. Lead researcher Caroline Nievergelt from the University of California, San Diego, emphasizes the importance of these findings in understanding the genetic complexity of PTSD.



300 years of Kant: A philosopher's legacy amid modern turmoil

Immanuel Kant, born April 22, 1724, continues to shape our world, especially amid today's conflicts. Despite never leaving his hometown of Königsberg, his ideas transcend borders. Kant's vision of "Perpetual Peace" and his call for moral political action still resonate. His philosophy of reason and human dignity laid the groundwork for international law and the United Nations. Celebrating his 300th birthday, Kant's legacy inspires reflection and action in a turbulent world.



Study for Winston Churchill's controversial portrait heads to auction

A study for Winston Churchill's famously abhorred portrait is up for sale. The final painting, depicted in Netflix's "The Crown," was burned in secret. Commissioned by the Houses of Parliament, Graham Sutherland's portrait was disliked by Churchill, who called it "filthy and malignant." Now, an oil-on-canvas study of the controversial artwork is heading to Sotheby's auction, expected to fetch between £500,000 and £800,000. Displayed at Churchill's family home, it offers an intimate portrayal of the former prime minister's introspection, as a beloved cultural icon.



SILENT FILM

Lost silent film featuring Clara Bow discovered in \$20 box of old reels



A lost silent film starring Clara Bow, Hollywood's first "It Girl," was discovered in a \$20 box of old reels bought at a Nebraska auction. "The Pill Pounder," premiered in 1923, made a triumphant return at the San Francisco Silent Film Festival after being lost for over a century. Bow, at 17, showcases her early star power in the film, offering a glimpse into her rise to fame. Filmmaker Gary Huggins stumbled upon the film, recognizing Bow but unfamiliar with its content, shedding new light on her early career.

| LEGACY |

Exploring Andretta: where art and history collide in a himalayan village

Central Chronicle News

Prithviraj Kapoor and a community of artists found refuge in Andretta, invited by an English-woman enamored with India and the arts.



an adventure. It was here, in 1924, that Norah Richards, an Irish actress, arrived, breathing life into what was then a tea plantation located about 45 km from Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.

Renamed Andretta shortly after her arrival, the village became a sanctuary for artists from around the world. Richards, known for her pioneering work in Punjabi theater, transformed the landscape, inviting potters, musicians, writers, and actors like Prithviraj Kapoor to its bamboo forests and rice fields.

Among the bungalows that dot the landscape stands Chameli Niwas, Richards' own mud and bamboo house, where she built an amphitheater for performances. The



From Brussels to the farthest corners of the globe, join the iconic adventurer on a timeless journey of courage, friendship, and boundless exploration. Photo: AP

village, nestled beneath the snow-capped Dhauladhar range, still resonates with its vibrant past.

During the Partition, Andretta provided refuge for many, including renowned artists like Sobha Singh and BC Sanyal.

Sardar Gurcharan Singh, a master potter, established the Andretta Pottery and Craft Society, which remains a haven for local artisans.

Today, under the stewardship of Shubham Sankhyani, the society offers pottery workshops and courses to visitors, keeping alive the artistic spirit of the village.

Homecoming of Ramses II: Egypt reclaims stolen statue after 3 decades

After more than three decades, Egypt celebrates the return of a stolen 3,400-year-old statue of King Ramses II. The head, smuggled out of the country, was recently recovered and is undergoing restoration. The statue, part of Ramses II temple in Abydos, Southern Egypt, was spotted in London in 2013 and finally repatriated from Switzerland. This monumental artifact honors Ramses II, one of ancient Egypt's most powerful pharaohs.



Sports



I think it is great to give younger kids a crack and let them take my spot. I'm absolutely fine with that on the contract list.

Marcus Stoinis
Australian cricketer

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BEST OF THE REST

GOLF

Indian women golfers Aditi and Diksha to participate in Paris Olympics

NEW DELHI: Indian golfers Aditi Ashok (46) and Diksha Dagar (138) are set to participate in the Paris Olympics whereas Shubhankar Sharma (197) and Gaganjeet Bhullar (232) also have a strong chance of making it to the Games. While it will be a third appearance for Aditi at the Olympics which is also the most for an Indian, Diksha will be competing for the second time. For Sharma and Bhullar, it would be their maiden appearance at the Olympics.

India's best performance at the Olympics came from Aditi who finished fourth in the Tokyo Games 2020.

The Olympic entries are sent by the Indian Golf Union.

Qualification for Olympics is determined by rankings, limited to 60 men's and as many women's players through the Official World Golf Rankings (OWGR). **PTI**

SOCCER

Juventus keeps hopes alive for winning another trophy after beating Lazio 3-2

ROME: A late goal that Timothy Weah set up for Arkadiusz Milik earned Juventus a spot in the Italian Cup final – keeping alive the Turin squad's chances of winning its first trophy in three years. While Lazio won the second leg of their semifinal 2-1, Juventus advanced 3-2 on aggregate. Weah sent in a cross seven minutes from time that Milik tapped in.

Taty Castellanos scored a goal in each half for Lazio.

Juventus won the first leg 2-0 with goals from Federico Chiesa and Dusan Vlahovic.

In the May 15 final back in Rome, Juventus will face either Atalanta or Fiorentina. Fiorentina takes a 1-0 advantage into the second leg of the other semifinal on Wednesday.

Juventus has won the Italian Cup a record 14 times, with its title in 2021 the most recent trophy, the Bianconeri have claimed. **PTI**

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

Marcus Stoinis played really well although it wasn't a 210 pitch: KL Rahul



CHENNAI: Lucknow Super Giants skipper KL Rahul was all praise for Marcus Stoinis' match-winning 63-ball-124 not out against Chennai Super Kings as he felt that the home team's score of 210 for 4 was at least 30 runs above-par on that particular Chepauk track. Stoinis' special effort overshadowed a classy century by CSK skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad in their IPL match on Tuesday as LSG won by six wickets. Rahul, who once said strike-rates are over-rated in T20s,

admitted that a total like 180 which was considered challenging might not be enough in the day and age of 'Impact Player'. "Very special (win), especially when it is a game like that. It felt like we were way behind the game in the chase. Just to pull off a victory feels special," Rahul said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

Rahul's aid their win against CSK in Lucknow had little context on a very different Chennai deck. **PTI**

The Day's NUMBERS

TOP FIVE FOOTBALL PLAYERS EARNING IN MILLIONS AS OF DECEMBER 2023

Lionel Messi:	\$80-100
Cristiano Ronaldo:	\$70-90
Neymar Jr.:	\$60-80
Kylian Mbappe:	\$40-60
Mohamed Salah:	\$30-50

GOLF

Jordan Spieth still struggling with left wrist injury

HILTON HEAD ISLAND: The left wrist injury Jordan Spieth first suffered a week before the PGA Championship last year hasn't gone away. That doesn't necessarily mean it's worse – or better. "It's a come-and-go thing," Spieth said last week after his pro-am round at the RBC Heritage. "I could oddly enough twist in the wrong way getting off the ground, and I couldn't play tomorrow. But I could play the next day." Spieth said the tendon sheath is torn enough that it won't hold the tendon perfectly in place. He said he could lift a 20-pound weight without any issue. But then something small, like placing his hand on the counter to pick something up, could trigger it. It was fine when he started the first round Thursday. He had it taped up Friday and went without the next day. Spieth doesn't expect any changes to his schedule, though he has one eye on the offseason to figure out what to do. **PTI**

ATHLETICS

Indian long jumper Sreeshankar has undergone a surgery



NEW DELHI: Star Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar has undergone a surgery on his injured knee that ruled him out of the Paris Olympics in July-August. The 25-year-old, who is a silver medallist at the Asian and Commonwealth Games, underwent the surgery in Doha. "The surgery was successful under Dr. Bruno Olroy at the Aspetar Hospital, Doha. Thank you everyone for all your love and blessings during this tough phase. 18 hours post surgery and I am already walking," wrote Sreeshankar on Instagram. Dr Olroy is a French orthopaedic surgeon. **PTI**



Arsenal's Ben White, front, celebrates with teammates after scoring his side's second goal during the English Premier League soccer match against Chelsea at Emirates Stadium in London. | Photo: PTI

Indian men's, women's compound teams eye gold

The Indian women set up a title clash with Italy, defeating Turkey and Estonia to confirm their status as the leading side in the category.

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SHANGHAI: The Indian men's and women's compound archery teams assured the country of a podium finish by nailing down final berths in the season-opening Hyundai Archery World Cup here on Wednesday.

The fourth-seeded men's team comprising the experienced Abhishek

Verma, newcomer Prathamesh Bhalchandra Fuge and reigning U-21 world champion Priyansh defeated the Philippines and Denmark before displaying ominous form to upset top qualifiers South Korea to book a title showdown against the Netherlands on Saturday.

The Indian women, who are the reigning world champions and seeded

HIGHLIGHT

● The Indian men's team created a major upset defeating Korea by just two points at 235-233.

● The squad here is without their charismatic Italian coach Sergio Pagni, who is currently in the national camp back home.

No.1 here, set up a title clash with Italy, defeating Turkey and Estonia to confirm their status as the leading side in the category. The trio of reigning U-18 and senior champion Aditi Swami, Asian Games gold-medallist Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Parneet Kaur dropped just 10 points through the two matches to confirm their superiority. The

Indian men's team created a major upset defeating Korea by just two points at 235-233. Tied at even after two ends, the Indians grabbed a point after the third and finished with a 59 to secure the final spot. "Our coordination was good today and we read the wind well," said Abhishek after the nerve-wracking semifinal contest against the Koreans.

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

IPL is the best domestic T20 competition: Ponting

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Ponting said execution in all departments matters a lot and they can't falter at the start, like they did in their last match against Sunrisers Hyderabad.

NEW DELHI: Australian batting great Ricky Ponting hailed the Indian Premier League as the world's best domestic T20 competition "by a long way", saying it is one of the best places to learn for talented youngsters such as Jake Fraser-McGurk.

Ponting, Delhi Capitals' head coach, was in awe of Fraser-McGurk who sizzled with an 18-ball 65 against Sunrisers Hyderabad, even as his team lost the match by 67 runs. "There



Delhi Capitals captain Rishabh Pant with Head Coach Ricky Ponting during a practice session. | Photo: PTI

FACTFILE

● The important thing is to look back and understand what things worked for us and what didn't work. We didn't probably play as well under pressure.

is no doubt about it that he (Fraser-McGurk) is a highly talented young man but he is by no means a finished product yet. There is a lot of things to improve in his game and there are not many best places to learn than IPL because it is the

best domestic T20 competition in the world by a long way," Ponting said.

Ponting said execution in all departments matters a lot and they can't falter at the start, like they did in their last match against Sunrisers Hyderabad.

IPL

Didn't get much guidance during KKR days: Kuldeep

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NEW DELHI: A reinforced skillsets and the ability to perfectly read the ebbs and flows of a match have made Kuldeep Yadav a tough customer, but back in 2019 the left-arm wrist spinner felt the need of a guiding force around him as his form went south while playing for

Kolkata Knight Riders. Kuldeep had an Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) surgery in 2020 but once he joined Delhi Capitals, his performance both for the national team and in IPL improved significantly, making him the first-choice spinner across formats.

He has taken 41 wickets in 33 matches since

I still regret my time in KKR (from 2016-2020) and feel whatever I am doing now, wish I could have done it back then.

Kuldeep Yadav
DC cricketer



joining DC and he spoke how things transformed since he worked for months under coach Kapil Pandey to develop new skills post the surgery.

Kuldeep bowls the most challenging overs, including Powerplay, and when asked about his recipe of success, he attributed it to taking challenges head on.

Sports News



Royal challengers Bangalore players in action. Photo PTI.



Sunrisers Hyderabad players in action. Photo PTI.

Rampant SRH eye another run-fest Vs RCB

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Mumbai Indians were the first victim of SRH's new-found batting strength this season

HYDERABAD: Sunrisers Hyderabad will look to unleash their brute batting power on struggling Royal Challengers Bengaluru when the two teams face off in their return-leg fixture of the IPL here on Thursday. Having breached the 250-run mark thrice in this IPL edition itself, Sunrisers Hyderabad are pushing the bound-

aries of T20 batting with their no holds barred approach. While Mumbai Indians were the first victim of SRH's new-found batting strength this season, RCB bore the maximum brunt when the Travis Head-led batting line-up powered the 2016 winners to IPL's highest-ever total of 287/3 in Bengaluru. If this was not enough, SRH's carnage against Delhi Capitals - which included a record 125/0 being scored in the powerplay - brought forth the possibility of the 300-run mark being breached for the first time ever in

Teams

Royal Challengers Bengaluru
Royal Challengers Bengaluru: Faf du Plessis (c), Glenn Maxwell, Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar, Anuj Rawat (wk), Dinesh Karthik (wk), Suyash Prabhudessai, Will Jacks, Mahipal Lomror, Karn Sharma, Manoj Bhandage, Mayank Dagar, Vijaykumar Vyshak, Akash Deep, Mohammed Siraj, Reece Topley, Himanshu Sharma, Rajan Kumar, Cameron Green, Alzarri Joseph, Yash Dayal, Tom Curran, Lockie Ferguson, Swapnil Singh, Saurav Chauhan.

Sunrisers Hyderabad
Pat Cummins (c), Abdul Samad, Abhishek Sharma, Aiden Markram, Marco Jansen, Rahul Tripathi, Washington Sundar, Glenn Phillips, Sanvir Singh, Heinrich Klaasen (wk), Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mayank Agarwal, T. Natarajan, Anmolpreet Singh, Mayank Markande, Upendra Singh Yadav (wk), Umrin Malik, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Shahbaz Ahmed, Travis Head, Jaydev Unadkat, Akash Singh, Jhathavedh Subramanyan.

the IPL. And it won't be surprising if SRH manage to do the unthinkable and that too against a bowling attack as frail as RCB's, whose struggles with in the bowling

department could be gauged with the fact that their best bowler, Yash Dayal, is at 24th spot in the overall list with seven wickets. Placed at the bottom

of the pool, RCB have conceded at least 180 in their last five matches. In the last two games, the opponents have raked up totals in excess of 200. RCB batters have worked hard to make up for their severe shortcomings in bowling, but for such a lopsided squad in terms of balance, the task to produce an all-round performance looks nearly impossible. To their credit, RCB fought incredibly hard with the bat but were unfortunate to have lost to Kolkata Knight Riders by a mere one run after conceding 222/6.

Impact player rule: Entertaining but neglects all-rounders: Voges

CHENNAI: Joining the raging debate around Impact Players in the IPL, Lucknow Super Giants consultant Adam Voges said he prefers something like the 'Power Surge' rule in the Australian Big Bash League where the batting team gets to decide a two-over phase of fielding restrictions. The Impact Player substitution rule, introduced last season, has been a heavy topic of debate this season with lot of players, including India cap-



tain Rohit Sharma calling it detrimental to the growth of all-rounders. Voges agreed and said while the rule makes for entertaining cricket, it hurts all-rounders. "The scores have been going up, and the teams have got genuine batters coming in at number seven or eight, while the batters have gone hard right from the start," the Australian said after the six-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings here on Tuesday night.

INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE

Ashish Nehra inspires us to be fearless: Sai

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The Perth-born player was omitted from Australia's ODIs against the West Indies in January



CHENNAI: Despite missing out on Cricket Australia's central contract for the 2024-25 season, all-rounder Marcus Stoinis wants to use the impact hundred against Chennai Super Kings as a leverage to extend his white ball career beyond the upcoming T20 World Cup. Stoinis, who was not included in the 23-player central contract list, made an unbeaten 124 off 63 balls for Lucknow Super Giants here on Tuesday. However, Stoinis didn't read much into him missing the CA contract which was announced on March 28. "I've got a great relationship with the (Aus-

HIGHLIGHT

● "I've got a great relationship with the (Australia) coach (Andrew McDonald). Me not getting a contract, I knew that a while ago. tralia) coach (Andrew McDonald). Me not getting a contract, I knew that a while ago. "I think it is great to give younger kids a crack and let them take my spot. I'm absolutely fine with that on the contract list," Stoinis said after guiding LSG to a six-wicket win over CSK.

But the 34-year-old was firm in thoughts about his career with the national team. "But on the playing front, obviously, I want to make sure that I'm there and that's also why it's so lucky for us and for me particularly to have this competition (IPL), that's why I love it so much," he said. The Perth-born player was omitted from Australia's ODIs against the West Indies in January, but he is set to be part of the country's T20I World Cup campaign in the West Indies and the USA in June.

Advani, other top stars to appear in inaugural Cue Sports Premier League

BENGALURU: Multiple-time world champion Pankaj Advani and national women's title holder Vidya Pillai will be among several stars lending heft to the inaugural Cue Sports Premier League (CSPL) to be held here from May 4 to 10. Apart from Advani, a 27-time world billiards champion, and Vidya, other top cueists like Sourav Kothari, Adiya Mehta and Aaradhy Naik will appear in the tournament to be held at the Bowling Institute. However, the CSPL will be held only in the snooker format, and 56 players from across the country will be equally divided into eight teams. The teams are: Lighting Legion, Cyclone Crusaders, Summer Tuskers, Hurricane Hawks, Thunderstorm Titans, Tornado Tigers, Whirlwind Warriors and Monsoon Mavericks.

Sift Kaur, Niraj Kumar triumph in first Olympic Selection Trials in Rifle 3P

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In the final, Ashi was leading by 1.1 points after the first 15 'kneeling position' shots. **NEW DELHI:** Asian Games gold-medallist shooter Sift Kaur Samra emerged victorious in the first women's 50m rifle 3-Positions Olympic Selection Trial (OST T1), while Niraj

Kumar overcame four rivals in the men's section at the OST I&2 being held at the Karni Singh Range here on Wednesday. Sift, the world record holder in the event, was up against the in-form Ashi Choksey, the qualification topper by a distance. In the final, Ashi was leading by 1.1 points after the first 15 'kneeling position' shots. However, the Hangzhou Asian Games champion recov-

ered brilliantly to blaze through the 'prone' position, and by the end of it, she had not only wiped out the deficit, but had also taken a lead of 2.4 over her nearest rival. In the end, Sift's 466.3 was a healthy 3.7 points above Ashi's tally of 462.6. Olympian Anjum Moudgil took the final podium position with a score of 449.2. Nishchal (433.6) and Paris quota holder Shriyanka Sadangi (416.7) had to be

satisfied with fourth and fifth spots respectively. In men's 50m rifle 3P, Niraj Kumar turned the tables on some of the favourites en route the win with a final score of 462.2. Paris quota holder and qualification topper Swapnil Kusale (460.9) was second, while Aishwary Tomar (450.5) was third. Chain Singh (439.8) and Akhil Sheoran (429.1) were fourth and fifth respectively.

CSK seeks batting stability, Fleming

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CHENNAI: Chennai Super Kings are not looking for a "quick fix" to their issues in the batting department and head coach Stephen Fleming is ready to give the likes of Daryl Mitchell time to get settled in top-three after their fourth loss in eight games. CSK have been juggling batters in the top three through the season. On Tuesday against Lucknow Super Giants, Ajinkya



Rahane and Ruturaj Gaikwad came to open while Mitchell was promoted to number three from five. In the previous game,

Gaikwad pushed himself down to number three to accommodate Rahane and Rachin Ravindra. Following their dra-

matic loss to LSG at home, Fleming said they need to get their batting combinations right. "It's a mixture of trying to find that (combination) and also form. We're a little bit uncomfortable with some areas, so we're trying to find not a quick fix, but the right combination where players are going to contribute for the back end of this tournament," said Fleming after first loss of the season at home.

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One of the regrets that I have in my career is that I didn't do Yash Chopra's film. I was pitted against Madhuri ji and I got scared. I backed out of that project.

Manisha Koirala
Actress



& Finally

OTT Watch



Kit Harington: shifting away from heroic roles

Kit Harington, famed for Jon Snow in "Game of Thrones," finds playing heroes less appealing post-series. He prefers "anti-hero-ish" roles, feeling challenged by today's hero portrayals on screen.



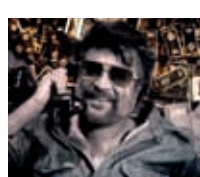
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Emily in Paris season 4

Netflix announces Emily in Paris season 4 release window: Second half of 2024. Lily Collins returns as Emily Cooper, bringing more love, career chaos, and fashion faux pas to fans eagerly awaiting the next installment.



Rajinikanth's Coolie teaser unveiled: a surprise in Thalaivar 171

Rajinikanth surprises in Coolie teaser for Thalaivar 171. Directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj, his first collaboration with Rajinikanth. Produced by Sun Pictures, announced last September. Sivakarthiskeyan rumored for a key role.

Idris elba on working with keanu reeves in 'Sonic 3

Idris Elba praises working with Keanu Reeves in "Sonic the Hedgehog," calling it destiny. Elba, known for "Luther," joins Reeves for the third installment of the Paramount Pictures.

Manushi Chhillar talks age gap with Akshay Kumar in 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'

Manushi Chhillar, the former Miss World, was recently seen opposite superstars Akshay Kumar and Tiger Shroff in 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'

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Manushi Chhillar, rising Bollywood star breaking stereotypes with versatile performances



Manushi Chhillar, a beacon of talent and grace, shines alongside Bollywood veterans, addressing age gaps and industry dynamics with finesse in her latest cinematic journey.



Manushi Chhillar, the former Miss World, has been making waves in Bollywood with her recent release, "Bade Miyan Chote Miyan," where she shares the screen with the seasoned actor Akshay Kumar. However, what caught the attention of many wasn't just her performance, but the considerable age gap between her and her co-star. Addressing the social media buzz surrounding the age difference, Manushi expressed that working with a superstar like Akshay Kumar brings visibility and acknowledged the age gap. However, she clarified that their pairing in the film was primarily for marketing purposes, and it wasn't a love story. She emphasized that she didn't find it atrocious and accepted it as part of the industry dynamics. Manushi, crowned Miss World in 2017, has been a symbol of grace and talent. Prior to her pageant success, she was pursuing a medical degree.



Manushi's journey into Bollywood has been remarkable, starting with "Samrat Prithviraj" and then moving on to "The Great Indian Family." In "Bade Miyan Chote Miyan," she portrays the character of Captain Misha, adding depth to the ensemble cast that includes Alaya F, Sonakshi Sinha, and Prithviraj Sukumaran. Her upcoming project, "Tehran," promises to be another exciting venture, where she stars alongside John Abraham and Neeru Bajwa in a political action-thriller directed by Pawan Gopalan. With each role, Manushi continues to prove her versatility and talent in the industry, breaking stereotypes and shining bright on the silver screen.

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BEST OF THE REST

BOLLYWOOD First look: Amitabh Bachchan as ashwatthama in 'Kalki 2898 AD

In a thrilling revelation, the creators of "Kalki 2898 AD" unveiled the first glimpse of Amitabh Bachchan as Ashwatthama, the immortal archer and devout follower of Lord Shiva. Directed by Nag Ashwin, the ambitious multilingual sci-fi venture features a stellar cast including Prabhas, Deepika Padukone, and Kamal Haasan. Produced by Aswini Dutt of Vyjayanthi Movies, the character debuted on Star Sports prior to the IPL 2024 clash between Punjab Kings and Gujarat Titans. Bachchan's portrayal injects a new level of excitement into the film, heightening expectations and setting the stage for an eagerly awaited cinematic spectacle.

WEB SERIES The Legend of Hanuman: season 4 returns on disney+ hotstar

"The Legend of Hanuman" makes a triumphant return for its fourth season on Disney+ Hotstar, continuing the animated saga narrated by actor Sharad Kelkar. Delving deeper into Hanuman's odyssey of self-discovery, it portrays his evolution from a humble vaanara to a divine guardian. The upcoming season promises an epic portrayal of the timeless clash between good and evil, as Hanuman, Sugreev, and Angad brace themselves to combat malevolent forces anew. Creator Sharad Devarajan expresses gratitude for the unwavering support and eagerly anticipates sharing this action-packed installment with audiences worldwide, offering an immersive journey into the heart of myth and legend.

THE BOLLYWOOD HOT PAIR Ranveer Singh praises deepika padukone's 'Singham Again' look



Ranveer Singh can't contain his admiration for Deepika Padukone's latest look in "Singham Again." Portraying Shakti Shetty, also known as Lady Singham, Deepika's cop avatar impressed Ranveer, who shared it on social media, calling her "SHERNI" with a lion emoji. In the photo, Deepika confidently strikes the iconic Singham

pose. Set to release on August 15, 2024, the film boasts a star-studded cast including Ajay Devgn, Arjun Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor Khan, and Tiger Shroff alongside Padukone and Singh. Fans eagerly await the power-packed performances from this ensemble, adding to the excitement surrounding the much-anticipated movie.

FASHION Dia mirza's stylish white co-ord set: summer fashion goals

Dia Mirza exudes summer vibes in a chic white co-ord set, setting fashion goals for the season. Her effortless style is a treat for fans, as she effortlessly pulls off any look, from traditional sarees to trendy jumpsuits. Check out her stunning pics for some style inspiration!



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Hollywood Pressures: Barrymore's "Never Been Kissed"

Central Chronicle News

HIGHLIGHT

● Drew Barrymore faced pressure to tone down her comedic performance in "Never Been Kissed," highlighting the challenges actors endure in with studio demands



who goes undercover in high school, Barrymore revealed feeling stressed throughout filming, fearing the movie's success. The studio executives added to her pressure by advising her to tone down her comedic performance, deeming it "too unattractive" for

the screen. Barrymore admitted receiving calls from the studio, instructing her to rein in her performance. Despite initial resistance, she agreed to adjust her acting, understanding the studio's concerns about maintaining the heart of the character amid

the comedy. "Never Been Kissed" was not only pivotal for Barrymore's career but also marked her production debut under her banner Flower Films. She noted studios' wariness about actors taking on producing roles, fearing they wouldn't succeed.